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Of the incomparable treasure of *the holy Scriptures, with a prayer for the true vse of the same.*

Esai.12.3 & 49 10.reue.21.16. and 22.17. Ierem.33.15. psal.119.160. reue.2.7.and 22.2.psal.119. 142,144. Iohn 6.35.

HEre is the Spring where waters flow,
to quench our heat of sinne:
Here is the Tree where trueth doth grow,
to leade our liues therein:
Here is the Iudge that stints the strife,
when mens deuices faile:
Here is the Bread that feeds the life,
that death can not assaile.

Luke 2.10.

The tidings of Saluation deere,
comes to our eares from hence:

Ephes.6.16.

The fortresse of our Faith is heere,
and shield of our defence.

Matth.7.6.

Then be not like the hogge, that hath
a pearle at his desire,

2.Pet.2.22.

And takes more pleasure of the trough
and wallowing in the mire.

Matth.6.22.

Reade not this booke, in any case,
but with a single eye:

Psal.119.27, 73.

Reade not, but first desire Gods grace,
to vnderstand thereby.

Iude 20.

Pray still in faith, with this respect,
to fructifie therein,

Psal.119.11.

That knowledge may bring this effect,
to mortifie thy sinne.

Iosh.1.8. Psal.1.1,2.

Then happy thou, in all thy life,
whatso to thee befalles:

Psal.94.12,13.

Yea, double happy shalt thou be,
when God by death thee calles.

O Gracious God and most mercifull Father, which hast vouchsafed vs the rich and precious iewell of thy holy Word, assist vs with thy Spirit, that it may be written in our hearts to our euerlasting comfort, to reforme vs, to renew vs according to thine owne image, to build vs vp, and edifie vs into the perfect building of thy Christ sanctifying and increasing in vs all heauenly vertues. Grant this, O heauenly Father, for Iesus Christes sake. Amen.

¶ To the Christian Reader.

BEsides the manifold and continual benefits which Almighty God beſtoweth vpon vs, both corporall and ſpiritually, we are eſpecially bounde (deare brethren) to giue him thankes without ceaſing for his great grace and vnſpeakable mercies, in that it hath pleaſed him to call vs vnto this marueilous light of his Goſpel, and mercifully to regard vs after ſo horrible backſliding & falling away from Chriſt to Antichriſt, frō light to darkneſſe, from the liuing God to dumme and dead idoles, and that after ſo cruell murther of Gods Saincts, as alas, hath bene among vs, we are not altogether caſt off, as were the Iſraelites, & many others for the like, or not ſo manifeſt wickednes, but receiued againe to grace with moſt euident ſignes and tokens of Gods ſpeciall loue and fauour. To the intent therefore that wee may not bee vnmindfull of theſe great mercies, but ſeeke by all meanes (according to our duetie) to be thankefull for the ſame, it behoueth vs ſo to walke in his feare and loue, that all the dayes of our life wee may procure the glory of his holy Name. Now forasmuch as this thing chiefly is attained by the knowledge and practiſing of the worde of God, (which is the light to our paths, the key of the kingdome of heauen, our comfort in affliction, our ſhield and ſword againſt Satan, the ſchoole of all wiſedome, the glaſſe wherein we beholde Gods face, the teſtimonie of his fauour, and the onely foode and nouriſhment of our ſoules) we thought that we could beſtowe our labours and ſtudie in nothing which could bee more acceptable to God and comfortable to his Church, then in the tranſlating of the holy Scriptures into our native tongue: the which thing, albeit that diuers heretofore haue indeuoured to atchieue: yet conſidering the infancie of thoſe times and imperfect knowledge of the tongues, in reſpect of this ripe age and cleare light which God hath now reuealed, the tranſlations required greatly to be perused and reformed. Not that we vendicate any thing to our ſelues aboue the leaſt of our brethren (for God knoweth with what feare & trembling we haue bene for the ſpace of two yeeres and more, day and night occupied herein) but being earneſtly deſired, and by diuers, whoſe learning and godlines wee reuerence, exhorted, and alſo incouraged by the ready willes of ſuch, whoſe hearts God likewiſe touched, not to ſpare any charges for the furtherance of ſuch a benefit & fauor of God to our and his Church (though the time then was moſt dangerous, and the perſecution ſharpe & furious) we ſubmitted our ſelues at length to their godly iudgements, and ſeeing the great opportunitie and occaſions, which God preſented vnto vs in his Church, by reaſon of ſo many godly and learned men, and ſuch diuerſities of tranſlations in diuers tongues: we vndertooke this great & wonderful worke (with all reuerence, as in the preſence of God, as interpreting the word of God, whereunto we thinke our ſelues vnſufficient) which now God, according to his diuine prouidence & mercy, hath directed to a moſt proſperous end. And this we may with good conſcience proteſt, that we haue in euery point & word, according to the meaſure of the knowledge which it pleaſed Almighty God to giue vs, faithfully rendred the text, and in all hard places moſt ſyncerely expounded the ſame. For God is our witneſſe, that wee haue by all meanes endeuoured to ſet foorth the puritie of the word and right ſenſe of the holy Ghoſt, for the edifying of the brethren in faith and charitie.

Now as we haue chiefly obſerued the ſenſe, and laboured alwayes to reſtore it to all integritie: ſo haue we moſt reuerently kept the proprietie of the words, conſidering that the Apoſtles who ſpake and wrote to the Gentiles in the Greeke tongue, rather conſtrained them to the liuely phraſe of the Ebrewe, then enterpriſed farre by mollifying their language to ſpeake as the Gentiles did. And for this & other cauſes we haue in many places reſerued the Ebrew phraſes, notwithſtanding that they may ſeeme ſomewhat hard in their eares that are not well practiſed, and alſo delight in the ſweet ſounding phraſes of the holy Scriptures. Not leſt either the ſimple ſhould be diſcouraged, or the malicious haue any occaſion of juſt cauillation, ſeeing ſome tranſlations reade after one ſort, and ſome after another, whereas all may ſerue to good purpoſe & edification, we haue in the margent noted that diuerſitie of ſpeach or reading which may alſo ſeeme agreeable to the minde of the holy Ghoſt, and proper for our language with this marke ¶. Againe, where as the Ebrewe ſpeech ſeemed hardly to agree with ours, we haue noted it in the margent after this ſort ¶, ſuing that which was more intelligible. And albeit that many of the Ebrew names be alected from the old text, and reſtored to the true writing & firſt originall, whereof they haue their ſignification, yet in the viuall nomenclature is changed for feare of troubling the ſimple readers. Moreouer, whereas the neceſſitie of the ſentence required any thing to be added (for ſuch is the grace and proprietie of the Ebrewe and Greeke tongues that it cannot bee either by circumlocution, or by adding the verbe or ſome words, to ſupply ſome of them that are not well practiſed) thereto we haue put it in the text with an other kinde of letter, that it may eaſily bee diſcerned from the common letter. As touching the diuiſion of the verſes, we haue followed the Ebrew examples, which haue ſo euer from the beginning diſtinguiſhed them. Which thing as it is moſt profitable for memorie, ſo doth it agree with the beſt tranſlations, and is moſt eaſie to finde out both by the beſt Concordances, and alſo by the quotations which we haue diligently herein peruſed and ſet forth by this *. Beſides this, the principall matters are noted and diſtinguiſhed by this marke ¶. Yea and the arguments both for the bookes and for the chapters with the number of the verſes are added, that by all meanes the reader might be holpen. For the which cauſe alſo wee haue ſet ouer the head of euery page ſome generall worde or ſentence, which may greatly further a well for memorie, as for the chiefe point of the page. And conſidering how hard a thing it is to vnderſtand the holy Scriptures and what errors, ſects and hereſies grow dayly for lacke of the true knowledge thereof, and how many are diſcouraged (as they pretend) becauſe they cannot attaine to the true and ſimple meaning of the ſame, we haue alſo indeuored both by the diligent reading of the beſt commentaries, and alſo by the conference with the godly and learned brethren, to gather briefe annotations vpon all the hard places, as well for the vnderſtanding of ſuch words as are obſcure, and for the declaration of the text, as for the application of the ſame, as may moſt appertaine to Gods glory & the edification of his Church.

Finally, that nothing might lacke which might be bought by labours, for the increaſe of knowledge and furtherance of Gods glory, there are adioyned two moſt profitable Tables, the one ſeruing for the interpretation of the Ebrewe names: and the other containing all the chiefe and principall matters of the whole Bible: ſo that nothing (as we truſt) that any could iuſtly deſire, is omitted. Therefore, as brethren that are partakers of the ſame hope and ſaluation with vs, we beſeech you, that this rich pearle and ineſtimable treaſure may not be offred in vaine, but as ſent from God to the people of God, for the increaſe of his kingdome, the comfort of his Church, and diſcharge of our conſcience, whom it hath pleaſed him to raiſe vp for this purpoſe, ſo you would willingly receiue the worde of God, earneſtly ſtudie it, and in all your life practiſe it, that yee may now appeare in deede to be the people of God, not walking any more according to this world, but in the fruits of the Spirit, that God in vs may be fully glorified, through Chriſt Ieſus our Lord, who liueth and reigneth for euer. Amen.

1 Earnestly and vfually pray vnto God that he wil vouchsafe to
- Teach the way of his statutes.
- Giue vnderstanding.
- Direct in the path of his commaundements.

} Psal.119.

2 Diligently keepe such order of reading the scriptures and prayer as may stand with his calling and state of life, So that
- At the least, twise euery daye this exercise be kept. } Deu.11.v.19
- The time once appointed hereunto after a good entrie, be no otherwise employed. } Luke.9.v.62.
- Superstition be anoyded. } Esa.29.v.36. Ephe.5.v.16.
- At one other time that be done, which is left vndone at any time.

3 Vnderstand to what ende and purpose the Scriptures serue, which were written, to
- Teache, that we may learne trueth.
- Improue, that we may be kept from errour.
- Correct, that we may be driuen from vice.
- Instruct, that wee may be settled in the way of well doing.

} 2.Tim.3.ver. 16.& 17.

- Comfort, that in trouble we may be confirmed in patient hope. } Rom.15.v.4.

Who soeuer minded to take profite by reading holy scriptures, must

4 Remember that Scriptures contein matter concerning
- Religion and the right worshipping of God, as
  - Faith in one God
    - Father.
    - Sonne.
    - Holy Ghost.
  - The state of mankinde, by
    - 1.Creation.
    - 2.fall and sinne.
    - 3.regeneration in Christ.
  - The Church and the gouernment thereof.
    - Before Christ.
    - Since Christ.
  - The word of God written in the Testament
    - Olde.
    - Newe.
  - Sacraments
    - Before Christ.
    - Since Christ.
  - The ende and generall iudgement of the
    - Good.
    - Wicked.
- Common weales and gouernments of people, by
  - Magistrates
    - Good.
    - Euill.
  - Peace and warre.
  - Prosperitie and plagues.
  - Subiectes
    - Quiet.
    - Disordered.
- Families and things that belong to household, in which are
  - Husbands.
  - Wiues.
  - Parents.
  - Children.
  - Masters.
  - Seruants.

  Godly blessed. / Vngodly plagued.
- The priuate life and doings of euery man in
  - Wisedome and follie.
  - Loue and hatred.
  - Soberneese and incontinencie
  - Mirth and sorrowe.
  - Speach and silence.
  - Pride and humilitie.
  - Courteousneese and liberalitie
- The common life of all men, as
  - Riches, powertie.
  - Nobilitie.
  - Fauour.
  - Labour and idleneese.

5 Reiect all sense of Scripture contrary to the
- Articles of Christian faith, conteined in the common Creede.
- First and second table of Gods commandements.

6 Marke and consider the
1. Coherence of the text, how it hangeth together.
2. Course of times and ages, with such things as belong vnto them.
3. Maner of speach proper to the Scriptures.
4. Agreement that one place of Scripture hath with an other, whereby that which seemeth darke in one is made easie in an other.

7 Take opportunitie to
- Reade interpreters, if he be able.
- Conferre with such as can open the Scriptures. Acts.8.v.30,31.&c.
- Heare preaching, and to proue by the Scriptures that which is taught. Acts.17.v.11.

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The first booke of Moses, called *GENESIS.

THE ARGVMENT.

MOses in effect declareth three things, which are in this booke chiefly to bee considered. First, that the world and all things therein were created by God, and that man being placed in this great Tabernacle of the world to behold Gods wonderfull works, and to praise his Name for the infinite graces, wherewith he had endued him, fell willingly from God through disobedience: who yet for his owne mercies sake restored him to life, and confirmed him in the same by his promise of Christ to come, by whom he should overcome Satan, death and hell. Secondly, that the wicked unmindful of Gods most excellent benefits, remained still in their wickednesse, and so falling most horribly from sinne to sinne, provoked God (who by his preachers called them continually to repentance) at length to destroy the whole world. Thirdly, hee assureth vs by the examples of Abraham, Izhak, Iaakob, and the rest of the Patriarkes, that his mercies never faile them, whom he chuseth to bee his Church, and to professe his Name in earth, but in all their afflictions and persecutions hee ever assisteth them, sendeth comfort, and delivereth them. And because the beginning, increase, preservation and successe thereof might be only attributed to God, Moses therewith by the examples of Cain, Ismael, Esau and others, which were noble in mans judgement, that this Church dependeth not on the estimation and nobilitie of the world: and also by the fewnesse of them, which have at all times worshipped him purely according to his word, that it standeth not in the multitude, but in the poore and despised, in the small flocke and little number, that man in his wisedome might be confounded, and the Name of God evermore praised.

* This word signifieth the beginning and generation of the creatures.

2 Tim. 4
1 Esdr. 9
2 Mach. 2
Moses

The Creation from 4000 yeares before Christ

CHAP. I.

1 God createth the heaven and the earth, 3 The light and the darkenesse. 9 The firmament. 9 He separateth the water from the earth. 16 He createth the Sunne, the Moone, and the starres. 21 Hee createth the fish, birdes, beasts. 26 Hee createth man, and giveth him rule over all creatures, 29 And provideth nourisher for man and beast.

IN the * beginning † God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was a b voide and without fourme, and darkenesse was upon the ‡ deepe, and the Spirit of God ‖ moved upon the § waters.

3 Then said God, ¶ Let there be light: and there was ‖ light.

4 And God sawe the light that it was good, and God separated ‖ the light from the darkenesse.

5 And God called the light, Day, and the darkenesse, hee called Night. † So the Evening and the Morning were the first day.

6 ¶ Againe God said, ¶ Let there bee a firmament in the midst of the waters: and let it separate the waters from the waters.

7 Then God made the firmament, and separated the waters which were ‖ under the firmament, from the waters which were * above the firmament, and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament, † Heaven. † So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ God said againe, * Let the waters under the heaven be gathered into one place, and let the drie land appeare, and it was so.

10 And God called the drie land, Earth, and he called the gathering together of the waters, Seas: and God sawe that it was good.

11 Then God said, h Let the earth bud forth the bud of the herbe that seedeth seede, the fruitfull tree, which beareth fruit according to his kinde, which hath his seede in it selfe upon the earth, and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth the bud of the herbe that seedeth seede according to his kinde, also the trees that beareth fruit, which hath his seed in it selfe according to his kinde: and God saw that it was good.

13 † So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, * Let there bee ‖ lights in the firmament of the heaven, to ‖ separate the day from the night, & let them be for * signes, and for seasons, and for daies, and yeeres.

15 And let them bee for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and it was so.

16 God then made two * great lights: the greater light to * rule the day, and the lesse light to rule the night: hee made also the starres.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to shine upon the earth,

18 And to ‖ rule in the day, and in the night, and to separate the light from the darkenesse: and God saw that it was good.

† The second day.
Psal. 33.7. and 89.11. and 136.6. Iob. 38.4.

† The third day.
Psal. 147. Deut. 4.19.

a First of all, and before that any creature was, God made heaven and earth of nothing, Wisd. 11.14. Psal. 33.6 and 136.5. Ecclus. 18.1. Actes 14.15. and 17.24.

b As a rude lumpe and without any creature in it: for the waters covered all. ‖ Or, waste.

c Darkenesse covered the deepe waters: for as yet the light was not created.

‡ Ebr. face of the deepe.

d He maintained this confused heape by his secret power. § Ebr. face of the waters. Heb. 11. 3. e The light was made before either Sunne or Moone was created, thereby to withdraw us from attributing that to the creatures that are Gods instruments, which onely appertaineth to God. ‖ Ebr. betweene the light, and betweene the darkenesse. ¶ The first day. ‖ Ebr. so was the evening, so was the morning. Psal. 33.6. and 136.5. 1 Cor. 10.12. and 5.11. ‖ Or, breaking after and cire. f As the Sea and cloudes from those waters that are in the clouds, which are upholden by Gods power, lest they should overwhelme the world. Psal. 104.3. g That is, the region of the aire, and all that is above it.

h So that we see it is the onely power of God's word that maketh the earth fruitfull, which els naturally is barren.

i This sentence is so oft repeated, to signifie that God made all his creatures to serve to his glory, and to the profit of man, but for those they were accepted, yea to the elect by Christ, they are ordained and serve to their wealth.

k By this light and he meaneth the Sun, the Moone, and the starres.

l Which is the artificiall day, from the Sunne rising to the going downe. m Of things appertaining to naturall and politicall orders and seasons. n To wit, the Sunne and the Moone: and here he speaketh as man judgeth by his eyes: for else the Moone is lesse than the planet Saturnus. o To give it sufficient light, as instruments appointed for the same to serve in that use. Isai. 30.26.

† The fourth day.

19 † So the euening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Afterward God said, Let the waters bring forth in abundance euery p creeping thing that hath ‡ life: and let the foule flie vpon the earth in the ‡ open firmament of the heauen.

21 Then God created the great whales, and euery thing liuing and mouing, which the † waters brought forth in abundance according to their kinde, and euery feathered foule according to his kinde: and God sawe that it was good.

22 Then God ᵛ blessed them, saying, Bring forth fruit and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the foule multiply in the earth.

23 † So the euening and the morning were the fift day.

24 ¶ Moreouer God said, Let the earth bring forth the † liuing thing according to his kinde, cattell, and that which creepeth, and the beast of the earth, according to his kinde. and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to his kinde, and the cattell according to his kinde, and euery creeping thing of the earth according to his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 Furthermore God sayde, * ‖ Let vs make man in our ‡ image according to our likenesse, and let them rule ouer the fish of the sea, and ouer the foule of the heauen, and ouer the beastes, and ouer all the earth, and ouer euery thing that creepeth and mooueth on the earth.

27 * Thus God created the man in his image: in the image of God created he him: he created them * male and female.

28 And God ᵘ blessed them, and God said to them, * Bring forth fruit and multiplie, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule ouer the fish of the sea, and ouer the foule of the heauen, and ouer euery beast that mooueth vpon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I haue giuen vnto you ˣ euery herbe bearing seede, which is vpon all the earth, and euery tree, wherein is the fruit of a tree bearing seed; * that shall be to you for meate.

30 Likewise to euery beast of the earth, and to euery foule of the heauen, and to euery thing that mooueth vpon the earth, which hath life in it selfe, euery greene herbe shall be for meate. and it was so.

31 * And God saw all that hee had made, and loe, it was very good. † So the euening and the morning were the sixt day.

THus the heauens, and the earth were finished, and all the ʸ hoste of them.

2 For in the seuenth day God ended his worke which he had made, * and the seuenth day he ᶻ rested from all his worke, which hee had made.

3 So God blessed the seuenth day, and * sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his worke, which God had created and made.

4 ¶ These are the ‖ generations of the heauens and of the earth, when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heauens,

5 And euery ‖ plant of the fielde, before it was in the earth, and euery herb of the field, before it grewe: for the Lord God had not ᵃ sauled it to ᵇ raine vpon the earth, neither was there a man to till the ground,

6 But a mist went vp from the earth, and watered all the earth.

7 ¶ The Lord God also ‖ made the man ᶜ of the dust of the ground, ᵈ breathed in his face breath of life, * ᵉ the man was a liuing soule.

8 And the Lorde God planted a garden Eastward in ᶠ Eden, and there hee put the man whom he had made.

9 (For out of the ground made the Lord God to grow euery tree pleasant to the sight, and good for meate: the ‡ tree of life also in the middes of the garden, ʰ and the tree of knowledge of good and euill.

10 And out of Eden went a riuer to water the garden, and from thence it was diuided, and became into ᵍ foure heads.

11 The name of one is * Pishon: the same compasseth the whole lande ‖ of Hauilah, where is gold.

12 And the golde of that land is good: there is ‖ Bdelium, and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second riuer is Gihon: the same compasseth the whole land of ‖ Cush.

14 The name also of the third riuer is ‖ Hiddekel: this goeth toward the East side of ‖ Asshur: ᵍ the fourth riuer is ‖ Perath.)

15 ¶ Then the Lord God ⁱ tooke the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, that hee might ʲ dresse it, and keepe it.

16 And the Lord God ᵏ commanded the man, saying, † Thou shalt eat freely of euery tree of the garden,

17 But of the tree of knowledge of good and euill, thou shalt not eate of it: for ‖ in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt die the ᵐ death.

18 Also the Lorde God sayde, It is not good that the man should be himselfe alone: I will make him an helpe ‡ meet for him.

19 So the Lord God formed of the earth euery beast of the fielde, and euery foule of

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1 That is, by the vertue of his word he gaue power to his creatures to ingender.

‡ The sixt day.

‡ Eb. soule of life. Cha 15.1. & 9.6. 1.cor.11.7. colos.3.10.

1 God commanded the water and the earth to bring forth other creatures: but of man hee saith, Let vs make: Signifying that God hath counsell with his wisedome and vertue, purposing to make an excellent worke aboue all the rest of his creation.

‡ This image and likenesse of God in man is expounded, Ephes.4.24. where it is written, that man was created after God in righteousnes and true holinesse, meaning by these two wordes all perfection, as † wisedome, might, innocencie, power, &c. Wisd.2.23. Ecclus.17.1. Matth.19.4.

a That is, the innumerable abundance of creatures in heauen and earth. Exod.20.11. and 31.17. deut. 5.14 hebr.4.4.

b For he had now finished his creation, but his prouidence still watcheth ouer his creatures, and gouerneth them.

c Appointed it to be kept holy, that man might therein consider the excellencie of his works and Gods goodnesse towards him.

‖ Or, the originall and beginning.

‖ Or, tree, as chap. 21.15.

d God onely openeth the heauens, and shutteth them, hee sendeth drought and raine according to his good pleasure.

‖ Or, formed.

e He sheweth whereof mans body was created, to the intent that man should not glorie in the excellencie of his owne nature. 1 Cor.15.45.

f This was the name of a place, as some thinke, in Mesopotamia, most pleasant, and abundant in all things.

g Which was a figure of the life receiued of God.

h That is, of miserable experience, which came by disobeying God. Eccles.24.29.

i Which Hauilah is a country lying to Persia Eastward, and inclineth toward the West. ‖ Or, precious stone, or pearle. Plinie saith it is the gume of a tree. ‖ Or, Ethiopia. ‖ Or, Tygris. ‖ Or, Assyria. ‖ Or, Euphrates.

k God would not haue man idle, though as yet there was no need to labour.

l Soubar man might know he was a seuereigne Lord to whom he owed obedience. ‡ Ebr. Barking thou shalt eate of. ‖ Or, shalt surely die.

m By this death he meaneth the separation of man from God, who is our life and chiefe felicitie: and also that our disobedience is the cause thereof. † Ebr. before him.

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† The seuenth day.

p As fish and wormes which slide, swimme, or creepe.

‡ Ebr. the soule of life.

‡ Ebr. the face of the firmament.

q The fish and foules had both one beginning, wherein we see that nature giueth place to Gods will, forasmuch as the one sort is made to flie aboue in the aire, and the other to swimme beneath in the water.

† That is, the fruitfull.

† The sixt day.

‡ Eb. soule of life. Cha 15.1. & 9.6. 1.cor.11.7. colos.3.10.

1 God commanded the water and the earth to bring forth other creatures: but of man hee saith, Let vs make: Signifying that God hath counsell with his wisedome and vertue, purposing to make an excellent worke aboue all the rest of his creation.

‡ This image and likenesse of God in man is expounded, Ephes.4.24.

CHAP. II.

1 *God rested the seuenth day, and sanctified it.* 15 *He setteth man in the Garden.* 22 *He createth the woman.* 24 *Marriage is ordained.*

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the heauen, and brought them vnto the man to see how he would call them: for how soeuer the man named the liuing creature, so was the name thereof.

20 The man therefore gaue names vnto all cattell, and to the foule of the heauen, and to euery beast of the field: but for Adam found he not an helpe meete for him.

21 ¶ Therefore the Lord God caused an heauie sleepe to fall vpon the man, and he slept: and he tooke one of his ribs, and closed vp the flesh in stead thereof.

22 And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man, ‡ made he [o] woman and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man sayd, * This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called [l] woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 * Therefore shall man leaue [p] his father and his mother, and shall cleaue to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not [q] ashamed.

CHAP. III.

1 The woman seduced by the serpent, & miserably her husband to sin. 8 They both flee from God. 14 They three are punished. 15 Christ is promised. 19 Man is dust. 22 Man is cast out of Paradise.

NOw the serpent was more [a] subtill then any beast of the field, which the Lord God had made: and he [b] said to the woman, Yea, hath God in deede said, Ye shall not eate of euery tree of the garden?

2 And the woman sayde vnto the serpent, We eate of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the mids of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eate of it, neither shall ye touch it, [c] lest ye die.

4 Then * the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not [d] ‡ die at all.

5 But God doth know, that what day ye shall eate thereof, your eyes shalbe opened, and ye shalbe as gods, * knowing good and euill.

6 So the woman (seeing that the tree was good for meate, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired [e] to get knowledge) tooke of the fruit thereof, and did * eate, and gaue also to her husband with her, and he [f] did eate.

7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they [g] knewe that they were naked, and they sewed figge tree leaues together, and made themselues ‡ breeches.

8 ¶ Afterwarde they heard the voyce of the Lord God walking in the garden in the coole of the day: and the man and his wife [h] hid themselues frō the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said vnto him, Where art thou?

10 Who sayde, I heard thy voice in the garden, and was afraide: because I was [i] naked, therefore I hid my selfe.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eate?

12 Then the man sayde, The woman which thou [k] gauest to be with me, she gaue me of the tree, and I did eate.

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, Why hast thou done this? and the woman said, [l] The serpent beguiled me, and I did eate.

14 ¶ Then the Lord God said to the serpent, * Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed aboue all cattell, and aboue euery beast of the field: vpon thy belly shalt thou goe, and * dust shalt thou eate all the dayes of thy life.

15 I will also * put enmitie betweene thee and the woman, and betweene thy seede and her seede. He shall breake thine [m] head, and thou shalt [n] bruise his heele.

16 ¶ Vnto the woman he sayde, I will greatly increase thy [o] sorowes, and thy conceptions. In sorowe shalt thou bring forth children, and thy desire shalbe subiect to thine husband, and he shall * rule ouer thee.

17 ¶ Also to Adam he said, Because thou hast obeyed the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, (whereof I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eate of it) * cursed is the earth for thy sake: in sorowe shalt thou eate of it all the dayes of thy life.

18 * Thornes also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eate the herbe of the field.

19 In the sweate of thy face shalt thou eate bread, till thou returne vnto the earth: for out of it wast thou taken, because thou art dust, and to dust shalt thou returne.

20 (And the man called his wives name Heuah, because she was the mother of all liuing)

21 Vnto Adam also and his wife did the Lord God * make coates of skinnes, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the Lord God said, * Behold, the man is become as one of vs, to knowe good and euill. And now lest he put forth his hand, and * take also of the tree of life, and eate and liue for euer,

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the earth whence he was taken.

24 Thus he cast out man: and at the East side of the garden of Eden, he set the Cherubins, and the blade of a sword shaken, to keepe the way of the tree of life.

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a By mooning them to come and submit themselues to Adam. ‡ *Ebr. built.* o Signifying, that mankinde was perfit, when the woman was created, which before was like an vnperfit building. 1 *Cor.* 11. 8. ‖ *Or, manneesse, because she commeth of man: for in Ebrewe Isshus man, and Isshah the woman.* *Mat.* 19. 5. *mark.* 10. 7. 1 *cor.* 6. 16 *ephes.* 5. 31. p So that marriage requireth a greater duety of vs toward our wiues, then otherwise we are bound to shew to our parents. q For before sinne entred, all things were honest & comely.

a As Satan can change himselfe into an Angel of light, so did hee abuse the wisedome of the serpent to deceiue man. b God suffered Satan to make the serpent his instrument, and to speake in him. c In doubting of Gods threatning, she yelded to Satan. 2 *Cor.* 11. 3. d This is Satans chiefest subtiltie, to cause vs not to feare Gods threatnings. ‡ *Eb. die the death.* e As though he should say, God doeth not forbid you to eat of the fruit, lest that he knoweth that if ye should eate therof, ye should be like vnto him. f Satan vseth his wyle, as soone as he began to feele their miserie, but they sought not to God for remedy. ‡ *Eb. things to cast about them to hide their priuities.* g Of the sinfull conscience of death. Gods Iudgement.

h Of the sinfull conscience of death. Gods Iudgement. i Here is hypocrisie appeareth in that he hid the cause of his nakednes, which was the transgression of Gods commandement. k His wickednes and lacke of true repentance appeareth in this, that he burdeneth God with his fault, because he had giuen him a wife. l In stead of confessing her sinne, she increaseth it by accusing the serpent. m He asked the reason of Adam and his wife, because he would bring them to repentance, but he asked not the serpent, because he would shew him no mercie. n As a vile and contemptible beast. Iob 41. 25. o He chiefly meaneth sinne, by whose entrie and exile the sentence descended vpon the woman. p This is the ground of Gods iudgement. q Christ and his members, but not ouercomers of them. r The Lord curseth Adam by the occasion of the blessed seede, & also punisheth the body for the sinne, which the soule hath desired: here punished for that the soule hath desired. s As a vile and contemptible beast. Iob 41. 25. t He chiefly meaneth sinne, by whose entrie and exile the sentence descended vpon the woman. u This is the ground of Gods iudgement. x Christ and his members, but not ouercomers of them. y The Lord curseth Adam by the occasion of the blessed seede, & also punisheth the body for the sinne, which the soule hath desired: here punished for that the soule hath desired. z Adam despaired of life, lost also the figure thereof.

Abel is Slain

CHAP. IIII. Fol. 5.

1 *The generation of mankind.* 3 *Cain and Abel offer sacrifice.* 8 *Cain killeth Abel.* 23 *Lamech a tyrant encourageth his feareful wiues.* 26 *True religion is restored.*

AFterward the man knew Heuah his wife, which conceiued and bare Kain, and saide, I haue obtained a man by the Lord.

2 And againe she brought forth his brother Habel, and Habel was a keeper of sheepe, and Kain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in processe of time it came to passe, that Kain brought an oblation vnto the Lord of the fruit of the ground,

4 And Habel also himselfe brought of the first frutes of his sheepe, and of the fat of them, and the Lord had respect vnto Habel, and to his offering,

5 But vnto Kain and to his offering he had no regard: Wherefore Kain was exceeding wroth, and his countenance fell downe.

6 Then the Lord said vnto Kain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen downe?

7 If thou do well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sinne lieth at the doore: also vnto thee his desire shal be subiect, and thou shalt rule ouer him.

8 Then Kain spake to Habel his brother. And when they were in the fielde, Kain rose vp against Habel his brother, and slew him.

9 Then the Lord said vnto Kain, Where is Habel thy brother? Who answered, I cannot tell. Am I my brothers keeper?

10 Againe he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brothers blood cryeth vnto me from the earth.

11 Now therefore thou art cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receiue thy brothers blood from thine hand.

12 When thou shalt till the ground, it shall not henceforth yeelde vnto thee her strength: a vagabond and a runnagate shalt thou be in the earth.

13 Then Kain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater then I can beare.

14 Behold, thou hast cast mee out this day from the earth, and from thy face shall I be hid and shalbe a vagabond, and a runnagate in the earth, and whosoeuer findeth me, shall slay me.

15 Then the Lord said vnto him, Doubtlesse whosoeuer slayeth Kain, he shalbe punished seuen fold. And the Lord set a marke vpon Kain, lest any man finding him should kill him.

16 Then Kain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod toward the East side of Eden.

17 Kain also knew his wife, which conceiued and bare Henoch: and he built a citie, and called the name of the citie by the name of his sonne, Henoch.

18 And to Henoch was borne Irad, and Irad begate Mehuiael, and Mehuiael begate Methushael, and Methushael begate Lamech.

19 And Lamech tooke to him two wiues: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Iabal, who was the father of such as dwell in the tents, and of such as haue cattell.

21 And his brothers name was Iubal, who was the father of all that play on the harpe and organs.

22 And Zillah also bare Tubal-kain, who wrought cunningly euery craft of braſſe and of yron: and the sister of Tubal-kain was Naamah.

23 Then Lamech saide vnto his wiues Adah and Zillah, Heare my voyce, ye wiues of Lamech: hearken vnto my speech: for I would slay a man in my wounde, and a yong man in mine hurt.

24 If Kain shall be auenged seuen folde, truely Lamech seuentie times seuen fold.

25 And Adam knew his wife againe, and she bare a sonne, and she called his name Sheth: for God, said she, hath appointed me another seede for Habel, because Kain slew him.

26 And to Sheth him also there was borne a sonne, and he called his name Enosh. Then began men to call vpon the Name of the Lord.

CHAP. V.

1 *The genealogie.* 5 *Age and death of Adam.* 6 *His succession vnto Noah and his children.* 24 *Henoch was taken away.*

THis is the booke of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created Adam, in the likenes of God made he him,

2 Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam in the day that they were created.

3 Now Adam liued an hundreth and thirtie yeeres, and begate a childe in his owne likenesse after his image, and called his name Sheth.

4 And the dayes of Adam, after he had begotten Sheth, were eight hundreth yeeres, and he begate sonnes and daughters.

5 So all the dayes that Adam liued, were nine hundred and thirtie yeeres: and he died.

6 And Sheth liued an hundreth and fiue yeeres, and begate Enosh.

7 And Sheth liued after he begate Enosh, eight hundreth and seuen yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

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a Thinking thereby to be sure, and to haue lesse occasion to feare Gods iudgement against him.

b The lawful institution of mariage, which is, that two should be one flesh, was first corrupte in house of Kain by Lamech.

Or, selfe reuenger

Or, of flutes and pipes.

c His wiues seeing that all men hated him for his crueltie, were afraid: therefore he braggeth that there is none so lusty that were able to resist, although he were already wounded.

d He mocked at Gods sufferance in Kain, letting as though God would suffer none to punish him, and yet giue him licence to murther others.

e In these dayes God began to moone the hearts of the godly to restore religion, which a long time by the wicked had been suppressed.

A Iam 1.15 Mors

Or, subuersall of the flocke

a Read cha. 1.26. b By giuing them both one name, he noteth the inseparable coniunction of man and wife.

c As well concerning his creation, as his corruption.

1 Cor. 15.45. d He proueth Adams generation by them which came of Sheth, to shew which is true Church, and also what care God had ouer his people.

e Matth. 24.15 Mors

Wold. 10. 1. mort. 23 35. 1 sob 3. 12. iude 11. h This is the nature of the reprobate when they are reproued of their hypocrisie, euen to neglect God and despite him. i God reuengeth the wrongs of his Saints, though none complaine: for the iniquitie it selfe cryeth for vengeance. k The earth shall bee a witnesse against thee, which mercifully receiued that blood, which thou most cruelly shedd'est. l Thou shalt neuer haue rest: for thine heart shall be in continuall feare and care. m He burdeneth God as a cruell iudge, because he did punish him so sharpely. *Or, my sinne is greater then can be pardoned. 4 The scourge of the tongue.* n Not for the loue hee bare to Kain, but to suppresse murther. o Which was some visible signs of Gods iudgement, that others should feare thereby.

The Birth of Cain 100 Yeares Before at.

8 So

8 So all the dayes of Sheth were * nine hundred and twelue yeeres: and he died.

9 ¶ Also Enosh liued ninety yeeres, and begate Kenan.

10 And Enosh liued, after he begate Kenan, eight hundred and fifteene yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

11 So all the dayes of Enosh were nine hundred and fiue yeeres: and he died.

12 ¶ Likewise Kenan liued seuenty yeeres, and begate Mahalaleel.

13 And Kenan liued, after he begat Mahalaleel, eight hundred and fourtie yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

14 So all the dayes of Kenan were nine hundred and ten yeeres: and he died.

15 ¶ Mahalaleel also liued sixtie and fiue yeeres, and begate Jered.

16 Also Mahalaleel liued after he begate Jered, eight hundred and thirty yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

17 So all the dayes of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and fiue yeeres: and he died.

18 ¶ And Jered liued an hundred sixtie and two yeeres, and begate Henoch.

19 Then Jered liued, after he begate Henoch, eight hundred yeres, and begat sonnes and daughters.

20 So all the dayes of Jered were nine hundred sixtie and two yeeres: and he died.

21 ¶ * Also Henoch liued sixtie and fiue yeeres, and begate Methushelah.

22 And Henoch walked [f] with God, after he begate Methushelah, three hundred yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

23 So all the dayes of Henoch were three hundred sixtie and fiue yeeres.

24 And Henoch walked with God, and hee was no more seene: for [g] God tooke him away.

25 Methushelah also liued an hundred eighty and seuen yeeres, and begat Lamech.

26 And Methushelah liued, after he begate Lamech, seuen hundred eighty and two yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

27 So all the dayes of Methushelah were nine hundred sixtie and nine yeeres: and he died.

28 ¶ Then Lamech liued an hundred eightie and two yeeres, and begate a sonne,

29 And called his name Noah, saying, This same shall [h] comfort vs concerning our worke and sorow of our hands, as touching the earth, which the Lord hath cursed.

30 And Lamech liued after hee begate Noah, fiue hundred ninetie and fiue yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

31 So all the dayes of Lamech were seuen hundred seuentie and seuen yeeres: and he died.

32 And Noah was fiue hundred yeere olde. And Noah begate Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAP. VI.

‡ God threatneth to bring the flood. 5 Mans is altogether corrupt. 6 God repenteth that hee made him. 8 Noah and his are preserued in the Arke, which he was commanded to make.

AND when men began to be multiplied vpon the earth, and there were daughters borne vnto them,

2 Then the * sonnes of God sawe the daughters of men that they were faire, and they tooke them wiues of all that they liked.

3 Therefore the Lord said, My spirit shall not alway [4] striue with man, because hee is but flesh, and his dayes shall be an * hundred and twentie yeeres.

4 There were ‖ giants in the earth in those dayes, yea, and after that the sonnes of God came vnto the daughters of men, and they had borne them children, these were mighty men, which in old time were men of [r] renowme.

5 ¶ When the Lord sawe that the wickednesse of man was great in the earth, and all the imaginations of the thoughts of his * heart were onely euill ‡ continually,

6 Then it [s] repented the Lord, that hee had made man in the earth, and he was sorie in his heart.

7 Therefore the Lord said, I will destroy from the earth the man whom I haue created, from man [t] to beast, to the creeping thing: and to the foule of the heauen: for I repent that I haue made them.

8 But Noah [u] found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 ¶ These are the ‖ generations of Noah. Noah was a iust and vpright man in his time: and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sonnes, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God: for the earth was filled with [x] cruelty.

12 Then God looked vpon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted his way vpon the earth.

13 And God said vnto Noah, ‖ An end of all flesh is come before mee: for the earth is filled with ‡ cruelitie through them: and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 ¶ Make thee an Arke of * pine trees: thou shalt make ‡ cabins in the Arke, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And [l] thus shalt thou make it: The length of the Arke shall be three hundred cubites, the breadth of it fiftie cubites, and the height of it thirtie cubites.

16 A window shalt thou make in the Arke, and [m] a cubit shalt thou finish it aboue, and the doore of the Arke shalt thou set in the side thereof: thou shalt make it with the [l] low, second and third roome.

17 And I, behold, I will bring a flood of waters vpon the earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life vnder the heauen: all that is in the earth shall perish.

18 But with thee will I * establish my Couenant, and thou shalt goe into the Arke, thou and thy sonnes, and thy wife, and thy sonnes wiues with thee.

19 And of euery liuing thing, of all flesh, two of euery sort shalt thou cause to come

a The children of the godly, which began to degenerate.
b Those that came of wicked parents, as of Kain.
c Hauing more respect to their beautie, and to worldly considerations, then to their maners and godlinesse.
* Or, had chosen.
d Because man could not be wonne by Gods lenitie and long sufferance, whereby hee strooue to ouercome him, he would no longer stay his vengeance.
e Which terme God gaue man to repent, before he would destroy the earth, 1. Pet. 3.20.
* Or, tyrants.
f Which vsurped authoritie ouer others, and did degenerate from that simplicitie wherin their fathers lined.
g Gen. 2. 22. matth. 25. 29.
‡ Ebr. Euery day.
g God doth neuer repent, but he speaketh after our capacitie, because hee did destroy him, and in that, as it were did shew him to be his creature.
h God declareth how much hee detesteth sinne, seeing the punishment thereof extendeth to the brute beasts.
i God was mercifull vnto him.
‖ Or, history.

k Meaning, that all were giuen to the contempt of God, & oppression of their neighbours. ‖ Or, I will destroy mankind. ‖ Or, oppression and wickednesse. ‡ Ebr. from the face of them. ‡ Ebr. nestes. ‖ Or, of this measure. l That is, of three heights. m To the intent that in this great enterprise and mockings of the whole world thou mayest be confirmed, that thy faith faile not.

into the Arke, to keepe them aliue with thee: they shalbe male and female.

20 Of the foules after their kinde, and of the cattell after their kind, of euery creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of euery sort shall come vnto thee, that thou mayest keepe them aliue.

21 And take thou with thee of all meate that is eaten: & thou shalt gather it to thee, that it may be meat for thee and for them.

22 * Noah therefore did according vnto all, that God commanded him: euen so did he.

CHAP. VII.

1 Noah and his enter into the Arke. 10 The flood destroyeth all the rest vpon the earth.

AND the Lord sayd vnto Noah, Enter thou and all thine house into the Arke: for thee haue I seene * righteous before me in this ‖ age.

2 Of euery b cleane beast thou shalt take to thee by seuens, the male and his female: but of vncleane beasts by couples, the male and his female.

3 Of the foules also of the heauen by seuens, male and female to keepe seede aliue vpon the whole earth.

4 For seuen dayes hence I will cause it raine vpon the earth fourtie dayes & fourtie nights, and all the substance that I haue made, will I destroy from off the earth.

5 * Noah therfore did according vnto al that the Lord had commanded him.

6 And Noah was fiue hundreth yeeres old, when the flood of waters was vpon the earth.

7 ¶ So Noah entred and his sonnes, and his wife, and his sonnes wiues with him into the Arke, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of the cleane beastes, and of the vncleane beastes, & of the foules, and of all that creepeth vpon the earth,

9 There c came two and two vnto Noah into the Arke, male and female as God had commanded Noah.

10 And so after seuen dayes the waters of the flood were vpon the earth.

11 ¶ In the fiue hundred yeere of Noahs life in the d second moneth, the seuenteenth day of the moneth, in the same day were all the e fountaines of the great deepe broken vp, and the windowes of heauen were opened,

12 And the raine was vpon the earth fourty dayes and fourty nights.

13 In the selfe same day entred Noah with Shem, and Ham and Japheth, the sonnes of Noah, and Noahs wife, and the three wiues of his sonnes with them into the Arke,

14 They and euery beast after his kinde, and all cattell after their kind, & euery thing that creepeth and moueth vpon the earth after his kind, and euery foule after his kind, euen euery bird of euery feather.

15 For they came to Noah into the Arke, two and two, f of all flesh wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they entring in, came male and female of all flesh, as God had commaunded him: and the Lord g shut him in.

17 Then the flood was fourtie dayes vpon the earth, and the waters were increased, and bare vp the Arke, which was lift vp aboue the earth.

18 The waters also waxed strong, and were increased exceedingly vpon the earth, and the Arke went vpon the waters.

19 The waters ‡ preuailed so exceedingly vpon the earth, that all the hie mountaines, that are vnder the whole heauen, were couered.

20 Fifteene cubites vpward did the waters preuaile, when the mountaines were couered.

21 * Then all flesh perished that moued vpon the earth, both foule and cattell and beast, & euery thing that creepeth and moueth vpon the earth, and euery man.

22 Euery thing in whose nostrels the spirit of life did breathe, whatsoeuer they were in the dry land, they died.

23 So h hee destroyed euery thing that was vpon the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, & to the foule of the heauen: they were euen destroyed from the earth. And Noah onely i remained, and they that were with him in the Arke.

24 And the waters preuailed vpon the earth an hundreth and fiftie dayes.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The flood ceaseth. 16 Noah is commanded to come forth of the Arke with his. 20 He sacrificeth to the Lord. 22 God promiseth that all things shall continue in their first order.

NOw God a remembred Noah and b euery beast, & all the cattell that was with him in the Arke: therefore God made a winde to passe vpon the earth, and the waters ceased.

2 The fountaines also of the deepe, and the windowes of heauen were stopped, and the raine from the heauen was restrained,

3 And the waters returned from aboue the earth, going and returning: and after the end of the hundreth and fiftieth day, the waters abated.

4 And in the c seuenth moneth, in the seuenteenth day of the moneth, the Arke rested vpon the mountaines of ‖ Ararat.

5 And the waters were going & decreasing vntill the d tenth moneth: in the tenth moneth, and in the first day of the moneth were the tops of the mountaines seene.

6 ¶ So ‡ after fourty dayes, Noah opened the window of the Arke, which he had made,

7 And sent forth a † rauen, which went out going forth and returning, vntill the waters were dried vp vpon the earth.

8 Againe he sent a † doue from him, that he might see if the waters were diminished from off the earth.

9 But the doue found no rest for the sole of her foot: therefore she returned vnto him into the Arke (for the waters were vpon the whole earth) and he † put forth his hand and received her, and tooke her to him into the Arke.

10 And he abode yet other seuen dates, and again he sent forth the doue out of the Arke.

11 And

Hebr. 1 17.

u That is, he obeyed Gods commandement in all points, without adding or diminishing.

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a In respect of the rest of the world, and because he had a desire to serue God, and liue vprightly.

‖ Or, generation.

b Which might be offered in sacrifice, whereof sixe were for breede, and the seuenth for sacrifice.

Matth. 24. 37. Luke 17. 26. 1. Pet. 3. 20.

2 Month is Iyar or Zif 6 Ch. 1 Kings

c God compelled them to present themselues to Noah, as they did before to Adam, when hee gaue them names, Chap. 2. 19. 1656

d Which was about the beginning of May, when all things did most florish.

e Both the waters in the earth did ouerflow, & also the cloudes powred downe.

f Euery liuing thing that God would haue to be preserued on earth, came into the Arke to Noah.

5 Ianua 1 Lap. Mon

g So that Gods secret power defended him against the rage of the mighty waters.

‖ Or, shut it vpon him.

‡ Eb. waxed very mighty.

2348 before Christ

Wisd. 10. 4. eccles. 39. 27. 28.

The flood Cont. 377 dayes

h That is, God.

i Learne what it is to obey God onely, and to forsake the multitude, 1. Pet. 3. 20.

5 Ianua 1 Lap. ibidem

a Not that God forgetteth his at any time, but when he sendeth succour, then he sheweth that he remembreth them.

b If God remember euery bruit beast, what ought to be the assurance of his children?

c Which conteined part of September and part of October.

‖ Or, Mayed.

‖ Or, Armenia.

d Which was the moneth of December.

‡ Ebr. at the ends of fourtie dayes.

† The rauen is sent forth and returneth.

† He sendeth the doue.

e It is like that the rauen did flie to and fro, resting on the Arke, but came not to it, as the doue that was taken in.

*Or, bill.

f Which was a signe that the waters were much diminished: for the oliues grow not on the hie mountaines.

g Called in Ebrew Abib, conteining part of March and part of Aprill.

h Noah declareth his obedience, in that he would not depart out of the Arke without Gods expresse commandement, as he did not enter in without the same: the Arke being a figure of the Church, wherin nothing must be don without the word of God. *Chap 1.22. and 9.1.*

i For sacrifices, whichwere as an exercise of their faith, whereby they vsed to giue thanks to God for his benefits.

*Or a sweete sauour.

k That is, thereby he sheweth himselfe appeased, and his anger to rest. *Chap 6.5. matth. 15.19.* restored by Gods

11 And the doue came to him in the euening, and loe, in her mouth was an f oliue leafe that shee had pluckt: whereby Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 Notwithstanding he waited yet other seuen dayes, and sent forth the doue, which returned not againe vnto him any more.

13 ¶ And in the six hundreth & one yere, in the first day of the g first moneth, the waters were dried vp from off the earth: and Noah remoued the couering of the Ark and looked, and beholde, the vpper part of the ground was drie.

14 And in the second moneth, in the seuen and twentieth day of the moneth, was the earth drie.

15 ¶ Then God spake to Noah, saying,

16 h Go forth of the Arke, thou & thy wife, & thy sonnes and thy sons wiues with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee euery beast that is with thee, of all flesh, both foule & cattell, and euery thing that creepeth and mooueth vpon the earth, that they may breede abundantly in the earth, * and bring forth fruit and increase vpon the earth.

18 So Noah came forth, & his sonnes, and his wife, and his sonnes wiues with him.

19 Euery beast, euery creeping thing, and euery foule, all that mooueth vpon the earth after their kindes, went out of the Arke.

20 ¶ Then Noah i built an altar to the Lord, and tooke of euery cleane beast, and of euery cleane foule, and offered burnt offerings vpon the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a k sauour of rest, and the Lord sayd in his heart, I will henceforth curse the ground no more for mans cause: for the imagination of mans * heart is euill, euen from his youth: neither will I smite any more all things liuing, as I haue done.

22 Hereafter l seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer, and winter, and day and night shall not cease, so long as the earth remaineth.

l The order of nature destroyed by the flood, is promise.

CHAP. IX.

The confirmation of mariage. 2 Mans authoritie ouer all creatures. 3 Permission of meates. 6 The power of the sword. 14 The raine bowe is the signe of Gods promise. 21 Noah is drunken and mocked of his sonne, whom he curseth. 29 The age and death of Noah.

AND God a blessed Noah and his sonnes, and sayd to them, * Bring forth fruite, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 Also b feare of you, & the dread of you shall be vpon euery beast of the earth, & vpon euery foule of the heauen, vpon all that moueth on the earth, and vpon all the fishes of the sea: vnto your hand are they deliuered.

3 Euery thing that moueth and liueth, shall be meate for you: as the * greene herbe, haue I giuen you all things.

4 * But flesh with k life thereof, I meane, with the blood thereof, shall ye not eate.

5 For surely I will require your blood, wherein your liues are: at the hand of euery beast will I require it: and at the hande of man, euen at the hande of a mans l brother will I require the life of man.

6 Who so * sheddeth mans blood, l by man shall his blood be shed: * for in the m image of God hath he made man.

7 But bring ye forth fruit and multiply: growe plentifully in the earth, and increase therein.

8 ¶ God spake also to Noah and to his sonnes with him, saying,

9 Behold, I, euen I establish my k couenant with you, & with your l seed after you,

10 And with euery liuing creature that is with you, with the foule, with the cattell, and with euery beast of the earth with you, from all that goe out of the Arke, vnto euery beast of the earth.

11 * And my couenant will I establish with you, that from henceforth all flesh shall not be rooted out by the waters of the flood, neither shall there bee a flood to destroy the earth any more.

12 Then God said, This is the token of the couenant which I make betweene mee and you, & betweene euery liuing thing that is with you vnto perpetuall generations.

13 I haue set my k bow in the cloud, and it shall bee for a signe of the couenant betweene me and the earth.

14 And when * I shall couer the earth with a cloud, and the bow shalbe seene in the cloud,

15 Then will I remember my l couenant, which is betweene mee and you, and betweene euery liuing thing in all flesh, and there shall bee no more waters of a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 Therefore the bowe shall bee in the cloud, that I may see it, and remember the euerlasting couenant betweene God, and euery liuing thing in all flesh that is vpon the earth.

17 God said yet to Noah, n This is the signe of the couenant, which I haue established betweene mee and all flesh that is vpon the earth.

18 ¶ Now the sonnes of Noah going foorth of the Arke, were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sonnes of Noah, & of them was the o whole earth ouerspread.

20 ¶ Noah also began to bee an husbandman, and planted a vineyard.

21 And hee dranke of the wine, and was o drunke, and was vncouered in the midst of his tent.

22 And when Ham the father p of Canaan sawe the nakednesse of his father, q he tolde his two brethren without.

23 Then tooke Shem & Japheth a garment,

Lenit. 17.

d That is, creatures, & the flesh of beasts that are strangled: and hereby al cruelti is forbidden.

e That is, I will take vengeance for your blood.

Or, neighbours. Matth. 26.52. reuel. 13.10.

f Not onely by the Magistrate, but oftetimes God raiseth vp one murtherer to kill another. *Chap. 1.27.*

g Therefore to kil man is to deface Gods image and so iniury is not onely done to man, but also to God.

h To assure you that the world shall be no more destroyed by a flood.

i The children which are not yet borne, are comprehended in Gods couenant made with their fathers. *Isa. 54.9.*

k Hereby we see that signes or sacraments ought not to be separated from the word. *Eccles. 43.11. &c.*

l When men shall see my bow in the heauen, they shall know that I haue not forgotten my couenant with them.

m God doth repeate this that of new, to confirme Noahs faith so much more.

n This declareth what was the verme of Gods blessing, when he said, Increase

and bring foorth, Chap. 1.28. o *Or, Noah began againe.* p This is set before our eyes to shew what an horrible thing drunkennesse is. Of whom came the Canaanites that wicked nation, who were also cursed of God. q In derision and contempt of his father-

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ment, and put it vpon both their shoulders, and went backwarde, & couered the nakednes of their father vp their faces backward: so they saw not their fathers nakednesse.

24 Then Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his yonger sonne had done vnto him,

25 And sayde, Cursed bee Canaan: a seruant of seruants shal he be vnto his brethren.

26 He said moreouer, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, & let Canaan be his seruant.

27 God perswade Japheth, that hee may dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his seruant.

28 And Noah liued after the flood three hundreth and fiftie yeeres.

29 So all the dayes of Noah were nine hundreth and fiftie yeeres, and he died.

r He pronounceth as a prophet the curse of God against all them, that honour not their parents: for Ham and his posteritie were accursed.

s That is, a most vile slaue.

t Or, their.

u Or, enlarge, or, cause to returne.

x He declareth that the Gentiles which came of Iapheth, & were separated frō the Church, should be ioyned to the same by the perswasion of Gods Spirit & preaching of the Gospel.

CHAP. X.

1 The increase of mankind by Noah and his sons. 10 The beginning of cities, countreys & nations.

NOw these are the a generations of the sonnes of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: vnto whom sonnes were borne after the flood.

2 The sonnes of Japheth were Gomer, and Magog, and b Madai, and Iauan, and Tubal, and Metheth, and Tiras.

3 And the sonnes of Gomer, Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 Also the sonnes of Iauan, Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 Of these were the c Iles of the Gentiles diuided in their lands, euery man after his tongue, and after their families in their nations.

6 Moreouer the sonnes of Ham were d Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, & Canaan.

7 And the sonnes of Cush, Seba, and Hauilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: also the sonnes of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod, who began to be e mighty in the earth.

9 Hee was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is sayde, As Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdome was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, & Calneh in the land e of Shinar.

11 Out of that land came Asshur, & builded Nineueh, & the ‖ citie Rehoboth, and Calah:

12 Resen also betweene Nineueh, & Calah: this is a great citie.

13 And Mizraim begat f Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 Pathrusim also, and Casluhim, out of whom came the Philistims, and ‖ Caphtorims.

15 Also Canaan begate Zidon his first borne, and Heth,

16 And Iebusi, and Emori, & Girgashi,

17 And Hiui, and Arki, and Sini,

18 And Aruadi, and Zemari, and Hamathi: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 Then the border of the Canaanites was from Zidon, as thou commest to Gerar vnto Azzah, and as thou goest vnto Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, euen vnto Lasha.

20 These are g sonnes of Ham according to their families, according to their tongues in their countreyes and in their nations.

21 Also vnto h Shem also the father of all the sonnes of i Eber, and elder brother of Japheth were children borne.

22 The sonnes of Shem were Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, & Lud, and Aram.

23 And the sonnes of Aram, Uz, & Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24 Also Arpachshad begate Shelah, and Shelah begate Eber.

25 Vnto Eber also were borne two sonnes: the name of the one was Peleg: for in his dayes was the earth k diuided: and his brothers name was Ioktan.

26 Then Ioktan begate Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaueth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, & Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, & Hauilah, and Jobab: all these were the sonnes of Ioktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest vnto Sephar a mount of the East.

31 These are the sonnes of Shem according to their families, according to their tongues, in their countreys and nations.

32 These are the families of the sonnes of Noah, after their generations among their people: and ‖ out of these were the nations diuided in the earth after the flood.

CHAP. XI.

6 The building of Babel was the cause of the confusion of tongues. 10 The age and generation of Shem vnto Abram. 31 Abrams departure from Vr with his father Terah, Sarai, and Lot. 32 The age and death of Terah.

NOw the whole earth was of one l language, and one speech.

2 And m as they went from the n East, they found a plaine in the land o Shinar, and there they abode.

3 And they sayd one to another, Come, let vs make bricke, and burne it in the fire. So they had bricke for stone, and slime had they in stead of morter.

4 Also they sayde, Go to, let vs p build vs a citie and a tower, whose top may reach vnto the heauen, that wee may get vs a name, least we be scattered vpon the whole earth.

5 But the Lord q came downe, to see the citie and tower, which the sonnes of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, r Behold, the people is one, and they all haue one language, and this they begin to doe, neither can they now be stopped from whatsoeuer they haue imagined to doe.

a The generations are here recited, partly to declare the marueilous increase in so smal a time, and also to set forth their great forgetfulnesse of Gods graces toward their fathers.

b Of Madai and Iauan came the Medes and Greekes.

c The Iewes so call all countreis which are separated from them by sea, as Grecia, Italy, &c. which were giuen to the children of Iapheth, of whom came the Gentiles.

d Of Cush and Mizraim came the Ethiopians and Egyptians.

e Meaning a cruell oppressour and tyrant.

f His tyranny came into a proverbe as hated both of God and man: for he passed not to commit cruelty euen in Gods presence.

g For there was another citie in Egypt, called also Babel. ‖ *Or, the streets of the citie.*

h Of Lud came the Lydians. ‖ *Or, the Cappadocians.*

i In his stocke the Church was preserued: therefore Moses leaueth off speaking of Iapheth and Ham, and intreateth of Shem more at large.

k Of whome came the Ebrews or Iewes. *1. Chron. 1. 17.*

l This diuision came by the diuersitie of languages, as appeareth, Chap. 11. 9.

Or, of these came diuers nations.

m In the yeere an hundreth and thirty after the flood.

n To wit, Nimrod and his company.

o That is, from Armenia, where the Arke stayed.

p Which was afterward called Caldea.

q They were moued with pride and ambition, thinking to preferre their owne glorie to Gods honour.

r Meaning, that he declared by effect that he knew their wicked enterprise: for Gods power is euery where, and doth neither ascend nor descend.

s God speaketh this in derision, because of their foolish perswasion and enterprise.

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h He speaketh as though they tooke counsell with his owne wisedome and power, to wit, with the Sonne, and holy Ghost, signifying the greatnesse and certaintie of the punishment.

i By this great plague of the cõfusion of tongues appeareth Gods horrible indgement against mans pride and vaine glory.

*Or, confusion.

1. Chron. 1. 17.

k He returneth to the genealogie of Shem, to come to the historie of Abram, wherein the Church of God is described, which is Moses principall purpose.

1. Chron. 1. 25.

1. Chron. 1. 26. Ioſh. 24. 2.

l Hee maketh mention first of Abram, not because he was the first borne, but for the history, which properly apperteineth vnto him. For by comparing this place with verse 32 and chap. 12. vers. 4. it may be gathered that Abram was borne, when his father was 130. yeeres olde.

†Ebr. Caſdim.

m Some thinke that this Iscah was Sarai.

n Albeit the oracle of God came to Abram, yet the honour is giuen to Terah, because he was the father. Ioſh. 24. 2 wehe. 9. 7. iudeth 5. 7. acts 7. 4.

7 Come on, ‡let vs goe downe, & there confound their language, that euery one perceiue not another's speech.

8 So the Lorde scattered them from thence vpon all the earth, and they left off to build the citie.

9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel, because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: from thence then did the Lord scatter them vpon all the earth.

10 ¶ These are the generations k of Shem: Shem was an hundred yere old, and begat Arpachshad two yeeres after the flood.

11 And Shem liued, after he begate Arpachshad, fiue hundred yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

12 Also Arpachshad lined fiue and thirty yeeres, and begate Shelah.

13 And Arpachshad liued after he begate Shelah, foure hundred and three yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

14 And Shelah liued thirty yeeres, and begate Eber.

15 So Shelah liued, after he begate Eber, foure hundred and three yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

16 Likewise Eber liued foure and thirty yeeres, and begate Peleg.

17 So Eber liued, after he begate Peleg, foure hundred and thirty yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

18 And Peleg liued thirty yeeres, and begate Reu.

19 *And Peleg liued after he begat Reu, two hundreth and nine yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

20 Also Reu liued two and thirty yeeres, and begate Serug.

21 So Reu liued, after he begate Serug, two hundreth and seuen yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

22 Moreouer Serug liued thirty yeeres, and begate Nahor.

23 And Serug liued, after he begate Nahor, two hundreth yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

24 And Nahor liued nine and twentie yeeres, and begate Terah.

25 So Nahor liued, after he begate Terah, an hundreth and nineteene yeeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

26 *So Terah liued fiuentie yeeres, and begate Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begate l Abram, Nahor, and Haran: and Haran begate Lot.

28 Then Haran died before Terah his father in the land of his nativitie, in Ur of ‡ the Caldees.

29 So Abram and Nahor tooke them wives. The name of Abrams wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahors wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of ‖ Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren & had no child.

31 Then *Terah tooke Abram his sonne, and Lot the sonne of Haran, his sonnes sonne, and Sarai his daughter in law, his sonne Abrams wife: and they departed together from Ur of the Caldees, to *goe into the land of Canaan, and [illegible] ran, and dwelt there.

32 So the dayes of Ter[illegible] nineth and fiue yeeres, and Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Abram by Gods commandement goeth to Canaan.* 3 *Christ is promised.* 7 *Abram buildeth altars for the exercise & declaration of his faith among the infidels.* 10 *Because of the dearth he goeth into Egypt.* 15 *Pharaoh taketh her wife, and is punished.*

NOw the Lord had said vnto Abram, *Get thee out of thy countrey, and from thy kinred, and from thy fathers house vnto the land that I will shew thee.

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and will blesse thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

3 I will also blesse them that blesse thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, euen as the Lord spake vnto him, and Lot went with him. (And Abram was fiuentie and fiue yeere old, when he departed out of Haran.)

5 Then Abram tooke Sarai his wife, and Lot his brothers sonne, and all their substance that they possessed, & the ‡ soules that they had gotten in Haran, and they departed, to goe into the land of Canaan: and to the land of Canaan they came.

6 ¶ So Abram *passed through the land vnto the place of Shechem, and vnto the ‖ plaine of Moreh (and the ‡ Canaanite was then in the land)

7 And the Lord appeared vnto Abram, & layd, Vnto thy seede will I giue this land. And there hee builded an ‡ altar vnto the Lord, which appeared vnto him.

8 Afterward remouing *thence vnto a mountaine Eastward from Beth-el, he pitched his tent hauing Beth-el on the Westside, & Hai on the East: and there he built an ‡ Altar vnto the Lord, and called on the Name of the Lord.

9 *Againe Abram went forth going and iourneying toward the South.

10 ¶ Then there came a ‡ famine in the land: therefore Abram went downe into Egypt, to sojourne there: for there was a great famine in the land.

11 And when he drew neere to enter into Egypt, he layd to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a faire woman to looke vpon:

12 Therefore it will come to passe, that when the Egyptians see thee, they will say, Shee is his wife: so will they kill me, but they will keepe thee aliue.

13 Say, I pray thee, that thou art my ‖ si-

o Which was a citie of Mesopotamia.

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22 Person

Acts 7. 3.

a From the flood to this time were foure hundreth twenty and three yeeres.

b In appointing him no certaine place, he proueth so much more his faith and obedience.

c The worlde shall recouer by thy seede, which is Christ, the blessing which they lost in Adam.

d Meaning as well seruants as cattell.

e He wandred to and fro in the land before he could find a setling place: thus God exerciseth the faith of his children.

‡Or, aka great.

f Which was a cruell and rebellious nation, by whom God kept his in continuall exercise.

g It was not enough for him to worship God in his heart, but it was expedient to declare by outward profession his faith before men, whereof this altar was a signe.

h Because of the troubles that he had among that wicked people. i And so feruēd the true God, and renounced all idolatry. k Thus the children of God may looke for no rest in this world, but must waite for the heauenly rest and quietnesse. l This was a new triall of Abrams faith: whereby we see that the end of one affliction is the beginning of another. In by this we may learne not to vse vnlawfull meanes, nor to put others in danger to saue our selues, reade verse 20. albeit it may appeare that Abram feared not so much death, as that, if he should die without issue, Gods promise should not haue taken place: wherein appeared a weake faith.

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ster, that I may fare well for thy sake, and that my † life may be preserued by thee.

14 ¶ Now when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman: for she was very faire.

15 And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her vnto Pharaoh: so the woman was [n] taken into Pharaohs house.

16 Who intreated Abram well for her sake, and he had sheepe, and beeues, and bee asses, and men seruants, and maid seruants, and shee asses, and camels.

17 But the Lord [o] plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, because of Sarai Abrams wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram, and sayd, Why hast thou done this vnto me? Wherefore diddest thou not tell me, that she was thy wife?

19 Why saydest thou, She is my sister, that I should take her to be my wife? Now therefore behold thy wife, take her and goe thy way.

20 And Pharaoh gaue men [p] commandement concerning him: and they conueyed him forth, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abram departeth out of Egypt. 4 He calleth vpon the Name of the Lord. 11 Lot departeth from him. 13 The wickednes of the Sodomites. 14 The promise made to Abram is renewed 18 Abram buildeth an altar to the Lord.

THen [a] Abram went vp from Egypt, hee and his wife, and all that hee had, and Lot with him toward the South.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattell, in siluer, and in gold.

3 And hee went on his iourney from the South toward [b] Beth-el, to the place where his tent had bene at the beginning, betweene Beth-el, and Haai,

4 Vnto the place of the [*] altar, which he had made there at the first: & there Abram called on the Name of the Lord.

5 ¶ And Lot also, who went with Abram, had sheepe, and cattell, and tents,

6 So that the lande could not [c] beare them, that they might dwell together: for their [*] substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 Also there was debate betweene the heardmen of Abrams cattell, and the heardmen of Lots cattell. (and the [d] Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelled at that time in the land.)

8 Then sayd Abram vnto Lot, Let there be no [e] strife, I pray thee, betweene thee and me, neither betweene mine herdmen & thine herdmen: for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? depart I pray thee from me: if thou wilt [f] take the left hand, then will I goe to the right: or if thou go to the right hand, then I will take the left.

10 So when Lot lifted vp his eyes, hee saw that all the plaine of Iorden was watered euery where: (for before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorah, it was as the [g] garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest vnto Zoar)

11 Then Lot chose vnto him all the plaine of Iorden, & tooke his iourney frō the East: and they departed the [*] one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the lande of Canaan, and Lot abode in the cities of the plaine, and pitched his tent euen to Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and exceeding [*] sinners against the Lord.

14 ¶ Then the Lord said vnto [h] Abram, (after that Lot was departed frō him) Lift vp thine eyes now, and looke from the place where thou art, Northward, and Southward, and Eastward, and Westward:

15 For all [*] the land which thou seest, will I giue vnto thee, and to thy seede for [i] euer.

16 And I will make thy seed, as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shal thy seede be numbred.

17 Arise, walke thorow the land, in the length thereof, and breadth thereof: for I will giue it vnto thee.

18 Then Abram remooued his tent, and came and dwelled in the plaine of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and builded there an altar vnto the Lord.

spiritually this is referred to the true children according to the promise, and not according to the heires of the true land of Canaan.

CHAP. XIIII.

12 In the ouerthrow of Sodom Lot is taken prisoner. 16 Abram deliuereth him. 18 Melchisedek commeth to meete him. 23 Abram would not be enriched by the king of Sodom.

AND in the dayes of Amraphel king of [a] Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedor-laomer king of Elam, & Tidal king of the [b] nations:

2 These men made warre with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All these [c] ioyned together in the vale of ‖ Siddim, which is the [*] salt sea.

4 Twelue yeeres were they subiect to Chedor-laomer, but in the thirteenth yeere they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth yeere came Chedor-laomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the ‖ Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in ‖ Shaueh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, vnto the plaine of Paran, which is by the wilderneſſe.

7 And they returned & came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, & ‖ smote all the countrey of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelled in Hazezon-tamar.

8 Then went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, & the king of Bela, which is Zoar: and they ioyned battell with them in the vale of Siddim:

9 To wit, with Chedor-laomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar: fourre kings against fiue.

10 Now the [*] vale of Siddim was full of slime pits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomo-

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[*] Thy soul may liue.

Abram & Lot part.

n To be his wife.

o The Lorde tooke the defence of this poore stranger against a mightie King: and as he is euer carefull ouer his, so did he preserue Sarai.

p To the intent that none should hurt him either in his person or goods.

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a His great riches gotten in Egypt hindred him not to follow his vocation.

b He calleth the place by that name which was after giuen vnto it, Chap 28. 19. *Chap. 12. 7.*

c This incommodity came by their riches, which brake friendship, and as it were the bond of nature. *Chap. 36. 7.*

d Who seeing their contention, might blaspheme God, and destroy them.

e He cutteth off the occasion of contention: therefore the euill ceaseth.

f Abram resigneth his owne right to buy peace.

g Which was in Eden, Chap. 2. 10.

h This was done by Gods prouidence, that onely Abram and his seede might dwel in the land of Canaan.

i Lot thinking to get Paradise, found hell.

k The Lord cōforted him, lest he should haue taken thought for the departure of his nephew. *Chap. 12. 7. and 15. 7, 18. & 26. 4. deut. 34. 4.*

l Meaning, a long time, and till the comming of Christ, as Exod. 12. 14. & 21. 6. deut 15. 17. and Abram, borne as flesh, which are

8 Ianary I. Sept. 6. Vrning

a That is, of Babylon: by Kings here meaning them that were gouernours of cities.

b Of a people gathered of diuers countreys.

c Ambition is the chiefe cause of warres among princes.

‖ *Or, of the laboured fields.*

d Called also the dead sea, or the lake Asphaltite neere vnto Sodom and Gomorah.

‖ *Or, giants.*

‖ *Or, plaine.*

‖ *Or, destroyed.*

e And afterward was ouerwhelmed with water, and so was called the salt sea.

‖ *Or, were discomfited.*

Gomorah fled, and fell there: and the residue fled to the mountaine.

11 Then they tooke all the substance of Sodome & Gomorah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 They f tooke Lot also Abrams brothers sonne and his substance (for he dwelt at Sodome) and departed.

13 ¶ Then came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Ebrew, which dwelt in the plaine of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner, which were g confederate with Abram.

14 When Abram heard that his brother was taken, he ‖ brought forth of them that were borne & brought vp in his house, three hundred and eighteene, and pursued them vnto Dan.

15 Then he & his seruants diuided themselues against them by night, & smote them, and pursued them vnto Hobah, which is on the left side of ‡ Damascus.

16 And he recouered all the substance, and also brought againe his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also and the people.

17 ¶ After that hee returned from the slaughter of Chedor-laomer, & of the kings that were with him, came the king of Sodome forth to meete him in the valley of Saueh, which is the * Kings dale.

18 And * Melchi-zedek king of Shalem h brought forth bread and wine: and he was a ‖ Priest of the most high God.

19 Therefore hee i blessed him, saying, Blessed art thou Abram, of God most high possessour of heauen and earth,

20 And blessed bee the most high God, which hath deliuered thine enemies into thine hand. * And Abram gaue him tithe of all.

21 Then the king of Sodom sayd to Abram, Giue me the ‡ persons, and take the goods to thy selfe.

22 And Abram sayd to the king of Sodom, ‖ I haue lift vp mine hand vnto the Lord the most high God possessour of heauen and earth,

23 ‡ That I will not take of all that is thine, so much as a threed or shoo-latchet, lest thou shouldest say, I haue made Abram rich,

24 ‡ Saue onely that, which the yong men haue eaten, and the parts of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their parts.

f *The godly are plagued many times with the wicked: therefore their company is dangerous.*

g *God moued them to ioyne with Abram, and preserued him from their idolatry and superstitions.*

‖ *Or, armed.*

‡ *Heb. Dammesek.*

2. *Sam.* 18. 18. *Heb* 7. 1.

h For Abram and his souldiers refection, and not to offer sacrifice.

i In that Melchi-zedek fed Abram, he declared himselfe to represent a king: and in that he blessed him, the high Priest. *Hebr.* 7. 8.

‡ *Ebr. soules.*

‖ *Or, I haue sworne.*

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k He would not that his liberality should bee hurtfull vnto others,

¶ *Or, the Lorde spake to Abram. Num.* 12. 6. *Psal.* 16. 6.

a His feare was not only lest he should not haue children, but lest the promise of the blessed seede should not be accomplished in him.

b This is a particular motion of Gods Spirit, which is not lawfull for all to follow in asking signes: but was permitted to some by a peculiar motion, as to Gedeon and Ezekiah.

c This was the old custome in making couenants Ier. 34. 18 to the which God added these conditions, that Abrams posterity should bee as torne in pieces, but after, they should be coupled together: also that it should be assaulted, but yet deliuered.

‡ *Ebr. a seare of great darknesse. Acts* 7. 6. *Exod.* 12. 40.

d Counting from the birth of Izhak to their departure out of Egypt: which declareth that God will suffer his to be afflicted in this world.

‖ *Or, after fiue hundred yeeres.*

e Though God suffer the wicked for a time, yet his vengeance falleth vpon them, when

15 Then shalt thou goe vnto thy fathers in peace, and shalt be buried in a good age.

16 And in the ‖ fourth generation they shall come hither againe: for the * wickednesse of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 Also when the Sunne went downe, there was a darkenes: and behold a smoking fornace, and a fire-brand, which went betweene those pieces.

18 * In that same day the Lord made a couenant with Abram, saying, Vnto thy seed haue I giuen this land, * from the riuer of Egypt vnto the great riuer, the riuer ‡ Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenezites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 The Amorites also, & the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Iebusites.

Rom. 4. 18.

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Chap. 11. 28.

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‡ *Ebr. Perath.*

CHAP. XV.

1 *The Lord is Abrams defence & reward.* 6 *He is iustified by faith.* 13 *The seruitude and deliuerance out of Egypt is declared.* 18 *The lands of Canaan is promised the fourth time.*

AFter these things the ‖ word of the Lord came vnto Abram in * a vision, saying, Feare not, Abram, I am thy buckler, and thine exceeding * great reward.

2 And Abram said, * O Lord God, what wilt thou giue me, seeing I go childelesse, and the steward of mine house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 Againe Abram sayd, Behold, to me thou hast giuen no seed: wherefore, lo, a seruant of mine house shalbe mine heire.

4 Then behold, ‖ word of the Lord came vnto him, saying, This man shall not bee thine heire, but one that shall come out of thine owne bowels, he shall be thine heire.

5 Moreouer he brought him forth & said, * Looke vp nowe vnto heauen, and tell the starres, if thou be able to number them: and he sayd vnto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And Abram * beleeued the Lord, and he counted that to him for righteousnesse.

7 ¶ Againe hee sayd vnto him, I am the Lorde that brought thee out of * Ur of the Caldees, to giue thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, O Lord God, b whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 Then he sayd vnto him, Take me an heifer of three yeeres olde, and a the goat of three yeeres olde, and a ram of three yeeres olde, a turtle doue also and a pigeon.

10 So hee tooke all these vnto him, and * diuided them in the mids, and layed euery piece one against another: but the birds diuided he not.

11 Then foules fell on the carkeises, and Abram droue them away.

12 And when the Sunne went downe, there fell an heauy sleepe vpon Abram: and lo, ‡ very fearefull darknesse fell vpon him.

13 Then hee sayd to Abram, * Know for a suretie, that thy seede shal be a stranger in a land, that is not theirs, ‖ d foure hundred yeeres, and shall serue them: and they shall intreate them euill.

14 Notwithstanding, the nation, whom they shall serue, will I iudge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

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a His feare was not only lest he should not haue children, but lest the promise of the blessed seede should not be accomplished in him.

b She faileth in binding Gods power to the common order of nature, as though God could not giue her children in her olde age.

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CHAP. XVI.

1 *Sarai being barren, giueth Hagar to Abram.* 4 *Which conceiued & despiseth her dame:* 6 *And being ill handled, fleeth.* 7 *The Angel comforteth her.* 11. 12 *The name & manners of her sonne.* 13 *She calleth vpon the Lord, whom she findeth true.*

NOw * Sarai Abrams wife bare him no children, and she had a maid an Egyptian, Hagar by name,

2 And Sarai said vnto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath * restrained mee from

a It seemeth that she had respect to Gods promise, which could not be accomplished without issue.

childe bearing. ‖ I pray thee goe in vnto my maide ‡ ‖ it may bee that ‖ I shall ‡ receiue a childe by her. And Abram obeyed the voyce of Sarai.

3 Then Sarai Abrams wife tooke Hagar her maide the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelled tenne yeere in the lande of Canaan, and gaue her to her husband Abram for his wife.

4 ¶ And he went in vnto Hagar, and she conceiued, & when she saw that she had conceiued, her dame was ᵉ despised in her eyes.

5 Then Sarai sayd to Abram, ‡ Thou doest me wrong: I haue giuen my mayd into thy bosome, and she seeth that she hath conceiued, and I am despised in her eyes: the Lord iudge betweene me and thee.

6 Then Abram sayd to Sarai, Behold, thy maide is in thine ‖ hand: do with her as it pleaseth thee. Then Sarai dealt roughly with her: wherefore she fled from her.

7 ¶ But the ᵈ Angel of the Lord found her beside a fountain of water in the wildernesse, by the fountaine in the way to Shur,

8 And hee sayd, Hagar Sarais mayd, whence commest thou, & whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee frō my dame Sarai.

9 Then the Angel of the Lorde sayd to her, ᵉ Returne to thy dame, and humble thy selfe vnder her hands.

10 Againe the Angel of the Lord said vnto her, I wil so greatly increase thy seed, that it shall not be numbred for multitude.

11 Also the Angel of the Lorde sayd vnto her, See, thou art with childe, & shalt beare a sonne, and shalt call his name Ishmael: for the Lord hath heard thy tribulation.

12 And he shalbe a ‖ wilde man: his hand shall be against euery man, and euery mans hand against him, ᵍ and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 Then she called the Name of the Lord that spake vnto her, Thou God lookest on me: for she sayd, ʰ Haue I not also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 ⁱ Wherefore the well was called ‖ Beer-lahai-roi: loe, it is betweene Kadesh and Bered.

15 ¶ And Hagar bare Abram a sonne, and Abram called his sonnes name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was fourescore and sixe yeere old, when Hagar bare him Ishmael.

CHAP. XVII.

5 Abrams name is changed to confirme him in the promise. 8 The land of Canaan is the fifte time promised. 12 Circumcision is instituted. 15 Sarai is named Sarah. 18 Abraham prayeth for Ishmael. 19 Izhak is promised. 23 Abraham and his house are circumcised.

WHen Abram was ninety yere old and nine, the Lorde appeared to Abram, and sayd vnto him, I am God ‖ all sufficient: ʲ walke before me, and be thou vpright.

2 And I will make my couenant betweene mee and thee, and I will multiplie thee exceedingly.

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

4 Behold, I make my couenant with thee, and thou shalt be a ᵃ father of many nations,

5 Neither shall thy name any more bee called Abram, but thy name shall be ᵇ Abraham: for a father of many nations haue I made thee.

6 Also I wil make thee exceeding fruitfull, & will make nations of thee: yea, kings shall proceede of thee.

7 Moreouer, I will establish my couenant betweene mee and thee, and thy seede after thee in their generations, for an ᵏ euerlasting couenant, to bee God vnto thee and to thy seede after thee.

8 And I wil giue thee and thy seed after thee the land, wherein thou art a stranger, euen all the land of Canaan, for an euerlasting possession, and I will be their God.

9 ¶ Againe God saide vnto Abraham, Thou also shalt keepe my couenant, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 ˡ This is my couenant, which ye shall keepe betweene me and you, and thy seed after thee, ᵐ Let euery man childe among you be circumcised:

11 That is, ye shall circumcise the ᵈ foreskinne of your flesh, and it shall be a ᵐ signe of the couenant betweene me and you.

12 And euery manchilde of eight dayes olde among you shall be circumcised in your generations, as well he that is borne in thine house, as he that is bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seede.

13 He that is borne in thine house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needes be circumcised: & my couenant shall be in your flesh for an euerlasting couenant.

14 But the vncircumcised ᵉ manchilde, in whose flesh the foreskinne is not circumcised, euen that person shall be cut off from his people, because hee hath broken my couenant.

15 ¶ Afterward God sayde vnto Abraham, Sarai thy wife shalt thou not call Sarai, but ‖ Sarah shalbe her name.

16 And I wil blesse her, and will also giue thee a sonne of her, yea, I will blesse her, and she shall be the mother of nations: Kings also of people shall come of her.

17 Then Abraham fell vpon his face, and ‖laughed, and said in his heart, Shal a child be borne vnto him that is an hundred yeere olde? And shall Sarah that is ninetie yeere olde, beare?

18 And Abraham sayde vnto God, Oh, that Ishmael might liue in thy sight.

19 Then God said, ᵒ Sarah thy wife shall beare thee a sonne in deede, and thou shalt call his name Izhak: and I will establish my couenant with him for an ᵍ euerlasting couenant, and with his seede after him.

20 And as concerning Ishmael, I haue heard thee: loe, I haue blessed him, and will make him fruitfull, and will multiply him ‡ exceedingly: twelue princes shall he beget, and I will make a great nation of him.

21 But my couenant wil I establish with Izhak, which Sarah shall beare vnto thee ᵖ neere at this season.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went vp from Abraham.

23 ¶ Then Abraham tooke Ishmael his sonne, and all that were borne in his house, and

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ᵇ The changing of his name is a seale to confirme Gods promise vnto him. *Rom.4.17.*

ᶜ Circumcision is called the couenant, because it signifieth the couenant, and hath the promise of grace ioyned to it. which phrase is cōmon to al Sacraments. *Acts 7 8.*

ᵈ That priuie part is circumcised, to shew that all that is begotten of man is corrupt, and must be mortified. *Rom.4.11.*

ᵉ Albeit women were not circumcised, yet were they partakers of Gods promise: for vnder the mankind all was consecrated, and here is declared, that whosoeuer contemneth the signe, despiseth also the promise.

ᶠ Which proceeded of a sudden ioy, and not of infidelitie. *Chap.18.10. and 21.2.*

ᵍ The euerlasting couenant is made with the children of the spirit: and with the children of the flesh is made the temporall promise, as was promised to Ishmael.

ᵃ This punishment declareth what they gaine that attempt any thing against the word of God.

‡ *Ebr. Mine iniurie vpon thee.*

‖ *Or, power.*

ᵈ Which was Christ, as appeareth verse 13. & chap. 18.17.

ᵉ God reiecteth none estate of people in their miseries, but sendeth them comfort.

‖ *Or, fierce & cruell: or, as a wilde asse.*

Chap.25.18.

ᶠ That is, the Ishmaelites shal be a peculiar people by themselues, and not a portion of another people.

ᵍ She rebuketh her owne dulnesse, and acknowledgeth Gods graces, who was present with her euery where.

Chap.24.62.

ʰ *Or, the well of the liuing and seeing me.*

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‖ *Or, Almighty. Chap.5.22.*

ʲ *Or, without hypocrisie.*

ᵃ Not onely according to the flesh, but of a far greater multitude by faith, Rom.4.17.

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‡ *Ebr. greatly, greatly. Chap.2 1.2.*

h They were well instructed which obeyed to be circumcised without resistance: which thing declareth that maisters in their houses ought to be as preachers to their families, that from the highest to the lowest they may obey the will of God.

and all that was bought with his money, that is, euery man (the seruing the men of Abrahams house, and * hee circumcised the foreskin of their flesh in that selfe same day, as God had commanded him.

24 Abraham also himselfe was ninetie yeere old and nine, when the foreskin of his flesh was circumcised.

25 And Ishmael his sonne was thirteene yeere old, when the foreskin of his flesh was circumcised.

26 The selfe same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his sonne:

27 And all the men of his house, both borne in his house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

2 Abraham receiueth three Angels into his house. 10 Sarah is promised again. 12 Sarah laugheth. 13 Christ is promised to all nations. 19 Abraham taught his familie to knowe God. 21 The destruction of Sodom is declared vnto Abraham: 23 Abraham prayeth for them.

AGaine the Lord * appeared vnto him in the ‖ plaine of Mamre, as he sate in his tent doore about the heat of the day.

2 And he lift vp his eyes, & looked: and lo, three * men stood by him, and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent doore, and bowed himselfe to the ground.

3 And he sayd, b Lord, if I haue now found fauour in thy sight, goe not, I pray thee, from thy seruant.

4 Let a little water, I pray you, bee brought, and c wash your feete, and rest your selues vnder the tree.

5 And I will bring a morsell of bread, that you may comfort your hearts, afterward ye shall goe your wayes: for therefore are ye * come to your seruant. And they said, Doe euen as thou hast sayd.

6 Then Abraham made haste into the tent vnto Sarah, and sayd, Make ready at once three * measures of fine meale: knead them, and make cakes vpon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran to the beastes, and tooke a tender and good calfe, and gaue it to the seruant, who hasted to make it ready.

8 And he tooke butter and milke, and the calfe which he had prepared, and set before them, and stood himselfe by them vnder the tree, and they did eate.

9 ¶ Then they sayd to him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he answered, Behold, she is in the tent.

10 And he sayd, * I will certainely come againe vnto thee according to the time: For lo, and lo, Sarah thy wife shall haue a sonne. And Sarah heard in the tent doore, which was behind him.

11 (Now Abraham and Sarah were old and stricken in age, and it ceased to be with Sarah after the maner of women.)

12 Therefore Sarah * laughed within her selfe, saying, After I am waxed old, * and my lord also shall I haue ioy?

13 And the Lord sayd vnto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah thus laugh, saying, Shall I of a truth bring forth a child, which am

14 (Shall any thing be * hard to the Lord? At the time appointed will I returne vnto thee, euen according to the time of life, and Sarah shall haue a sonne.)

15 But Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not: for she was afraid. And he sayd, * It is not so: for thou laughedst.

16 ¶ Afterward the men did rise vp from thence and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the * Lord sayde, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I doe,

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely be a great and a mighty nation, and * all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will commaund his sonnes and his household after him, that they keepe the way of the Lord, to doe righteousnesse and iudgement, that the Lord may bring vpon Abraham that he hath spoken vnto him.

20 Then the Lord sayd, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorah is great, and because their sinne is exceeding grieuous,

21 I will * goe downe now, and see whether they haue done altogether according to that * cry, which is come vnto me: and if not, that I may know.

22 And the men turned thence and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 Then Abraham drew neere, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 If there be fifty righteous within the citie, wilt thou destroy it not for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 Be it farre from thee to doe after this thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be euen as the wicked, be it farre from thee. Shall not the Iudge of all the world * doe right?

26 And the Lord answered, If I finde in Sodom * fifty righteous within the citie, then will I spare all the place for their sakes.

27 Then Abraham answered and sayd, Behold now, I haue begun to speake vnto my Lord, and I am * but dust and ashes.

28 If there shall lacke fiue of fifty righteous, wilt thou destroy all the citie for fiue? And he sayd, If I finde there fine and fortie, I will not destroy it.

29 And hee yet spake to him againe, and said, What if there should be found forty there? Then he answered, I will not doe it for fortie sakes.

30 Againe he sayd, Let not my Lord now be angry that I speake. What if there be found thirtie there? Then he said, I will not doe it if I finde thirtie there.

31 Yet againe he sayd, Behold, now I haue begun to speake vnto my Lord. What if twentie be found there? And he answered, I will not destroy it for twenties sake.

32 Then he said, Let not my Lord be wroth angry, and I will speake but this once: what if tenne be found there? And he answered, I will not destroy it for tenne sake.

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‖ Or, Iud. Zech. 8.6.

* Heb. Nah Iehouah the Ebrew word, which we call Lord, sheweth that this Angel was Christ: for this word is onely applyed to God. — Chap. 12.7. and 22.18.

i He sheweth that fathers ought both to know Gods iudgements, and to declare them to their children.

k God speaketh after the fashion of men: that is, I will enter into iudgement with good aduice.

l For our sinnes cry for vengeance, though none accuse vs. 16 b. the wicked men.

m God shall easily finde that his iudgements are with great mercie, for although all were to corrupt that are not fully iustie, but ten righteous could not be found there, he would also that the wicked are spared for the righteous sake.

n Hereby we learne, that the neerer we approch vnto God, the more deepely our miserable state appeare, and the more we be humbled.

o If God pitied not the euill for his seruants sake, how much more will he graunt the prayers of the godly for the afflicted Church?

Tone Sura
Eeon
Al Lebon

Hebr. 13.2.
‖ Or, Okeyrous.

a That is, three Angels in mans shape.

b Speaking to one of them, in whom appeared to be most maiestie: for hee thought they had bene men.

c For mans vse because of the great heate to go bare footed in those parts.

d As fast as God that I should do my duety to you. ‖ Ebr. Sem.

e For as God gaue the bodies for a time, so gaue he them the faculties thereof to walke, to eate and drinke, and such like. Chap. 17. 19, 21. & 21.2 ran to.

f That is, about this time when she shalbe aliue, or when a child shall come into this life.

g For the rather had respect to this order of nature, then beleeued the promise of God.

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33 ¶ And the Lord went his way when he had left communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned vnto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

3 *Lot receiueth two Angels vnto his house.* 4 *The filthy lusts of the Sodomites.* 16 *Lot is deliuered.* 25 *Sodom is destroyed.* 26 *Lots wife is made a pillar of salt.* 33 *Lots daughters lie with their father, of whom come Moab and Ammon.*

AND in the euening there came two Angels to Sodom: and Lot sate at the gate of Sodom, and Lot saw them, and rose vp to meete them, and he bowed himselfe with his face to the ground.

2 And he sayd, See my Lords, I pray you turne in now into your seruants house, and tary all night, and *wash your feete, and ye shall rise vp early and goe your wayes. And they sayd, Nay, but we will abide in the streete all night.

3 Then he *prayed vpon them earnestly, and they turned in to him, and came to his house, and he made them a feast, and did bake vnleauened bread, and they did eate.

4 But before they went to bed, the men of the city, euen the men of Sodom compassed the house round about, from the yong euen to the old, all the people from all quarters.

5 And they crying vnto Lot, sayde to him, Where are the men which came to thee this night? bring them out vnto vs that we may know them.

6 Then Lot went out at the doore vnto them, and shut the doore after him,

7 And sayd, I pray you, my brethren, doe not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I haue two *daughters, which haue not knowen man: them will I bring out now vnto you, and doe to them as seemeth you good: onely vnto these men doe nothing: *for therefore are they come vnder the shadow of my roofe.

9 Then they sayd, Away hence. And they sayd, He is come alone as a stranger, and shall he iudge and rule? wee will now deale worse with thee then with them. So they preassed sore vpon Lot *himselfe, and came to breake the doore.

10 But the men put forth their hand and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the doore.

11 *Then they smote the men that were at the doore of the house with blindnes both small and great, so that they were weary in *seeking the doore.

12 ¶ Then the men sayde vnto Lot, Whom hast thou yet here? either sonne in lawe, or thy sonnes, or thy daughters, or whatsoeuer thou hast in the citie, bring it out of this place.

13 For wee *will destroy this place, because the *crie of them is great before the Lord, & the Lord hath sent vs to destroy it.

14 Then Lot went out and spake vnto his sonnes in law which *married his daughters, and sayde, Arise, get you out of this place: for the Lord will destroy the citie: but he seemed to his sonnes in law as though he had mocked.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose, the Angels hasted Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife and thy two daughters *which are heere, lest thou be destroyed in the punishment of the citie.

16 And as he *prolonged the time, *the men caught both him and his wife, and his two daughters by the hands (the Lord being merciful vnto him) and they brought him forth, and set him without the citie.

17 ¶ And when they had brought them out, the Angel sayde, Escape for thy life: *looke not behinde thee, neither tary thou in all the plaine: escape into the mountaine, lest thou be destroyed.

18 And Lot sayde vnto them, Not so, I pray thee, my Lord.

19 Behold now, thy seruant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercie which thou hast shewed vnto me in saueing my life: and I cannot escape in the mountaine, lest some euill take mee, and I die.

20 See now this city hereby to flee vnto, which is a little one: Oh let mee escape thither: is it not a *little one, and my soule shall liue?

21 Then hee sayd vnto him, Behold, I haue receiued *thy request also concerning this thing, that I will not ouerthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, saue thee there: for I can do *nothing til thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called *Zoar.

23 ¶ The sunne did rise vpon the earth, when Lot entred into Zoar.

24 Then the Lord *rained vpon Sodom and vpon Gomorrah brimstone, and fire from the Lord out of heauen,

25 And ouerthrew those cities and all the plaine, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that that grew vpon the earth.

26 ¶ Now his wife behinde him looked backe, and she became a *pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Abraham rising vp early in the morning went to the place, where he had stood before the Lord,

28 And looking toward Sodom and Gomorrah, & toward all the land of the plaine, behold, he saw the smoke of the land mounting vp as the smoke of a fornace.

29 ¶ But yet when God destroyed the cities of the plaine, God thought vpon Abraham, and sent Lot out from the midst of the destruction, when he ouerthrew the cities wherein Lot dwelled.

30 ¶ Then Lot went vp from Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain with his two daughters: for hee *feared to tarie in Zoar, but dwelt in a caue, he and his two daughters

31 And the elder sayd vnto the yo[unger], Our father is olde, and there is not a [man] in the *earth to come in vnto vs after the manner of all the earth.

32 Come, we will make our father *drinke wine, and lie with him, that wee may preserue seede of our father.

33 So they made their father drinke wine that night, and the elder went & lay with her father: but he perceiued not, neither when she lay downe, neither when she rose vp.

34 And on the morow the elder said to the younger, Behold, yesternight lay I with my father:

Lot saue Sinn Lafe Morn

a Wherein we see Gods prouident care in preseruing his, albeit he reuealeth not himselfe to all alike: for Lot had but two Angels, and Abraham had three. *Chap.* 18.4.

b That is, he prayed them so instantly.

c Not for that they had necessitie, but because the time was not yet come: they would reueile themselues.

d Nothing is more dangerous, then to dwell where sinne reigneth: for it corrupteth all.

e He deserueth praise in defending his ghests, but he is to be blamed in seeking vnlawfull meanes.

f That I should preserue them from all iniury. *1. Pet.* 4.9.

Wisd. 19.16.

Ebr. finding.

g This prooueth that the Angels are ministers, as well to execute Gods wrath, as to declare his fauour. *Chap.* 18.20.

*Or, should marry.

h The mercy of God striueth to ouercome mans slowneese in following Gods calling.

Wisd. 10.6.

i He willeth him to flee frō Gods iudgements, and not to be sory to depart from that rich countrey and full of vaine pleasures.

Ebr. which are found.

k Though it be litle, yet it is great ynough to saue my life: wherin he offendeth in chusing another place then the Angel had appointed him.

Ebr. thy face.

l Because Gods commandement was to destroy the city and to saue Lot.

m Which before was called Bela, Chap. 14.2. *Deut.* 29.23. *isa.* 13.19 *ierem.* 50. 40. *ezek.* 16.49. *hose.* 11.8. *amos* 4.11. *Iude* 17.29. *Iude* 7.

n As touching the body only: and this was a notable monument of Gods vengeance to all them that passed that way.

o Hauing before felt Gods mercy, he dust not pro[voke] him againe by continuing [in] the wic[ked]

p Meaning, in the countrey which the Lord had now destroyed.

q For except he had bene ouercome with wine, he would neuer haue done that abominable acte

father: let vs make him drinke wine this night also, and goe thou and lie with him, that we may preserue seed of our father.

35 So they made their father drinke wine that night also, and the yonger arose, and lay with him, but he perceiued not when he lay downe, neither when he rose vp.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the elder bare a sonne, and cal-led his name Moab: the same is the fa-ther of the Moabites vnto this day.

38 And the yonger bare a sonne also, & she called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the Ammonites vnto this day.

Ebr. keepe abuse.

t That is, sonne of my people, signifying, that they rather reioyced in their sinne, then repented for the same.

CHAP. XX.

1 Abraham dwelleth as a stranger in the land of Gerar. 2 Abimelech taketh away his wife. 3 God reproueth the king, 9 and the king Abraham. 11 Sarah is restored with great gifts. 17 Abraham prayeth, and the king and his are healed.

AFterward Abraham departed thence toward the South countrey, and dwelled betweene Cadesh and a Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, b Shee is my sister. Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent and tooke Sarah.

3 But GOD came to Abimelech in a dreame by night, and sayd to him, Beholde, c thou art but dead, because of the woman which thou hast take: for she is a mans wife.

4 (Notwithstanding Abimelech had not yet come neere her) And he sayd, Lord, wilt thou slay euen d the righteous nation?

5 Said not he vnto me, She is my sister? yea, and she her selfe said, He is my brother: with an vpright e minde, and f innocent hands haue I done this.

6 And God said vnto him by a dreame, I knowe that thou didst this euen with an vpright minde; and I g kept thee also that thou shouldest not sinne against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now then, deliuer the man his wife againe: for he is a h Prophet, & he i shall pray for thee that thou mayest liue: but if thou deliuer her not againe, bee sure that thou shalt die the death, thou and all that thou hast.

8 Then Abimelech rising vp early in the morning, called all his seruants, and told all these things + vnto them, and the men were sore afrayd.

9 Afterward Abimelech called Abraham, and said vnto him, k What hast thou done vnto vs? and what haue I offended thee, that thou hast brought on mee and my k kingdome this great sinne? thou hast done things vnto me that ought not to be done.

10 So Abimelech sayde vnto Abraham, What sawest thou that thou hast done this thing?

11 Then Abraham answered, Because I thought thus, Surely the l feare of God is not in this place, and they will slay mee for my wiues sake.

12 Yet is she verily my sister: for she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she is my wife.

13 Now when God caused me to wander out of my fathers house, I sayd then to her, This is thy kindenesse that thou shalt shew vnto me in all places where we come, m Say thou of me, He is my brother.

14 Then tooke Abimelech sheepe and beeues, and men seruants, and women seruants, and gaue them vnto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is ‖ before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 Likewise to Sarah he sayd, Behold, I haue giuen thy brother a thousand pieces of siluer: behold, hee is to thee n vaile of thine eyes to all that are with thee, & to all others: and she was thus reproued.

17 ¶ Then Abraham prayed vnto God, and God healed Abimelech, & his wife, and his women seruants: and they bare children.

18 For the Lorde had shut vp euery womb of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abrahams wife.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Izhak is borne. 9 Ismael mocketh Izhak. 14 Hagar is cast out with her sonne. 17 The Angel comforteth Hagar. 22 The couenant betweene Abimelech and Abraham. 33 Abraham called vpon the Lord.

NOw the Lord visited Sarah, as he had sayd, and did vnto her a according as he had promised.

2 For b Sarah conceiued, and bare Abraham a sonne in his c old age, at the same season that God told him.

3 And Abraham called his sonnes name that was borne vnto him, which Sarah bare him, Izhak.

4 Then Abraham circumcised Izhak his sonne, when he was eight dayes old, d as God had commanded him.

5 So Abraham was an hundred yere old, when his sonne Izhak was borne vnto him.

6 ¶ Then Sarah said, God hath made me to reioyce: all that heare wil reioice with me.

7 Againe she sayd, e Who would haue said to Abraham, that Sarah should haue giuen children sucke? for I haue borne him a sonne in his old age.

8 Then the childe grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Izhak was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the sonne of Hagar the Egyptian (which she had borne vnto Abraham) f mocking.

10 Wherefore shee sayd vnto Abraham, g Cast out this bond woman and her sonne: for the sonne of this bond woman shal not be heire with my sonne Izhak.

11 And this thing was very grieuous in Abrahams sight, because of his sonne.

12 ¶ But God sayd vnto Abraham, Let it not be grieuous in thy sight for the childe, and for thy bond woman: in all that Sarah shall say vnto thee, heare her voyce: for in Izhak shall thy seede be h called.

13 As for the sonne of the bond woman, I will make him a nation also, because he is thy seede.

14 So

1 Thus God permitted him to fal most horribly in the solitary mountaines, whom the wickednes of Sodom could not ouercome.

f Who as they were borne in most horrible incest, so were they and their posteritie vile and wicked.

g That is, one to whom God reuealeth himselfe familiarly.

h For the prayers of the godly, is of force towards God.

i Eb. in their eares

k The wickednes of the king bringeth Gods wrath vpon the whole realme.

l He sheweth that no honestie can be hoped for, where the feare of God is not.

m By sister, he meaneth his cousin germaine, and by daughter, Abrahams neece, Chap. 11. 29. for so the Ebrewes vse these words, Chap. 12. 13. ‖ Or, as thy commandement.

n Such an head as with whom thou mayest be preserued from all dangers.

o God caused this heathen king to reproue her, because she dissembled, seeing that God had giuen her an husband, as her vaile & defence.

p Had take away frō them the gift of conceiuing.

Chap. 17. 19. and 18. 10. Mat. 1. 2. Act. 7. 8. Gala. 4. 23. Heb. 11. 11.

a Therefore the miracle was greater.

Chap. 17. 12.

b She accuseth herselfe of ingratitude that she did not beleeue the Angel.

c He derideth Gods promise made to Izhak, which the Apostle calleth persecution, Gala. 4. 29.

Gala. 4. 30.

d The promised seed shall be counted from Izhak and not from Ishmael, Rom. 9. 7. Heb. 11. 18.

e The Ishmaelites shall come of him.

14 So Abraham arose vp early in the morning, and tooke bread, and a bottle of water, and gaue it vnto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder and the child also, and sent her away: who departing, wandered in the wildernes of Beer-sheba.

15 And when the water of the bottle was spent, she cast the childe vnder a certaine tree,

16 Then she went & sate her ouer against him afarre off, about a bowe shoot: for she sayd, I will not see the death of the childe: and she sate downe ouer against him, and lift vp her voyce, and wept.

17 Then God ᵍ heard the voyce of the child, and the Angel of God called to Hagar from heauen, and said vnto her, What ayleth thee, Hagar? feare not, for God hath heard the voyce of the childe where he is.

18 Arise, take vp the childe, and hold him in thine hand: for I will make of him a great people.

19 And God ʰ opened her eyes, and shee saw a well of water: so she went & filled the bottle with water, and gaue the boy drinke.

20 So God was ⁱ with the childe, and he grew and dwelt in the wildernesse, and was an ‖ archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wildernes of Paran, and his mother tooke him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And at that same time Abimelech and Phichol his chiefe captaine spake vnto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest.

23 Now therefore ᵏ sweare vnto mee heere by God, that thou wilt not ⁴ hurt me nor my children, nor my childrens children: thou shalt deale with me and with the countrey where thou hast beene a stranger, according vnto the kindnesse that I haue shewed thee.

24 Then Abraham said, I will ˢ sweare.

25 ¶ And Abraham rebuked Abimelech for a well of water, which Abimelechs seruants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech sayde, ᵗ I know not who hath done this thing: also thou toldest me not, neither heard I of it but this day.

27 Then Abraham tooke sheepe, and beeues, and gaue them vnto Abimelech: and they two made a couenant.

28 And Abraham set seuen lambes of the flocke by themselues.

29 Then Abimelech said vnto Abraham, What meane these seuen lambes, which thou hast set by themselues?

30 And he answered, Because thou shalt receiue of mine hand these seuen lambes, that it may be a witnesse vnto mee, that I haue digged this well.

31 Wherefore the place is called ‖ Beersheba, because there they both sware.

32 Thus made they a ᵐ couenant at Beer-sheba: afterward Abimelech and Phichol his chiefe captaine rose vp, and turned againe vnto the land of the Philistims.

33 ¶ And Abraham planted a groue in Beer-sheba, and ⁿ called there on the Name of the Lord the euerlasting God.

34 And Abraham was a stranger in the Philistims land a long season.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The faith of Abraham is proued in offering his sonne Izhak. 8 Izhak is a figure of Christ. 20 The generation of Nahor, Abrahams brother, of whom commeth Rebekah.

AND after these things, God did ᵃ proue Abraham, and said vnto him, Abraham. Who answered, ᵇ Here am I.

2 And he said, Take now thine onely sonne Izhak, whom thou louest, and get thee into the land of ᶜ Moriah, and ᵈ offer him there for a burnt offering vpon one of the mountaines, which I will shew thee.

3 Then Abraham rose vp early in the morning, and sadled his asse, and tooke two of his seruants with him, & Izhak his sonne, and cloue wood for the burnt offering, and rose vp, and went to the place, which God had told him.

4 ¶ Then the third day Abraham lift vp his eyes, and saw the place afarre off.

5 And said vnto his seruants, Abide you here with the asse: for I and the childe will goe ponder and worship, and ᵉ come againe vnto you.

6 Then Abraham tooke the wood of the burnt offering, and layd it vpon Izhak his sonne, and he tooke the fire in his hand, and the knife: and they went both together.

7 Then spake Izhak vnto Abraham his father, and said, My father. And he answered, Here am I, my sonne. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lambe for the burnt offering?

8 Then Abraham answered, My sonne, God will ᶠ prouide him a lambe for a burnt offering: so they went both together.

9 And when they came to ᵍ place which God had shewed him, Abraham builded an altar there, and couched the wood, and ʰ bound Izhak his sonne, ⁱ and layd him on the altar vpon the wood.

10 And Abraham ʲ stretched forth his hand, tooke the knife to kill his sonne.

11 But the Angel of the Lord called vnto him from heauen, saying, Abraham, Abraham. And he answered, Here am I.

12 Then he said, Lay not thine hand vpon the child, neither do any thing vnto him: for now I ᵏ know that thou fearest God, seeing for my sake ˡ thou hast not spared ⁴ thine onely sonne.

13 And Abraham lifting vp his eyes, looked: and behold, there was a ramme behinde him, caught by the hornes in a bush. Then Abraham went and tooke the ram, and offered him vp for a burnt offering in the stead of his sonne.

14 And Abraham called the name of [illegible] place, ‖ Jehouah-jireh, as it is said to [illegible] In the mount will the Lord ᵐ be seene.

15 ¶ And the Angel of the Lord cryed vnto Abraham from heauen the second time,

16 And said, ⁿ By ᵒ my selfe haue I sworne (saith the Lord) because thou hast done this thing, and hast not spared thine onely sonne,

17 Therefore will I surely blesse thee, and will greatly multiply thy seede, as the starres of the heauen, and as the sand which is vpon the sea shore, and thy seede shall possesse the ‖ gate of his enemies.

18 ᵖ And

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f True faith renounceth all naturall affections to obey Gods commandement.

g For his promise sake made to Abraham, and not because the child had discretion and iudgement to pray.

h Except God open our eyes, we can neither see nor vse the meanes which are before vs.

i As touching outward things God caused him to prosper.

‖ Or, shot in the bow, and was an hunter.

ᵏ Or, deale falsely with me, or lie.

k So that it is a lawful thing to take an oth in matters of importance, for to iustifie the truth, and to assure others of our sincerite.

l Wicked seruants doe many euils vnknowen to their masters.

‖ Or, well of the oth, or of seuen, meaning lambes.

m Thus we see that the godly, as touching outward things, may make peace with the wicked that know not the true God.

n That is, flee worshipped God in all points of true religion.

Heb. 11. 17.

a Ebr. Lee. I.

b Which signifieth the feare of God, in ‖ which place he was honoured, and Salomon afterward built the Temple.

b Herein stood the chiefest point of his tentation, seeing he was commanded to offer vp him in whom God had promised to blesse all the nations of the world.

c He doubted not, but God would accomplish his promise, though he should sacrifice his sonne. The only way to ouercome all tentations is to rest vpon Gods prouidence.

d For it is like that his father had declared to him Gods commandement, whereunto he shewed himself obedient. Jam. 2. 21.

‖ That is, by thy true obedience thou hast declared thy liuely faith.

‖ Or, and hast not withholden thine only son from me.

‖ Ebr. thy sonne, thine only sonne.

‖ Or, the Lord will see, or prouide.

g The name is changed to shew that God doeth both see & prouide secretly for vs, and also euidently, as is seene and felt in time conuenient.

Psal. 105. 9. etcetera. 44. 21. Luke 2. 73. Ebr. 6. 13.

h Signifying, that there is no greater then he.

‖ Or, holds.

Chap 12.3. and 18.18. eccl.w.44.21. actes 3.25. galat. 3.8.

18 And in thy seede shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voyce.

19 Then turned Abraham againe unto his seruants, and they rose vp and went together to Beer-sheba: and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 ¶ And after these things one tolde Abraham, saying, Behold Milcah, she hath also borne children unto thy brother Nahor:

21 To wit, Uz his eldest sonne, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begate Rebekah: these eight did Milcah beare to Nahor Abrahams brother.

24 And his ‖ concubine called Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gahan, and Thahash, and Maachah.

‖ Or, of the Syrians.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Abraham lamenteth the death of Sarah. 4 Hee buyeth a field to burie her, of the Hittites. 13 The equitie of Abraham. 19 Sarah is buried in Machpelah.

WHen Sarah was an hundreth twentie and seuen yeere olde (‡ so long liued shee.)

‡ Ebr. the yeeres of the life of Sarah.

2 Then Sarah died in Kiriath-arba: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourne for Sarah and to weepe for her.

3 ¶ Then Abraham a rose vp from the sight of his corps, and talked with the ‡ Hittites, saying,

a That is, when he had mourned: so the godly may mourne, if they passe not measure: and the naturall affection is commendable.

‡ Ebr. sonnes of Heth.

4 I am a stranger and a sojetner among you, giue me a possession of buriall with you, that I may burie my dead out of my sight.

b That is godly, or excellent: for the Hebrewes so speake of all things that are notable, because all excellencie commeth of God.

5 Then the Hittites answered Abraham, saying vnto him,

6 Heare vs, my lord: thou art a prince b of God among vs: in the chiefest of our sepulchres burie thy dead: none of vs shall withhold thee his sepulchre, but thou mayest burie the dead therein.

7 Then Abraham stood vp, and bowed himselfe before the people of the land of the Hittites.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it bee ‡ your minde, that I shall burie my dead out of my sight, heare me, and intreate for me to Ephron the sonne of Zoar,

‡ Ebr. in your soule.

9 That hee would giue me the cane ‖ of Machpelah which he hath in the end of his field: that hee would giue it me for as much ‡ money as it is worth for a possession to burie in among you.

‖ Or, double cane, because one was within another.

‡ Ebr. in full siluer.

10 (For Ephron dwelt among the Hittites.) Then Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of all the Hittites that c went in at the gates of his citie, saying,

c Meaning, all the citizens and inhabitants.

11 No, my lord, heare me: the field giue I thee, and the cane that therein is, I giue it thee: euen in the presence of the sonnes of my people giue I it thee, to burie thy dead.

d To shew that he had them in good estimation and reuerence.

12 Then Abraham d bowed himselfe before the people of the land,

13 And spake vnto Ephron in the audience of the people of the country, saying, Seeing thou wilt giue it, I pray thee, heare me, I will giue the price of the field: receiue it of me, and I will burie my dead there.

14 Ephron then answered Abraham, saying vnto him,

15 My lord, hearken vnto me: the land is worth foure hundreth shekels of siluer: what is that betweene me and thee? burie therefore thy dead.

e The common shekel is about 20 pence, so then 400 shekels mount to 33 pound sixe shillings and eight pence, after ten shillings sterling the ounce.

16 So Abraham hearkned vnto Ephron, and Abraham weyed to Ephron the siluer, which hee had named in the audience of the Hittites, euen foure hundreth siluer shekels of current money among merchants.

17 ¶ So the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, and ouer against Mamre, euen the field and the cane that was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, which were in all the borders round about, was made sure

18 Vnto Abraham for a possession, in the sight of the Hittites, euen of all that ‖ went in at the gates of his citie.

‖ Or, came.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cane of the field of Machpelah ouer against Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 Thus the field and the cane that is therein, was made sure vnto Abraham for a possession of buriall (by the Hittites.

f That is, all the people confirmed the sale.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Abraham causeth his seruants to sweare to take a wife for Isaac in his owne kinred. 12 The seruant prayeth to God. 33 His faithfulnes towards his master. 50 The friends of Rebekah consent the matter to God. 58 They aske her consent, and she agreeth. 67 and is married to Isaac.

NOw Abraham was old, and stricken in yeeres, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

‡ Ebr. came into dayes. Chap. 47.28.

2 Therefore Abraham said vnto his eldest seruant of his house, which had the rule ouer all that he had, e Put now thine hand vnder my thigh,

e Which ceremonie declared the seruants obedience towardes his master, and the masters power ouer the seruant.

3 And I will make thee f sweare by the Lord God of the heauen, and God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife vnto my sonne of the daughters of the Cananites among whom I dwell.

f This sheweth that an oath may be required in a lawfull cause.

4 But thou shalt goe vnto my countrey, and to my kinred, and take a wife vnto my sonne Isaak.

g He would not that his sonne should marrie out of the godly family: for the inconueniences that come by marrying with the vngodly are set fourth in sundrie places of the Scriptures.

5 ¶ And the seruant said to him, What if the woman will not come with mee to this land ‡ shall I bring thy sonne againe vnto the land from whence thou camest?

6 To whom Abraham answered, Beware that thou bring not my sonne g thither againe.

7 ¶ The Lord God of heauen, who tooke me from my fathers house, and from the land where I was borne, and that spake vnto me, and that sware vnto me, saying, ‖ Vnto thy seede will I giue this land, he shall send his Angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife vnto my sonne from thence.

d Lest he should lose the inheritance promised. Chap. 12.7 and 13.15 and 15.18. and 26.4.

‡ Ebr. is not so.

‖ Ebr. to the seede.

8 Neuertheless if the woman will not follow thee, then shalt thou be h discharged of this mine oath: only bring not my sonne thither againe.

h Ebr. innocent.

Abrahams servant meeteth Rebekah.

9 Then the seruant put his hand vnder the thigh of Abraham his master, and ware vnto him for this matter.

10 ¶ So the seruant tooke ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed: (for her had all his masters goods in his hand:) and so hee arose, and went to ‖ Aram Naharaim, vnto the * citie Nahor.

‖ Or, Mesopotamia, or Syria of the two floods: to wit, of Tygris and Euphrates.

11 And he made his camels to rest downe without the citie by a well of water, at euentide about the time that the women come out to draw water.

12 And he said, O (Lord God of my master Abraham, I beseech thee, ‖ send me good speede this day, and shewe mercie vnto my master Abraham.

‖ Or, cause me to meete.

13 Loe, I stand by the well of water, while the mens daughters of this citie come out to draw water.

14 ‖ Graunt therefore that the maide, to whom I say, Bow downe thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drinke: if thee say, Drinke, and I will giue thy camels drinke also: may be she that thou hast ordeined for thy seruant Isaak: and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed mercie on my master.

‖ Or, assigne.

15 ¶ And now yer he had left speaking, behold, * Rebekah came out, the daughter of Bethuel, sonne of Milcah the wife of Nahor Abrahams brother, and her pitcher vpon her shoulder.

16 (And the maide was very faire to looke vpon, a virgin and vnknowen of man) and shee went downe to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came vp.

17 Then the seruant ranne to meete her, and said, Let me drinke, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And he said, Drinke ‖ sir: and she hasted, and let downe her pitcher vpon her hand, and gaue him drinke.

‖ Or, my Lord.

19 And when shee had giuen him drinke, shee said, I will draw water for thy camels also, vntill ‖ they haue dronken enough.

‖ Ebr. haue made an end of drinking.

20 And shee powred out her pitcher into the trough speedily, and ranne againe vnto the well to draw water, and shee drew for al his camels.

21 So the man wondered at her, and held his peace, to know whether the Lord had made his iourney prosperous or not.

22 And when the camels had left drinking, the man tooke a golden ‖ abiekement of ‖ halfa shekell weight, and two bracelets for her hands, of tenne shekels weight of golde:

‖ Or, iewell.

‖ The golden shekel is here meant, and not of siluer.

23 And hee said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee, Is there roome in thy fathers house for vs to lodge in?

24 Then she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the sonne of Milcah whom shee bare vnto Nahor.

25 Moreouer she said vnto him, We haue litter also and prouender enough, and roome to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed himselfe and worshipped the Lord,

27 And said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, which hath not withdrawen his mercie and his truetly from my master: for when I was in the way, the Lord brought mee to my masters brethrens house.

28 And the maide ran and tolde them of her mothers house according to these words.

29 ¶ Now Rebekah had a brother called Laban, and Laban ranne vnto the man to the well.

30 For when he had seene the earerings, and the bracelets in his sisters hands, and when hee heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus said the man vnto me, then he went to the man, and loe, * he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And hee said, Come in thou blessed of the Lord: wherefore standest thou without, seeing I haue prepared the house and roome for the camels?

32 ¶ Then the man came into the house, and * he vnladed the ‖ camels, and brought litter and prouender for the camels, and water to wash his feete, and the mens feete that were with him.

‖ Or, cattle.

33 Afterward the meate was set before him: but he said, I will not eat, vntill I haue said my message. And he said, Speake on.

34 Then he said, I am Abrahams seruant.

35 And the Lord hath * blessed my master wonderfully, that he is become great, for hee hath giuen him sheepe, and beeues, and siluer, and golde, and men seruants, and maide seruants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my Masters wife hath borne a sonne vnto my master, when she was old, & vnto him hath he giuen al that he hath.

37 Now my master made me sweare, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my sonne of the daughters of the ‖ Canaanites, in whose land I dwell.

‖ The Canaanites were accursed, and therefore the godly could not ioyne with them in marriage.

38 But thou shalt goe vnto my * fathers house, and to my kinred, and take a wife vnto my sonne.

39 Then I said vnto my master, ‖ What if the woman will not follow me?

‖ Meaning, among his kinsfolkes, as verse 40.

40 Who answered me, The Lord, before whom I walke, will send his Angel with thee, and prosper thy iourney, and thou shalt take a wife for my sonne of my kinred, and my fathers house.

41 Then shalt thou be discharged of mine oath, when thou commest to my kinred: and if they giue thee not one, thou shalt bee free from mine oath.

42 So I came this day to the well, and said, O Lord the God of my master Abraham, if thou now prosper my iourney which I goe,

43 Behold, * I stand by the well of water: when a virgine commeth forth to draw water, and I say to her, Giue mee, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drinke,

44 And she say to me, Drinke thou, and I will also draw for thy camels, let her bee the wife, which the Lord hath ‖ prepared for my masters sonne.

‖ Or, formed.

45 And before I had made an ende of speaking in mine * heart, behold, Rebekah came forth and her pitcher on her shoulder, and she went downe vnto the wel, and drew water. Then I said vnto her, Giue me drink I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and tooke downe her

n For he waited on Gods hand, who had now heard his prayer.

o To wit, Laban.

p The gentle intertainement of strangers vsed among the godly fathers.

q The fidelitie that seruants owe to their masters, causeth them to preferre their masters businesse to their owne necessitie.

r To blesse, signifieth here to inrich, or increase with substance, as the text in the same verse declareth.

s For he waited on Gods hand, who had now heard his prayer.

t To wit, Laban.

u The gentle intertainement of strangers vsed among the godly fathers.

x Signifying, that this prayer was not spoken by the mouth, but onely meditate in his heart.

m He boasteth not his good fortune (as doe the wicked) but acknowledgeth that God hath dealt mercifully with his master in keeping promise.

her pitcher from her shoulder, and sayde, Drinke, and I will give thy camels drinke also. So I dranke, and thee gave the camels drinke also.

47 Then I asked her, and sayd, Whose daughter art thou? And she answered, The daughter of Bethuel Nahors sonne, whom Milach bare vnto him. Then I put the ornament vpon her face, and the bracelets vpon her hands:

48 And I bowed downe and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had brought me the † right way to take my masters brothers daughter vnto his sonne.

49 Now therefore, if ye will deale [a] mercifully and truely with my master, tell mee: and if not, tell me, that I may turne mee to the [a] right hand, or to the left.

50 Then answered Laban and Bethuel, and sayd, [b] This thing is proceeded of the Lorde: wee cannot therefore say vnto thee, neither euill nor good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is [‖] before thee, take her and goe, that she may be thy masters sons wife, euen as the Lord hath [‖] sayd.

52 And when Abrahams seruant heard their words, hee bowed himselfe toward the earth vnto the Lord.

53 Then the seruant tooke forth [‖] iewels of siluer, and iewels of golde, and raiment, and gaue to Rebekah: also vnto her brother and to her mother he gaue gifts.

54 Afterward they did eate and drinke, both hee, and the men that were with him, and tarried all night: and when they rose vp in the morning, he sayd, [*] Let me depart vnto my master.

55 Then her brother and her mother answered, Let the maide abide with vs, at the least † ten dayes: then shall she goe.

56 But hee sayd vnto them, Hinder you me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my iourney: send me away, that I may goe to my master.

57 Then they said, We will call the maid and aske [c] her [‡] consent.

58 And they called Rebekah, and sayde vnto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she answered, I will goe.

59 So they let Rebekah their sister goe, and her nurse, with Abrahams seruant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and sayd vnto her, Thou art our sister, growe into thousand thousands, and thy seede possesse the [d] gate of his enemies.

61 ¶ Then Rebekah arose, [e] her maids, [e] rode vpon the camels, [e] followed the man: and the seruant tooke Rebekah, [e] departed.

62 Now Izhak came from the way of [*] Beer-lahai-roi, (for he dwelt in the South countrey)

63 And Izhak went out to [*] pray in the fielde toward the euening: who lift vp his eyes, and looked, [e] behold, the camels came.

64 Also Rebekah lift vp her eyes, and when she saw Izhak, she lighted downe from the camel.

65 (For she had sayd to the seruant, Who is yonder man, that commeth in the fielde, to meete vs? and the seruant had sayd, It is my master) So she tooke a vaile, and couered her.

66 And the seruant told Izhak al things that he had done.

67 Afterward Izhak brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and hee tooke Rebekah, and she was his wife, and he loued her: So Izhak was [‖] comforted after his mothers death.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Abraham taketh Keturah to wife, & getteth many children.* 5 *Abraham giueth al his goods to Izhak.* 8 *He dieth.* 12 *The genealogie of Ishmael.* 25 *The birth of Iaakob and Esau.* 30 *Esau selleth his birthright for a messe of pottage.*

NOw Abraham had taken [*] him another wife called Keturah,

2 Which bare him Zimran, and Iokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 And Iokshan begate Sheba, and Dedan: [*] And the sonnes of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

4 Also the sons of Midian were Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, & Eldaah. All these were the sonnes of Keturah.

5 ¶ And Abraham gaue † all his goods to Izhak:

6 But vnto the [b] sonnes of the [c] concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham [*] gaue gifts, and sent them away from Izhak his sonne (while he yet liued) Eastward to the East countrey.

7 And this is the age of Abrahams life, which he liued, an hundreth seuenty and fiue yeere.

8 Then Abraham yeelded the spirit, and died in a good age, an old man, and of great yeeres, and was [*] gathered to his people.

9 And his sonnes, Izhak and Ishmael buried him in the caue of Machpelah, in the field of of Ephron sonne of Zoar the Hittite, before Mamre.

10 Which [*] field Abraham bought of the Hittites, where Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.

11 ¶ And after the death of Abraham God blessed Izhak his sonne, [*] and Izhak dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

12 ¶ Now these are the generations of Ishmael Abrahams sonne, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarahs handmayde, bare vnto Abraham.

13 [*] And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, name by name, according to their kinreds: the [†] eldest sonne of Ishmael was Nebaioth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14 And Mishma, and Dumah, & Massa,

15 Hadar, and Tema, Ietur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These are the sonnes of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their townes and by their castles: to wit, twelue princes of their nations.

17 (And these are the yeeres of the life of Ishmael, an hundreth thirty and seuen yeere, and he yeelded the spirit, and died, and was gathered vnto his [*] people)

y He sheweth what is our duety, when we haue receiued any benefit of the Lord.
‡ Ebr. in the way of truth.
z If you wil freely and faithfully giue your daughter to my masters sonne.
a That is, that I may prouide elsewhere.
b So soone as they perceiue that it is Gods ordinance, they yeeld.
‖ Or, at thy commandement.
‖ Or, ordained.

Vers. 56. and 59.

‡ Ebr. dayes, or time.

c This sheweth that parents haue not authority to marry their children without consent of the parties.
‡ Ebr. her mouth.
d That is, let it be victorious ouer his enemies: which blessing is fully accomplished in Iesus Christ.
Chap. 16. 14. and 25. 11.
e This was the exercise of the godly fathers, to meditate Gods promises, and to pray for the accomplishment thereof.

f The custome was, y the spouse was brought to her husband, her head being couered, in token of shamefastnesse and chastity.
‖ Or, had left mourning for his mother.

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Hee long. 1. Lesbon. 2. Morii.

a Whiles Sarah was yet aliue.

1. Chron. 32.

† Ebr. all that he had.
b For by the vertue of Gods word he had not onely Izhak, but begat many mo.
c Reade Chap. 22. 24.
d To auoid the dissension that els might haue come because of the heritage.
e Hereby the ancients signified that man by death perished not wholly: but as the soules of the godly liued after in perpetual ioy, so the soules of the wicked in perpetual paine. Chap. 23. 16. Chap. 16. 14. and 24. 62.

1. Chron. 1. 29.

† Ebr. first borne.

f Which dwele among the Arabians, and were separate from the blessed seede.

18 And they dwelt from Hauilah vnto Shur, that is towards Egypt, as thou goest to Assur. Ishmael ‖ dwelt ᵉ in the presence of all his brethren.

19 ¶ Likewise these are the generations of Izhak, Abrahams sonne. Abraham begatt Izhak.

20 And Izhak was forty yeere old, when he tooke Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the ‖ Aramite of Padan Aram, and sister to Laban the Aramite.

21 And Izhak prayed vnto the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceiued.

22 But the children ‖ stroue together within her: therefore she said, Seeing it is so, why am I ᵍ thus? wherefore she went ʰ to aske the Lord.

23 And the Lord said to her, Two nations are in thy wombe, and two maner of people shalbe diuided out of thy bowels, and the one people shall bee mightier then the other, and the ⁱ elder shall serue the yonger.

24 ¶ Therefore when her time of deliuerance was fulfilled, behold, twinnes were in her wombe.

25 So he that came out first was red, and he was all ouer as a rough garment, and they called his name Esau.

26 ᵏ And afterward came his brother out, and his hand held Esau by the heele: therefore his name was called Iaakob. Now Izhak was threescore yeere old when Rebekah bare them.

27 And the boyes grew, and Esau was a cunning hunter, ‡ a liued in the fields: but Iaakob was a ‖ plain man, ‡ dwelt in tents.

28 And Izhak loued Esau, for ‡ venison was his meate, but Rebekah loued Iaakob.

29 Now Iaakob sodde pottage, and Esau came from the field and was weary.

30 Then Esau said to Iaakob, ‖ Let me eate, I pray thee, of that pottage so red, for I am weary. Therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Iaakob sayd, Sell mee euen now thy birthright.

32 And Esau sayd, Loe, I am almost dead, what is then this ᵇ birthright to me?

33 Iaakob then sayd, Sweare to me euen now. And he sware to him, and ᵇ solde his birthright vnto Iaakob.

34 Then Iaakob gaue Esau bread and pottage of lentils: and he did eate ᵍ drinke, and rose vp, and went his way: So Esau contemned his birthright.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 God prouideth for Izhak in the famine. 3 He renueth his promise. 9 The king blameth him for denying his wife. 14 The Philistims hate him for his riches. 15 stop his welles, 16 and drine him away. 24 God comforteth him. 31 He maketh alliance with Abimelech.

AND there was a famine in the ᵃ lande besides the first famine that was in the dayes of Abraham. Therefore Izhak went to Abimelech king of the Philistims vnto Gerar.

2 For the Lord appeared vnto him, and said, ᵇ Go not downe into Egypt, but abide in the land which I shall shew vnto thee.

3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with thee, and I will blesse thee: for to thee, and to thy seede I will giue all these ᵃ countreys: and I will performe the othe which I sware vnto Abraham thy father.

4 Also I will cause thy seede to multiplie as the starres of heauen, and will giue vnto thy seede all these countreys: and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be ᵇ blessed.

5 Because that Abraham ᵃ obeyed my voyce and kept mine ‡ ordinance, my commandements, my statutes, and my lawes.

6 ¶ So Izhak dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife, and hee sayd, Shee is my sister: for hee ᵃ feared to say, Shee is my wife, lest, sayd he, the men of the place should kill mee, because of Rebekah: for shee was beautifull to the eye.

8 So after he had been there long time, Abimelech king of the Philistims looked out at a windowe, and loe, hee sawe Izhak ᵃ sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 Then Abimelech called Izhak, ‡ sayd, Loe, shee is of a surety thy wife, and why saydest thou, Shee is my sister? to whome Izhak answered, Because I thought this, It may be that I shall die for her.

10 Then Abimelech said, Why hast thou done this vnto vs? one of the people had almost lien by thy wife, so shouldest thou haue brought ᵍ sinne vpon vs.

11 Then Abimelech charged all his people, saying, Hee that toucheth this man, or his wife, shall die the death.

12 Afterward Izhak sowed in that land, and found in the same yeere an ‖ hundreth folde by estimation: and so the Lord blessed him.

13 And the man waxed mighty, and ‡ still increased till he was exceeding great:

14 For he had flocks of sheepe, and herds of cattell, and a mighty houshold: therefore the Philistims had ᵃ enuie at him.

15 Insomuch that the Philistims stopped and filled vp with earth all the welles, which his fathers seruants digged in his father Abrahams time.

16 Then Abimelech said vnto Izhak, Get thee from vs, for thou art mightier then we a great deale.

17 ¶ Therefore Izhak departed thence and pitched his tent in the ᵇ valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Izhak returning, digged the wels of water, which they had digged in the dayes of Abraham his father: for the Philistims had stopped them after the death of Abraham, and he gaue them the same names, which his father gaue them.

19 Izhaks seruants then digged in the valley, and found there a well of ‖ liuing water.

20 But the herdmen of Gerar did strine with Izhaks herdmen, saying, The water is ours: therefore called hee the name of the well ‖ Esek, because they were at strife with him.

21 Afterward they digged another well, and strone for that also, and hee called the name

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‖ *Or, his lot fell.*
g He meaneth that his lot fell to dwell among his brethren, as the Angel promised, Chap. 16. 12.
‖ *Or, Syrian of Mesopotamia.*

Esau & Iacob born

‖ *Or, hurt one another.*
h That is, with child, seeing one shall destroy another.
i For that is the onely refuge in all our miseries. *Rom. 9. 12.*

Hosea 12. 3. matth. 1. 2.

‡ *Ebr. a man of the field.*
‖ *Or, simple and innocent.*
ᵍ *Ebr. venison in his mouth.*
‖ *Or, feede me quickly.*
h The reprobate esteem not Gods benefits except they feele them presently, and therefore they postpone present pleasures. *Heb. 12. 16.*
i Thus the wicked preferre their worldly commodities to Gods spirituall graces: but the children of God doe the contrary.

My Sonday 1 Sepon Euening

a In the land of Canaan.
b Gods prouidence alwayes watcheth to direct the wayes of his children.

Chap. 13. 15. and 15. 18.

Chap. 12. 3. and 15. 18. and 18. 18. and 22. 18. and 28. 14.
c He commendeth Abrahams obedience, because Izhak should be the more ready to follow the like: for as God made this promise of his free mercie, so doeth the confirmation thereof proceede of the same fountaine.
‡ *Ebr. my keeping.*
d Whereby we see that feare and distrust is found in the most faithfull.
e Or shewing some familiar signe of loue, wherby it might be knowen that she was his wife.
f In al ages men were perswaded that Gods vengeance should light vpon wedlocke breakers.
‖ *Or, an hundreth measures.*
‡ *Ebr. hee went forth going and increasing.*
g The malicious enuie alwaies the graces of God in others.
h The Ebrewe word signifieth a flood or valley, where water at any time runneth.
‖ *Or, springing.*

‖ *Or, contention, strife.*

name of it ‖ Sitnah.

22 Then he removed thence, and digged another well, for the which they stroue not: therefore called hee the name of it ‖ Rehoboth, and said, Because the Lord hath now made vs roome, we shall increase vpon the earth.

23 So he went vp thence to Beer-sheba.

24 And the Lord appeared vnto him the same night, and said, I am the God i of Abraham thy father: feare not, for I am with thee, and will blesse thee, and multiply thy seed for my seruant Abrahams sake.

25 Then he built an k altar there, and called vpon the Name of the Lord, and there spread his tent: where also Izhaks seruants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then came Abimelech to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the captaine of his armie.

27 To whom Izhak saide, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate mee, and haue put me away from you?

28 Who answered, Wee saw certainely that the Lord was with thee, & wee thought thus, Let there be now an othe betweene vs, euen betweene vs and thee, and let vs make a conenant with thee.

29 l If thou shalt doe vs no hurt, as wee haue not touched thee, and as we haue done vnto thee nothing but good, and sent thee away in peace: thou now, the blessed of the Lord, doe this.

30 Then he made them a feast, and they did eat and drinke.

31 And they rose vp betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: then Izhak let them goe, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And that same day Izhaks seruannts came and tolde him of a well, which they had digged, and said vnto him, Wee haue found water.

33 So he called it ‖ Shibah: therfore the name of the citie is called ‖ Beer-sheba vnto this day.

34 ¶ Now when Esau was fourty yeere old, he tooke to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri an Hittite, and Bathshemath the daughter of Elon an Hittite also.

35 And they * were ‖ a griefe of minde to Izhak, and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII.

6 Iaakob getteth the blessing frō Esau by his mothers counsel. 38 Esau by weeping moueth his father to pity him. 41 Esau hateth Iaakob & threatneth his death. 43 Rebekah sendeth Iaakob away.

AND when Izhak was olde, and his eyes were dimme, (so that he could not see) he called Esau his eldest sonne, and said vnto him, My sonne. And he answered him, ‡ I am here.

2 Then he said, Behold, I am now old, and know not the day of my death:

3 Wherefore now, I pray thee, take thine instruments, thy quiuer and thy bowe, & get thee to the field, that thou mayest ‡ take me some venison.

4 Then make me sauorie meat, such as I loue, and bring it me that I may eate, and that my * soule may blesse thee before I die.

5 (Now Rebekah heard, when Izhak spake to Esau his sonne) and Esau went into the fielde to haue for venison, and to bring it.

6 ¶ Then Rebekah spake vnto Iaakob her sonne, saying, Beholde, I haue heard thy father talking with Esau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, & make me sauorie meate, that I may eate and blesse thee before the Lord, afore my death.

8 Now therefore, my sonne, heare my voyce in that which I command thee.

9 b Get thee now to the flocke, and bring me thence two good kids of the goates, that I may make pleasant meat of them for thy father, such as he loueth.

10 Then thou shalt bring it to thy father, and he shall eate, to the intent that he may blesse thee before his death.

11 But Iaakob said to Rebekah his mother, Beholde, Esau my brother is rough, and I am smoothe.

12 My father may possibly feele me, and I shal seeme * to him to be a ‖ mocker: so shal I bring a curse vpon me, and not a blessing.

13 But his mother said vnto him, c Vpon me be thy curse, my sonne: onely heare my voyce, and goe and bring me them.

14 So he went and fet them, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made pleasant meate, such as his father loued.

15 And Rebekah tooke faire clothes of her elder sonne Esau, which were in her house, and clothed Iaakob her yonger sonne:

16 And shee couered his hands and the smoothe of his necke with the skinnes of the kids of the goates.

17 Afterward she put the pleasant meate and bread, which she had prepared, in the hand of her sonne Iaakob.

18 ¶ And when he came to his father, he said, My father. Who answered, I am here: who art thou, my sonne?

19 And Iaakob said to his father, d I am Esau thy first borne, I haue done as thou badest me, arise, I pray thee: sit vp and eate of my venison, that thy soule may blesse me.

20 Then Izhak said vnto his sonne, How hast thou found it so quickly my sonne? Who said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to mine hand.

21 Againe Izhak sayde vnto Iaakob, Come neere now, that I may feele thee, my sonne, whether thou be that my sonne Esau or not.

22 Then Iaakob came neere to Izhak his father, and he felt him, and sayd, The * voyce is Iaakobs voyce, but the handes are the hands of Esau.

23 (For he knew him not, because his handes were rough as his brother Esaus hands: wherefore he blessed him)

24 Againe hee sayd, Art thou that my sonne Esau? Who answered, ‡ Yea.

25 Then said he, Bring it me hither, and I will eate of my sonnes venison, that my soule may blesse thee. And he brought it to him, and he ate: also he brought him wine, and he dranke.

26 Afterwarde his father Izhak saide

Or, hatred.

‖ *Or, largenesse, roome.*

i God assureth Izhak against al feare by rehearsing the promise made to Abraham.

k To signifie that he would serue none other God, but the God of his father Abraham.

l The Hebrewes in swearing begin commonly with If, and vnderstand the rest: that is, that God shall punish him that breaketh the othe: here the wicked shewe that they are afrayd left that come to them, which they would do to o-ther.

‖ *Or, othe.*

‖ *Or, the wel of the othe.*

Chap. 27. 47.

‖ *Or, disobedient and rebellious.*

‡ *Ebr. Lee, T*

‡ *Ebr. hunt.*

a The carnall affection, which he bare to his sonne, made him forget that which God spake to his wife, Chap. 25. 23.

b This subtiltie is blameworthy, because shee should haue tarried till God had performed his promise.

* *Ebr. before his eyes.*

‖ *Or, as though I would deceiue him.*

[*Or, I will take the danger on me.*

c The assurance of Gods decree made her bold.

d Although Iaakob was ashamed of this blessing by faith: het he did euil to seeke it by lies, and the more because he abuseth Gods name thereunto.

e This declareth that he suspected some thing, yet God would not haue his decree altered.

‡ *Ebr. I am.*

Jacob getteth the Blessing.

Hebr. 11. 20.

unto him, Come neere now, and kisse me, my sonne.

27 And hee came neere and kissed him. And he smelled the sauour of his garments, and blessed him, and said, Behold, the smell of my sonne is as the smell of a field, which the Lord hath blessed.

28 * God giue thee therefore of the dewe of heauen, and the fatnesse of the earth, and plentie of wheat and wine.

29 Let people be thy seruants, and nations bow vnto thee: bee lord ouer thy brethren, and let thy mothers children bowe vnto thee. cursed be he that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 ¶ And when Izhak had made an end of blessing Iaakob, and Iaakob was scarce gone out from the presence of Izhak his father, then came Esau his brother from his hunting.

31 And hee also prepared sauorie meate and brought it to his father, & said vnto his father, Let my father arise, and eate of his sonnes venison, that thy soule may blesse me.

32 But his father Izhak said vnto him, Who art thou? And hee answered, I am thy sonne, euen thy first borne Esau.

33 Then Izhak was ‖ stricken with a marueilous great feare, and said, Who & where is he that hunted venison, and brought it me, and I haue eate ‖ of all before thou camest? and I haue blessed him, therefore he shall be blessed.

34 When Esau heard the wordes of his father, hee cryed out with a great crie & bitter, out of measure, and said vnto his father, Blesse me, euen me also, my father.

35 Who answered, Thy brother came with subtiltie, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 Then he said, Was he not iustly called ‖ Iaakob? for hee hath deceiued mee these two times: he tooke my birthright, and loe, now hath he taken my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserued a blessing for me?

37 Then Izhak answered, and said vnto Esau, Behold, I haue made him * thy lord, and all his brethren haue I made his seruants: also with wheat and wine haue I furnished him, and vnto thee now what shall I doe, my sonne?

38 Then Esau said vnto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? blesse me, ‖ euen me also my father: and Esau lifted vp his voyce, and * wept.

39 Then Izhak his father answered, and said vnto him, Behold, the fatnesse of ‖ earth shall be thy dwelling place, and thou shalt haue of the dew of heauen from aboue.

40 And * by thy sword shalt thou liue, and shalt be thy brothers ‖ seruant. But it shall come to passe, when thou shalt get the maistrie, that thou shalt breake his yoke from thy necke.

41 ¶ Therefore Esau hated Iaakob because of the blessing, wherewith his father blessed him. And Esau thought in his minde, * The dayes of mourning for my father will come shortly, ‖ then I will slay my brother Iaakob.

42 And it was told to Rebekah of the wordes of Esau her elder sonne, and she sent and called Iaakob her younger sonne, & said vnto him, Behold, thy brother Esau is comforted against thee, meaning to kill thee;

43 Nowe therefore my sonne, heare my voyce: arise, and flee thou to Haran to my brother Laban,

44 And tarie with him a while, vntill thy brothers fiercenesse be ‖ asswaged,

45 And till thy brothers wrath turne away from thee, & he forget the things which thou hast done to him: then will I send and take thee from thence: why should I bee ‖ deprined of you both in one day?

46 Also Rebekah said to Izhak, * I am wearie of my life, for ‖ the daughters of Heth. If Iaakob take a wife of the daughters of Heth like these of the daughters of the land, ‖ what auaileth it me to liue?

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Izhak forbiddeth Iaakob to take a wife of the Canaanites.* 9 *Esau taketh a wife of the daughters of Ishmael against his fathers will.* 12 *Iaakob in the way to Haran seeth a ladder reaching to heauen.* 14 *Christ is promised.* 20 *Iaakob asketh of God onely meate and clothing.*

THen Izhak called Iaakob, and * blessed him, and charged him, and saide vnto him, Take not a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, * Get thee to ‖ Padan Aram to the house of Bethuel thy mothers father, and thence take thee a wife of the daughters of Laban thy mothers brother.

3 And God * all sufficient blesse thee and make thee to increase, & multiplie thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people,

4 And giue thee the blessing of Abraham, euen to thee and to thy seed with thee, that thou mayest inherit the land (wherein thou art a ‖ stranger,) which God gaue vnto Abraham.

5 Thus Izhak sent foorth Iaakob, and he went to Padan Aram vnto Laban sonne of Bethuel the Aramite, brother to Rebekah Iaakobs and Esaus mother.

6 ¶ When Esau sawe that Izhak had blessed Iaakob, and sent him to Padan Aram, to fet him a wife thence, and giuen him a charge when he blessed him, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan,

7 And that Iaakob had obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan Aram:

8 Also Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan displeased Izhak his father,

9 Then went Esau to Ishmael, & tooke ‖ vnto the wiues which he had, Mahalath the daughter of * Ishmael Abrahams sonne, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ Now Iaakob departed from Beersheba, and went to Haran.

11 And he came vnto a certaine place, and taried there all night, because the sunne was downe, and tooke of the stones of the place, and laide vnder his head, and slept in the same place.

12 Then he dreamed, and behold, there stoode a * ladder vpon the earth, and the top

m He hath good hope to recouer his birthright by killing thee.

n For the wicked sonne wil kil the godly: and the plague of God will afterward light on the wicked sonne.

Chap. 28. 35.

o Which were Esaus wiues.

p Hereby she perswaded Izhak to agree to Iaakobs departure.

15 Tanua 1 Lesson Euening

a This second blessing was to confirme Iaakobs faith, lest he should thinke that his father had giuen it without Gods motion.

Hosa. 12. 12.
Chap. 24. 10.

‖ *Or, almightie.*

b The godly fathers were put in mind continually, that they were but strangers in this world: to the intent they should lift vp their eyes to the heauens, where they should haue a sure dwelling.

‖ *Or, beside his wiues.*

c Thinking hereby to haue reconciled himselfe to his father, but all in vain: for he taketh not away y cause of the euil.

d Christ is the ladder, whereby God & man are joyned together, & by whom the Angels minister vnto vs: all graces by him are giuen vnto vs, & we by him ascend into heauen.

‖ In perceiuing his errour, by appointing his heire against Gods sentence pronounced before.

‖ *Or, sufficiently.*

‖ In the Cha. 25 he was so called, because he held his brother by the heele, as though he would ouerthrow him: and therefore he is here called an ouerthrower, or deceiuer.

h For Izhak did this as hewas the minister & Prophet of God.

‖ *Or, I am also (thy sonne) Hebr. 12. 17.*

i Because thine enemies shalbe round about thee.

k Which was fulfilled in his posterity the Idumeans: who were tributaries for a time to Israel, and after came to liberty. *Obad. 1. 10.*

l Hypocrites onely abstaine from doing euil for feare of men.

Chap. 35.1. and 48.3.

g He felt the force of this promise onely by faith: for all his life time he was but a stranger in this land.

Deut. 12.10. and 19.14. Chap 12.3. and 18.18. and 22.18. and 26.4.

f He was touched with a godly feare and reuerence.

g To be a remembrance only of the vision shewed vnto him.

Chap 31. 13.

‖ Or, house of God

h He bindeth not God vnder this condition, but acknowledgeth his infirmity, and promiseth to be thankfull.

a That is, hee went forth on his iourney.

‡ Eb to the land of the children of the East.

b Thus he was directed by the only prouidence of God, who brought him also to Labans house.

c It seemeth that in those dayes the custome was to call euen strangers brethren.

d Or, Is he in peace? by the which word the Ebrewes signifie all prosperity.

top of it reached vp to heauen: and loe, the Angels of God went vp and downe by it.

13 And beholde, the LORDE stoode aboue it, and sayd, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Izhak: the land, vpon the which thou sleepest, ‖ will I giue thee and thy seede.

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroade * to the West, and to the East, & to the North, and to the South, and in thee and in thy seede shal all the * families of the earth be blessed.

15 And loe, I am with thee, and will keepe thee whithersoeuer thou goest, and will bring thee againe into this land: for I will not forsake thee vntill I haue performed that, that I haue promised thee.

16 ¶ Then Iaakob awoke out of his sleepe, and sayd, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware.

17 And he was ‡ afraid, and sayd, How fearefull is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heauen.

18 Then Iaakob rose vp earely in the morning, & tooke the stone that he had laid vnder his head, and ‖ set it vp as a * pillar, and powred oyle vpon the top of it.

19 And hee called the name of that place ‖ Beth-el: notwithstanding the name of the citie was at the first called Luz.

20 Then Iaakob vowed a vow, saying, If * God will be with me, and will keepe me in this iourney which I goe, and will giue me bread to eate, and clothes to put on:

21 So that I come againe vnto my fathers house in safetie, then shall the Lord be my God.

22 And this stone, which I haue set vp as a pillar, shall be Gods house: and of all that thou shalt giue me, will I giue the tenth vnto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

13 Iaakob commeth to Laban and serueth seuen yeres for Rahel. 23 Leah brought to his bed in stead of Rahel. 27 He serueth seuen yeres more for Rahel. 32 Leah conceiueth and beareth foure sons.

Then Iaakob ‖ lift vp his feete and came into the ‡ East countrey.

2 And as he looked about, behold, there was a well in the field, * and lo, three flocks of sheepe lay thereby (for at that well were the flockes watered) and there was a great stone vpon the wels mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered, and they rolled the stone from the wels mouth, & watered the sheepe, & put the stone againe vpon the wels mouth in his place.

4 And Iaakob sayd vnto them, My * brethren, whence be ye? And they answered, Wee are of Haran.

5 Then he sayd vnto them, Knowe ye Laban the sonne of Nahor? Who sayd, Wee know him.

6 Againe he sayd vnto them, ‡ Is hee in good health? and they answered, Hee is in good health, and behold, his daughter Rahel commeth with the sheepe.

7 Then he said, Loe, it is yet bu day, neither is it time that the cattell should bee gathered together: water ye the sheepe and

8 But they sayd, We may not vntill all the flockes be brought together, and till men rolle the stone from the welles mouth, that we may water the sheepe.

9 ¶ While he talked with them, Rahel also came with her fathers sheepe, for shee kept them.

10 And assoon as Iaakob saw Rahel the daughter of Laban his mothers brother, and the sheep of Laban his mothers brother, then came Iaakob neere, & rolled the stone from the wels mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mothers brother.

11 And Iaakob kissed Rahel and lift vp his voyce, and wept.

12 (For Iaakob tolde Rahel, that hee was her fathers ‖ brother, and that hee was Rebekahs sonne) then she ranne and tolde her father.

13 And when Laban heard tell of Iaakob his sisters sonne, he ranne to meet him, and imbraced him, and kissed him, & brought him to his house: and he tolde Laban * all these things.

14 To whom Laban said, Mel, thou art my ‖ bone and my flesh, and hee abode with him the space of a moneth.

15 ¶ For Laban sayde vnto Iaakob, Though thou be my brother, shouldest thou therefore serue me for nought? Tell me what shalbe thy wages?

16 Now Laban had two daughters, the elder called Leah, and the yonger called Rahel.

17 And Leah was ‖ tender eyed, but Rahel was beautifull and faire.

18 And Iaakob loued Rahel, and sayd, I will serue thee seuen yeeres for Rahel thy yonger daughter.

19 Then Laban answered, It is better that I giue her thee, then that I should giue her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Iaakob serued seuen yeeres for Rahel, & they seemed vnto him but a * fewe dayes, because he loued her.

21 ¶ Then Iaakob sayd to Laban, Giue me my wife that I may goe in to her: for my ‡ terme is ended.

22 Wherefore Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 But * when the euening was come, he tooke Leah his daughter, and brought her to him, and he went in vnto her.

24 And Laban gaue his mayd Zilpah to his daughter Leah, to be her seruant.

25 But when the morning was come, behold, it was Leah. Then said he to Laban, Wherefore hast thou done thus to me? Did not I serue thee for Rahel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban answered, It is not the ‖ maner of this place, to giue the yonger before the elder.

27 Fulfill seuen yeeres for her, and we will also giue thee this for the seruice, which thou shalt serue me yet seuen yeeres more.

28 Then Iaakob did so, and fulfilled her seuen yeeres: so he gaue him Rahel his daughter to be his wife.

29 Laban also gaue to Rahel his daugh-

Jacob is entertained by Laban

‖ Or, nephew.

e That is, the cause why hee departed from his fathers house and what he saw in the way.

f That is, of my blood and kinred.

‖ Or, bleare eyed.

g Meaning, after that the yeares were accomplished.

‡ Eb my dayes are full.

h The cause why Iaakob was deceiued, was, that in old time the wife was couered with a vaile, when shee was brought to her husband, in signe of chastitie and shamefastnesse.

i He esteemed more the profite that he had of Iaakobs seruice, then either his promise or the maner of the country though he alleaged the same for his excuse.

Jacob serue for Leah

ter Bilhah his maid to be her seruant.

30 So entred he in to Rahel also, and loued also Rahel more then Leah, and serued him yet seuen yeares moe.

31 ¶ When the Lord saw that Leah was despised, he ‡ made her [k] fruitfull: but Rahel was barren.

32 And Leah conceiued and bare a son, and cheer called his name Reuben: for cheer sayde, Because the [l] Lord hath looked vpon my tribulation, now therefore mine husband will [m] loue me.

33 And she conceiued againe, and bare a sonne, and sayd, Because the Lorde heard that I was hated, he hath therefore giuen me this sonne also, and cheer called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceiued againe, and bare a sonne, and sayd, Now at this time will my husband keepe mee company, because I haue borne him three sonnes: therefore was his name called Leui.

35 Moreouer she conceiued againe, and bare a sonne, saying, Nowe will I ‖ prayse the Lord: therefore she called his name Iudah, and ‡ left bearing.

CHAP. XXX.

4.9 Rahel & Leah being both barren giue their maids vnto their husband, and they bare him children. 15 Leah giueth Mandrakes to Rahel, that Iaakob might lie with her. 37 Laban is enriched for Iaakobs sake 43 Iaakob is made very rich.

AND when Rahel saw that she bare Iaakob no children, Rahel enuied her sister, and sayd vnto Iaakob, Giue mee children, or else I die.

2 Then Iaakobs anger was kindled against Rahel, and he sayd, Am I in [a] Gods stead, which hath withholden from thee the fruit of the wombe?

3 And she sayd, Beholde my mayd Bilhah, goe in to her, and shee shall beare vpon my [‡] knees, and I shall haue children also by her.

4 Then she gaue him Bilhah her maid to wife, and Iaakob went in to her.

5 So Bilhah conceiued, and bare Iaakob a sonne.

6 Then said Rahel, God hath giuen sentence on my side, and hath also heard my voyce, and hath giuen me a sonne: therefore called she his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rahels mayd conceiued againe, and bare Iaakob the second sonne.

8 Then Rahel sayd, With [‡] excellent wrestlings haue I wrestled with my sister, and haue gotten the vpper hand: and cheer called his name Naphtali.

9 And when Leah saw that she had left bearing, cheer tooke Zilpah her maide, and gaue her Iaakob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leahs mayde bare Iaakob a sonne.

11 Then sayd Leah, [d] A company commeth: and she called his name Gad.

12 Againe Zilpah Leahs maid, bare Iaakob another sonne.

13 Then sayd Leah, Ah, blessed am I: for the daughters will blesse me: and she called his name Asher.

14 ¶ Now Reuben went in the dayes of the wheate harest, & found mandrakes in the field, and brought them vnto his mother Leah. Then sayd Rahel to Leah, Giue me, I pray thee, of thy sonnes mandrakes.

15 But shee answered her, Is it a small matter for thee to take mine husband, except thou take my sonnes mandrakes also? Then sayd Rahel, Therefore he shall sleepe with thee this night for thy sonnes mandrakes.

16 And Iaakob came from the fielde in the euening, & Leah went out to meet him, & sayd, Come in to me, for I haue ‡ bought and payed for thee with my sonnes mandrakes: and he slept with her that night.

17 And God heard Leah, and she conceiued, and bare vnto Iaakob the fift sonne.

18 Then sayd Leah, God hath giuen me my reward, because I gaue my [‖] mayde to my husband, and cheer called his name Issachar.

19 After, Leah conceiued againe, & bare Iaakob the sixt sonne.

20 Then Leah sayd, God hath indued me with a good dowrie: now will mine husband dwell with me, because I haue borne him sixe sonnes: and cheer called his name Zebulun.

21 After that, shee bare a daughter, and she called her name Dinah.

22 ¶ And God remembred Rahel, and God heard her, and [‖] opened her wombe.

23 So she conceiued and bare a son, and sayd, God hath taken away my [‡] rebuke.

24 And she called his name Ioseph, saying, The Lord will giue mee yet another sonne.

25 ¶ And assoone as Rahel had borne Ioseph, Iaakob sayd to Laban, Send me away that I may goe to my place, and to my countrey.

26 Giue mee my wiues and my children, for whome I haue serued thee, and let mee goe: for thou knowest what seruice I haue done thee.

27 To whom Laban answered, If I haue nowe found fauour in thy sight, tarie: I haue ‖ perceiued that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.

28 Also hee sayd, Appoynt vnto mee thy wages, and I will giue it thee.

29 But he said vnto him, Thou knowest what seruice I haue done thee, and in what taking thy cattell hath bene vnder me.

30 For the litle, that thou hadst before I came, is increased into a multitude: and the Lorde hath blessed thee ‡ by my comming: but now when shal [h] I trauel for mine owne house also?

31 Then he said, What shall I giue thee? And Iaakob answered, Thou shalt giue mee nothing at all: if thou wilt doe this thing for me, I will returne, feed, and keepe thy sheepe.

32 I will passe thorow all thy flocks this day, and ‖ separate from them all the sheepe with litle spots and great spots, and all blacke lambes among the sheepe, & the great spotted, and litle spotted among the goates: and it shalbe my wages.

33 So shall my righteousnes answere for

Ebr. opened her wombe.

k This declareth that oft times they which are despised of God are fauoured of God.

l Hereby appeareth, that she had recourse to God in her affliction.

m For children are a great cause of mutuall loue betweene man and wife.

‖ Or, confesse, Matth. 1. 2.

‡ Ebr. stood from bearing.

a It is only God that maketh barren and fruitfull, and therefore I am not in fault.

b I will receiue her children in my lap, as though they were mine owne.

‡ Ebr. I shall be builded.

‡ Ebr. wrestlings of God.

c The arrogancy of mans nature appeareth in that she commeneth her sister, after she hath receiued this benefite of God to beare children.

d That is, God doth increase me with a multitude of children: for so Iaakob doth expound this name God, Chap. 49. 19.

e Which is a kinde of herbe whose root hath a certaine likenesse of the figure of a man.

‡ Ebr. buying, I haue bought.

f In stead of acknowledging her fault, shee boasteth as if God had rewarded her therfore.

‖ Or, made her fruitfull.

g Because fruitfulnesse came of Gods blessing, who said, Increase and multiplie: barrennesse was counted as a curse.

‖ Or, tryed by experience.

‖ Or, with me.

‡ Ebr. at my foote.

h The order of nature requireth that euery one prouide for his owne familie.

‖ Or, separate thou.

‖ Or, feed.

i That which shall hereafter betibus spotted.

k God shal testifie for my righteous dealing by rewarding my labours.

me hereafter, when it shall come for my reward before thy face, & euery one that hath not little or great spots among the goates, and blacke among the sheepe, the same shall be ‖ theft with me.

‖ Or, counted theft.

34 Then Laban said, Go to, would God it might be according to thy saying.

‖ Or, Laban,

35 Therefore ‖ he tooke out the same day the hee goates, that were party coloured and with great spots, and all the she goates with little and great spots, and all that had white in them, & all the ‖ blacke among the sheepe, and put them in the keeping of his sonnes.

‖ Or, redde, or, browne.

36 And hee set three dayes iourney betweene himselfe and Iaakob. And Iaakob kept the rest of Labans sheepe.

‖ Iaakob herein vsed no deceit: for it was Gods commandement, as he declareth in the next chapter, verse 9. and 11.

37 ¶ Then Iaakob ‖ tooke rods of greene popular, & of hasell, and of the chesnut tree, and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appeare in the rods.

‖ Or, conceiued.

38 Then he put the rods, which he had pilled, in the gutters and watering troughs, when the sheepe came to drinke, before the sheepe: (for they were in heate, when they came to drinke)

39 And the sheepe ‖ were in heate before the rods, and afterward brought forth yong of partie colour, and with small and great spots.

40 And Iaakob parted these lambs, and turned the faces of the flocke towards these lambes party coloured, & all maner of blacke, among the sheepe of Laban: so he put his owne flockes by themselues, and put them not with Labans flocke.

41 And in euery ramming time of the m stronger sheepe, Iaakob laid the rods before the eyes of the sheepe in the gutters, that they might conceiue before the rods.

m As they which tooke the ramme about September, & brought forth about March: so the feebler in March, & lambd in September.

42 But when the sheepe were feeble, he put them not in: and so the feebler were Labans, and the stronger Iaakobs.

43 So the man increased exceedingly, and had many flockes, and maide seruants, and men seruants, and camels, and asses.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Labans children murmure against Iaakob.* 3 *God commandeth him to returne to his country.* 13. 24 *The care of God for Iaakob.* 19 *Rahel stealeth her fathers idols.* 23 *Laban followeth Iaakob.* 44 *The couenant betweene Laban and Iaakob.*

NOw he heard the • wordes of Labans sonnes, saying, Iaakob hath taken away all that was our fathers, and of our fathers goods hath he gotten all this honour.

• The children vttered in words that which ‖ father disseblied in heart, for the conetous thinke that whatsoeuer they cannot snatch, is pluckt frō them.

‖ Or, father.

2 Also Iaakob beheld the countenance of Laban, ‡ that it was not towards him as in times past.

‡ Heb. and loe, not be with him, as yest. rday, and yer yesterday.

3 And the Lord had said vnto Iaakob, Turne againe into the land of thy fathers, and to thy kinred, and I will be with thee.

4 Therefore Iaakob sent and called Rahel and Leah to the field vnto his flocke.

5 Then said he vnto them, I see your fathers countenance, that it is not toward me ‡ as it was wont, and the b God of my father hath bene with me.

‡ Heb. as yesterday, and before yesterday.

b The God who my father worshipped.

6 And ye know that I haue serued your father with all my might.

7 But your father hath deceiued me, and changed my wages ‖ ten times: but God suffered him not to hurt me.

‖ Or, many times.

8 If he thus sayd, The spotted shall be thy wages, then all the sheepe bare spotted: and if he sayd thus, The partie coloured shalbe thy reward, then bare all the sheepe partie coloured.

9 Thus hath c God taken away your fathers ‖ substance, and giuen it me.

‖ Or, substance.

c This declareth that the thing which Iaakob did before, was by Gods commandement, and not through deceite.

10 ¶ For in ramming time I lifted vp mine eyes and saw in a dreame, and behold, the hee goates leaped vpon the shee goates, that were partie coloured with litle and great spots spotted.

‡ Or, smelled.

11 And the Angel of God sayd to me in a dreame, Iaakob. And I answered, Loe, I am here.

12 And hee sayde, Lift vp now thine eyes, and see all the hee goates leaping vpon the shee goates that are partie coloured, spotted with litle and great spottes: for I haue seene all that Laban doeth vnto thee.

13 d I am the God of Beth-el, where thou • anointedst the pillar, where thou vowedst a vow vnto mee. Now rise, get thee out of this countrey, and returne vnto the land where thou wast borne.

d This Angel was Christ which appeared to Iaakob in Beth-el: and hereby appeareth he had taught his wiues the feare of God: for he talketh as though they knew this thing. Chap. 28. 18.

• For they were giuen to Iaakob in recompense of his seruice, which was a kinde of sale.

14 Then answered Rahel and Leah, and sayd vnto him, Haue wee any maze portion and inheritance in our fathers house?

15 Doeth not he count vs as strangers? for he hath • solde vs, and hath eaten vp and consumed our money.

16 Therefore all the riches, which God hath taken from our father, is ours, and our childrens: now then whatsoeuer God hath sayd vnto thee, doe it.

17 ¶ Then Iaakob rose vp, and set his sonnes and his wiues vpon camels.

18 And he caried away all his flockes, and all his substance which he had gotten, to wit, his riches which hee had gotten in Padan Aram, to goe to Iizhak his father vnto the land of Canaan.

19 ¶ When Laban was gone to sheare his sheepe, then Rahel stole her fathers ‖ ‡ idoles.

‖ Or, Euphrates.

‡ For so the word here signifieth, because Laban calleth them gods, verse 30.

20 Thus Iaakob ‖ stole away the heart of Laban the Aramite: for he tolde him not that he fled.

‖ Or, went away priuily from Laban.

21 So fled he with all that hee had, and he rose vp, and passed the ‡ riuer, and set his face toward mount Gilead.

‡ Or, Euphrates.

22 And the third day after was it tolde Laban, that Iaakob fled.

23 Then hee tooke his ‖ brethren with him, and followed after him seuen dayes iourney, and ‡ ouertooke him at mount Gilead.

‖ Or, kinsfolkes and friends.

‡ Or, ioyned vnto him.

24 And God came to Laban the Aramite in a dreame by night, and sayde vnto him, Take heede that thou speake not to Iaakob ‡ ought sane good.

‡ Heb. from good to euill.

25 ¶ Then Laban ouertooke Iaakob, and Iaakob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban also with his brethren pitched vpon mount Gilead.

26 Then Laban said to Iaakob, What hast thou done? ‖ thou hast euen stolen away mine heart, and caried away my daughters

‖ Or, conueyed thy self away priuily.

daughters as though they had beene taken captiues with the sword.

27 Wherefore diddest thou flee so secretly and steale away from me, and diddest not tell me, that I might haue sent thee ſorth with mirth and with ſongs, with timbrell and with harpe?

28 But thou hast not suffered me to kisse my sonnes and my daughters: now thou hast done foolishly in doing so.

29 I am ‡able to doe you euill: but the ‖God of your father spake vnto me yesternight, saying, Take heede that thou speake not to Iaakob ought sane good.

30 Now though thou wentest thy way, because thou greatly longedst after thy fathers house, yet wherefore hast thou stollen my gods?

31 Then Iaakob answered, and sayd to Laban, Because I was afraid, and thought that thou wouldest haue taken thy daughters from me.

32 But with whom thou findest thy gods, ‖let him not liue. Search thou before our brethren what I haue of thine, and take it to thee. (but Iaakob wist not that Rahel had stollen them.)

33 Then came Laban into Iaakobs tent, and into Leahs tent, and into the two maydes tents, but found them not. So hee went out of Leahs tent, and entred into Rahels tent.

34 (Now Rahel had taken the idoles, and put them in the camels ‖litter, and sate downe vpon them) and Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

35 Then sayd shee to her father, ‡My lord, be not angry that I cannot rise vp before thee: for the custome of women is vpon me: so hee searched, but found not the idoles.

36 ¶ Then Iaakob was wroth, ‡ chode with Laban: Iaakob also answered ‡ sayd to Laban, What haue I trespassed? what haue I offended, that thou hast pursued after me?

37 Seeing thou hast searched all my stuffe, what hast thou found of all thine houshold stuffe? put it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may iudge betweene vs both.

38 This twentie yeere I haue bene with thee: thine ewes and thy goates haue not ‖cast their young, and the rammes of thy flocke haue I not eaten.

39 ‡Whatsoeuer was torne of beastes, I brought it not vnto thee, but made it good my selfe: * of mine hand didst thou require it, were it stollen by day or stollen by night.

40 I was in the day consumed with heate, and with frost in the night, and my ‖sleepe departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus haue I bene twenty yeere in thine house, and serued thee fourteene yeres for thy two daughters, and sixe yeeres for thy sheepe, and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abiaham, and the ‖feare of Izhak had bene with me, surely thou haddest sent me away now emptie: but God beheld my tribulation, and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

43 Then Laban answered, and said vnto Iaakob, These daughters are my daughters, and these sonnes are my sonnes, and these sheepe are my sheepe, and all that thou seest, is mine, and what can I doe this day vnto these my daughters, or to their sonnes which they haue borne?

44 Now therefore ‡come ‡ let vs make a couenant, I and thou, which may be a witnesse betweene me and thee.

45 Then tooke Iaakob a stone, and set it vp as a pillar.

46 And Iaakob sayd vnto his brethren, Gather stones: who brought stones, and made an heape, and they did eate there vpon the heape.

47 And Laban called it ‖Iegar-sahaduta, and Iaakob called it ‖Galeed.

48 For Laban sayd, This heape is witnesse betweene me and thee this day: therefore he called the name of it Galeed.

49 Also he called it ‖Mizpah, because he sayd, The Lord ‡looke betweene mee and thee, when we shall be ‖departed one from another.

50 If thou shalt vexe my daughters, or shalt take ‖wiues beside my daughters: there is no man with vs, behold, God is witnesse betweene me and thee.

51 Moreouer Laban sayde to Iaakob, Behold this heape, and behold the pillar, which I haue set betweene me and thee.

52 This heape shall be witnesse, and the pillar shall bee witnesse, that I will not come ouer this heape to thee, and that thou shalt not passe ouer this heape and this pillar vnto me for euill.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of ‖Nahor, and the God of their father bee iudge betweene vs: but Iaakob sware by the ‖feare of his father Izhak.

54 Then Iaakob did offer a sacrifice vpon the mount, and called his brethren to eat ‖bread, and they did eate bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Laban rose vp and kissed his sonnes and his daughters, and ‖blessed them, and Laban departing, went vnto his place againe.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *God comforteth Iaakob by his Angels.* 9. 10 *He prayeth vnto God confessing his vnworthines.* 13 *He sendeth presents vnto Esau.* 24 28 *Hee wrestled with the Angel who nameth him Israel.*

NOw Iaakob went forth on his iourney, and * the Angels of GOD met him.

2 And when Iaakob saw them, he sayd, ‖This is Gods hoste, and called the name of the same place ‖Mahanaim.

3 Then Iaakob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, vnto the land of Seir into the country of Edom:

4 To whom he gaue commaundement, saying, Thus shall yee speake to my ‖lord Esau: thy seruant Iaakob sayeth thus, I haue bene a stranger with Laban, and tarried vnto this time.

5 I haue beeues also ‡ asses, sheepe, and

‡Ebr. power is in mine hand.

‖He was an idolater, and therefore would not acknowledge the God of Iaakob for his God.

‖Or, let him die.

‖Or, straw, or, fodder.

‡Ebr. let not anger be in the eyes of my lord.

‖Or, bene barren.

‡Ebr. the torne, or taken by praye. Exod. 22. 12.

‖Or, I slept not.

‖That is, the God whom Izhak did feare and reuerence.

i His conscience reproued him of his misbehauiour toward Iaakob, and therefore mooued him to seeke peace.

‖Or, the heape of witnesse.

k The one nameth the place in the Syrian tongue, and the other in the Ebrew tongue.

‖Or, watch tower.

l To punish the trespasser.

‖Or, bid.

m Nature compelleth him to condemne that vice, whereunto through couetousnesse he forced Iaakob.

n Behold, how the idolaters mingle the true God with their fained gods.

o Meaning, by the true God whom Izhak worshipped.

‖Or, meane.

p We see that there is euer some seede of the knowledge of God in the hearts of the wicked.

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Chap. 48. 16.

a He acknowledgeth Gods benefites, who for the preseruation of his, sendeth hosts of Angels.

‖Or, tents.

b He reuerenced his brother in worldly things, because he chiefly looked to be preferred to the spiritual promise.

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men seruants, & women seruants, and haue sent to shew my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 ¶ So the messengers came againe to Iaakob, saying, We came vnto thy brother Esau, and he also commeth against thee, and foure hundreth men with him.

7 Then Iaakob was [c] greatly afrayd, and was sore troubled, and diuided the people that was with him, and the sheepe, & the beeues, and the camels into two companies.

8 For he said, If Esau come to the one companie and smite it, the other companie shall escape.

9 ¶ Moreouer Iaakob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaak: Lord, which [d] saidest vnto me, Returne vnto thy countrey, & to thy kinred, and I will doe thee good,

10 I am not ‡ worthie of the least of all the mercies and all the trueth, which thou hast shewed vnto thy seruant: for with my [e] staffe came I ouer this Iorden, and nowe haue I gotten two bands.

11 I pray thee deliuer me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I feare him, lest he will come and smite me, and the [f] mother vpon the children.

12 For thou saidest, I will surely doe thee good, & make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbred for multitude.

13 ¶ And he tarried there the same night, and tooke of that which came to hande, a [g] present for Esau his brother:

14 Two hundred shee goats and twenty hee goates, two hundred ewes and twenty rammes:

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, fourtie kine, and ten bullockes, twentie shee asses and ten foales.

16 So he deliuered them into the hand of his seruants, euery droue by themselues, and said vnto his seruants, Passe before me, and put a space betweene droue and droue.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, If Esau my brother meete thee, & aske thee, saying, Whose seruant art thou? And whither goest thou? And whose are these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, They bee thy seruant Iaakobs: it is a present sent vnto my lord Esau: and beholde, he himselfe also is behinde vs.

19 So likewise commanded hee the second, and the third, and al that followed the droues, saying, After this maner ye shall speake vnto Esau, when ye finde him.

20 And ye shall say moreouer, Beholde, thy seruant Iaakob commeth after vs. (for he thought, I [h] will appease his wrath with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face: it may be that hee will ‡ accept me.)

21 So went the present before him: but he tarried that night with the company.

22 And he rose vp the same night, and tooke his two wiues, and his two maides, and his eleuen children, and went ouer the foord Iabbok.

23 And hee tooke them, and sent them ouer the riuer, and sent ouer that he had.

24 ¶ Now when Iaakob was left himselfe alone, there wrestled a [i] man with him vnto the breaking of the day.

25 And hee saw that he could not [k] preuaile against him: therefore he touched the holow of his thigh, & the holow of Iaakobs thigh was loosed, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me goe, for the morning appeareth. Who answered, I will not let thee goe, except thou bless me.

27 Then said he vnto him, What is thy name? And he said, Iaakob.

28 Then said he, [l] Thy name shalbe called Iaakob no more, but Israel: because thou hast had [m] power with God, thou shalt also preuaile with men.

29 Then Iaakob demanded, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he [n] answered, Wherefore now doest thou aske my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Iaakob called the name of the place, Peniel: for, said he, I haue seene God face to face, and [o] my life is preserued.

31 And the sunne rose to him as he passed Peniel, and he [p] halted vpon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eate not of the sinew that shranke in the holow of the thigh, vnto this day: because he touched the sinew that shranke in the holow of Iaakobs thigh.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Esau and Iaakob meet and are reconciled. 12 Esau receiueth his gifts. 19 Iaakob buyeth a possession. 20 And buildeth an altar.

AND as Iaakob lift vp his eyes, and looked, behold, Esau came, and with him foure hundred men: and hee [a] diuided the children to Leah, and to Rahel, and to the two maides.

2 And he put the maides, and their children formost, and Leah, and her children after, and Rahel, and Ioseph hindermost.

3 So he went before them, and [b] bowed himselfe to the ground seuen times, vntill he came neere to his brother.

4 Then Esau ranne to meete him, and embraced him, and fell on his necke, and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And hee lift vp his eyes, and saw the women, and the children, and said, Who are these with thee? And he answered, They are the children whom God of his grace hath giuen thy seruant.

6 Then came the maides neere, they, and their children, and [c] bowed themselues.

7 Leah also with her children came neere and made obeysance: and after, Ioseph and Rahel drew neere and did reuerence.

8 Then he said, What meanest thou by all this droue, which I met? Who answered, I haue sent it, that I might finde fauour in the sight of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I haue enough my brother: keepe that thou hast to thy selfe.

10 But Iaakob answered, Nay, I pray thee: if I haue found grace now in thy sight, then receiue my present at mine hand: for [d] I haue seene thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, because thou hast accepted mee.

11 I pray thee take my ‖ blessing, that is brought

Chap. 31. 13.

‡ Ebr. I am lesse then all thy mercies.

d That is, poore and without all prouision.

e Meaning, he will put all to death: this prouerbe commeth of them which kill the bird together with her yong ones.

f Not distrusting Gods assistance, but vsing such meanes as God had giuen him.

17 Iacob's policie

g He thought it no losse to depart with these goods, to the intent he might follow the vocation whereunto God called him.

‡ Ebr. receiue my face.

h That is, God in form of man.

i For God assaileth his with the one hand, & vpholdeth them with the other. Hose. 12. 4.

Iacob & the Angel

Chap. 35. 10.

k God gaue Iaakob both power to ouercome, & also the prayse of the victoria.

‖ Or, my soule is deliuered.

l The faithful ouercome their tentations, that they feele the smart thereof, to the intent that they should not glory but in their humilitie.

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a That if the one part were assailed, the other might escape.

b By this gesture he partly did reuerence to his brother, & partly prayed to God to mitigate Esaus wrath.

c Iaakob and his familie are the image of the Church vnder the yoke of tyrants, which for feare are brought to subiection.

d In that that his brother imbraced him so louingly, contrary to his expectation, he accepted it as a plaine signe of Gods prefence.

‖ Or, gift.

thought thee: for God hath had mercie on me, and therefore I haue all things: so he ᵉ compelled him, and he tooke it.

12 And he said, Let vs take our iourney and go, and I will go before thee.

13 Then he answered him, My lord knoweth, that the children are tender, and the ewes and kine with yong vnder mine hand: and if they should ouerdriue them one day, all the flocke would die.

14 Let nowe my lord goe before his seruant, and I will driue softly, according to the pace of the cattell, which is before mee, and as the children be able to endure, vntill ᶠ I come to my lord vnto Seir.

15 Then Esau said, I will leaue then some of my folke with thee. And he answered, What needeth this? let me finde grace in the sight of my lord.

16 ¶ So Esau returned, & went his way that same day vnto Seir.

17 And Jaakob went forward toward Succoth, and built him an house, and made boothes for his cattell: therefore hee called the name of the place ‖ Succoth.

18 ¶ Afterward, Jaakob came safe to Shechem a citie, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from ‖ Padan Aram, and pitched before the citie.

19 And there hee bought a parcell of ground, where hee pitched his tent, at the hand of the sonnes of Hamor Shechems father, for an hundred ‖ pieces of money.

20 And he set vp there an altar, and called ᵍ it, The mighty God of Israel.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Dinah is rauished, 8 Hamor asketh her in mariage for his sonne. 22 The Shechemites are circumcised at the request of Iaakobs sonnes, and the perswasion of Hamor. 25 The whoredome is reuenged. 28 Iaakob reproueth his sonnes.

THen Dinah, ʰ daughter of Leah, which she bare vnto Jaakob, ᵃ went out to see the daughters of that countrey.

2 Whom when Shechem the sonne of Hamor the Hiuite lord of that countrey saw, he tooke her, and lay with her, and ᵗ defiled her.

3 So his heart claue vnto Dinah the daughter of Jaakob: and he loued the maid, and ᵗ spake kindely vnto the maid.

4 Then said Shechem to his father Hamor, saying, ᵇ Get me this maid to wife.

5 (Now Jaakob heard that hee had defiled Dinah his daughter, and his sonnes were with his cattell in the field: therefore Jaakob held his peace, vntill they were come.)

6 ¶ Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out vnto Jaakob to commune with him.

7 And when the sonnes of Jaakob were come out of the field and heard it, it grieued the men, and they were very angry, because he had wrought ‖ villenie in Israel, in that he had lien with Jaakobs daughter: ‖which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soule of my sonne Shechem longeth for your daughter: giue her him to wife, I pray you.

9 So make ‖affinitie with vs: giue your daughters vnto vs, and take our daughters vnto you,

10 And yee shall dwell with vs, and the land shall be before you: dwell, ᵏ do your businesse in it, ᵏ haue your possessions therein.

11 Shechem also said vnto her father and vnto her brethren, ‖Let me finde fauour in your eyes, and I will giue whatsoeuer yee shall appoynt me.

12 ‡Aske of me abundantly both dowrie and gifts, and I wil giue as ye appoynt me, so that ye giue me the maid to wife.

13 Then the sonnes of Jaakob answered Shechem ᵉ Hamor his father, talking deceitfully, because hee had defiled Dinah their sister,

14 And they sayd vnto them, ᶜ We can not doe this thing, to giue our sister to an vncircumcised man: for that were a ᵈ reproofe vnto vs.

15 But in this will we consent vnto you, if yee will be as we are, that euery manchild among you be ᵉ circumcised:

16 Then will we giue our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to vs, and will dwell with you, and be one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken vnto vs to be circumcised, then wil we take our daughter and depart.

18 Now their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamors sonne.

19 And the yong man deferred not to do the thing, because he loued Jaakobs daughter: hee was also the ‖ most set by of all his fathers house.

20 ¶ Then Hamor and Shechem his sonne went vnto the ᶠ gate of their citie, and communed with the men of their citie, saying,

21 These men are ᵍ peaceable with vs: and that they may dwell in the land, and do their affaires therein (for behold, the lande hath roome enough for them) let vs take their daughters to wiues, & giue them our daughters.

22 Onely herein will the men consent vnto vs for to dwell with vs, and to be one people, if all the men children among vs be circumcised as they are circumcised.

23 Shall not ʰ their flocks and their substance and all their cattell be ours? onely let vs consent herein vnto them, and they will dwell with vs.

24 And vnto Hamor, and Shechem his sonne hearkened al that went out of the gate of his citie: and all the men children were circumcised, euen all that went out of the gate of his citie.

25 And on the third day (when they were sore) two of the sonnes of Jaakob, ⁱ Simeon and Leui Dinahs brethren, tooke either of them his sworde and went into the citie boldly, and ᵏ slew ˡ euery male.

26 They slew also Hamor and Shechem his sonne with the ᵗ edge of the sworde, and tooke Dinah out of Shechems house, and went their way.

27 Againe the other sonnes of Jaakob came vpon the dead, and spoyled the citie, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They

ᵉ By earnest entreatie.

ᶠ He promised that which (as seemeth) his mind was not to performe.

‖ Or, tents.
‖ Or, Mesopotamia.

‖ Or, lambes, or money so marked.

ᵍ He called the thing, which it signifieth, in token that God had mightily deliuered him.

ʰ This example teacheth that too much libertie is not to be giuen to youth.

ᵗ Ebr. humbled her.

ᵗ Ebr. spake to the heart of the maid

ᵇ This proueth that the consent of parents is requisite in marriage, seeing the very infidels did also obserue it as a thing necessary

‖ Or, follie.
‡ Ebr. and it shall not be so done.

‖ Or, marriages.

‖ Or, graunt my request.

‡ Ebr multiplie greatly the dowry.

ᶜ They made the holy ordinance of God, a meane to compasse their wicked purpose.
ᵈ As it is an abomination for the that are baptized to ioyne with infidels.
ᵉ Their fault is the greater, in that they make religion a cloke for their craft.

‖ Or, most honourable.

ᶠ For the people vsed to assemble there, and iustice also was ministred.
ᵍ Thus many pretend to speake for a publike profit, when they onely speake for their owne priuate gaine and commoditie.
ʰ Thus they lacke no kinde of perswasion, which preferre their owne commodities before the common wealth.

ⁱ For they were the chiefe of the company. Chap. 49. 6.
ᵏ The people are punished with their wicked princes.
ᵗ Ebr. mouth of the sword.

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28 They tooke their sheepe, and their beeues, and their asses, and whatsoeuer was in the citie, and in the fielde.

29 Also they caried away captiue and spoyled all their goods, and all their children and their wiues, and all that was in the houses.

30 Then Iaakob sayd to Simeon and Leui, Ye haue troubled me, and made me ‖ stinke among the inhabitants of the lande, as well the Canaanites, as the Perizites, and I being few in number, they shal gather themselues together against me, & slay me, and so shall I and my house be destroyed.

31 And they answered, Should he abuse our sister as a whore?

‖ Or, to be abhorred.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Iaakob at Gods commandement goeth vp to Beth-el to build an altar. 2 Hee reformeth his houshold. 5 God maketh the enemies of Iaakob afraid. 8 Deborah dieth. 12 The land of Canaan is promised him. 18 Rahel dieth in labour. 22 Reuben lieth with his fathers concubine. 23 The children of Iaakob. 29 The death of Izhak.

THen a God sayd to Iaakob, Arise, goe vp to Beth-el and dwell there, and make there an altar vnto God, that appeared vnto thee, * when thou fleddest from Esau thy brother.

a God is euer at hand to succour his in their troubles. *Chap.28.13.*

2 Then sayd Iaakob vnto his houshold, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and b cleanse your selues, and change your garments:

b That by this outward act they should shewe their inward repentance,

3 For we will arise, & goe vp to Beth-el, and I will make an altar there vnto God, which heard me in the day of my tribulation, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gaue vnto Iaakob all the strange gods, which were in their handes, and all their c earerings which were in their eares, and Iaakob hid them vnder an oke, which was by Shechem.

c For therein was some signe of superstition, as in tables and Agnus dei.

5 Then they went on their iourney, and the d feare of God was vpon the cities that were round about them: so that they did not follow after the sonnes of Iaakob.

d Thus notwithstanding the inconuenience that came before, God deliuered Iaakob. *Chap 28,19.*

6 ¶ So came Iaakob to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan: (the same is Beth-el) he and all the people that was with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and * had called y place, The God of Beth-el, because that God appeared vnto him there, when he fled from his brother.

8 Then Deborah Rebekahs nurse died, and was buried beneath Beth-el vnder an oke: and he called the name of it ‖ Allon Bachuth.

‖ Or, oke of lamentation.

9 ¶ Againe God appeared vnto Iaakob, after he came out of Padan Aram, and blessed him.

10 Moreouer God sayd vnto him, Thy name is Iaakob: thy name shall be no more called Iaakob, but * Israel shall bee thy name: and he called his name Israel.

Chap.32.28.

11 Againe, God sayd vnto him, I am ‖ God: be fruitful and multiplie, a nation and multitude of nations shall spring of thee, and Kings shall come out of thy loynes.

‖ Or, almighty.

12 Also I will giue the land, which I gaue to Abraham and Izhak vnto thee, and to thy seede after thee will I giue that land.

13 So God e ascended from him in the place where he had talked with him.

e As God is said to descend, when he sheweth some figure of his presence, so he is said to ascend, when the vision is ended.

14 And Iaakob set vp a pillar in the place where he talked with him, a pillar of stone, and powred drinke offering thereon: also he powred oyle thereon.

15 And Iaakob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el.

16 ¶ Then they departed from Beth-el, and when there was about halfe a dayes iourney of ground to come to Ephrah, Rahel trauelled, and in trauelling she was in perill.

17 And when she was in paines of her labour, the mid wife said vnto her, Feare not: for thou shalt haue this sonne also.

18 Then as f her was about to yeelde vp the ghost (for she died) she called his name Ben-oni, but his father called him Beniamin.

f The Ebrewe word signifieth as much ground as one may goe from hoofe to hoofe, which is taken for halfe a dayes iourney.

Chap.48.7.

19 Thus died Rahel, and was buried in the way of Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem.

20 And Iaakob set g a pillar vpon her graue: this is the pillar of Rahels graue vnto this day.

g The ancient fathers vsed this ceremony to testifie their hope of the resurrection to come, which was not generally reuealed.

21 ¶ Then Israel went forward, and pitched his tent beyond Migdal-eder.

22 Now when Israel dwelt in that land, Reuben went, and h lay * with Bilhah his fathers concubine, and it came to Israels eare. And Iaakob had twelue sonnes.

h This teacheth that the fathers were not chosen for their merits, but by Gods onely mercies whose election by their fault was not changed.

Chap.49.4.

23 The sonnes of Leah: Reuben Iaakobs eldest sonne, and Simeon, and Leui, and Iudah, and Iissachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sonnes of Rahel: Ioseph & Beniamin.

25 And the sonnes of Bilhah Rahels maide: Dan and Naphtali.

26 And the sonnes of Zilpah Leahs maide: Gad and Aher. These are the sonnes of Iaakob, which were borne him in Padan Aram.

27 ¶ Then Iaakob came vnto Izhak his father to Mamre a citie of Arbah: that is Hebron, where Abraham and Izhak were strangers.

28 And the dayes of Izhak were an hundreth and fourtie and yeeres.

29 And Izhak gaue vp the ghost, and died, and was * gathered vnto his people, being old and full of dayes: and his sonnes Esau and Iaakob buried him.

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CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The wiues of Esau. 7 Iaakob & Esau are rich. 9 The genealogy of Esau. 24 The finding of mules.

NOw these are the generations of Esau, which is Edom.

a This genealogie declareth that Esau was blessed temporally, and that his fathers blessing tooke place in worldly things.

2 Esau tooke his wiues of the b daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon an Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon an Hiuite,

3 And tooke Basemath Ishmaels daughter, sister of Nebaioth.

c Besides those wiues whereof is spoken, Chap. 26 34.

4 And * Adah bare vnto Esau, Eliphat: and Basemath bare Reuel.

1 Chron. 1. 35.

5 Also Aholibamah bare Ieush, and Iaalam, and Korah: these are the sonnes of Esau which were borne to him in the land

Esaus generations

land of Canaan.

6 So Esau tooke his wiues and his sons and his daughters, and all the soules of his house, and his flockes, and all his cattell, and all his substance which he had gotten in the land of Canaan, and ᵉwent into another countrey from his brother Iaakob.

7 For their riches were so great that they could not dwell together, and the land, wherein they were strangers, could not receiue them because of their flockes.

8 ᵉTherefore dwelt Esau in mount Seir: This Esau is Edom.

9 ¶ So these are the generations of Esau father of ‖ Edom in mount Seir.

10 These are the names of Esaus sonnes: ᵉEliphaz the sonne of Adah, the wife of Esau, and Reuel the sonne of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sonnes of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esaus sonne, and bare vnto Eliphaz Amalek: these be the sonnes of Adah Esaus wife.

13 ¶ And these are the ‖ sonnes of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sonnes of Bashemath Esaus wife.

14 ¶ And these were the sonnes of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, ‖ daughter of Zibeon Esaus wife: for he bare vnto Esau Ieush, and Iaalam, and Korah.

15 ¶ These were ‖ ᵈ Dukes of the sonnes of Esau: the sonnes of Eliphaz, the first borne of Esau: Duke Teman, Duke Omar, Duke Zepho, Duke Kenaz,

16 Duke Korah, Duke Gatam, Duke Amalek: these are the Dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom: these were the ‖ sonnes of Adah.

17 ¶ And these are the sonnes of Reuel Esaus sonne: Duke Nahath, Duke Zerah, Duke Shammah, Duke Mizzah: these are the Dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom: these are the ‖ sonnes of Bashemath Esaus wife.

18 ¶ Likewise these were the sonnes of Aholibamah Esaus wife: Duke Ieush, Duke Iaalam, Duke Korah: these Dukes came of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah Esaus wife.

19 These are the children of Esau, and these are the Dukes of them: this Esau is Edom.

20 ¶ These are the sonnes of Seir the Horite, which ᵉinhabited the land before, Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the Dukes of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the sonnes of Lotan were Hori, and Heman, and Lotans sister was Timna.

23 And the sonnes of Shobal were these: Aluan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these are the sonnes of Zibeon: both Aiah, and Anah: this was Anah that found ᶠmules in the wildernesse, as hee fed his father Zibeons asses.

25 And the children of Anah were these: Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 Also these are the sonnes of Dishan: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The sonnes of Ezer are these: Bilhan, and Zaauan, and Akan.

28 The sonnes of Dishan are these: Uz, and Aran.

29 These are the Dukes of the Horites: Duke Lotan, Duke Shobal, Duke Zibeon, Duke Anah,

30 Duke Dishon, Duke Ezer, Duke Dishan: these bee the Dukes of the Horites, after their Dukedomes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these are the ᵍkings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king ouer the children of Israel.

32 Then Bela the sonne of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And when Bela died, Iobab the sonne of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 When Iobab also was dead, Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And after the death of Husham, Hadad the sonne of Bedad, which slew Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead, and the name of his citie was Auith.

36 When Hadad was dead, then Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 When Samlah was dead, Shaul of ʰRehoboth by the riuer reigned in his stead.

38 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the sonne of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And after the death of Baal-hanan the sonne of Achbor, Hadad reigned in his stead, and the name of his citie was Pau: and his wiues name Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the ‖ daughter of Mezahab.

40 Then these are the names of the Dukes of Esau according to their families, their places & by their names: Duke Timna, Duke Aluah, Duke Ietheth,

41 Duke Aholibamah, Duke Elah, Duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, Duke Teman, Duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, Duke Iram: these be the Dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their inheritance. This Esau is the father of ⁱEdom.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 Ioseph accuseth his brethren. 5 He dreameth and is hated of his brethren. 28 They sell him to the Ishmaelites. 34 Iaakob bewaileth Ioseph.

1 Iaakod now dwelt in the land, wherein his father was a stranger, in the lande of Canaan.

2 These are the ᵃgenerations of Iaakob: when Ioseph was seuenteene yeere old, he kept sheepe with his brethren: and the childe was with the sonnes of Bilhah, and with the sonnes of Zilpah, his fathers wiues. And Ioseph brought vnto their father their ᵇ euill saying.

3 Now Israel loued Ioseph more then all his sonnes, because hee begate him in his old age, and hee made him a coate of many ‖ colours.

4 So

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c Herein appeareth Gods prouidence, which causeth the wicked to giue place to the godly, that Iaakob might enioy Canaan according to Gods promise.

Iosh. 24. 4.

‖ Or, the Edomites.

1. Chron. 1. 35.

‖ Or, nephewes.

‖ Or, neece.

‖ Or, chiefe men.

d If Gods promise be so sure towards them, which are not of his household, how much more will he performe the same to vs?

‖ Or, nephewes.

‖ Or, nephewes.

1. Chron. 1. 38.

e Before that Esau did there inhabite.

f Who not contented with those kinds of beasts which God had created, found out the mostrous generation of mules betweene the Asse and the Mare.

g The wicked rise vp suddenly to honour, and perish as quickly: but the inheritance of the children of God continueth for euer, Psal. 102. 28.

h Which citie is by the riuer Euphrates.

‖ Or, neece.

i Of Edom came the Idumeans.

19 Ianua Lector Ebenezer

a That is, the story of such things as came to him and his familie, as Chap. 5. 1.

‖ Or, slander.

b He complained of the euill words, and iniuries which they spake and did against him.

‖ Or, pieces.

Genesis

c God revealed to him by a dreame, what should come to passe.

d The more that God sheweth himselfe favourable to his, the more doth the malice of the wicked rage against them.

e Not despising the vision, but seeking to appease his brethren.

‖Or, kept diligently.

f He knew that God was author of the dreame, but he vnderstood not the meaning.

‖ The holy Ghost covereth not mens faults, as do vaine writers which make vice vertue.

‖Or, soothsayer of dreames.

Chap. 42.22.

‡Ebr. let vs not smite his life.

4 So when his brethren saw that their father loued him more then all his brethren, then they hated him, and could not speake peaceably vnto him.

5 ¶ And Ioseph c dreamed a dreame, and told his brethren, who hated him so much the more.

6 For he sayde vnto them, Heare, I pray you, this dreame which I haue dreamed.

7 Behold now, we were binding sheaues in the midst of the field: and lo, my sheafe arose, and also stood vpright, and beholde, your sheaues compassed round about, and did reuerence to my sheafe.

8 Then his brethren said to him, What, shalt thou reigne ouer vs, and rule vs? or shalt thou haue altogether dominion ouer vs? And they d hated him so much the more for his dreames, and for his words.

9 ¶ Againe he dreamed another dreame, and told it his brethren, and said, Beholde, I haue had one dreame more, and beholde, the sunne and the moone and eleuen starres did reuerence to me.

10 Then he told it vnto his father and to his brethren, and his father e rebuked him, and sayde vnto him, What is this dreame, which thou hast dreamed? shall I, and thy mother, and thy brethren come in deede and fall on the ground before thee?

11 And his brethren enuied him, but his father ‖ noted the saying.

12 ¶ Then his brethren went to keepe their fathers sheepe in Shechem.

13 And Israel sayd vnto Ioseph, Do not thy brethren keepe in Shechem? come, and I will send thee to them.

14 And hee answered him, I am here. Then he sayd vnto him, Go now, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and howe the flocks prosper, and bring me worde againe: so he sent him from the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 ¶ Then a man found him: for loe, he was wandring in the field, and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And hee answered, I seeke my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they keepe sheepe.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence: for I heard them say, Let vs go vnto Dothain. Then went Ioseph after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, euen before he came at them, they f conspired against him for to slay him.

19 For they said one to another, Behold, this ‖ dreamer commeth.

20 Come now therefore, and let vs slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, A wicked beast hath deuoured him: then wee shall see, what will come of his dreames.

21 * But when Reuben heard that, he deliuered him out of their hands, and said, ‡ Let vs not kill him.

22 Also Reuben said vnto them, Shed not blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wildernesse, and lay no hand vpon him: Thus hee said, that hee might deliuer him out of their hand, and restore him to his father againe.

23 ¶ Now when Ioseph was come vnto his brethren, they strip Ioseph out of his coate, his particoloured coat that was vpon him.

24 And they tooke him, and cast h him into a pit, and the pit was emptie, without water in it.

25 Then they sate them down to eat bread: and they lift vp their eyes, and looked, and behold, there came a company of Ishmeelites from Gilead, and their camels laden with spicerie, and ‖ balme, and myrrhe, and were going to carie it downe into Egypt.

26 Then Iudah said vnto his brethren, What auaileth it, if wee slay our brother, though we keepe his blood secretly?

27 Come and let vs sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hands be vpon him: for hee is our brother and our flesh: and his brethren obeyed.

28 Then the * Midianites merchantmen passed by, and they drew foorth, and lift Ioseph out of the pit, and solde Ioseph vnto the Ishmeelites for twentie pieces of siluer: who brought Ioseph into Egypt.

29 ¶ Afterward Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Ioseph was not in the pit: then he rent his clothes.

30 And returned to his brethren, and said, The child is not yonder, and I, whither shall I goe?

31 And they tooke Iosephs coate, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

32 So they sent that particoloured coat, k and they brought it vnto their father, and said, This haue wee found: see now, whether it be thy sonnes coat, or no.

33 Then he knewe it, and said, It is my sonnes coat: a wicked beast hath deuoured him: Ioseph is surely rent in pieces.

34 And Iaakob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth about his loynes, and lamented for his sonne a long season.

35 Then all his sonnes and all his daughters rose vp to comfort him, but hee would not be comforted, but said, For I will goe downe into the graue vnto my sonne, mourning: so his father wept for him.

36 And the Midianites solde him into Egypt vnto Potiphar ‖an Eunuch of Pharaohs, and his ‖chiefe steward.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

* The marriage of Iudah, 7.9. The trespasse of Er and Onan, and the vengeance of God that came thereupon. 18 Iudah lieth with his daughter in law Tamar. 24 Tamar is iudged to bee burnt for whoredome, 25.30. The birth of Pharez and Zarah.

AND at that time * Iudah went downe from his brethren, and turned in to a man called Hirah an Adullamite.

2 And Iudah saw there the daughter of a man called * Shuah a b Canaanite: and he tooke her to wife, and went in vnto her.

3 So shee conceiued, and bare a sonne, and he called his name Er.

4 * And she conceiued againe, and bare a sonne, and shee called his name Onan.

5 Moreouer she bare yet a sonne, whome shee

The Israelites in Egypt

h Their hypocrisie appeareth in this, that they feared man more then God: and thought it was not murther, if they shed not his blood: or els had an excuse to couer their fault.

‖Or, rosen, serpentine, or triacle

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Wisd. 10.13. Psal. 105.17.

i Moses writing according to the opinion of them which tooke the Midianites and Ishmeelites to be both one, doeth heere confound their names: as also appeareth, verse 36 & chap. 39.1 or else he was first offered to the Midianites but sold to the Ishmeelites.

k To wit, the messengers which were sent.

Chap. 44.28.

‖Or, I will mourne for him, so long as I liue.

l Which word doth not alway signifie him that is gelded, but also him) is in some his dignitie.

‖Or, captaine of the guard.

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a Moses describeth Iudahs genealogy of Iudah, because the Messias should come of him.

1. Chron. 2.3.

b Which affinitie notwithstanding was condemned of God.

Numb. 26.19.*

Judahs incest Numb. 26. 19.

Genesis

thee called Shelah: and Iudah was at Chezib when shee bare him.

6 Then Iudah tooke a wife to Er his first borne sonne, whose name was Tamar.

7 *Now Er the first borne of Iudah was wicked in the sight of the Lord: therefore the Lord slue him.

8 Then Iudah said to Onan, Go in vnto thy brothers wife, and doe the office of a kinsman vnto her, and raise vp seede vnto thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his: therefore when hee went in vnto his brothers wife, hee spilled it on the ground, lest hee should giue seede vnto his brother.

10 And it was wicked in the eyes of the Lord, which he did: wherefore hee slew him also.

11 Then sayde Iudah to Tamar his daughter in law, dremaine a widow in thy fathers house, till Shelah my sonne grow vp (for hee thought thus, Lest he die as well as his brethren.) So Tamar went and dwelt in her fathers house.

12 ¶ And in processe of time also the daughter of Shuah Iudahs wife died. Then Iudah, when he ehad left mourning, went vp to his sheepe shearers to Timnah, he, and his neighbour Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father in law goeth vp to Timnah, to sheare his sheepe.

14 Then she put her widowes garments off from her, fcouered her with a valle, and wrapped her selfe, gsate downe in ‖Pethshenaim, which is by the way to Timnah, because she saw that Shelah was growen, and shee was not giuen vnto him to wife.

15 When Iudah saw her, hee iudged her an whoore: for shee had couered her face.

16 And hee turned to the way towardes her, and said, Come, I pray thee, let mee lie with thee, (for hee knew not that shee was his daughter in lawe.) And shee answered, What wilt thou giue me for to lie with mee?

17 Then said he, I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock: and she said, Wel, if thou wilt giue me a pledge, till thou send it.

18 Then he said, What is the pledge that I shall giue thee? And shee answered, Thy signet, and thy ‖ cloake, and thy staffe that is in thine hand. So he gaue it her, and lay by her, and shee was with child by him.

19 Then shee rose, and went, and put her valle from her, and put on her widowes raiment.

20 Afterward Iudah sent a kidde of the goates by the hand of his neighbour the Adullamite, for to receiue his pledge from the womans hand: but he found her not.

21 Then asked he the men of that place, saying, Where is the whore, that sate in Enaim by the way side? And they answered, There was no whore here.

22 Hee came therefore to Iudah againe, and said, I cannot finde her, and also the men of the place said, There was no whore there.

23 Then Iudah said, Let her take it to her, lest we bee ‡ ashamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 ¶ And after three moneths, one told Iudah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the whore, and loe, with playing the whore, shee is great with childe. Then Iudah said, Bring yee her forth, and let her be *burnt.

25 When shee was brought forth, shee sent to her father in lawe, saying, By the man, vnto whom these things pertaine, am I with childe: and said also, Looke, I pray thee, whose these are, the seale, and the cloke, and the staffe.

26 Then Iudah knew them, and said, Shee is i more righteous then I: for she hath done it, because I gaue her not to Shelah my sonne. So he lay with her k no more.

27 ¶ Now when the time was come, that shee should be deliuered, behold, there were twinnes in her wombe.

28 And when shee was in trauell, the one put out his hand: and the mid-wife tooke and bound a red thread about his hand, saying, This is come out first.

29 But when he lplucked his hand backe againe, to his brother came out: and the mid-wife said, How hast thou broken the breach vpon thee? and his name was called *Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother that had the red thread about his hand, and his name was called Zarah.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Ioseph is sold to Potiphar.* 2 *God prospereth him.* 7 *Potiphars wife tempteth him.* 13. 20. *Hee is accused and cast in prison.* 21 *God sheweth him fauour.*

NOw Ioseph was brought downe into Egypt: and Potiphar a an Eunuch of Pharaohs (and his chiefe steward) an Egyptian) bought him at the hand of the Ishmeelites, which brought him thither.

1 And the b Lord was with Ioseph, and he was a man that prospered, and was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did, to prosper in his hand.

4 So Ioseph found fauour in his sight, and serued him: and hee made him c ruler of his house, and put all that he had, in his hand.

5 And from that time that he had made him ruler ouer his house, and ouer all that he had, the Lord d blessed the Egyptians house for Iosephs sake: and the blessing of the Lord was vpon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 Therefore he left all that he had in Iosephs hand, e and tooke account of nothing that was with him, saue onely of the bread which hee did eate. And Ioseph was a faire person, and well fauoured.

7 ¶ Now therefore after these things, his masters wife cast her eyes vpon Ioseph, and said, f Lie with me.

8 But he refused and said to his masters wife, Behold, my master knoweth not what he hath in the house with me, but hath committed all that he hath to mine hand.

9 There is no man greater in this house then I: neither hath hee kept any thing from

20 Tamea 1 Lesson seven

Or, in the doore of the fountaines: or, where were two wayes.

Or, sire of thine head.

Or, in contempt.

g He feareth man more then God.

h Wee see that the Law, which was written in mans heart, taught them that whosoeuer should be punished with death: albeit no Law as yet was giuen.

i That is, shee ought rather to accuse me then I her.

k For the horrour of the sinne condemned him.

l Their heinous sinne was signified by this monstrous birth.

m Or, the separation betweene thee and thy brother.

1. Chron. 2. 4. matth. 1. 3.

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a Reade Chap. 37. 36.

In Lesson

b The fauour of God is the fountaine of all prosperitie.

c Because God prospered him: and so he made religion to serue his profit.

d The wicked are blessed by the companie of the godly.

e For hee was assured that all things should prosper well: therefore he ate and dranke, and tooke no care.

f In this word she declareth the summe whereunto all her flatteries did tend.

Genesis

8 The feare of God preserued him against her continuall tentations.

‖Or, to doe vs villanie and shame.

h This declareth that where incontinencie is, thereunto is ioyned extreme impudencie & craft.

‖Or, after this maner.

‡Ebr. in the prison house.

i His euil intreatment in the prison may be gathered of the Psal. 105. 18.

‡Ebr. inclined mercy vnto him.

‖Or, lord.

k That is, nothing was done without his commandement.

21 Ianuarie 1 Sepond Morn

‖Or, eunuches. the word signifieth them that were in high estate, or them that were gelded.

a God worketh many wonderful meanes to deliuer his.

b That is, euery dreame had his interpretation, as the thing afterward declared.

from me, but onely thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I doe this great wickednesse and so sinne against God?

10 And albeit the Spake to Ioseph day by day, yet hee hearkened not vnto her, to lie with her, or to be in her companie.

11 Then on a certaine day Ioseph entred into the house, to doe his businesse: and there was no man of the houshold in the house:

12 Therefore she caught him by his garment, saying, Sleepe with me: but hee left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 Now when shee saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled out,

14 She called vnto the men of her house, and tolde them, saying, Behold, he hath brought in an Ebrew vnto vs, to ‖mocke vs: who came in to mee for to haue slept with me, but I h cried with a lowde voice.

15 And when hee heard that I lift vp my voice and cried, hee left his garment with me, and fled away, and got him out.

16 So shee laide vp his garment by her, vntill her lord came home.

17 Then she told him according to these words, saying, The Ebrew seruant, which thou hast brought vnto vs, came in to me, to mocke me.

18 But assoone as I lift vp my voyce and cried, he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 Then when his master heard the words of his wife, which shee tolde him, saying, After this maner did thy seruant to me, his anger was kindled.

20 And Iosephs master tooke him and put him in ‡ prison, in the place, where the Kings prisoners lay bound: and there hee was in prison.

21 ¶ But the Lord was with Ioseph, and ‡ shewed him mercie, and got him fauour in the sight of the ‖ master of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Iosephs hand all the prisoners that were in the prison, and k whatsoeuer they did there, that did he.

23 And the keeper of the prison looked vnto nothing that was vnder his hand, seeing that the Lord was with him: for whatsoeuer he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

CHAP. XL.

8 The interpretation of dreames is of God. 12 19 Ioseph expoundeth the dreames of the two prisoners. 23 The ingratitude of the butler.

AND after these things, the butler of the King of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the King of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was angrie against his two ‖ officers, against the chiefe butler, and against the chiefe baker.

3 Therefore he put them in ward in the chiefe steward a house, in the prison and place where a Ioseph was bound.

4 And the chiefe steward gaue Ioseph charge ouer them, and he serued them: and they continued a season in ward.

5 ¶ And they both dreamed a dreame either of them his dreame in one night b each one according to the interpretation of his dreame, both the butler and the baker of the King of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

6 And when Ioseph came in vnto them in the morning, and looked vpon them, behold they were sad.

7 And he asked Pharaohs officers, that were with him in his masters ward, saying, ‡ Wherefore looke ye so sadly to day?

8 Who answered him, Wee haue dreamed ech one a dreame, and there is none to interprete the same. Then Ioseph said vnto them, c Are not interpretations of God? tell them me now.

9 So the chiefe butler tolde his dreame to Ioseph, and said vnto him, In my dreame, behold, a vine was before me,

10 And in the vine were three branches, and as it budded, her flowre came forth: and the clusters of grapes waxed ripe.

11 And I had Pharaohs cup in mine hand, and I tooke the grapes, and wrung them into Pharaohs cup, and I gaue the cup into Pharaohs hand.

12 Then Ioseph said vnto him, This d is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three dayes.

13 Within three dayes shall Pharaoh lift vp thine head, and restore thee vnto thine ‡ office, and thou shalt giue Pharaohs cup into his hand after the olde maner, when thou wast his butler.

14 But haue mee in remembrance with thee, when thou art in good case, and shewe mercie, I pray thee, vnto mee, and e make mention of me to Pharaoh, that thou maiest bring me out of this house.

15 For I was stollen away by theft out of the land of the Ebrewes, and here also haue I done nothing, wherefore they should put me ‖ in the dungeon.

16 And when the chiefe baker sawe that the interpretation was good, hee said vnto Ioseph, Also me thought in my dreame, that I had three f white baskets on mine head.

17 And in the vppermost basket there was of all maner baken meates for Pharaoh: and the birds did eate them out of the basket vpon mine head.

18 Then Ioseph answered, and sayde, g This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three dayes:

19 Within three dayes shall Pharaoh take thine head from thee, and shall hang thee on a tree, and the birds shall eate thy flesh from off thee.

20 And so the third day, which was Pharaohs h birth day, hee made a feast vnto all his seruants: and hee lifted vp the head of the chiefe butler, and the head of the chiefe baker among his seruants.

21 And he restored the chiefe butler vnto his butlership, who gaue the cup into Pharaohs hand.

22 But hee hanged the chiefe baker, as Ioseph had interpreted vnto them.

23 Yet the chiefe butler did not remember Ioseph, but forgat him.

CHAP. XLI.

26 Pharaohs dreames are expounded by Ioseph. 40 Hee is made ruler ouer all Egypt. 43 Iosephs name is changed. 50 Hee hath two sonnes: Manasseh

C

Butlers & Bakers Dreames

‡ Ebr. why are your faces euill?

c Cannot God raise vp such as shall interprete such things?

d He was assured by the spirit of God, that his interpretation was true.

‡ Ebr. place.

e He refused not the meanes to be deliuered, which he thought God had appointed.

‖ Or, in the pit.

f That is, made of white twigs, or as some reade, baskets full of holes.

g He sheweth that the Ministers of God ought not to conceale that which God reuealeth vnto them.

h Which was an occasion to appoint his officers, and so to examine them that were in prison.

Pharaohs Dreames

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Pharaohs dreames.

massich and Ephraim. 54 *The famine beginneth throughout the world.*

‡ *Ebr. at the end of two yeeres of dayes.*

a This dreame was not so much for Pharaoh, as to be a meane to deliuer Ioseph, and to prouide for Gods church.

‖ *Or, faire to behold.*

† *Or, flagge place.*

b All these meanes God vsed to deliuer his seruant, and to bring him into fauour and authoritie.

c This feare was enough to teach him, that this vision was sent of God.

d The wise of the world vnderstand not Gods secrets, but to his seruants his will is reueiled.

e He confesseth his fault against the King, before he speake of Ioseph.

* Reade Chap. 40.5.

Psal. 105.20.

f The wicked seeke to the Prophets of God in their necessitie, whom in their prosperitie they abhorre.

g As though he would say, If I interprete thy dreame, it commeth of God, and not of me.

‡ *Ebr. answere peace.*

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‡ *Ebr. weight.*

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AND it came to passe at the ‡ end of two yeeres after, that Pharaoh dreamed, and behold, hee stood by a riuer,

2 And loe, there came out of the riuer seuen ‖ goodly kine and fat fleshed, and they fed in a meadow.

3 And loe, seuen other kine came vp after them out of the riuer, euill fauoured and leane fleshed, and stood by the other kine vpon the brinke of the riuer.

4 And the euill fauoured and leane fleshed kine did eate vp the seuen well fauoured and fat kine: so Pharaoh awoke.

5 Againe he slept, and dreamed the b second time: and behold, seuen eares of corne grew vpon one stalke, ranke and goodly.

6 And loe, seuen thin eares, and blasted with the Eastwinde, sprung vp after them.

7 And the thinne eares deuoured the seuen ranke and full eares. Then Pharaoh awaked, and loe, it was a dreame.

8 Now when the morning came, his spirit was c troubled: therefore he sent and called all the soothsayers of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof, and Pharaoh told them his dreames: but d none could interprete them to Pharaoh.

9 Then spake the chiefe butler vnto Pharaoh, saying, I e call to minde my faults this day.

10 Pharaoh being angrie with his seruants, put me in ward in the chiefe stewards house, both me and the chiefe baker.

11 Then wee dreamed a dreame in one night, both I, and hee: wee dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dreame.

12 And there was with vs a yong man, an Ebrew, seruant vnto the chiefe stewarde, whom when wee told, hee declared our dreames to * vs, to euery one he declared according to his dreame.

13 And as he declared vnto vs, so it came to passe: for hee restored mee to mine office, and hanged him.

14 * Then sent Pharaoh and f called Ioseph, and they brought him hastily out of prison, and hee shaued him, and changed his raiment, and came to Pharaoh.

15 Then Pharaoh said to Ioseph, I haue dreamed a dreame, and no man can interprete it, and I haue heard say of thee, that when thou hearest a dreame, thou canst interpzete it.

16 And Ioseph answered Pharaoh, saying, g Without mee God shall ‡ answere for the wealth of Pharaoh.

17 And Pharaoh said vnto Ioseph, In my dreame, behold, I stood by the banke of the riuer:

18 And loe, there came vp out of the riuer seuen fat fleshed, and wel fauoured kine, and they fed in the meadow.

19 And loe, seuen other kine came vp after them, poore and very euill fauoured, and leane fleshed: I neuer saw the like in all the land of Egypt, for euill fauoured.

20 And the leane and euill fauoured kine did eate vp the first seuen fat kine.

21 And when they ‡ had eaten them vp, it could not bee knowen that they had eaten them, but they were still as euill fauoured, as they were at the beginning: so did I awake.

22 Moreouer I sawe in my dreame, and behold, seuen eares sprang out of one stalke, full and faire.

23 And loe, seuen eares, withered, thinne, and blasted with the Eastwind, sprang vp after them.

24 And the thinne eares deuoured the seuen good eares. Now I haue told the soothsayers, and none can declare it vnto me.

25 ¶ Then Ioseph answered Pharaoh, h Both Pharaohs dreames are one: God hath shewed Pharaoh, what hee is about to doe.

26 The seuen good kine are seuen yeeres: and the seuen good eares are seuen yeeres: this is one dreame.

27 Likewise the seuen thinne and euill fauoured kine, that came out after them, are seuen yeeres: and the seuen emptie eares blasted with the Eastwind, are seuen yeeres of famine.

28 This is the thing which I haue said vnto Pharaoh, that God hath shewed vnto Pharaoh, what he is about to doe.

29 Behold, there come seuen yeeres of great ‖ plentie in all the land of Egypt.

30 Againe, there shall arise after them seuen yeeres of famine, so that all the plentie shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine shall consume the land:

31 Neither shall the plentie bee knowen in the land by reason of this famine that shall come after: for it shall bee exceeding great.

32 And therefore the dreame was doubled vnto Pharaoh the second time, because the thing is established by God, and God hasteth to perfoorme it.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh i prouide for a man of vnderstanding and wisedome, and set him ouer the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh make and appoint officers ouer the land, and take vp the fift part of the land of Egypt in the seuen plenteous yeeres.

35 Also let them gather all the foode of these good yeres that come, and lay vp corne vnder the hand of Pharaoh for foode, in the cities, and let them keepe it.

36 So the foode shall be for the prouision of the land, against the seuen yeeres of famine, which shall bee in the land of Egypt, that the land perish not by famine.

37 ¶ And the saying pleased Pharaoh and all his seruants.

38 Then said Pharaoh vnto his seruants, Can we finde such a man as this, in whom is the k spirit of God?

39 Then Pharaoh said to Ioseph, For as much as God hath shewed thee all this, there is no man of vnderstanding, or of wisedome like vnto thee.

40 * Thou shalt be ouer mine house, and at thy ‡ word shall all my people be armed, only in the Kings throne will I bee aboue thee.

41 Moreouer

‡ *Ebr. went gone vnto their inward parts.*

h Both his dreames tend to one ende.

‖ *Or, abundance and fauntie.*

Or, they shall remember no more the plentie.

i The office of a true Prophet is not onely to shew the euils to come, but also the remedies for the same.

k None should be preferred to honour that haue not gifts of God meete for the same.

Psal. 105.22.

1. *mac.* 2.53.

actes 7.10.

‡ *Ebr. mouth.*

I Some reade, the people shall kisse thy mouth: that is, shall obey thee in all things.

41 Moreouer Pharaoh sayd to Ioseph, Behold, I haue set thee ouer all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh tooke off his ‖ ring from his hande, and put it vpon Iosephs hande, and arayed him in garments of fine linnen, and put a golden chaine about his necke.

43 So hee set him vpon the ‡ best charet that hee had, saue one: and they cryed before him, m Abrech, and placed him ouer all the land of Egypt.

44 Againe Pharaoh sayde vnto Ioseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift vp his hande or his foote in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Iosephs name ‖ Zaphnath-paaneah: and he gaue him to wife Aseneth the daughter of Poti-pherah ‖ Prince of On. Then went Ioseph abroad in the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Ioseph was n thirty yeere olde when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt: and Ioseph departing from the presence of Pharaoh, went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seuen plenteous yeres the earth ‡ brought foorth store.

48 And hee gathered vp all the foode of the seuen plenteous yeeres which were in the land of Egypt, and layd vp food in the cities: the foode of the field, that was round about euery citie, laid he vp in the same.

49 So Ioseph gathered wheate, like vnto the sand of the sea in multitude out of measure, vntill he left numbring: for it was without number.

50 Now vnto Ioseph were borne o two sonnes (before the yeeres of famine came) which Aseneth the daughter of Poti-pherah Prince of On bare vnto him.

51 And Ioseph called the name of the first borne Manasseh: for God, said he, hath made me forget all my labour and all my o fathers household.

52 Also he called the name of the second, Ephraim: for God, said hee, hath made me fruitfull in the land of mine affliction.

53 ¶ So the seuen yeres of the plenty that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 p Then began the seuen yeeres of famine to come, according as Ioseph had said: and the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt was ‖ bread.

55 At the length all the lande of Egypt was astamished, and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said vnto all the Egyptians, Go to Ioseph: what hee saith to you, doe ye.

56 ¶ When the famine was vpon all the land, Ioseph opened all places, wherein the store was, and sold vnto the Egyptians: for the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countreys ‖ came to Egypt to buy corne of Ioseph, because the famine was sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

Iosephs brethren come into Egypt to buy corne. 7 He knoweth them, and trieth them. 24 Simeon is put in prison. 26 The other returne to their father to fet Beniamin.

Then q Iaakob sawe that there was ‖ foode in Egypt, and Iaakob sayd vnto his sonnes, ¶ Why r gaze yee one vpon another?

2 And hee sayde, Behold, I haue heard, that there is food in Egypt, ¶ Get you downe thither, and buy vs food thence, that we may liue, and not die.

3 ¶ So went Iosephs tenne brethren downe to buy corne of the Egyptians.

4 But Beniamin Iosephs brother would not Iaakob send with his brethren: for hee said, Lest death ‖ ould ‡ befall him.

5 And the sonnes of Israel came to buy food among them that came: for there was famine in the land of Canaan.

6 Now Ioseph was Gouernour of the land, who sold to all the people of the land: then Iosephs brethren came, ¶ bowed their face to the ground before him.

7 And when Ioseph sawe his brethren, he knew them, and ‘ made himselfe strange toward them, and spake to them roughly, and sayd vnto them, ¶ Whence come ye? ¶ Who answered, Out of the land of Canaan to buy victuall.

8 (Now Ioseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Ioseph remembred the ‘ dreames, which he dreamed of them) and he sayd vnto them, Ye are spies, and are come to see the ‡ weakenesse of the land.

10 But they sayd vnto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy victuall thy seruants are come.

11 ¶ We are all one mans sons: we meane truely, and thy seruants are no spies.

12 But he said vnto them, Nay, but ye are come to see the weakenesse of the land.

13 And they sayd, ¶ We thy seruants are twelue brethren, the sonnes of one man in the lande of Canaan: and beholde, the yongest is this day with our father, and one ‖ is not.

14 Againe, Ioseph sayd vnto them, This is it that I spake vnto you, saying, Ye are spies.

15 Hereby ye shalbe prooued: u by the life of Pharaoh, yee shall not goe hence, except your yongest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you which may fet your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proued, whether there be truth in you: or els by the life of Pharaoh ye are but spies.

17 So he put them in ward three dayes.

18 Then Ioseph said vnto them the third day, This doe, and liue: for I ‘ feare God.

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in your prison house, and goe yee, carie foode for the famine of your houses:

20 ‘ But bring your yonger brother vnto me, that your words may be tried, and that ye die not: and they did so.

21 ¶ And they sayd one to another, ‘ We haue verely sinned against our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soule when he besought vs, and wee would not heare him: therefore is this trouble come vpon vs.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, ¶ Warned

a This storie sheweth plainely that all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence for the profit of his Church.

‖ Or, sorne.

b As men destitute of counsell. Act. 7. 12.

‡ Ebr. should meet him.

Joseph his Brethren come into Egypt

c This dissembling is not to be followed, nor any particular facts of the Fathers, not approued by Gods word. Chap. 37. 5.

‡ Ebr. nakednesse or filthinesse.

‖ Or, is dead.

d The Egyptians, which were idolaters, vsed to sweare by their Kings life: but God forbiddeth to sweare by any but him: yet Ioseph dwelling among the wicked smelleth of their corruptions.

e And therefore am true and iust.

Chap. 43. 5.

f Affliction maketh men to acknowledge their faults, which otherwise they would dissemble.

Chap 37.21.

g God will take vengeance vpon vs, and measure vs with our own measure.

‡Ebr. an interpreter betweene them.

h Though hee shewed himselfe rigorous, yet his brotherly affection remained.

warned I not you, saying, * Sinne not against the childe, and yee would not heare? and loe, his ‖ blood is now required.

23 (And they were not aware that Ioseph vnderstood them: for hee ‡ spake vnto them by an interpreter.)

24 Then hee turned from them, h and wept, and turned to them againe, and communed with them, and tooke Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ So Ioseph commaunded that they should fill their sackes with wheate, and put euery mans money againe in his sacke, and giue them victual for the iourney: and thus did he vnto them.

26 And they layd their victual vpon their asses, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sacke for to giue his asse prouender in the Inne, he espied his money: for loe, it was in his sacks mouth.

28 Then he sayd vnto his brethren, My money is restored: for loe, it is euen in my sacke. And their heart ‡ failed them, & they were i astonished, and sayd one to another, What is this, that God hath done vnto vs?

29 ¶ And they came vnto Iaakob their father vnto the land of Canaan, and tolde him all that had befallen them, saying,

30 The man, who is lord of the land, spake roughly to vs, and put vs in prison, as spies of the countrey.

31 And we sayd vnto him, Wee are true men, and are no spies.

32 We be twelue brethren, sonnes of our father: one ‖ is not, and the yongest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 Then the lord of the countrey sayd vnto vs, Hereby shall I know if yee bee true men: Leaue one of your brethren with mee, and take foode for the famine of your houses, and depart,

34 And bring your yongest brother vnto me, that I may know that yee are no spies, but true men: so will I deliuer you your brother, and ye shall occupie in the land.

35 ¶ And as they emptied their sackes, behold, euery mans bundle of money was in his sacke: and when they and their father sawe the bundles of their money, they were afraid.

36 Then Iaakob their father sayde to them, Ye haue robbed mee of my children: Ioseph is not, and Simeon is not, and yee will take Beniamin: all these things ‖ are against k me.

37 Then Reuben answered his father, saying, Slay my two sonnes, if I bring him not vnto thee againe: deliuer him to mine hand, and I will bring him to thee againe.

38 But he sayd, My sonne shall not goe downe with you: for his brother is dead and he is left alone: if death come vnto him by the way which ye goe, then ye shal bring my grey head with sorow vnto the graue.

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CHAP. XLIII.

13 *Iaakob suffereth Beniamin to depart with his children.* 23 *Simeon is deliuered out of prison.* 30 *Ioseph goeth aside and weepeth.* 32 *They feast together.*

NOw great a famine was in the land.

2 And when they had eaten vp the victuall, which they had brought from Egypt, their father sayd vnto them, Turne againe, and buy vs a little foode.

3 And Iudah answered him, saying, The man charged vs by an othe, saying, * Neuer see my face, except your brother be with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with vs, we will go downe, and buy thee foode:

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not goe downe: for the man sayde vnto vs, * Looke me not in the face, except your brother be with you.

6 And Israel sayd, Wherefore dealt ye so euill with me, as to tell the man, whether yee had yet a brother or no?

7 And they answered, The man asked straitly ‖ of our selues and of our kinred, saying, Is your father yet aliue? haue yee any brother? And wee told him ‡ according to these woordes: could wee know certainely that hee would say, Bring your brother downe?

8 Then said Iudah to Israel his father, Send the boy with me, that we may rise and goe, and that we may liue, and not die, both we, and thou, and our children.

9 I will be surety for him: of mine hand shalt thou require him. * If I bring him not to thee, and set him before thee, ‡ then let me beare the blame for euer.

10 For except we had made this tarying, doubtlesse by this wee had returned the second time.

11 Then their father Israel sayd vnto them, If it must needes be so nowe, doe thus: take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels, and bring the man a present, a little rosen, and a little honie, ‖ spices and myrrhe, nuts, and almonds:

12 And take b double money in your hand, and the money that was brought againe in your sackes mouthes: carie it againe in your hand, lest it were some ourright.

13 Take also your brother, and arise, and goe againe to the man.

14 And c God Almighty giue you mercie in the sight of the man, that he may deliuer you your other brother, and Beniamin: but I shall be d robbed of my child, as I haue beene.

15 Thus the men tooke this present, and tooke twise so much money in their hande with Beniamin, and rose vp, & went downe to Egypt and stood before Ioseph.

16 And when Ioseph sawe Beniamin with them, hee said ‡ to his steward, Bring these men home, and kill meate, and make ready: for the men shall eate with mee at noone.

17 And the man did as Ioseph bade, and brought the men vnto Iosephs house.

18 Nowe when the men were brought into Iosephs house, they were e afrayde, and sayd, Because of the money that came in our sackes mouthes at the first time, are we

Chap. 42.20.

Chap. 42.20.

Chap. 44.32.

a This was a great tentation to Iaakob to suffer so great a famine in that land where God had promised to blesse him.

‖ Or, of our estate and condition.

‡ Eb. to the mouth of these words: that is, that thing which he asked vs.

‡ Ebr. I will sinne to thee.

‖ Or, sweet smels.

‖ Or, light vpon vs.

k For they seemed not to be touched with any loue toward their brethren which increased his sorow: and partly as appeareth, he suspected them for Ioseph.

b When we are in necessitie or danger, God forbiddeth not to vse all honest means to better our estate and condition.

c Our chiefe trust ought to be in God, and not in worldly meanes.

d He speaketh these words not so much of despaire, as to make his sonnes more carefull to bring againe their brother.

‖ Or, to the ruler of his house.

e So the iudgement of God preised their conscience.

we brought, that he may † picke a quarell against vs, and lay something to our charge, and bring vs in bondage and our asses.

19 Therefore came they to Ioseph's steward, & communed with him at the doore of the house,

20 And sayd, Oh sir, a we came indeed downe hither at the first time to buy food,

21 And as we came to an Inne and opened our sackes, behold, euery mans money was in his sacks mouth, euen our money in full weight, but we haue brought it again in our hands.

22 Also other money haue we brought in our hands to buy food, but we cannot tell, who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, ‖Peace be vnto you, feare not: your God and the God of your father hath giuen you that treasure in your sacks, I had your money: and he brought forth Simeon to them.

24 So the man led them into Ioseph's house, and gaue them water to wash their feet, and gaue their asses prouender.

25 And they made ready their present against Ioseph came at noone (for they heard say, that they should eat bread there.)

26 ¶ When Ioseph came home, they brought the present into the house to him, which was in their hands, & bowed downe to the ground before him.

27 And he asked them of their † prosperitie, and sayd, Is your father the old man, of whom you told me, in good health? is he yet aliue?

28 Who answered, Thy seruant our father is in good health, he is yet aliue: & they bowed downe, and made obeysance.

29 And he lifting vp his eyes, beheld his brother Beniamin his g mothers sonne, and sayd, Is this your yonger brother, of whom ye told me? And he sayd, God be mercifull vnto thee, my sonne.

30 And Ioseph made haste, for his † affection was inflamed toward his brother, and sought where to weepe) and entred into his chamber, and wept there.

31 Afterward he washed his face, & came out, and refrained himselfe, and sayd, Set on † meate.

32 And they h prepared for him by himselfe, and for them by themselues, and for the Egyptians, which did eate with him, by themselues, i because the Egyptians might not eate bread with the Ebrewes: for that was an i abomination vnto the Egyptians.

33 So they sate before him: the eldest according vnto his age, and the yongest according vnto his youth: and the men marueiled among themselues.

34 And they tooke measles from before him, and sent to them: but Beniamins measle was fiue times so much as any of theirs: and they dranke, k and had of the best drinke with him.

CHAP. XLIIII.

15 Ioseph accuseth his brother of theft. 33 Iudah offereth himselfe to be seruant for Beniamin.

AFterward he commanded his steward, saying, Fill the mens sacks with food, as much as they can carie, and put euery mans money in his sacks mouth.

2 And a put my cuppe, I meane the siluer cup, in the sacke mouth of the yongest, and his corne money. And he did according to the commaundement that Ioseph gaue him.

3 And in the † morning the men were sent away, they, and their asses.

4 And when they went out of the city not farre off, Ioseph said to his steward, Vp, follow after the men: & when thou dost ouertake them, say vnto them, ¶ Wherefore haue ye rewarded euill for good?

5 Is not that the cuppe, wherein my lord drinketh? b and in the which he doth diuine and prophesie? ye haue done euill in so doing.

6 ¶ And when he ouertook them, he said those words vnto them.

7 And they answered him, ¶ Wherefore saith my lord such words? God forbid that thy seruants should do such a thing.

8 Behold, the money which wee found in our sacks mouthes, we brought againe to thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steale out of thy lords house siluer, or gold?

9 With whomsoeuer of thy seruants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lords bondmen.

10 And he said, Now then let it be according vnto your words: hee with whome it is found, shall be my seruant, and ye shall be † blamelesse.

11 Then at once euery man tooke downe his sacke to the ground, and euery one opened his sacke.

12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the yongest, and the cup was found in Beniamins sacke.

13 Then they c rent their clothes, and laded euery man his asse, and went again into the city.

14 ¶ So Iudah and his brethren came to Ioseph's house (for hee was yet there) and they fell before him on the ground.

15 Then Ioseph said vnto them, ¶ What act is this, which ye haue done? know ye not that such a man as I, can diuine and prophesie?

16 Then said Iudah, ¶ What shall wee say vnto my lord, what shall wee speake? and how can wee iustifie our selues? d God hath found out the wickednesse of thy seruants: behold, wee are seruants to my lord, both wee, and he, with whom the cuppe is found.

17 But he answered, God forbid, that I should doe so, but the man, with who the cup is found, he shall be my seruant, and goe yee in peace vnto your father.

18 ¶ Then Iudah drew neere vnto him, and said, O my lord, let thy seruaunt now speake a word in my lords eares, and let not thy wrath bee kindled against thy seruant: for thou art euen e as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his seruants, saying, f Haue ye a father, or a brother?

a We may not by this example vse any vnlawful practises, seeing God hath commanded vs to walke in simplicitie.

† Ebr. the morning shone.

b Because the people thought he could diuine, he attributeth to himselfe that knowledge: or els hee saineth that he consulteth with soothsayers for it: which similation is worthy to be reproued.

† Ebr. innocent.

c To signifie how greatly the thing displeased them, and how sorie they were for it.

d If we see no euident cause of our affliction, let vs looke to the secret counsel of God, who punisheth vs iustly for our sinnes.

e Equall in authoritie: or next vnto the King. Chap. 42. 33, 16.

‖ Or, you are well.

f Notwithstanding the corruptions of Egypt, yet Ioseph taught his familie to feare God.

‡ Ebr. peace.

g For they two only were borne of Rahel.

¶ Ebr. bowels.

† Ebr. bread.

h To signifie his dignitie.

i The nature of the superstitious is to condemne all other in respect of themselues.

k Sometime this word signifieth to be drunken, but here it is meant that they had enough and dranke of the best wine.

Chap. 42. 5.

‡ Ebr. child of his old age.

20 And we answered my lord, Wee haue a father that is olde, and a young ‡ childe, which hee begate in his age: and his brother is dead, and hee alone is left of his mother, and his father loued him.

‖ Or, that I may set him.

21 Now thou saidst vnto thy seruants, Bring him vnto mee, that I may ‖ set mine eye vpon him.

22 And we answered my lord, The child cannot depart from his father: for if hee leaue his father, his father would die.

Chap. 43. 3.

23 Then saidest thou vnto thy seruants, * Except your yonger brother come downe with you, looke in my face no more.

24 So when we came vnto thy seruant our father, and shewed him what my lord had said,

25 And our father said vnto vs, Goe againe, buy vs a little food,

Ebr. be with vs.

26 Then we answered, We cannot goe downe: but if our yongest brother ‡ go with vs, then will we goe downe: for we may not see the mans face, except our yongest brother be with vs.

§ Rahel bare to Iaakob Ioseph and Beniamin. Chap. 37. 33.

27 Then thy seruant my father said vnto vs, Ye know that my § wife bare me two sonnes,

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Of a suretie he is torne in * pieces, and I saw him not since.

g Ye shal cause me to die for sorow.

29 Now ye take this also away from me: if death take him, then shall yee bring my gray head in sorow to the graue.

‡ Ebr. his soule is bound to his soule.

30 Now therefore, when I come to thy seruant my father, and the child be not with vs, (seeing that his ‡ life dependeth on the childs life)

Chap. 43. 9.

31 Then when he shall see that the childe is not come, he will die: so shall thy seruants bring the gray head of thy seruant our father with sorow to the graue.

32 Doubtlesse thy seruant became suretie for the childe to my father, and said, * If I bring him not vnto thee againe, then I will beare the blame vnto my father for euer.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let mee thy seruant bide for the child, as a seruant to my lord, ‡ & let the child goe vp with his brethren.

h Meaning, he had rather remaine there prisoner, then to returne and see his father in heauinesse.

34 For h how can I goe vp to my father, if the child bee not with me, vnlesse I would see the euill that shall come on my father?

CHAP. XLV.

1 Ioseph maketh himselfe knowen to his brethren. 8 Hee sheweth that all was done by Gods prouidence. 18 Pharaoh commandeth him to send for his father. 24 Ioseph exhorteth his brethren to concord. 27 Iaakob reuiueth.

THen Ioseph coulde not refraine himselfe before all that stood by him, but hee cryed, * Haue foorth euery man from mee. And there taried not one with him, while Ioseph vttered himselfe vnto his brethren.

2 And he wept and cried, so that the Egyptians heard: the house of Pharaoh heard also.

3 Then Ioseph said to his brethren, I am Ioseph; doeth my father yet liue? But his brethren could not answere him, for they were astouished at his presence.

4 Againe, Ioseph said to his brethren, Come neere, I pray you, to mee. And they came neere. And hee said, I am * Ioseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

Acts 7. 13.

5 Nowe therefore bee not b sad, neither grieued with your selues, that ye sold me hither: * for God did send mee before you for your preseruation.

b This example teacheth, that we must by all meanes comfort them which are truely humbled and wounded for their sinnes.

6 For nowe two yeeres of famine haue beene through the land, and fiue yeeres are behinde, wherein neither shall be earing nor haruest.

Chap. 50. 20.

7 Wherefore God sent me before you to preserue your posteritie in this land, and to saue you aliue by a great deliuerance.

8 Now then you sent not me hither, but c God, who hath made mee a father vnto Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

c Albeit God detest sinne, yet he turneth mans wickednesse to serue to his glory.

9 Haste you and go vp to my father, and tell him, Thus saith thy sonne Ioseph, God hath made mee lorde of all Egypt: come downe to me, tarie not.

10 And thou shalt dwell in the lande of Goshen, and shalt bee neere mee, thou and thy children, and thy childrens children, and thy sheepe, and thy beasts, and all that thou hast.

11 And I will nourish thee there (for yet remaine fiue yeeres of famine) least thou perish through pouertie, thou and thy household, and all that thou hast.

12 And behold, your eyes doe see, and the eyes of my brother Beniamin, that d my mouth speaketh to you.

d That is, that I speake in your owne language, and haue none interpreter.

13 Therefore tell my father of all mine honour in Egypt, and of all that yee haue seene, and make haste, and bring my father hither.

14 Then hee fell on his brother Beniamins necke, and wept, and Beniamin wept on his necke.

15 Moreouer, hee kissed all his brethren, and wept vpon them: and afterwarde his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the ‡ tidings came vnto Pharaohs house, so that they saide, Ioseph brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his seruants.

‡ Ebr. voyce.

17 Then Pharaoh saide vnto Ioseph, Say to thy brethren, This doe ye, lade your beastes, and depart, goe e the lande of Canaan,

18 And take your father, and your households, and come to me, and I will giue you the e best of the land of Egypt, and yee shall eat of the f fat of the land.

e The most plentifull ground.

f The chiefest fruits and commodities.

19 And I commaund thee, Thus doe ye, take you charets out of the lande of Egypt for your children, and for your wiues, and bring your father, and come.

20 Also ‡ regard not your stuffe: for the best of the land of Egypt is yours.

‡ Ebr. let not your eye spare your vessels.

21 And the children of Israel did so: and Ioseph gaue them charets according to the commandement of Pharaoh: he gaue them vitaile also for the iourney.

22 He gaue them all, none except, change of rayment: but vnto Beniamin hee gaue

three

three hundreth pieces of siluer, and fiue suits of rayment.

23 And vnto his father ‖ likewise hee sent ten hee asses laden with the best things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with wheate, and bread and meate for his father by the way.

24 So sent hee his brethren away, and they departed: and he said vnto them, g Fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ Then they went vp from Egypt, and came vnto the land of Canaan vnto Iaakob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Ioseph is yet aliue, and hee also is gouernour ouer all the land of Egypt, and Iaakobs heart h failed: for he beleeued them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Ioseph, which hee had said vnto them: but when he saw the charets which Ioseph had sent to carie him, then the spirit of Iaakob their father reuiued.

28 And Israel said, I haue enough: Ioseph my sonne is yet aliue: I will goe and see him yer I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 God assureth Iaakob of his iourney into Egypt. 27 The number of his family when hee went into Egypt. 29 Ioseph meeteth his father. 34 He teacheth his brethren what to answere to Pharaoh.

THen Israel tooke his iourney with all that hee had, and came to Beer-sheba, and a offered sacrifice vnto the God of his father Izhak.

2 And God spake vnto Israel in a vision by night, saying, Iaakob, Iaakob. Who answered, I am here.

3 Then hee said, I am God, the God of thy father, feare not to goe downe into Egypt: for I will there make of thee a great nation.

4 I will b goe downe with thee into Egypt: and I will c bring thee vp againe, and Ioseph shall d put his hand vpon thine eyes.

5 Then Iaakob rose vp from Beer-sheba: and the sonnes of Israel caried Iaakob their father, and their children, and their wiues in the charets, which Pharaoh had sent to carie him.

6 And they tooke their cattell, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, both * Iaakob and all his seede with him,

7 His sonnes and his sonnes sonnes with him, his daughters and his sonnes daughters, and all his seede brought he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, euen Iaakob and his sonnes: * Reuben, Iaakobs first borne.

9 And the sonnes of Reuben: Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 ¶ And the sonnes of * Simeon: Iemuel, and Iamin, and Ohad, and Iachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the sonne of a Canaanitish woman.

11 ¶ Also the sonnes of * Leui, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 ¶ Also the sonnes of * Iudah: Er and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.) And the sonnes of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 ¶ Also the sonnes of * Iissachar: Tola, and Phuah, and Iob, and Shimron.

14 ¶ Also the sonnes of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Iahleel.

15 These be the sonnes of Leah, which she bare vnto Iaakob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the ‖ soules of his sonnes, and his daughters, were thirtie and three.

16 ¶ Also the sonnes of Gad: Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

17 ¶ Also the sonnes of * Asher: Imnah, and Ishuah, and Ishui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sonnes of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel.

18 These are the children of Zilpah, whom Laban gaue to Leah his daughter: and these shee bare vnto Iaakob, euen sixteene soules.

19 The sonnes of Rahel Iaakobs wife, were Ioseph and Beniamin.

20 ¶ And vnto Ioseph in the land of Egypt were borne Manasseh, and Ephraim, which * Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah prince of On bare vnto him.

21 ¶ Also the * sonnes of Beniamin: Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gerah, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

22 These are the sonnes of Rahel, which were borne vnto Iaakob, fourteene soules in all.

23 ¶ Also the sonnes of Dan: Hushim.

24 ¶ Also the sonnes of Naphtali: Iahzeel, and Guni, and Iezer, and Shillem.

25 These are the sonnes of Bilhah, which Laban gaue vnto Rahel his daughter, and she bare these to Iaakob, in all, seuen soules.

26 All the * soules, that came with Iaakob into Egypt, which came out of his ‡ loynes (beside Iaakobs sonnes wiues) were in the whole, threescore and sixe soules.

27 Also the sonnes of Ioseph which were born him in Egypt, were two soules: so that all the soules of the house of Iaakob, which came into Egypt, are seuentie.

28 ¶ Then hee sent Iudah before him vnto Ioseph, to ‖ direct his way vnto Goshen, and they came into the lande of Goshen.

29 Then Ioseph ‡ made ready his charet, and went vp to Goshen, to meete Israel his father, and presented himselfe vnto him, and fell on his necke, and wept vpon his necke a ‡ good while.

30 And Israel sayd vnto Ioseph, Now let me die, since I haue seene thy face, and that thou art yet aliue.

31 Then Ioseph sayd to his brethren, and to his fathers house, I will go vp and shewe Pharaoh, and tell him, My brethren, and my fathers house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come vnto me,

32 And the men are e sheepheards, and because they are sheepheards, they haue

Jacob comforted by God

1. Chro. 7. 1.

‖ Or, persons.

1. Chro. 7. 30.

Chap. 41. 50.

1. Chro. 7. 6. and 8. 1.

Deut. 10. 22.

‡ Ebr. high.

‖ Or, to prepare him a place.

‡ Ebr. bound his charet.

‡ Ebr. yet, or still.

e He was not ashamed of his father, and kinred, though they were of base condition.

26 January 1. Lesson. Morning

a Whereby he both signified that he worshipped the true God, and also that he kept in his heart the possession of that land, from whence present necessity droue him.

b Conducting thee by my power.

c In thy posteritie.

d Shall shut thine eyes when thou diest: which appertained to him that was most deare, or chiefe of the kinred.

Iosh. 24. 4. psal. 105. 23 isa. 52. 4

Exod. 1. 2. and 6. 14. numb. 26. 5. 1. chro. 5. 1.

Exod. 6. 15. 1. chro. 4. 24.

2. Chro. 6. 1. 1. Chro 2. 3. & 4. 21. chap 38. 3.

Ioseph. 5
2 Brethren

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brought their sheepe and their cattell, and all that they haue.

33 And if Pharaoh call you, and aske you what is your trade?

34 Then ye shall say, Thy seruants are men occupied about cattell, from our childhood euen vnto this time, both wee and our fathers: that yee may dwell in the lande of Goshen: for euery sheepekeeper is an abomination vnto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 Iaakob commeth before Pharaoh, and telleth him his age. 11 The land of Goshen is giuen him 22 The idolatrous priests haue liuing of the king. 28 Iaakobs age, when he dieth. 30 Ioseph sweareth to burie him with his fathers.

THen came Ioseph and tolde Pharaoh, and sayd, My father, and my brethren, and their sheepe, and their cattell, and all that they haue, are come out of the lande of Canaan, and beholde, they are in the lande of Goshen.

2 And Ioseph tooke part of his brethren, euen fiue men, and presented them vnto Pharaoh.

3 Then Pharaoh said vnto his brethren, What is your trade? And they answered Pharaoh, Thy seruaunts are shepheards, both we and our fathers.

4 They sayd moreouer vnto Pharaoh, For to sojourne in the land are we come: for thy seruants haue no pasture for their sheep, so sore is the famine in the land of Canaan. Nowe therefore, wee pray thee, let thy seruants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 Then spake Pharaoh to Ioseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come vnto thee.

6 The land of Egypt is before thee: in the best place of the lande make thy father and thy brethren dwell: let them dwell in the land of Goshen: and if thou knowest that there be men of actiuitie among them, make them rulers ouer my cattell.

7 Ioseph also brought Iaakob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Iaakob ‡ saluted Pharaoh.

8 Then Pharaoh sayde vnto Iaakob, ‡ How old art thou?

9 And Iaakob sayde vnto Pharaoh, The whole time of my * pilgrimage is an hundreth and thirty yeeres: fewe and euill haue the dayes of my life bene, and I haue not attained vnto the yeeres of the life of my Fathers, in the dayes of their pilgrimages.

10 And Iaakob ‡ tooke leaue of Pharaoh, and departed from the presence of Pharaoh.

11 ¶ And Ioseph placed his father, and his brethren, and gaue them possession in the lande of Egypt, in the best of the land, euen in the lande of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Ioseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his fathers houshold with bread, euen to the yong children.

13 ¶ Now there was no bread in all the land: for the famine was exceeding sore: so that the land of Egypt, and the land of Canaan were † famished by reason of the famine.

14 And Ioseph gathered all the money, that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corne which they bought, and Ioseph layd vp the money in Pharaohs house.

15 So when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, then all the Egyptians came vnto Ioseph, and sayd, Giue vs bread: for why should we die before thee? for our money is spent.

16 Then said Ioseph, Bring your cattel, and I will giue you for your cattell, if your money be spent.

17 So they brought their cattell vnto Ioseph, and Ioseph gaue them bread for the horses, and for the flockes of sheepe, and for the herds of cattell, and for the asses: so he fedde them with bread for all their cattell that yeere.

18 But when the yeere was ended, they came vnto him the next yeere, and sayd vnto him, We will not hide from my lord, that since our money is spent, and my lord hath the herds of the cattell, there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies and our ground.

19 Why shall we perish in thy sight, both wee, and our † land? buy vs and our land for bread, and we and our land will be bound to Pharaoh: therefore giue vs seede, that we may liue and not die, and that the land go not to waste.

20 So Ioseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh: for the Egyptians solde euery man his ground, because the famine was sore vpon them: so the lande became Pharaohs.

21 And he remooued the people vnto the cities, from one ‡ side of Egypt euen to the other.

22 Onely the land of the Priests bought he not: for the Priests had an ordinarie of Pharaoh, and they did eate their ordinarie, which Pharaoh gaue them: wherefore they sold not their ground.

23 Then Ioseph sayd vnto the people, Beholde, I haue bought you this day, and your land for Pharaoh: loe, here is seede for you: sow therefore the ground.

24 And of the increase yee shall giue the fift part vnto Pharaoh, and foure partes shall be yours for seede of the fielde, and for your meate, and for them of your households, and for your children to eate.

25 Then they answered, Thou hast saued our liues: let vs find grace in the sight of my lord, and wee will bee Pharaohs seruants.

26 Then Ioseph made it a law ouer the land of Egypt vnto this day, that Pharaoh should haue the fift part, ‖ except the land of the Priests onely, which was not Pharaohs.

27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the countrey of Goshen: and they had their possessions therein, and grew and multiplied exceedingly.

28 Moreouer,

F God suffereth the world to hate his, that they may forsake the filth of the world, and cleaue to him.

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2 Thessa. 1 Lesson
Euening

a That the king might be assured they were come, and see what maner of people they were.

b Iosephs great modestie appeareth in that he would enterprise nothing without the kings commandement.

‡ Ebr. blessed.

‡ Ebr. How many dayes are the yeres of thy life? Heb. 11. 9, 13.

‡ Ebr. blessed.

c Which was a city in the countrey of Goshen, Exod. 1. 11.

d Some read, that he fed them as litle babes, because they could not prouide for themselues against that famine.

† Ebr. brought to an extremity, or at their wits end.

e Wherein he both declareth his fidelitie toward the king, and his minde free from couetousnes.

f For except the ground be tilled and sowen, it perisheth, and is as it were dead.

g By this changing, they signified that they had nothing of their owne, but receiued al of the kings liberality.

‡ Ebr. end of the border.

h Pharaoh in prouiding for idolatrous priests shall be a condemnation to all them which neglect the true ministers of Gods word.

Genesis

Iacob blesseth his Sons.

Chap.24.2.
i Hereby he protested that he died in the faith of his fathers, teaching his children to hope for the promised land.

k He reioyced that Ioseph had promised him, & setting himselfe vp vpon his pillow, praised God, reade 1.Chro. 29.10.

26 Ianuar. Gods Sabboth.

28 Moreouer, Iaakob lined in the land of Egypt seuenteene yeres, so that the whole age of Iaakob was an hundzeth foztie and seuen yeeres.

29 Now when the time drew neere that Israel must die, he called his sonne Ioseph, and sayd vnto him, If I haue now found grace in thy sight, * put thine hand now vnder my thigh, and deale mercifully and truly with mee: bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt,

30 But when I shall ‖ sleepe with my fathers, thou shalt cary me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buriall. And he answered, I will doe as thou hast said.

31 Then he sayd, Sweare vnto me. And he sware vnto him. And Israel ᵏ worshipped toward the beds head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 Ioseph with his two sonnes visiteth his sicke father. 3 Iaakob rehearseth Gods promise. 5 He receiueth Iosephs sonnes as his. 19 He preferreth the yonger. 21 He prophesieth their returne to Canaan.

AGaine, after this, one sayd to Ioseph, Loe, thy father is sicke: then he tooke with him his ª two sonnes, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 Also one tolde Iaakob, and sayd, Behold, thy sonne Ioseph is come to thee, and Israel tooke his strength vnto him, and sate vpon the bed.

3 Then Iaakob said vnto Ioseph, God ‖Almighty appeared vnto mee at * Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me.

4 And he said vnto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitfull, and will multiply thee, and will make a great number of people of thee, and will giue this land vnto thy seede after thee for an ᵇ euerlasting possession.

5 ¶ And now thy * two sonnes, Manasseh and Ephraim, which are borne vnto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came to thee into Egypt, shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are mine.

6 But thy linage which thou hast begotten after them, shall be thine: they shall be called after the names of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 Now when I came from Padan, Rahel ᶜ died vpon mine hand in the land of Canaan, by the way when there was but halfe a dayes iourney of ground to come to Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way to Ephrath: the same is Beth-lehem.

8 Then Israel beheld Iosephs sonnes, and said, ‖Whose are these?

9 And Ioseph said vnto his father, They are my sonnes, which ᵈ God hath giuen mee here. Then he sayd, I pray thee bring them to me, that I may bleese them.

10 (For the eyes of Israel were dimme for age, so that he could not well see) Then he caused them to come to him, and he kissed them and imbraced them.

11 And Israel sayd vnto Ioseph, I had not thought to haue seene thy face: yet loe, God hath shewed me also thy seede.

12 And Ioseph tooke them away from his knees, and did reuerence ‡ downe to the ground.

13 Then tooke Ioseph them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israels left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israels right hand, so he brought them vnto him.

14 But Israel stretched out his right hand, and layde it on ª Ephraims head, which was the yonger, and his left hand vpon ᵍManasseths head (directing his hands of purpose) for Manasseh was the elder.

15 ¶ * Also he blessed Ioseph, and sayd, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Izhak did walke, the God, which hath fed me all my life long vnto this day,

16 The ᵉ Angel, which hath deliuered me from all euill, bleese the children, and let my ᶠ name be named vpon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Izhak, that they may grow as fish into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 But when Ioseph saw that his father laid his right hand vpon the head of Ephraim, it ‖ displeased him: and hee stayed his fathers hand to remoue it from Ephraims head to ᵍManasseths head.

18 And Ioseph said vnto his father, Not so, my father, for this is the eldest: put thy right hand vpon his head.

19 But his father refused, and sayd, I knowe well, my sonne, I know well: hee shall be also a people, and he shall be great likewise: but his yonger brother shall bee greater then he, and his seede shall be full of nations.

20 So he blessed them that day, and said, In thee Israel shall bleese, and say, GOD make thee as ª Ephraim and as ᵍManasseh. And he set Ephraim before ᵍManasseh.

21 Then Israel sayde vnto Ioseph, Behold, I die, and God shall be with you, and bring you againe vnto the land of ‖ your fathers.

22 Moreouer, I haue giuen vnto thee one portion aboue thy brethren, which ‖ I gate out of the hand of the Amorite by my ʰsword and by my bow.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Iaakob blesseth all his sonnes by name; and sheweth them what is to come. 10 He telleth them that Christ shall come out of Iudah. 29 He will be buried with his fathers. 33 He dieth.

THen Iaakob called his sonnes, and said, ‖Gather your selues together, that I may tell you what shall come to you in the ‖ last dayes.

2 Gather your selues together, and heare, ye sonnes of Iaakob, and hearken vnto Israel your father.

3 * Reuben mine eldest sonne, thou art my ᵇ might, & the beginning of my strength, ª the excellencie of dignity, and the excellencie of power:

4 Thou wast light as water: thou shalt not be excellent, because thou ‖ wentest vp to thy fathers bed: ‖ then diddest thou defile my bed, thy dignitie is gone.

5 ¶ Simeon and Leui, brethren in euill, the ‖ instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 Into their secret let not my soule come: my

Iacob blesseth his Sons.

d Gods iudgement is oft times cõtrary to mans, and he preferreth that, which man despiseth. Heb.11.21.

e This Angell must be vnderstood of Christ, as Chap.31.13. and 32.1.

f Let them be taken as my children.

g Ioseph faileth in binding Gods grace to the order of nature.

h In whome Gods graces should manifestly appeare.

i Which they had by faith in the promise.

k By my children whom God spared for my sake. Chap.34.35.

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l Whē God shall bring you out of Egypt: And because ‖ he speaketh of the Messias, he nameth it the last dayes.

b Begotten in my youth.

c If thou hadst not lost thy birth-right by thine offence. Chap.35.22. 1.chron.5.1.

‖Or, ceasest to be my bed.

‖Or, their swords were instruments of violence.

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d Or, tongue: meaning, that he neither cõsented to them in word nor thought.
e The Shechemites, Chap. 34.26.
f For Leui had no part, and Simeon was vnder Iudah, Ios. 19.1. till God gaue them the place of the Amalekites, 1. Chron. 4.43.
g As was verified in Dauid and Christ.
h His enemies shal so feare him.
‖ Or, kingdome.
i Which is Christ the Messias, the giuer of all prosperitie, who shall call the Gentiles to saluation.
k A countrey most aboundant with vines and pastures is promised him.
‡ Ebr. an asse of great bones.
l His force shall be great, but he shall want courage to resist his enemies.
m Shall haue the honour of a tribe.
n That is, full of subtiltie.
o Seeing the miseries that his posteritie should fall into, he brasteth out in prayer to God, to remedie it.
p He shal abound in corne and pleasant fruits.
q Ouercomming more by faire wordes then by force.
‡ Ebr. a sonne of encrease.
‡ Ebr. daughters.
s As his brethren, when they were his enemies, Potiphar and others.
t That is, God.
u In as much as hee was more neere to the accomplishment of the promise, and it had bene more often confirmed.

my glory, bee not thou ioyned with their assemblie: for in their wrath they slew a man, & in their selfe will they digged downe a wall.

7 Cursed be their wrath, for it was fierce, and their rage, for it was cruell: I will d deuide them in Iaakob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 ¶ Thou Iudah, thy brethren shal praise thee: thine hand shalbe in the necke of thine enemies: thy fathers sonnes shall e bow downe vnto thee.

9 Iudah, as a lyons whelpe shalt thou come vp from the spoyle, my sonne. He shall lie downe and couch as a Lyon, and as a Lyoncelle: f Who shall stirre him vp?

10 The g scepter shall not depart from Iudah, nor a lawgiuer from betweene his feete, vntill h Shiloh come, and the people shalbe gathered vnto him.

11 He shall binde his asse foale vnto the i vine, and his asses colt vnto the best vine: he shall wash his garment in wine, and his cloke in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes shalbe red with wine, and his teeth white with milke.

13 ¶ Zebulun shall dwell by the sea side, and he shalbe an hauen for shippes: and his border shalbe vnto Zidon.

14 Issachar shalbe ‡ a strong asse, couching downe betweene two burdens.

15 And he shall see that rest is good, and that the land is pleasant, and he shall bowe his shoulder to beare, and shalbe subiect vnto tribute.

16 ¶ Dan k shall iudge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a l Serpent by the way, an adder by the path, biting the horse heeles, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 m O Lord, I haue waited for thy saluation.

19 ¶ Gad, an hoste of men shall ouercome him, but he shall ouercome at the last.

20 ¶ Concerning Asher, his n bread shall be fat, and he shall giue pleasures for a king.

21 ¶ Naphtali shalbe a Hinde let goe, giuing o goodly wordes.

22 ¶ Ioseph shall be ‡ a fruitfull bough, euen a fruitfull bough by the Well side: the ‡ small boughes shall runne vpon the wall.

23 p And the archers grieued him, and shot against him, and hated him.

24 But his bow abode strong, and the handes of his armes were strengthened, by the hands of the mighty God of Iaakob, of whom was the feeder appointed by the stone of Israel,

25 Euen by the God of thy father, who shall helpe thee, and by the Almighty, who shal blesse thee with heauenly blessings from aboue, with blessings of the deepe, that lieth beneath, with blessings of the breasts, and of the wombe.

26 The blessings of thy father shall bee q stronger then the blessings of mine elders: vnto the ende of the hilles of the world they shall bee on the head of Ioseph, and on the top of the head of him that was r separate from his brethren.

27 ¶ Beniamin shall rauine as a wolfe: in the morning hee shall deuoure the praye, and at night he shall diuide the spoyle.

28 ¶ All these are the twelue tribes of Israel, and thus their father spake vnto them, and blessed them: euery one of them blessed he with a seuerall blessing.

29 And he charged them, and sayd vnto them, I am ready to bee gathered vnto my people: s bury mee with my fathers in the caue that is in the fielde of Ephron the Hittite,

30 In the caue that is in the fielde of Machpelah beside Mamre in the land of Canaan: which caue Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession to burie in.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife: there they buried Izhak and Rebekah his wife: and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the fielde, and the caue that is therein, was bought of the children of Heth.

33 Thus Iaakob made an ende of giuing charge to his sonnes, and t plucked vp his feete into the bed, and gaue vp the ghost, and was gathered to his people.

CHAP. L.

13 *Iaakob is buried.* 19 *Ioseph forgiueth his brethren.* 23 *Hee seeth his childrens children.* 25 *He dieth.*

THen Ioseph fell vpon his fathers face, and wept vpon him, and kissed him.

2 And Ioseph commanded his seruants the u Physicians, to embalme his father, and the Physicians embalmed Israel.

3 So fortie dayes were accomplished, (for so long did the dayes of them that were embalmed last) and the Egyptians bewayled him x seuen dayes.

4 And when the dayes of his mourning were past, Ioseph spake to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If I haue now found fauour in your eyes, speake, I pray you, in the eares of Pharaoh, and say,

5 My father made me y sweare, saying, Loe, I die, bury mee in my graue, which I haue made me in the land of Canaan: now therefore let me goe, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come againe.

6 Then Pharaoh said, Goe vp and bury thy father, z as he made thee to sweare.

7 ¶ So Ioseph went vp to bury his father, and with him went all the seruants of Pharaoh, both the Elders of his house, and all the Elders of the land of Egypt.

8 Likewise all the house of Ioseph, and his brethren and his fathers house: onely their children and their sheepe, and their cattell left they in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went vp with him, both charets and horsemen: and they were an exceeding great company.

10 And they came to ‖ Gozen Atad, which is beyond Iorden, and there they made a great and exceeding sore lamentation: and he mourned for his father seuen dayes.

11 And

r Either in dignitie, or when he was solde from his brethren.

Chap. 47.30.

x Whereby is signified how quietly he died.

a He meaneth them that embalmed the dead and buried them.

b They were more excessiue in lamenting then the faithfull.

Chap. 47.29.

c The very infidels would haue othes performed.

‖ Or, the corne floore of Atad.

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11 And when the Canaanites the inhabitants of the lande sawe the mourning in Goren Atad, they sayd, This is a great mourning vnto the Egyptians: wherefore the name thereof was called ‖Abel-Mizraim, which is beyond Iorden.

‖Or, the lamentation of the Egyptians.

12 So his sonnes did vnto him, according as he had commanded them.

13 * For his sonnes caried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the caue of the field of Machpelah, which caue *Abraham bought with the field, to be ‖a place to burie in, of Ephron the Hittite beside Mamre.

Acts 7.16.

Chap. 23. 16.

‖Or, a possession.

14 ¶ Then Ioseph returned into Egypt, hee and his brethren, and all that went vp with him to burie his father, after that hee had buried his father.

15 And when Iosephs brethren saw that their father was dead, they sayd, d It may bee that Ioseph will hate vs, and will pay vs againe all the euill, which wee did vnto him.

d An euill conscience is neuer fully at rest.

16 Therefore they sent vnto Ioseph, saying, Thy father commaunded before his death, saying,

17 Thus shall ye say vnto Ioseph, Forgiue now, I pray thee, the trespasse of thy brethren, and their sinne: for they rewarded thee euill. And now, wee pray thee, forgiue the trespasse of the seruants of the God of thy father. And Ioseph wept, when ‖they spake vnto him.

e Meaning, that they which haue one God, should be ioyned in most sure loue.

‖Or, the messengers.

18 Also his brethren came vnto him, and fell downe before his face, and said, Behold, we be thy seruants.

19 To whom Ioseph said, * Feare not: for ‖ am not I vnder f God?

Chap. 45. 5.

‖Or, am I in Gods stead? meaning, to take vengeance.

f Who by the good successe seemeth to remit it, and therfore it ought not to be reuenged by me.

20 When ye thought euill against mee, God disposed it to good, that he might bring to passe, as it is this day, and saue much people aliue.

‡ Ebr. to their heart.

21 Feare not now therefore, I will nourish you, and your children: and he comforted them, and spake ‡ kindly vnto them.

22 ¶ So Ioseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his fathers house: and Ioseph liued an hundreth and ten yeere.

g Who notwithstanding he bare rule in Egypt about fourescore yeeres, yet was ioyned with the Church of God in faith and religion.

23 * And Ioseph saw Ephraims children, euen vnto the third generation: also the sonnes of Machir the sonne of Manasseh were brought vp on Iosephs knees.

Num. 32. 39. Heb. 11. 22.

24 And Ioseph sayde vnto his brethren, * I am ready to die, and God will surely visite you, and bring you out of this land, vnto the land which hee sware vnto Abraham, vnto Izhak, and vnto Iaakob.

Exod. 13. 19.

25 And Ioseph tooke an othe of the children of Israel, saying, ** God will surely visite you, and ye shall cary my bones hence.

h He speaketh this by the spirit of prophecie, exhorting his brethren to haue full trust in Gods promise for their deliuerance.

26 So Ioseph died when hee was an hundreth and tenne yeere olde: and they embalmed him and put him in a chest in Egypt.

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The second booke of Moses, called Exodus.

THE ARGVMENT.

AFter that Iaakob by Gods commaundment, Gen. 46. 3. had brought his familie into Egypt, where they remained for the space of foure hundreth yeeres, and of seuenty persons grew to an infinite number, so that the king and the countrey grudged and endeuoured both by tyranny and cruell slauery to suppresse them: the Lord according to his promise, Gen. 15. 14 had compassion of his Church, and deliuered them, but plagued their enemies in most strange and sundry sorts. And the more that the tyranny of the wicked encreased against his Church, the more did his heauy iudgements increase against them, till Pharaoh and his army were drowned in the same Sea, which gaue an entry and passage to the children of God. But as the ingratitude of man is great, so did they immediatly forget Gods wonderful benefits: and albeit he had giuen them the Passeouer to be a signe & memorial of the same, yet they fell to distrust, & tempted God with sundry murmurings & grudgings against him & his ministers: sometime mouued with ambition, some time for lacke of drinke or meate to content their lusts, sometime by idolatry, or such like. Wherefore God visited them with sharpe rods and plagues, that by his corrections they might seeke to him for remedy against his scourges, and earnestly repent them for their rebellions and wickednes. And because God loueth them to the end, whom he hath once begun to loue, he punished them not according to their deserts, but dealt with them in great mercies, and euer with new benefits laboured to ouercome their malice: for he still gouerned them and gaue them his Word and Law, both concerning the maner of seruing him, and also the forme of iudgements and ciuil policie: to the intent that they should not serue God after their own inuentions, but according to that order, which his heauenly wisedome had appointed.

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CHAP. I.

2 *The children of Iaakob that came into Egypt.* 8 *The new Pharaoh oppresseth them.* 12 *The prouidence of God toward them.* 15 *The kings commandement to the mid wiues.* 22 *The sonnes of the Ebrewes are commanded to be cast into the riuer.*

NOw * these are ‖ names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt (euery man and his houshold came thither with Iaakob)

Gen. 46. 8.

‖Or, persons. Gen. 46. 27. deut. 10. 22.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Leui, and Iudah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun and Beniamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 So al the ‖ soules, that came out of the loynes of Iaakob, were * seuentie soules: Ioseph was in Egypt already.

‖Or, persons.

6 Now Ioseph died & all his brethren, and that whole generation.

7 ¶ And the *children of Israel ‖ brought foorth fruite, and increased in abundance, and were multiplied, and were exceeding

Acts 7. 17.

‖Or, did grow.

exceeding mighty, so that the [b] land was full of them.

8 Then there rose vp a new King in Egypt, who [c] knew not Ioseph.

9 And he said vnto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are greater and mightier then we.

10 Come, let vs worke wisely with them, lest they multiplie, and it come to passe that if there be warre, they ioyne themselues also vnto our enimies, and fight against vs, and [d] ‖ get them out of the land.

11 Therefore did they set taske-makers ouer them, to keepe them vnder with burdens: and they built the cities Pithom and Raamses for the ‖ treasures of Pharaoh.

12 But the more they vexed them, the more they multiplied and grew: therefore [e] they were more grieued against the children of Israel.

13 Wherefore the Egyptians by cruelty caused the children of Israel to serue.

14 Thus they made them weary of their liues by sore labour in clay and in bricke, and in all worke in the field, with all maner of bondage, which they laid vpon them most cruelly.

15 ¶ Moreouer the King of Egypt commaunded the midwiues of the Ebrew women, (of which the ones name was [f] Shiphjah, and the name of the other Puah)

16 And said, [*] When ye doe the office of a midwife to the women of the Ebrewes, and see them on the ‖ stoles, if it bee a sonne, then see that ye kill him: but if it be a daughter, then let her liue.

17 Notwithstanding the midwiues feared God, and did not as the King of Egypt commaunded them, but preserued aliue the men children.

18 Then the King of Egypt called for the midwiues, and said vnto them, Why haue ye done thus, and haue preserued aliue the men children?

19 And the midwiues answered Pharaoh, Because the Ebrew women are not as the women of Egypt: for they are liuely, and are deliuered yer the midwife come at them.

20 God therefore prospered the midwiues, and the people multiplied and were very mighty.

21 And because the midwiues feared God, therefore he [h] made them houses.

22 Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Euery man child that is borne, cast yee into the riuer, but reserue euery maid child aliue.

CHAP. II.

2 Moses is borne and cast into the flags. 5 He is taken vp of Pharaohs daughter & kept. 11 He killeth the Egyptian. 15 He fleeth and marrieth a wife. 23 The Israelites crie vnto the Lord.

[3] THen there went a [*] man of the house of Leui, & tooke to wife a daughter of Leui,

2 And the woman conceiued and bare a sonne: and when she saw that he was faire, [*] she hid him three moneths.

3 But when shee could no longer hide him, she tooke for him an arke made of reedes, & dawbed it with slime & with pitch, and [*] laid the child therein, and put it among the bulrushes by the riuers brinke.

4 Now his sister stood afarre off, to wit what would come of him.

5 ¶ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came downe to wash her in the riuer, & her maidens walked by the riuer side: and when she saw the arke among the bulrushes, shee sent her maid to fet it.

6 Then shee opened it, and sawe it was a childe: and beholde, the babe wept: so she had compassion on it, and said, This is one of the Ebrewes children.

7 Then sayd his sister vnto Pharaohs daughter, Shall I goe and call vnto thee a nurse of the Ebrew women to nurse thee the childe?

8 And Pharaohs daughter sayd to her, Goe. So the maide went and called the [*] childes mother.

9 To whom Pharaohs daughter sayd, Take this childe away, and nurse it for me, and I will reward thee. Then the woman tooke the childe and nursed him.

10 Now the child grew, and she brought him vnto Pharaohs daughter, and he was as her sonne: and she called his name Moses, because, sayd she, I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And in those dayes, when Moses was [*] growen, he went forth vnto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: also he saw an Egyptian smiting an Ebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked ‡ round about, & when he saw no man, he [*] slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 Againe he came forth the second day, and behold, two Ebrewes strone: and hee said vnto him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he answered, Who made thee a man of authoritie, and a iudge ouer vs? Thinkest thou to kill mee, as thou killedst the Egyptian? Then Moses [*] feared and said, Certainely this thing is knowen.

15 Now Pharaoh heard this matter, and sought to slay Moses: therefore Moses fled from Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sate downe by a well.

16 And the ‖ Priest of Midian had seuen daughters, which came and drew water, and filled the troughs, for to water their fathers sheep.

17 Then the shepheards came and droue them away: but Moses rose vp and ‡ defended them, and watered their sheepe.

18 And when they came to Reuel their ‖ father, he said, How are ye come so soone to day?

19 And they said, A man of Egypt deliuered vs from the hand of the shepheards, and also drew vs water enough, and watered the sheepe.

20 Then hee sayd vnto his daughters, And where is he? why haue ye left the man? call him that he may eate bread.

21 And Moses [*] agreed to dwell with the man: who gaue vnto Moses Zipporah his daughter.

22 And

[b] He meaneth the countrey of Gothen.

[c] He considered not how God had preserued Egypt for Iosephs sake.

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[d] Into Canaan, and so we shall lose our commoditie.

‖ Or, goe vp out of the land.

‖ Or, come and prouide.

[e] The more that God blesseth his, the more doeth the wicked enuie them.

‡ Ebr. wherewith they serued themselues of them by cruelty.

[f] These seeme to haue bene the chiefe of the rest. Wisd. 18.5.

‖ Or, seats where-upon they sate in trauell.

[g] Their disobedience herein was lawfull, but their dissembling euil.

[h] That is, God increased the families of the Israelites by their meanes.

[i] When tyrants cannot preuaile by craft, they brast forth into open rage.

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[3] This Leuite was called Amram, who maried Iochabed, Chap. 6.20. Numb. 26.59. 1. chron. 23.13. * Acts 7.20. Heb. 11.23.

28 Ianu. Lepsan Moon.

[b] Committing him to the prouidence of God, whom she could not keepe from the rage of the tyrant.

[c] Mans counsell cannot hinder that, which God hath determined shall come to passe.

[d] That is, was fortie yeere old, Act. 7.23.

‡ Eb. thus & thus.

[e] Being assured that God had appointed him to deliuer the Israelites, Act 7.25.

[f] Though by his feare he shewed his infirmitie, yet faith couered it, Heb. 11.27.

‖ Or, prince.

‡ Ebr. saued them.

‖ Or, grandfather.

[g] Wherin he declared a thankful mind, which would recompense the benefit done vnto his.

Chap. 18 3.

22 And thee bare a sonne, a whose name he called Gershom: for he sayd, I haue bene a stranger in a strange land.

23 ¶ Then in processe of time, the King of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed for the bondage and b cried: and their crie for the bondage came vp vnto God.

24 Then God heard their mone, & God remembred his couenant with Abraham, Izhak, and Iaakob.

25 So God looked vpon the children of Israel, and God c had respect vnto them.

CHAP. III.

1 *Moses keepeth sheepe, and God appeareth vnto him in a bush.* 10 *He sendeth him to deliuer the children of Israel.* 14 *The name of God.* 18 *God teacheth him what to doe.*

WHen Moses kept the sheepe of Iethro his father in lawe, Priest of Midian, and driue the flocke to the ‖backside of the desert, and came to the a mountaine of God, b Horeb.

2 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a c bush: and he looked, and beholde, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 Therefore Moses sayd, I will turne aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush burneth not.

4 And when d the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called vnto him out of the middes of the bush, and sayd, Moses, Moses. And he answered, I am here.

5 Then he sayd, Come not hither, e put thy shooes off thy feete: for the place whereon thou standest is f holy ground.

6 Moreouer hee sayd, g I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Izhak, and the God of Iaakob. Then Moses hid his face: for he was h afraid to looke vpon God.

7 ¶ Then the Lord sayd, I haue surely seene the trouble of my people, which are in Egypt, and haue heard their crie, because of their i taskemasters: for I know their sorowes.

8 Therefore I am come downe to deliuer them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land vnto a good land & a large, vnto a land that k floweth with milke and honie, euen vnto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites.

9 l And now lor, the crie of the children of Israel is come vnto mee, and I haue alsi seene the oppression, wherewith the Egyptians oppresse them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee vnto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ But Moses sayd vnto God, Who am I, that I should go vnto Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he answered, m Certainely I will be with thee: and this shall be a token vnto thee, that I haue sent thee, After that thou hast brought the people out of Egypt, ye shal serue God vpon this mountaine.

13 Then Moses sayd vnto God, Behold, when I shall come vnto the children of Israel, and shall say vnto them, The God of your fathers hath sent mee vnto you: if they say vnto me, n What is his Name? what shall I say vnto them?

14 And God answered Moses, I o AM THAT I AM. Also hee sayd, Thus shalt thou say vnto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me vnto you.

15 And God spake further vnto Moses, Thus shalt thou say vnto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Izhak, and the God of Iaakob hath sent mee vnto you: this is my Name for euer, and this is my memorial vnto all ages.

16 Goe and gather the Elders of Israel together, and thou shalt say vnto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Izhak, and Iaakob appeared vnto mee, and sayde, ‖I haue surely remembred you, and that which is done to you in Egypt.

17 Therefore I did say, I will bring you out of the affliction of Egypt vnto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, vnto a land that floweth with milke and honie.

18 Then shall they obey thy voyce, and thou and the Elders of Israel shall goe vnto the King of Egypt, and say vnto him, The Lord God of the Ebrewes hath ‖met with vs: we pray thee nowe therefore, let vs goe three dayes iourney in the wildernesse, that we may p sacrifice vnto the Lord our God.

19 ¶ But I knowe that the king of Egypt will not let you goe, but by strong hand.

20 Therefore will I stretch out mine hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders, which I will do in the middes thereof: and after that shall he let you goe.

21 And I will make this people to be fauoured of the Egyptians: so that when yee goe yee shall not goe emptie.

22 q For euery woman shall aske of her neighbour, and of her ‖that sojourneth in her house, iewels of siluer, and iewels of golde, and raiment, and ye shall put them on your sonnes, and on your daughters, and shall spoile the Egyptians.

CHAP. IIII.

3 *Moses rod is turned into a serpent.* 6 *His hand is leprous.* 9 *The water of the riuer is turned into blood.* 14 *Aaron is giuen to helpe Moses.* 21 *God hardeneth Pharaoh.* 25 *Moses wife circumciseth her sonne.* 27 *Aaron meeteth with Moses, and they come to the Israelites, and are beleeued.*

THen Moses answered, and sayde, a But loe they will not beleeue mee, nor hearken vnto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared vnto thee.

2 And the Lord sayd vnto him, What is that in thine hand? And hee answered, A rodde.

3 Then

h God humbleth his by afflictions that they should crie vnto him, & receiue the fruit of his promise.
i He iudged their cause or acknowledged them to be his.

Exod. 3. Sent — Moses

‖Or, farre with his flocke into the desert.
a It was so called after the Lawe was giuen.
b Called also Sinai. Acts 7.30.
c This signifieth that the Church is not consumed by the fire of afflictions, because God is in the midst thereof.
d Whom he called the Angel, verse 2.
e Resigne thy selfe vp to me, Ruth 4.7. Iosh. 5.15.
f Because of my presence. Matth. 22.32. Acts 7.32.
g For sinne causeth man to feare Gods iustice.
h Whose cruelty was intolerable.
i Most plentifull of all things.

k He heard before, but now he wouldreuenge it.

l He doeth not fully disobey God, but acknowledgeth his owne weaknesse.
m Neither feare thine owne weakenes, nor Pharaohs tyrannie.

The name of God

n The God which haue euer been, am, and shalbe: the God Almighty, by whom all things haue their being, and the God of mercie, mindfull of my promise, Reuel. 1.4.

‖Ebr. in visiting haue visited.

‖Or, appeared vnto vs.
o Because Egypt was ful of idolatrie, God would appoint them a place where they should serue him purely.
p This example may not be followed generally though at Gods commandement they did it iustly, receiuing some recompense of their labours. Chap. 11.2. and 12.35.
‖Or, in whose house shee sojourneth.

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Moses rod turned into a Serpent

3 Then said hee, Cast it on the ground. So he cast it on the ground, and it was turned into a serpent: and Moses fled from it.

4 Againe, the Lorde sayde vnto Moses, Put foorth thine hand, and take it by the taile. Then he put foorth his hand and caught it, and it was turned into a rodde in his hand.

b This power to workes miracles was to confirme his doctrine, and to assure him of his vocation.

5 Doe this, [b] that they may beleeue, that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Izhak, and the God of Iaakob hath appeared vnto thee.

6 ¶ And the Lorde sayde furthermore vnto him, Thrust nowe thine hand into thy bosome. And hee thrust his hand into his bosome, and when hee tooke it out againe, beholde, his hand was ‖ leprous as snowe.

‖ Or, white as snow.

7 Moreouer he sayd, Put thine hand into thy bosome againe. So hee put his hand into his bosome againe, and pluckt it out of his bosome, and beholde, it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 So shall it bee, if they will not beleeue thee, neither obey the voice of the first signe, yet shall they beleeue for the voice of the second signe

‖ Or, the wordes confirmed by the first signe.

9 But if they will not yet beleeue these two signes, neither obey vnto thy voyce, then shalt thou take of the [c] water of the riuer, and powre it vpon the drie land: so the water which thou shalt take out of the riuer, shall bee turned to blood vpon the drie land.

c Because these three signes should be sufficient witnesses to proue that Moses should deliuer Gods people.

10 ¶ But Moses sayd vnto the Lord, Oh my Lord, I am not eloquent, ‡ neither at any time haue been, nor yet since thou hast spoken vnto thy seruant: but I am ‡ slowe of speech, and slow of tongue.

‡ Eb. from yesterday, and yer yesterday.

‡ Ebr. heauie of mouth.

11 Then the Lord sayd vnto him, Who hath giuen the mouth to man? or who hath made the dumbe, or the deafe, or him that seeth, or the blinde? haue not I the Lord?

Remember

Matth. 10.19. and 12.22.

12 Therefore goe now, and [d] I will bee with thy mouth, and will teach thee what thou shalt say.

‖ Or, ministery.

13 But he said, Oh my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the ‖ hand of him, whom thou [e] shouldest send.

d That is, of the Messias: or some other, that is more meete then I.

e Though wee prouoke God iustly to anger, yet will he neuer reiect his.

14 Then the Lord was [f] very angry with Moses, and said, Doe not I know Aaron thy brother the Leuite, that he can speake? for lo, hee commeth also foorth to meete thee, and when he seeth thee, hee will be glad in his heart.

f Thou shalt instruct him what to say.

15 Therefore thou shalt speake vnto him, and [f] put the words in his mouth, and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye ought to doe.

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16 And he shall bee thy spokesman vnto the people: and hee shall bee, euen he shall bee as thy mouth, and thou shalt bee to him as [g] God.

g Meaning, as a wise counseller, and full of Gods Spirit.

17 Moreouer thou shalt take this rodde in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt doe miracles.

‖ Or, [h] in stede and image.

18 ¶ Therefore Moses went and returned to Iethro his father in law, and sayd vnto him, I pray thee let me goe, and returne to my ‖ brethren, which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet aliue. Then Iethro said to Moses, Goe in peace.

19 (For the Lord had sayd vnto Moses in Midian, Goe, returne to Egypt: for they are all dead which [‡] went about to kill thee)

‡ Ebr. sought thy soule.

20 Then Moses tooke his wife, and his sonnes, and [‡] put them on an asse, and returned toward the lande of Egypt, and Moses tooke the [h] rodde of GOD in his hand.

‡ Eb. caused them to ride.

h Whereby hee wrought the miracles.

21 And the Lord said vnto Moses, When thou art entred and come into Egypt againe, see that thou doe all the wonders before Pharaoh, which I haue put in thine hand: but I will [i] harden his heart, and hee shall not let the people goe.

i By retaining my spirit, and deliuering him vnto Satan to encrease his malice.

22 Then thou shalt say to Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my sonne, euen my [k] first borne.

k Meaning, most deare vnto him.

23 Wherefore I say to thee, Let my sonne goe, that he may serue me: if thou refuse to let him goe, beholde, I will slay thy sonne, euen thy first borne.

24 ¶ And as hee was by the way in the Inne, the Lord met him, and [l] would haue killed him.

l God punished him with sicknes for neglecting his sacrament.

25 Then Zipporah tooke a sharpe knife, and [m] cut away the foreskinne of her sonne, and cast it at his feete, and said, Thou art in deed a bloody husband vnto me.

m This acte was extraordinary: for Moses was sore sicke, and God euen then required it.

26 So ‖ he departed from him. Then she sayd, O bloody husband (because of the circumcision.)

‖ Or, the Angel.

27 ¶ Then the Lord said vnto Aaron, Go meet Moses in the wildernes. And he went and met him in the ‖ mount of God, and kissed him.

‖ Or, Horeb.

28 Then Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord, who had sent him, and all the signes wherewith he had charged him.

29 ¶ So went Moses and Aaron, and gathered all the Elders of the children of Israel.

30 And Aaron told all the words, which the Lord had spoken vnto Moses, and he did the miracles in the sight of the people.

31 And the [n] people beleeued, and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and had looked vpon their tribulation, they bowed downe, and worshipped.

n So that Moses had now experience of Gods promise, that he should haue good successe.

Ex. 4. Exod. CHAP. V. Sabbaoth

1 Moses and Aaron doe their message to Pharaoh, who letteth not the people of Israel to depart, but oppresseth them more and more. 20 They crie out vpon Moses and Aaron therefore, and Moses complaineth to God.

5. Sunne Sont Se

Euen

THen afterward Moses and Aaron went and sayd to Pharaoh, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, Let my people goe, that they may [a] celebrate a feast vnto mee in the wildernesse.

a Faith ouercommeth feare, and maketh men bold in their vocation

2 And Pharaoh sayd, Who is the Lord, that I should heare his voyce, and let Israel goe? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel goe.

b And offer sacrifice.

3 And they sayd, The God of the Ebrewes: we pray thee, let vs goe three dayes iourney in the desert, and sacrifice vnto the Lord our God, lest [‡] hee bring vpon vs the pestilence or sword.

‖ Or, God hath met vs.

‡ Ebr lest he meete vs with pestilence.

4 Then

4 Then said the King of Egypt vnto them, Moses and Aaron, why cause yee the people to cease from their workes? get you to your burdens.

5 Pharaoh said furthermore, Behold, much people is now in the land, and ye make them leaue their burdens.

6 Therefore Pharaoh gaue commandement the same day vnto the taske masters of the people, and to their [d] officers, saying,

7 Yee shall giue the people no more straw, to make bricke (as in time past) but let them goe and gather them strawe themselues.

8 Notwithstanding lay vpon them the number of bricke, which they made in time past, diminish nothing thereof: for they be idle, therefore they crie, saying, Let vs go to offer sacrifice vnto our God.

9 [*] Lay more worke vpon the men, and cause them to doe it, and let them not regard [f] vaine words.

10 ¶ Then went the taske masters of the people, and their officers out, and tolde the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will giue you no more straw.

11 Goe your selues, get you strawe where yee can finde it, yet shall nothing of your labour be diminished.

12 Then were the people scattred abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, for to gather stubble in stead of straw.

13 And the taskemasters hasted them, saying, Finish your dayes worke [‡] euery dayes taske, as yee did when yee had straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaohs taske masters had set ouer them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore haue yee not fulfilled your taske in making bricke yesterday and to day, as in times past?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Israel came, and cried vnto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy seruants?

16 There is no strawe giuen to thy seruants, and they say vnto vs, Make bricke: and loe, thy seruaunts are beaten, and [‖] thy people is blamed.

17 But he said, [+] Yee are too much idle: therefore ye say, Let vs goe to offer sacrifice to the Lord.

18 Goe therefore now and worke: for there shall no straw be giuen you, yet shal ye deliuer the whole tale of bricke.

19 Then the officers of the children of Israel [‖] saw themselues in an euill case, because it was said, Ye shall diminish nothing of your bricke, nor of euery dayes taske.

20 ¶ And they met [*] Moses and Aaron, which stood in their way as they came out from Pharaoh,

21 To whom they said, The Lord looke vpon you and iudge; for yee haue made our sauoure to [g] stinke before Pharaoh and before his seruants, in that yee haue [+] put a sword in their hand to slay vs.

22 Wherefore Moses returned to the Lord and said, Lord, why hast thou afflicted this people? wherefore hast thou thus sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speake in thy Name, he hath vexed this people, and yet thou hast not deliuered thy people.

CHAP. VI.

{ 3 God renueth his promise of the deliuerance of the Israelites. 9 Moses speaketh to the Israelites, but they beleeue him not. 10 Moses and Aaron are sent againe to Pharaoh. 14 The genealogie of Reuben, Simeon, and Leui, of whome came Moses and Aaron.

Then the Lord said vnto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do vnto Pharaoh: for by a strong hand shall hee let them goe, and [‡] euen be constrained to driue them out of his land.

2 Moreouer, God spake vnto Moses, and said vnto him, I am the Lord.

3 And I appeared vnto Abraham, to Izhak, and to Iaakob by the name of [a] Almightie God: but by my name Iehouah was I not knowen vnto them.

4 Furthermore as I made my couenant with them to giue them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers:

5 So I haue also heard the groning of the children of Israel, whome the Egyptians keepe in bondage, and haue remembred my couenant.

6 Wherefore say thou vnto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from the burdens of the Egyptians, and will deliuer you out of their bondage, and will redeeme you [‖] in a stretched out arme, and in great [‖] iudgements.

7 Also I will [*] take you for my people, and will bee your God: then yee shall know that I the Lord your God bring you out from the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you into the land which I [‡] sware that I would giue to Abraham, to Izhak, and to Iaakob, and I will giue it vnto you for a possession: I am the Lord.

9 ¶ So Moses tolde the children of Israel thus: but they hearkened not vnto Moses, for anguish of spirit and for cruell bondage.

10 Then the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

11 Goe speake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that hee let the children of Israel goe out of his land.

12 But Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel hearken not vnto me, how then shall Pharaoh heare me, which am of [d] vncircumcised lips?

13 Then the Lord spake vnto Moses and vnto Aaron, and charged them to goe to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These bee the [e] heads of their fathers houses: the [*] sonnes of Reuben the first borne of Israel are Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi: these are the families of Reuben.

15 [*] Also the sons of Simeon: Iemuel and Iamin,

[*] Reade Gene. 34. 30.

g It is a grieuous thing to the seruants of God, to be accused of euill, especially of their brethren, when they doe as their duetie requireth.

c As though yee would rebell.

d Which were of the Israelites, and had charge to see them doe their worke.

‡ Ebr. yesterday and yer yesterday.

e The more cruelly that tyrants rage, the neerer is Gods helpe.

f Of Moses and Aaron.

‡ Ebr. the work of a day in his day.

‖ Or, thy people the Egyptians are in the fault.

‡ Ebr. Idle ye are idle.

‖ Or, looked sad on them, which said.

God renewe his promise.

King Elias Hebr. Iosh. Mayor Le Maon

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‡ Ebr. in a strong hand.

30 Ianuarey

[a] Or, all sufficient

a Whereby he signifieth that he will performe in deed, that which hee promised to their fathers: for this Name declareth that hee is constant, and wil performe his promise.

‖ Or, plagues.

b He meaneth, as touching the outward vocation: the dignitie whereof they lost afterward by their rebellion: but as for election to life euerlasting it is immutable.

‡ Ebr. lift vp mine hand.

c So hard a thing is it to shew true obedience vnder the crosse.

d Or, barbarous and rude in speech: and by this word (vncircumcised) is signified the whole corruption of mans nature.

e This genealogie sheweth of whom Moses and Aaron came. Gene. 46 9. num. 26 5. 1. chron 5. 3 1. Chron. 4. 24.

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Rubens generation

Num. 3. 17. 1. chron. 6. 1. and 23. 6.

f For he was 43 yeere olde, when he came into Egypt, and there liued 94. Num. 26 57. 1. chron. 6. 1. and 23 6.

Chap. 2. 2. numb. 26. 59.

g Which kinde of marriage was after in the law forbidden, Leuit. 18 12.

h Moses and he were brothers children, whose rebellion was punished, Numb. 16. 1.

i Who was a prince of Iudah, Num. 2. 3.

Numb. 25. 11.

k For their families were so great that they might be compared to armies.

l The disobedience both of Moses and of the people sheweth that their deliuerance came onely of Gods free mercie.

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30 Ianua 1 Febr. Euen

‖Or, a God to Pharaoh.

a I haue giuen thee power & authority to speake in my name, and to execute my iudgements vpon him.

‖Or, shall speake for thee (before Pharaoh.)

Iamin, and Ohad, and Iachin, and Zoar, and Shaul the sonne of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Shimon.

16 ¶ * These also are the names of the sonnes of Leui in their generations: Gershon and Kohath, and Merari (and the yeeres of the life of Leui were an hundred thirtie and seuen yeere.)

17 The sonnes of Gershon, were Libni and Shimi by their families.

18 * And the sonnes of Kohath, Amram and Izhar, and Hebron, and Vzziel, (and Kohath liued an hundred thirtie and three yeere.)

19 Also the sonnes of Merari were Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Leui by their kinreds.

20 * And Amram tooke Iochebed his f fathers sister to his wife, and she bare him Aaron and Moses (and Amram liued an hundred thirtie and seuen yeere.)

21 ¶ Also the sonnes of Izhar: h Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sonnes of Vzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri.

23 And Aaron tooke Elisheba daughter of i Amminadab, sister of Nahashon to his wife, which bare him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 Also the sonnes of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar Aarons sonne tooke him one of the daughters of Putiel to his wife, which bare him * Phinehas: these are the principall fathers of the Leuites throughout their families.

26 These are Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, Bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, according to their k armies.

27 These are that Moses and Aaron, which spake to Pharaoh King of Egypt, that they might bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.

28 ¶ And at that time when the Lord spake vnto Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 (When the Lord, I say, spake vnto Moses, saying, I am the Lord, speake thou vnto Pharaoh the king of Egypt all that I say vnto thee,

30 Then Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am of l vncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heare me?

CHAP. VII.

1 *God hardeneth Pharaohs heart,* 10 *Moses and Aaron doe the miracles of the serpent, and the blood, and Pharaohs sorcerers doe the like.*

THen the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I haue made thee ‖ Pharaohs a God, and Aaron thy brother shall ‖ be thy Prophet.

2 Thou shalt speake all that I commanded thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speake vnto Pharaoh, that he suffer the children of Israel to goe out of his land.

3 But I will harden Pharaohs heart, and multiply my miracles and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh shall not hearken vnto you, that I may lay mine hand vpon Egypt, and bring out mine armies, even my people, the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, by great b iudgements.

5 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth mine hand vpon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

6 So Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, euen so did they.

7 (Now Moses was c fourescore yeere olde, and Aaron fourescore and three, when they spake vnto Pharaoh)

8 ¶ And the Lord had spoken vnto Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 If Pharaoh speake vnto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you, then thou shalt say vnto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall be turned into a ‖ serpent.

10 ¶ Then went Moses and Aaron vnto Pharaoh, and did euen as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast forth his rod before Pharaoh and before his seruants, and it was turned into a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh called also for the wise men, and d sorcerers: and those charmers also of Egypt did in like maner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast downe euery man his rod, and they were turned into serpents: but Aarons rod deuoured their rods.

13 So Pharaohs heart was hardened, and he hearkened not to them, as the Lord had said.

14 ¶ The Lord then said vnto Moses, Pharaohs heart is ‖ obstinate, he refuseth to let the people goe.

15 Go vnto Pharaoh in the morning, (lo, he will come forth vnto the water) and thou shalt stand e meet him by the riuers brinke, and the rod, which was turned into a serpent, shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say vnto him, The Lord God of the Hebrewes hath sent me vnto thee, saying, Let my people goe, that they may serue me in the wildernesse: and behold, hitherto thou wouldest not heare.

17 Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand, vpon the water that is in the riuer, and it shalbe turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the riuer, shall die, and the riuer shall stinke, and it shall ‖ grieue the Egyptians to drinke of the water of the riuer.

19 ¶ The Lord then spake to Moses, Say vnto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand ouer the waters of Egypt, ouer their streames, ouer their riuers, and ouer their ponds, and ouer all pooles of their waters, and they shall bee † blood, and there shall bee blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and of stone.

20 So Moses and Aaron did euen as the Lord commanded: * and hee lift vp the rod, and smote the water that was in the riuer in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his seruants: and * all the water that was in the riuer was turned into blood.

21 And

b To strengthen Moses faith, God promiseth againe to punish most sharpely the oppression of his Church.

c Moses liued in affliction and banishment fortie yeere before he enioyed his office to deliuer Gods people.

‖Or, Dragon.

Heb. Pyths

d It seemeth that these were Iannes and Iambres, read 2. Tim. 3. 8 so euer the wicked maliciously resist the truth of God.

‖Or, beastie and dull.

e To wit, the riuer Nilus.

‖Or, they shalbe weake, and abhorre to drinke.

† The first plague

Chap. 17. 5.

Psal. 78 44.

f To signifie that it was a true miracle, and that God plagued them in that which was most necessarie for the preseruation of life *Wisd.17.7.*

g In outward appearance, and after that the seuen dayes were ended.

‡*Ebr. was made strong.*

‡*Ebr. he set not his heart as all thereunto.*

‖*Or, seuen dayes were accomplished.*

21 And the fish that was in the riuer, died, and the riuer stanke: so that the Egyptians could not drinke of the water of the riuer: and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 * And the inchanters of Egypt did likewise with their sorceries: and the heart of Pharaoh was ‡ hardened: so that hee did not hearken vnto them, as the Lord had sayde.

23 Then Pharaoh returned, and went againe into his house, ‡ neither did this yet enter into his heart.

24 All the Egyptians then digged round about the riuer for waters to drinke: for they could not drinke of the water of the riuer.

25 And this ‖ continued fully seuen dayes after the Lord had smitten the riuer.

CHAP. VIII.

6 Frogges are sent. 13 Moses prayeth, and they die. 17 Lice are sent, whereby the sorcerers acknowledge Gods power. 24 Egypt is plagued with noysome flies. 30 Moses prayeth againe: 32 But Pharaohs heart is hardened.

AFterward the Lord sayde vnto Moses, Goe vnto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people goe, that they may serue me:

2 And if thou wilt not let them goe, behold, I will smite all thy countrey with * frogs:

3 And the riuer shall scrall full of frogs, which shall goe vp and come into thine house, and into thy chamber where thou sleepest, and vpon thy bed, and into the house of thy seruaunts, and vpon thy people, and into thine ouens, and ‖ into thy kneading troughs.

4 Yea, the frogges shall climbe vp vpon thee, and on thy people, and vpon all thy seruants.

5 ¶ Also the Lord said vnto Moses, Say thou vnto Aaron, Stretch out thine hand with thy rod vpon the streames, vpon the riuers, and vpon the ponds, and cause frogs to come vp vpon the land of Egypt.

6 Then Aaron stretched out his hand vpon the waters of Egypt, and the † frogs came vp, and couered the land of * Egypt.

7 * And the sorcerers did likewise with their sorceries, and brought frogs vp vpon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, * Pray yee vnto the Lord that hee may take away the frogs from mee, and from my people, and I will let the people goe, that they may doe sacrifice vnto the Lord.

9 And Moses said vnto Pharaoh, ‡ Concerning mee, euen ‖ commaund when I shall pray for thee, and for thy seruants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogges from thee and from thine houses, that they may remaine in the riuer onely.

10 Then he said, To morow. And he answered, Bee it ‡ as thou hast said, that thou mayest know, that there is none like vnto the Lord our God.

11 So the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thine houses, and from thy seruants, and from thy people: only they shall remaine in the riuer.

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried vnto the Lord concerning the frogs, which hee had ‖ sent vnto Pharaoh.

13 And the Lord did according to the saying of Moses: so the frogs * died in the houses, in the townes, and in the fields.

14 And they gathered them together by heapes, and the land stanke of them.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that he had rest giuen him, he ‖ hardned his heart, ‡ hearkened not vnto them, as the Lord had said.

16 ¶ Againe the Lord said vnto Moses, Say vnto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may bee turned to † lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so: for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth: and lice came vpon man and vpon beast: all the dust of the earth was lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 Now the inchanters assayed likewise with their inchantements to bring forth lice, but they * could not. So the lice were vpon man and vpon beast.

19 Then said the inchanters vnto Pharaoh, This is the ‖ finger of God. But Pharaohs heart remained obstinate, and he hearkened not vnto them, as the Lord had said.

20 ¶ Moreouer the Lord said vnto Moses, Rise vp early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh (loe, he will come forth vnto the water) and say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people goe, that they may serue me.

21 Else if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send ‖ swarmes of flies both vpon thee, and vpon thy seruants, and vpon thy people, and into thine houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall bee full of swarmes of flies, and the ground also whereon they are.

22 But the land of Goshen, where my people are, I will ‖ cause to be wonderfull in that day, to that no swarmes of flies shall be there, that thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the ‖ earth.

23 And I will make a deliuerance of my people from thy people: to morow shall this miracle be.

24 And the Lord did so: * for there came † great swarmes of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his seruants houses, so that through all the land of Egypt the earth was corrupt by the swarmes of flies.

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses, and Aaron, and said, Goe, doe sacrifice vnto your God in this land.

26 But Moses answered, It is not meete to doe so: for then wee should offer vnto the Lord our God that, which is an ‖ abomination vnto the Egyptians. Lo, can we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and they not stone vs?

27 Let vs goe three dayes iourney in the

The third & fourth Plague

‖*Or, laide vpon.*

d In things of this life God oft times heareth the prayers of the iust for the vngodly.

‖*Or, made his heart heauie.*

† The third Plague.

e God confounded their wisedome and authoritie in a thing most vile.

f They acknowledge that this was done by Gods power and not by sorcerie, Luke 11.20.

‖*Or, a multitude of venemous beasts, as serpents, &c.*

‖*Or, I will separate.*

‖*Or, land of Egypt.*

Wisd.16.9.

† The fourth Plague.

g [illegible] tians [illegible] diuers [illegible] the oxe, the sheepe, and such like, which the Israelites offered in sacrifice: which thing the Egyptians abhorred to see.

a There is nothing so weake, that God cannot cause to ouercome the greatest power of man.

‖*Or, vpon thy dough, or into thine ambries.*

† The second Plague.

b But Goshen, where Gods people dwelt, was excepted. *Wisd.17.3.*

c Not loue, but feare causeth the very infidels to seeke vnto God.

‡*Ebr. haue thy honour ouer me.*

‖*Or, speake plaine vnto me.*

‡*Ebr according to thy word.*

desert, and sacrifice vnto the Lord our God, * as he hath commanded vs.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you goe, that yee may sacrifice vnto the Lord your God in the wildernesse, but [b] goe not farre away, pray for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I will goe out from thee, and pray vnto the Lord, that the swarmes of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his seruants, and from his people to morow: but let Pharaoh from henceforth [i] deceiue no more, in not suffering the people to sacrifice vnto the Lord.

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed vnto the Lord.

31 And the Lord did according to the saying of Moses, and the swarmes of flies departed from Pharaoh, from his seruants, and from his people, and there remained not one.

32 Yet Pharaoh [k] hardened his heart at this time also, and did not let the people goe.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The murraine of the beasts.* 10 *The plague of botches and sores.* 23 *The horrible haile, thunder, and the lightning.* 26 *The land of Goshen euer is excepted.* 27 *Pharaoh confesseth his wickednesse.* 33 *Moses prayeth for him.* 35 *Yet is hee obstinate.*

THen the Lord said vnto Moses, Goe to Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Ebrewes, Let my people goe, that they may serue me.

2 But if thou refuse to let them goe, and wilt yet hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the Lord is vpon thy flocke which is in the field: for vpon the horses, vpon the asses, vpon the camels, vpon the cattell, and vpon the sheepe shall bee a † mightie great murraine.

4 And the Lord shall doe [a] wonderfully betweene the beastes of Israel, and the beasts of Egypt: so that there shall nothing die of all, that pertaineth to the children of Israel.

5 And the Lord appointed a time, saying, To morow the Lord shall finish this thing in this land.

6 So the Lord did this thing on the morow: and all the cattell of Egypt died: but of the cattell of the children of Israel died not one.

7 Then Pharaoh [b] sent, and behold, there was not one of the cattell of the Israelites dead: and the heart of Pharaoh was obstinate, and he did not let the people goe.

8 ¶ And the Lord said to Moses, and to Aaron, Take your handfull of ‖ ashes of the fornace, and Moses shall sprinkle them toward the heauen in the sight of Pharaoh:

9 And they shall bee turned to dust in all the land of Egypt: and it shall bee as a scab breaking out into blisters vpon man, and vpon beast, throughout all the lands of Egypt.

10 Then they tooke ashes of the fornace, and stoode before Pharaoh: and Moses sprinkled them toward the heauen, & there came † a scab breaking out into blisters vpon man, and vpon beast.

11 And the sorcerers could not stand before Moses, because of the scab: for the scab was vpon the inchanters, and vpon all the Egyptians.

12 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not vnto them, * as the Lord had said vnto Moses.

13 ¶ Also the Lord said vnto Moses, Rise vp earely in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Ebrewes, Let my people go, that they may serue me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues vpon [c] thine heart, and vpon thy seruants, and vpon thy people, that thou maiest know that there is none like mee in all the earth.

15 For now I wil stretch out mine hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with the pestilence: and thou shalt perish from the earth.

16 And indeede, * for this cause haue ‖ I appointed thee, to shewe my power in thee, and to declare my [d] Name throughout all the world.

17 Yet thou exaltest thy selfe against my people, and lettest them not goe.

18 Behold, to morow this time I will cause to raine a mightie great haile, such as was not in Egypt since the foundation thereof was laide vnto this time.

19 Send therefore now, and [e] gather thy cattell, and all that thou hast in the fielde: for vpon all the men, and the beastes, which are found in the fielde, and not brought home, the haile shal fall vpon them, and they shall die.

20 Such then as feared the word of the Lord among the seruants of Pharaoh, made his seruaunts and his cattell flee into the houses:

21 But such as ‡ regarded not the [f] word of the Lord, left his seruants, and his cattell in the field.

22 ¶ And the Lorde sayde to Moses, Stretch foorth thine hand toward heauen, that there may be haile in all the land of Egypt, vpon man, and vpon beast, and vpon all the herbes of the field in the land of Egypt.

23 Then Moses stretched out his rod toward heauen, and the Lord sent thunder and † haile, and ‡ lightning vpon the ground: and the Lord caused haile to raine vpon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was haile, and fire mingled with the haile, so grieuous, as there was none throughout all the land of Egypt, since ‖ it was a nation.

25 And the haile smote throughout al the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast: also the haile smote all the herbes of the field, and brake to pieces all the trees of the field.

26 Onely in the land of Goshen (where the children of Israel were) was no haile.

27 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said vnto them, I [g] haue now sinned: the Lord is righteous, but I and my people are wicked.

28 Pray ye vnto the Lord (for it is enough) that there bee no more ‡ mightie thunders and

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Chap. 8. 18.

6. Plague

h So the wicked prescribe vnto Gods messengers how farre they shall goe.

i He could not iudge his heart, but yet he charged him to doe this vnfainedly.

k Where God giueth not faith, no miracles can preuaile.

6. Sun in Sept. Mor.

7. Losses

31 Tanar Solon Even

† The fift plague.

a He shall declare his heauie iudgement against his enemies, and his fauour toward his children.

b Into the land of Goshen, where the Israelites dwelled.

Or, embers.

† The first plague

Chap. 4. 21.

c So that thine owne conscience shall condemne thee of ingratitude and malice.

Rom. 9. 17.

‖ Or, set thee vp.

‖ Or, to shew thee.

d That is, that all the world may magnifie my power in ouercomming thee.

e Here we see though Gods wrath be kindled, yet there is a certaine mercie shewed euen to his enemies.

‡ Ebr. set not his heart to.

f The word of the minister is called the word of God.

† The seuenth plague.

‡ Ebr. fire walked.

‖ Or, since it was inhabited.

g The wicked confesse their sinnes to their condemnation, but they cannot beleeue to obtaine remission.

‡ Ebr. voyces of God.

and haile, and I will let you goe, and ye shall tary no longer.

29 Then Moses sayd vnto him, Assoone as I am out of the citie, I will spread vp mine hands vnto the Lord, and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there bee any more haile, that thou mayest know that *the earth is the Lords.

30 As for thee and thy seruants, I know a afore I pray, ye will feare before the face of the Lord God.

31 (And the flaxe, and the barley were smitten: for the barley was eared, and the flaxe was bolled.

32 But the wheate and the rye were not smitten: for they were ‖ hid in the ground.)

33 Then Moses went out of the citie from Pharaoh, and spread his hands to the Lord, and the thunder and the haile ceased, neither rained it vpon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the haile and the thunder were ceased, hee sinned againe, and hardened his heart, both he, and his seruants.

35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel goe, as the Lord had sayd ‡ by Moses.

CHAP. X.

7 *Pharaohs seruants counsell him to let the Israelites depart.* 13 *Grashoppers destroy the countrey.* 16 *Pharaoh confesseth his sinne.* 22 *Darkenesse is sent.* 28 *Pharaoh forbiddeth Moses to come any more in his presence.*

AGaine the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Goe to Pharaoh: for * I haue hardened his heart, and the heart of his seruants, that I might worke these my miracles ‖ in the midst of his realme,

2 And that thou mayest declare in the * eares of thy sonne, and of thy sonnes sonne, what things I haue done in Egypt, and my miracles which I haue done among them: that yee may knowe that I am the Lord.

3 Then came Moses and Aaron vnto Pharaoh, and they sayd vnto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Ebrewes, Howe long wilt thou refuse b to humble thy selfe before me? Let my people goe, that they may serue me.

4 But if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring ‖ * grashoppers into thy coasts.

5 And they shall couer the face of the earth that a man cannot see the earth: and they shall eate the residue which remaineth vnto you, and hath escaped from the haile: and they shall eate all your trees that bud in the field.

6 And they shall fill thine houses, and all thy seruants houses, and the houses of all the Egyptians, as neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers fathers haue seene, since the time they were vpon the earth vnto this day: So hee returned, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 Then Pharaohs seruants sayd vnto him, How long shall hee be ‖ an offence vnto vs? let the men goe, that they may serue the Lord their God: wilt thou first knowe that Egypt is destroyed?

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought againe vnto Pharaoh, and he sayd to them, Goe, serue the Lord your God, but who are they that shall goe?

9 And Moses answered, Wee will goe with our yong and with our olde, with our sonnes and with our daughters, with our sheepe and with our cattell will we goe: for we must celebrate a feast vnto the Lord.

10 And hee sayd vnto them, Let d the Lord be with you, as I will let you goe and your children: behold, for * euill is before your face.

11 It shall not be so: now goe yee that are men, and serue the Lord: for that was your desire. Then they were thrust out from Pharaohs presence.

12 (After the Lord sayde vnto Moses, Stretch out thine hand vpon the land of Egypt for the grashoppers, that they may come vpon the land of Egypt, and eate all the herbes of the land, euen all that the haile hath left.

13 Then Moses stretched foorth his rod vpon the lande of Egypt: and the Lorde brought an East winde vpon the lande all that day, and all that night: and in the morning the East winde brought the † grashoppers.

14 So the grashoppers went vp vpon all the land of Egypt, and ‖ remained in all quarters of Egypt: so grieuous grashoppers, like to theirs were neuer before, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they couered all the face of the earth, so that the land was darke: and they did eate all the herbes of the land, and all the fruits of the trees, which the haile had left, so that there was no greene thing left vpon the trees, nor among the herbes of the field thorowout all the land of Egypt.

16 Therefore Pharaoh called for f Moses and Aaron in haste, and sayd, I haue sinned against the Lord your God, and against you.

17 And now forgiue mee my sinne onely this once, and pray vnto the Lord your God, that hee may take away from mee this death onely.

18 Moses then went out from Pharaoh, and prayed vnto the Lord.

19 And the Lord turned a mighty strong West winde, and tooke away the grashoppers, and violently cast them into the g red sea, so that there remained not one grashopper in all the coast of Egypt.

20 But the Lorde hardened Pharaohs heart, and he did not let the children of Israel goe.

21 (Againe the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heauen, that there may bee vpon the lande of Egypt darkenesse, euen darkenesse, that may bee h felt.

22 Then Moses stretched forth his hand toward heauen, and there was a † blacke * darkenesse in all the land of Egypt three dayes.

23 No man saw another, neither arose vp from the place where hee was for three

Psal. 24. 1.

h Meaning, that when they haue their request, they are neuer the better, though they make many faire promises: wherin we see the practises of the wicked.

‖ Or, late sowen.

‡ Ebr. by the hand of Moses.

Chap. 4. 21.

‖ Or, in his presence, or among them.

a The miracles should bee so great, that they should be spoken of for euer, where also we see the ductie of parents toward their children.

b The end of afflictions is, to humble our selues with true repentance vnder the hand of God.

‖ Or, locusts, Wisd. 16. 9.

‖ Or, snare.

c Meaning, the occasion of all these euils: so are the godly euer charged, as Elias was by Achab.

d That is, I would the Lord were no more affectioned toward you, then I am minded to let you goe.

c Punishment is prepared for you. Some reade, Ye intend some mischiefe.

† The eighth plague.

‖ Or, he caused them to remaine.

f The wicked in their misery seeke to Gods ministers for helpe, albeit they hate and detest them.

g The water seemeth red, because the sand or gauel is red: the Ebrewes call it the sea of bulrushes.

h Because it was so thicke.

† The ninth plague. Wisd. 17. 21.

Wisd. 18.1.

days: *but all the children of Israel had light where they dwelt.

24 Then Pharaoh called for Moses, and sayd, Goe, serue the Lord: onely your sheepe and your cattell shall abide, and your children shall goe with you.

i The ministers of God ought not to yeeld one iote to the wicked, as touching their charge.

25 And Moses sayd, Thou must giue vs also sacrifices, and burnt offerings, that wee may do sacrifice vnto the Lord our God.

26 Therefore our cattel also shal go with vs: there shal not an i hoofe be left, for thereof must we take to serue the Lord our God: neither do we know k how we shall serue the Lord, vntill we come thither.

k That is, with what beasts, or how many.

27 (But the Lord hardened Pharaohs heart, and he would not let them goe)

28 And Pharaoh said vnto him, Get thee from me: looke thou see my face no more: for whensoeuer thou commest in my sight, thou shalt l die.

l Though before he confessed Moses iust, yet against his owne conscience hee threatneth to put him to death.

29 Then Moses sayd, Thou hast sayd well: from henceforth will I see thy face no more.

CHAP. XI.

1 God promiseth their departure. 2 He willeth them to borow their neighbours iewels. 3 Moses was esteemed of all saue Pharaoh. 5 He signifieth the death of the first borne.

NOw the Lord had sayd vnto Moses, Yet wil I bring one plague more vpon Pharaoh, and vpon Egypt: after that, hee will let you go hence: when he letteth you goe, he shall *at once chase you hence.

a Without any condition, but with haste and violence.

2 Speake thou now to the people, that euery man ‖ require of his neighbour, and euery woman of her neighbour iewels of siluer and iewels of gold.

‖ Or, borow. Chap. 3.22. and 12.35. Eccles. 45.1.

3 And the Lord gaue the people fauour in the sight of the Egyptians: also *Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaohs seruants, and in the sight of the people)

4 Also Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, *About midnight will I goe out into the midst of Egypt.

Chap. 12.29.

5 *And all the first borne in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first borne of Pharaoh that sitteth on his throne, vnto the first borne of the mayde seruant, that is at b the mill, and all the first borne of beasts.

Wisd. 18.11.

b From the highest to the lowest.

6 Then there shalbe a great crie thorowout all the land of Egypt, such as was neuer none like, nor shalbe.

7 But against none of the children of Israel shall a dogge moue his tongue, neither against man nor beast, that ye may know that the Lord putteth a difference betweene the Egyptians and Israel.

8 And all these thy seruants shall come downe vnto me, and fall before mee, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that *are at thy feete, and after this will I depart. So hee went out from Pharaoh very angry.

c That is, vnder thy power and gouernment.

9 And the Lorde sayde vnto Moses, Pharaoh shall not heare you, d that my wonders may be multiplied in the lande of Egypt.

d God hardeneth the hearts of the reprobate, that his glory thereby might be the more set foorth, Rom 9.17.

10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: but the Lord hardened Pharaohs heart, and hee suffered not the children of Israel to goe out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Lord instituteth the Passouer. 26 The fathers must teach their children the mystery therof. 29 The first borne are slaine. 31 The Israelites are driuen out of the land. 35 The Egyptians are spoyled. 37 The number that departeth out of Egypt. 40 How long they were in Egypt.

THen the Lord spake vnto Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This *moneth shalbe vnto you the beginning of moneths: it shalbe to you the first *moneth of the yeere.

2 Called Nisan, conteining part of March, and part of April.

3 Speake ye vnto all the Congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth of this moneth let euery man take vnto him a lamb, according to the house of the *fathers, a lambe for an house.

b As touching the obseruation of feasts: as for other policies, they reckoned from September.

c As the fathers of the houshold had great or small families.

4 And if the houshold be too little for the lambe, he shall take his neighbour, which is next vnto his house, according to the number of the persons: euery one of you, according to his d eating, shall make your count for the lambe.

d He shall take so many as are sufficient to eate the lambe.

5 Your lambe shall be without blemish, a male of a yeere olde: ye shall take it of the lambes, or of the kids.

6 And ye shall keepe it vntill the fourteenth day of this moneth: then *al the multitude of the Congregation of Israel shall kill it e at euen.

e Euery one in his house. ‡Ebr. betweene the two euenings: or twilight.

7 After, they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two postes, and on the vpper doore poste of the houses where they shal eat it.

8 And they shall eate the flesh the same night, rost with fire, and vnleauened bread: with sowre herbes they shall eate it.

9 Eate not thereof raw, boyled nor sodden in water, but rost with fire, both his f head, his feete, and his purtenance.

f That is, all that may be eaten.

10 And ye shall reserue nothing of it vnto the morning: but that, which remaineth of it vnto the morrowe, shall yee burne with fire.

11 ¶ And thus shall ye eate it, Your loynes girded, your shooes on your feete, and your staues in your hands, and ye shall eate it in haste: for g it is the Lords Passeouer.

g The lambe was not the Passeouer, but signified it: as sacraments are not the thing it selfe, which they doe represent, but signifie it.

12 For I will passe thorow the land of Egypt the same night, and will smite all the first borne in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and I wil execute iudgement vpon all the ‖ gods of Egypt, I am the Lord.

‖ Or, Princes, or idoles.

13 And the blood shall be a token for you vpon the houses where ye are: so when I see the blood, I will passe ouer you, and the plague shall not be vpon you to destruction, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall bee vnto you a h remembrance: and yee shall keepe it an holy feast vnto the Lord, thorowout your generations: ye shall keepe it holy by an ordinance i for euer.

h Of the benefite receiued for your deliuerance.

15 Seuen dayes shall yee eate vnleauened bread, and in any case yee shall put away leauen the first day out of your houses: for whosoeuer eateth leauened bread from

i That is, vntill Christs comming: for then ceremonies had an end.

from the first day vntill the seuenth day, that perſon ſhalbe cut off from Iſrael.

16 And in the firſt day ſhalbe an holy ‖ aſſemblie: alſo in the ſeuenth day ſhall bee an holy aſſembly vnto you: no worke ſhall bee done in them, ſaue about that which euery man muſt eate: that onely may yee doe.

17 Ye ſhall keepe alſo the feaſt of vnleauened bread: for that ſame day I will bring your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore ye ſhal obſerue this day throughout your poſteritie, by an ordinance for euer.

18 ¶ *In the firſt moneth and the fourteenth day of the moneth at k euen yee ſhall eate vnleauened bread vnto the one & twentieth day of the moneth at euen.

19 Seuen dayes ſhall no leauen be found in your houles: for whoſoeuer eateth leauened bread, that perſon ſhall be cut off from the Congregation of Iſrael: whether he be a ſtranger, or borne in the land.

20 Ye ſhall eat no leauened bread: but in all your habitations ſhall ye eat vnleauened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moſes called all the Elders of Iſrael, and ſayd vnto them, Chuſe out and take you for euery of your houſholdes a lambe, and kill the Paſſeouer.

22 And take *a bunch of Hyſſope, and dip it in the blood that is in the baſen, and ſtrike the ‖ lintell, and the ‖ dooze cheekes with the blood that is in the baſen, and let none of you goe out at the dooze of his houſe, vntill the morning.

23 For the Lozde will paſſe by to ſmite the Egyptians: and when he ſeeth the blood vpon the lintell & on the two doore cheekes, the Lord will paſſe ouer the dooze, and will not ſuffer the l deſtroyer to come into your houſes to plague you.

24 Therefore ſhall ye obſerue this thing as an ordinance both for thee and thy ſonnes for euer.

25 And when yee ſhall come into the m land, which the Lord will giue you, as he hath promiſed, then yee ſhall keepe this ‖ ſeruice.

26 *And when your children aſke you, What ſeruice is this ye keepe?

27 Then yee ſhall ſay, It is the ſacrifice of the Lords Paſſeouer, which paſſed ouer the houſes of the children of Iſrael in Egypt, when hee ſmote the Egyptians, & pꝛeſerued our houſes. Then the people *bowed themſelues, and worſhipped.

28 So the children of Iſrael went, and did as the Lozde had commaunded Moſes and Aaron: ſo did they.

29 ¶ Now at midnight the Lord †ſmote all the firſt borne in the land of Egypt, from the firſt borne of Pharaoh that ſate on his throne, vnto the *firſt borne of the captiue that was in priſon, and all the firſt borne of beaſts.

30 And Pharaoh roſe vp in the night, he, and all his ſeruants, and all the Egyptians: and there was a great crie in Egypt: for there was o no houſe where there was not one dead.

31 And he called to Moſes and to Aaron by night, and ſaid, Riſe vp, get you out from among my people, both ye, and the children of Iſrael, and goe ſerue the Lord as ye haue ſayd.

32 Take alſo your ſheepe, and your cattell as ye haue ſayd, and depart, and p bleſſe me alſo.

33 And the Egyptians did force the people, becauſe they would ſend them out of the land in haſte: for they ſayd, Wee die all.

34 Therefore the people tooke their dough before it was leauened, euen their dough bound in clothes vpon their ſhoulders.

35 And the children of Iſrael did according to the ſaying of Moſes, and they aſked of the Egyptians *iewels of ſiluer, and iewels of gold, and rayment.

36 And the Lord gaue the people fauour in the ſight of the Egyptians: and they ‖ graunted their requeſt: ſo they ſpoyled the Egyptians.

37 Then the *children of Iſrael tooke their iourney from q Rameſes to Succoth about ſixe hundreth thouſand men of foote, beſide children.

38 And r a great multitude of ſundrie ſoꝛtes of people went out with them, and ſheepe, and beeues, and cattell in great abundance.

39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt, and made vnleauened cakes: for it was not leauened, becauſe they were thruſt out of Egypt, neither could they tarrie, nor yet pꝛepare themſelues victuals.

40 ¶ So the dwelling of the children of Iſrael, while they dwelled in Egypt, was *foure hundreth and thirtie yeeres.

41 And when the *foure hundreth and thirtie yeeres were expired, euen the ſelfe ſame day departed all the hoſtes of the Lord out of the land of Egypt.

42 It is a night to be kept holy to the Lord, becauſe hee brought them out of the lande of Egypt: this is that night of the Lozde, which all the children of Iſrael muſt keepe throughout their generations.

43 Alſo the Lozde ſayd vnto Moſes and Aaron, This is the law of the Paſſeouer: *no ſtranger ſhall eat thereof.

44 But euery ſeruant that is bought for money, when thou haſt circumciſed him, then ſhall he eat thereof.

45 A ſtranger or an hired ſeruant ſhall not eate thereof.

46 *In one houſe ſhall it be eaten: thou ſhalt carrie none of the fleſh out of the houſe, *neither ſhall yee breake a bone thereof.

47 All the Congregation of Iſrael ſhall obſerue it.

48 But if a ſtranger dwell with thee, and will obſerue the Paſſeouer of the Lord, let him circumciſe all the males that belong vnto him, and then let him come and obſerue it, and he ſhall bee as one that is borne in the lande: for none vncircumciſed perſon ſhall eate thereof.

49 One *law ſhall bee to him that is borne in the lande, and to the ſtranger that dwelleth

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For, calling together of the people to ſerue God.

Leuit. 23. 5. num. 28. 16.

k For in olde time ſo they counted, beginning the day at Sunne ſet, till the next day at the ſame time.

Hebr. 11. 28.

‖ Or, tranſome, or vpper doore poſt. ‖ Or, two ſide poſts.

l The Angel ſent of God to kill the firſt borne.

m The land of Canaan. ‖ Or, Ceremonie, Ioſh. 4. 6.

n They gaue God thanks for ſo great a benefite. Chap. 11. 4. † The tenth plague. Wiſd. 18. 5.

o Of thoſe houſes wherein any firſt borne was, either of men or beaſts.

p Pray for me.

Chap. 3. 22. and 11. 2.

‖ Or, ſaue them.

Num 33 3. Ioſh. 24. 6.

q Which was a citie in Goſhen, Gen. 47 11.

r Which were ſtrangers, and not borne of the Iſraelites.

Gen. 15. 13. Acts 7 6. gala. 3. 17.

ſ From Abrahams departing from Vr in Chaldea vnto the departing of the children of Iſrael from Egypt are 430. yeeres.

t Except he be circumciſed and onely profeſſe your religion.

Num. 9. 12.

Iohn 19. 36.

u They that are of the houſhold of God, muſt be all ioyned in one faith & religion.

dwelleth among you.

50 Then all the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron: so did they.

51 And the selfe same day did the Lorde bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The first borne are offered to God. 3 The memorialls of their deliuerance. 6 The institution of the Passeouer. 8. 14 An exhortation to teach their children to remember this deliuerance. 17 Why they are led by the wildernesse. 19 The bones of Ioseph. 21 The pillar of the cloud and of the fire.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 * Sanctifie vnto me all the first borne, that is, euery one that first openeth the wombe among the children of Israel as wel of man, as of beast: for it is mine.

3 ¶ Then Moses sayd vnto the people, * Remember this day in the which yee came out of Egypt, out of the ‡ house of ª bondage: for by a mightie hand the Lord brought you out from thence: therefore no leauened bread shall be ᵇ eaten.

4 This day came yee out in the moneth of ᶜ Abib.

5 ¶ Now when the Lord hath brought thee into the lande of the Canaanites, and Hittites, and Amorites, and Hiuites, and Iebusites (which he sware vnto thy fathers, that he would giue thee, a land flowing with milke and honie) then thou shalt keepe this seruice in this moneth.

6 Seuen dayes shalt thou eate vnleauened bread, and the ᵈ seuenth day shall be the feast of the Lord.

7 Vnleauened bread shall be eaten seuen dayes, and there shall no leauened bread bee seene with thee, nor yet leauen be seene with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶ And thou shalt shew thy sonne ᵉ in that day, saying, This is done, because of that which the Lord did vnto mee, when I came out of Egypt.

9 And it shal be a signe vnto thee ᶠ vpon thine hand, and for a remembrance betweene thine eyes, that the law of the Lord may bee in thy mouth: for by a strong hand the Lord brought thee out of Egypt.

10 Keepe therefore this ordinance in his season appointed from yeere to yeere.

11 ¶ And when the Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware vnto thee and to thy fathers, and shall giue it thee,

12 * Then shalt thou let apart vnto the Lord all that first openeth the wombe: also euery thing that first doeth open the wombe, and commeth foorth of thy beast; the males shall be the Lords.

13 But euery ‡ first foale of an ª asse thou shalt redeeme with a lambe; and if thou redeeme him not, then thou shalt breake his necke: likewise also the first borne of man among thy sonnes shalt thou ᵇ buy out.

14 ¶ And when thy sonne shall aske thee to morow, saying, What is this? thou shalt then say vnto him, With a mightie hand the Lord brought vs out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

15 For when Pharaoh was hard hearted against our departing, ‖ Lord then slew all the first borne in the land of Egypt from the first borne of man euen to the first borne of beast: therefore I sacrifice vnto the Lord all the males that first open the wombe, but all the first borne of my sonnes I redeeme.

16 And it shall be as a token vpon thine hand, and as ‖ frontlets betweene thine eyes, that the Lord brought vs out of Egypt by a mighty hand.

17 ¶ Now when Pharaoh had let the people goe, God carried them not by the way of the Philistims countrey, ‖ though it were neerer: (for God sayd, Lest the people repent when they ‖ see warre, and turne againe to Egypt)

18 But God made the people to goe about by the way of the wildernesse of the red sea: and the children of Israel went vp ᵏ armed out of the land of Egypt.

19 (And Moses tooke the bones of Ioseph with him: for he had made the children of Israel sweare, saying, * God will surely visite you, and ye shall take my bones away hence with you.)

20 ¶ * So they tooke their iourney from Succoth, and camped in Etham in the edge of the wildernesse.

21 * And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a ˡ cloud, to leade them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to giue them light, that they might goe both by day and by night.

22 * Hee tooke not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

CHAP. XIIII.

4. 8 Pharaohs heart is hardened, and pursueth the Israelites. 11 The Israelites stricken with feare, murmure against Moses. 13 Moses doth encourage them. 21 He diuideth the Sea. 23. 27 The Egyptians follow and are drowned.

THen the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake to the children of Israel, that they ª returne and campe before ᵇ Pi-hahiroth, betweene Migdol and the Sea, ouer against * Baal-zephon: about it shall yee campe by the Sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are tangled in the land: the wildernesse hath shut them in.

4 And I will harden Pharaohs heart, that he shall follow after you: so I will ᶜ get mee honour vpon Pharaoh, and vpon all his hoste: the Egyptians also shall know that I am the Lord: and they did so.

5 ¶ Then it was told the king of Egypt, that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his seruants was turned against the people, and they sayd, Why haue we this done, and haue let Israel goe out of our seruice?

6 And he made readie his charrets, and tooke

Chap. 22.29 and 34.19 Leuit. 27. 26. num. 3. 13. & 8. 16 luke 2. 23 Exod. 23. 13.

‡ *Ebr. house of seruants.*

a Where they were in most cruel slauerie.

b To signifie that they had not leasure to leauen their bread.

c Conteining part of March & part of April, when corne began to ripe in that countrey.

b Both the seuenth and the first day were holy, as chap. 12. 16.

e When thou doest celebrate the feast of vnleauened bread.

f Thou shalt haue continual remembrance thereof, as thou wouldest of a thing that is in thine hand or before thine eyes.

Chap. 22. 29. and 34. 19. & 34. 30

‡ *Ebr. that first commeth forth.*

g This is also vnderstood of the horse and other beastes, which were not offred in sacrifice.

h By offring a cleane beast in sacrifice, Leuit. 12. 6.

‖ *Or, hereafterwards.*

‖ *Or, signes of remembrance.*

Or, because.

i Which the Philistims would haue made against them by stopping them the passage.

k That is, not priuily, but openly, and as the word doeth signifie, set in order by fiue and fiue.

Gene. 50. 25. Iosh. 24. 30. Num. 33. 6. Num. 14. 14. deut. 1. 33. psal. 78. 14. 1. cor. 10. 1.

l To defend them from the heat of the sunne. *Nehem. 9. 19.*

a From toward the countrey of the Philistims.

b So the Sea was before them, mountaines on either side, and the enemie at their backe: yet they obeyed God, and were deliuered.

Num. 33. 7.

c By punishing his obstinate rebellion.

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tooke his people with him.

7 And tooke fire hundreth chosen charets, and [d] all the charets of Egypt, and captaines ouer euery one of them.

8 (For the Lord had hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he followed after the children of Israel: but the children of Israel went out with an [e] hie hand.)

9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, and all the horses and charets of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his host ouertooke them camping by the Sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lift vp their eyes, and beholde, the Egyptians marched after them, and they were [f] sore afraide: wherefore the children of Israel cryed vnto the Lord.

11 And they sayd vnto Moses, Hast thou brought vs to die in the wildernesse, because there were no graues in Egypt? wherefore hast thou serued vs thus, to carie vs out of Egypt?

12 Did not we tell thee this thing in Egypt, saying, Let vs be in rest, that we may serue the Egyptians? for it had bene better for vs to serue the Egyptians, then that we should die in the wildernesse.

13 Then Moses said to the people, Feare ye not, stand still, and behold ‖ the saluation of the Lord which hee will shew to you this day. For the Egyptians, whom yee haue seene this day, yee shall neuer see them againe.

14 The Lord shall fight for you: therefore [h] hold you your peace.

15 ¶ And the Lord sayde vnto Moses, Wherefore [i] cryest thou vnto mee? speake vnto the children of Israel that they go forward:

16 And lift thou vp thy rod, and stretch out thine hand vpon the Sea, and deuide it, and let the children of Israel goe on dry ground thorow the midst of the Sea.

17 And I, behold, I wil harden the heart of the Egyptians, that they may followe them, and I will get me honour vpon Pharaoh, and vpon all his host, vpon his charets, and vpon his horsemen.

18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I haue gotten me honour vpon Pharaoh, vpon his charets, and vpon his horsemen.

19 (And the Angel of God, which went before the host of Israel, remoued, and went behinde them: also the pillar of the cloude went from before them, and stood behind them,

20 And came betweene the campe of the Egyptians, and the campe of Israel: it was both a cloude and darkenesse, yet gaue it [k] light by night, so that all the night long the one came not at the other.)

21 And Moses stretched foorth his hand vpon the Sea, and the Lord caused the Sea to runne backe by a strong East winde all the night, and made the Sea dry land: for the waters were * diuided.

22 Then the * children of Israel went thorowe the middes of the Sea vpon the dry ground, and the waters were a wal vnto them on their right hand, and on their left hand.

23 And the Egyptians pursued and went after them to the midst of the Sea, euen all Pharaohs horses, his charets, and his horsemen.

24 Now in the morning [l] watch, when the Lord looked vnto the host of the Egyptians out of the fierie and cloudie pillar, hee strooke the host of the Egyptians with feare.

25 For he tooke off their charet wheeles, and they draue them ‖ with much adoe: so that the Egyptians euery one sayde, I will flee from the face of Israel: for the Lorde fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 ¶ Then the Lorde sayde to Moses, Stretch thine hand vpon the Sea, that the waters may returne vpon the Egyptians, vpon their charets, and vpon their horsemen.

27 Then Moses stretched forth his hand vpon the Sea, and the Sea returned to his force earely in the morning, and the Egyptians fled against it: but the Lord [m] ouerthrewe the Egyptians in the middes of the Sea.

28 So the water returned and couered the charets and the horsemen, euen all the host of Pharaoh that came into the Sea after them: there remained not one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked vpon drie land thorow the middes of the Sea, and the waters were a wall vnto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saued Israel the same day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead vpon the sea banke.

31 And Israel saw the mightie ‡ power, which the Lorde shewed vpon the Egyptians: so the people feared the Lord, and beleeued the Lord, and his [n] seruant Moses.

CHAP. XV.

1.10. Moses with the men and women sing prai-ses vnto God for their deliuerance. 23 The people murmure. 25 At the prayer of Moses the bit-ter waters are sweete. 26 God teacheth the people obedience.

Then [a] sang Moses and the children of Israel this song vnto the Lord, and sayd in this maner, I will sing vnto the Lorde: for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and him that rode vpon him hath hee ouerthrowen in the Sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and ‖ praise, and he is become my saluation. Hee is my God, and I will [b] prepare him a Tabernacle: he is my fathers God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lorde is a * man of warre, his [d] Name is Iehouah.

4 Pharaohs charets and his host hath he cast into the Sea: his chosen captaines also were drowned in the red Sea.

5 The depths haue couered them, they sanke to the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorious in

The Song of Moses

1 Which was about the three last houres of the night.

Or, heauily.

m So the Lord by the water saued his, and by the water drowned his enemies.

‡ Ebr. hand.

n That is, the doctrine, which he taught them in the name of the Lord.

A Lesson Euening

a Praysing God for the ouerthrow of his enemies and their deliuerance. Wisd. 10.20.

‖ Or, the occasion of my song of prayse.

b To worship him therein.

c In battell he ouercommeth euer.

d Euer constant in his promise.

‖ Or, power.

d Iosephus writeth that besides these charets there were 50000. horsmen, and 200000. footmen.

c With great ioy and boldnesse. Iosh. 24.6. 1. Macc. 4.9.

f They, which a litle before in their deliuerance reioyced, being now in danger, are afraid, and murmure.

g Such is the impatience of the flesh, that it can not abide Gods appointed time.

‖ Or, deliuerance.

h Only put your trust in God without grudging or doubting.

i Thus in tentations faith fighteth against the flesh, and cryeth with inward gronings to the Lord,

k The cloude shewed light to the Israelites, but to the Egyptians it was darkenes, so that their two hostes could not ioyne together. Iosh. 4.23 psal. 114.3. Psal. 78.13. 1. cor. 10.1. hebr. 11.29.

The people ioyne issue with God.

power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dasshed the enemie.

7 And in the great glory thou hast ouerthrowen them that rose against e thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed the as the stubble.

8 And by the blast of thy nostrels the waters were gathered, the floods stood still as an heape, the ‖depths congealed together in the ‡heart of the sea.

9 The enemie said, I will pursue, I will ouertake them, I will deuide the spoile, ‡ my lust shall be satisfied vpon them, I will draw my sworde, mine hand shall destroy them.

10 Thou bleweste with thy winde, the sea couered them, they sanke as leade in the mightie waters.

11 Who is like vnto thee, O Lord, among the f gods? who is like thee so glorious in holinesse, g fearefull in prayses, doing wonders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou wilt by thy mercie carie this people, which thou deliueredst: thou wilt bring them in thy strength vnto thine holy h habitation.

14 The people shall heare and be afraid: sorowe shall come vpon the inhabitants of Palestina.

15 Then the Dukes of Edom shall be amased, and trembling shall come vpon the great men of Moab: all the inhabitants of Canaan shall waxe faint hearted.

16 * Feare & dread shall fall vpon them: because of the ‖greatnesse of thine arme, they shall be still as a stone, till thy people passe, O Lorde, till this people passe, which thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountaine of thine i inheritance, which is the place that thou hast prepared, O Lord, for to dwell in, euen the Sanctuary, O Lorde, which thine handes shall establish.

18 The Lord shall reigne for euer & euer.

19 For Pharaohs horses went with his charets and horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought the waters of the sea vpon them: but the children of Israel went on dry land in the mids of the sea.

20 ¶ And Miriam the prophetesse, sister of Aaron, tooke a timbrell in her hand, and all the women came out after her with timbrels and k dances.

21 And Miriam l answered the men, Sing ye vnto the Lord: for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he ouerthrowen in the sea.

22 Then Moses brought Israel from the red Sea, and they went out into the wildernesse of m Shur: and they went three dayes in the wildernesse, and found no waters.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drinke of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of the place was called ‖ Marah.

24 Then the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drinke?

25 And he cryed vnto the Lord, and the Lord shewed him a ‡ tree, which when hee had cast into the waters, the waters were sweete: there hee made them an ordinance and a law, and there n he proued them,

26 And sayde, If thou wilt diligently hearken, O Israel, vnto the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that, which is * right in his sight, and wilt giue eare vnto his commaundements + and keepe all his ordinances, then will I put none of these diseases vpon thee, which I brought vpon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

27 ¶ * And they came to Elim, where were twelue fountaines of water, and seuentie ‖palme trees, and they camped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Israelites come to the desert of Zin, and murmure against Moses & Aaron. 13 The Lord sendeth Quailes and Manna. 23 The Sabbath is sanctified vnto the Lorde. 27 The seuenth day Manna could not be found. 32 It is kept for a remembrance to the posterity.

AFterward all the Congregation of the children of Israel departed from Elim, and came to the wildernesse of o Sin (which is betweene Elim and Sinai) the fifteenth day of the second moneth after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole Congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wildernesse.

3 For the children of Israel said to them, Oh that wee had died by the hande of the Lord in the lande of Egypt, when wee sate by the flesh p pots, when wee ate bread our bellies full: for ye haue brought vs out into this wildernes, to kill this whole companie with famine.

4 ¶ Then sayd the Lorde vnto Moses, Beholde, I will cause bread to raine from heauen to you, and the people shall goe out and gather: that that is sufficient for euery q day, that I may proue them, whether they will walke in my Law or no.

5 But the fift day they shal prepare that, which they shall bring home, and it shall be twise as much as they gather dayly.

6 Then Moses and Aaron said vnto al the children of Israel, At euen ye shall know that the Lord brought you out of the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning yee shall see the glory of the Lord: r for her hath heard your grudgings against the Lord: and what are we that ye haue murmured against vs?

8 Againe Moses sayd, At euen shal the Lord giue you flesh to eate, and in the morning your fill of bread: for the Lorde hath heard your murmurings, which yee murmure against him: for what are wee? your murmurings are not against vs, but against the s Lord.

9 ¶ And Moses said to Aaron, Say vnto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, Drawe neere before the Lorde: for he

Ecclus. 38. 5.

n That is, God, or Moses in Gods name.

o Which is to do that onely that God commandeth.

Numb 33.9.

‖Or, Date trees.

a This is the eight place wherein they had camped: there is an other place called Zin, which was the 33. place wherin they camped: & is also called Kadesh Num. 33 36.

b So hard a thing it is to the flesh not to murmure against God, when the belly is pinched.

‡*Ebr. the portion of a day in his day.*

c To signifie that they should patiently depend vpon Gods prouidence from day to day.

d He gaue them not Manna because they murmured, but for his promise sake.

e He that contemneth Gods ministers, contemneth God himselfe.

e Those that are enemies to Gods people, are his enemies.

‖*Or, in the depth of the Sea.*

‡*Ebr. my soule shalbe filled.*

f For so often times the Scripture calleth the mighty men of the world.

g Which ought est to be praised with all feare and reuerence.

h That is, into the land of Canaan: or into mount Zion.

Deut. 2. 25. Iosh 2. 9.

‖*Or, for thy great power.*

i Which was mount Zion, where afterward the Temple was built.

k Signifying their great ioy: which custome the Iewes obserued in certaine solemnities, Iudg. 11 34. and 21. 21. but it ought not to be a cloke to couer our wanton dances.

l By singing the like song of thanksgiuing.

m Which was called Etham, Num 33 8.

‖*Or, bitternesse.*

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Chap. 13.21.

Eccles. 45.4.

‖Or, in the twilight.

Num. 11.31.

Num. 11.7. Psal. 78.24. Wisd. 16.20.

f Which signifieth a part, portion or gift: also meate prepared. John 6.31. 1. Cor. 10.3.

g Which conteineth about a pottle of our measure.

‡Ebr. for an head.

2. Cor. 8.15.

h God is a rich feeder of all, and none can iustly complaine.

i No creature is so pure, but being abused, it turneth to our destruction.

k Which portion should serue for the Sabbath, and the day before.

l God tooke away the occasion from their labor, to signifie how holy he would haue the Sabbath kept.

m Their infidelitie was so great, that they did expressly against Gods commandement.

be hath heard your murmurings.

10 Now as Aaron spake vnto the whole Congregation of the children of Israel, they looked toward the wildernesse, and beholde, the glory of the Lord appeared * in a cloud.

11 (For the Lord had spoken vnto Moses, saying,

12 * I haue heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: tell them therefore, and say, ‖ At euen yee shall eate flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread, and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God)

13 And so at euen the * Quailes came and couered the campe: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 * And when the dew that was fallen, was ascended, beholde, a small round thing was vpon the face of the wildernes, small as the hoare frost on the earth.

15 And when the children of Israel sawe it, they said one to another, It is f MAN, for they wist not what it was. And Moses said vnto them, * This is the bread which the Lord hath giuen you to eate.

16 ¶ This is the thing which the Lord hath commaunded: gather of it euery man according to his eating, 1 an Omer for ‡ a man, according to the number of your persons: euery man shall take for them which are in his tent.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some lesse.

18 And when they did measure it with an Omer, * he that had gathered much, had nothing ouer, & he that had gathered little, had no h lacke: so euery man gathered according to his eating.

19 Moses then sayde vnto them, Let no man reserue thereof till morning.

20 Notwithstanding, they obeyed not Moses: but some of them reserued of it till morning, and it was full of wormes, and i stanke: therefore Moses was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it euery morning, euery man according to his eating: for when the heate of the Sunne came, it was melted.

22 ¶ And the sixth day they gathered * twise so much bread, two Omers for one man: then all the rulers of the Congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he answered them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath vnto the Lorde: bake that to day which yee will bake, and seethe that which ye will seethe, and all that remaineth, lay it vp to be kept till the morning for you.

24 And they layde it vp till the morning, as Moses bade, and it stanke not, neither was there any worme therein.

25 Then Moses sayd, Eate that to day: for to day is the Sabbath vnto the Lord: to day ye shall not ‖ finde it in the field.

26 Sixe dayes shall ye gather it, but in the seuenth day is the Sabbath: in it there shall be none.

27 ¶ Notwithstanding, there m went out some of the people in the seuenth day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, How long refuse ye to keepe my commandements and my lawes?

29 Behold, how the Lord hath giuen you the Sabbath: therefore he giueth you the sixt day bread for two dayes: tary therefore euery man in his place: let no man go out of his place the seuenth day.

30 So the people rested the seuenth day.

31 And the house of Israel called y name of it MAN, and it was like * to Coriander seede, but white: and the taste of it was like vnto wafers made with hony.

32 And Moses sayd, This is that, which the Lord h*th commanded, Fill an Omer of it, to keepe it for your posterities: that they may see the bread wherewith I haue fed you in wildernesse, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.

33 Moses also sayd to Aaron, Take a o pot, and put an Omer full of MAN therein, & set it before the Lord to be kept for your posterity.

34 As the Lord commaunded Moses, so Aaron laid it vp before the p Testimonie to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eate MAN * fortie yeeres, vntill they came vnto a land inhabited: they did eate MAN vntill they came to the borders of the lande of Canaan.

36 The Omer is the tenth part of the q Ephah.

Manna kept for remembrance

a In forme and figure, but not in colour, Numb. 11.7.

o Of this vessell, reade Heb. 9.4.

p That is, the Arke of the couenant: to wit, after that the Arke was made. Iosh. 5.12. Nehe. 9.15.

q Which measure conteined about ten pottels.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The Israelites come into Rephidim, and grudge for water. 6 Water is giuen them out of the rock. 11 Moses holdeth vp his hands, and they ouercome the Amalekites. 15 Moses buildeth an altar to the Lord.

AND all the Congregation of the children of Israel departed from the wildernesse of Sin, by their iourneyes ‡ at the commandement of the Lord, and camped in a Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drinke.

2 * Wherefore the people contended with Moses, and sayd, Giue vs water, that wee may drinke. And Moses sayd vnto them, Why contend ye with me? Wherefore doe ye b tempt the Lord?

3 So the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore hast thou thus brought vs out of Egypt to kill vs and our children and our cattell with thirst?

4 And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, What shall I doe to this people? for they be almost ready to c stone me.

5 And the Lord answered to Moses, Goe before the people, and take with thee of the Elders of Israel: and thy rod, wherewith thou * smotest the riuer, take in thine hand, and goe:

6 * Beholde, I will stand there before thee, vpon the rocke in Horeb, and thou shalt smite on the rocke, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drinke. And Moses did so in the light of the Elders of Israel.

7 And hee called the name of the place, ‖ Massah

Manna kept for remembrance

‡ Heb. at the mouth.

a Moses here noteth not euery place where they camped, as Num. 33. but only those places where some notable thing was done.

b Why distrust you God? why looke you not for succour of him without murmuring against vs?

c How ready the people are for their owne matters to slay true Prophets, & how slow they are to reuenge Gods cause against his enemies and false prophets. Chap. 7.20. Num. 20.9. wisd. 11.4. Psal. 78.15. & 105.41. 1. Cor. 10.4.

Or, tentation.
Or, strife.
d When in adversity we thinke God to be absent, then we neglect his promise, and make him a liar. Deut. 25.17. wisd. 11.3.
e Who came of Eliphaz, sonne of Esau, Gen 36.12
f That is, Horeb, which is also called Sinai.
g So that we see how dangerous a thing it is to faint in prayer.
h In the booke of the Law.
‡ Ebr. put it in the eares of Iosh. Num. 24.20. 1. sam. 15.3.
i That is, the Lord is my banner: as he declared by holding vp his rod and his hands.
‡ Ebr. the hand of the Lord vpon the throne.

Chap. 2.16.
a It may seeme that he sent her backe for a time to her father for her impatiency, lest she should be a let to his vocation, which was so dangerous, Chap. 4.25. Chap. 2.22.
b Horeb is called y mount of God, because God wrought many miracles there. So Peter calleth the mount where Christ was transfigured, the holy mount: for by Christs presence it was holy for a time, 2. Pet. 1.18.
c That is, he sent messengers to say vnto him.
‡ Ebr. of peace.

Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they had tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among vs or no?

8 ¶ * Then came e Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Iosh ua, Chuse vs out men, and goe fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the f hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Iosh ua did as Moses bade him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went vp to the top of the hill.

11 And when Moses held vp his hand, Israel preuailed: but when hee let his hand s downe Amalek preuailed.

12 Now Moses hands were heauy: therefore they tooke a stone, and put it vnder him, and hee sate vpon it: And Aaron and Hur stayed vp his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side: so his hands were steady vntill the going downe of the Sunne.

13 And Iosh ua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 ¶ And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a remembrance h in the booke, and ‡ rehearse it to Iosh ua: for * I will vtterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from vnder heauen.

15 (And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it i Iehouah-nissi)

16 Also he said, ‡ The Lord hath sworne, that he will haue warre with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Iethro commeth to see Moses his sonne in law. 3 Moses telleth him of the wonders of Egypt. 9 Iethro reioyceth, and offereth sacrifice to God. 21 What maner of men officers and Iudges ought to be. 24 Moses obeyeth Iethros counsell in appointing officers.

When Iethro the * Priest of Midian Moses father in law heard all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt,

2 Then Iethro the father in law of Moses tooke Zipporah Moses wife, (after hee had a sent her away)

3 And her two sonnes, (whereof the one was called * Gershom: for he said, I haue bene an aliant in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other was Eliezer: for the God of my father, said he, was mine helpe, ‡ and deliuered me from the sword of Pharaoh)

5 And Iethro Moses father in law came with his two sonnes and his wife vnto Moses into the wildernesse, where he camped by the b mount of God.

6 And he c said to Moses, I thy father in law Iethro am come to thee, and thy wife and her two sonnes with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meete his father in law, and did obeysance, and kissed him, and each asked other of his ‡ welfare, and they came into the tent.

8 Then Moses tolde his father in law all that the Lord had done vnto Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians for Israels sake, and all the trauaile that had come vnto them by the way, and how the Lord deliuered them.

9 And Iethro reioyced at all the goodnesse, which the Lord had shewed to Israel, and because he had deliuered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 Therefore Iethro said, * Blessed bee the Lord, who hath deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh: who hath also deliuered the people from vnder the hande of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the Lord is greater then all the gods: * for as they haue dealt proudely with them, so are they a recompensed.

12 Then Iethro Moses father in law tooke burnt offerings and sacrifices to offer vnto God. And Aaron and all the Elders of Israel came to eate bread with Moses father in law b before God.

13 ¶ Now on the morrow, when Moses sate to iudge the people, the people stood about Moses from morning vnto euen.

14 And when Moses father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this that thou doest to the people? Why sittest thou thy selfe alone, and all the people stand about thee from morning vnto euen?

15 And Moses sayde vnto his father in law, Because the people come vnto me to seeke a God.

16 When they haue a matter, they come vnto me, and I iudge betweene one and another, and declare the ordinances of God, and his lawes.

17 But Moses father in law sayde vnto him, The thing which thou doest, is not well.

18 Thou both ‡ weariest thy selfe greatly, and this people that is with thee: for the thing is too heauie for thee: * thou art not able to doe it thy selfe alone.

19 Heare now my ‖ voyce, (I will giue thee counsell, and God shall be with thee) Be thou for the people to b Godward, and report thou the causes vnto God.

20 And admonish them of the ordinances, and of the lawes, ‡ shew them the way wherein they must walke, and the worke that they must doe.

21 Moreouer, prouide thou among all the people, i men of courage, fearing God, men dealing truely, hating couetousnes: and appoint such ouer them to be rulers ouer thousands, rulers ouer hundreds, rulers ouer fifties, and rulers ouer tennes.

22 And let them iudge the people at all seasons: but euery great matter let them bring vnto thee, and let them iudge all small causes: so shal it be easier for thee, when they shall beare the burden with thee.

23 If thou doe this thing, (and God so command thee) both thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shal also goe quietly to their places.

24 So Moses k obeyed the voyce of his father in lawe, and did all that hee had sayd:

25 And Moses chose men of courage out of

d Whereby it is euident that he worshipped the true God, and therefore Moses refused not to marry his daughter. Chap. 1.10, 16, 22. and 3.7. and 14.8.
e For they that drowned the children of the Israelites, perished themselues by water.
f They ate in that place where the sacrifice was offered: for part was burnt, and the rest eaten.
g That is, to know Gods will, and to haue iustice executed.
‡ Ebr. thou wilt faint and fall. Deut. 1.9.
‖ Or, counsell.
h Iudge thou in hard causes, which cannot be decided but by consulting with God.
i What maner of men ought to be chosen to beare office.
k Godly counsel ought euer to be obeyed, though it come of our inferiors: for to such God oftentimes giueth wisedome to humble them that are exalted, and to declare that one member heth neede of an other.

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of all Israel, and made them heads ouer the people, rulers ouer thousands, rulers ouer hundreths, rulers ouer fifties, and rulers ouer tennes.

26 And they iudged the people at all seasons, but they brought the hard causes vnto Moses: for they iudged all small matters themselues.

27 Afterward Moses let his father in law depart, and he went into his country.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The Israelites come to Sinai. 5 Israel is chosen from among all other nations. 8 The people promise to obey God. 16 God appeareth to Moses vpon the mount in thunder and lightning.

1 In the a third moneth, after the children of Israel were gone out of the lande of Egypt, the same b day came they into the wildernesse of Sinai.

2 For they departed from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, and camped in the wildernesse: euen there Israel camped before the mount.

3 *But Moses went vp vnto God, for the Lorde had called out of the mount vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of c Iaakob, and tell the children of Israel,

4 *Yee haue seene what I did to the Egyptians, & how I caried you vpon d eagles wings, and haue brought you vnto me.

5 Now therefore *if yee will heare my voyce in deed, and keepe my couenant, then ye shall be my chiefe treasure aboue all people, *though all the earth be mine.

6 Ye shal be also vnto me a kingdome of *Priests, and an holy nation. These are the wordes which thou shalt speake vnto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ Moses then came and called for the Elders of the people, and proposed vnto them all these things, which the Lord commanded him.

8 And the people answered all together, and sayd, *All that the Lord hath commanded, we will doe. And Moses reported the words of the people vnto the Lord.

9 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Loe, I come vnto thee in a thicke cloud, that the people may heare, whiles I talke with thee, and that they also may beleeue thee for euer, (for Moses had told the wordes of the people vnto the Lord)

10 Moreouer the Lord said vnto Moses, Goe to the people, and e sanctifie them to day and to morow, and let them wash their clothes.

11 And let them bee ready on the thirde day: for the third day the Lorde will come downe in the sight of all the people vpon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set markes vnto the people round about, saying, Take heede to your selues that ye go not vp to the mount, nor touch the border of it: whosoeuer toucheth the *mount shall surely die.

13 No hand shall touch it, but he shall be stoned to death, or stricken thorowe with darts: whether it be beast or man, he shall not liue: when the ‖ horne bloweth long, they shall come vp into the mountaine.

14 ¶ Then Moses went down from the mount vnto the people, and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said vnto the people, Be ready on the third day, & come not at your wiues.

16 And the third day, when it was morning, there was thunders and lightnings, and a thicke cloude vpon the mount, and the sound of the trumpet exceeding loud, so that all the people that was in the campe, was afraid.

17 Then Moses brought the people out of the tents to meete with God, and they stood in the nether part of the mount.

18 *And mount Sinai was all on smoke, because the Lorde came downe vpon it in fire, and the smoke therof ascended, as the smoke of a fornace, and al the mount trembled exceedingly.

19 And when the sound of the trumpet blew long, & waxed lowder & lowder, Moses spake, and God answered him by h voyce.

20 (For the Lorde came downe vpon mount Sinai on the top of the mount) and when the Lord called Moses vp into the top of the mount, Moses went vp.

21 Then the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Get downe, charge the people, that they breake not their bounds, to go vp to the Lord to gaze, lest many of them perish.

22 And let the ‖ Priests also which come to the Lord, be sanctified, lest the Lord ‖ destroy them.

23 And Moses sayd vnto the Lord, The people cannot come vp into the mount Sinai: for thou hast charged vs, saying, Set marks on the mountaine, and sanctifie it.

24 And the Lord said vnto him, Goe, get thee downe, and come vp, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the i Priests and the people breake their bounds to come vp vnto the Lord, lest he destroy them.

25 So Moses went downe vnto the people, and told them.

CHAP. XX.

2 The commandements of the first table. 12 The commandements of the second. 18 The people afraid, are comforted by Moses. 23 Gods of siluer and golde are against forbidden. 24 Of what sort the altar ought to be.

1 Then God a spake all these words, saying,

2 *I am the Lorde thy God, which haue brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt haue none others gods b before me.

4 *Thou shalt make thee no grauen image, neither any similitude of things that are in heauen aboue, neither that are in the earth beneath, nor that are in the waters vnder the earth.

5 Thou shalt not c bow downe to them, neither serue them: for I am the Lord thy God, a d ielous God, visiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, vpon the third generation, and vpon the fourth, of them that hate me:

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1 Reade the occasion, Num. 10. 29.

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a Which was in the beginning of the moneth Siuan, containing part of May and part of Iune.

b That they departed from Rephidim. Acts 7.38.

c God called Iaakob Israel: therefore the house of Iaakob and the people of Israel signifie only Gods people. Deut. 29.2.

d For the eagle by flying hie, is out of danger, & in carying her birds rather on her wings then in her talents, declareth her loue. Deut. 5.2. Deut. 10.14. psal. 24.1. 1. pet. 2.6. reuel. 1.6. chap. 24.3. deut. 5.27. and 26.17. iosh. 24.16.

e Teach them to be pure in heart, as they shewe themselues outwardly cleane by washing.

Heb. 12.20.

Or trumpet.

Or, to gaze

Or, seruants.

b To whose eyes all things are open. Ps. Leuit. 26.1. psal. 97.7.

c By this outward gesture all kind of seruice and worship to idols is forbidden.

d And will be reuenged of the contemners of mine honour.

Or, to gaze

Or, breake out vpon them.

i Neither dignity nor multitude haue authority to passe the bounds, that Gods word prescribeth.

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a When Moses and Aaron were gone vp, or had passed the bounds of the people, God spake thus out of the mount Horeb, that all the people heard. Deut. 5.6. psal. 81.10.

Or, seruants.

b To whose eyes all things are open. Ps. Leuit. 26.1. psal. 97.7.

c By this outward gesture all kind of seruice and worship to idols is forbidden.

d And will be reuenged of the contemners of mine honour.

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6 And shewing mercie vnto ᵉ thousands, to them that loue mee, and keepe my commandements.

7 *Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in ᶠ vaine: for the Lord will not holde him guiltlesse, that taketh his Name in vaine.

8 Remember the Sabbath day to ᵍ keepe it holy.

9 *Sixe dayes shalt thou labour, and do all thy worke.

10 But the seuenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any worke, thou, nor thy sonne, nor thy daughter, thy man seruant, nor thy mayde, nor thy beast, nor thy stranger that is within thy ‖ gates.

11 *For in sixe dayes the Lord made the heauen and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seuenth day: therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 ¶ *Honour thy ʰ father and thy mother, that thy dayes may be prolonged vpon the land, which ʸ Lord thy God giueth thee.

13 *Thou shalt not ⁱ kill.

14 Thou shalt not ᵏ commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not ˡ steale.

16 Thou shalt not beare false ᵐ witnesse against thy neighbour.

17 *Thou shalt not ⁿ couet thy neighbours houle, neither shalt thou couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man seruant, nor his mayde, nor his oxe, nor his asse, neither any thing that is thy neighbours.

18 ¶ And all the people ‖ saw the thunders, and the ‡lightnings, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mountaine smoking: and when the people saw it, they fled, and stood afarre off,

19 And sayd vnto Moses, *Talke thou with vs, and we will heare: but let not God talke with vs, lest we die.

20 Then Moses sayde vnto the people, Feare not: for God is come to ᵒ proue you, and that his feare may bee before you, that ye sinne not.

21 So the people stoode a farre off, but Moses drew neere vnto the darkenes where God was.

22 ¶ And the Lorde sayde vnto Moses, Thus shalt thou say vnto the children of Israel, Ye haue seene that I haue talked with you from heauen.

23 Ye shall not make therefore with mee gods of siluer, nor gods of golde: you shall make you none.

24 *An altar of earth thou shalt make vnto mee, and thereon shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and thy *peace offerings, thy sheepe, and thine oxen: in all places, where I shall put the remembrance of my Name, I will come vnto thee, and bleſſe thee.

25 *But if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewen stones: for if thou lift vp thy toole vpō them, thou hast polluted ‡them.

26 Neither shalt thou goe vp by steps vnto mine altar, that thy ᵖ filthinesse be not discouered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

Temporal & ciuil ordinances as pointed by God, touching seruitude, murther, & wrong, to the obseruation whereof doth not iustifie a man, but are giuen to bridle our corrupt nature, which els would breake out into all mischiefe and cruelty.

NOwe these are the lawes which thou shalt set before them.

2 *If thou buy an Ebrew seruant, hee shall serue sixe yeeres, and in the seuenth he shall go out free, ᵃ for nothing.

3 If he came ᵇ himselfe alone he shall go out himselfe alone: if hee were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master hath giuen him a wife, and she hath born him sonnes or daughters, the wife and the children shall bee her ᶜ masters, but he shall go out himselfe alone.

5 But if the seruant say thus, I loue my master, my wife and my children, I will not go out free,

6 Then his master shal bring him vnto the ‡Iudges, and set him to the ᵈ doore, or to the poste, and his master shall bore his eare thorow with an awle, and he shall serue him for ᵉ euer.

7 Likewise if a man ᶠ sel his daughter to be a seruant, she shall not goe out as the men seruants doe.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himselfe, then shall ᵍ hee cause to buy her: he shall haue no power to sell her to a strange people, seeing he ‖ delpised her.

9 But if he hath betrothed her vnto his sonne, he shall deale with her ʰ according to the custome of the daughters.

10 If he ⁱ take him another wife, he shall not diminish her foode, her raiment, and recompense of her virgintie.

11 And if he do not these ᵏ three vnto her, then shall she goe out free, paying no money.

12 ¶ *He that smiteth a man, and he die, shall die the death.

13 And if a man hath not layde wait but ˡ God hath offered him into his hand, *then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously vpon his neighbour to slay him with guile, thou shalt take him from mine ᵐ altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ Also he that smiteth his father or his mother, shall die the death.

16 ¶ And he ᵖ stealeth a man ᵍ selleth him, if it be found with him, shall die the death.

17 ¶ *And hee that curseth his father or his mother, shall die the death.

18 ¶ When men also striue together, and one smite another with ʳ a stone, or with the fist, and he die not, but lieth in bed,

19 If he rise againe, and walke without vpon his staffe, then shall he that smote him, go ˢ quit, saue only he shall beare the charges ‖ for his resting, and shal pay for his healing.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his seruant, or his mayde with a rod, and he die vnder his hand, he shall be surely punished.

21 But if he continue a day or two dayes, he shal not ᵗ be punished: for he is his money.

22 ¶ Also if men striue & hurt a woman with

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e So ready is he rather to shew mercie then to punish.
*Leuit.*19.12. *deu.* 5.11. *matt.*5.33.
f Either by swearing falsely, or rashly by his Name, or by contemning it.
g Which is by meditating the spirituall rest by hearing Gods word, & resting from worldy trauailes.
*Chap.*23.12. *ezek.*20.12.
‖ *Or, cittie.*
*Genes.*2.2. *Deut.*5.16. *matt.*15.4. *ephes.*6.2.
h By the parents also is meant all that haue authoritie ouer vs. *Matt.*5.21.
i But loue and preserue thy brothers life.
k But be pure in heart, word, and deed.
l But studie to saue his goods.
m But further his good name.
& speake trueth. *Rom* 7 7.
n Thou mayest not so much as with his hinderance in any thing.
‖ *Or heard.*
‡ *Ebr. firebrands. Deut.*5.24. *and* 18.16. *hebr* 12.18.
o Whether you wil obey his precepts as you promised chap. 19 8

*Chap.*27.8. *and* 38.7. *Leui.*1.1.

*Deut.*27.5. *iosh.*8.31.
‡ *Ebr. it, that is, the stone.*
p Which might bee by his stouping, or flying abroad of his clothes.

Temporal & ciuil ordinances as pointed by God, touching seruitude, murther, & wrong, to the obseruation whereof doth not iustifie a man, but are giuen to bridle our corrupt nature, which els would breake out into all mischiefe and cruelty.

*Leuit.*25.39. *deut.*15.12. *ierem.*34.14.
a Paying no money for his liberty
b Not hauing wife nor children
c Til her time of seruitude was expired, which might be the seuenth yeere or the fiftieth.
‡ *Ebr gods.*
d Where the Iudges sate.
e That is, to the yeere of Iubile, which was euery fiftieth yeere.
f Constrained either by pouertie, or els to the intent that the master should marrie her.
g By giuing an other money to buy her of him.
‖ *Or. defloured her*
h That is he shal giue her dowrie.
i For his sonne.
k Neither marry her himselfe, nor giue another money to buy her, nor bestow her vpon his sonne. *Leuit* 24.17.
l Though a man be killed at vnwares, yet it is Gods prouidence that it should so be. *Deut.*19.5.
m The holinesse of ‡ place ought not to defend the murther. *Leuit.*20.9. *prou.* 20.20. *matt.*15.4. *marke* 7.10.
n Either farre off him or neere.
o By the ciuil iustice.
‖ *Or. loosing of his sute.*
p By the ciuill Magistrate, but before God he is a murtherer.

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with childe, so that her childe depart from her, and ‖ death follow not, he shall be surely punished according as the womans husband shall appoint him, or hee shall pay as the ‖Iudges determine.

23 But if death follow, then thou shalt pay life for life,

24 * r Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foote for foote,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ¶ And if a man smite his seruant in the eye, or his mayd in the eye, and haue perished it, he shall let him goe free for his eye.

27 Also if he smite out his seruants tooth, or his maydes tooth, he shall let him goe out free for his tooth.

28 ¶ If an ore goze a man or a woman, that he die, the * ore shal be t stoned to death, and his flesh shal not be eaten, but the owner of the ore shall goe quit.

29 If the ore were wont to push in times past, and it hath been ‖told his master, and he hath not kept him, and after hee killeth a man or a woman, the ore shalbe stoned, and his owner shall die also.

30 If there be set to him a x summe of money, then he shall pay the ransome of his life, whatsoeuer shalbe layd vpon him.

31 Whether he hath gored a sonne, or gored a daughter, hee shall be iudged after the same maner.

32 If the ore goze a seruant or a mayd, he shall giue vnto their master thirty y shekels of siluer, and the ore shall be stoned.

33 ¶ And when a man shall open a well, or when he shall digge a pit and couer it not, and an ore or an asse fall therin,

34 The owner of the pit shall z make it good, and giue money to the owners thereof, but the dead beast shall be his.

35 ¶ And if a mans ore hurt his neighbours ore that he die, then they shall sell the liue ore, and diuide the money thereof, and the dead ore also they shall diuide.

36 Or if it bee knowen that the ore hath vsed to push in times past, and his master hath not kept him, hee shall pay ore for ore, but the dead shalbe his owne.

CHAP XXII.

1 *Of theft,* 5 *damage,* 7 *lending,* 14 *borrowing,* 16 *enticing of maids,* 18 *witchcraft,* 20 *idolatry,* 21 *support of strangers, widowes, & fatherlesse,* 25 *vsury,* 28 *reuerence to Magistrates.*

IF a man steale an a ore or a sheepe, and kill it or sell it, hee shall restore fiue oxen for the ore, * and foure sheepe for the sheepe.

2 ¶ If a theefe bee found b breaking vp, and bee smitten that he die, no blood shalbe shed for him.

3 But if it bee ¢ in the day light, c blood shall be shed for him: for he should make full restitution: if hee had not wherewith, then should he be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be found ‖ with him aliue, (whether it be ore, asse, or sheepe) he shall restore the double.

5 ¶ If a man doe hurt field, or vineyard, and put in his beast to feed in another mans field, he shal recompense of ‖ best of his owne field, and of the best of his owne vineyard.

6 ¶ If fire breake out, and catch in the thornes, and the stacks of corne, or the standing corne, or the field be consumed, he that kindled the fire, shall make full restitution.

7 ¶ If a man deliuer his neighbour money, or stuffe to keepe, and it be stollen out of his house, if the thiefe be found, he shall pay the double.

8 If the thiefe be not found, then the master of the house shall bee brought vnto the ‖Iudges to sweare, whether he hath d put his hand vnto his neighbours good, or no.

9 In all maner of trespasse, whether it be for oxen, for asse, for sheepe, for raiment, or for any maner of lost thing, which another chalengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the Iudges, and whome the Iudges condemne, hee shall pay the double vnto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliuer vnto his neighbour to keepe asse, or ore, or sheepe, or any beast, and it die, or be ¢ hurt, or taken away by enemies, and no man see it,

11 e An othe of the Lord shall be betweene them twaine, that he hath not put his hand vnto his neighbours good, and the owner of it shall take the othe, and hee shall not make it good:

12 * But if it be stollen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner thereof:

13 If it be rayne in pieces, hee shall bring f record, and shall not make that good, which is deuoured.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, & it bee hurt or els die, the owner thereof not being by, hee shall surely make it good.

15 If the owner thereof be by, he shall not make it good: for if it be an hired thing, it x came for his hire.

16 ¶ * And if a man entise a maide that is not betrothed, and lie with her, hee shall indow her, and take her to his wife.

17 If her father refuse to giue her to him, he shall pay money, according to the dowrie of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not suffer a witch to liue.

19 ¶ Whosoeuer lieth with a beast, shall die the death.

20 ¶ * Hee that offereth vnto any gods, saue vnto the Lord onely, shalbe slaine.

21 ¶ * Moreouer, thou shalt not doe iniurie to a stranger, neither oppresse him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ * Yee shall not trouble any widow, nor fatherlesse childe.

23 If thou vexe or trouble such, & so he call and crie vnto me, I will surely heare his cry.

24 Then shall my wrath be kindled, and I will kill you with the sworde, and your h wiues shall be widowes, and your children fatherlesse.

25 ¶ * If thou lend money to my people, that is, to the poore with thee, thou shalt not be as an vsurer vnto him: yee shall not oppresse him with vsurie.

26 If thou take thy neighbours raiment to pledge, thou shalt restore it vnto him before the sunne goe downe:

27 For that is the couering onely, and this is his garment for his skinne: wherein shall

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q Of the mother or child.

‖Or, arbiters.

Leuit. 24.20. deut. 19.21. matth. 5.38.

r The execution of this law onely belonged to the Magistrate, Mat. 5.38.

s So God reuengeth cruelty in most least things Gen. 9.5.

t If the beast be punished, much more shall the murtherer.

‖Or, satisfied to his.

u By the next of the kinred of him that is so slaine.

x Reade Gen. 23.15.

y This Law forbiddeth not only not to hurt, but to beware lest any be hurt.

z Either great beast of the herd, or a small beast of the flocke.

2. Sam. 12.6.

a Breaking an house to enter in, or vndermining.

‖Or, when the sunne riseth vpon him.

b He shalbe put to death, that killeth him.

‖Or, in his hand.

¢ They should sweare by the Name of the Lord.

d That is, whether hee hath stollen.

‖Ebr. gods.

e They should sweare by the Name of the Lord.

‖Ebr. broken.

f He shall shew some part of the beast, or bring in witnesses.

g He that hired it shalbe free by paying the hire. Deut. 22.28.

h The iust plague of God vpon the oppressours. Leuit. 25.37. deut. 23.19. psal. 15.5.

shall he sleepe? therefore when he i cried vnto me, I will heare him: for I am mercifull.

28 ¶ * Thou shalt not raile vpon the Iudges, neither speake euill of the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thine k abundance and thy liquor shalt thou not keepe backe. * The first borne of thy sonnes shalt thou giue me.

30 Likewise shalt thou doe with thine oxen and with thy sheepe: seuen dayes it shal be with his damme, and the eighth day thou shalt giue it me.

31 ¶ Ye shall be an holy people vnto mee, * neither shall ye eate any flesh that is torne of beastes in the field: yee shall cast it l to the dogge.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 *Not to follow the multitude.* 13 *Not to make mention of the strange gods.* 14 *The three solemne feastes.* 20. 23 *The Angell is promised to leade the people.* 25 *What God promiseth, if they obey him.* 29 *God will cast out the Canaanites by little and little, and why.*

THou shalt not receiue a false tale, neither shalt thou put thine hand with the wicked, to be a ‖ false witnesse.

2 ¶ Thou shalt not follow a multitude to doe euill, neither ‡ agree in a controuersie * to decline after many and ouerthrow the trueth.

3 ¶ Thou shalt not esteeme a poore man in his cause.

4 ¶ If thou meete thine enemies oxe, or his asse going astray, thou shalt b bring him to him againe.

5 If thou see thine enemies c asse lying vnder his burden, wilt thou cease to helpe him? thou shalt helpe him vp againe with it.

6 ¶ Thou shalt not ouerthrow the right of thy poore in his iust.

7 Thou shalt keepe thee far from a false matter, * and shalt not slay the d innocent and the righteous: for I will not iustifie a wicked man.

8 ¶ * Thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and peruerteth the words of the righteous.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not oppresse a stranger: for yee know the e heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 * Moreouer, sixe yeeres thou shalt sow thy land, and gather the fruits thereof,

11 But the seuenth yeere thou shalt let it rest and lie still, that the poore of thy people may eate, and what they leaue the beasts of the field shall eate. In like maner thou shalt doe with thy vineyard, and with thine oliue trees.

12 * Sixe dayes shalt thou doe thy worke, and in the seuenth day thou shalt rest, that thine oxe, and thine asse may rest, and the sonne of thy mayde and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 And yee shall take heede to all things that I haue sayd vnto you: and yee shall make f no mention of the name of other gods, neither shall it bee heard out of thy mouth.

14 ¶ Three times thou shalt keepe a feast vnto me in the yeere.

15 Thou * shalt keepe the feast of vnleauened bread: thou shalt eate vnleauened bread seuen dayes, as I commanded thee, in the season of the moneth of Abib: for in it thou camest out of Egypt: and * none shall appeare before me empty.

16 The h feast also of the haruest of the first fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sowen in the fielde: and the i feast of gathering fruites in the ende of the yeere, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the fielde.

17 Three times in the yeere shall all thy men children appeare before the Lorde Iehouah.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with k leauened bread: neither shal the fatte of my sacrifice remaine vntill the morning.

19 * The first of the first fruites of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God: yet shalt thou not seethe a kid in his l mothers milke.

20 ¶ * Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keepe thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I haue prepared.

21 Beware of him, & heare his voyce, and prouoke him not: for he will not spare your misdeedes, because my m Name is in him.

22 But if thou hearken vnto his voyce, and doe all that I speake, then I will be an enemie vnto thine enemies, and will afflict them that afflict thee.

23 For mine Angel * shal goe before thee, and bring thee vnto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, and I will destroy them.

24 Thou shalt not bowe downe to their gods, neither serue them, nor doe after the workes of them: but * n vtterly ouerthrowe them, and breake in pieces their images.

25 For ye shall serue the Lord your God, and he shal blesse thy o bread and thy water, and I will take all sickenesse away from the mids of thee.

26 ¶ * There shall none cast their fruit nor be barren in thy land: the number of thy dayes will I fulfill.

27 I will send my p feare before thee, and will destroy all the people among whome thou shalt goe: and I will make all thine enemies turne their backes vnto thee:

28 And I will send * hornets before thee, which shal driue out the Hiuites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from thy face.

29 I will not cast them out from thy face in one yeere, lest the land grow to a wildernesse: and the beasts of the field multiplie against thee.

30 By little and little I will driue them out from thy face, vntill thou increase, and inherite the land.

31 And I will make thy coastes from the red sea vnto the sea q of the Philistims, and from the * desert vnto the r Riuer: for I will deliuer the inhabitants of the land into your hande, and thou shalt driue them out from thy face.

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1 For cold and necessitie. *Acts* 23.5.

k Thine abundance of thy corne, oyle, and wine.

Chap. 13.2, 12, *and* 34.19. *Leuit.* 22.8. *ezek.* 44.31.

l And so haue nothing to doe with it.

Easter Euen at Euening Lesson

‖ *Or, report a false tale.* ‖ *Or, cruel.*

‡ *Ebr answere.*

a Do that which is godly though few do fauour it.

b If we be bound to doe good to our enemies beast, much more to our enemie himselfe, Matth. 5.44.

c If God command to help vp our enemies asse vnder his burden, will he suffer vs to cast downe our brethren with heauy burdens? *Dan.* 13.53.

d Whether thou be a Magistrate, or art commanded by the Magistrate. *Deut.* 16.19. *ecclus.* 20.28.

‡ *Ebr. seeing.*

e For in that that he is a stranger, his heart is sorowful enough. *Leu* 25.3 *and* 26 43. *deut.* 15.12. *Chap.* 20 8. *deut.* 5.13.

f Neither by swearing by the, nor speaking of them. Psal. 16.4. Ephes. 5.3.

Brethren Lesson Euening

Chap. 13 3. *and* 34.18.

g That is, Easter, in remembrance that the Angel passed ouer and spared the Israelites, when he slew the first borne of the Egyptians. *Deut.* 16.16. *ecclus.* 35.4.

h Which is Whitsontide, in token that the Law was giuen 50. dayes after they departed from Egypt.

i This is the feast of Tabernacles, signifying that they dwelled 40. yeeres vnder the tents or the Tabernacles in wildernesse.

k No leauened bread shall bee then in thine house. *Chap.* 34.26. *deut.* 16.22.

l Meaning, that no fruits should be taken before iust time: & hereby are bridled all cruel & wanton appetites. *Chap* 33.2. *deut.* 7.21.

m I will giue him mine authoritie, and he shal gouerne you in my Name. *Chap.* 33.2, *deut.* 7 21. *iosh* 24 11. *Deut* 7.25.

n God commandeth his not only not to worship idoles, but to destroy them,

o That is, all things necessary for this present life. *Deut.* 7.14.

p I will make them afraid at thy comming, and send mine Angel to destroy them, as Chap. 33.2. *Iosh.* 24 12.

q Called the sea of Syria, r Of Arabia, called Deserta. f To wit, Euphrates,

32 * Thou

Chap.34.15. deut.7.2.

‡Ebr off.nce, or snare. Deut.7.16. iosh. 23.13.

32 * Thou shalt make no conenant with them, nor with their gods:

33 Neither shall they dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sinne against mee: for if thou serue their gods, surely it shall bee thy ‡* destruction.

CHAP. XXIIII.

3 The people promiſe to obey God. 4 Moſes writeth the ciuill lawes. 9. 13 Moſes returneth into the mount. 14 Aaron and Hur haue the charge of the people. 18 Moſes was forty dayes and forty nights in the mountaine.

NOw hee had ſaid vnto Moſes, Come vp to the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and ſeuentie of the Elders of Iſrael, and yee ſhall worſhip afarre off.

2 And Moſes himſelfe alone ſhall come neere to the Lord, but they ſhall not come neere, neither ſhal the people go vp with him

3 ¶ b Afterward Moſes came and tolde the people all the words of the Lord, and all the ‡ lawes: and all the people anſwered with one voyce, and ſaid, * All the things which the Lord hath ſaid, will we doe.

4 And Moſes wrote all the wordes of the Lord, and roſe vp earely, and let vp an * altar ‖ vnder the mountaine, and twelue pillars according to the twelue tribes of Iſrael.

5 And he ſent yong c men of the children of Iſrael, which offered burnt offerings of beeues, and ſacrificed peace offerings vnto the Lord.

6 Then Moſes tooke halfe of the blood, and put it in baſins, and halfe of the blood he ſprinkled on the altar.

7 After he tooke the ‖ booke of the couenant, and read it in the audience of the people: who ſaid, All that the Lord hath ſayd, we will doe, and be obedient.

8 Then Moſes tooke the * blood, and ſprinkled it on the people, and ſaid, Behold the d blood of the couenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all theſe things.

9 ¶ Then went vp Moſes and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and ſeuentie of the Elders of Iſrael.

10 And they e ſaw the God of Iſrael, and vnder his feete was as it were a ‡worke of a Saphir ſtone, and as the very heauen when it is cleere.

11 And vpon the nobles of the children of Iſrael he f layed not his hand: alſo they ſaw God, and g did eat and drinke.

12 ¶ And the Lord h ſayd vnto Moſes, Come vp to me into the mountaine, and be there, and I will giue thee i tables of ſtone, and the law and the commandement which I haue written, for to teach k them.

13 Then Moſes roſe vp, and his miniſter Joſhua, and Moſes went vp into the mountaine of God,

14 And ſaid vnto the Elders, Tarie vs here, vntill wee come againe vnto you: and behold, Aaron, and Hur are with you: whoſoeuer hath any matters, let him come to them.

15 Then Moſes went vp to the mount, and the cloud couered the mountaine,

16 And the glorie of the Lord abode vpon mount Sinai, and the cloud couered it ſix dayes: and the ſeuenth day hee called vnto Moſes out of the midſt of the cloud.

17 And the ſight of the glorie of the Lord was like i conſuming fire on the toppe of the mountaine, in the eyes of the children of Iſrael.

18 And Moſes entred into the midſt of the cloud, and went vp to the mountaine: and Moſes was in the * mount fourtie dayes and fourtie nights.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The voluntary gifts for the making of the Tabernacle. 10 The forme of the Arke. 17 The Mercieſeate. 23 The Table. 31 The Candleſticke. 40 All muſt be done according to the patterne.

THen the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

2 * Speake vnto the children of Iſrael, that they receiue an offering for mee: of * euery man, whoſe heart giueth it freely, yee ſhall take the offering for me.

3 And this is the offering which ye ſhall b take of them, gold, and ſiluer, and braſſe,

4 And blew ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine linnen, and goates haire,

5 And rammes ſkinnes coloured redde, and the ſkinnes of badgers, and the wood c Shittim,

6 Oyle for the light, ſpices for d anoynting oyle, and for the perfume of ſweete ſauour,

7 Onix ſtones, and ſtones to bee ſet in the * Ephod, and in the * breſt plate.

8 Alſo they ſhall make mee a * Sanctuarie, that I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I ſhew thee, euen ſo ſhal ye make the ſoume of the Tabernacle, and the faſhion of all the inſtruments thereof.

10 ¶ They ſhall make alſo an * Arke of Shittim wood, two cubites and an halfe long, and a cubite and an halfe broad, and a cubite and an halfe hie.

11 And thou ſhalt ouerlay it with pure golde: within and without ſhalt thou ouerlay it, and ſhalt make vpon it a ‖ crowne of gold round about.

12 And thou ſhalt caſt foure rings of gold for it, and put them in the foure ‡ corners thereof: that is, two rings ſhalbe on the one ſide of it, and two rings on the other ſide thereof.

13 And thou ſhalt make barres of Shittim wood, and couer them with gold.

14 Then thou ſhalt put the barres in the rings by the ſides of the Arke, to beare the Arke with them.

15 The barres ſhall be in the rings of the Arke: they ſhall not be taken away from it.

16 So thou ſhalt put in the Arke the f Teſtimonie which I ſhall giue thee.

17 Alſo thou ſhalt make a ‖ ſ Mercy ſeat of pure gold, two cubites and an halfe long, and a cubite and an halfe broad.

18 And thou ſhalt make two Cherubims of gold: of worke beaten out with the hammer ſhalt thou make them at the two endes of the Mercie ſeat.

19 And the one Cherub ſhalt thou make at the one ende, and the other Cherub at the

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‡Ebr. brickworke

1.Pet.1.2.heb. 9.20.

‡Ebr. the booke of the Law.

Or, him.

1 The Lord appeareth like deuouring fire to carnall men: but to them that he draweth with his ſpirit, he is like pleaſant ſaphir. Chap.34.28. deut.9.9.

a After the morall and iudiciall law, he giueth them the ceremoniall law, that nothing ſhould be left to mans inuention. Chap.35.5.

b For the building and vſe of the Tabernacle, ‖ Or. yellow.

c Which is thought to be a kinde of cedar, which will not rot.

d Ordeined for the Prieſts. Chap.28.4. Chap.28.15.

e A place both to offer ſacrifice, and to heare the Law. Chap.27.21.

‖ Or, a circle, and a border.

‡ Or, ſides.

f The ſtone tables, the rod of Aaron and Manna, which were a teſtimonie of Gods preſence.

‖ Or, couering, or propitiatorie.

g There God appeared mercifully vnto them: and this was a figure of Chriſt.

the other end: of the matter of the Mercyseat shall yee make the Cherubims, on the two ends thereof.

20 And the Cherubims shall stretch their wings on hie, couering the Mercyseat with their wings, and their faces one to another: to the Mercyseat ward shall the faces of the Cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the Mercyseat aboue vpon the Arke, and in the Arke thou shalt put the Testimonie, which I will giue thee,

22 And there I will ‖ declare my selfe vnto thee, and from aboue the Mercyseat * betweene the two Cherubims, which are vpon the Arke of the Testimonie, I will tell thee al things which I wil giue thee in commandement vnto the children of Israel.

23 ¶ * Thou shalt also make a Table of Shittim wood of two cubites long, and one cubite broad, and a cubite and a halfe hie:

24 And thou shalt couer it with pure gold, and make thereto a crowne of golde round about.

25 Thou shalt also make vnto it a border of foure fingers round about: and thou shalt make a golden crowne round about the border thereof.

26 After, thou shalt make for it foure rings of golde, and shalt put the rings in the foure corners that are in the foure feete thereof:

27 Euen against the border shal the rings be for places for barres, to beare the table.

28 And thou shalt make the barres of Shittim wood, and shalt ouerlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

29 Thou shalt make also [b] dishes for it, and incense cups for it, and couerings for it, and goblets wherewith it shall bee couered, euen of fine gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set vpon the table shew bread before me continually.

31 ¶ * Also thou shalt make a Candlestick of pure gold: of [i] worke beaten out with the hammer shall the Candlesticke be made, his shaft, and his branches, his bowles, his knops: and his floures shall bee of the same.

32 Sixe branches also shall come out of the sides of it: three branches of the Candlesticke out of the one side of it, and three branches of the Candlesticke out of the other side of it.

33 Three bowles like vnto almonds, one knop and one floure in one branch: and three bowles like almonds in the other branch, one knop and one floure: so throughout the sixe branches that come out of the Candlesticke.

34 And in the shaft of the Candlesticke shalbe foure bowles like vnto almonds, his knops and his floures.

35 And there shall bee a knop vnder two branches made thereof: and a knop vnder two branches made thereof: and a knop vnder two branches made thereof, according to the sixe branches comming out of the Candlesticke.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be thereof: all this shall be one beaten worke of pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seuen lampes thereof: and the lampes thereof shalt thou put theron, to giue light toward that that is before it.

38 Also the snuffers and snuffedishes thereof shalbe of pure gold.

39 Of a [k] talent of fine gold shalt thou make it with all these instruments.

40 * Looke therefore that thou make them after their fashion, that was shewed thee in the mountaine.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The forme of the Tabernacle and the appertinances. 33 The place of the Arke, of the Mercie seate, of the Table, and of the Candlesticke.

Afterward thou shalt make the Tabernacle with ten curtaines of fine twined linnen, and blew silke, and purple, and skarlet: and in them thou shalt make Cherubims of [a] broydered worke.

2 The length of one curtaine shalbe eight and twentie cubites, and the breadth of one curtaine, foure cubites: euery one of the curtaines shall haue one measure.

3 Fiue curtaines shall be coupled one to another: and the other fiue curtaines shal be coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make strings of blewe silk vpon the edge of the one curtaine, which is in the seluedge [b] of the coupling: & likewise shalt thou make in the edge of the other curtaine in the seluedge, in the second coupling.

5 Fiftie strings shalt thou make in one curtaine, and fiftie strings shalt thou make in the edge of the curtaine, which is in the [c] second coupling: the strings shall bee one right against another.

6 Thou shalt make also fiftie ‖ taches of golde, and couple the curtaines one to another with the taches, and it shall be one Tabernacle.

7 ¶ Also thou shalt make curtaines of goates haire, to be a [d] couering vpon the Tabernacle: thou shalt make them to the number of eleuen curtaines.

8 The length of a curtaine shalbe thirtie cubites, and the breadth of a curtaine foure cubites: the eleuen curtaines shall bee of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple fiue curtaines by themselues, and the sixe curtaines by themselues: but thou shalt double the [e] sixth curtaine vpon the forefront of the couering.

10 And thou shalt make fiftie strings in the edge of one curtaine in the seluedge of the coupling, and fifty strings in the edge of the other curtaine in the second coupling.

11 Likewise thou shalt make fiftie ‖ taches of brasse, and fasten them on the strings, and shalt couple the couering together, that it may be one.

12 And the [f] remnant that resteth in the curtaines of the couering, euen the halfe curtaine that resteth, shall bee left at the backside of the Tabernacle.

13 That the cubit on the one side, and the cubite on the other side of that which is left in the length of the curtaines of the couering, may remaine on either side of the Tabernacle to couer it.

14 Moreouer, for that couering thou shalt make

‖ *Or, will appoint with thee.* *Numb. 7. 89.*

Chap. 37. 10.

‖ *Or, an hand broad.*

[h] To set the bread vpon.

Chap. 37. 17.

[i] It shall not bee molten, but beaten out of the lumpe of golde with the hammer.

[k] This was the talent weight of the Temple, and weighed 120. pound. *Heb 8. 5. act 7. 44.*

[a] That is, of most cunning, or fine worke.

[b] On the side, that the curtaines might be tied together.

[c] In tying together both the sides. ‖ *Or, bookes.* ‖ *Or, partaking.*

[d] Left raine and weather should marre it.

[e] That is, fiue on the one side, and fiue on the other, & the sixt should hang ouer the doore of the Tabernacle. ‖ *Or, bookes.*

[f] For these curtaines were two cubites longer then the curtains of the Tabernacle: so that they were sider by a cubite on both sides.

make a ſ couering of rammes ſkinnes died redde, and a couering h of badgers ſkinnes aboue.

15 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make boordes for the Tabernacle of Shittim wood to ſtand vp.

16 Ten cubites ſhall bee the length of a boorde, and a cubite and an halfe cubite the breadth of one boord.

17 Two tenons ſhalbe in one boord ſet in order as the feet of a ladder, one againſt another: thus ſhalt thou make for al the boords of the Tabernacle.

18 And thou ſhalt make boords for the Tabernacle, euen twentie boordes on the South ſide, euen full South.

19 And thou ſhalt make fourtie ‖ ſockets of ſiluer vnder the twentie boords, two ſockets vnder one boorde for his two tenons, and two ſockets vnder another boord for his two tenons.

20 In like maner on the other ſide of the Tabernacle toward the Northſide ſhall bee twentie boords,

21 And their fourtie ſockets of ſiluer, two ſockets vnder one boord, and two ſockets vnder another boord.

22 And on the ſide of the Tabernacle toward the Weſt, ſhalt thou make ſixe boords.

23 Alſo two boordes ſhalt thou make in the corners of the tabernacle in † two ſides.

24 Alſo they ſhalbe i ioyned beneath, and likewiſe they ſhalbe ioyned aboue to a ring: thus ſhall it bee for them two: they ſhall bee for the two corners.

25 So they ſhalbe eight boordes hauing ſockets of ſiluer, euen ſixteene ſockets, that is, two ſockets vnder one boord, and two ſockets vnder another boord.

26 ¶ Then ſhalt thou make fiue barres of Shittim wood for the boords of one ſide of the Tabernacle,

27 And fiue barres for the boords of the other ſide of the Tabernacle: alſo fiue bars for the boords of the ſide of the Tabernacle toward the Weſtſide.

28 And the middle barre ſhall go through the mids of the boords, from end to end.

29 And thou ſhalt couer the boords with gold, and make their rings of golde, for places for the barres, and thou ſhalt couer the barres with gold.

30 So thou ſhalt reare vp the Tabernacle * according to the faſhion thereof, which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ Moreouer, thou ſhalt make a vaile of blue ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linnen: thou ſhalt make it of broydered worke with Cherubims.

32 And thou ſhalt hang it vpon foure pillars of Shittim wood couered with golde, (whoſe k hookes ſhalbe of gold) ſtanding vpon foure ſockets of ſiluer.

33 ¶ Afterward thou ſhalt hang the vaile ‡ on the hookes, that thou mayeſt bring in thither, that is, (within the vaile) the Arke of the Teſtimonie: and the vaile ſhal make you a ſeparation betweene the Holy place and the l moſt Holy place.

34 Alſo thou ſhalt put the Mercie ſeate vpon the arke of the Teſtimonie in the moſt Holy place.

35 And thou ſhalt ſet the table m without the vaile, and the Candleſticke ouer against the Table on the Southſide of the Tabernacle, and thou ſhalt ſet the Table on the Northſide.

36 Alſo thou ſhalt make an n hanging for the doore of the Tabernacle of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linnen, wrought with needle.

37 And thou ſhalt make for the hanging fiue pillars of Shittim, and couer them with gold: their heads ſhall be of golde, and thou ſhalt caſt fiue ſockets of braſſe for them.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The altar of the burnt offering. 9 The court of the Tabernacle. 20 The Lampes continually burning.

MOreouer thou ſhalt make the a altar of Shittim wood, fiue cubits long and fiue cubits broad (the altar ſhalbe foure ſquare) and the height thereof three cubites.

2 And thou ſhalt make it homes in the foure corners thereof: the homes ſhalbe of it b ſelfe: and thou ſhalt couer it with braſſe.

3 Alſo thou ſhalt make his aſhpans for his aſhes, and his beſoms, and his baſins, and his fleſhhookes, and his ‖ cenſers: thou ſhalt make all the inſtruments thereof of braſſe.

4 And thou ſhalt make vnto it a grate like netwoorke of braſſe: alſo vpon that grate ſhalt thou make foure braſen rings vpon the foure corners thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt put it vnder the compaſſe of the altar beneath, that the grate may be in the mids of the altar.

6 Alſo thou ſhalt make barres for the altar, barres, I ſay, of Shittim wood, and ſhalt couer them with braſſe.

7 And the barres thereof ſhall be put in the rings, the which barres ſhall bee vpon the two ſides of the altar to beare it.

8 Thou ſhalt make the altar hollow betweene the boords: as God ſhewed thee in the mount, ſo ſhall they make it.

9 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make the c court of the Tabernacle in the Southſide, euen full South: the court ſhal haue curtaines of fine twined linnen, of an hundreth cubites long for one ſide.

10 And it ſhall haue twentie pillars with their twentie ſockets of braſſe: the heads of the pillars, and their d fillets ſhalbe ſiluer.

11 Likewiſe on the Northſide in length there ſhall be hangings of an hundreth cubits long, and the twentie pillars thereof with their twentie ſockets of braſſe: the heads of the pillars and the fillets ſhalbe ſiluer.

12 ¶ And the breadth of the court on the Weſt ſide ſhall haue curtaines of fiftie cubites, with their ten pillars, and their ten ſockets.

13 And the breadth of the court, Eaſtward full Eaſt ſhall haue e fiftie cubites:

14 Alſo hangings of fifteene cubits ſhalbe on the one f ſide with their three pillars and their three ſockets.

15 Likewiſe on the other ſide ſhall be hangings of fifteene cubites, with their three

¶ pillars

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g To be put vpon the couering that was made of goates haire.

h This was the third couering for the Tabernacle.

‖ Or, baſe pieces, wherein were the mortaiſes for the tenons.

i The Ebrewe word ſignifieth twinnes: declaring that they ſhould be ſo perfect and well ioyned as were poſſible.

Chap 25. 9. 40. heb. 8. 5. act. 7. 44.

k Some reade, heads of the pillars.

‡ Ebr. vnder the hookes: meaning that it ſhould hang downward from the hookes.

l Whereinto the hie Prieſt onely entred once a yeere.

m Meaning in the holy place.

n This hanging or vaile was betweene the holy place, and there where the people were.

a For the burnt offering.

b Of the ſame wood and matter not faſtened vnto it.

‖ Or, fire panner.

‡ Ebr. net.

c This was the firſt entrie into the Tabernacle, where the people abode.

d They were certaine hoopes or circles for to beautifie the pillar.

e Meaning, curtaines of fiftie cubites.

f Of the doore of the court.

Lamps

pillars and their three sockets.

16 ¶ And in the gate of the court shall be a vaile of twentie cubites, of blew silke, and purple, and skarlet, and fine twined linnen wrought with needle, with the foure pillars thereof and their foure sockets.

17 All the pillars of the court shall haue fillets of siluer round about, with their heads of siluer, and their sockets of brasse.

18 ¶ The length of the court shall bee an hundreth cubites, and the breadth fiftie ‡ at either ende, and the height fiue cubites, and the hangings of fine twined linnen, and their sockets of brasse.

‡ Ebr. fiftie in fiftie,

19 All the vessels of the Tabernacle for all maner seruice thereof, and all the pinnes thereof, and all the pinnes of the court shalbe brasse.

g Or, stakes wherewith the curtaines were fastened to the ground,

20 ¶ And thou shalt commaund the children of Israel, that they bring vnto thee pure oyle oliue h beaten for the light, that the lampes may alway ‖ burne.

h Such as commeth from the olive, when it is first presſed or beaten.

‖ Or, ascend vp,

21 In the Tabernacle of the Congregation without the vaile, which is before the Testimonie, shall Aaron and his sonnes dresse them from euening to morning before the Lord, for a statute for euer vnto their generations, to bee obserued by the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *The Lord calleth Aaron and his sonnes to the Priesthood.* 4 *Their garments.* 12 29. *Aaron entreth into the Sanctuary in the name of the children of Israel.* 30 *Vrim and Thummim.* 38 *Aaron beareth the iniquitie of the Israelites offrings.*

AND cause thou thy brother Aaron to come vnto thee, and his sonnes with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may serue me in the Priests office: I meane Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar Aarons sonnes.

a Whereby his office may bee knowen to be glorious and excellent.

2 Also thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, a glorious and beautifull.

‡ Ebr. wise in heart.

3 Therefore thou shalt speake vnto all ‡ cunning men, whom I haue filled with the spirit of wisedome, that they make Aarons garments to b consecrate him, that hee may serue me in the Priests office.

b Which is to separate him from the rest.

4 Nowe these shall bee the garments, which they shall make, a brest plate, and an c Ephod, and a robe, and a broydered coate, a miter, and a girdle: so these holy garments shall they make for Aaron thy brother, and for his sonnes that he may serue mee in the Priests office.

c A short and strait coat without sleeues put vpmost vpon his garments, to keepe them close vnto him.

5 Therefore they shal take gold, and blue silke, and purple and skarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the Ephod of gold, blew silke, and purple, skarlet and fine twined linnen of broydered worke.

7 The two shoulders thereof shalbe ioyned together by their two edges: so shall it be closed.

d Which went about his vpmost coate.

8 And the d imbroydered garde of the same Ephod, which shall be vpon him, shall be of the selfe same worke and stuffe, euen of gold, blew silke, and purple, and skarlet, and fine twined linnen.

9 And thou shalt take two onix stones, and graue vpon them the names of the children of Israel:

10 Sixe names of them vpon the one stone, and the sixe names that remaine, vpon the second stone, according to their e generations.

e As they were in age, so should they be grauen in order.

11 Thou shalt cause to graue the two stones according to the names of the children of Israel by a grauer of signets, that worketh and graueth in stone, and shalt make them to bee set and embossed in golde.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones vpon the shoulders of the Ephod, as stones of f remembrance of the children of Israel: for Aaron shall beare their names before the Lord vpon his two shoulders for a remembrance.

f That Aaron might remember the Israelites to Godward.

13 So thou shalt make bosses of gold,

14 ¶ And two chaines of fine golde ‡ at the ende, of wrethed worke shalt thou make them, and shalt fasten the wrethed chaines vpon the bosses.

g Of the bosses.

15 ¶ Also thou shalt make the brest plate of g iudgement with broydered worke: like the worke of the Ephod shalt thou make it: of gold, blew silke, and purple, and skarlet, and fine twined linnen shalt thou make it.

h It was so called, because the hie Priest could not giue sentence in iudgement without that on his brest.

16 h Foure square it shall bee and double, an hand breadth long, and an hand breadth broade.

i The description of the brest-plate.

17 Then thou shalt set it ful of places for stones, euen foure rowes of stones: the order shalbe this, a ‖ rubie, a topaze, and a ‖ carbuncle in the first rowe.

‖ Or, Sardoine.

18 And in the second row thou shalt set an ‖ emeraud, a saphir, and a ‖ diamond,

‖ Or, Emerand.

19 And in the third rowe a turkeis, an achate, and an hematite.

‖ Or, Carbuncle.

‖ Or, iasper.

20 And in the fourth rowe a ‡ chrysolite, an onix, and a iasper: and they shall be set in gold in their embossements.

‡ Ebr. Tarshish.

21 And the stones shalbe according to the names of the children of Israel, twelue, according to their names, grauen as signets, euery one after his name, and they shall bee for the twelue tribes.

22 ¶ Then thou shalt make vpon the brest plate two chaines at the ends of wrethen worke of pure gold.

23 Thou shalt make also vpon the brest plate two ringes of golde, and put the two ringes on k the two endes of the brest plate.

k Which are vpmost toward the shoulder.

24 And thou shalt put the two wrethen chaines of gold in the two rings in the ends of the brest plate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wrethen chaines, thou shalt fasten in the two embossements, and shalt put them vpon the shoulders of the Ephod on the forside of it.

26 ¶ Also thou shalt make two rings of golde, which thou shalt put in the l two other endes of the brest plate, vpon the border thereof, toward the inside of the Ephod.

l Which are beneath.

27 And two other rings of golde thou shalt make, and put them on the two sides of the Ephod, beneath in the forepart of it ouer against the coupling of it vpon the broydred

holyned garde of the Ephod.

28 Thus they shall bind the breast plate by his rings vnto the rings of the Ephod, with a lace of blue silke, that it may bee fast vpon the broydred garde of the Ephod, and that the brestplate be not loosed from the Ephod.

29 So Aaron shall [m] beare the names of the children of Israel in the brestplate of iudgement vpon his heart, when he goeth into the holy place, for a remembrance continually before the Lord.

30 ¶ Also thou shalt put in the brestplate of iudgement the [n] Urim and the Thummim, which shall bee vpon Aarons heart, when he goeth in before the Lord: and Aaron shall beare the iudgement of the children of Israel vpon his heart before the Lord continually.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the Ephod altogether of blue silke.

32 And the hole for his head shall bee in the middes of it, hauing an edge of wouen worke round about the collar of it: so it shall be as the collar of an habergeon that it rent not.

33 ¶ And beneath vpon the skirts thereof thou shalt make pomegrananes of blue silke, and purple, and scarlet, round about the skirts thereof, and bels of gold betweene them round about:

34 That is, [*] a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bel and a pomegranate round about vpon the skirts of the robe.

35 So it shall bee vpon Aaron, when hee ministreth, and his sound shall be heard, when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord, and when he commeth out, and he shal not die.

36 ¶ Also thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and graue thereon, as signets are grauen, [o] HOLINES TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue silke lace, and it shall be vpon the miter: euen vpon the forefront of the miter shall it be.

38 So it shall be vpon Aarons forehead, that Aaron may [p] beare the iniquitie of the offerings, which the children of Israel shall offer in all their holy offerings: and it shalbe alwayes vpon his forehead, to make them acceptable before the Lord.

39 Likewise thou shalt embroider the fine linen coate, and thou shalt make a miter of fine linen, but thou shalt make a girdle of needlewerke.

40 Also thou shalt make for Aarons sonnes coates, and thou shalt make them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make them for glory and comelinesse.

41 And thou shalt put them vpon Aaron thy brother, and on his sonnes with him, and shalt anoint them, and [q] fill their hands, and sanctifie them, that they may minister vnto me in the Priests office.

42 Thou shalt also make them linen breeches to couer their priuities: from the loines vnto the thighes shall they reach.

43 And they shall be for Aaron and his sonnes when they come into the Tabernacle ‖ of the Congregation, or when they come vnto the altar to minister in the holy place, that they [r] commit not iniquitie, and so die. This shall be a Law for euer vnto him and to his seede after him.

CHAP XXIX.

1 The maner of consecrating the Priests. 38 The continuall sacrifice. 45 The Lord promiseth to dwell among the children of Israel.

THis thing also shalt thou doe vnto them when thou consecratest them to bee my Priests, * Take a young Calfe, and two Rammes without blemish,

2 And vnleauened bread, and cakes vnleauened tempered with oyle, and wafers vnleauened anointed with oyle: (of fine wheate flowre shalt thou make them)

3 Then thou shalt put them in one basket, and [a] present them in the basket with the calfe and the two rammes,

4 And shalt bring Aaron and his sonnes vnto [y] dooze of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and wash them with water.

5 Also thou shalt take the garments, and put vpon Aaron the cunicle, and the [b] robe of the Ephod, and the Ephod, and the brestplate, and shalt close them to him with the broydered garde of the Ephod.

6 Then thou shalt put the miter vpon his head, and shalt put the holy * crowne vpon the miter.

7 And thou shalt take the anointing * oyle, and shalt powre vpon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sonnes, and put coates vpon them,

9 And shalt gird them with girdles, both Aaron and his sonnes: and shalt put the bonnets on them, and the Priests office shall be theirs for a perpetual Lawe: thou * shalt also ‖ fill the hands of Aaron, and the hands of his sonnes.

10 After, thou shalt present the calfe before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, * and Aaron and his sonnes shall * put their hands vpon the head of the calfe.

11 So thou shalt kill the calfe before the Lord, at the dooze of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

12 Then thou shalt take of the blood of the calfe, and put it vpon the hornes of the altar with thy finger, and shalt powre all the rest of the blood at the foote of the altar.

13 * Also thou shalt take all the fatte that coureth the inwards, and the caule that is on the liuer, and the two kidneis, and the fatte that is vpon them, and shalt burne them vpon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the calfe, and his skin, and his dung shalt thou burne with fire without the hoste: it is a ‡ sinne offering.

15 ¶ Thou shalt also take one ramme, and Aaron and his sonnes shall put their hands vpon the head of the ramme.

16 Then thou shalt kill the ramme, and take his blood, and sprinckle it round about vpon the altar,

17 And thou shalt cut the ramme in pieces, and wash the inwards of him and his legges, and shalt put them vpon the pieces thereof, and vpon his head.

18 So thou shalt burne the whole ramme

[m] Aaron shall not enter into the holy place in his owne name but in the name of all the children of Israel.

[n] Vrim signifieth light, and Thummim perfection: declaring that the stones of the brestplate were most cleare, and of perfect beauty: by Vrim also is meant knowledge, & Thummim holinesse, shewing what vertues are required in the Priests. *Eccles 45.9.*

[o] Holinesse appertaineth to the Lord: for he is most holy, and nothing vnholy may appeare before him.

[p] Their offrings could not be so perfect, but some fault would be therein: which sinne the high Priest bare, and pacified God.

[q] That is, consecrate them, by giuing them things to offer, and thereby admit them to their office.

‖ *Or, of witnesse.*

[r] In not hiding their nakednes.

The holy Garments

Leuit 9.2.

[a] To offer them in sacrifice.

[b] Which was next vnder the Ephod.

Chap. 28.36.

Chap. 30.25.

Chap. 28 41.

‖ *Or, consecrate them.*

Leuit. 1.4.

[c] Signifying, that the sacrifice was also offered for them, and that they did approue it.

Leuit. 3.3.

‡ *Ebr. sinne, 2. cor. 5, 21.*

vpon the altar: for it is a burnt offering vnto the Lord [d] for a sweete sauour: it is an offering made by fire vnto the Lord.

19 ¶ And thou shalt take the other ram, and Aaron and his sonnes shall put their handes vpon the head of the ramme.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ramme, and take of his blood, and put it [e] vpon the lap of Aarons eare, and vpon the lappe of the right eare of his sonnes, and vpon the thumbe of their right hand, and vpon the great toe of their right foote, and shalt sprinkle the blood vpon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is [f] vpon the altar, and of the anointing oyle, and shalt sprinkle it vpon Aaron, and vpon his garments, and vpon his sonnes, and vpon the garments of his sonnes with him: so he shalbe halowed, and his clothes, and his sonnes, and the garments of his sonnes with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the Rammes the fat, and the rumpe, euen the fat that couereth the inwards, & the caule of the liuer, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is vpon them, and the right shoulder, (for it is the [g] ramme of consecration.)

23 And one loafe of bread, and one cake of bread tempered with oyle, and one wafer, out of the basket of the vnleauened bread that is before the Lord.

24 And thou shalt put all this in the handes of Aaron, and in the hands of his sonnes, and shalt shake them to and fro before the Lord.

25 Againe, thou shalt receiue them of their hands, and burne them vpon the altar besides the burnt offring for a sweete sauour before the Lord: for this is an offering made by fire vnto the Lord.

26 Likewise thou shalt take the breast of the ramme of the consecration, which is for Aaron, and shalt shake it to [h] and fro before the Lord, and it shalbe thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctifie the breast of the shaken offering, and the shoulder of the [i] heaue offering, which was shaken to and fro, and which was heaued vp of the ramme of the consecration, which was for Aaron, and which was for his sonnes.

28 And Aaron and his sonnes shall haue it by a statute for euer, of the children of Israel: for it is an heaue offering, and it shall be an heaue offering of the children of Israel, of their [k] peace offerings, euen their heaue offering to the Lord.

29 ¶ And the holy garments, which appertaine to Aaron, shall bee his sonnes after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated therein.

30 That sonne that shall be Priest in his stead, shall put them on seuen dayes, when hee commeth into the Tabernacle of the Congregation to minister in the holy place.

31 ¶ So thou shalt take the ramme of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

32 * And Aaron and his sonnes shall eate the flesh of the Ramme, and the bread that is in the basket, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

33 So they shall eate those things, [l] wherby their atonement was made, to consecrate them, and to sanctifie them: but a stranger shall not eate thereof, because they are holy things.

34 Now if ought of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread remaine vnto the morning, then thou shalt burne the rest with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is an holy thing.

35 Therefore shalt thou doe thus vnto Aaron and vnto his sonnes, according to all things which I haue commanded thee: seuen dayes shalt thou [t] consecrate them,

36 And shalt offer euery day a calfe for a sinne offering, for [m] reconciliation: and thou shalt cleanse the altar when thou hast offered vpon it for reconciliation, and shalt anoint it to sanctifie it.

37 Seuen dayes shalt thou cleanse the altar, and sanctifie it, so the altar shall bee most holy: and whatsoeuer toucheth the altar, shal be holy.

38 ¶ * Now this is that which thou shalt [n] present vpon the altar: euen two lambes of one yeere old, day by day continually.

39 The one lambe thou shalt present in the morning, and the other lambe thou shalt present at euen.

40 And with the one lambe, a [n] tenth part of fine floure mingled with the fourth part of an [o] hin of beaten oyle, and the fourth part of an hin of wine, for a drinke offering.

41 And the other lambe thou shalt present at euen: thou shalt doe thereto according to the offering of the morning, and according to the drinke offering thereof, to be a burnt offering for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

42 This shalbe a continuall burnt offring in your generations at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation before the Lord, where I will [p] make appointment with you, to speake there vnto thee.

43 There I will appoint with the children of Israel, and the place shalbe sanctified by my [p] glory.

44 And I will sanctifie the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the altar: I will sanctifie also Aarow and his sonnes to be my Priests,

45 And I will * dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; [q] I am the Lord their God.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The altar of incense.* 13 *The summe that the Israelites should pay to the Tabernacle.* 28 *The brasen lauer.* 23 *The anointing oyle.* 34 *The making of the perfume.*

[r] Furthermore, thou shalt make an altar * for sweete perfume, of Shittim wood thou shalt make it,

2 The length thereof a cubite, and the breadth thereof a cubite, (it shall be foure square) and the height thereof two cubites:

[d] Or, a sauour of rest, which causeth the wrath of God to cease.

[e] Meaning, the soft and nether part of the eare.

[f] Wherewith the altar must bee sprinkled.

[g] Which is offered for the consecration of the high Priest.

[h] This sacrifice the Priest did moue toward the East, West, North and South.

[i] So called, because it was not onely shaken to and fro, but also lifted vp.

[k] Which were offerings of thankesgiuing to God for his benefits.

Leuit.8.31. and 24.9. Numb.18.9.

[l] That is, by the sacrifices.

[t] *Ebr. fill their hands.*

[m] To appease Gods wrath that sinne may bee pardoned.

Numb.28.3.

[n] That is, an Omer, reade Chap. 16.16.

[o] Which is about a pinte.

[p] *Or, declare my selfe to you.*

[p] Because of my glorious presence.

Leuit.26.12. 2.cor.6.16.

[q] It is I the Lord that am their God.

[r] Vpon the which the sweet perfume was burnt, verse 34.

b Of the same wood and matter.

bites: the hornes thereof shall bee b of the same.

3 And thou shalt ouerlay it with fine gold, both the top thereof and the sides thereof round about, and his hornes: also thou shalt make vnto it ‖ a crowne of gold round about.

‖ Or, circle and border.

4 Besides this, thou shalt make vnder this crowne two golden rings on either side: euen on euery side shalt thou make them, that they may be as places for the barres to beare it withall.

5 The which barres thou shalt make of Shittim wood, and shalt couer them with gold.

c That is, in the Sanctuary, and not in the Holiest of all.

6 After thou shalt set it c before the vaile, that is, before the Arke of the Testimonie, before the Mercie seate that is vpon the Testimonie, where I will appoint with thee.

d Meaning, when he trimmeth them, and refresheth the oyle.

7 And Aaron shall burne thereon sweet incense euery morning: when hee d dresseth the lampes thereof, shall he burne it.

8 Likewise at euen, when Aaron setteth vp the lampes thereof, he shall burne incense: this perfume shall bee perpetuall before the Lord, throughout your generations.

e Otherwise made then this, which is described.

9 Ye shal offer no e strange incense thereon, nor burne sacrifice, nor offering, neither powre any drinke offering f thereon.

f But it must onely serue to burne perfume.

10 And Aaron shall make reconciliation vpon the hornes of it once in a yeere, with the blood of the sinne offring in the day of reconciliation: once in the yeere shall hee make reconciliation vpon it throughout your generations: this is most holy vnto the Lord.

Num. 1.2,3.

11 ¶ Afterward the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

12 * When thou takest the summe of the children of Israel after their number, then they shall giue euery man g a redemption of his life vnto the Lord, when thou tellest them, that there be no plague among them when thou countest them.

g Whereby he testified that he redeemed his life which he had forfeit, as is declared by Dauid, 2. Sam 24. 1.

13 This shall euery man giue that goeth into the number, halfe a shekel, after the h shekel of the Sanctuary: (* a shekel is twenty gerahs) the halfe shekel shall be an offering to the Lord.

h This shekel valued two common shekels: and the gerah valued about 12. pence after fiue shillings ster. ling the ounce of siluer.

Leuit. 27. 25. numb. 3. 47. ezek. 45. 12.

14 All that are numbred from twentie yeere old and aboue, shall giue an offering to the Lord.

15 The rich shall not passe, and the poore shall not diminish from halfe a shekel, when ye shal giue an offering vnto the Lord i for the redemption of your liues.

i That God should be mercifull vnto you.

16 So thou shalt take the money of the redemption of the children of Israel, & shalt put it vnto the vse of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, that it may be a memoriall vnto the children of Israel before the Lorde for the redemption of your liues.

17 ¶ Also the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

18 Thou shalt also make a laner of braste, and his foote of braste to wash, and shalt put it betweene the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the Altar; and shalt put water therein.

k Signifying, that hee that commeth to God must be washed from all sinne and corruption.

19 For Aaron and his sonnes shall k wash their hands and their feet thereat.

20 When they goe into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, or when they goe vnto the Altar to minister and to make the perfume of the burnt offering to the Lord, they shall wash themselues with water, lest they die.

l So long as the Priesthood shal last.

21 So they shall wash their handes and their feet that they die not: and this shall be to them an ordinance l for euer, both vnto him and to his seede throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Also the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also vnto thee principall spices: of the most pure myrre fiue hundreth m shekels, of sweete cinamom halfe so much, that is, two hundreth and fiftie, and of sweete n calamus, two hundreth and fiftie:

m Weighing so much.

n It is a kinde of reede of a very sweete sauour within, and is vsed in powders and odours. Chap. 29. 40.

24 Also of Cassia, fiue hundreth, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, and of oyle oliue an o Hin.

o All things which appertaine to the Tabernacle.

25 So thou shalt make of it the oile of holy oyntment, euen a most precious oyntment after the arte of the Apoticarie: this shall be the oyle of holy oyntment.

26 And thou shalt anoynt the o Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Arke of the Testimonie:

27 Also the Table, and all the instruments thereof, & the Candlesticke with all the instruments thereof, and the Altar of incense:

28 Also the Altar of burnt offering with all his instruments, and the Laner and his foote.

29 So thou shalt sanctifie them, and they shall be most holy: all that shall touch them, shall be holy.

30 Thou shalt also anoynt Aaron and his sonnes, and shalt consecrate them, that they may minister vnto me in the Priests office.

31 Moreouer thou shalt speake vnto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy oynting oyle vnto mee, throughout your generations.

32 None shall anoynt p mans flesh therewith, neither shall ye make any compolition like vnto it: for it is holy, and shalbe holy vnto you.

p Neither at their burials, nor otherwise.

33 Whosoeuer shall make the like oyntment, or whosoeuer shall put any of it vpon q a stranger, euen he shall be cut off from his people.

q Either a stranger, or an Israelite, saue onely the Priests.

34 And the Lorde sayde vnto Moses, Take vnto thee these spices, pure myrrhe, and r clere gumme and galbanum, these odours with pure frankincense, of each like weight:

r In Ebrew, Shoheleth: which is a sweet kinde of gumme, and shineth as the naile.

35 Then thou shalt make of them perfume compoled after the arte of the Apoticarie, mingled together, pure and holy.

36 And thou shalt beat it to powder, and shalt put of it before the Arke of the Testimonie in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, where I will make appointment with thee: it shalbe vnto you most holy.

37 And yee shall not make vnto you any compolition like this perfume, which thou shalt make: it shall be vnto thee holy for the s Lord.

s Onely dedicate to the vse of the Tabernacle.

38 Whosoeuer shall make like vnto that

to smell thereto, euen he shall be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

2 God maketh Bezaleel and Aholiab meete for his worke. 13 The Sabbath day is the signe of your sanctification. 18 The Tables written by the finger of God.

AND the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Beholde, I [a] haue called by name Bezaleel, the sonne of Uri, the sonne of Hur of the tribe of Iudah,

3 (Whom I haue filled with the Spirit of God, in wisedome, and in vnderstanding, and in knowledge, & in all [b] workemanship:

4 To finde out curious workes to worke in gold, and in siluer, and in brasse,

5 Also in the arte to set stones, & to carue in timber, & to worke in all manner of workmanship.

6 And behold, I haue ioyned with him Aholiab the sonne of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, & in the hearts of all that are [c] wise hearted, haue I put wisedome to make all that I haue commanded thee:

7 That is, the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the Arke of the Testimonie, and the Mercie seat that shalbe thereupon, with all instruments of the Tabernacle:

8 Also the Table and the instruments therof, and the [d] pure Candlesticke, with all his instruments, and the altar of perfume:

9 Likewise the Altar of burnt offering with all his instruments, & the Lauer with his foot:

10 Also the garments of the ministration, and the holy garments for Aaron the Priest, and the garments of his sonnes, to minister in the Priests office,

11 And the [e] anoynting oyle, and sweete perfume for the Sanctuary: according to all that I haue commanded thee, shall they doe.

12 ¶ Afterward the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

13 Speake thou also vnto the children of Israel, and say, [f] Notwithstanding keepe ye my Sabbaths: for it is a signe betweene me and you in your generations, that yee may know that I the Lord doe sanctifie you.

14 [g] Ye shal therfore keepe the Sabbath, for it is holy vnto you: he that defileth it, shal die the death: therefore whosoeuer worketh therein, the same person shall be euen cut off from among his people.

15 Sixe dayes shal men worke, but in the seuenth day is the Sabbath of the holy rest to the Lord: whosoeuer doeth any worke in the Sabbath day, shall die the death.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keepe the Sabbath, that they may obserue the rest throughout their generations for an euerlasting couenant.

17 It is a signe betweene me and the children of Israel for euer: [h] for in sixe dayes the Lord made the heauen and the earth, and in the seuenth day [i] he ceased, and rested.

18 Thus (when the Lorde had made an end of communing with Moses vpon mount Sinai) [k] hee gaue him two Tables of the Testimonie, euen tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

4 The Israelites impute their deliuerance to the calfe. 14 God is appeased by Moses prayer. 19 Moses breaketh the Tables. 27 He slayeth the idolaters. 32 Moses zeale for the people.

BVt when the people saw, that Moses taried long ere hee came downe from the mountaine, the people gathered themselues together against Aaron, and sayd vnto him, Vp, [a] make vs gods to goe before vs: for as for this Moses (the man that brought vs out of the land of Egypt) wee knowe not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron sayd vnto them, [b] Plucke off the golden earerings, which are in the eares of your wiues, of your sonnes, and of your daughters, and bring them vnto me.

3 Then all the people pluckt from them selues the golden earerings, which were in their eares, and they brought them vnto Aaron.

4 [c] Who receiued them at their hands, and fashioned it with the grauing toole, and made of it a [d] molten calfe: then they sayde, [e] These bee thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt.

5 When Aaron saw that, he made an altar before it: and Aaron proclaimed, saying, To morow shall be the holy day of the Lord.

6 So they rose vp the next day in the morning, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offrings: also [e] the people sate them downe to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play.

7 ¶ Then the Lord sayd vnto Moses, [e] Goe, get thee downe: for thy people which thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, hath corrupted their wayes.

8 They [e] are soone turned out of the way, which I commanded them: for they haue made them a molten calfe, and haue worshipped it, and haue offered thereto, saying, [e] These bee thy gods, O Israel, which haue brought thee out of the land of Egypt.

9 Againe the Lord said vnto Moses, [f] I haue seene this people, and beholde, it is a stiffenecked people.

10 Now [f] therefore let me alone, that my wrath may ware hote against them, for I will consume them: but I will make of thee a mighty people.

11 [g] But Moses prayed vnto the Lorde his God, and sayd, O Lord, why doeth thy wrath ware hote against thy people, which thou hast brought out of the lande of Egypt, with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 [h] Wherefore shall the Egyptians ‖speake, and say, He hath brought them out malitiously for to slay them in the mountaines, and to consume them from the earth? turne from thy fierce wrath, and ‖change thy minde from this euill toward thy people.

13 [i] Remember Abraham, Isaak, and Israel thy seruaunts, to whom thou swarest by thine owne selfe, and saydest vnto them, [k] I will multiplie your seede as the starres

a I haue chosen and made meet, Chap. 35.30.

b This sheweth that handy crafts are the gifts of Gods Spirit, and therefore ought to be esteemed.

c I haue instructed them, and increased their knowledge.

d So called, because of the cunning & arte vsed therein, or because the whole was beaten out of one piece.

e Which onely was to anoint y Priests and the instruments of the Tabernacle, & not to burne.

f Though I command these workes to be done, yet will I not that you breake my Sabbath dayes. *Chap. 20.8, 9, &c. 20.12.*

g God repeateth this point, because the whole keeping of the Law standeth in the true vse of the Sabbath, which is to cease from our works, and to obey the will of God.

‖ *Or, Sabbath. Gene. 2.3. and 2.2.*

h From creating his creatures, but not from gouerning and preserving them. *Deut. 9.10.*

i Whereby he declared his will to his people.

a The roote of idolatry is, when men thinke that God is not at hand, except they see him carnally.

b Thinking that they would rather forgoe idolatrie, then to resigne their most precious iewels.

c Such is the rage of idolaters, that they spare no cost to satisfie their wicked desires. *Psal. 106.19.*

d They smelled of their leauen of Egypt, where they saw calues, oxen & serpents worshipped. *1. King. 12.28. 1. Cor. 10.7. Deut. 9.12.*

e Whereby we see what necessitie we haue to pray earnestly to God, to keepe vs in his true obedience and to send vs good guides. *1. King. 12.28. Chap. 33.3. Deut. 9.13.*

f God sheweth that the prayers of the godly stay his punishment. *Psal. 106.23.*

Num. 14.13.

‖ *Or, blaspheme.*

‖ *Or, repent.*

g That is, thy promise made to Abraham. *Gen. 12.7. and 15.7. and 48.16.*

starres of the heauen, and all this land that I haue spoken of, will I giue vnto your seed, and they shall inherit it for euer.

14 Then the Lord changed his minde from the euill, which he threatned to do vnto his people.

15 So Moses returned and went down from the mountaine with the two Tables of the Testimony in his hand. The Tables were written on both their sides, euen on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And these Tables were the worke of God, and [b] this writing was the writing of God grauen in the Tables.

17 And when Iosua heard the noyse of the people, as they shouted, hee sayde vnto Moses, There is a noise of warre in the hoste.

18 Who answered, It is not the noise of them that haue the victorie, nor the noyse of them that are ouercome: but I do heare the noyse of singing.

19 Howe, assoone as he came neere vnto the hoste, he saw the calfe and the dancing: so Moses wrath waxed hote, and he cast the Tables out of his hands, and brake them in pieces beneath the mountaine.

20 [c] After, he tooke the Calfe, which they had made, and burned it in the fire, and ground it vnto powder, and strowed it vpon the water, and made the children of Israel [i] drinke of it.

21 Also Moses sayd vnto Aaron, What did this people vnto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sinne vpon them?

22 Then Aaron answered, Let not the wrath of my lorde wax fierce: Thou knowest this people, that they are euen set on mischiefe.

23 And they said vnto me, Make vs gods to goe before vs: for wee know not what is become of this Moses (y man that brought vs out of the land of Egypt.)

24 Then I sayd to them, Ye that haue gold, pluche it off: and they brought it me, and I did cast it into the fire, and thereof came this calfe.

25 Moses therefore saw that the people were [k] naked (for Aaron had made them naked vnto their shame among their enemies)

26 And Moses stoode in the gate of the campe, & sayd, Who perteineth to the Lord? let him come to me. And all the sonnes of Leui gathered themselues vnto him.

27 Then he said vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put euery man his sword by his side: goe to and fro, from gate to gate throw the hoste, & [l] slay euery man his brother, and euery man his companion, and euery man his neighbour.

28 So the children of Leui did as Moses had commaunded: and there fell of the people the same day about three thousand men.

29 (For Moses had said, Consecrate your handes vnto the Lorde this day, euen euery man vpon his [m] sonne, and vpon his brother, that there may be giuen you a blessing this day.)

30 And when the morning came, Moses sayd vnto the people, Ye haue committed a grieuous crime: but nowe I will goe vp to the Lord, if I may pacifie him for your sinne.

31 Moses therefore went againe vnto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people haue sinned a great sinne, and haue made them gods of gold.

32 Therefore now if thou pardon their sinne, thy mercie shall appeare: but if thou wilt not, I pray thee, raise mee [n] out of thy booke which thou hast written.

33 Then the Lord said to Moses, Whosoeuer hath sinned against mee, I will put him out of my [o] booke.

34 Goe nowe therefore, bring the people vnto the place which I commaunded thee: behold, mine Angel shall goe before thee, but yet in the day of my visitation I will [p] visite their sinne vpon them.

35 So the Lord plagued the people, because they caused Aaron to make the calfe which he made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The Lord promiseth to send an Angel before his people. 4 They are sad because the Lord denieth to goe vp with them. 9 Moses talketh familiarly with God. 13 Hee prayeth for the people, 18 and desireth to see the glory of the Lord.

AFterward the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Depart, [a] go vp from hence, thou, and the people (which thou hast brought vp out of the land of Egypt) vnto the lande which I sware vnto Abraham, to Isaak and to Iaakob, saying, [b] Vnto thy seed will I giue it.

2 And [c] I will send an Angel before thee, and will cast out the Canaanites, the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites:

3 To a lande, I say, that floweth with milke and hony: for I will not goe vp with thee, [d] because thou art a stiffnecked people, lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard this euill tidings, they sorrowed, and no man put on his best rayment.

5 (For the Lord had said to Moses, Say vnto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffenecked people, I will come suddenly vpon thee, and consume thee: therefore now put thy costly rayment from thee, that I may know [e] what to do vnto thee.)

6 So the children of Israel layde their good rayment from them, after Moses came downe from the mount Horeb.

7 Then Moses took his tabernacle, and pitched it without the hoste farre off from the hoste, and called it [f] Ohel-moed. And when any did seeke to the Lord, hee went out vnto the tabernacle of the Congregation, which was without the hoste.

8 And when Moses went out vnto the tabernacle, all the people rose vp, and stood euery man at his tent doore, and looked after Moses, vntill he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And assoone as Moses was entred into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended and stood at the doore of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.

b All these repetitions shewe how excellent a thing they defrauded themselues of by their idolatrie.

Deut. 9. 21.

i Partly to despite them of their idolatrie, and partly that they should haue none occasion to remember it afterward.

k Both destitute of Gods fauour, and an occasion to their enemies to speake euill of their God.

l This fact did so please God, that he turned the curse of Iaakob against Leui, to a blessing, Deut. 33. 9.

m In reuenging Gods glory we must haue no respect to person, but put off all carnall affection

n So much he esteemed the glory of God, that he preferred it euen to his owne saluation.

o I will make it knowen that he was neuer predestinate in mine eternal counsel to life euerlasting.

p This declareth how grieuous a sinne idolatry is, seeing that as Moses prayer God would not fully remit it.

10 Hebrew I Lyeuyo Morning

a The land of Canaan was ecpassed with hilles: so they, that entred into it, must passe vp by the hilles.

Gen. 12. 7. Chap. 23. 27. Ios. 24. 11. deut. 7. 22.

Chap. 32. 9. deut. 9. 13.

b That either I may shew mercy if thou repent, or els punish thy rebellion.

c That is, the tabernacle of the Congregation: so called, because the people resorted thither, when they should be instructed of the Lords will.

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10 Now when all the people sawe the cloudy pillar stand at the Tabernacle doore, all the people rose vp, and worshipped euery man in his tent doore.

11 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, d face to face, as a man speaketh vnto his friend. After he turned againe into the host, but his seruant Iohua the son of Nun a yong man, departed not out of the Tabernacle.

12 ¶ Then Moses saide vnto the Lord, See, thou sayest vnto me, Leade this people forth, and thou hast not shewed me whom thou wilt send with me: thou hast said moreouer, I know thee by e name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I haue found fauour in thy sight, shewe me now thy way, that I may know thee, and that I may finde grace in thy sight: consider also that this nation is thy people.

14 And he answered, f My presence shal goe with thee, and I will giue thee rest.

15 Then he said vnto him, If thy presence go not with vs, cary vs not hence.

16 And wherein now shall it be knowen, that I and thy people haue found fauour in thy sight? shall it not bee when thou goest with vs? so I, and thy people shall haue preeminence before all the people that are vpon the earth.

17 And the Lord said vnto Moses, I will do this also that thou hast said: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I knowe thee by name.

18 Againe he said, I beseech thee, shewe me thy g glory.

19 And he answered, I will make all my h good goe before thee, and I will i proclaime the Name of the Lorde before thee: * for I will shew k mercy to whom I will shew mercy, and will haue compassion on whom I will haue compassion.

20 Furthermore he said, Thou canst not see my face, for there shal no man see me, and l liue.

21 Also the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by m me, & thou shalt stand vpon the rocke:

22 And while my glory passeth by, I will put thee in a cleft of the rocke, and will couer thee with mine hand while I passe by.

23 After I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my n backe parts: but my face shall not be seene.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 *The Tables are renued.* 6 *The description of God.* 12 *All fellowship with idolaters is forbidden.* 18 *The three feasts.* 28 *Moses is fourtie dayes in the Mount.* 30 *His face shineth, and he couereth it with a vaile.*

AND the Lord said vnto Moses, * Hew thee two Tables of stone, like vnto the first, and I will write vpon the Tables the words that were in the first Tables, which thou brakest in pieces,

2 And be ready in the morning, that thou mayest come vp earely vnto the mount of Sinai, and waite there for me in the top of the mount.

3 But let no man come vp with thee, neither let any man be seene throughout all the mount, neither let the sheepe nor cattell feede before this mount.

4 ¶ Then Moses * hewed two Tables of stone like vnto the first, & rose vp early in the morning, and went vp vnto the mount of Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and tooke in his hand two Tables of stone.

5 And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stoode with him there, and proclaimed the Name of the Lord.

6 So the Lord passed before his face, and * cryed, The Lord, the Lord, strong, merciful, and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in goodnesse and trueth,

7 Reseruing mercy for thousands, forgiuing iniquitie and transgression, and sinne, and not * making the wicked innocent, * visiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, and vpon childrens children, vnto the third and fourth generation.

8 Then Moses made haste, and bowed himselfe to the earth, and worshipped,

9 And said, O Lord, I pray thee, If I haue found grace in thy sight, that the Lord would now goe with vs (* for it is a stifnecked people) and pardon our iniquity and our sinne, and take vs for thine inheritance.

10 And he answered, Behold, * I will make a couenant before all thy people, & wil doe maruelles, such as haue not benedone in all the world, neither in all nations: and all the people among whom thou art, shall see the worke of the Lorde: for it is a terrible thing that I will doe with thee.

11 Keepe diligently that which I command thee this day: Behold, I will cast out before thee the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites.

12 * Take heede to thy selfe, that thou make no compact with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest they be the cause of * ruine among you:

13 But yee shall ouerthrow their altars, and breake their images in pieces, and cut downe their * groues,

14 (For thou shalt bow downe to none other god, because the Lord, whose Name is * Iealous, is a iealous God)

15 Lest thou make a * compact with the inhabitants of the land, and when they goe a whoring after their gods, and doe sacrifice vnto their gods, some man call thee, and thou * eate of his sacrifice:

16 And lest thou take of their * daughters vnto thy sonnes, and their daughters goe a whoring after their gods, and make thy sonnes goe a whoring after their gods:

17 Thou shalt make thee no gods of * mettall.

18 ¶ The feast of * vnleauened bread shalt thou keepe: seuen dayes shalt thou eate vnleauened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the * moneth of Abib: for in the moneth of Abib thou camest out of Egypt.

19 * Euery male, that first openeth the wombe, shall be mine: also all the first borne of thy flocke shall be reckoned mine, both of beeues and sheepe.

20 But the first of the asse thou shalt buy out

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d Most plainely and familiarly of all others, Num. 12 7, 8. deut. 34. 10.

e I care for thee, and will preserue thee in this thy vocation.

‡ *Ebr. face.*

f Signifying that the Israelites should excell through Gods fauour all other people, vers. 16.

g Thy face, thy substance, and thy maiestie.

h My mercy, and fatherly care.

i Reade Chap. 34. verse 6. 7. *Rom.* 9. 15.

k For finding nothing in man that can deserue mercy, he will freely saue his.

l For Moses saw not his face in full maiesty, but as mans weakenes could beare.

m In mount Horeb.

n So much of my glory as in this mortall life thou art able to see.

Deut. 10. 1. Hebr. I Elohim Eloenu.

‡ *Ebr. stand to me.*

Or, about.

Or, polished.

Lord

a This ought to be referred to the Lord, and not to Moses proclaiming: as Chap. 33. 19.

‡ *Ebr. not making innocent.* *Deut.* 5. 9. *Iere.* 32. 18.

b Seeing the people are thus of nature, the rulers haue need to call vpon God, that he would alwayes be present with his spirit. *Deut.* 5. 2.

Deut. 7. 2.

c If thou follow their wickednes, and pollute thy selfe with their idolatrie.

d Which pleasant places they chused for their idoles. *Chap.* 20. 5. *Chap.* 23. 32. *Deut.* 7. 2. 1. *Cor.* 8. 10. 1. *King.* 11. 2.

e As gold, siluer, brasse, or any thing that is molten: And herein is condemned all maner of idoles whatsoeuer they be made of. *Chap.* 23. 15. *Chap.* 13. 4. *Chap.* 13. 2. and 22. 29. *Ezek.* 44. 30.

out with a lambe: and if thou redeeme him not, then thou shalt breake his necke: all the first borne of thy sonnes shalt thou redeeme, and none shall appeare before me * (empty).

Chap. 23. 15. ecclus. 35. 4.

21 ¶ * Sixe dayes shalt thou worke, and in the seventh day thou shalt rest: both in earing time, and in the harvest thou shalt rest.

f Without offering some thing. Chap. 23. 12. Chap. 23. 16.

22 ¶ * Thou shalt also observe the feast of weekes in the time of the first fruites of wheate harvest, and the feast of gathering fruites in † the end of the yeere.

g Which was in September, when the sunne declined, which in the count of politicall things, they called the end of the yeere. Deut. 16. 16. chap. 23. 14, 17.

23 ¶ * Thrise in a yere shall all your men children appeare before the Lorde Jehovah God of Israel.

h God promiseth to defend them and theirs, which obey his commandement. Chap. 23. 18. 1 Reade Chap. 23. 19. deut. 14. 21. Chap. 14. 18. deut. 9. 9.

24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy coasts, so that no man shall * desire thy land, when thou shalt come up to appeare before the Lorde thy God thrise in the yeere.

25 * Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, neither shall ought of the sacrifice of the feast of Passeover bestay vnto the morning.

26 The first ripe fruits of thy land thou shalt bring vnto the house of the Lord thy God: yet shalt thou not ‖ seethe a kid in his mothers milke.

27 And the Lord said vnto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenour of * these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 So he was there with the Lord * forty dayes and forty nights, and did neither eate bread nor drinke water: and he wrote in the Tables * the words of the covenant, even the ten ‖ Commandements.

29 ¶ So when Moses came down from mount Sinai, the two Tables of the Testimonie were in Moses hand, as he descended from the mount: (but Moses wist not that the skinne of his face shone bright, after that God had talked with him)

30 And Aaron and all the children of Israel looked vpon Moses, and beholde, the skin of his face shone bright, and they were ‖ afraid to come neere him.

31 But Moses called them: and Aaron and all the chiefe of the Congregation returned vnto him: and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came neere, and he charged them with al that the Lord had said vnto him in mount Sinai.

33 So Moses made an ende of communing with them, * and had put a courring vpon his face.

34 But when Moses came * before the Lord to speake with him, he tooke off the couering until he came out: then he came out, and spake vnto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, how the skin of Moses face shone bright: therefore Moses put the couering vpon his face vntill he went to speake with God.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The Sabbath. 5 The free gifts are required. 21 The readinesse of the people to offer. 30 Bezaleel and Aholiab are praysed of Moses.

AND Moses assembled all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and said vnto them, These are the wordes which the Lord hath commanded that we should doe them:

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Chap. 20. 9. i Wherein yee shall rest from all bodily worke.

2 * Sixe dayes shall worke be done, but the seventh day shall be vnto you the holy * Sabbath of rest vnto the Lord: whosoever doeth any worke therein, shall die.

3 Yee shall kindle no fire throughout all your habitations vpon the Sabbath day.

4 ¶ Againe, Moses spake vnto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

5 Take from among you an offering vnto the Lord: whosoever is of a * willing heart, let him bring this offring to the Lord, namely, gold, and silver, and brasse:

Chap. 25. 2.

6 And blew silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linnen, and goats haire,

7 And rams skinnes died red, and badgers skinnes with Shittim wood:

8 And oyle for light, and spices for the anointing oyle, and for the sweete incense,

9 And onix stones, and stones to be set in the Ephod, and in the brest plate.

10 And all the wise * hearted among you shall come and make all that the Lord hath commanded:

b Reade Chap. 28. 3.

11 That is, the * Tabernacle, the pavillion thereof, and his couering, and his raches, and his boordes, his barres, his pillars, and his sockets,

Chap. 26. 36.

12 The Arke, and the barres thereof: the Mercy seat, and the valle that * couereth it,

c Which hanged before the Mercie seate that it could not bee seene.

13 The Table, and the barres of it, & all the instruments thereof, and the shewbreads

14 Also the candlesticke of light and his instruments, and his lampes with the oyle for the light:

15 * Likewise the Altar of perfume and his barres, and the anointing oyle, and the sweete incense, and the valle of the doore as the entring in of the Tabernacle.

Chap. 30. 1.

16 The * Altar of burnt offring with his brasen grate, his barres, and all his instruments, the Laver and his foote.

Chap. 27. 1.

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars and his sockets, and the valle of the gate of the court,

18 The pins of the Tabernacle, and the pins of the court with their coards,

19 The * ministring garments to minister in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the Priest, and the garments of his sonnes, that they may minister in the Priests office.

d Such as appertaine to the service of the Tabernacle.

20 ¶ Then all the Congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And euery one whose heart † entouraged him, & euery one, whose spirit made him willing, came and brought an offering to the Lorde, for the worke of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and for all his vses, and for the holy garments.

† Heb. lifted him up.

22 Both men and women, as many as were free hearted, came & brought ‖ taches, and eare-rings, and rings, and bracelets, all were iewels of golde: and euery one that offered

‖ Or, hookes.

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offered an offering of gold vnto the Lord:

23 Euery man alſo, which had blew ſilke, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linnen, and goates haire, and rammes ſkinnes died red, and badgers ſkinnes, brought them.

24 All that offered an oblation of ſiluer and of braſſe, brought the offering vnto the Lorde: and euery one that † had Shittim wood for any maner of worke of the miniſtration, brought it.

25 And all the women that were * wiſe hearted, did ſpinne with their handes, and brought that ſpunne worke, euen the blew ſilke, and the purple, the ſcarlet, and the fine linen.

26 Likewiſe all the women, ‡ whoſe hearts were moued with knowledge, ſpun goates haire.

27 And the rulers brought onix ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet in the Ephod, and in the breſt plate:

28 Alſo ſpice, and oyle for light, and for the * anoynting oyle, and for the ſweete perfume.

29 Euery man and woman of the children of Iſrael, whoſe hearts moued them willingly to bring for all the worke which the Lord had commanded them to make by the hand of Moſes, brought a free offring to the Lord.

30 ¶ Then Moſes ſaid vnto the children of Iſrael, Behold, * the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the ſonne of Uri, the ſonne of Hur, of the tribe of Iudah,

31 And hath filled him ‖ with an excellent ſpirit of wiſedome, of vnderſtanding, and of knowledge, and in all maner of worke,

32 To finde out curious works, to worke in gold, and in ſiluer, and in braſſe,

33 And in grauing ſtones to ſet them, and in carueing of wood, euen to make any maner of fine worke.

34 And he hath put in his heart that hee may teach other: both hee, and Aholiab the ſonne of Ahiſamach of the tribe of Dan:

35 Them hath he filled with wiſedome of heart to worke all h maner of cunning, * and broydered, and needleworke: in blew ſilke, and in purple, in ſcarlet, and in fine linen and weauing, euen to do all maner of worke, and ſubtill inuentions.

CHAP. XXXVI.

5 The great readineſſe of the people, inſomuch that he commanded them to ceaſe. 8 The curtains made. 19 The couerings. 20 The boords. 31 The barres, 35 And the vaile.

THen wrought Bezaleel, and Aholiab, and all ‡ cunning men to whom the Lord gaue wiſedome and vnderſtanding to know how to worke all maner of worke for the ſeruice of the * Sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

2 For Moſes had called Bezaleel, and Aholiab, and all the wiſe hearted men, in whoſe hearts the Lord had giuen wiſedome, euen as many as their hearts encouraged to come vnto the worke to worke it.

3 And they receiued of Moſes all the offering which the children of Iſrael had brought for the worke of the ſeruice of the Sanctuary, to make it: alſo b they brought ſtill vnto him free gifts euery morning.

4 So all the wiſe men, that wrought all the holy worke, came euery man from his worke which they wrought,

5 And ſpake to Moſes, ſaying, The people bring too * much, and more then enough for the vſe of the worke which the Lord hath commanded to be made.

6 Then Moſes gaue a commandement, and they cauſed it to be proclaimed throughout the hoſte, ſaying, Let neither man nor woman prepare any more worke for the oblation of the Sanctuary. So the people were ſtayed from offering.

7 For the ſtuffe they had, was ſufficient for all the worke to make it, and too much.

8 * All the cunning men therefore among the workemen, made for the Tabernacle tenne curtaines of fine twined linen, and of blew ſilke, and purple, and ſcarlet: d Cherubims of broydered worke made they vpon them.

9 The length of one curtaine was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtaine foure cubits: and the curtaines were all of one ſize.

10 And he coupled fiue curtaines together, and other fiue coupled he together.

11 And hee made ſtrings of blew ſilke by the edge of one curtaine in the ſelueage of the coupling: likewiſe hee made on the ſide of the other curtaine, in the ſelueage in the ſecond coupling.

12 * Fifty ſtrings made he in the one curtaine, and fiftie ſtrings made he in the edge of the other curtaine, which was in the ſecond coupling: the ſtrings were ſet one againſt another.

13 After, hee made fiftie ‖ taches of gold, and coupled the curtaines one to another with the taches: ſo was it one Tabernacle.

14 ¶ Alſo hee made curtaines of goates haire for the ‖ couering vpon the Tabernacle: hee made them to the number of eleuen curtaines.

15 The length of one curtaine had thirty cubites, and the breadth of one curtaine foure cubites: the eleuen curtaines were of one ſize.

16 And he coupled fiue curtains by themſelues, and ſixe curtaines by themſelues:

17 Alſo hee made fifty ſtrings vpon the edge of one curtaine in the ſelueage in the coupling, and fiftie ſtrings made hee vpon the edge of the other curtaine in the ſecond coupling.

18 Hee made alſo fifty taches of braſſe to couple the couering that it might be one.

19 And hee made a * couering vpon the pauilion of rammes ſkins died red, and a couering of badgers ſkins aboue.

20 ¶ Likewiſe he made the boords for the Tabernacle of Shittim wood to ſtand vp.

21 The length of a boord was tenne cubites, and the breadth of a boord was a cubite and an halfe.

22 One boord had two tenons, ſet in order as the feete of a ladder, one againſt another: thus made he for all the boords of the Tabernacle.

23 So

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‡ Ebr. with whom was found.

* Which were witty & expert.

‡ That is, which were good ſpinners.

Chap. 30. 23.

g Vſing Moſes as a Miniſter thereof.

Chap. 31. 2.

‖ Or, with the ſpirit of God.

h Pertaining to graning, or carving, or ſuchlike. Chap. 26. 1.

‡ Ebr. wiſe in heart.

a By the Sanctuary he meaneth here all the Tabernacle.

b Meaning, the Iſraelites.

c A rare example and notable, to ſee the people ſo ready to ſerue God with their goods.

Chap. 26. 3, 4.

d Which were little pictures with wings in the forme of children.

Chap. 26. 10.

‖ Or, hookes.

‖ Or, pauilion.

e Thoſe two were aboue the couerings of goates haire.

f And to beare vp the curtaines of the Tabernacle.

23 So he made twenty boords for the South side of the Tabernacle, euen full South.

24 And forty sockets of siluer made he vnder the twentie boordes, two sockets vnder one boord for his two tenons, & two sockets vnder another boord for his two tenons.

25 Also for the other side of the Tabernacle toward the North, hee made twentie boords,

26 And their fortie sockets of siluer, two sockets vnder one boord, and two sockets vnder another boord.

27 Likewise toward the West side of the Tabernacle he made sixe boords.

28 And two boords made hee in the corners of the Tabernacle, for either side,

29 And they were * ioyned beneath, and likewise were made sure aboue with a ring: thus he did to both in both corners.

30 So there were eight boords and their sixteene sockets of siluer, vnder euery boord two sockets.

31 ¶ After, he made * barres of Shittim wood, fiue for the boordes in the one side of the Tabernacle,

32 And fiue barres for the boords in the other side of the Tabernacle, and fiue barres for the boords of the Tabernacle on the side toward the West.

33 And hee made the middest barre to shoot thorow the boords, from the one end to the other.

34 Hee ouerlayed also the boords with gold, and made their rings of golde for places for the barres, & couered the barres with gold.

35 ¶ Moreouer he made a * vaile of blew silke, and purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linnen: with Cherubims of broidered worke made he it:

36 And made thereunto foure pillars of Shittim, and ouerlayed them with golde, whose ‖ hookes were also of golde, and he cast for them foure sockets of siluer.

37 And he made an * hanging for the Tabernacle doore of blew silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linnen, and needle worke,

38 And the fiue pillars of it with their hookes, and ouerlayde their chapiters and their ‖ fillets with golde, but their fiue sockets were of braſſe.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *The Arke.* 6 *The Mercy seat.* 10 *The Table.* 17 *The Candlesticke.* 25 *The Altar of incense.*

AFter this Bezaleel made the * Arke of Shittim wood, two cubits and an halfe long, and a cubite and an halfe broad, and a cubit and an halfe hie:

2 And ouerlayd it with fine gold within and without, and made a * crown of gold to it round about,

3 And cast for it foure rings of gold for the foure corners of it: that is, two rings for the one side of it, and two rings for the other side thereof.

4 Also hee made bars of Shittim wood, and couered them with gold,

5 And put the barres in the rings by the sides of the Arke, to beare the Arke.

6 ¶ And he made the * Mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and an halfe was the length thereof, and one cubite & an halfe the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two Cherubims of gold, vpon the two ends of the Mercy seat: euen of worke beaten with the hammer made he them.

8 One Cherub on the one end, and another Cherub on the other end: * of the Mercie seat made he the Cherubims, at the two ends thereof.

9 And the Cherubims spread out their wings on high, and couered the Mercy seat with their wings, and their faces were one towards another: toward the Mercy seate were the faces of the Cherubims.

10 ¶ Also he made the Table of Shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubite and an halfe the height of it.

11 And hee ouerlayd it with fine golde, and made thereto a crowne of gold round about.

12 Also hee made thereto a border of an hand breadth round about, and made vpon the border a crowne of gold round about.

13 And he cast for it foure rings of golde, and put the rings in the foure corners that were in the foure feete thereof.

14 Against the border were the rings, as places for the barres to beare the Table.

15 And hee made the barres of Shittim wood, and couered them with gold to beare the Table.

16 * Also hee made the instruments for the Table of pure golde: dishes for it, and incense cups for it, and goblets for it, and couerings for it, wherewith it should bee couered.

17 ¶ Likewise he made the Candlestick of pure golde: of worke beaten out with the hammer made he the Candlestick: and his shaft, and his branch, his bowles, his knops, and his flowers were of one piece.

18 And sixe branches came out of the sides thereof: three branches of the Candlestick out of the one side of it, and three branches of the Candlestick out of the other side of it.

19 In one branch three bowles made like almonds, a knop and a flower: and in another branch three bowles made like almonds, a knop and a flower: and so throughout the sixe branches that proceeded out of the Candlestick.

20 And vpon the Candlestick were foure bowles after the fashion of Almonds, the knops thereof, and the flowers thereof:

21 That is, vnder euery two branches a knop made thereof, and a knop vnder the second branch thereof, and a knop vnder the third branch thereof, according to the sixe branches comming out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: it was all one * beaten worke of pure gold.

23 And he made for it seuen lampes with the snuffers, and snuffedishes thereof of pure gold.

24 Of a * talent of pure golde made he it with all the instruments thereof.

25 ¶ Furthermore he made the * perfume altar

Tables and Candlesticks

Of the selfe same matter that the Mercie seat was.

Chap. 25.39.

Reade Chap. 25.39.

Chap. 30.1,3,6.

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g Or, toward the Sea which was the Sea called Mediterraneum Westward from Ierusalem. *Chap. 26.24.*

Chap. 26.28. and 30.4,5.

h Which was betweene the Sanctuarie & the Holiest of all.

‖ *Or, heads.*

i Which was between the Court and the Sanctuarie.

‖ *Or, graues borders.*

Chap. 25.10.

a Like battlements.

Chap. 25.17.

Or, foure fingers

Chap. 25.29.

Altar of Burnt Offering

altar of Shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit (it was square) and two cubits high, and the hornes thereof were of the same.

26 And he couered it with pure gold, both the top & the sides thereof round about, and the hornes of it, and made vnto it a crowne of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it, vnder the crowne thereof, in the two corners of the two sides thereof, to put barres in for to beare it therewith.

28 Also hee made the barres of Shittim wood, and ouerlayed them with gold.

Chap. 30. 23, 35.

29 And he made the holy anointing oile, and the swette pure incense after the Apoticaries arte.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The altar of burnt offerings.* 8 *The brasen Lauer.* 9 *The Court.* 24 *The summe of that the people offered.*

Chap. 27. 1.

ALso hee made the altar of the burnt offering of * Shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, & five cubits the breadth thereof: it was square, and three cubits high.

2 And hee made vnto it hornes in the foure corners thereof: the hornes thereof were of the same, and he ouerlayed it with brasse.

Chap. 27. 3. || Or, firepans.

3 Also he made all the instruments of the altar, the * ashpans, and the bottoms, and the hasps, the fleshhookes, and the * censers: all the instruments thereof made he of brasse.

4 Moreouer hee made a brasen grate wrought like a net to the Altar, vnder the compasse of it beneath in the * mids of it,

a So that the gridiron or grate was halfe so hie as the Altar, and stood within it.

5 And cast foure rings of brasse for the foure ends of the grate to put barres in.

6 And hee made the barres of Shittim wood, and couered them with brasse.

7 The which bars he put into the rings on the sides of the altar to beare it withall, and made it * hollow within the boards.

Chap. 27. 8.

8 ¶ Also hee made the Lauer of brasse, and the foot of it of brasse of the * glasses of the women that did assemble and came together at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

b R. Kimhi saith, that the women brought their looking glasses which were of brasse, or fine mettall, and offered them freely vnto the vse of the Tabernacle which was a bright thing and of great maiestie.

9 ¶ Finally hee made the court on the South side full South: the hangings of the court were of fine twined linnen, hauing an hundreth cubits.

10 Their pillars were twentie, and their brasen sockets twentie: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets were of siluer.

11 And on the Northside the hangings were an hundreth cubits: their pillars twentie, and their sockets of brasse twenty, the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets of siluer.

12 On the Westside also were hangings of fiftie cubits, their ten pillars with their ten sockets: the hookes of the pillars and their fillets of siluer.

13 And toward the East side, full East, were hangings of fiftie cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side were fifteene cubits, their three pillars, & their three sockets:

Chap. 27. 14.

15 *And of the other side of the court gate on both sides were hangings of fifteene cubites, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

16 All the hangings of the court rounde about were of fine twined linnen:

17 But the sockets of the pillars were of brasse: the hookes of their pillars and their fillets of siluer, & the couering of their chapiters of siluer: and all the pillars of the court were hooped about with siluer.

18 Hee made also the hanging of the gate of the court of needle worke, blew silke and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linnen, euen twentie cubits long, and fiue cubits in height and breadth, like the hangings of the court.

‡ Heb. ouer against

19 And their pillars were foure with their foure sockets of brasse: their hooks of siluer, and the couering of their chapiters, & their fillets of siluer.

20 But all the * pinnes of the tabernacle and of the court round about were of brasse.

Chap. 27. 19.

21 ¶ These are the parts of the Tabernacle, I meane, of the Tabernacle of the Testimony, which was appointed by the commandement of Moses for the office of the * Leuites by the hande of Ithamar sonne to Aaron the Priest.

c That the Leuites might haue the charge thereof, and minister in the same, as did Eleazar and Ithamar, Num. 3. 4.

22 So Bezaleel the sonne of Vri the sonne of Hur of the tribe of Iudah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

23 And with him Aholiab sonne of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, a * cunning workeman and an imbroderer, and a worker of needle-worke in blewe silke, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linnen.

d As a grauer or carpenter, Chap. 31. 4.

24 All the gold that was occupied in all the worke wrought for the holy place (which was the golde of the offering) was nine and twenty talents, and seuen hundred and thirtie shekels, according to the shekel of the Sanctuary.

25 But the siluer of them that were numbred in the Congregation, was an hundred talents, and a thousand seuen hundred seuenty and fiue shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary:

26 A ‖ portion for a man, that is, halfe a shekel after the shekel of the Sanctuary, for all them that were numbred from twenty yeere olde and aboue, among sixe hundred thousand, and three thousand, and fiue hundred and fifty men.

‖ Or, halfe a shekel.

27 Moreouer, there were an hundred talents of siluer, to cast the sockets of the Sanctuary, and the sockets of the vaile, an hundred sockets of an hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 But he made the hookes for the pillars of a thousand seuen hundred and seuenty and fiue shekels, and ouerlayed their chapiters, and made fillets about them.

29 Also the brasse of the offering was seuenty * talents, and two thousand, and foure hundred shekels.

e Reade the weight of a talent, chap. 25. 39.

30 Wherof hee made the sockets to the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate which was for it, with all the instruments of the altar,

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets for the court gate, and all the * pins of the Tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

Chap. 27. 19.

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CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *The Apparell of Aaron and his sonnes.* 32 *All that the Lord commanded was made and finished.* 43 *Moses blesseth the people.*

MOreouer, they made * garments of ministration to minister in the Sanctuarie, of blue silke, and purple, and scarlet: they * made also the holy graments for Aaron, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

2 So he made the Ephod of golde, blue silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beate the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wyers, to worke it in the blue silke and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with broidered worke.

4 For the which they made shoulders to couple together: for it was closed by the two edges thereof.

5 And the broydred garde of his Ephod that was vpon him, was of the same stuffe, and of like worke: euen of golde, of blue silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linnen, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

6 ¶ And they wrought * two Onix stones closed in ouches of gold, and graued as * signets are grauen, with the names of the children of Israel,

7 And put them on the shoulders of the Ephod, as stones for a * remembrance of the children of Israel, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

8 ¶ Also he made the brestplate of broydered worke like the worke of the Ephod: to wit, of golde, blue silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 They made the brestplate double, and it was square, an hand breadth long, and an hand breadth broade: it was also double.

10 And they filled it with foure rowes of stones. The order was thus, a Rubie, a Topaze, and a Carbuncle in the first rowe:

11 And in the second rowe, an Emerand, a Saphir, and a Diamond:

12 Also in the third rowe, * a Turkeis, and Achate, and an Hematite:

13 Likewise in the fourth rowe, a Chrysolite, an Onix, and a Jasper: closed and set in ouches of gold.

14 So the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, euen twelue * after their names, grauen like signets, euery one after his name according to the twelue tribes.

15 After, they made vpon the brestplate chaines at the ends, of wreathen worke and pure gold.

16 They made also two bosses of golde, and two gold rings, and put the two rings in the two corners of the brestplate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of golde in the two rings, in the corners of the brestplate.

18 Also the two other endes of the two wreathen chaines they fastened in the two bosses, and put them on the shoulders of the Ephod, vpon the forefront of it.

19 Likewise they made two rings of gold, and put them in the two other corners of the brestplate vpon the edge of it, which was on the inside of the Ephod.

20 They made also two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the Ephod, beneath on the forside of it, * ouer against his coupling aboue the broydered garde of the Ephod.

21 Then they fastned the brestplate by his rings vnto the rings of the Ephod, with a lace of blue silke, that it might be fast vpon the broydered garde of the Ephod, and that the brestplate should not bee loosed from the Ephod, as the Lord had commaunded Moses.

22 ¶ Moreouer, he made the robe of the * Ephod of wouen worke, altogether of blue silke.

23 And * the hole of the robe was in the middes of it, as the collar of an habergeon, with an edge about the collar, that it should not rent.

24 And they made vpon the skirts of the robe pomegranates, of blue silke, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen twined.

25 They made also * belles of pure golde, and put the belles betweene the pomegranates vpon the skirts of the robe rounde about betweene the pomegranates.

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about the skirts of the robe to minister in, as the Lorde had commanded Moses.

27 ¶ After, they made coates of fine linnen, of wouen worke for Aaron and for his sonnes.

28 And the miter of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen * breeches of fine twined linen,

29 ¶ And the girdle of fine twined linen, and of blue silke, and purple, * scarlet, euen of needle worke, as the Lord had commaunded Moses.

30 ¶ Finally, they made the plate for the holy crowne of fine golde, and wrote vpon it a superscription like to the grauing of a signet, * HOLINES TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied vnto it a lace of blue silke to fasten it on hie vpon the miter, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the worke of the Tabernacle, euen of the * Tabernacle of the Congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses: so did they.

33 ¶ Afterward they brought the Tabernacle vnto Moses, the Tabernacle * all his instruments, his taches, his boords, his barres, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the couering of Rams skins died red, and the couering of Badgers skins, and the * couering vaile,

35 The Arke of the Testimonie, and the barres thereof, and the Mercieseate,

36 The Table, with all the instruments thereof, and the shewbread,

37 The pure candlestick, the lampes thereof, euen the lampes * set in order, and all the instruments thereof, and the oyle for light:

38 Also the golden altar and the anointing oyle, and the sweete incense, and the hanging

The holy Garments

a A couerings for the Arke, the Candlesticke, the Altars, and such like. *Chap.* 31.10. *and* 35.19.

Chap. 28.9. b That is, of very fine and curious workemanship. *Chap.* 28.12.

c Or, a ligure, which stone authors write that it cōmeth of the vrine of the beast called Lynx. — d That is, euery tribe had his name written in a stone.

e Which was next vnder the Ephod. f Where hee should put thorow his head.

Chap. 28 33.

Chap. 28.42.

Chap. 28.36.

Chap. 27.21.

g So called, because it hanged before the Mercieseate, and couered it from sight, cha 35.12. h Or, which Aaron dressed and refreshed with oyle euery morning, Chap. 30 7.

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hanging of the Tabernacle doore,

39 The brasen Altar with his grate of brasse, his barres and all his instruments, the Lauer and his foote.

40 The curtaines of the Court with his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging to the court gate, and his cordes, and his pins, and all the instruments of the service of the Tabernacle, called the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

41 Finally, the ministring garments to serue in the Sanctuary, and the holy garments for Aaron the Priest, and his sonnes garments to minister in the Priests office.

42 According to euery point that the Lord had i commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the worke.

43 And Moses beheld all the worke, and beholde, they had done it as the Lord had commanded: so had they done: and Moses k blessed them.

CHAP. XL.

2 The Tabernacle with the appertinances is reared vp. 34 The glory of the Lord appeareth in the cloude couering the Tabernacle.

THen the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 In the a first day of the first moneth in the very first of the same moneth shalt thou set vp the Tabernacle, called the Tabernacle of the Congregation:

3 And thou shalt put therein the Arke of the Testimonie, and couer the Arke with the vaile.

4 Also thou shalt bring in the b Table, and set it in order as it doth require: thou shalt also bring in the Candlesticke, & light his lampes,

5 And thou shalt set the incense Altar, b of gold before the Arke of the Testimony, and put the c hanging at the doore of the Tabernacle.

6 Moreouer, thou shalt set the burnt offering Altar before the doore of the Tabernacle, called the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

7 And thou shalt set the Lauer betweene the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the altar, and put water therein.

8 Then thou shalt appoint the Court round about, and hang vp the hanging at the Court gate.

9 After, thou shalt take the anointing oyle, and anoint the Tabernacle, and all that is therein, and hallow it with all the instruments thereof, that it may be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his instruments, and shalt sanctifie the altar, that it may bee an altar most holy.

11 Also thou shalt anoint the Lauer, and his foote, and shalt sanctifie it.

12 Then thou shalt bring Aaron and his sonnes vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and wash them with water,

13 And thou shalt put vpon Aaron the holy garments, and shalt anoint him, and sanctifie him, that he may minister vnto me in the Priests office.

14 Thou shalt also bring his sonnes, and clothe them with garments,

15 And shalt anoint them as thou diddest anoynt their father, that they may minister vnto me in my Priests office: for their anointing shalbe a signe, that the Priesthood d shal be euerlasting vnto them throughout their generations.

16 So Moses did according to all that the Lord had commanded him: so did he.

17 ¶ * Thus was the Tabernacle reared vp the first day of the first moneth in e the second yeere.

18 Then Moses reared vp the Tabernacle and fastened his sockets, and set vp the boards thereof, and put in the barres of it, and reared vp his pillars.

19 And hee spread the couering ouer the Tabernacle, and put the couering of that couering on hie about it, as the Lorde had commanded Moses.

20 ¶ And he tooke and put the f Testimonie in the Arke, and put the barres in the rings of the Arke, and set the mercieseate on hie vpon the Arke.

21 Hee brought also the Arke into the Tabernacle, and hanged vp the * couering vaile, and couered the Arke of the Testimonie, as the Lorde had commaunded Moses.

22 ¶ Furthermore hee put the Table in the Tabernacle of the Congregation in the Northside of the Tabernacle, without the vaile,

23 And set the bread in order before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

24 ¶ Also he put the Candelesticke in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, ouer against the Table toward the South side of the Tabernacle.

25 And he g lighted the lampes before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

26 ¶ Moreouer, hee set the golden altar in the Tabernacle of the Congregation before the vaile,

27 And burnt sweete incense thereon, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

28 ¶ Also he hanged vp the vaile at the h doore of the Tabernacle.

29 After, he set the burnt offering altar without the doore of the Tabernacle, called the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and offered the burnt offering and the sacrifice thereon, as the Lord had comanded Moses.

30 ¶ Likewise he set the Lauer betweene the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the altar, and powred water therein to wash with.

31 So Moses and Aaron, and his sonnes washed their hands and their feete thereat.

32 When they went into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and when they approched to the Altar, they washed, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

33 Finally, he reared vp the court round about the Tabernacle of the altar, and hanged vp the vaile at the Court gate: so Moses finished the worke.

34 ¶ * Then the cloud couered the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

35 So Moses could not enter into the tabernacle,

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i Signifying, that in Gods matters man may neither adde nor diminish.

k Praised God for the peoples diligence, and praised for them.

a After that Moses had been forty daies and forty nights in the mount, that is, from the beginning of August to the tenth of September, hee came downe and caused this work to be done: which being finished, was set vp in Abib, which moneth conteineth halfe March and halfe April.

* Reade Chap. 26 35.

b That is, the altar of perfume, or to burne incense on.

c This hanging or vaile was betweene the Sanctuary and the Court.

New Exodus

d Till both the Priesthood and the ceremonies should ende, which was at Christs coming.

Num. 7. 1.

e After they came out of Egypt, Num. 7. 1.

f That is, the tables of the Law, chap. 31. 18. and 34. 29.

Chap 35. 12.

Or, set vp.

g Betweene the Sanctuary and the Court.

Num. 9. 15. 1. king 8. 10.

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bernable of the Congregation, because the cloude abode thereon, and the glorie of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

36 Nowe when the cloude ascended vp from the Tabernacle, the children of Israel went forward in all their iourneyes.

37 But if the cloud ascended not, then they iourneyed not till the day that it ascended.

38 For the cloud of the Lord was vpon the Tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their iourneyes.

h Thus the presence of God preserued and guided them night and day till they came to the land promised.

The third booke of Moses, called * Leuiticus.

* Because in this booke is chiefly intreated of the Leuites, and of things pertaining to their office.

THE ARGVMENT.

AS God dayly by most singular benefits declared himselfe to bee mind full of his Church: so hee would not that they should haue any occasion to trust either in themselues, or to depend vpon others, either for lacke of temporall things, or ought that belonged to his diuine seruice and religion. Therefore he ordained diuers kinds of oblations and sacrifices, to assure them of forgiuenesse of their offences (if they offered them in true faith and obedience.) Also he appointed their Priestes and Leuites, their apparrell, offices, conuersation and portion: hee shewed what feasts they should obserue, and in what times. Moreouer, he declared by these sacrifices and ceremonies, that the reward of sinne is death, and that without the blood of Christ the innocent Lambe there can bee no forgiuenesse of sinnes And because they should giue no place to their owne inuentions (which thing God most detesteth, as appeareth by the terrible example of Nadab and Abihu) he prescribed euen to the least thiugs, what they should doe, as what beasts they should offer and eate: what diseases were contagious and to be auoided: what order they should take for all maner of filthinesse and pollution to purge it: whose companie they should flee: what marriages were lawful: and what politike lawes were profitable. Which things declared, he promised saiour and blessing to them that kept his Lawes, and threatned his curse to them that transgressed them.

CHAP. I.

Of burnt offerings for particular persons. 3. 10. and 14 The maner to offer burnt offerings as well of bullocks, as of sheepe and birds.

AND the a Lorde called Moses, and spake vnto him out of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and thou shalt say vnto them, If any of you offer a sacrifice vnto the Lord, ye shall offer your sacrifice of b cattell, as of beeues and of the sheepe.

3 * If his sacrifice be a burnt offering of the beard, he shall offer a male without blemish, presenting him of his owne voluntary will at the doore of the c Tabernacle of the Congregation before the Lord.

4 And he shall put his hand ‖ vpon the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted ‡ to the Lord, to be his atonement.

5 And d hee shall kill the bullocke before the Lorde, and the Priests Aarons sonnes shall offer the blood, & shall sprinkle it round about vpon the e altar, that is by the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

6 Then shal hee flay the burnt offering, and cut it in pieces.

7 So the sonnes of Aaron the Priest shal put fire vpon the altar, and lay the wood in order vpon the fire.

8 Then the Priests Aarons sonnes shal lay the parts in order, the head and the ‖ fall vpon the wood that is in the fire which is vpon the altar.

9 But the inwards thereof & the legges thereof he shall wash in water, & the Priest shall burne all on the altar: for it is a burnt offering, an oblation made by fire, for a sweete sauour f vnto the Lord.

10 ¶ And if his sacrifice for the burnt offring be of y flocke (as of the sheepe or of the goates) he shall offer a male wout blemish,

11 & And he shall kill it on the Northside of the altar h before the Lord, and the Priests Aarons sonnes shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about vpon the altar.

12 And he shal cut in ‡ pieces, separating his head and his ‖ fall, and the Priest shall lay them in order vpon the wood that lieth in the fire which is on the altar;

13 But he shall wash the inwards, & the legges with water, and the Priest shall offer the whole, and burne it vpon the altar: for it is a burnt offering, an oblation made by fire for a sweet sauour vnto the Lord.

14 ¶ And if his sacrifice bee a burnt offering to the Lord, of the foules, then he shall offer his sacrifice of the turtle doues, or of the yong pigeons.

15 And the Priest shall bring it vnto the altar, & i wring the necke of it asunder, and burne it on the altar: and the blood thereof shall be ‖ shed vpon the side of the altar,

16 And he shal plucke out his mawe with his feathers, and cast them beside the altar on the k East part in the place of the ashes.

17 And he shal cleaue it with his wings, but not diuide it asunder: and the Priest shal burne it vpon the altar vpon the wood that is in the fire: for it is a burnt offering, an oblation made by fire for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

a Hereby Moses declareth that he taught nothing to the people, but that which he receiued of God.

b So they could offer of none other sort, but of those which were commanded. *Exod. 29 10.*

c Meaning, within the court of the Tabernacle.

‡ *Ebr. to him.*

d The Priest or Leuite.

e Of the burnt offering, Exod. 27. 1.

‖ *Or, the body of the beast, or the fat.*

f Or, a sauour of rest which pacifieth the anger of the Lord.

g Reade verse 5.

h Before the altar of the Lord.

‡ *Ebr. into his pieces.*

‖ *Or, fat.*

i The Ebrew word signifieth to pinch off with the nayle.

‖ *Or, strained, or pressed.*

k On the side of the court gate in the pans, which stoode with ashes, Exo. 27. 3.

CHAP. II.

1 The meat offring is after three sorts: of fine flowre vnbake, 4 of bread bake, 14 of corn in the eare.

AND when any wil offer a * meat offering vnto the Lord, his offering shalbe of fine flowre, and hee shall powre oyle vpon it, and put incense thereon,

2 And shal bring it vnto Aarons sonnes the Priests, & b he shal take thence his hand ful of the flowre, & of the oyle with all the incense, and the Priest shal burne it for a c memorial vpon the altar: for it is an offering made by fire for a sweet sauor vnto the Lord.

3 * But

a Because the burnt offering could not be without the meate offering.

b The Priest.

c To signifie that God remembreth him that offereth.

Eccles.7 31.

d Therefore none could eate of it but the Priests.

e Which is a gift offered to God to pacifie him.

Verse 2. Exod.29.18.

f That is, fruites which are sweet as honie, ye may offer.

g But reserued for the Priests. Mar.9.49.

h Which they were bound (as by a couenant) to vse in al sacrifices, Num.18 19 2.Chron.13.5. Ezek.43.24. or, it meaneth a sure and pure couenant. Chap.23.14. ‖Or, full eares: for the word signifieth a fruitfull fielde. Reade 2.Chron.26.10. in the note g.

3 But the ‖remnant of the meate offering shall be Aarons and his sonnes: for it is c most holy of the LORDS offerings made by fire.

4 ¶ If thou bring also a meate offering baken in the ouen, it shall be an vnleauened cake of fine floure mingled with oyle, or an vnleauened wafer anoynted with oyle.

5 ¶ But if thy * meate offring be an oblation of the frying panne, it shall bee of fine floure vnleauened, mingled with oyle.

6 And thou shalt part it in pieces, and powre oyle thereon: for it is a meat offering.

7 ¶ And if thy meate offring be an oblation made in the cauldron, it shall be made of fine floure with oyle.

8 After, thou shalt bring the meate offering (that is made of these things) vnto the LORDE, and shalt present it vnto the Priest, and he shall bring it to the altar.

9 And the Priest shal take from the meat offring a * memoriall of it, and shall burne it vpon the altar: for it is an oblation * made by fire for a sweet sauour vnto the LORD.

10 But that which is left of the meat offering, shall be Aarons and his sonnes: for it is most holy of the offrings of the LORD made by fire.

11 All the meate offerings which yee shall offer vnto the LORD, shall bee made without leauen: for yee shall neither burne leauen nor honie in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 ¶ In the oblation of the first fruites ye shal offer f them vnto the LORD, but they shal not be burnt vpon the altar for a sweete sauour.

13 (All the meate offrings also shalt thou season with * salt, neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the h couenant of thy God to bee lacking from thy meate offering, but vpon all thine oblations thou shalt offer salt)

14 If then thou offer a meate offering of thy first fruites vnto the LORD, thou shalt offer for thy meate offring of thy first fruits * eares of corne dried by the fire, and wheate beaten out of the ‖greene eares.

15 After, thou shalt put oyle vpon it, and lay incense thereon: for it is a meate offring.

16 And the Priest shal burne the memoriall of it, euen of that that is beaten, and of the oyle of it, with all the incense thereof: for it is an offering vnto the LORD made by fire.

CHAP. III.

1 *The maner of peace offerings, and beasts for the same.* 17 *The Israelites may neither eate fat nor blood.*

A Lso if his oblation be a * peace offering, if he will offer of the droue, (whether it bee male or female) hee shall offer such as is without blemish, before the LORD,

2 And shall put his hand vpon the head of his offering, and kill it at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation: and Aarons sonnes the Priestes shall sprinkle the blood vpon the altar round about.

3 So hee shall offer b part of the peace offerings as a sacrifice made by fire vnto the LORD, euen the * fat that couereth ‖ inwards, and all the fat that is vpon the inwards.

4 Yee shall also take away the two kidneis, and the fat that is on them, and vpon ‖the flankes, and the kall on the liuer with the kidneis.

5 And Aarons sonnes shal burn it on the altar, with the burnt offering which is vpon the wood, that is on the fire: this is a sacrifice made by fire for a sweete sauour vnto the LORD.

6 ¶ Also if his oblation be a peace offering vnto the LORD out of the flocke, whether it bee c male or female, hee shall offer it without blemish.

7 If hee offer a lambe for his oblation, then he shall bring it before the LORD,

8 And lay his hand vpon the head of his offering, and shal kill it before the Tabernacle of the congregation, and Aarons sonnes shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about vpon the altar.

9 After, of the peace offrings he shall offer d an offring made by fire vnto the LORD: hee shall take away the fat thereof, and the rumpe altogether, hard by the backe bone, and the fat that coureth the inwards, and all the fat that is vpon the inwards.

10 Also hee shall take away the two kidneis, with the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the * flankes, and the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis.

11 Then the Priest shall burne it vpon the altar, as the meate of an offring made by fire vnto the LORD.

12 ¶ Also if his offering be a goate, then shall he offer it before the LORD,

13 And shall put his hand vpon the head of it, and kill it before * the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the sonnes of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof vpon the altar round about.

14 Then he shal offer thereof his offring, euen an offering made by fire vnto the LORD, the fat that coureth the inwards, and al the fat that is vpon the inwards.

15 Also hee shall take away the two kidneis, and the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the flankes, and the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis.

16 So the Priest shall burne them vpon the altar, as the meate of an offering made by fire for a sweete sauour: * all the fat is the LORDS.

17 This shall bee a perpetuall ordinance for your generations, throughout all your dwellings, so that yee shall eate neither ‡ fat nor * blood.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *The offernig for sinnes done of ignorance.* 3 *For the Priest.* 13 *The Congregation.* 22 *The ruler,* 27 *And the priuate man.*

MOreouer, the LORD spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, saying, If ‡ any shall sinne through * ignorance, in any of the commandements of the LORD, (which ought not to be done) but shall doe contrarie to any of them,

3 If the b Priest that is anoynted doe sinne (according to the sinne of the people) then shall hee offer, for his sinne which hee hath sinned, a young bullocke without blemish vnto the LORD for a sinne offering,

4 And

2 A sacrifice of thankesgiuing, offered for peace and prosperitie, either generally or particularly.

b One part was burnt, another was to the priests and the third to him that offered. Exod.29.22.

‖Or, the which kidneis are neere the flankes.

c In the peace offering it was indifferent to offer either male or female, but in the burnt offering onely the male: so here can be offered no birds, but in the burnt offering they might: all there was consumed with fire, and in the peace offring but a part.

d The burnt offring was wholly consumed, and of the offering made by fire only the inwards &c. were burnt: the shoulder and breast with the two chawes and the mawe were the Priests, and the rest his that offered.

Verse 4.

e Meaning, at the Northside of the altar, Chap.1.1.

Chap 7.25.

f By eating fat was meant to be carnall, and by blood eating, was signified crueltie. Gene.9.4 chap. 17.14.

‡Ebr. a soule.

a That is, of negligence or ignorance, specially of the ceremoniall law: for otherwise the punishments for crimes are appointed according to the transgression, Num 15.22.

b Meaning, the hie Priest.

4 And hee shall bring the bullocke vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation before the LORD, & shall put his hande vpon the bullocks head, and c kill the bullocke before the LORD.

c Hereby confessing that he deserued the same punishment, which the beast suffered.

5 And the Priest that is anoynted, shall take of the bullocks blood, and bring it into the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

6 Then the Priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seuen times before the LORD, before the vaile of the d Sanctuarie.

d Which was betweene the holiest of all, and the Sanctuarie.

7 The Priest also shall put some of the blood before the LORD, vpon the hornes of the Altar of sweet incense, which is in the e Tabernacle of the Congregation: then shall he powre *all the rest of the blood of the bullocke at the foote of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

e Which was in the court: meaning by the Tabernacle the Sanctuarie and in the ende of this verse it is taken for the Court. *Chap 5.9.*

8 And he shal take away all the fat of the bullocke for the sinne offring: to wit, the fat that couereth the inwards, and all the fat that is about the inwards.

9 He shall take away also the two kidneis, and the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the flankes, and the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis,

10 As it was taken away from the bullocke of the peace offerings, and the Priest shall burne them vpon the altar of burnt offering.

11 *But the skin of the bullocke, and all his flesh, with his head, and his legges, and his inwards, and his doung shall hee beare out. *Exod 29.14. numb.19.5.*

12 So hee shall carie the whole bullocke out of the * hoste, vnto a cleane place, where the ashes are powred, and shal burne him on the wood in the fire: where the ashes are cast out, shall he be burnt. *Hebr.13.11.*

13 ¶ And if the f whole Congregation of Israel shall sinne through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the multitude, and haue don against any of the commandements of the LORD which should not be don, and haue offended:

f The multitude excuseth not the sinne, but if all haue sinned, they must all be punished. *Chap.5.2,3,4.*

14 When the sinne which they haue committed shall be knowen, then the Congregation shall offer a yong bullocke for the sin, and bring him before the Tabernacle of the Congregation,

15 And the g Elders of the Congregation shall put their hands vpon the head of the bullocke before the LORD, and he ‖ shal kill the bullocke before the LORD.

g For all the people could not lay on their hands: therefore it was sufficient that the Auncients of the people did it in the name of all the congregation. ‖ *Or, the Priest.*

16 Then the Priest that is anoynted, shal bring of the bullocks blood into the tabernacle of the Congregation.

17 And the Priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seuen times before the LORD, euen before the vaile.

18 Also he shal put some of the blood vpon the hornes of the altar, which is before the LORD, that is in the Tabernacle of the Congregation: then shall he powre all the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar of burnt offring, which is at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

19 And he shal take all his fat from him, and ‖ burne it vpon the altar. ‖ *Or, make a perfume with it.*

20 And the Priest shall doe with this bullocke, as he did with the bullocke for his sin: so shall he do with this: so the Priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiuen them.

21 For he shall cary the bullocke without the hoste, and burne him as hee burned the first bullocke: for it is an offering for the sinne of the Congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler shall sinne, and doo through ignorance against any of the commandements of the LORD his God, which should not be done, and shall offend,

23 If one shew vnto him his sinne, which he hath committed, then shal he bring for his offering, an hee ‖ goat without blemish,

24 And shall lay his hand vpon the head of the hee goat, & kill it in the h place where hee should kill the burnt offering before the LORD: for it is a sinne offering.

h That is, the Priest shal kill it: for it was not lawfull for any out of that office to kill the beast.

25 Then the Priest shall take of the blood of the sinne offering with his finger, and put it vpon the hornes of the burnt offering altar, and shall powre the rest of his blood at the foote of the burnt offering Altar,

26 And shall burne all his fat vpon the altar, as the fat of the peace offering: so the Priest shall make an i atonement for him, concerning his sinne, and it shal be forgiuen him.

i Wherein hee represented Iesus Christ.

27 ¶ Likewise if any of the ‖ people of the land shall sinne through ignorance in doing against any of the commandements of the LORD, which should not bee done, and shall offend,

‖ *Or, priuate person.*

28 If one shew him his sinne which hee hath committed, then shall he bring for his offring ‖ a she goat without blemish for his sinne which he hath committed,

‖ *Or, the female of the goates.*

29 k And hee shall lay his hand vpon the head of the sinne offering, and slay the sinne offering in the place of burnt offering.

k Reade verse 24.

30 Then the Priest shal take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it vpon the hornes of the burnt offring altar, and powre all the rest of the blood thereof at the foote of the altar,

31 And shall take away all his fat, as the fat of the peace offrings is taken away, and the Priest shall burne it vpon the altar for a * sweet sauour vnto the LORD, and the Priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shal be forgiuen him.

Exod.29.18.

32 And if he bring a lambe for his sinne offring, he shall bring a female without blemish,

33 And shall lay his l hand vpon the head of the sinne offering, and he shall slay it for a sinne offering in the place where hee should kill the burnt offering.

l Meaning, that the punishment of his sinne should be laide vpon that beast, or that he had receiued all things of God, and offered this willingly.

34 Then the Priest shal take of the blood of the sinne offering with his finger, and put it vpon the hornes of the burnt offring altar, and shall powre all the rest of the blood thereof at the foote of the altar.

35 And hee shall take away all the fatte thereof, as the fat of the lambe of the peace offerings is taken away: then the Priest shall burne it vpon the altar m with the oblations of the LORD made by fire, and the

m Or, besides the burnt offrings, which were dayly offered to the Lord.

Diuerse Offerings

Offerings for their ignorance.

Priest shal make an atonement for him concerning his sinne that hee hath committed, and it shall be forgiuen him.

CHAP. V.

1 Of him that testifieth not the trueth, if hee heare another sweare falsly. 4 Of him that voweth rashly. 15 Of him that by ignorance withdraweth any thing dedicate vnto the Lord.

ALso if ‡any haue sinned, that is, if he haue heard the voice of an oth, and he can be a witnes, whether he hath seene or ᵃknowen of it, if he doe not vtter it, hee shall beare his iniquitie:

2 Either if one touch any vncleane thing, whether it be a carion of an vncleane beast, or a carion of vncleane cattell, or a carion of vncleane creeping things, and is not ware of it, yet he is vncleane, and hath offended:

3 Either if he touch any vncleannesse of man (whatsoeuer vncleannesse it be, that he is defiled with) and is not ware of it, and after commeth to the knowledge of it, he hath sinned:

4 Either if any ᵇsweare, and pronounce with his lips to do euil, or to do good (whatsoeuer it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath) and it bee hid from him, and after knoweth that hee hath offended in one of these points,

5 When hee hath sinned in any of these ᶜthings, then hee shall confesse that he hath sinned therein.

6 Therefore shall hee bring his trespasse offring vnto the Lord for his sinne which he hath committed, euen a female from the flocke, be it a lambe, or a she goat, for a sinne offering, and the Priest shal make an atonement for him concerning his sinne.

7 But ‡if hee bee not able to bring a sheepe, he shall bring for his trespasse which hee hath committed, two turtle doues, or two yong Pigeons vnto the Lord, one for a sinne offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

8 So hee shall bring them vnto the Priest, who shall offer the sinne offring first, and ᵈwring the necke of it asunder, but not plucke it cleane off.

9 After hee shal ‖sprincle of the blood of the sinne offering vpon the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall bee ſshed at the foote of the altar: for it is a sinne offering.

10 Also he shal offer the second for a burnt offering ‖ as the maner is: so shal the Priest ᵈmake an atonement for him, for his sinne which he hath committed) and it shalbe forgiuen him.

11 ¶ But if hee ᵉbe not able to bring two turtle doues, or two yong pigeons, then hee that hath sinned, shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ᵉEphah of fine flour for a sinne offering, hee shall put none ᶠoyle thereto, neither put any incense thereon: for it is a sinne offering.

12 Then shall hee bring it to the Priest, and the Priest shall take his handfull of it, for the ᵍremembrance thereof, and burne it vpon the altar ʰwith the offerings of the Lord made by fire: for it is a sinne offering.

13 So the Priest shal make an atonement for him, as touching his sinne that hee hath committed in one of these points, and it shall be forgiuen him: and the remnant shall be the Priests, as the meate offering.

14 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

15 If any person transgresse and sinne through ignorance ⁱ by taking away things consecrated vnto the Lord, he shal then bring for his trespasse offring vnto the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocke, worth two shekels of siluer ʰ by the estimation after the shekel of the Sanctuarie for a trespasse offering.

16 So hee shall restore that wherein hee hath offended, in taking away of the holy thing, and shall put the fift part more thereto, and giue it vnto the Priest: so the Priest shall make an atonement for him with the ramme of the trespasse offering, and it shall be forgiuen him.

17 ¶ Also if any sinne and ᵏdoe against any of the Commandements of the Lord, which ought not to bee done, and know not, and ˡsinne, and beare his iniquitie,

18 Then shall he bring a ramme without blemish out of the flocke, ᵐ thy estimation worth ᵗtwo shekels for a trespasse offering vnto the Priest: and the Priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ᵏignorance wherein hee erred, and was not ware: so it shall be forgiuen him.

19 This is the trespasse offering for the trespasse committed against the Lord.

CHAP. VI.

6 The offering for sinnes which are done willingly. 9 The Law of the burnt offerings. 13 The fire must abide euermore vpon the altar. 14 The Law of the meate offering. 20 The offering of Aaron and his sonnes.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 If any sinne, and commit a trespasse against the Lorde, and denie vnto his neighbour that, which was taken him to keep, or that which was put to him of ᵃtrust, or doeth by ᵇrobbery, or by violence oppresse his neighbour,

3 Or hath found that which was lost, and denieth it, and sweareth falsly, ᵘ for any of these things that a man doeth, ˣ wherein he sinneth:

4 Then, I say, he thus sinneth and trespasseth, he shall then restore the robbery that hee robbed, or the thing taken by violence which hee tooke by force, or the thing which was deliuered him to keepe, or the lost thing which he found,

5 Or for whatsoeuer he hath sworne falsely, hee shall both restore it in the whole ᵘ summe, and shall adde the fift part more thereto, and giue it vnto him to whom it pertaineth, the same day that he offereth for his trespasse.

6 Also he shall bring for his trespasse vnto the Lord, a ramme without blemish out of the ᵘ flocke in thy estimation worth two shekels for a trespasse offering vnto the Priest.

7 And the Priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord, and it shall be forgiuen

‡Ebr. a soule.

Or, if the Iudge hath taken an oth of any other.

a Whereby it is commanded to beare witnesse to the trueth, and disclose the iniquitie of the vngodly.

b Or, vow rashly without iust examination of the circumstances, and not knowing what shalbe the issue of the same.

c Which haue bene mentioned before in this Chapter.

‡Ebr. if his hand cannot touch, meaning, for his pouerty.

Chap. 1. 15.

‖ Or, powred.

†Or, according to the Law.

d Or, declare him to be purged of that sinne, Verse 7.

e Which is about a pottell.

f As in the meat offering, Chap. 2. 1.

Chap. 2. 2.

Chap 4. 35.

g As touching the first fruits of tithes due to the Priests and Leuites.

h By the estimation of the Priest Chap. 27. 12.

Chap. 4. 2.

i That is, afterward remembreth that he hath sinned, when his conscience doeth accuse him.

Exod. 30. 13.

k Els if his sinne against God come of malice he must die, Numb. 15. 30.

a To bestow and occupie for the vse of him that gaue it.

b By any guile or vnlawfull meanes.

Numb. 5. 6.

c Wherein he cannot but sin, or, wherein a man accustometh to sinne by periurie or such like thing.

Numb. 5. 7.

Chap. 5. 15.

Leuiticus

forgiuen him, whatsoeuer thing hee hath done, and trespassed therein.

8 ¶ Then the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sonnes, saying, This is the [d] law of the burnt offering, (it is the burnt offering, because it burneth vpon the Altar all the night vnto the morning, and the fire burneth on the Altar.)

10 And the Priest shall put on his linnen garment, and shall put on his linnen breeches vpon his flesh, and take away the ashes when the fire hath consumed the burnt offering vpon the altar, and he shall put them beside the [f] altar.

11 After, he shal put off his garments, and put on other raiment, and carie the ashes forth without the hoste vnto a cleane place.

12 But the fire vpon the altar shall burne therein, and neuer be put out: wherefore the Priest shal burne wood on it euery morning, and lay the burnt offering in order vpon it, and he shall burne theron the fat of the peace offerings.

13 The fire shall euer burne vpon the altar, and neuer goe out.

14 ¶ [*] Also this is the lawe of the meate offering, which Aarons sonnes shall offer in the presence of the Lord, before the altar.

15 He shall euen take thence his handfull of fine flour of the meate offering and of the oyle, and all the incense which is vpon the meate offering, and shall burne it vpon the altar for a sweete sauour, as a [*] memoriall therefore vnto the Lord:

16 But the rest thereof shall Aaron [g] his sonnes eate: it shalbe eaten without leauen in the holy place: in the court of the Tabernacle of the Congregation they shall eate it.

17 It shal not be [s] baken with leauen: I haue giuen it for their portion of mine offerings made by fire: for it is as the sinne offering, and as the trespasse offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eate of it: It shalbe a statute for euer in your generations concerning the offrings of the Lord made by fire: [*] whatsoeuer toucheth them shalbe holy.

19 ¶ Againe the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

20 This is the offering of Aaron and his sonnes, which they shall offer vnto the Lord in the day when hee is anointed: the tenth part of an [*] Ephah of fine flour, for a meate offering [h] perpetuall: halfe of it in the morning, and halfe thereof at night.

21 In the frying pan it shalbe made with oyle: thou shalt bring it fryed, and shalt offer the ‖ baken pieces of the meate offering for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

22 And the Priest that is [i] anointed in his stead, among his sonnes, shall offer it: it is the Lords ordinance for euer, it shalbe burnt altogether.

23 For euery meate offering of the Priest shalbe burnt altogether, it shal not be eaten.

24 ¶ Furthermore, the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

25 Speake vnto Aaron, and vnto his sonnes, and say, This is the law of the sinne offering. In the place where the burnt offring is killed, shall the sinne offering be killed before the Lord, for it is most holy.

26 The Priest that offereth this sinne offering, shall eate it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

27 Whatsoeuer shal touch the flesh thereof, shall bee holy: and when there droppeth of the blood thereof vpon a [k] garment, thou shalt wash that wherein it droppeth in the holy place.

28 Also the earthen pot that it is sodden in, shalbe broken, but if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall both be scoured and washed with [l] water.

29 All the males among the Priests shal eate thereof, for it is most holy.

30 [*] But no sinne offering, whose blood is brought into the Tabernacle of the Congregation to make reconciliation in the holy place, shall be eaten, but shall be burnt in the [m] fire.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The law of the trespasse offring.* 11 *Also of the peace offrings.* 23 *The fat and the blood may not be eaten.*

LIkewise this is the lawe of the [*] trespasse offering, it is most holy.

2 In the place [b] where they kil the burnt offering, shall they kill the trespasse offering, and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about vpon the altar.

3 All the fat therof also shall [c] he offer, the rumpe, ‖ the fat that coureth the inwards.

4 After, he shall take away the two kidneyes, with the fat that is on them, and vpon the flankes, and the caule on the liuer with the kidneys.

5 Then the Priest shall burne them vpon the altar for an offering made by fire vnto the Lord: this is a trespasse offering.

6 All the males among the Priests shall eate thereof, it shalbe eaten in the holy place, for it is most holy.

7 As the sinne offring is, so is the trespasse offering, one [d] law serueth for both: [e] that wherewith the Priest shal make atonement, shalbe his.

8 Also the Priest that offereth any mans burnt offering, shall haue the skinne of the burnt offering, which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat offring that is baken in the ouen, and that is dressed in the panne, and in the frying panne, shalbe the Priestes that offereth it.

10 And euery meate offering mingled with oyle, and that is [f] drie, shal pertaine vnto the sonnes of Aaron, to all alike.

11 Furthermore, this is the lawe of the peace offerings, which he shall offer vnto the Lord.

12 If he offer it to [g] giue thankes, then he shall offer for his thankes offering, vnleauened cakes mingled with oyle, and vnleauened wafers anointed with oyle, and fine flourt fried with the cakes mingled with oyle.

13 Hee shall offer also his offering with cakes of leauened bread, for his peace offrings to giue thankes.

14 And of all the sacrifice he shal offer one

The liuyng of Offerings

d That is, the ceremonies which ought to be obserued therein.

e Vpon his secret parts, Exod. 28.43.

f In the ashpans appointed for that vse.

Chap. 2.1. numb. 15.4.

Chap. 2.9.

g Or, kned with leauen, and after baken.

Exod. 29 37.

Exod. 16.36.

h So oft as the hie Priest shalbe elected and anoynted.

‖ Or, fryed.

i His sonne that shall succeede him.

k Meaning the garment of the Priest.

l Which was in the lauer, Exod. 30.18.

Chap 4.1. hebr. 13.15.

m Out of the campe, chap. 4.12.

a Which is for the smaller sinnes, and such as are committed by ignorance

b At the Court gate.

c The Priest.

d The same ceremonies: notwithstanding that this word trespasse signifieth lesse then sinne.

e Meaning, the rest which is left and not burnt.

f Because it had no oyle nor liquor.

g Peace offrings containe a confession & thanksgiuing for a benefit receiued, and also a vow, and free offring to receiue a benefit.

The peace offering.

cake for an heaue offering vnto the Lord, and it shall be the Priestes that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.

15 Also the flesh of his peace offerings, for thanksgiuing, shall bee eaten the same day that it is offred: he shall leaue nothing thereof vntill the morning.

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a h vowe, or a free offering, it shall be eaten the same day that hee offereth his sacrifice: and so in the morning the residue thereof shall be eaten.

17 But as much of the offered flesh as remaineth vnto the third day, shall be burnt with fire.

18 For if any of the flesh of his peace offerings be eaten in the third day, hee shall not be accepted that offereth it, neither shal it be reckened vnto him, but shall be an abomination: therefore the person that eateth of it, shall i beare his iniquitie.

19 The flesh also that toucheth any vncleane k thing, shall not be eaten, but burnt with fire: but l of this flesh all that be cleane shall eate thereof.

20 But if any eat of the flesh of the peace offerings that pertaineth to the Lorde, hauing his * vncleannesse vpon him, euen the same person shall bee cut off from his people.

21 Moreouer, when any toucheth any vncleane thing, as the vncleannesse of man, or of an vncleane beast, or of any filthy abomination, and eate of the flesh of the peace offerings, which pertaineth vnto the Lord, euen that person shall bee cut off from his people.

22 ¶ Againe the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

23 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, * Ye shall eate no fat of beeues, nor of sheepe, nor of goates:

24 Yet the fat of the dead beast, and the fat of that, which is torne with beastes, shall be occupied to any vse, but yee shall not eate of it.

25 For whosoeuer eateth the fat of the beast, of the which hee shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, euen the person that eateth, shall be cut off from his people.

26 Neither * shall yee eate any blood, either of foule, or of beast in all your dwellings.

27 Euery person that eateth any blood, euen the same person shall bee cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the Lord talked with Moses, saying,

29 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, He that offereth his peace offrings vnto the Lord, shall bring his gift vnto the Lord of his peace offrings:

30 His m hands shall bring the offerings of the Lord made by fire: euen the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast may be * shaken to and fro before the Lord.

31 Then the Priest shal burne the fat vpon the Altar: and the breast shall be Aarons and his sonnes.

32 And the right shoulder shall yee giue vnto the Priest for an heaue offering, of your peace offerings.

33 The same that offreth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fatte, among the sonnes of Aaron, shall haue the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the breast shaken to and fro, and the shoulder lifted vp, haue I taken of the children of Israel, euen of their peace offerings, and haue giuen them vnto Aaron the Priest, and vnto his sonnes by a statute for euer from among the children of Israel.

35 ¶ This is the n anointing of Aaron, and the anointing of his sonnes, concerning the offrings of the Lord made by fire, in the day when hee presented them to serue in the Priests office vnto the Lord.

36 The which portions the Lorde commanded to giue them in the day that hee anointed them from among the children of Israel, by a statute for euer in their generations.

37 This is also the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the linne offring, and of the trespasse offering, and of the o consecrations, and of the peace offrings:

38 Which the Lorde commanded Moses in the mount Sinai, when hee commanded the children of Israel to offer their gifts vnto the Lord in the wildernesse of Sinai.

h If he make a vowe to offer: for els the flesh of the peace offrings must be eaten the same day.

i The sin wherefore he offered, shall remaine.

k After it be sacrificed.

l Of the peace offring, that is cleane.

Chap. 15.3.

Chap. 3 17.

Gen. 9 4. *chap.* 17.14.

m And should not send it by another.

Exod. 29 24

n That is, his priuiledge, reward, and portion.

o Which sacrifice was offred when the Priests were consecrated, Exod 29.22

CHAP. VIII.

12 The anointing of Aaron, and his sonnes, with the sacrifice concerning the same.

AFterward the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 * Take Aaron and his sonnes with him, and the garments and the * anointing oyle, and a bullocke for the linne offring, and two rammes, and a basket of vnleauened bread,

3 And assemble all the company at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

4 So Moses did as the Lord had commanded him, and the company was assembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

5 Then Moses said vnto the companie, * This is the thing which the Lorde hath commanded to doe.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sonnes, and washed them with water,

7 And put vpon him the coate, and girded him with a girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the Ephod on him, which hee girded with the broydered garde of the Ephod, and bound it vnto him therewith.

8 After, he put the breastplate thereon, and put in the breastplate * the Urim and the Thummim.

9 Also hee put the miter vpon his head, and put vpon the miter on the forefront the golden plate, and the p holy crowne, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 ¶ Now Moses had taken the anointing oyle, and anointed the q Tabernacle, and all that was therein, and sanctified them,

11 And

Exod. 28.1,4. *Exod.* 30.24.

Exod. 29.4.

Exod. 28.30.

p So called, because this superscription Holines to the Lord, was graven in it.

q That is, the Holiest of all, the Sanctuary, and the Court.

11 And sprinkled thereof vpon the altar seuen times, and anoynted the altar, and all his instruments, and the lauer, and his foot, to sanctifie them)

12 * And he powred of the anointing oyle vpon Aarons head, and anounted him, to sanctifie him.

13 After, Moses brought Aarons sonnes, and put coates vpon them, and girded them with girdles, & put bonets vpon their heads, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

14 * Then he brought the bullocke for the sinne offring, and Aaron and his sonnes put their hands vpon the head of the bullocke for the sinne offering.

15 And Moses slew him, and tooke the blood, which hee put vpon the hornes of the [c] altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and powred the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar: so he sanctified [d] it, to make reconciliation vpon it.

16 Then he tooke all the fat that was vpon the inwards, and the kall of the liuer, and the two kidnies with their fat, which Moses burned vpon the altar.

17 But the bullocke and his [e] hide, and his flesh, and his dung, hee burnt with fire without the hoste, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

18 ¶ Also hee brought the ramme for the burnt offring, and Aaron and his sonnes put their hands vpon the head of the ramme.

19 So Moses killed it, and sprinkled the blood vpon the altar round about.

20 And Moses cut the ramme in pieces, and burnt the head with the pieces, and the fat,

21 And washed the inwards and the legs in water: so Moses burnt the ramme euery whit vpon the altar: for it was a burnt offering for a sweet sauour, which was made by fire vnto the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

22 ¶ * After, hee brought the other ram, the ramme of consecrations, and Aaron and his sonnes laid their hands vpon the head of the ramme,

23 Which Moses [f] slew, and tooke of the blood of it, and put it vpon the lappe of Aarons right eare, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, & vpon the great toe of his right foote.

24 Then Moses brought Aarons sonnes, and put of the blood on the lappe of their right eares, and vpon the thumbes of their right handes, and vpon the great toes of their right feete, and Moses sprinkled the rest of the blood vpon the altar round about.

25 And hee tooke the fat and the rumpe, and all the fat that was vpon the inwards, and the kall of the liuer, and the two kidnies with their fat, and the right shoulder.

26 Also hee tooke of the basket of the vnleauened bread that was before the Lorde, one vnleauened cake, and a cake of oyled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and vpon the right shoulder.

27 So he put * all in Aarons hands, and in his sonnes hands, and shooke it to and fro before the Lord.

28 After, Moses tooke them out of their hands, and burnt them vpon the altar for a burnt offering: for they were consecrations for a sweete sauour which were made by fire vnto the Lord.

29 Likewise Moses tooke the brest of the ramme of consecrations, and shooke it to and fro before the Lord: for it was Moses * portion, as the Lord had commaunded Moses.

30 Also Moses tooke of the anoynting oyle, and of the blood which was vpon the altar, and sprinkled it vpon Aaron, vpon his garments, and vpon his sonnes, and on his sonnes garments with him, so hee sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sonnes, and his sonnes garments with him.

31 ¶ Afterward Moses said vnto Aaron and his sonnes, Seethe the flesh at the doore of the [g] Tabernacle of the Congregation, and there * eate it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sonnes shall eate it.

32 But that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread, shall ye burne with fire.

33 And ye shal not depart from the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation seuen dayes, vntill the dayes of your consecrations be at an ende: for [i] seuen dayes, said the Lord, shall he [k] consecrate you,

34 As he hath done this day, so the Lord hath commanded to doe, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shal ye abide at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation day and night, seuen dayes, and shall keepe the watch of the Lord, that yee die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sonnes did all things which the Lord had commanded by the [h] hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

1 The first offerings of Aaron. 22 Aaron blesseth the people. 23 The glory of the Lord is shewed. 24 The fire commeth from the Lord.

AND in the * eight day Moses called Aaron and his sonnes, and the Elders of Israel:

2 * Then he said vnto Aaron, Take thee a yong calfe for a [b] sinne offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, both without blemish, and bring them before the Lord.

3 And vnto the children of Israel thou shalt speake, saying, Take yee an hee goate for a sinne offering, and a calfe, and a lambe both of a yeere olde, without blemish, for a burnt offering:

4 Also a bullocke, and a ramme for peace offrings, to offer before the Lord, and a meat offering mingled with oyle: for to day the Lord will appeare vnto you.

5 ¶ Then they brought that which Moses commaunded before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the assembly drew neere and stood before the [c] Lord.

6 (For Moses had sayd, This is the thing which the Lord commaunded that yee

Ecclus.45.15. Psal.133.2.

Exod.29.1. chap.9.2.

c Of the burnt offering.

d To offer for the sinnes of the people.

e In other burnt offerings, which are not of consecration, or offering for himself, the Priest hath the skin, Chap. 7.8.

Exod.29.31.

f Moses did this because that the Priests were not yet established in their office.

Exod.29.24.

Exod.29.26.

g At the doore of the court. Exod.29.32. chap.14.9.

Exod.29.35. i Ebr. fill your hands. k Or, as I haue done.

h By commission giuen to Moses.

a After their consecration: for the seuen dayes before, the Priests were consecrate. Exod.29.1.

b Aaron entreth into the possession of the Priesthood, & offereth the foure principall sacrifices: the burnt offering, the sinne offring, the peace offerings, and the meat offering.

c Before the Altar, where his glory appeared.

should doe, and the glory of the Lord shal appeare vnto you)

7 Then Moses sayd vnto Aaron, Draw neere to the altar, & offer thy sinne offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for * thee and for the people: offer also the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the Lorde hath commanded.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went vnto the altar, and killed the calfe of the sinne offering, which was for himselfe.

9 And the sonnes of Aaron brought the blood vnto him, and he dipt his finger in the blood, and put it vpon the hornes of the altar, and powred the rest of the blood at the foot of the altar.

10 But the fat and the kidnies, and the kal of the liuer of the sinne offring, he * burnt vpon the altar, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

11 The flesh also and the hide hee burnt with fire without the hoste.

12 After, he slew the burnt offering, and Aarons sonnes brought vnto him the blood, which hee sprinkled round about vpon the Altar.

13 Also they brought the burnt offering vnto him with the pieces thereof, and the head, and he burnt them vpon the altar.

14 Likewise hee did wash the inwardes and the legs, & * burnt them vpon the burnt offering on the altar.

15 ¶ Then he offered the peoples offring, and tooke a goate, which was the sinne offering for the people, and slewe it, and offered it for sinne, as the first:

16 So he offered the burnt offring, & prepared it according to the maner.

17 He presented also the meat offring, and filled his hand thereof, and * beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning, hee burnt this vpon the altar.

18 He slew also the bullocke, & the ramme for the peace offerings, that was for the people, and Aarons sonnes brought vnto him the blood, which he sprinkled vpon the altar round about,

19 With the fat of the bullock, and of the ramme, the rumpe, and that which coureth the inwards and the kidnies, and the kall of the liuer.

20 So they laid the fat vpon the breasts, and he burnt the fat vpon the altar.

21 But the * breasts and the right shoulder Aaron shooke to and fro before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

22 So Aaron lift vp his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and * came downe from offering of the sinne offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.

23 After, Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and came out, and * blessed the people, * and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

24 * And there came a fire out from the Lord, & consumed vpon the altar the burnt offring and the fat: which when all the people saw, they ‖ gaue thankes, and fel on their faces.

CHAP. X.

2 Nadab and Abihu are burnt. 6 Israel mourneth for them, but the Priestes might not. 9 The Priests are forbidden wine.

BVt * Nadab and Abihu, the sonnes of Aaron, tooke either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put ingense thereupon, and offered * strange fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them.

2 Therefore a fire went out from the Lord, and deuoured them: so they died before the Lord.

3 Then Moses sayd vnto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will bee * sanctified in them that come neere me, and before all the people I will be glorified: but Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan the sonnes of Vzziel, the vncle of Aaron, and sayd vnto them, Come neere, cary your ‖ brethren from before the Sanctuary out of the hoste.

5 Then they went and carried them in their coates out of the hoste, as Moses had commanded.

6 After, Moses sayd vnto Aaron, & vnto Eleazar & Ithamar his sonnes, * Vncouer not your heads, neither rent your clothes, lest ye die, and lest wrath come vpon all the people: but let your brethren, all the house of Israel bewaile the burning which the Lord hath * kindled.

7 And goe not ye out from the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, lest yee die: for the anoynting oyle of the Lord is vpon you: and they did according to Moses commandement.

8 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Aaron, saying,

9 Thou shalt not drinke wine nor ‖ strong drinke, thou, nor thy sonnes with thee, when ye come into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, lest yee die: this is an ordinance for euer throughout your generations,

10 That ye may put difference betweene the holy and the vnholy, and betweene the cleane and the vncleane,

11 And that yee may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath commanded them by the ‖ hand of Moses.

12 ¶ Then Moses sayd vnto Aaron and vnto Eleazar & to Ithamar his sonnes that were left, Take the meate offering that remaineth of the offrings of the Lord, made by fire, and eate it without leauen beside the altar: for it is most holy:

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy duety and thy sonnes duety of the offrings of the Lord, made by fire: for so I am commanded.

14 Also the * shaken breast and the heaue shoulder shall ye eat in ‖ a cleane place: thou and thy sonnes, and thy * daughters with thee: for they are giuen as thy ‖ duette and thy sonnes duety, of the peace offrings of the children of Israel.

15 The heaue shoulder, and the shaken breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to shake it to and fro before

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d Reade for the vnderstanding of this place, Hebr. 5.3. and 7.27.

e That is, he laid them in order, and so they were burnt when the Lord sent downe fire.

f All this must be vnderstood of the preparation of the sacrifices which were burnt after, verse 24.

Exod. 29.38.

g Of the bullock and the ramme.

h Because the altar was neere the Sanctuary which was the vpper end, therefore he is said to come downe.

i Or, prayed for the people.

2. Mac. 2.8.
Gene. 4 4.
1. king. 8 38.
2. chron. 7.1.
3. mac. 2.10, 11.

‖ Or, gaue a shout for ioy.

Num. 3.4. & 26. 61. 1. chro. 24.2.

a Not taken of the altar, which was sent from heauen, and endured till the captiuity of Babylon.

b I will punish them that serue me otherwise then I haue commanded, not sparing the chiefe, that the people may feare and praise my iudgements.

‖ Or, cousins.

c As though ye lamented for them, preferring your carnall affection to Gods iust iudgement, Chap. 19.28. Deut 14.1.

d In destroying Nadab and Abihu the chiefe, and menacing the rest, except they repent.

‖ Or, drinke that maketh drunke.

‖ Or, commission. Exod. 29.24.

‖ Or, wherein is no vncleanesse.

e For the breast and shoulders of the peace offerings might be brought to their families, so that their daughters might eate of them, as also of the offrings of first fruites, the first borne, & the Easter lambe, Reade chap 22. 12, 13.

‖ Or, right, or portion.

before the Lord, and it shal be thine and thy sonnes with thee by a lawe for euer, as the Lord hath commanded.

16 ¶ *And Moses sought the goate that was offered for sinne, and loe, it was burnt: therefore hee was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar the sonnes of Aaron, which were left alive, saying,

17 Wherefore haue ye not eaten the sinne offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy: and God hath giuen it you, to beare the iniquity of the Congregation, to make an atonement for them before the Lord.

18 Behold, ‖ blood of it was not brought within the holy place: ye should haue eaten it in the holy place, *as I commaunded.

19 And Aaron said vnto Moses, Behold, this day ‖ haue they offered their sinne offering, ‖ their burnt offering before the Lord, and such things as thou knowest are come vnto me: If I had eaten the sinne offering to day, should it haue bene accepted in the sight of the Lord?

20 So when Moses heard it, hee was content.

CHAP. XI.

1 Of beasts, fishes, and birds, which be clean and which be vncleane.

AFter, the Lord spake vnto Moses and Aaron, saying vnto them,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, * These are the beastes which yee ‖ shall eate, among all the beastes that are on the earth.

3 Whatsoeuer parteth the hoofe, and is clouen footed, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that shall ye eate:

4 But of them that chew the cud, or deuide the hoofe onely, of them yee shall not eate: as the camell, because he cheweth the cud, and diuideth not the hoofe, he shall bee vncleane to you.

5 Likewise the cony, because he cheweth the cud and diuideth not the hoofe, he shalbe vncleane to you.

6 Also the hare, because he cheweth the cud, and diuideth not the hoofe, he shalbe vncleane to you.

7 *And the swine, because he parteth the hoofe, and is clouen footed, but cheweth not the cud, he shalbe vncleane to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, & their carkeis shall ye not touch: for they shall bee vncleane to you.

9 ¶ These shall ye eat, of all that are in the waters: whatsoeuer hath finnes and scales in the waters, in the seas, or in the riuers, them shall ye eate.

10 But all that haue not finnes nor scales in the seas, or in the riuers, of all that [d] moueth in the waters, and of all liuing things that are in the waters, they shall be an abomination vnto you.

11 They, I say, shall be an abomination to you: ye shal not eat of their flesh, but shall abhorre their carkeis.

12 Whatsoeuer hath not finnes nor scales in the waters, that shall be abomination vnto you.

13 ¶ These shall ye haue also in abomination among the foules, they shal not be eaten, for they are an abomination, the eagle, and the ‖ gothanke, and the ossyfey,

14 Also the Culturt, and the kite after his kinde,

15 And all Rauens after their kind:

16 The ostrich also and the night crowe, and the seamew, and the hauke after his kind:

17 The litle owle also, and the cormorant, and the great owle.

18 Also the ‖ redshanke, and the pelicane, and the swanne:

19 The stroke also, the heron after his kind, and the lapwing, and the backe:

20 And euery foule that creepeth and goeth vpon all foure, such shall be an abomination vnto you.

21 Yet these shall yee eate: of euery foule that creepeth & goeth vpon all foure, which ‖ haue their feete and legs all of one to leape withall vpon the earth.

22 Of them ye shall eate these, the grashopper after his kind, and the [e] Solean after his kind, the hargol after his kind, and the hagab after his kind.

23 But all other foules, that creepe and haue foure feet, they shalbe abomination vnto you.

24 For by such you shall be polluted: whosoeuer toucheth their carkeis, shall be vncleane vnto the euening.

25 Whosoeuer also ‖ beareth of their carkeis, shall wash his clothes, and be vncleane vntill euen.

26 Euery beast that hath clawes diuided, as is ‖ not cloven footed, nor cheweth the cud, such shall bee vncleane vnto you: whosoeuer doth touch them, shall be vncleane.

27 And whatsoeuer goeth vpon his pawes among all maner beastes that goeth on all foure, such shall be vncleane vnto you: whosoeuer doth touch their carkeis, shall be vncleane vntill the euen.

28 And he that beareth their carkies, shall wash his clothes, and be vncleane vntil the euen: for such shall be vncleane vnto you.

29 ¶ Also these shal be vncleane to you among the things that creepe and moue vpon the earth, the weasel, and the mouse, and the [h] ‖ frog, after his kind:

30 Also the rat, and the lizard, and the chameleon, and the stellio, and the molle.

31 These shall be vncleane to you among all that creepe: whosoeuer doth touch them when they be dead, shalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

32 Also whatsoeuer any of the dead carkeis of them doth fall vpon, shall be vncleane, whether it be vessell of wood, or rayment of ‖ skin, or sacke: whatsoeuer vessell it be that is occupied, it shall be put in the water as vncleane vntill the euen, and so be purified.

33 But euery earthen vessell whereinto any of them falleth whatsoeuer is within it shall be vncleane, and ye shall breake it.

34 All meate also that shall be eaten, if any such water come vpon it, shalbe vncleane: and all drinke that shall bee drunke in all such

3. Mac. 2. 11.

f And not consumed, as Nadab and Abihu.

Chap. 6. 26.

g That is, Nadab and Abihu.

h Moses bare with his infirmity, considering his great sorow, but doth not leaue an example to forgiue them that maliciously transgresse the commandement of God.

Gen. 7. 2. deut. 14. 4. Act. 10. 14.

a Or, whereof ye may eate.

b He noteth foure sortes of beastes: some chew the cud onely, and some haue onely the foote cleft: others neither chew the cud, nor haue the hoofe cleft: the fourth both chew the cud, and haue the hoofe diuided, which may be eaten.

2. Mac. 6. 18.

c God would that hereby for a time they should be discerned as his people from the Gentiles.

d As litle fish ingendred of the slime.

e As they which come of generation.

‖ Or, Gryphin, as it is in the Greeke.

‖ Or, Cuckowe.

‖ Or, Purphyrio.

‖ Or, haue no wings on their feet.

f These were certaine kindes of grashoppers, which are not now properly knowen.

g Out of the campe.

‖ Or, hath not the foote cloven in two.

h The greene frogge that sitteth on the bushes.

‖ Or, Crocodile.

i As a bottell or bag.

Chap. 6. 28.

Meats vncleane

such veſſels ſhall be vncleane.

35 And euery thing that their carkeis fal vpon ſhall bee vncleane: the fornace or the pot ſhall bee broken: for they are vncleane, and ſhall be vncleane vnto you.

36 Yet the fountaines and welles where there is plenty of water ſhall be cleane: but that which [k] toucheth their carkeiſes ſhal be vncleane.

37 And if there fall of their dead carkeis vpon any ſeede, which vſeth to be ſowen, it ſhall be vncleane.

38 But if any [l] water be powred vpon the ſeed, and there fal of their dead carkeis theron, it ſhall be vncleane vnto you.

39 If alſo any beaſt whereof ye may eate, die, he that toucheth the carkeis thereof, ſhal be vncleane vntill the euen.

40 And hee that eateth of the carkeis of it, ſhall waſh his clothes, and be vncleane vntill the euen: he alſo that beareth the carkeis of it, ſhall waſh his clothes, and be vncleane vntill the euen.

41 Euery creeping thing therefore that creepeth vpon the earth, ſhall be an abomination, and not be eaten.

42 Whatſoeuer goeth vpon the breaſt, & whatſoeuer goeth vpon al foure, or that hath many feete among all creeping things that creepe vpon the earth, yee ſhall not eate of them, for they ſhall be abomination.

43 Ye ſhall not pollute your ſelues with any thing that creepeth, neither make your ſelues vncleane with them, neither defile your ſelues therby: ye ſhall not, I ſay, bee defiled by them,

44 For I am the Lorde your God: bee ſanctified therefore, and be [m] holy, for I am holy, & defile not your ſelues with any creeping thing, that creepeth vpon the earth.

45 For I am the Lord that brought you out of the lande of Egypt, to bee your God, and that you ſhould be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the lawe of the beaſts and of foules, and of euery liuing thing that mooueth in the waters, and of euery thing that creepeth vpon the earth:

47 That there may bee a difference betweene the vncleane and cleane, and betweene the beaſt that may be eaten, and the beaſt that ought not to be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

1 A law how women ſhould bee purged after their deliuerance.

AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Iſrael, and ſay, When a woman hath brought forth ſeede, and borne a man childe, ſhe ſhal be vncleane [a] ſeuen dayes, like as ſhe is vncleane when ſhee is put apart for her [‖] diſeaſe.

3 (*And in the eight day, the foreſkinne of the childes fleſh ſhall be circumcifed)

4 And ſhee ſhall continue in the blood of her purifying three [b] and thirtie dayes: ſhee ſhall touch no [c] hallowed thing, nor come into the [d] Sanctuary, vntill the time of her purifying be out.

5 But if ſhe beare a maid child, then ſhe ſhall be vncleane two [e] weekes, as when ſhe hath her diſeaſe: and ſhee ſhall continue in the blood of her purifying threeſcore and ſix dayes.

6 Now when the dayes of her purifying are out, (whether it be for a ſonne or for a daughter) ſhee ſhall bring to the Prieſt a lambe of one yeere old for a burnt offering, & a yong pigeon or a turtle doue for a ſinne offering, vnto the doore of the [f] Tabernacle of the Congregation,

7 Who ſhall offer it before the Lord, and make an atonement for her: ſo ſhe ſhall bee purged of the iſſue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath borne a male or female.

8 But if ſhe [‡] bee not able to bring a lambe, ſhe ſhall bring two * turtles, or two yong pigeons: the one for a burnt offering, and the other for a ſinne offering, and the Prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her: ſo ſhe ſhall be cleane.

CHAP. XIII.

1 What conſiderations the Prieſts ought to obſerue in iudging the leproſie, 29 The blacke ſpot or ſcabbe, 47 and the leprie of the garment.

MOreouer the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, and to Aaron, ſaying,

2 The man that ſhall haue in the ſkinne of his fleſh a ſwelling or a ſcab, or a white ſpot, ſo that in the ſkinne of his fleſh [a] it bee like the plague of leproſie, then he ſhall bee brought vnto Aaron the Prieſt, or vnto one of his ſonnes the Prieſts.

3 And the Prieſt ſhall looke on the ſore in the ſkinne of his fleſh: if the haire in the ſore be turned into white, and the ſore ſeeme to be [b] lower then the ſkinne of his fleſh, it is a plague of leproſie: therefore the Prieſt ſhall looke on him, and [‡] pronounce him vncleane.

4 But if the white ſpot be in the ſkinne of his fleſh, and ſeeme not to bee lower then the ſkin, nor the haire thereof be turned vnto white, then the Prieſt ſhall ſhut vp him that hath the plague, ſeuen dayes.

5 After, the Prieſt ſhall looke vpon him the ſeuenth day: and if the plague ſeeme [‡] to him to abide ſtill, and the plague growe not in the ſkinne, the Prieſt ſhal ſhut him vp yet ſeuen dayes more.

6 Then the Prieſt ſhall looke on him againe the ſeuenth day, and if the plague [c] be darke, and the ſore grow not in the ſkinne, then the Prieſt ſhal [‡] pronounce him cleane, for it is a ſcab: therefore her ſhall waſh his clothes, and be cleane.

7 But if the ſcab grow more in the ſkin, after that he is ſeene of the Prieſt, for to bee purged, hee ſhall be ſeene of the Prieſt yet againe.

8 Then the Prieſt ſhall conſider, and if the ſcab [‖] growe in the ſkin, then the Prieſt ſhall pronounce him [d] vncleane: for it is leproſie.

9 ¶ When the plague of leproſie is in a man, he ſhalbe brought vnto the Prieſt,

10 And the Prieſt ſhal ſee him: and if the ſwelling bee white in the ſkinne, and haue made the haire white, and there bee rawe fleſh in the ſwelling,

11 It

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k So much of the water as toucheth it.

l He ſpeaketh of ſeede, that is laid to ſteepe before it be ſowen.

m He ſheweth why God did chuſe them to be his people, 1. 2.Pet. 1.15.

a So that her husband for that time could not reſort to her. ‖*Or, floures. Chap.* 15.19. *Luke* 2.21. *iohn* 7.22.

b Beſides the firſt ſeuen dayes.

c As ſacrifice or ſuch like.

d That is, into the Court gate, till after fourty dayes.

e Twiſe ſo long as if ſhe bare a man childe.

f Where the burnt offrings were wont to be offered.

‡ *Ebr if her hand finde not the worth of a lambe Luke* 2.24.

a That it may be ſuſpected to be the leprie.

b That is, ſhrunken in, and be lower then the reſt of the skin.

‡ *Ebr. ſhall polute him.*

‡ *Ebr. in his eyes.*

c As hauing the skinne drawen together, or blackiſh.

‡ *Ebr. ſhall clanſe him.*

‖ *Or, be ſpread abroad.*

d As touching his bodily diſeaſe: for his diſeaſe was not imputed to him for ſin before God, though it were the puniſhment of ſinne.

cleansing of the Leprosie

11 It is an olde leprosie in the skinne of his flesh: and the Priest shal pronounce him vncleane, and shall not shut him vp, for he is vncleane.

12 Also if the leprosie a breake out in the skinne, and the leprosie couer all the skinne of the plague, from his head, euen to his feete, wherelouer the Priest looketh,

13 Then the Priest shall consider: and if the leprosie couer all his flesh, he shall pronounce the plague to be b cleane, because it is all turned into whitenesse: so he shall be cleane.

14 But if there be raw flesh on him when he is seene, he shall be vncleane.

15 For the Priest shall see the raw flesh, and declare him to be vncleane: for the raw flesh is c vncleane, therefore it is the leprosie.

16 Or, if the raw flesh change and be turned into white, then hee shall come to the Priest,

17 And the Priest shall behold him: and if the sore bee changed into white, then the Priest shall pronounce the plague cleane, for it is cleane.

18 ¶ The flesh also in whose skinne there is d a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white swelling, or a white spot somewhat reddish, it shall be seene of the Priest.

20 And when the Priest seeth it, if it appeare lower then the skinne, and the haire thereof be changed into white, the Priest then shall pronounce him e vncleane: for it is a plague of leprosie, broken out in the bile.

21 But if the Priest looke on it, and there be no white haires therein, and if it be not lower then the skinne, but bee darker, then the Priest shall shut him vp seuen dayes.

22 And if it spread abroad in the flesh, the Priest shal pronounce him vncleane, for it is a sore.

23 But if the spot continue in his place, and grow not, it is a burning bile: therefore the Priest shall declare him to be cleane.

24 ¶ If there be any flesh, in whose skin there is an hot burning, and the quicke flesh of the burning haue a f white spot somewhat reddish or pale,

25 Then the Priest shall looke vpon it: and if the haire in that spot be changed into white, and it appeare lower then the skinne, it is a leprosie broken out in the burning: therefore the Priest shal pronounce him vncleane: for it is the plague of leprosie.

26 But if the Priest looke on it, and there be no white haire in the spot, and be no lower then the other skinne, but be darker, then the Priest shall shut him vp seuen dayes.

27 After, the Priest shal looke on him the seuenth day: if it be growen abroad in the skinne, then the Priest shall pronounce him vncleane: for it is the plague of leprosie.

28 And if the spot abide in his place, not growing in the skinne, but is darke, it is a rifling of the burning: the Priest shal therefore declare him cleane, for it is the burning vp of the burning.

29 ¶ If also a man or woman hath a sore on the head, or in the beard,

30 Then the Priest shal see the sore: and if it appeare lower then the skin, and there be in it a small yellow g haire, then the Priest shall pronounce him vncleane: for it is a blacke spot, and leprosie of the head or of the beard.

31 And if the Priest looke on the sore of the blacke spot, and if it seeme not lower then the skinne, nor haue any blacke haire in it, then the Priest shall shut vp him that hath the sore of the blacke spotte, seuen dayes.

32 After, in the seuenth day the Priest shall looke on the sore: and if the blacke spot grow not, and there be in it no yellow haire, and the blacke spot seeme not lower then the skinne,

33 Then he shall be shauen, but the place of the blacke spot shal he not shaue: but the Priest shall shut vp him, that hath the blacke spot, seuen dayes more.

34 And the seuenth day the Priest shall looke on the blacke spot: and if the blacke spot grow not in the skinne, nor seeme lower then the other skinne, then the Priest shall cleanse him, and he shal wash his clothes, and be cleane.

35 But if the blacke spot grow abroad in the flesh after his cleansing,

36 Then the Priest shall looke on it: and if the blacke spotte grow in the skinne, the Priest shall not h seeke for the yellow haire: for he is vncleane.

37 But if the blacke spotte seeme to him to abide, and that blacke haire growe therein, the blacke spot is healed, hee is cleane, and the Priest shall declare him to be cleane.

38 ¶ Furthermore if there bee many white spots in the skin of the flesh of man or woman,

39 Then the Priest shal consider: and if the spots in the skinne of their flesh be somewhat darke and white withall, it is but a white spot broken out in the skin: therefore he is cleane.

40 And the man whose haire is fallen off his head, and is balde, is cleane.

41 And if his head lose the i haire on the forepart, and bee balde before, hee is cleane.

42 But if there be in the balde head, or in the balde forehead a white reddish sore, it is a leprosie springing in his balde head or in his balde forehead.

43 Therefore the Priest shall looke vpon it, and if the rising of the sore be white reddish in his balde head, or in his balde forehead, appearing like leprosie in the skinne of the flesh,

44 He is a leper and vncleane: therefore the Priest shall pronounce him altogether vncleane: for the sore is in his head.

45 The leper also in whom the plague is, shall haue his clothes k rent, and his head bare, and shall put a couering vpon his k lips, and shall cry, I am vncleane, I am vncleane.

46 As long as the disease shalbe vpon him, he shall be polluted, for he is vncleane: hee shall

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a Or, bud.

b For it is not that contagious leprosie that infecteth, but a kinde of skirfe, which hath not the flesh raw as the leprosie.

c That is, declareth that the flesh is not sound, but is in danger to be leprous.

d Or, impostume.

e None were exempted, but if the Priest pronounced him vncleane, he was put out from among the people as appeareth by Mary the Prophetesse, Numb. 12.14. and by King Vzziah, 2. Chro 26.20.

f If he haue a white spot in that place where the burning was, and was after healed.

g Or, swelling.

h Which was no wont to be there, or else smaller then in any other part of the body.

i By sickness, or any other inconuenience.

k He shall not care whether the yellow haire be there or no.

l In signe of sorow and lamentation.

m Either in token of mourning, or for feare of infecting others.

Numb.5.2. 2.king.15.5.

Leprie in the garment

shall dwell alone, * without the campe shall his habitation be.

47 ¶ Also the garment that the plague of leprosie is in, whether it be a woollen garment or a linnen garment,

48 Whether it be in the warpe or in the woofe of linnen or of wollen, either in a skin, or in any thing made of skin,

49 And if the losse be greene, or somewhat reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in any thing that is made of skin, it is a plague of leprosie, and shalbe shewed vnto the Priest.

50 Then the Priest shall see the plague, and shut vp it that hath the plague, seuen dayes,

51 And shall looke on the plague the seuenth day: if the plague grow in the garment, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in the skinne, or in any thing that is made of skinne, that plague is a fretting leprosie, and vncleane.

52 And he shall burne the garment, or the warpe, or the woofe, whether it be woollen or linnen, or any thing that is made of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosie, therefore it shalbe burnt in the fire.

53 If the Priest yet see that the plague ᵖ grow not in the garment, or in the woofe, or in whatsoeuer thing of skin it be,

54 Then the Priest shal command them to wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it vp seuen dayes more.

55 Againe the Priest shall looke on the plague, after it is washed: and if the plague haue not changed his ᵠ colour, though the plague spread no further, it is vncleane: thou shalt burne it in the fire, for it is a fret inward, ʳ whether the spot be in the bare place of the whole, or in part thereof.

56 And if the Priest see that the plague be darker, after that it is washed, he shall cut it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warpe, or out of the woofe.

57 And if it appeare still in the garment, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in any thing made of skin, it is a spreading leprie: thou shalt burne the thing wherein the plague is, in the fire.

58 If thou hast washed the garment or the warpe, or the woofe, or whatsoeuer thing of skin it be, if the plague be departed therefrom, then shall it be washed ˢ the second time, and be cleane.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosie in a garment of woollen or linnen, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in any thing of skin, to make it cleane or vncleane.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 *The cleansing of the leper,* 34 *and of the house that he vsn.*

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 * This is the ᵃ law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: that is, he shalbe brought vnto the Priest,

3 And the Priest shall goe out of the campe, and the Priest shal consider him: and if the plague of leprosie be healed in the leper,

4 Then shal the Priest command to take for him that is cleansed, two ‖ sparrowes aliue and ᵇ cleane, and cedar wood, and a scarlet lace, and hyssope.

5 And the Priest shall command to kill one of the birds ouer ᶜ pure water in an earthen vessell.

6 After, he shall take the liue sparrow with the cedar wood, and his scarlet lace, and the hyssope, and shall dip them and the liuing sparrow in the blood of the sparrow slaine ouer the pure water,

7 And he shall sprinkle vpon him that must be cleansed of his leprosie, seuen times, and cleanse him, and shall ᵈ let goe the liue sparrow into the broad field.

8 Then he that shalbe cleansed, shal wash his clothes, and shaue off all his haire, and wash himselfe in water, so he shall be cleane: after that shall he come into the hoste, but shall tary without his tent seuen dayes.

9 So in the seuenth day he shall shaue off all his haire, both his head and his beard, and his eye browes: euen all his haire shall he shaue, and shall wash his clothes, and shall wash his flesh in water: so he shall be cleane.

10 Then in the eight day he shall take two hee lambes without ᵉ blemish, and an ewe lambe of a yeere olde without blemish, and three tenth deales of fine flower for a meate offering mingled with oyle, ᶠ and a pinte of oyle.

11 And the Priest that maketh him cleane, shall bring the man which is to bee made cleane, and those things before the Lord, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

12 Then the Priest shal take one lambe, and offer him for a trespasse offering, and the pint of oyle, and * shake them to and fro before the Lord.

13 And he shall kill the lambe in the place where the sinne offering and the burnt offering are slaine, euen in the holy place: for as the * sinne offering is the Priests, so is the trespasse offering: for it is most holy.

14 So the Priest shal take of the blood of the trespasse offering, and put it vpon the lap of the right eare of him that shall be cleansed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right foote.

15 The Priest shall also take of the pint of oyle, and powre it into the palme of his left hand.

16 And the Priest shall dippe his ‡ right finger in the oyle that is in his left hand, and sprinkle of the oyle with his finger seuen times before the Lord.

17 And of the rest of the oyle that is in his hande, shall the Priest put vpon the lap of the right eare of him that is to be cleansed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hande, and vpon the great toe of his right foote, ‡ where the blood of the trespasse offering was put.

18 But the remnant of the oyle that is in the

Matth.8.2. marke 1.40. luke 5.12.

a Or the ceremony which shal be vsed in his purgation.

o Whether it be garment, vessell, or instrument.

p But abide still in one place, as verse 37.

q But remaine as it did before.

r Or, whether it be in any bare place before, or behinde.

s To the intent he might be sure that the leprosie was departed, and that all occasion of infection might be taken away.

‖ Or, little birds.

b Of birds which were permitted to be eaten.

c Running water, or of the fountaines.

d Signifying that he that was made cleane, was set at liberty, and restored to the company of others.

e Which hath no imperfection in any member.

f This measure in Ebrew is called Log, and conteineth fixe egges in measure.

Exod.29.24.

Chap.7.1,7.

‡ Eb. the finger of his right hand.

‡ Ebr. vpon the blood of the trespasse offering.

the Priests hand, her shall powre vpon the head of him that is to bee cleansed: so the Priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord.

19 And the Priest shal offer the sinne offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed of his vncleannesse: then after shall he kill the burnt offering.

20 So the Priest shall offer the burnt offering, and the meat offering vpon the altar: and the Priest shall make an atonement for him: so he shalbe cleane.

21 But if he be poore, and ‡ not able, then he shal bring one Lambe for a trespasse offering to bee shaken, for his reconciliation, and a ‖ tenth deale of fine flowre mingled with oyle, for a meate offering, with a pinte of oyle.

22 Also two turtle doues, or two young pigeons, as he is able, whereof the one shall be a sinne offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23 And he shall bring them the eight day for his cleansing vnto the Priest at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation before the Lord.

24 Then the Priest shall take the lambe of the trespasse offring, and the pinte of oyle, and the Priest shall * shake them to and fro before the Lord.

25 And he shall kill the lambe of the trespasse offring, and the Priest shall take of the blood of the trespasse offering, and put it vpon the lappe of his right eare that is to be cleansed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right foote.

26 Also the Priest shall powre of the oyle into the palme of his owne ‡ left hand.

27 So the Priest shall with his right finger, sprinckle of the oyle that is in his left hand, seuen times before the Lord.

28 Then the Priest shall put of the oyle that is in his hand, vpon the lappe of the right eare of him that is to bee cleansed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hande, and vpon the great toe of his right foote: vpon the place ‖ of the blood of the trespasse offring.

29 But the rest of the oyle that is in the Priests hand, he shall put vpon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord.

30 Also hee shall prepare one of the turtle doues, or of the yong pigeons, as hee is able:

31 Such, I say, as hee is able, the one for a sinne offring, and the other for a burnt offering with the meat offring: so the Priest shal make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the Lord.

32 This is the ¶ law of him which hath the plague of leprosie, who is not able in his cleansing to offer the whole.

33 ¶ The Lord also spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan which I giue you in possession, if I send the plague of leprosie in an house of the land of your possession,

35 Then hee that owneth the house, shall come and tell the Priest, saying, Me thinke there is like a plague of leprosie in the house.

36 Then the Priest shall commaund them to emptie the house before the Priest goe into it to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made vncleane, and then shall the Priest goe in to see the house,

37 And he shall marke the plague: and if the plague bee in the walles of the house, and that there be deepe ‖ spots, greenish or reddish, which seeme to bee lower then the wall,

38 Then the Priest shall goe out of the house to the doore of the house, and shal cause to shut vp the house seuen dayes.

39 So the Priest shall come againe the seuenth day: and if he see that the plague be increased in the walles of the house,

40 Then the Priest shall commaund them to take away the stones wherein the plague is, and they shall cast them into a foule place without the citie.

41 Also he shall cause to scrape the house within round about, and powre the dust, that they haue pared off, without the citie in ‖ an vncleane place.

42 And they shall take other stones, and put them in the places of those stones, and shall take other mortar, to plaister the house with.

43 But if the plague come againe, and breake out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after that he hath scraped and plaistered the house,

44 Then the Priest shall come and see: and if the plague growe in the house, it is a fretting leprosie in the house: it is therefore vncleane.

45 And he shal * breake downe the house, with the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the ‖ morter of the house, and he shall carie them out of the citie into an vncleane place.

46 Moreouer he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut vp, he shall be vncleane vntil the euen.

47 He also that sleepeth in the house, shal wash his clothes: he likewise that eateth in the house, shall wash his clothes.

48 But if the Priest shall come and see that the plague hath spread no further in the house after the house be plaistred, the Priest shall pronounce that house cleane, for the plague is healed.

49 Then shal he take to purifie the house, two sparrowes, and cedar wood, and ° scarlet lace, and hyssope.

50 And he shall kill one sparow ouer pure water in an earthen vessell,

51 And shal take the cedar wood, and the hyssope, and the scarlet lace with the liue sparow, and dip them in the blood of the slaine sparow, and in the pure water, and sprinckle the house seuen times:

52 So shall he cleanse the house with the blood of the sparow, and with the pure water, and with the liue sparow, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssope, and with the scarlet lace.

53 Afterward he shall let goe the liue sparowe out of the ‡ towne into the ‡ broade fieldes;

uncleanes by issues

‡ Ebr. his hand cannot take it.

g Which is an Omer, reade Exo. 16.16.

‖ Or, blackenesse, or hollow streaks.

h Or, shall offer them as the offering that is shaken to and fro.

‖ Or, polluted.

‡ Ebr. into the palme of the Priests left hand.

m Where carions were cast, and other filth, that the people might not therewith be infected.

‖ Or, where the blood of the trespasse offering was put, as verse 17.

n That is, he shal commaund it to be pulled downe, as verse 40.

‖ Or, dust.

i Whether of them he can get.

‖ Or, besides the meat offering.

k This order is appointed for the poore man.

l This declareth that no plague nor punishment commeth to man without Gods prouidence and his sending.

o It seemed that this was a lace or string to binde the hyssope to the wood, and so was made a sprinkle, the Apostle to the Hebrewes calleth it scarlet wooll, Heb. 9.19.

‡ Ebr. a citie.

‡ Ebr. on the face of the field.

strokes: so shall hee make atonement for the house, and it shalbe cleane.

15 This is the law for euery plague of leprosie and blacke spot,

16 And of the leprosie of the garment, and of the house,

17 And of the ‖ swelling, and of the scab, and of the white spot.

18 That is the law of the leprosie to teach when a thing is vncleane, and when it is cleane.

Chap. 13. 30.

‖ Or, rising.

‡ Ebr. in the day of the vncleane, and in the day of the cleane.

CHAP. XV.

1. 19 The manner of purging the vncleane issues, both of men and women. 31 The children of Israel must be separate from all vncleannesse.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, ¶ Whosoeuer hath an issue from his a flesh, is vncleane, because of his issue.

a Whose seed either in sleeping, or els of weakenesse of nature issueth at his secret part.

3 And this shalbe his vncleannesse in his issue: when his flesh auoydeth his issue, or if his flesh be stopped from his issue, this is his b vncleannesse.

b Or, the thing, wherefore hee shalbe vncleane.

4 Euery bed whereon he lieth that hath the issue, shall be vncleane, and euery thing whereon he sitteth shalbe vncleane.

5 ¶ Whosoeuer also toucheth his bed, shall wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shalbe vncleane vntill the euen.

6 And hee that sitteth on any thing whereon he sate that hath the issue, shal wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shalbe vncleane vntill the euen.

7 Also hee that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue, shal wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shalbe vncleane vntill the euen.

8 If he also that hath the issue, spit vpon him that is cleane, c he shal wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shall be vncleane vntil the euen.

c On whom the vncleane man did spit.

9 And what d saddle soeuer he rideth vpon, that hath the issue, shalbe vncleane.

d The word signifieth euery thing whereon a man rideth.

10 And whosoeuer toucheth any thing that was vnder him shal be vncleane vntil the euen: and hee that beareth those things, shall wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shall be vncleane vntill the euen.

11 Likewise whomsoeuer hee toucheth that hath the issue (and hath not washed his hands in water) shal wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shalbe vncleane vntill the euen.

12 And the vessell of earth that hee toucheth, which hath the issue, shall be broken: and euery vessell of wood shall bee rinsed in water.

Chap. 6. 28.

13 But if he that hath an issue, be e cleansed of his issue, then shall he count him seuen dayes for his clensing, and wash his clothes, and wash his flesh in pure water: so shall he be cleane.

e That is, be restored to his old state, and be healed thereof.

14 Then the eight day he shall take vnto him two turtle doues, or two yong pigeons, and come before the Lord at the doore of Tabernacle of the Congregation, and shall giue them vnto the Priest.

15 And the Priest shall make of the one of them a sinne offering, and of the other a burnt offering: so the Priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord, for his issue.

16 Also if any mans issue of seede depart from him, he shall wash all his f flesh in water, and be vncleane vntill the euen.

f Meaning, all his body.

17 And euery garment and euery skinne whereupon shall be issue of seed, shall be euen washed with water, and bee vncleane vnto the euen.

18 If he that hath an issue of seed doe lie with a woman, they shall both wash themselues with water, and be vncleane vntil the euen.

19 ¶ Also when a woman shall haue an issue, and her issue in her ‖ flesh shalbe blood, she shalbe put apart seuen dayes: and whosoeuer toucheth her, shall be vncleane vntil the euen.

‖ Or, secret part.

20 And whatsoeuer she lieth vpon in her separation, shalbe vncleane, and euery thing that she sitteth vpon, shall be vncleane.

21 ¶ Whosoeuer also toucheth her bed, shal wash his clothes, and wash himselfe with water, and shalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

22 And whosoeuer toucheth any thing that she sate vpon, shall wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shalbe vncleane vnto the euen:

23 So that whether he touch her bed, or any thing whereon she hath sit, he shalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

24 And if a man lie with her, g the flowers of her separation h touch him, he shall be vncleane seuen dayes, and all the whole bed whereon he lieth, shalbe vncleane.

g That is, when she hath her floures, whereby she is separate from her husband, from the Tabernacle, and from touching of any holy thing.

h If any other vncleannesse did onely touch him in the bed: for els the man that companied with such a woman, should die, Chap. 20. 18.

25 Also when a womans issue of blood runneth long time besides the time of her ‡ flowers, or when she hath an issue longer then her flowers, all the dayes of the issue of her vncleannesse, she shall be vncleane, as in the time of her flowers.

‡ Ebr. separation.

26 Euery bed whereon she lieth (as long as her issue lasteth) shal be to her as her i bed of her separation: and whatsoeuer she sitteth vpon, shall be vncleane, as her vncleannesse when she is put apart.

i Shall be vncleane, as the bed whereon she lay when she had her naturall disease.

27 And whosoeuer toucheth these things, shall be vncleane and shall wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shall be vncleane vnto the euen.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall k count her seuen dayes, and after, she shalbe cleane.

k After the time that she is recouered.

29 And in the eight day she shall take vnto her two turtles, or two yong pigeons, and bring them vnto the Priest at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

30 And the Priest shall make of the one a sinne offering, and of the other a burnt offering, and the Priest shall make an atonement for her before the Lord, for the issue of her vncleannesse.

31 Thus shall ye l separate the children of Israel from their vncleannesse, that they die not in their vncleannesse, if they defile my Tabernacle that is among them.

l Seeing that God requireth of his purity and cleannesse: wee cannot be his, except our filth and sinnes bee purged with the blood of Iesus Christ, and so we learne to detest all sinne.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him from whom goeth an issue of seede whereby he is defiled:

33 Also

33 And of her that is sicke of her flonres, and of him that hath a running issue, whether it be man or woman, and of him that lieth with her which is vncleane.

CHAP. XVI.

2 The Priest ought not at all times come into the most holy place. 8 The Scapegoate. 14 The purging of the Sanctuary. 17 The cleansing of the Tabernacle. 21 The Priest confesseth the sinnes of the people. 29 The feast of cleasing sinnes.

FVrthermore the Lord spake vnto Moses, * after the death of the two sonnes of Aaron, when they came to offer before the Lord, and died:

Chap.10.1,2.

2 And the Lord said vnto Moses, Speake vnto Aaron thy brother, * that he come not at a all times into the holy place within the vaile, before the Mercieseate, which is vpon the Arke, that he die not: for I will appeare in the cloud vpon the Mercieseate.

Exod.30.10. hebr.9.7.

a The hie Priest entred into the Holiest of all but once a yeere, euen in the moneth of September.

3 After this sort shall Aaron come into the holy place: euen with a yong bullocke for a sinne offering, and a ramme for a burnt offering

4 He shall put on the holy linnen coate, and shal haue linen breeches vpon his ‖flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and shal couer his head with a linen miter: these are the holy garments: therefore shall hee wash his flesh in water, when he doeth put them on.

‖*Or, priuities.*

5 And he shall take of the Congregation of the children of Israel, two hee goates for a sinne offering, and a ramme for a burnt offering.

6 Then Aaron shal offer the bullocke for his sinne offering, * and make an atonement for himselfe, and for his house.

Heb.9.7.

7 And he shall take the two hee goates, and present them before the Lord at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

8 Then Aaron shall cast lots ouer the two hee goates: one lot for the Lord, and the other for the b Scape goate.

b In Ebrew it is called Azarel, which some say, is a mountaine neere Sinai, whither this goate was sent: but rather it is called the Scape goate, becaufe he was not offered, but sent into the desert, as verse 21.

9 And Aaron shall offer the goate, vpon which the Lords lot shall fall, and make him a sinne offering.

10 But the goate on which the lot shall fall to be the Scape goate, shall be presented aliue before the Lord, to make reconciliation by him, and to let him goe (as a Scape goat) into the wildernesse.

11 Thus Aaron shall offer the bullocke for his sinne offring, and make a reconciliation for himselfe, and for his house, and shall kill the bullocke for his sinne offering.

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coales from off the altar before the Lord, and his hand full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the c vaile,

c The holiest of all.

13 And shall put the incense vpon the fire before the Lord, that the ‖ cloud of the incense may couer the Mercieseate that is vpon the ‖ Testimony: so he shall not die.

‖*Or, the smoke.* ‖*Or, Arke. Hebr.9.13. and 10.4. Chap.4.6.*

14 And he shall * take of the blood of the bullocke, * and sprinckle it with his finger vpon the Mercieseate d Eastward: and before the Mercieseate shall he sprinckle of the blood with his finger seuen times.

d That is, on the side which was toward the people: for the head of the Sanctuary stood Westward.

15 Then shall he kill the goate that is the peoples sinne offering, and bring his blood within the vaile, and doe with that blood, as hee did with the blood of the bullocke, and sprinckle it vpon the Mercieseate, and before the Mercieseat.

The high Priests sinne offering

16 So he shall purge the holy place from the vncleannesse of the children of Israel, and from their trespasses of all their sinnes: so shall he doe also for the Tabernacle of the Congregation e placed with them, in the mids of their vncleannesse.

e Placed among them which are vncleane. *Luke 1.10.*

17 * And there shalbe no man in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, when hee goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, vntill he come out, and haue made an atonement for himselfe, and for his householde, and for all the Congregation of Israel.

18 After, he shall goe out vnto the f altar that is before the Lord, and make a reconciliation vpon it, and shall take of the blood of the bullocke, and of the blood of the goate, and put it vpon the hornes of the altar round about:

f Whereupon the sweete incense and perfume was offred.

19 So shal he sprinckle of the blood vpon it with his finger seuen times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the vncleannesse of the children of Israel.

20 ¶ When he hath made an end of purging the holy place, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the altar, then he shal bring the liue goate:

21 And Aaron shall put both his hands vpon the head of the liue goate, and confesse ouer him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their trespasses, in all their sinnes, putting them g vpon the head of the goate: and shall sende him away (by the hand of a man appointed) into the wildernesse.

g Herein this goate is a true figure of Iesus Christ, who beareth the sinnes of the people. *Isa.53.4.*

22 So the goate shall beare vpon him all their iniquities into h the land that is not inhabited, and he shall let the goate goe into the wildernesse.

h *Ebr. the land of separation.*

23 After, Aaron shall come into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and put off the linen clothes, which he put on when hee went into the Holy place, and leaue them there.

24 He shall wash also his flesh with water in i the holy place, and put on his owne raiment, and come out, and make his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himselfe, and for the people.

i In the Court where was the Lauer, *Exod. 30.18.*

25 Also the fat of the sinne offering shall he burne vpon the altar.

26 And he that caried foorth the goate, called the Scape goate, shall wash his clothes, and wash his flesh in water, and after that shall come into the hoste.

27 Also the bullocke for the burnt offring, and the goate for the sinne offering (whose blood was brought to make a reconciliation in the holy place) shall one * cary out without the hoste to be burnt in the fire, with their skinnes, and with their flesh, and with their dung.

Chap.6.30. hebr.13.12.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and wash his flesh in water, and afterward come into the hoste.

29 ¶ So

29 ¶ So this shall be an ordinance for euer vnto you: the tenth day of the seuenth moneth, ye shall [k] humble your soules, and doe no worke at all, whether it be one of the same country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you.

30 For that [*] day shall the Priest make an atonement for you to cleanse you: ye shall bee cleane from all your sinnes before the Lord.

31 This shalbe a [l] Sabbath of rest vnto you, and yee shall humble your soules, by an ordinance for euer.

32 And the Priest [m] whom hee shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate (to minister in his fathers stead) shal make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes and holy vestments,

33 And shall purge the holy Sanctuary and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and shall cleanse the Altar, and make an atonement for the Priestes and for all the people of the Congregation.

34 And this shall be an euerlasting ordinance vnto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sinnes [*] once a yeere: and as the Lord commanded Moses, he did.

CHAP. XVII.

4 All sacrifices must be brought to the doore of the Tabernacle. 7 To deuils may they not offer. 10 They may not eate blood.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto Aaron, and to his sonnes, and to all the children of Israel, and say vnto them, This is the thing which the Lord hath [*] commanded, saying,

3 ¶ Whosoeuer hee bee of the house of Israel, that [b] killeth a bullocke, or lambe, or goat in the hoste, or that killeth it out of the hoste,

4 And bringeth it not vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation to offer an offering vnto the Lord before the Tabernacle of the Lord, [c] blood shall be imputed vnto that man: hee hath shedde blood, wherefore that man shall bee cut off from among his people.

5 Therefore the children of Israel shall bring their offerings, which they would offer [d] abroad in the fielde, and present them vnto the Lord at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation by the Priest, and offer them for peace offerings vnto the Lord.

6 Then the Priest shal sprinkle the blood vpon the Altar of the Lord before the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and burne the fat for a [*] sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

7 And they shall no more offer their offerings vnto [e] deuils, after whom they haue gone a [f] whoring: this shall be an ordinance for euer vnto them in their generations.

8 ¶ Also thou shalt say vnto them, Whosoeuer hee bee of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourne among them, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation to offer it vnto the Lord, euen that man shall bee cut off from his people.

10 ¶ Likewise whosoeuer hee bee of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourne among them, that eateth any blood, I will euen set my face against that person that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people:

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I haue giuen it vnto you to offer vpon the Altar, to make an atonement for your soules: for this blood shall make an atonement for the soule.

12 Therefore I sayd vnto the children of Israel, None of you shall eate blood: neither the stranger that sojourneth among you, shall eate blood.

13 Moreouer, whosoeuer he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourne among them, which by hunting taketh any beast or foule that may bee [h] eaten, he shall powre out the blood thereof, and couer it with dust:

14 For the life of all flesh is his blood, it is ioyned with his life: therefore I sayd vnto the children of Israel, [*] Yee shall eate the blood of no ‖ flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoeuer eateth it, shall be cut off.

15 And euery person that eateth it, which dieth alone, or that which is torne with beasts, whether it be one of the same country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and be vncleane vnto the euen: after he shall be ‖ cleane.

16 But if he wash them not, nor wash his ‖ flesh, then he shall beare ‖ his iniquity.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 The Israelites ought not to follow the manners of the Egyptians and Canaanites. 6 The mariages that are vnlawfull.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, I am the Lord your God.

3 After the [*] doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shal ye not doe: and after the maner of the land of Canaan, whither I will bring you, shal ye not doe, neither walke in their ordinances,

4 But do after my iudgements, and keepe mine ordinances, to walke therein: I am the Lord your God.

5 Ye shall keepe therefore my statutes, and my iudgements, [*] which if a man doe, he shall then liue in them: [b] I am the Lord.

6 ¶ None shall come neere to any of the kinred of his flesh, to [c] vncouer her shame: I am the Lord.

7 Thou shalt not vncouer the shame of thy father, nor the shame of thy mother: for she is thy mother, thou shalt not discouer her shame.

8 [*] The shame of thy fathers [d] wife shalt thou not discouer: for it is thy fathers shame.

9 Thou shalt not discouer the shame of thy

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i Which was Tisri, and answereth to part of September and part of October.

k Meaning, by abstinence and fasting, Numb. 29.7. *Chap.* 23.7.

l Or, a rest which yee shall keepe most diligently.

m Whom the Priest shal anoint by Gods commandement to succeed in his fathers roome.

Exod. 30.10. *hebr.* 9.7.

a Lest they should practise that idolatrie, which they had learned among the Egyptians.

b To make a sacrifice or offring thereof.

c I doe as much abhorre it, as though he had killed a man, as Isa. 66.3.

d Whereseuer they were mooued with foolish deuotion to offer it.

Exod. 29.18. *chap.* 4.31.

e Meaning, what soeuer is not the true God, 1. Cor. 10.20. psal. 95.5

f Idolatry is the spirituall whoredome, because faith towards God is broken.

g I will declare my wrath, by taking vengeance on him, as chap. 20.3.

h Which the law permitteth to be eaten because it is cleane. *Gen.* 9.4.

‖ *Or, liuing creature.*

‖ *Or, counted cleane.*

‖ *Or, himselfe.*

‖ *Or, the punishment of his sinne.*

a Ye shal preserue your selues from these abominations following, which the Egyptians and Canaanites vse. *Ezek.* 20.18. *rom.* 10.5. *galat.* 3.12.

b And therefore ye ought to serue me alone, as my people.

c That is, to lie with her, though it be vnder title of mariage. *Chap.* 20.11.

d Which is thy stepmother.

e Either by father or mother, borne in marriage or otherwise.

f They are her children, whose shame thou hast vncouered.

Chap.20.19.

‖*Or.secrets.*

Chap.20.20.

g Which thine vncle doth discouer.

‡*Ebr.thy fathers brothers wife.*

Chap.20.12.

*Chap.*20.21.

h Because the idolaters, among whome Gods people had dwelt and should dwell, were giuen to these horrible incests, God chargeth his to beware of the same.

i By seeing thine affection more bent to her sister then to her.

Chap.20.18.

k Or whiles she hath her flowers.

Chap.20.2.

2.king.23.10.

‡*Ebr. of thy seed.*

‖*Or.to make them passe.*

l Which was an idole of the Ammonites, vnto whom they burned and sacrificed their children, 2.King. 23.10. This seemed to be the chiefe and principal of all idols: and as the Iewes write, was of a great stature, and hollow within, hauing seuen places or chambers within him: one was to receiue meale that was offered: another turtle doues: the third a sheepe: the fourth a ramme: the fift a calfe: the sixt an oxe: the seuenth a child. This idoles face was like a calfe, his hands were euer stretched out to receiue gifts: his Priests were called Chemarim: Reade 2 King. 23.5. hose 10.5. zeph. 1.4. *Chap.20.15.* ‖ *Or, confusion.* m I will punish the Land where such incestuous marriages and polutions are suffered. n Hee compareth the wicked to euill humours and surfeiting, which corrupt the stomacke and oppresse nature, and therefore must be cast out by vomit.

thy e sister the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether shee bee borne at home, or borne without: thou shalt not discouer their shame.

10 The shame of thy sonnes daughter, or of thy daughters daughter, thou shalt not, I say, vncouer their shame: for it is thy f shame.

11 The shame of thy fathers wives daughter, begotten of thy father, (for shee is thy sister) thou shalt not, I say, discouer her shame.

12 * Thou shalt not vncouer the ‖ shame of thy fathers sister: for shee is thy fathers kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not discouer the shame of thy mothers sister: for shee is thy mothers kinswoman.

14 * Thou shalt not vncouer the shame of thy g fathers brother: that is, thou shalt not goe in to his wife, for shee is thine ‡ aunt.

15 * Thou shalt not discouer the shame of thy daughter in law: for shee is thy sonnes wife: therefore shalt thou not vncouer her shame.

16 * Thou shalt not discouer the shame of thy h brothers wife: for it is thy brothers shame.

17 Thou shalt not discouer the shame of a wife and of her daughter, neither shalt thou take her sonnes daughter, nor her daughters daughter, to vncouer her shame: for they are thy kinsfolkes, and it were wickednesse.

18 Also thou shalt not take a wife with her sister, during her life, to i vexe her, in vncouering her shame vpon her.

19 * Thou shalt not also goe vnto a woman to vncouer her shame, as long as she is put k apart for her disease.

20 Moreouer, thou shalt not giue thy selfe to thy neighbours wife by carnall copulation, to be defiled with her.

21 * Also thou shalt not giue thy ‡ children to ‖ offer them vnto l Molech, neither shalt thou defile the Name of thy God: for I am the Lord.

22 Thou shalt not lie with the male, as one lieth with a woman: for it is abomination.

23 * Thou shalt not also lie with any beast to be defiled therewith, neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie downe thereto: for it is ‖ abomination.

24 Ye shal not defile your selues in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled, which I will cast out before you:

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I will m visit the wickednesse thereof vpon it, and the land n shall vomit out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall keepe therefore mine ordinances, and my iudgements, and commit none of these abominations, as well he that is of the same country, as the stranger that sojourneth among you.

27 (For all these abominations haue the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled:

28 And shall not the land spue you out if yee defile it, as it o spued out the people that were before you:)

29 For whosoeuer shall commit any of these abominations, the persons that doe so, shall p be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall yee keepe mine ordinances, that yee doe not any of the abominable customes, which haue beene done before you, and that ye defile not your selues therein: for I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of sundrie lawes and ordinances.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and say vnto them, * Ye shalbe q holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

3 ¶ Ye shall feare euery man his mother and his father, & shall keepe my Sabbaths: for I am the Lord your God.

4 ¶ Yee shall not turne vnto idoles, nor make you molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

5 ¶ And when ye shall offer a peace offering vnto the Lord, ye shall offer it r freely.

6 It shall be eaten the day ye offer it, or on the morrow: and that which remaineth vntill the third day, shal be burnt in the fire.

7 For if it be eaten the third day, it shall be vncleane, it shall not be s accepted.

8 Therefore he that eateth it, shall beare his iniquitie, because he hath defiled the hallowed thing of the Lord, and that person shalbe cut off from his people.

9 ¶ * When ye reape the haruest of your land, yee shall not reape euery corner of your field, neither shalt thou gather the ‖ glainings of thy haruest.

10 Thou shalt not gather the grapes of thy vineyard eleane, neither gather euery grape of thy vineyard, but thou shalt leaue them for the poore and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 ¶ Yee shall not steale, neither t deale falsely, neither lie one to another.

12 ¶ * Also yee shall not sweare by my Name falsely, neither shalt thou defile the Name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not doe thy neighbour ‖ wrong, neither rob him. * The workmans hire shall not abide with thee vntill the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deafe, * neither put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt feare thy God: I am the Lord.

15 ¶ Yee shall not doe vnrighteously in iudgement. * Thou shalt not fauour the person of the poore, nor honour the person of the mighty, but thou shalt iudge thy neighbour iustly.

16 ¶ Thou shalt not u walke about with tales among the people. Thou shalt not

Sundry Lawes

o Both for their wicked marriages vnnaturall copulations, idolatry or spirituall whoredome with Molech, and such like abominations.

p Either by the ciuil sword, or by some plague that God will send vpon such.

1 Februarie
1 Lesson
Euening

Chap.17.44 and 20.7.1.pet.1.16.

q That is voide of all pollution, idolatrie, and superstition both of soule and body.

r Of your owne accord.

Chap.7.16.

s To wit, of God.

Chap.23.22.

‖*Or.gatherings and leasings.*

t In that which is committed to your credit.

Exod.20.7. deut. 5.11. matt.5.34.

‖*Or, oppresse him by violence.*

Deut.24.14,15. iob.4.14.

Deut.27.18. Exod.23.3. deut. 1.17. and 16.19. prou.24.23. iam. 2.2.

u As a slanderer, backbiter, or quarell picker.

not f stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart, but thou shalt plainly rebuke thy neighbour, ‡ and suffer him not to sinne.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not auenge, nor be mindfull of wrong against the children of thy people, * but shalt loue thy neighbor as thy selfe: I am the Lord.

19 ¶ Yee shall keepe mine ordinances. Thou shalt not let thy cattell gender with g others of diuers kinds. Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seede, neither shall a garment of diuers things, as of linnen and woollen, come vpon thee.

20 ¶ Whosoeuer also lieth and medleth with a woman that is a bondmaide, affianced to an husband, and not redeemed, nor freedome giuen her, ‡ thee shall be scourged, but they shall not die, because she is not made free.

21 And he shal bring for his trespasse offering vnto the Lord, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, a ramme for a trespasse offering.

22 Then the Priest shall make an atonement for him with the ramme of the trespasse offring before the Lord concerning his sinne which he hath done, and pardon shalbe giuen him for his sinne which hee hath committed.

23 ¶ Also when yee shall come into the land, and haue planted euery tree for meate, ye h shal count the fruit thereof as vncircumcised: three yeeres shall it bee vncircumcised vnto you, it shall not be eaten:

24 But in the fourth yeere all the fruite thereof shalbe holy to the praise of the Lord.

25 And in the fifth yeere shall ye eat of the fruit of it, that it may ‖ yeeld to you the encrease thereof: I am the Lord your God.

26 ¶ Yee shall not eate the flesh with the ‖ blood, ye shall not vse witchcraft, nor i observe times.

27 * Ye shall not k cut round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou ‖ marre the tufts of thy beard.

28 * Yee shall not cut your flesh for the dead, nor make any print of a l marke vpon you: I am the Lord.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not make thy daughter common, to cause her to bee a m whore, lest the land also fal to whoredome, and the land be full of wickednesse.

30 ¶ Ye shall keepe my Sabbaths, and reuerence my Sanctuarie: I am the Lord.

31 ¶ Ye shal not regard them that worke with spirits, * neither soothsayers: yee shall not seeke to them to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

32 ¶ Thou shalt n rise vp before the hoare head, and honour the person of the old man, and dread thy God: I am the Lord.

33 ¶ And if a stranger sojourne with thee in your land, ye shall not ‖ vexe him.

34 * But the stranger that dwelleth with you, shall bee as one of your selues, and thou shalt loue him as thy selfe: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

35 ¶ Yee shall not doe vniustly in iudgement, in * line, in weight, or in measure.

36 * You shall haue iust ballances, true weights, a true ephah, and a true hin. I am the Lord your God, which haue brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye obserue all mine ordinances, and all my iudgements, and doe them: I am the Lord.

CHAP. XX.

2 They that giue of their seed to Molech, must die. 6 They that haue recourse to sorcerers. 10 The man that committeth adulterie, 11 incest, or fornication with the kinred or affinitie. 24 Israel a peculiar people to the Lord.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Thou shalt say also to the children of Israel, * Whosoeuer he bee of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that dwell in Israel, that giueth his children vnto a Molech, he shall die the death, the people of the land shall stone him to death.

3 And I b will set my face against that man, and cut him off from among his people, because he hath giuen his children vnto Molech, for to defile my Sanctuarie, and to pollute mine holy Name.

4 And if the c people of the land hide their eyes, and winke at that man when hee giueth his children vnto Molech, and kill him not,

5 Then will I set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and al that goe a whoring after him to commit whoredome with Molech, from among their people.

6 ¶ If any turne after such as worke with spirits, and after soothsayers, to goe a d whoring after them, then wil I set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 ¶ Sanctifie your selues therefore, * and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.

8 Keepe yee therefore mine ordinances, and doe them, I am the Lord which doeth sanctifie you.

9 ¶ * If there be any that curseth his father or his mother, he shal die the death: seeing he hath cursed his father and his mother, * his blood shall be vpon him.

10 ¶ * And the man that committeth adulterie with another mans wife, because hee hath committed adulterie with his neighbours wife, the adulterer and the adulteresse shall die the death.

11 And the man that lieth with his fathers wife, because he hath vncouered his fathers * shame, they shall both die: their blood shall be vpon them.

12 Also the man that lieth with his daughter in law, they both shall die the death, they haue wrought ‖ abomination, their blood shalbe vpon them.

13 ¶ * The man also that lieth with the male, as one lieth with a woman, they haue both committed abomination: they shall die the death, their blood shall be vpon them.

14 Likewise hee that taketh a wife, and her mother, f committeth wickednesse: they shall burne him and them with fire, that there

f By consenting to his death, or conspiring with the wicked.
‡ Ebr. suffer not sinne vpon him.
Matt. 5.43. rom. 13.9. gal. 5.14. iam. 2.8.
g As an horse to leape an asse, or a mule a mare.
‡ Ebr. a beating shall be: some reade they shall be beaten.
h It shall be vncleane, as that thing, which is not circumcised.
‖ Or, that God may multiply.
‖ Whether it be strangled, or otherwise.
i To measure luckie or vnluckie dayes. Chap 21.5.
k As did the Gentiles in signe of mourning.
‖ Or, cut, or teare. Deut. 14.1.
‡ Ebr. soule, or person.
l By whipping your bodies, or burning markes therein.
m As did the Cyprians and Locrenses. 1. Sam. 28.8.
n In token of reuerence.
‖ Or, d e him wrong. Exod. 22.21.
o As in measuring the ground. Pro. 11.1. & 16.11. and 20.10.
p By these two measures hemeaneth all other. Of ephah, read Exo. 16.36. & of Hin, Exod 29 40.
Chap. 18.21.
a By Molech, he meaneth any kinde of idoles, Chap. 18.21.
b Reade chap. 17.10. and 18.21.
c Though the people be negligent to doe their duty and defend Gods right, yet he will not suffer wickednesse to goe vnpunished.
d To esteeme sorcerers or coniurers is spirituall whoredome, or idolatrie. Chap. 11.44. 1. pet. 1.16.
Exod. 21.17. prou. 20.20. matth. 15.4.
e He is worthy to die. Deut. 22.22. ioh. 8.4.5.
Chap. 18.8. deut. 22.30.
‖ Or, confusion.
Chap. 18.22.
f It is an execrable and detestable thing.

there be no wicke vnelle among you.

15 * Also the man that lieth with a beast, shal die the death, and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman come to any beast, and lie therwith, then thou shalt kil the woman and the beast: they shall die the death, their blood shall be vpon them.

17 Also the man that taketh his sister, his fathers daughter, or his mothers daughter, and seeth her shame and she seeth his shame, it is villanie: therefore they shalbe cut off in the sight of their people, because hee hath vncouered his sisters shame, hee shall beare his iniquitie.

18 * The man also that lyeth with a woman having her ‖ disease, and vncouereth her shame, and openeth her fountaine, and thee open the fountaine of her blood, they shall bee euen both cut off from among their people.

19 Moreouer thou shalt not vncouer the shame of thy mothers sister, * nor of thy fathers sister: because hee hath vncouered his ‡ kinne, they shall beare their iniquitie.

20 Likewise the man that lieth with his fathers brothers wife, and vncouereth his vncles shame: they shall beare their iniquitie, and shall die ‖ childelesse.

21 So the man that taketh his brothers wife, committeth filthinesse, because hee hath vncouered his brothers * shame: they shalbe childelesse.

22 ¶ Ye shal keepe therefore all mine * ordinances and all my iudgements, and doe them, that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, * spue you not out.

23 Wherefore yee shall not walke in the maners of this nation, which I cast out before you: for they haue committed all these things, * therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I haue said vnto you, Ye shall inherite their land, and I wil giue it vnto you to possesse it, euen a land that * floweth with milke and honie: I am the Lord your God, which haue separated you from other people.

25 * Therefore shall ye put difference betweene cleane beastes and vncleane, and betweene vncleane fowles and cleane: neither shall yee * defile your selues with beasts and fowles, nor with any creeping thing, that the ground bringeth forth, which I haue separated from you as vncleane.

26 Therefore shall ye be * holy vnto mee: for I the Lord am holy, and I haue separated you from other people, that yee should be mine.

27 ¶ * And if a man or woman haue a spirit of diuination, or soothsaying in them, they shall die the death, they shall stone them to death, their blood shalbe vpon them.

CHAP. XXI.

2 For whom the Priests may lament. 6 How pure the Priests ought to bee, both in themselues, and in their family.

AND the Lord said vnto Moses, Speake vnto the Priestes the sonnes of Aaron, and say vnto them, Let none bee * defiled by the dead among his people,

2 But by his kinseman that is neere vnto him: to wit, by his mother, or by his father, or by his sonne, or by his daughter, or by his brother,

3 Or by his sister a * maide, that is neere vnto him, which hath not had a husband: for her ‡ he may lament.

4 He shall not lament for the ‖ Prince among his people to pollute himselfe.

5 They shall not make * balde partes vpon their head, nor shaue off the locks of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shalbe holy vnto their God, and not pollute the Name of their God: for the sacrifices of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God they doe offer: therefore they shalbe holy.

7 They shal not take to wife a whore, or * one polluted, neither shall they marrie a woman diuorced from her husband: for such one is holy vnto his God.

8 Thou shalt * sanctifie him therefore, for hee offereth the ‖ bread of thy God: hee shall be holy vnto thee: for I the Lord, which sanctifie you, am holy.

9 ¶ If a Priests daughter fall to play the whore, she polluteth her father: therefore shall shee be burnt with fire.

10 ¶ Also the hie Priest among his brethren, (vpon whose head the anoynting oyle was powred, and hath consecrated his hand to put on the garments) shall not ‡ vncouer his head, nor rent his clothes,

11 Neither shall hee goe to any ‖ dead body, nor make himselfe vncleane by his father or by his mother,

12 Neither shall he go out of the * Sanctuarie, nor pollute the holy place of his God: for the * crowne of the anoynting oyle of his God is vpon him: I am the Lord.

13 Also he shal take a maid vnto his wife.

14 But a widow, or a diuorced woman, or a polluted, or an harlot, these shall hee not marrie, but shall take a maide of his owne * people to wife:

15 Neither shal he defile his * seed among his people: for I am the Lord which sanctifie him.

16 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

17 Speake vnto Aaron, and say, Whosoeuer of thy seed in their generations hath any blemishes, shall not presse to offer the bread of his God:

18 For whosoeuer hath any blemish, shall not come neere: as a man blinde or lame, or that hath * a flat nose, or that hath any * misshapen member,

19 Or a man that hath a broken foote, or a broken hand,

20 Or is crooke backt, or bleare eyed, * or hath a blemish in his eye, or bee skirnie, or scabbed, or haue his stones broken.

21 None of the seede of Aaron the Priest that hath a blemish, shall come neere to offer the sacrifices of the Lord made by fire, hauing a blemish, hee shall not presse to offer the ‖ bread of his God.

22 The bread of his God, euen of the * most holy, and * of the holy shall he eate:

Chap. 18.23.

4 Ebr. in the eyes of the children of their people.

Chap. 18.19. ‖ Or, flowres.

Chap. 18.13,14. ‡ Ebr. flesh.

g They shall be cut off from their people, and their children shalbe taken as bastards and not counted among the Israelites.

h Reade Chap. 18.16. Chap. 18.26. Chap 18.25. Deut. 9.5.

f Full of abundance of all things. Chap. 11.2,3. deut. 14.4.

k By eating them contrary to my commandement Verse 7.

Deut. 18.11. 1. sam 28.7.

a By touching the dead, lamenting, or being at their buriall.

b For being married shee seemed to bee cut off from his family. ‡ Ebr. he may be defiled.

c The Priest was permitted to mourne for his next kinred only Chap. 19.27.

d Which hath an euill name, or is defamed.

e Thou shalt count them holy, and reuerence them.

f The shew-bread.

g He shal vse no such ceremonies as the mourners obserued. ‖ Or, to the house of the dead.

h To goe to the dead.

i For by his anoynting, he was preferred to the other Priests, and therefore could not lament the dead, least he should haue polluted his holy anoynting.

k Not onely of his tribe, but of all Israel.

l By marrying any vnchaste or defamed woman.

m Which is deformed or bruised.

n As not of equall proportion, or hauing in number more or lesse.

o Or, that hath a welt, or pearle.

p As the shew-bread, and meate offerings.

q As of sacrifice for sinne.

r As of the tenths and first fruits.

f Into the Sanctuarie.

The Priests whom he abstaineth from holy things

23 But he shall not go in vnto the f vaile, nor come neere the Altar, because hee hath a blemish, least hee pollute my Sanctuaries: for I am the Lord that sanctifie them.

24 Thus spake Moses vnto Aaron, and to his sonnes, and to all the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXII.

3 Who ought to abstaine from eating the things that were offered. 19 What oblations should bee offered.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto Aaron, and to his sonnes, that they be a separated from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they pollute not mine holy Name in those things, which they hallow vnto mee: I am the Lord.

a Meaning, that the Priestes absteine from eating, so long as they are polluted,

3 Say vnto them, Whosoeuer he be of all your seede among your generations after you, that b toucheth the holy things which the children of Israel halow vnto the Lord, hauing his vncleannesse vpon him, euen that person shall bee cut off from my sight: I am the Lord.

b To eate thereof,

4 * Whosoeuer also of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue, he shal not eate of the holy things vntill hee bee cleane: and who so toucheth any that is c vncleane by reason of the dead, or a man whose issue of seed runneth from him,

Chap. 15.2.

5 Or the man that toucheth any creeping thing, whereby hee may bee made vncleane, or a man, by whom hee may take vncleanesse, ‡ whatsoeuer vncleannesse he hath,

c By touching any dead thing, or being at burial of the dead.

6 The person that hath touched such, shall therefore bee vncleane vntill the euen, and shall not eate of the holy things ‖ except he haue washed his flesh with water.

‡ *Ebr according to al his vncleannesse.*

‖ *Or, vntill.*

7 But when the sunne is downe, he shall be cleane, and shall afterward eate of the holy things: for it is his ‖ foode.

‖ *Or, bread. Exod.* 22 31. *ezek.* 44 31.

8 * Of a beast that dieth, or is rent with beasts, wherby he may be defiled, he shal not eate: I am the Lord.

9 Let them keepe therefore mine ordinance, least they beare their sinne for it, and die for it, if they defile it: I the Lord sanctifie them.

d Which is not of the tribe of Leui.

10 There shall no d stranger also eate of the holy thing, neither e the ghest of the Priest, neither shall an hired seruant eate of the holy thing:

e Some reade, the seruaunt which had his eare bored, and would not goe free, Exod. 21 6.

11 But if the Priest buy any with money, he shall eate of it, also he that is borne in his house: they shall eate of his meate.

12 If the Priests daughter also bee married vnto a f stranger, she may not eate of the holy offerings.

f Who is not of the Priests kinred.

13 Notwithstanding if the Priestes daughter be a widow or diuorced, and haue no childe, but is returned vnto her fathers house, shee shall eate of her fathers bread, as shee did in her * youth: but there shall no stranger eate thereof.

Chap. 10.14.

14 If a man eate of the holy thing vnwittingly, hee shall put the g fift part thereunto, and giue it vnto the Priest with the halowed thing.

g He shall giue that and a fift part ouer,

15 So they shal not defile the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer vnto the Lord.

16 Neither cause the people to beare the iniquitie of their h trespasse, while they eate their holy thing: for I the Lord doe halow them.

h For if they did not offer for their errour, the people by their example might commit the like offence.

17 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

18 Speake vnto Aaron, & to his sonnes, and to all the children of Israel, and say vnto them, Whosoeuer he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his sacrifice for all their vowes, and for all their free offerings, which they vse to offer vnto the Lord for a burnt offering,

19 Ye shall offer of your free minde a male without blemish of the beeues, of the sheepe, or of the goates.

20 Ye shall not offer any thing that hath a blemish: for that shall not bee acceptable for you.

21 * And whosoeuer bringeth a peace offering vnto the Lord to accomplish his vow, or for a free offering, of the beeues, or of the sheepe, his free offring shalbe perfect, no blemish shalbe in it.

Deut. 15.21. *eccles.* 35.12.

22 Blinde, or broken, or maimed, or hauing a ‖ wenne, or skirule, or scabbed: these shall ye not offer vnto the Lord, nor make an offring by fire of these vpon the Altar of the Lord.

‖ *Or, wart.*

23 Yet a bullocke or a sheepe that hath any * member superfluous, or lacking, such mayest thou present for a free offring, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

Chap. 21.18.

24 Yee shall not offer vnto the Lord that which is bruised or crushed, or broken, or cut away, neither shall ye make an offering thereof in your land,

25 Neither i of the hand of a stranger shal yee offer the bread of your God of any of these, because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: therefore shal they not be accepted for you.

i Ye shal not receiue any vnperfect thing of a stranger, to make it the Lords offring: which he calleth the bread of the Lord.

26 And the Lord spake vnto Moses saying,

27 When a bullocke, or a sheepe, or a goat shall be brought forth, it shall be euen seuen dayes vnder his dammc: and from the eight day forth, it shall be accepted for a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

28 As for the cowe or the ewe, ye shall not * kill her, and her yong both in one day.

Deut 22.6.

29 So when ye will offer a thank-offring vnto the Lord, ye shall offer willingly.

30 The same day it shalbe eaten, yee shall leaue * none of it vntill the morow: I am the Lord.

Chap. 7.15.

31 Therefore shall ye keepe my commandements and doe them: for I am the Lord.

32 Neither shall yee * pollute mine holy Name, but I will bee hallowed among the children of Israel. I the Lord sanctifie you,

k For whosoeuer doeth otherwise then God commandeth, polluteth his Name.

33 Which haue brought you out of the land of Egypt, to bee your God: I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 The feasts of the Lord. 3 The Sabbath. 5 The Passouer. 6 The feast of vnleauened bread. 10 The feast of first fruites. 16 Whitsuntide. 24 The feast of blowing trumpets. 34 The feast of Tabernacles.

And

Of sundry Feasts

And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, The feasts of the Lord which ye shall call the holy ‖ assemblies, euen these are my feasts.
3 * Sixe dayes ‖ shal worke be done, but in the seuenth day shall bee the Sabbath of rest, an holy ‖ conuocation: yee shall doe no worke therein, it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.
4 ¶ These are the feasts of the Lord, and holy conuocations, which ye shall proclaime in their a seasons.
5 In the first moneth, and in the fourteenth day of the moneth at euening shall bee the passeouer of the Lord.
6 And on the fifteenth day of this moneth shall bee the feast * of vnleauened bread vnto the Lord: seuen dayes ye shall eate vnleauened bread.
7 In the first day yee shall haue an holy conuocation: ye shall doe no b seruile worke therein.
8 Also ye shall offer sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord seuen dayes, & in the c seuenth day shall be an holy conuocation: ye shall doe no seruile worke therein.
9 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
10 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, When yee be come into the land which I giue vnto you, and reape the haruest therof, then ye shal bring a sheafe of the first fruits of your haruest vnto the Priest.
11 And he shall shake the sheafe before the Lord, that it may be acceptable for you: the morrow after the d Sabbath, the Priest shal shake it.
12 And that day when ye shake the sheafe, shall yee prepare a lambe without blemish of a yeere olde, for a burnt offering vnto the Lord:
13 And the meate offering therof shall be two e tenth deales of fine flour mingled with oyle, for a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord of sweete sauour: and the drinke offering therof the fourth part f of an Hin of wine.
14 And ye shal eate neither bread nor parched corne, nor ‖ greene eares, vntill the selfe same day that yee haue brought an offering vnto your God: this shall bee a Lawe for euer in your generations g in all your dwellings.
15 ¶ Yee shall count also to you from the morrow after the g Sabbath, euen from the day that ye shall bring the sheafe of the shake offring, seuen ‖ Sabbaths, they shall be complete.
16 Vnto the morrow after the seuenth Sabbath shall ye number fiftie dayes: then ye shall bring a new meate offering vnto the Lord.
17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations bread for the shake offering, they shalbe two loaues of two tenth deals of fine flour, which shall be taken with h leauen for first fruites vnto the Lord.
18 Also ye shall offer with the bread seuen lambes without blemish of one yeere olde, and a yong bullocke and two rammes: they shall be for a burnt offering vnto the Lord, with their meate offerings and their drinke offerings, for a sacrifice made by fire of a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.
19 Then ye shall prepare an her goate for a sinne offering, and two lambes of one yeere old for peace offerings.
20 And the Priest shal shake them to and fro with the bread of the first fruites before the Lord, and with the two lambes: they shal be holy to the Lord, for the i Priest.
21 So yee shall proclaime the same day, that it may be an holy conuocation vnto you: ye shall do no seruile worke therein: it shall be an ordinance for euer in all your dwellings, throughout your generations.
22 ¶ * And when you reape the haruest of your land, thou shalt not ridde cleane the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou make any after gathering of thy haruest, but shalt leaue them vnto the poore and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.
23 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
24 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, In the k seuenth moneth, and in the first day of the moneth shal ye l haue a Sabbath, for the remembrance of m blowing the trumpets, an holy conuocation.
25 Ye shal do no seruile worke therein, but offer sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.
26 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
27 The * tenth also of this seuenth moneth shall be a day of reconciliation: it shall be an holy conuocation vnto you, and ye shall n humble your soules, & offer sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.
28 And ye shall doe no worke that same day: for it is a day of reconciliation, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.
29 For euery person that humbleth not himselfe that same day, shall euen be cut off from his people.
30 And euery person that shall doe any worke that same day, the same person also will I destroy from among his people.
31 Ye shall doe no maner worke therefore: this shall bee a law for euer in your generations, throughout all your dwellings.
32 This shall be vnto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall humble your soules: in the ninth day of the moneth at euen, from o euen to euen shall yee ‡ celebrate your Sabbath.
33 ¶ And the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,
34 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, In the fifteenth day of this seuenth moneth shall bee for seuen dayes the feast of Tabernacles vnto the Lord.
35 In the first day shall be an holy conuocation: ye shall doe no seruile worke therein.
36 Seuen dayes yee shall offer * sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lorde, and in the eight day shall bee an holy conuocation vnto you, and yee shall offer sacrifices made by fire vnto the Lorde: it is the p solemne

‖ Or, conuocations

Exod. 20. 9, 10.

‖ Or, ye may worke

‖ Or, assembly.

a For the Sabbath was kept euery weeke, and these other were kept but once o-nery yeere. Exod. 12. 15. numb. 28. 17.

b Or, bodily labour, saue about that which one must eate, Exod. 12. 16.

c The first day of the feast and the seuēth were kept holy: in the rest they might worke except any feast were intermedled, as the feast of vnleauened bread the fifteenth day: and the feast of sheaues the sixteenth day.

‖ Or, an omer: read Deut. 24. 19 ruth. 2. 15. psal. 129. 7.

d That is, the second Sabbath of the Passeouer.

e Which is the fift part of an Ephah, or two Omers: Read Exo. 16. 16.

f Reade Exo. 29. 40.

‖ Or, full eares.

g That is, the seuenth day after the first Sabbath of the Passeouer.

‖ Or, weekes.

h Because the Priest shouldeate them, as Chap. 7. 13. and they should not be offred to the Lord vpon the altar.

i That is, offered to the Lord, and the rest should be for the Priests

Chap 19. 9. deut. 24. 19.

k That is, about the ende of September.

l Or, an holy day to the Lord, in Which blowing was to put them in remembrance of the manifold feasts that were in that moneth, and of the Iubile. Chap. 16. 29, 30. numb. 29. 7.

m By fasting and prayer.

n By fasting and prayer.

o Which containeth a night and a day: yet they took it but for their naturall day.

‡ Ebr. rest your Sabbath. Numb. 29. 12. iohn 7. 37.

Exod. 19. 18.

p Or, a day wherein the people are stayed from all worke.

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lemne assembly, ye shall doe no seruile worke therein.

37 These are the feasts of the Lord (which ye shall call holy conuocations) to offer sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord, as burnt offering, and meate offring, ‖ sacrifice & drinke offrings, euery one vpon his day.

38 Beside the Sabbaths of the Lord, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vowes, and beside all your free offrings, which yee shall giue vnto the Lord.

39 But in the fifteenth day of the seuenth moneth, when ye haue gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keepe an holy feast vnto the Lord seuen dayes: in the first day shall be a Sabbath: likewise in the eight day shall be a Sabbath.

40 And yee shall take you in the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palme trees, and the boughes of ‖ thicke trees, and willowes of the brooke, and shall reioyce before the Lord your God seuen dayes.

41 So yee shall keepe this feast vnto the Lord seuen dayes in the yeere, by a perpetual ordinance through your generations: in the seuenth moneth shall you keepe it.

42 Ye shall dwell in boothes seuen dates: all that are Israelites borne, shall dwell in boothes,

43 That your posteritie may know that I haue made the children of Israel to dwell in ‖ boothes, when I brought them out of the lande of Egypt: I am the Lorde your God.

44 So Moses declared vnto the children of Israel the feasts of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 The oyle for the Lampes. 5 The Shewbread. 14 The blasphemer shall be stoned. 17 Hee that killeth shalbe killed.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 * Command the children of Israel, that they bring vnto thee pure oile Oliue beaten, for the light, to cause the lampes to burne continually.

3 Without the vaile [b] of the Testimonie, in the Tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron dresse them, both euen and morning before the Lord alwayes: this shalbe a Law for euer through your generations.

4 He shall dresse the Lampes vpon the * pure Candlestick before the Lord perpetually.

5 ¶ Also thou shalt take fine floure, and bake twelue * cakes thereof: two * tenth deales shalbe in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rowes, fiue in a rowe vpon the pure table before the Lord.

7 Thou shalt also put pure incense vpon the rowes, that [d] in stead of the bread it may be for a remembrance, and an offring made by fire to the Lord.

8 Euery Sabbath hee shall put them in rowes before the Lord euermore, receiuing them of the children of Israel for an euerlasting couenant.

9 * And the bread shalbe Aarons and his sonnes, & they shall eate it in the holy place: for it is most holy vnto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetuall ordinance.

10 ¶ And there went * out among the children of Israel the sonne of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian: and this sonne of the Israelitish woman, and a man of Israel strout together in the hoste.

11 So the Israelitish womans sonne [f] blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed, and they brought him vnto Moses (his mothers name also was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan)

12 And they * put him in warde, till hee tolde them the mind of the Lord.

13 Then the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

14 Bring the blasphemer without the host, and let all that heard him, * put their hands vpon his head, and let all the Congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speake vnto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoeuer curseth his God, shall beare his sinne.

16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death: all the Congregation shall stone him to death: as well the stranger, as he that is borne in the land: when he blasphemeth the Name of the Lord, let him be slaine.

17 ¶ * He also that ‡ killeth any man, he shall be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it, ‡ beast for beast.

19 Also if a man cause any blemish in his neighbour: as he hath done, so shal it be done to him:

20 * Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: such a blemish as he hath made in any, such shalbe repayed to him.

21 And he that killeth a beast shal restore it: but he that killeth a man shalbe slaine.

22 Ye shall haue * one Law: it shall be as well for the stranger, as for one borne in the countrey: for I am the Lord your God.

23 ¶ Then [h] Moses told the children of Israel, and they brought the blasphemer out of the hoste, and stoned him with stones: so the children of Israel did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXV.

2 The Sabbath of the seuenth yere. 8 The Iubile in the fiftieth yere. 14 Not to oppresse their brethren. 23 The sale and redeeming of lands, houses, and persons.

AND the Lorde spake vnto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, When ye shall come into the land, which I giue you, the * land shall ‡ keepe Sabbath vnto the Lord.

3 * Sixe yeeres thou shalt sowe thy field, and sixe yeeres thou shalt cut thy vineyard, and gather the fruit thereof.

4 But the seuenth yeere shall be a Sabbath of rest vnto the land: it shall bee the Lordes

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1 Or, peace offering.

2 Or, a solemne feast.

‖ Or, of boughes thicke with leaues.

f In the wildernesse, forasmuch as they would not credite Iohua and Caleb, when they returned from spying the land of Canaan.

a Reade Exod. 27.20.

b Which vaile separated the holiest of all, which was the Arke of the Testimony, from the Sanctuary. Exod 31.8.

Exod. 25 30.

c That is, two Omers, reade Exod. 16.16.

d For it was burnt euery Sabbath when the bread was taken away.

Exod 29 33. chap. 8 31. matt. 12.1,5.

e Meaning, out of his tent.

f By swearing, or despiting God.

Num. 15.34.

Deut. 13.9. and 17.7.

g Shall be punished.

Exod. 21.12. deut. 19.4,11.

‡ Ebr. smiteth the soule of any man.

‡ Ebr. soule for soule.

Exod. 21.24. deut 19.21. matt. 5.38.

Exod. 12 49.

h Because the punishment was not yet appointed by the Law for the blasphemer, Moses consulted with the Lord, and told the people what God commanded.

Exod 25 10.

‡ Ebr. shall rest a rest.

a The Iewes began the count of this yere in September: for then all the fruites were gathered.

Lords Sabbath: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor cut thy vineyard.

5 That which groweth of it b owne accord of thy haruest, thou shalt not reape, neither gather the grapes that thou hast c left vnlabboured: for it shall be a yeere of rest vnto the land.

6 And the d rest of the land shalbe meate for you, euen for thee, and for thy seruant, and for thy mayde, and for thy hired seruant, and for the stranger that iourneth with thee:

7 And for thy cattell, and for the beastes that are in thy lande, shall all the increase thereof be meate.

8 ¶ Also thou shalt number seuen ‖ Sabbaths of yeeres vnto thee, euen seuen times seuen yeere: and the space of the seuen Sabbaths of yeeres will bee vnto thee nine and fourty yeere.

9 e Then thou shalt cause to blowe the trumpet of the Jubile in the tenth day of the seuenth moneth: euen in the day of the reconciliation, shall ye make the trumpet blow throughout all your land.

10 And ye shal halow that yeere, euen the fiftieth yeere, & proclaime liberty in the land to all the f inhabitants thereof: it shal be the Jubile vnto you, and ye shall returne euery man vnto his possession, and euery man shal returne vnto his family.

11 This fiftieth yeere shall be a yeere of Jubile vnto you: yee shall not sowe, neither reape that which groweth of it selfe, neither gather the grapes thereof that are left vnlaboured.

12 For it is the Jubile, it shalbe holy vnto you: ye shall eate of the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In the yeere of this Jubile, ye shall returne euery man vnto his possession.

14 And when thou sellest ought to thy neighbour, or buyest at thy neighbours hand, ye shall h not oppresse one another:

15 But according to the number of i yeeres after the Jubile, thou shalt buy of thy neighbour: also according to the number of the yeeres of the reuenues, he shall sel vnto thee.

16 According to the multitude of yeeres, thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewnesse of yeeres, thou shalt abate the price of it: for y number of k fruits doeth he sell vnto thee.

17 Oppresse not ye therefore any man his neighbour, but thou shalt feare thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

18 ¶ Wherefore yee shall obey mine ordinances, and keepe my Lawes, and doe them, and yee shall dwell in the lande ‖ in safetie.

19 And the land shall giue her fruit, and yee shall eate your fill, and dwell therein in safetie.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seuenth yeere, for we shal not sow nor gather in our increase?

21 I will ‡ send my blessing vpon you in the sixt yeere, and it shall bring foorth fruite for three yeeres.

22 And yee shall sowe the eight yeere, and eate of the olde fruite vntill the ninth yeere: vntill the fruit thereof come, ye shall eate the olde.

23 ¶ Also the land shall not be sold to be l cut off from the familie: for the land is mine, and ye be but strangers and iourners with mee.

24 Therefore in all the land of your possession yee shall m grant a redemption for the land.

25 ¶ If thy brother be impouerished, and sell his possession, then his redeemer shall come, euen his neere kinseman, and buy out that which his ‖ brother sold.

26 And if he haue no redeemer, but ‡ hath gotten and found to buy it out,

27 Then shall he n count the yeeres of his sale, and restore the ouerplus to the man, to whom hee sold it: so shall hee returne to his possession.

28 But if he cannot get sufficient to restore to him, then that which is sold shall remaine in the hand of him that hath bought it, vntill the yeere of the Jubile: and in the Jubile it shall come out, & hee shall returne vnto his possession.

29 Likewise if a man sel a dwelling house in a walled citie, hee may buy it out againe within a whole yeere after it is sold: within a yeere may he buy it out.

30 But if it be not bought out within the space of a full yeere, then the house that is in the walled citie, shall be established, p as out of from the familie, to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not goe out in the Jubile.

31 But the houses of villages, which haue no walles round about them, shall be esteemed as the field of the country: they may be bought out againe, and shall ‖ goe out in the Jubile.

32 Notwithstanding, the cities of the Leuites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Leuites redeeme ‡ at all seasons.

33 And if a man purchase of the Leuites, the house that was sold, and the citie of their possession shall goe out in the Jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Leuites are their possession among the children of Israel.

34 But the field of the q suburbs of their cities shall not bee sold: for it is their perpetuall possession.

35 ¶ Moreouer, if thy brother be impouerished, and r fallen in decay with thee, thou shalt relieue him, and as a stranger and iourner, so shall he liue with thee.

36 s Thou shalt take no vsury of him, nor vantage, but thou shalt feare thy God, that thy brother may liue with thee.

37 Thou shalt not giue him thy money to vsury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I am the Lord your God, which haue brought you out of the lande of Egypt, to giue you the land of Canaan, and to bee your God.

39 ¶ t If thy brother also that dwelleth by thee, be impouerished, and be sold vnto thee, thou shalt not compel him to serue as a bond seruant,

40 But as an hired seruant, and as a iourner

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a By reason of the corne that fell out of the eares the yeere past.

b Or, which thou hast leparated from thy selfe, and consecrated to God for the poore.

c That which the land bringeth forth in her rest.

d Or, weeke.

e In the beginning of the 50. yeere was the Iubile, so called, because the ioyful tidings of libertie was publikely proclaimed by ‡ sound of a cornet.

f Which were in bondage.

g Because the tribes should neither haue their possessions or families diminished nor confounded.

h By deceit or otherwise.

i If the Iubile to come be neere, thou shalt sell better cheape: if it be farre off, dearer.

k And not the soil possession of the land.

‖ Or, boldly without feare.

‡ Ebr. I will command.

l It could not be sold for euer, but must returne to the family in the Iubile.

m Ye shall sell it on condition that it may be redeemed.

‖ Or, kinsman.

‡ Ebr. his hand hath gotten.

n Abating the money of the yeeres past, and paying for the rest of the yeeres to come.

o From his hands that bought it,

p That is, for euer, reade verse 23.

‖ Or, yeerely.

‡ Ebr. for euer.

q Where the Leuites kept their cattell.

r In Ebrew it is, if his hand shaken meaning, if he stretch forth his hand for helpe as one in misery. Exod. 22. 25. deut. 23. 19. prou. 28. 8. ezek. 18. 8. and 22. 12.

s Or, of oppression

t Ebr. sell himself vnto thee.

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iourner he shall be with thee: hee shall serue thee vnto the yeere of Iubile.

41 Then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, & shall returne vnto his family, and vnto the possession of his fathers shall he returne:

42 For they are my seruaunts, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: they shall not [f] be sold as bondmen are sold.

43 *Thou shalt not rule ouer him cruelly, but shalt feare thy God.

44 Thy bond seruant also, and thy bond mayde, which thou shalt haue, shall be of the heathen that are round about you: of them shall ye buy seruants and mayds.

45 And moreouer of the children of the strangers, that are soiourners among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: these shall be your [g] possession.

46 So ye shall take them as inheritance for your children after you, to possesse them by inheritance, yee shall vse their labours for euer: but ouer your brethren the children of Israel ye shal not rule one ouer another with cruelty.

47 ¶ If a soiourner or a stranger dwelling by thee [h] get riches, and thy brother by him bee impouerished, and sell himselfe vnto the stranger or soiourner dwelling by thee, or to the stocke of the strangers familie,

48 After that hee is solde, hee may bee bought out: one of his brethren may buy him out,

49 Or his vncle, or his vncles sonne may buy him out, or any of the kinred of his flesh among his family may redeeme him: either if he can [i] get so much, hee may buy himselfe out.

50 Then he shall reckon with his buyer from the yeere that he was solde to him, vnto the yeere of Iubile: and the money of his sale shall bee according to the number of [k] yeeres: according to the time of an hired seruant shall he be with him.

51 If there be many yeeres behind, according to them he shal giue againe for his deliuerance, of the money that hee was bought for.

52 If there remaine but few yeeres vnto the yeere of Iubile, then hee shall count with him, and according to his yeeres giue againe for his redemption.

53 He shall be with him yeere by yeere as an hired seruant: he shall not rule cruelly ouer him in thy [l] sight.

54 And if hee be not redeemed thus, hee shall go out in the yeere of Iubile, he and his children with him.

55 For vnto me the children of Israel are seruants: they are my seruants, whom I haue brought out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

[f] Vnto perpetuall seruitude, *Ephes.6.9. Colos.4.1.*

[g] For they shall not be bought out at the Iubile.

[h] *Ebr. his hand take hold.*

[i] If he be able.

[k] Which remaine yet to the Iubile.

[l] Thou shalt not suffer him to intreat him rigorously, if thou know it.

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CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Idolatry forbidden.* 3 *A blessing to them that keepe the Commandements.* 14 *The curse to those that breake them.* 42 *God promiseth to remember his Couenant.*

YE shall make you none idoles nor grauen image, neither reare you vp any [*] pillar, neither shal ye set ‖ any image of stone in your land to bow downe to it: for I am the Lord your God.

2 Ye shall keepe my Sabbaths, and *reuerence my Sanctuary: I am the Lord.

3 ¶ If ye walke in mine ordinances, and keepe my Commandements, and doe them,

4 I will then send you [a] raine in due season, and the land shall yeeld her increase, and the trees of the fielde shall giue their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach vnto the vintage, and the vintage shal reach vnto sowing time, and you shall eate your bread in plenteousnesse, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will send peace in the land, and ye shall sleep, & *none shall make you afraid: also I [‡] will rid euill beasts out of the land, and the [b] swoorde shall not goe thorow your land.

7 Also yee shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you vpon the sword.

8 *And fiue of you shal chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shal put ten thousand to flight, and your enemies shall fall before you vpon the sword.

9 For I [‡] will haue respect vnto you, and make you increase, and multiply you, and [c] establish my Couenant with you.

10 Ye shall eat also old store, and cary out old because of the new.

11 *And I will set my [d] Tabernacle among you, and my soule shall not lothe you.

12 Also I will walke among you, and I will bee your God, and yee shall bee my people.

13 I am the Lord your God which haue brought you out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen, and I haue broken the [e] bonds of your yoke, and made you goe vpright.

14 ¶ *But if ye will not obey me, nor do all these Commandements,

15 And if ye shal despise mine ordinances, either if your soule abhorre my lawes, so that ye will not do all my Commandements, but breake my [f] Couenant,

16 Then will I also doe this vnto you, I will appoint ouer you ‖ fearefulnesse, a consumption, and the burning ague to consume the eyes, and make the heart heauie, and you shall sowe your seed in vaine: for your enemies shall eat it:

17 And I will set [g] my face against you, and ye shal fall before your enemies, and they that hate you, shall reigne ouer you, * and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not for these things obey mee, then will I punish you [h] seuen times more according to your sinnes,

19 And I will breake the pride of your power, and I will make your heauen as [i] yron, and your earth as braße:

20 And your ‖ strength shall be spent in vaine: neither shall your lande giue her increase, neither shall the trees of the land giue their fruit.

21 ¶ And

Exod.20.4. deut.5.8. psal.97.7.

‖ *Or, stone hauing any imagerie. Chap.19.30. Deut.28.1.*

a By promising earthly things, he stirreth [‡] mindes to consider the rich treasures of the spirituall blessings.

Iob 11.19.

[‡] *Ebr. I will cause the euill beast to cease.*

b Ye shall haue no warre. *Ioh.23.19.*

[‡] *Ebr. I will turne vnto you.*

c Performe that which I haue promised. *Ezek.37.26. 2.Cor.6.16.*

d I will be dayly present with you.

e I haue set you at full libertie, whereas before ye were as beasts tied in bands. *Deut.28.15. Lament.2.17. Malac.2.2.*

f Which I make with you in chusing you to bee my people.

‖ *Or, an hastie plague.*

g Reade Chap. 17.10. *Prou.28.1.*

h That is, more extremely.

i Ye shall haue drought & barrennesse, *Hag.1. 10.*

‖ *Or, labour.*

21 ¶ And if ye walke [k] stubbornly against me, and will not obey me, I will then bring seuen times moe plagues vpon you, according to your sinnes.

22 I will also send wild beasts vpon you, which shall [l] spoyle you, and destroy your cattell, and make you few in number: so your hie [m] wayes shall be desolate.

23 Yet if by these ye will not be reformed by me, but walke stubbornly against me,

24 Then will I also walke * stubbornly against you, and I will smite you yet seuen times for your sinnes:

25 And I wil send a sword vpon you, that shal auenge the quarell of my couenant: and when ye are gathered in your cities, I will send the pestilence among you, and ye shalbe deliuered into the hand of the enemie.

26 When I shall breake the [n] staffe of your bread, then ten women shall bake your bread in one [o] ouen, and they shall deliuer your bread againe by weight, & ye shall eate, but not be satisfied.

27 Yet if ye will not for this obey me, but walke against me stubbornely,

28 Then will I walke stubbornely in mine anger against you, and I will also chastise you seuen times more according to your sinnes.

29 * And yee shall eate the flesh of your sonnes, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye deuoure.

30 I wil also destroy your hie places, and * cut away your images, and cast your carkeises vpon the [p] bodies of your idoles, and my soule shall abhorre you.

31 And I will make your cities desolate, and bring your sanctuarie vnto nought, and [p] I will not smell the sauour of your sweete odours.

32 I will also bring the lande vnto a wildernesse, and your enemies, which dwell therein, shall be astonished therat.

33 Also I will scatter you among the heathen, and [q] will draw out a sword after you, and your lande shalbe waste, and your cities shall be desolate.

34 Then shall the land enioy her * Sabbaths, as long as it lieth voide, and ye shall be in your enemies land: then shall the land rest, and enioy her Sabbaths.

35 All the dayes that it lieth voyd, it shall rest, because it did not rest in your * Sabbath, when ye dwelt vpon it.

36 And vpon them that are left of you, I will send euen a faintnesse into their hearts in the land of their enemies, and the sound of a leafe shaken shall chase them, and they shall [s] flee as fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall, ne man pursuing them.

37 They shall fall also one vpon another, as before a sword, though none pursue them, and ye shall not be able to stand before your enemies:

38 And yee shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eate you vp.

39 And they that are left of you, shal pine away for their iniquitie, in your enemies lands, and for the iniquities of their fathers, shall they pine away with [t] them also.

40 Then they shall confesse their iniquitie, and the wickednesse of their fathers for their trespasse, which they haue trespassed against me, and also because they haue walked stubbornely against me.

41 Therefore I will walke stubbornely against them, and bring them into the land of their enemies: so then their vncircumcised hearts shall be humbled, and then they shall [u] willingly beare the punishment of their iniquity.

42 Then I will remember my couenant with Iaakob, & my couenant also with Izhak, and also my couenant with Abraham will I remember, & wil remember the land.

43 * The land also in the meane season shal be left of them, & shall enioy her Sabbaths while she lieth waste without them, but they shall willingly suffer the punishment of their iniquitie, because they despised my lawes, and because their soule abhorred mine ordinances.

44 Yet notwithstanding this, when they shall be in the land of their enemies, * I will not cast them away, neither will I abhorre them, to destroy them vtterly, nor to breake my couenant with them: for I am the Lord their God:

45 But I will remember for them the [x] couenant of old, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen that I might be their God: I am the Lord.

46 These are the ordinances, & the iudgments, and the lawes, which the Lord made betweene him, and the children of Israel in mount [y] Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVII.

2 Of diuers vowes, and the redemption of the same. 28 A thing separate from the vse of man cannot be sold, nor redeemed, but remaineth to the Lord.

MOreouer, the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, If any man shall make [a] a vowe of a person vnto the Lord, by [b] thy estimation,

3 Then thy estimation shall bee thus: a male from twenty yeere old vnto sixty yeere old shall be by thy estimation euen fifty shekels of siluer, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie.

4 But if it be a female, then the valuation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And from fiue yere old to twentie yere old, the valuation shall be for the male twentie shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 But from a moneth olde vnto fiue yeere olde, thy price of the male shall be fiue shekels of siluer, and thy price of the female, three shekels of siluer,

7 And from sixtie yeere old and aboue, if he be a male, then thy price shall be fifteene shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But if hee be poore * then thou hast esteemed him, then shall he present himselfe before the Priest, and the Priest shall value him, according to the ability of him that vowed,

k Or, as some read, by fortune, imputing my plagues to chace and fortune.

l Of your children, 2. King. 17. 25.

m Because none dare passe thereby for feare of beasts. 2. Sam. 12. 27. Psal. 18. 26.

n That is, the strength, whereby the life is sustained. Ezek. 4. 16. and 5. 16.

o One ouen shal be sufficient for ten families.

Deut. 28. 53.

2. Chron. 34. 7. Or, carions.

p I will not accept your sacrifices.

q Signifying, that no enemie can come without Gods sending. Chap. 25. 2.

r Which I commanded you to keepe.

Or, cowardlinesse

s As if their enemies did chase them.

t For asmuch as they are culpable of their fathers faults, they shall be punished as well as their fathers.

Gods promise to remember the Couenant.

Or, pray for their sinne.

u Whiles they are captiues, and without repentance.

Willing.

Deut. 4. 31. rom. 11. 26.

x Made to their forefathers.

y Fifty dayes after they came out of Egypt.

a As of his son or his daughter.

b Which art the Priest.

c Read the value of the shekel, Exod. 30. 13.

d He speaketh of those vowes whereby the fathers dedicated their children to God, which were not of such force but they might be redeemed from them.

e If he be not able to pay after thy valuation.

bowed, so shall the Priest value him.

9 And if it bee a [e] beast wherof men bring an offring vnto the Lord, all that one giueth of such vnto the Lord shall be holy.

10 Hee shall not alter it nor change it, a good for a bad, nor a bad for a good: and if he change beast for beast, then both this and that, which was changed for it, shall bee holy.

11 And if it bee any vncleane beast, of which men do not offer a sacrifice vnto the Lord, hee shall then present the beast before the Priest.

12 And the Priest shall value it, whether it bee good or bad: and as thou valuest it, which art the Priest, so shall it be.

13 But if hee will buy it againe, then hee shall giue the fift part of it more, aboue thy valuation.

14 ¶ Also when a man shall dedicate his house to bee holy vnto the Lorde, then the Priest shall value it, whether it bee good or bad, and as the Priest shall prize it, [f] so shall the value be.

15 But if he that sanctified it, will redeem his house, then he shall giue thereto the fift part of money more then thy estimation, and it shalbe his.

16 If also a man dedicate to the Lord any ground of his inheritance, then shalt thou esteeme it, according to the seed thereof: an [g] Homer of barley seed shalbe at fiftie shekels of siluer.

17 If hee dedicate his fielde immediatly from the yeere of Jubile, it shalbe worth as thou doest esteeme it.

18 But if he dedicate his fielde after the Jubile, then the Priest shall recken him the money according to the yeeres that remaine vnto the yeere of Jubile, and it shall be abated by thy estimation.

19 And if hee that dedicateth it, will redeeme the field, then he shall put the fift part of the price, that thou esteemedst it at, thereunto, and it shall remaine his.

20 And if hee will not redeeme the field, but the Priest [k] sell the field to another man, it shall be redeemed no more.

21 But the field shall be holy to the Lord, when it goeth out in the Jubile, as a fielde [l] separate from common vse: the possession thereof shall be the Priests.

22 If a man also dedicate vnto the Lord a field, which he hath bought, which is not of the ground of his inheritance,

23 Then the Priest shall set the price to him, as [m] thou esteemest it, vnto the yeere of Jubile, and he shall giue [n] thy price the same day, as a thing holy vnto the Lord.

24 But in the yeere of Jubile, the fielde shall returne vnto him, of whome it was bought: to him, I say, whose inheritance the land was.

25 And all thy valuation shall bee according to the shekel of [o] the Sanctuary: a shekel conteineth twenty gerahs.

26 ¶ [p] Notwithstanding the first borne of the beastes, because it is the Lordes first borne, none shall dedicate such, be it bullocke or sheepe: for it is the [q] Lords.

27 But if it be an vncleane beast, then he shall redeeme it by thy valuation, and giue the fift part more thereto: and if it bee not redeemed, then it shall be sold, according to thy estimation.

28 [r] Notwithstanding, nothing separate from the common vse, that a man doth separate vnto the Lord of all that he hath (whether it be man or beast, or land of his inheritance) may be solde nor redeemed: for euery thing separate from the common vse, is most holy vnto the Lord.

29 Nothing separate from the common vse, which shall be separate from man, shall be redeemed, but [s] die the death.

30 Also all the tithe of the lande, both of the seed of the ground, and of the fruit of the trees is the Lords: [t] it is holy to the Lord.

31 But if a man will redeeme any of his tithe, he shall adde the [u] fift part thereto.

32 And euery tithe of bullock, or of sheepe, & of all that goeth vnder the [x] rod, the tenth shall be holy vnto the Lord.

33 He shall not looke if it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: [y] & if he change it, both it, and that it was changed withall, shall be holy, and it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandements which the Lorde commaunded by Moses vnto the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

e Which is cleane, Cha. 11.2

f That is, consecrate to the Lord.

g Hebr. so shall it stand.

h Valuing the price thereof, according to the seed that is sowen, or by the seed that it doth yeeld.

i Homer is a measure conteining ten Ephahs: reade of Ephah, Exod. 16.16, 36

k For their own necessity or godly vses.

l That is, which is dedicate to the Lord with a curse to him that doth turne it to his priuate vse, Num. 21, 2. deut. 13.15. iosh. 9.17. Verse. 12.

m The Priests valuation.

Exod. 30.13. numb. 3.47. ezek. 45.12. Exod. 13.2. and 22.29. numb. 3.13.

n It was the Lords already.

Iosh. 6.19.

o It shall remain without redemption.

p Besides the value of the thing it selfe.

q Al that which is numbred: that is, euery tenth, as he falleth by tale without exception or respect.

The fourth booke of Moses, called *Numbers.

*So called because of the diuersitie and multitude of numbrings which are here chiefly conteined, both of mens names and places.

THE ARGVMENT.

Forasmuch as God hath appoynted that his Church in this world shalbe vnder the crosse, both because they should learne not to put their trust in worldly things, and also feele his comfort, when all other helpe faileth: he did not straightway bring his people after their departure out of Egypt, into the lande which he promised them: but led them to and fro, for the space of fourty yeeres, and kept them in continuall exercises, before they enioyed it, to trie their faith, and to teach them to forget the worlde and to depend on him. Which triall did greatly profite to discerne the wicked and the hypocrites from the faithfull and true seruaunts of God, who serued him with pure heart, whereas the other preferring their carnall affections to Gods glory, and making religion to serue their purpose, murmured when they lacked to content their lustes, and despised them whom God had appoynted rulers ouer them. By reason whereof they prouoked Gods terrible iudgements against them, and are set foorth as a most notable example for all ages to beware howe they abuse Gods worde, preferre their owne lustes to his will, or despise his ministers. Notwithstanding God is euer true in his promise, and gouerneth his by his holy Spirit,

Spirit, that either they fall not to such inconveniences, or else returne to him quickly by true repentance: and therfore he continueth his graces toward them, hee giueth them ordinances and instructions, aswel for religion as outward policie: hee preserueth them against all craft and conspiracie, and giueth them manifold victories against their enemies. And to auoyde all controuersies that might arise, hee taketh away the occasions, by diuiding among all the tribes, both the land which they had wonne, & that also which he had promised, as seemed best to his godly wisdome.

The People Numbered

CHAP. I.

1 *Moses and Aaron with the twelue princes of the tribes are commanded of the Lord to number them that are able to goe to warre.* 49 *The Leuites are exempted for the seruice of the Lord.*

THe Lord spake againe vnto Moses in the wildernesse of a Sinai, in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, in the first day of the b second moneth, in the second yeere after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

a In that place of the wildernes that was neere to mount Sinai.

b Which conteineth part of April and part of May. *Exod.* 30. 12.

2 * Take ye the summe of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, and housholds of their fathers with the number of their names: to wit, all the males, ‡ man by man:

‡ Hebr. by their heads.

3 From twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that goe foorth to the warre in Israel, thou and Aaron shall number them, throughout their armies.

c That is, the chiefest man of euery tribe.

4 And with you shall be c men of euery tribe, euen as are the heads of the house of their fathers.

d And assist you when ye number the people.

5 And these are the names of the men that shal d stand with you, of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur the sonne of Shedeur:

6 Of Simeon, Shelumiel the sonne of Zurishaddai:

7 Of Iudah, Nahshon the sonne of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar, Nethaneel, the sonne of Zuar:

9 Of Zebulun, Eliab, the sonne of Helon:

10 Of the children of Ioseph: of Ephraim, Elishama, the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh, Gamliel, the sonne of Pedahzur:

11 Of Beniamin, Abidan the sonne of Gideoni:

12 Of Dan, Ahiezer the sonne of Ammishaddai:

13 Of Asher, Pagiel the sonne of Ocran:

14 Of Gad, Eliasaph the sonne of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali, Ahira the sonne of Enan.

16 These were famous in the Congregation, e princes of the tribes of their fathers, and heads ouer thousands in Israel.

e Or, captaines and gouernors.

17 ¶ Then Moses & Aaron tooke these men which are expressed by their names.

18 And they called all the Congregation together, in the first day of the second moneth, who declared f their kinreds by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, man by man.

f In shewing euery man his tribe, and his ancestors.

19 As the Lord had commanded Moses, so hee numbred them in the wildernesse of Sinai.

20 ¶ So were the sonnes of † Reuben Israels eldest sonne by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, man by man, euery male from twentie yeere old and aboue, as many as ‖ went foorth to warre:

‖ Or, as were able to beare weapons.

21 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Reuben, was fiue and forty thousand, and fiue hundreth.

† Simeon.

22 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Simeon by their generations, by their families, & by the houses of their fathers, the summe thereof by the number of their names, man by man, euery male from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

23 The summe of them, I say, of the tribe of Simeon was nine and fifty thousand, and three hundreth.

† Gad.

24 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Gad by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

25 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Gad was fiue and forty thousand, and fiue hundreth and fifty.

† Iudah.

26 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Iudah by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

27 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Iudah was threescore and fourteene thousand, and fiue hundreth.

† Issachar.

28 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Issachar by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

29 The number of them also of the tribe of Issachar was foure and fifty thousand and foure hundreth.

† Zebulun.

30 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Zebulun by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

31 The number of them also of the tribe of Zebulun was seuen and fifty thousand and foure hundreth.

† Ephraim.

32 ¶ Of the sonnes of Ioseph, namely of the sonnes of † Ephraim by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

33 The number of them also of the tribe of Ephraim was forty thousand & fiue hundreth.

† Manasseh.

34 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Manasseh by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the

† These are the names of the twelue tribes, as first of Reuben.

The number that went to warre

the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

35 The number of them also of the tribe of Manasseh was two and thirty thousand and two hundreth.

† Beniamin.

36 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Beniamin by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

37 The number of them also of the tribe of Beniamin was fiue and thirty thousand and foure hundreth.

† Dan.

38 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Dan by their generations, by their families, & by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that were foorth to warre:

39 The number of them also of the tribe of Dan was threescore and two thousand and seuen hundreth.

† Asher.

40 ¶ Of the sonnes of † Asher by their generations, by their families, & by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went foorth to warre:

41 The number of them also of the tribe of Asher was one and forty thousand, and fiue hundreth.

† Naphtali.

42 ¶ Of the children of † Naphtali by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went to the warre:

43 The number of them also of the tribe of Naphtali was three and fifty thousand and foure hundreth.

‖ Or, full count.

44 These are the ‖ summes which Moses and Aaron numbred, and the princes of Israel, the twelue men, which were euery one for the house of their fathers.

45 So this was all the sum of the sonnes of Israel, by the houses of their fathers, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, all that went to the warre in Israel,

46 And all they were in number fiue hundreth and three thousand, fiue hundreth and fiftie.

47 But the Leuites, after the tribes of their fathers were not numbred among them.

g Which were warriours, but were appointed to the vse of the Tabernacle.

48 For the Lord had spoken vnto Moses, and sayd,

49 Onely thou shalt not number the tribe of Leui, neither take the summe of them among the children of Israel:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Leuites ouer the Tabernacle of the Testimonie, and ouer all the instruments thereof, and ouer all things that belong to it: they shall beare the Tabernacle, and all the instruments thereof, and shall minister in it, and shall ‡ dwell round about the Tabernacle.

‡ Ebr. campe.

51 And when the Tabernacle goeth forth, the Leuites shall take it downe: and when the Tabernacle is to be pitched, the Leuites shall set it vp: for the h stranger that commeth neere, shalbe slaine.

h Whosoeuer is not of the tribe of Leui.

52 Also the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, euery man in his campe, and euery man vnder his standard throughout their armies.

53 But the Leuites shall pitch round about the Tabernacle of the Testimonie, lest vengeance i come vpon the Congregation of the children of Israel, and the Leuites shall take the charge of the Tabernacle of the Testimonie.

i By not hauing due regard to the Tabernacle of the Lord.

54 So the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord had commaunded Moses: so did they.

CHAP. II.

2 The order of the Tents, and the names of the Captaines of the Israelites.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 a Euery man of the children of Israel shall campe by his standard, & vnder the enligne of their fathers houle: farre off about the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall they pitch.

a In the twelue tribes were foure principall standards, so that euery three tribes had their standard.

3 On the East side toward the rising of the sunne, shall they of the standard of the hoste of Iudah pitch according to their armies, & Nahshon the sonne of Amminadab shall be ‖ captaine of the sonnes of Iudah.

‖ Or, prince.

4 And his hoste and the number of them were seuentie and foure thousand, and sixe hundreth.

5 Next vnto him shall they of the tribe b of Issachar pitch, and Nethaneel the sonne of Zuar shall be the captaine of the sonnes of Issachar.

b Iudah, Issachar, and Zebulun the sonnes of Leah were of the first standard.

6 And his hoste, and the number thereof were foure and fifty thousand, & foure hundreth.

7 Then the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the sonne of Helon, captaine ouer the sonnes of Zebulun:

8 And his hoste, and the number thereof seuen and fifty thousand & foure hundreth:

9 The whole number of the c hoste of Iudah are an hundreth fourescore and sixe thousand and foure hundreth, according to their armies: they shall first set forth.

c Of them which were conteined vnder that name.

10 ¶ On the South side shalbe † standard of the hoste of d Reuben according to their armies, and the captaine ouer the sonnes of Reuben shalbe Elizur the sonne of Shedeur.

d Reuben and Simeon the sonnes of Leah and Gad the sonne of Zilpah her maide, were of the second standard.

11 And his hoste, and the number thereof fiue and fourty thousand and fiue hundreth.

12 And by him shall the tribe of Simeon pitch, and the captaine ouer the sonnes of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the sonne of Zurishaddai:

13 And his hoste, and the number of them, nine and fiftie thousand and three hundreth.

14 And the tribe of Gad, and the captain ouer the sonnes of Gad shall be Eliasaph the sonne of ‖ Deuel:

‖ Or, Reuel.

15 And his hoste and the number of them were fiue and fortie thousand, fiue hundreth and fiftie.

16 All the number of the campe of Reuben were an hundreth & one and fifty thousand, and foure hundreth and fifty according to their armies, and they shall set forth in the second place.

17 ¶ Then the Tabernacle of the Congregation shal go with the hoste of the Leuites, in

e Because it might be in equall distance from each one, and all indifferently haue recourse thereunto.

f Because Ephraim and Manasseh supplied ỹ place of Ioseph their father, they are taken to be Rahels children: so they and Beniamin make the third standerd.

g Dan & Naphtali the sonnes of Bilha Rahels maide, with Asher the sonne of Zilpah make the fourth standerd.

h Which were of twenty yeeres and aboue.

i For vnder euery one of the foure principall standerds were diuers signes to keepe euery band in order.

a Or families and kindreds.

Exod. 6.23.

in the * midst of the campe as they haue pitched, so shall they goe forward, euery man in his order according to their standerds.

18 ¶ The standerd of the campe of Ephraim shall bee toward the West according to their armies: and the captaine ouer the sonnes of Ephraim shall bee Elishama the sonne of Ammihud:

19 And his host and the number of them were forty thousand and fiue hundred.

20 And by him shalbe the tribe of Manasseh, & the captaine ouer ỹ sonnes of Manasseh shalbe Gamliel the sonne of Pedahzur:

21 And his holte and the number of them were two & thirty thousand & two hundred.

22 And the tribe of Beniamin, and the captaine ouer the sonnes of Beniamin shalbe Abidan the sonne of Gideoni:

23 And his host, and the number of them were fiue & thirty thousand & foure hundred.

24 All the number of the campe of Ephraim were an hundred and eight thousand and one hundred according to their armies, and they shall goe into the third place.

25 ¶ The standerd of ỹ host of g Dan shal bee toward the North according to their armies: & the captaine ouer ỹ children of Dan shalbe Ahiezer the sonne of Ammishaddai:

26 And his host, and the number of them were two and threescore thousand and seuen hundred.

27 And by him shall the tribe of Asher pitch, and the captaine ouer the sonnes of Asher shalbe Pagiel the sonne of Ocran.

28 And his host, and the number of them were one & forty thousand and fiue hundred.

29 ¶ Then the tribe of Naphtali, and the captaine ouer the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the sonne of Enan:

30 And his host, and the number of them were three & fifty thousand & foure hundred.

31 All the number of the host of Dan was an hundred and seuen and fiftie thousand and fiue hundred: they shall goe hindmost with their standerds.

32 ¶ These are the summes of the children of Israel by the houses of their fathers, all the number of the host according to their armies, six hundred and three thousand, fiue hundred and fiftie.

33 But the Leuites were not numbred among the children of Israel as the Lord had commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses: so they pitched according to their i standerds, and so they iourneyed euery one with his families, according to the houses of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

6 The charge and office of the Leuites. 12, 45 Why the Lord separated the Leuites for himselfe. 16 Their number, families and captaines. 40 The first born of Israel is redeemed by the Leuites. 47 The ouerplus is redeemed by money.

THese also were the a generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day that the Lord spake with Moses in Mount Sinai.

2 So these are the names of the sonnes of Aaron, * Nadab the first borne, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Exod. 6.23.

3 These are the names of the sonnes of Aaron the anointed Priests, who were dedicate * consecrate to minister in the priests office.

4 * And Nadab and Abihu died * before the Lord, when they offered * strange fire before the Lord in the wilderness of Sinai, and had no children: but Eleazar and Ithamar serued in the Priestes office in the c sight of Aaron their father.

5 Then ỹ Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Leui, and d set them before Aaron the Priest, that they may serue him,

7 And take the charge with him, euen the charge of the whole Congregation, e before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, to do the seruice of the Tabernacle.

8 They shall also keepe all the instruments of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and haue the charge of the children of Israel to do the seruice of the Tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt giue the Leuites vnto Aaron and to his sonnes: for they are giuen him freely from among the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sonnes to execute their priests office: and the stranger that commeth neere, shalbe slaine.

11 ¶ Also the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

12 Behold, I haue taken the Leuites from among the children of Israel: for all the first borne that openeth the matrice among the children of Israel, and the Leuites shalbe mine,

13 Because al the first borne are mine: for the same day that I smote all the first borne in the land of Egypt, * I sanctified vnto me all the first borne in Israel, both man and beast: mine they shall be: I am the Lord.

14 ¶ Moreouer, the Lord spake vnto Moses in the wildernesse of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Leui after the houses of their fathers, in their families: euery male from a moneth olde & aboue, shalt thou number.

16 Then Moses numbred them according to ỹ word of the Lord, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sonnes of Leui by their names, * Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 Also these are ỹ names of the sonnes of Gershon by their families: Libni & Shimei.

19 The sonnes also of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Vzziel.

20 And the sonnes of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Leui, according to the houses of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon came the familie of the Libnites and the familie of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 The summe whereof (* after the number of all the males from a moneth olde and aboue) was counted seuen thousand and fiue hundred.

23 ¶ The families of ỹ Gershonites shall pitch behind the Tabernacle Westward.

24 The captaine & ‖ ancient of the house of the Gershonites shalbe Eliasaph the sonne of Lael.

25 And

Where I write

Exod. 28.1.
Leuit. 10.1, 2. chap. 26.61.
1. Chron. 24.2.

b Or, before the Altar.
Leuit. 10.1, 2.

c Whiles their father liued.

d Offer them vnto Aaron for the vse of the Tabernacle.

e Which appertained to the executing of the hie Priest commandement, to the ouersight of the people, and to the seruice of the Tabernacle.

f Aarons sonnes the Priests serued in the Sanctuary in praying for the people, and offering sacrifice: the Leuites serued for the inferiour vses of the same.

g Any ỹ would minister, not being a Leuite.

Exod. 13.1. and 34.19. Leuit. 27.26. chap 8, 16. Luke 2.23.

Gen. 46.11. Exod. 6.16. chap. 26.57. 1. chron. 6.1. and 23.6.

h Only numbring the male children.

‖ Or, father.

1 Their charge was to cary the coverings and hangings of the Tabernacle.

25 And the charge of the sonnes of Gershon in the tabernacle of the Congregation shalbe the [1] Tabernacle, and the pauilion, the couering thereof, and the vaile of the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation,

26 And the hanging of the court, and the vaile of the doore of the court, which is neere the Tabernacle, and neere the Altar round about, and the cordes of it for all the seruice thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kohath came the familie of the Amramites, and the familie of the Izeharites, & the familie of the Hebronites, and the familie of the Vzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 The number of all the males from a moneth olde and aboue, was eight thousand and sixe hundreth, hauing the [k] charge of the Sanctuary.

29 The families of the sonnes of Kohath shall pitch on ye South side of ye Tabernacle.

30 The captaine & ancient of the houle, and families of the Kohathites shall bee Elizaphan the sonne of Vzziel:

31 And their charge shalbe the [l] Arke, and the Table, and the Candlesticke, and the altars, and the instruments of the Sanctuary that they minister with, and the vaile, and all that serueth thereto.

32 And Eleazar the sonne of Aaron the Priest shalbe [m] chiefe captaine of the Leuites, hauing the ouersight of them that haue the charge of the Sanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Merari came the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.

34 And the summe of them, according to the number of all the males, from a moneth olde and aboue, was sixe thousand and two hundreth.

35 The captaine and the ancient of the houle of the families of Merari shalbe Zuriel the sonne of Abihail: they shall pitch on the North side of the Tabernacle.

36 And in the charge and custodie of the sonnes of Merari shall be [n] the boards of the Tabernacle, and the barres thereof, and his pillars, and his sockets, & al the instruments thereof, and all that serueth thereto,

37 With the pillars of the court round about, with their sockets, and their pinnes and their cordes.

38 ¶ Also on the forefront of the Tabernacle toward the East, before the Tabernacle, I say, of the Congregation Eastward, shall Moses & Aaron and his sonnes pitch, hauing the charge of the Sanctuary, [o] and the charge of the children of Israel: but the stranger that commeth neere, shal be slaine.

39 The whole summe of the Leuites, which Moses & Aaron numbred at the commandement of the Lord throughout their families, euen all the males from a moneth old and aboue, was two and twenty [p] thousand.

40 ¶ And ye Lord said vnto Moses, Number all the first borne that are males among the children of Israel, from a moneth olde & aboue, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Leuites to me (I am the Lord) for all the first borne of the children of Israel, and the cattel of the Leuites for all the first borne of the cattel of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbred as the Lorde commaunded him, all the first borne of the children of Israel.

43 And all the first borne males rehearsed by name (from a moneth old & aboue) according to their number were two & twenty thousand, two hundreth seuenty and three.

44 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Leuites for all the first borne of the children of Israel, and the cattell of the Leuites for their cattell, and the Leuites shalbe mine, I am the Lord)

46 And for the redeeming of the two hundreth seuenty and three, (which are more then the Leuites) of the first borne of the children of Israel,

47 Thou shalt also take fiue shekels for euery person: after the weight of the sanctuary shalt thou take it: * the shekel conteineth twenty gerahs.

Exod. 30.13. leuit. 27.25. chap. 18.16. ezek. 45.12.

48 And thou shalt giue the money, wherwith the odde number of them is redeemed, vnto Aaron and to his sonnes.

49 Thus Moses tooke the redemption of them that were redeemed, being mo then the Leuites:

50 Of the [q] first borne of the children of Israel tooke he the money: euen a thousand three hundreth threescore and fiue shekels after the shekel of the Sanctuary.

51 And Moses gaue the money of them that were redeemed, vnto Aaron and to his sonnes, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

CHAP. IIII.

5 The offices of the Leuites, when the hoste remooued. 46 The number of the three families of Kohath, Gershon, and Merari.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 Take the summe of the sonnes of Kohath from among the sonnes of Leui, after their families, and houses of their fathers,

3 From * thirty yeere old and aboue, euen vntill fifty yeere olde, all that enter into the assembly to do the worke in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

4 This shalbe the office of the sonnes of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Congregation about the Holiest of all.

5 ¶ When the hoste remoueth, then Aaron and his sonnes shall come & take downe the couering vaile, and shal couer the Arke of the Testimony therewith.

6 And they shall put thereon a couering of badgers skinnes, and shall spread vpon it a cloth altogether of blew silke, & put to * the barres thereof:

7 And vpon the * table of shew bread they shall spread a cloth of blew silke, & put thereon the dishes, and the incense cups, and gobblets, and couerings to couer it * with, and the bread shalbe thereon continually:

8 And they shall spread vpon them a couering of scarlet, and couer the same with a couering of badgers skinnes, and put to the barres thereof.

9 The they shal take a cloth of blew silke, and

k Doing euery one his duety in the Sanctuary.

l The chiefe things within the Sanctuary were committed to the Kohathites.

m The woodworke and the rest of the instruments were committed to their charge.

n That none should enter into the Tabernacle contrary to Gods appoyntment.

o So that the first borne of the children of Israel were moe by 273. as verse 43.

p So that now ye Leuites should satisfie vnto the Lord for the first borne of Israel, saue for the 273 which were moe then the Leuites, for whom they payed money.

q Of the two hundred seuenty and three which were more then the Leuites.

a The Leuites were numbred after three sorts: first at a moneth olde when they were consecrate to the Lord, next at 25. yeeres olde when they were appointed to serue in the Tabernacle, and at 30. yeere olde, to beare the burdens of the Tabernacle.

b Which diuided the Sanctuarie from the holiest of all.

c That is, put them vpon their shoulders to cary it: for the bars of the Arke could neuer be remooued, Exo 25.15. *Exod. 25.30.*

d Meaning, to couer the bread.

Number of Leuites

Exod. 25. 31. Exod. 25. 38.

and couer the [a] candlestick of light with his lampes and his snuffers, [b] and his snuffedishes, and all the oyle vessels thereof, which they occupie about it.

10 So they shall put it, and all the instruments thereof in a couering of Badgers skinnes, and put it vpon the [c] barres.

11 Also vpon the golden [d] altar they shall spread a cloth of blue silke, and couer it with a couering of Badgers skinne, and put to the barres thereof.

12 And they shal take all the instruments of the ministerie wherewith they minister in the Sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue silke, and couer them with a couering of badgers skins, and put them on the barres.

13 Also they shall take away the ashes from the [e] altar, and spread a purple cloth vpon it,

14 And shall put vpon it all the instruments thereof, which they occupie about it: the censers, the fleshhookes, and the beesomes, and the basins, euen all the instruments of the altar, and they shall spread vpon it a couering of badgers skinnes, and put to the barres of it.

15 And when Aaron and his sonnes haue made an ende of couering the [f] Sanctuary, and all the instruments of the Sanctuary, at the remouing of the hoste, afterward the sonnes of Kohath shall come to beare it, but they shal not [g] touch any holy thing, least they die. This is the charge of the sonnes of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the Priest pertaineth the oile for the light, and the [h] sweete incense, & the [i] dayly meate offering, and the [k] anointing oyle, with the ouerlight of all the Tabernacle, and of all that therein is, both in the Sanctuary, and in all the instruments thereof.

17 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

18 Ye shall not [l] cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Leuites:

19 But thus doe vnto them, that they may liue and not die, when they come neere to the most holy things: let Aaron and his sonnes come and appoint [m] them, euery one to his office, and to his charge.

20 But let them not goe in, to see when the Sanctuary is folden vp, least they die.

21 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the summe of the sonnes of Gershon, euery one by the houses of their fathers throughout their families:

23 From thirty yeere old and aboue, vntill fiftie yeere olde shalt thou number them, all that [n] enter into the assembly for to doe seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

24 This shalbe the seruice of the families of the Gershonites, to serue and to beare.

25 They shal beare the curtaines of the Tabernacle, & the Tabernacle of the Congregation, his couering, and the couering of badgers skinnes, that is on hie vpon it, and the vaile of the [o] doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation:

26 The curtaines also of the Court, and the vaile of the entring in of the gate of the Court, [p] which is neere the Tabernacle and neere the altar round about, with their cordes, and all the instruments for their seruice, and all that is made for them: so shall they serue.

27 At the commandement of Aaron and his sonnes, shall all the seruice of the sonnes of the Gershonites be done, in all their charges, and in all their seruice, and ye shall appoint them to keepe all their charges.

28 This is the seruice of the families of the sonnes of the Gershonites in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and their watch shall bee vnder the [q] hand of Ithamar the sonne of Aaron the Priest.

29 ¶ Thou shalt number the sonnes of Merari by their families, and by the houses of their fathers:

30 From thirtie yeere olde and aboue, euen vnto fiftie yeere olde shalt thou number them, all that enter into the assembly, to doe the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

31 And this is their office and charge according to all their seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation: the [r] boords of the Tabernacle with the barres thereof, and his pillars and his sockets,

Exod. 26. 15.

32 And the pillars round about the Court, with their sockets, and their pinnes, and their cords, with all their instruments, euen for all their seruice: and by [s] name ye shall reckon the instruments of their office and charge.

33 This is the seruice of the families of the sonnes of Merari, according to all their seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation vnder the hand of Ithamar the sonne of Aaron the Priest.

34 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron and the Princes of the Congregation numbred the sonnes of the Kohathites, by their families and by the houses of their fathers,

35 From thirtie yeere olde and aboue, euen vnto fiftie yeere old, all that enter into the assembly for the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

36 So the [t] numbers of them throughout their families were two thousand seuen hundreth and fiftie.

37 These are the numbers of the families of the Kohathites, all that serue in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandement of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

38 Also the number of the sonnes of Gershon throughout their families and houses of their fathers,

39 From thirtie yeere olde and vpward, euen vnto fiftie yeere old: all that enter into the assembly, for the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

40 So the numbers of them by their families, and by the houses of their Fathers were two thousand fiue hundreth and thirtie.

41 These are the numbers of the families of

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[a] Which Court compasseth both the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the Altar of burnt offering.

[b] Vnder the charge and ouersight.

[c] Ye shall make an inuentorie of all the things which ye commit to their charge.

[d] Hebr. the number of them.

[e] God appointing Moses to be the minister and executor thereof.

[f] The Ebrew word signifieth an instrument made of two staues or barres.

[g] Which was to burne incense, Reade Exod. 30. 1.

[h] Of the burnt offring.

[i] That is, in folding vp the things of the Sanctuary, as the Arke, &c.

[k] Before it bee couered.

[l] Which was offered at morning & euening. Exod. 30. 23, 25.

[m] Committing by your negligence that the holy things be not well wrapped, and so they by touching thereof, perish.

[n] Shewing what part euery man shal beare.

[o] Which were receiued into the company of them that ministred in the Tabernable of the Congregation.

[p] Which vaile hanged between the Sanctuarie and the Court.

t Which were of competent age to serue therein, that is, betweene thirty and fifty.

of the sonnes of Gershon: of all that t did seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, whome Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandement of the Lord.

42 ¶ The numbers also of the families of the sonnes of Merari by their families, and by the houses of their fathers,

43 From thirty yeere olde and vpward, euen vnto fifty yeere old: all that enter into the assembly for the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

44 So the numbers of them by their families were three thousand and two hundreth.

45 These are the summes of the families of the sonnes of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbred according to the commandement of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

46 So all the numbers of the Leuites, which Moses, and Aaron, and the princes of Israel numbred by their families and by the houses of their fathers,

u Whosoeuer of the Leuites that had any maner of charge in the Tabernacle.

47 From thirty yeere old and vpward, euen to fifty yeere old, euery one that came to doe u his duety, office, seruice and charge in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

‡Ebr. according to the mouth or word.

48 So the numbers of them were eight thousand flue hundreth and fourescore.

x So that Moses neither added nor diminished from that which the Lord commanded him.

49 According to the ‡ commandement of the Lord by the hand of Moses did Aaron number them, euery one according to his seruice, and according to his charge. Thus were they of that tribe numbred, as the Lord commanded x Moses.

CHAP. V.

2 The leprous and the polluted shalbe cast forth. 6 The purging of sinne. 15 The trial of the suspected wife.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they * put out of the hoste euery leper, and euery one that hath * an issue, and whosoeuer is defiled by * the dead.

Leuit. 13.3. Leuit. 15.2. Leuit. 12.1.

3 Both male and female shal ye put out: § out of the hoste shall ye put them, that they defile not their a tents among whome I dwell.

§Or, in a place out of the host.

a There were three maner of tents: of the Lord, of the Leuites, and of the Israelites.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out of the hoste, euen as the Lord had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

6 Speake vnto the children of Israel, * When a man or a woman shal commit any sinne b that men commit, and transgresse against the Lord, when that person shall trespasse,

Leuit. 6.3.

b Commit any fault willingly.

7 Then they shall confesse their sinne which they haue done, and shall restore the dammage thereof * with his principall, and put the fift part of it more thereto, and shall giue it vnto him, against whom he hath trespassed.

Leuit. 6.5.

8 But if the c man haue no kinsman, to whom hee should restore the dammage, the dammage shall bee restored to the Lord for the Priests vse, besides the Ramme of the atonement, wherewith hee shall make atonement for him.

c If he be dead to whom the wrong is done, and also haue no kinsman.

9 And euery offering of all the d holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring vnto the Priest, shall be * his.

d Or, things offred to the Lord, as first fruits, &c. Leuit. 10.12.

10 And euery mans halowed things shall be his: that is, whatsoeuer any man giueth the Priest, it shalbe his.

11 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

12 Speake vnto the children of Israel, & say vnto them, If any mans wife e turne to euill, and commit a trespasse against him,

e By breaking the band of mariage, and playing the harlot.

13 So that another man lie with her fleshly, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and kept close, and yet she be defiled, and there be no witnesse against her, neither she taken with the maner,

14 ‡ If he be moued with a ielous minde, so that he is iealous ouer his wife, which is defiled, or if he haue a iealous minde, so that hee is iealous ouer his wife, which is not defiled,

‡Ebr. if the spirit of iealousie come vpon him.

15 Then shall the man bring his wife to the Priest, and bring her offering with her, the tenth part of an Ephah of barley meale, but he shall not powre f oyle vpon it, nor put incense thereon, for it is an offering of iealousie, an offring for a remembrance, calling the sinne to s minde:

f Onely in the sinne offring, and in this offring of iealousie were neither oile nor incense offred.

16 And the Priest shall bring her, and set her before the Lord.

17 Then the Priest shall take h the holy water in an earthen vessell, and of the dust that is in the floore of the Tabernacle, euen the Priest shall take it and put it into the water.

g Or, making the sinne knowe, & not purged it.

h Which also is called the water of purification or sprinckling, read Chap. 19.9.

18 After, the Priest shal set the woman before the Lord, and vncouer the womans head, and put the offring of the memorial in her hands: it is the iealousie offering, and the Priest shal haue bitter and i cursed water in his hand.

i It was so called by the effect, because it declared the woman to be accursed, and turned to her destruction.

19 And the Priest shal charge her by an othe, and say, vnto the woman, If no man haue lien with thee, neither thou hast turned to vncleannesse from thine husband, be free from this bitter and cursed water.

20 But if thou hast turned from thine husband, and so art defiled, and some man hath lien with thee beside thine husband,

21 (Then the Priest shall charge the woman with an othe of curling, and the Priest shall say vnto the woman) The Lord make thee to bee k accursed and detestable for the oth among thy people, and the Lord cause thy thigh to ‡ to rotte, and thy belly to swell:

k Both because she had committed so hainous a fault, & forswarr her selfe in denying the same.

‡Ebr. to fall.

22 And that this cursed water may goe into thy bowels, to cause thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot. Then the woman shall answere, l Amen, Amen.

l That is, be it so as thou wishest, as Psal. 41.13. deut. 27.15.

23 After, the Priest shal write these curses in a booke, and shall m blot them out with the bitter water,

m Shal wash the curses, which are written, into the water in the vessell.

24 And shall cause the woman to drinke the bitter and cursed water, and the cursed water, turned into bitternes, shal enter into her.

25 Then the Priest shal take the iealousie offering out of the womans hand, and shal shake the offering before the Lord, and offer it vpon the altar.

26 And

26 And the Priest shall take an handfull of the offering for a ‖ memoriall thereof, and burne it vpon the [n] altar, and afterward make the woman drinke the water.

27 When hee hath made her drinke the water, if shee be defiled and haue trespassed against her husband, then shall the cursed water, turned into bitternesse, enter into her, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot, and the woman shal be accursed among her people.

28 But if the woman bee not defiled, but be ‖ cleane, she shall be free, and shal conceiue and beare.

29 This is the law of ielousie, when a wife turneth from her husband, and is defiled,

30 Or, when a man is moued with a ielous minde, dying ielous ouer his wife, then shall hee bring the woman before the Lord, and the Priest shall doe to her according to all this law:

31 And the man shalbe [o] free from sinne, but this woman shall beare her iniquitie.

‖ Or, perfume.

n Where the incense was offred.

‖ Or, innocent.

o The man might accuse his wife vpon suspicion, and not be reproued,

CHAP. VI.

2 The law of the consecration of the Nazarites. 24 The maner to blesse the people.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, When a man or a woman doeth separate themselues to vowe a vow of a [a] Nazarite to separate himselfe vnto the Lord,

3 He shal abstaine from wine and strong drinke, & shal drink no sowre wine nor sowre drinke, nor shall drinke any licour of grapes, neither shall eat fresh grapes nor dried.

4 As long as his abstinence endureth, shal he eat nothing that is made of the vine of the vine, neither the kernels, nor the husk.

5 While he is separated by his vow, the [*] rasor shal not come vpon his head, vntil the dates be out, in the which he separateth himselfe vnto the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the lockes of the haire of his head grow.

6 During the time that hee separateth himselfe vnto the Lord, hee shall come at no [b] dead body.

7 Hee shall not make himselfe vncleane at the death of his father, or mother, brother, or sister: for the consecration of his God is vpon [c] his head.

8 All the dayes of his separation he shall be holy to the Lord.

9 And if any die suddenly by him, or hee beware, then the [d] head of his consecration shall be defiled, and he shal shaue his head in the day of his cleansing: in the seuenth day he shall shaue it.

10 And in the eight day he shal bring two turtles, or two yong pigeons to the Priest, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

11 Then the Priest shall prepare the one for a sinne offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and shall make an atonement for him, because he sinned by the [e] dead: so shall he hallow his head the same day,

12 And he shal [f] consecrate vnto the Lord the dayes of his separation, and shall bring a lambe of a yeere old for a trespasse offering, and the first dayes shall be void: for his consecration was defiled.

13 ¶ This then is the law of the Nazarite: when the time of his consecration is out, he shall come to the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

14 And hee shall bring his offering vnto the Lord, an hee lambe of a yeere olde without blemish for a burnt offering, and a shee lambe of a yeere olde without blemish for a sinne offring, and a ramme without blemish for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of vnleauened bread, of [*] cakes of fine floure, mingled with oile, and wafers of vnleauened bread, anointed with oyle with their meat offering, & their drinke offerings:

16 The which the Priest shall bring before the Lord, and make his sinne offring and his burnt offering.

17 Hee shall prepare also the ramme for a peace offring vnto the Lord, with the basket of vnleauened bread, & the Priest shall make his meate offering, and his drinke offering.

18 And [*] the Nazarite shall shaue the head [h] of his consecration at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and shall take the haire of the head of his consecration and [i] put it in the fire, which is vnder the peace offering.

19 Then the Priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and an vnleauened cake out of the basket, and a wafer vnleauened, and put them vpon the hands of the Nazarite, after he hath shaven his consecration.

20 And the Priest shall [*] shake them to and fro before the Lord: this is an holy thing for the Priest ‖ besides the shaken breast, and besides the heaue shoulder: so afterward the Nazarite may drinke wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazarite, which hee hath vowed, and of his offering vnto the Lord for his consecration, [k] besides that that hee is able to bring: according to the vowe which he vowed, so shal he doe after the law of his consecration.

22 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

23 Speake vnto Aaron & to his sonnes, saying, Thus shall ye [l] bleese the children of Israel, and say vnto them,

24 The Lord bleese thee, and keepe thee,

25 The Lord make his face shine vpon thee, and be mercifull vnto thee,

26 The Lord lift vp his countenance vpon thee, and giue thee peace.

27 So they shall put my [m] Name vpon the children of Israel, and I will bleese them.

a Which separated themselues from the world, and dedicated themselues to God: which figure was accomplished in Christ.

Iudg. 13.5. & *Luke* 1.11.

b As at burials, or mournings.

c In that he suffered his haire to grow, he signified that hee was consecrate to God.

d Which long haire is a signe that he is dedicate to God,

e By being present where the dead was.

f Beginning at the eight day, when he is purified.

g So that hee shall begin his vow anew.

Offering of the Nazarites

Leuit. 2.15.

Acts 21.24.

h In token that his vow is ended

i For the haire which was consecrate to the Lord might not be cast into any prophane place.

Exod. 29.27.

‖ Or, with the breast.

k At the least he shall doe this, if he be able to offer no more.

l That is, pray for them, Eccli. 36.17.

m They shall pray in my Name for them.

CHAP. VII.

2 The heads or princes of Israel offer at the setting vp of the Tabernacle, 10 and at the dedication of the Altar. 89 God speaketh to Moses from the Mercy-seate.

NOw when Moses had finished the setting vp of the Tabernacle, and [*] anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, and the altar with all the instruments thereof, and had anointed them and sanctified them,

Exod. 40.18.

‖ Or, vessels.

2 Then

2 Then the ‖ princes of Israel, heads ouer the houses of their fathers (they were the Princes of the tribes, who were ouer them that were numbred) offered,

‖ Or, captaines.

3 And brought their offering before the Lord, sixe * couered charets, and twelue oxen: one charet for two princes, and for euery one an ox, and they offered them before the Tabernacle.

a Like horselitters to keepe the things that were caried in them, from wether.

4 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

5 Take these of them, that they may be to doe the ᵇ seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and thou shalt giue them vnto the Leuites, to euery man according vnto his office.

b That is, to carie things and stuffe in.

6 So Moses tooke the charets and the oxen, and gaue them vnto the Leuites:

7 Two charets and foure oxen he gaue to the sonnes of Gershon, according vnto their ᶜ office.

c For their vse to carie with.

8 And foure charets and eight oxen hee gaue to the sonnes of Merari, according vnto their office, vnder the hand of Ithamar the sonne of Aaron the Priest.

9 But to the sonnes of Kohath hee gaue none, ᵈ because the charge of the Sanctuarie belonged to them, which they did beare vpon their shoulders.

d The holy things of the Sanctuarie must be caried vpon their shoulders, and not drawen with oxen, chap. 4.15.

10 ¶ The princes also offered in the * dedication for the altar in the day that it was anointed: then the Princes offered their offering before the altar.

* That is, when the first sacrifice was offred thereupon by Aaron, Leuit. 9.1.

11 And the Lord said vnto Moses, One prince one day, and another prince another day shall offer their offering, for the dedication of the altar.

12 ¶ So then on the first day did † Nahshon the sonne of Amminadab of the tribe of Iudah offer his offering.

† The offering of Nahshon.

13 And his offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth ‖ thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour, mingled with oyle for a ᵉ meat offering.

‖ Or, fourtie.

Leuit. 2.1.

14 An incense cup of gold of ten shekels full of incense,

15 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere old for a burnt offering,

16 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

17 And for peace offrings, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue he goates, and fiue lambes of a yeere old: this was the offering of Nahshon the sonne of Amminadab.

18 ¶ The second day † Nethaneel the sonne of Zuar, prince of the tribe of Issachar did offer:

† The offering of Nethaneel.

19 Who offered for his offering a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour, mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

20 An incense cup of gold of ten shekels, full of incense,

21 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

22 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

23 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere old: this was the offring of Nethaneel the sonne of Zuar.

24 ¶ The third day † Eliab the son of Helon prince of the children of Zebulun offered.

† The offering of Eliab.

25 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

26 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

27 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

28 An hee goate for a sinne offring,

29 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Eliab the sonne of Helon.

30 ¶ The fourth day † Elizur the sonne of Shedeur prince of the children of Reuben offered.

† The offering of Elizur.

31 His offring was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

32 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, ful of incense,

33 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

34 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

35 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Elizur the sonne of Shedeur.

36 ¶ The fift day † Shelumiel the sonne of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon offered.

† The offering of Shelumiel.

37 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

38 A golden incense cup often shekels, full of incense,

39 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

40 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

41 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offring of Shelumiel the sonne of Zurishaddai.

42 ¶ The sixt day † Eliasaph the sonne of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad offered.

† The offering of Eliasaph.

43 His offring was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine flour, mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

44 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

45 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde, for a burnt offering,

46 An hee goate for a sinne offering.

47 And for peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Eliasaph the sonne of Deuel.

48 ¶ The seuenth day † Elishama the sonne of Ammihud prince of the children of Ephraim offered.

† The offering of Elishama.

49 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth

hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meate offering.

50 An incense cup of gold of ten shekels full of incense,

51 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere old for a burnt offering,

52 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

53 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offring of Elishama the sonne of Ammiud.

† The offering of Gamliel.

54 ¶ The eight day offered † Gamliel the sonne of Pedazur, prince of the children of Manasseh.

55 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

56 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

57 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

58 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

59 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere old: this was the offring of Gamliel the sonne of Pedazur.

† The offering of Abidan.

60 ¶ The ninth day † Abidan the sonne of Gideoni prince of the children of Beniamin offered.

61 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

62 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

63 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

64 An hee goate for a sinne offring,

65 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambs of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Abidan the sonne of Gideoni.

† The offering of Ahiezer.

69 ¶ The tenth day † Ahiezer the sonne of Ammishaddai prince of the children of Dan offered.

67 His offring was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

68 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

69 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

70 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

71 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Ahiezer the sonne of Ammishaddai.

† The offering of Pagiel, or Phegiel.

72 ¶ The eleuenth day † Pagiel the sonne of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher offered.

73 His offering was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

74 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

75 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde for a burnt offering,

76 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

77 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offring of Pagiel the sonne of Ocran.

† The offering of Ahira.

78 ¶ The twelft day † Ahira the sonne of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali offered.

79 His offring was a siluer charger of an hundreth and thirtie shekels weight, a siluer bowle of seuentie shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, both full of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meate offering,

80 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

81 A yong bullocke, a ramme, a lambe of a yeere olde, for a burnt offering,

82 An hee goate for a sinne offering,

83 And for peace offrings: two bullocks, fiue rammes, fiue hee goates, fiue lambes of a yeere olde: this was the offering of Ahira the sonne of Enan.

f This was the offering of the princes, when Aaron did dedicate the Altar.

84 This was the † dedication of the Altar by the princes of Israel, when it was anointed: twelue chargers of siluer, twelue siluer bowles, twelue incense cups of gold,

85 Euery charger conteining an hundreth and thirtie shekels of siluer, and euery bowle seuentie: all the siluer vessels contained two thousand, and foure hundreth shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie.

86 Twelue incense cups of gold ful of incense, containing ten shekels euery cup, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie: all the golde of the incense cups was an hundreth and twentie shekels.

87 All the bullocks for the burnt offering were twelue bullockes, the rammes twelue, the lambes of a yeere olde twelue, with their meate offerings, and twelue hee goates for a sinne offering.

88 And all the bullockes for the peace offerings were foure and twentie bullockes, the rammes sixtie, the hee goates sixtie, the lambes of a yeere olde sixtie: this was the dedication of the Altar, after that it was anoynted.

g By Aaron.
h That is, the Sanctuarie.
i According as he had promised, Exod. 25.22.

89 And when Moses went into the ‡ Tabernacle of the Congregation, to speake with God, he heard the voice of one speaking vnto him from the Mercieseate, that was vpon the Arke of the Testimonie betweene the two Cherubims, and he spake to him.

CHAP. VIII.

2 The order of the lampes. 6 The purifying and offering of the Leuites. 24 The age of the Leuites, when they are receiued to seruice, and when they are dimissed.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto Aaron, and say vnto him, When thou lightest the lampes, the seuen lampes shall giue light toward the

a To that part, which is ouer against the Candlesticke, Exod. 25.37.

a forefront of the Candlesticke.

3 And Aaron did so, lighting the lampes thereof towarde the foretront of the Candlesticke, as the Lord had commaunded Moses.

4 And this was the worke of the Candlesticke, euen of golde beaten out with the hammer, both the shaft, and the flowres thereof, * was beaten out with the hammer: b according to the patterne, which the Lord had shewed Moses, so made he the Candlesticke.

Exod. 25.18.

b And not set together of diuers pieces.

5 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Leuites from among the children of Israel, and purifie them.

7 And thus shalt thou doe vnto them, when thou purifiest them, Sprinkle c water of purification vpon them, and let them shaue all their flesh, and wash their clothes: so they shall be cleane.

c In Ebrew it is called the water of sinne, because it is made to purge sinne, as Chap. 19.9.

8 Then they shall take a young bullocke with his meate offering of fine floure, mingled with oyle, and an other young bullocke shalt thou take for a sinne offering.

9 Then thou shalt bring the Leuites before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and assemble d all the Congregation of the children of Israel.

d That thou mayest doe this in presence of them all.

10 Thou shalt bring the Leuites also before the Lord, and the * children of Israel shall put their hands vpon the Leuites.

e Meaning, certaine of them in the name of the whole.

11 And Aaron shall offer the Leuites before the Lord, as a shake offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the seruice of the Lord.

12 And the Leuites shall put their hands vpon the heads of the bullocks, & make thou the one a sinne offring, and the other a burnt offering vnto the Lord, that thou mayest make an atonement for the Leuites.

13 And thou shalt set the Leuites before Aaron and before his sonnes, and offer them as a shake offering to the Lord.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Leuites from among the children of Israel, and the Leuites shall be * mine.

Chap. 3.45.

15 And afterward shall the Leuites goe in, to serue in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and thou shalt purifie them, and offer them, as a shake offering.

Chap. 3.9.

16 For they are freely giuen * vnto mee from among the children of Israel, for f such as open any wombe: for all the first borne of the children of Israel haue I taken them vnto me.

f That is, they that are the first borne.

17 * For all the first borne of the children of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast: since the day that I smote euery first borne in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for my selfe.

Exod. 13.2. Luke 2.23.

18 And I haue taken the Leuites for all the first borne of the children of Israel.

19 And haue giuen the Leuites as a gift vnto Aaron, and to his sonnes from among the children of Israel, to do the seruice of the g children of Israel in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel, that there bee no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come neere vnto h the Sanctuarie.

g Which seruice the Israelites should else doe.

h Because the Leuites goe into the Sanctuarie in their name.

20 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron and all the Congregation of the children of Israel did with the Leuites, according vnto al that the Lord had commaunded Moses concerning the Leuites: so did the children of Israel vnto them.

21 So the Leuites were purified, and washed their clothes, and Aaron offered them as a shake offring before the Lord, and Aaron made an atonement for them to purifie them.

22 And after that, went the Leuites in to doe their seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, i before Aaron and before his sonnes: as the Lord had commaunded Moses concerning the Leuites, so they did vnto them.

i In their presence, to serue them.

23 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

24 This also belongeth to the Leuites: from fiue and twentie yeere olde & vpward, they shall goe in, to execute their office in the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

25 And after the age of fiftie yeere, they shall cease from executing the k office, and shall serue no more:

k Such office as was painefull, as to beare burdens and such like.

26 But they shall minister l with their brethren in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, to keepe things committed to their charge, but they shall doe no seruice: thus shalt thou doe vnto the Leuites touching their charges.

l In singing Psalmes, instructing, counselling and keeping the things in order.

CHAP. IX.

a *The Passeouer is commanded againe.* 13 *The punishment of him that keepeth not the Passeouer.* 15 *The cloude conducteth the Israelites through the wildernesse.*

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses in the wildernes of Sinai, in the first moneth of the second yeere, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 The children of Israel shall also celebrate the * Passeouer at the time appointed thereunto.

Exod 12.1. Leuit. 23.5. chap. 28 16. deut. 16.2. Exod. 12.6. deut. 16.6.

3 In the fourteenth day of this moneth at * euen, yee shall keepe it in his due season: according to * all the ordinances of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shal yee keepe it.

a Euen in all points, as the Lord hath instituted it.

4 Then Moses spake vnto the children of Israel, to celebrate the Passeouer.

5 And they kept the Passeouer in the fourteenth day of the first moneth at euen, in the wildernesse of Sinai: according to al that the Lord had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And certaine men were defiled b by a dead man, that they might not keepe the Passeouer the same day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron the same day.

b By touching a corps, or being at the buriall.

7 And those men sayd vnto him, c Wee are defiled by a dead man: wherefore are we kept backe that we may not offer an offring vnto the Lord in the time therunto appointed among the children of Israel?

c Or, celebrate the Passeouer the fourteenth day of the first moneth.

8 Then Moses said vnto them, Stand still, and I will heare what the Lord will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

10 Speake

10 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say, If any man among you, or of your posterity shall be vncleane by the reason of a corps, or be in a long iourney, d he shall keepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord.

11 In the fourteenth day of the e second moneth at euen they shall keepe it: with vnleauened bread and sower herbes shall they eate it.

12 They shall leaue none of it vntill the morning, nor breake any bone of it: according to all the ordinance of the Passeouer shall they keepe it.

13 But the man that is cleane and is not in a iourney, and is negligent to keepe the Passeouer, the same person shall bee cut off from his people: because he brought not the offering of the Lord in his due season, that man shall beare his ‖ sinne.

14 And if a stranger dwell among you, and will keepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord, as the ordinance of the Passeouer, and as the manner thereof is, so shall he doe: f ye shal haue one law both for the stranger, and for him that was borne in the same land.

15 ¶ g And when the Tabernacle was reared vp, a cloud couered the Tabernacle, namely, the Tabernacle of the Testimony: & at euen there was vpon the Tabernacle, as the ‡ appearance of fire vntill morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud couered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloude was taken vp from the Tabernacle, then afterward the children of Israel iourneyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the ‡ commandement of the h Lord the children of Israel iourneyed, and at the commandement of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode vpon the Tabernacle, * they ‡ lay still.

19 And when the cloud taried still vpon the Tabernacle a long time, the children of Israel kept the i watch of the Lorde, and iourneyed not.

20 So when the cloud abode ‡ a few daies vpon the Tabernacle, they abode in their tents according to the commandement of the Lord: for they iourneyed at the commandement of the Lord.

21 And though the cloud abode vpon the Tabernacle from euen vnto the morning, yet if the cloude was taken vp in the morning, then they iourneyed: whether by day or by night the cloud was taken vp, then they iourneyed.

22 Or if the cloud taried two dayes, or a moneth, or a yeere vpon the Tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Israel * abode still, and iourneyed not: but when it was taken vp, they iourneyed.

23 At the commaundement of the Lord they pitched, and at the commandement of the Lord they iourneyed, keeping the watch of the Lord at the commaundement of the Lord by the k hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

1 The vse of the siluer trumpets. 11 The Israelites depart from Sinai. 14 The captaines of the hoste are numbered. 30 Hobab refuseth to go with Moses his sonne in law.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of siluer: of an * whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest vse them for the assembling of the Congregation, and for the departure of the campe.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the Congregation shall assemble to thee before the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

4 But if they blowe with one, then the Princes, or heads ouer the thousands of Israel shall come vnto thee.

5 But if ye blowe an alarme, then the campe of them that pitch on the b East part, shall goe forward.

6 If ye blow an alarme the second time, then the host of them that lie on the c South side shall march: for they shall blowe an alarme when they remoue.

7 But in assembling the Congregation, ye shall blow without an alarme.

8 And the sonnes of Aaron the Priest shall d blow the trumpets, and ye shall haue them as a lawe for euer in your generations.

9 And when yee goe to warre in your land against the enemie that vexeth you, ye shall blowe an alarme with the trumpets, and ye shall bee remembred before the Lord your God, and shall be saued from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your e gladnesse, and in your feast dayes, and in the beginning of your moneths, yee shall also blowe the trumpets ‖ ouer your burnt sacrifices, and ouer your peace offrings, that they may be a remembrance for you before your God: I am the Lord your God.

11 ¶ And in the second yere, in the second moneth, and in the twentieth day of the moneth, the cloud was taken vp from the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

12 And the children of Israel departed on their ‖ iourneys out of the desert of Sinai, and the cloude rested in the wildernesse of Paran.

13 So they f first tooke their iourney at the commandement of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ * In the first place went the standerd of the hoste of the children of Iudah, according to their armies: and * Nahshon the sonne of Amminadab was ouer his band.

15 And ouer the band of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And ouer the band of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the sonne of Helon.

17 When the Tabernacle was taken downe, then the sonnes of Gershon, and the sonnes of Merari went forward bearing ‡ the Tabernacle.

18 ¶ After, departed the standerd of the hoste of Reuben according to their armies, and ouer his band was Elizur the sonne of Shedeur.

The vse of the Siluer Trumpets

a Or of worke beaten out with the hammer.

b That is, the hoste of Iudah, and they that are vnder his enfigne.

c Meaning, the hosts of Reubea.

d So that onely the Priests must blow the trumpets, so long as the Priesthood lasted.

e When ye reioice that God hath removed any plague.
‖ Or, when ye offer burnt offrings.

‖ Or, in keeping this order in their iourneys.

f From Sinai to Paran, Chap. 33. 1

Chap. 2. 3.

Chap. 1. 7.

d And cannot come where the Tabernacle is, when others keepe it.

e So that the vncleane, and they that are not at home, haue a moneth longer granted vnto them. Exod. 12. 46. Iohn 19. 36.

f When the Passeouer is celebrated.

‖ Or, punishment of his sinne. Exod. 12. 49.

Exod. 40. 34.

g Like a pillar: read Exo. 13. 21.

‡ Ebr. mouth.

h Who taught them what to do by the cloud. 1. Cor. 10. 1.

‡ Ebr. compas.

i They waited when the Lord would signifie either their departure, or their abode by the cloud.

‡ Ebr. dayes of number.

Exod. 40. 36, 37. reade verse 18.

k Vnder the charge and gouernement of Moses.

g With all the appertinances thereof.

19 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
children of Simeon was Shelumiel the ſon
of Zurishaddai.
20 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
children of Gad was Eliaſaph the ſonne of
Deuel.
21 The Kohathites alſo went forward
and [b] bare the * Sanctuary, and the [i] for-
mer did ſet vp the Tabernacle againſt they
came.
22 ¶ Then the ſtanderd of the hoſte of
the children of Ephraim went forward ac-
cording to their armies, and ouer his band
was Eliſhama the ſonne of Ammiud.
23 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
ſonnes of Manaſſeh was Gamliel the ſonne
of Pedazur.
24 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
ſonnes of Beniamin was Abidan the ſonne
of Gideoni.
25 ¶ Laſt, the ſtanderd of the hoſte of the
children of Dan marched, [k] gathering all the
hoſtes according to their armies: and ouer
his band was Ahiezer the ſonne of Ammi-
ſhaddai.
26 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
children of Aſher was Pagiel the ſonne of
Ocran.
27 And ouer the band of the tribe of the
children of Naphtali was Ahira the ſonne of
Enan.
28 [l] Theſe were the remouings of the
children of Iſrael according to their armies,
when they marched.
29 ¶ After, Moſes ſaid vnto [m] Hobab
the ſonne of Reuel the Midianite, the father
in lawe of Moſes, We goe into the place, of
which the Lord ſayd, I will giue it you:
Come thou with vs, and wee will doe thee
good: for the Lord hath promiſed good vnto
Iſrael.
30 And he anſwered him, I will not goe:
but I will depart to mine owne countrey,
and to my kinred.
31 Then hee ſaide, I pray thee, leaue vs
not: for thou knoweſt our camping places
in the wilderneſſe: therefore thou mayeſt be
our ‡ guide.
32 And if thou goe with vs, what good-
neſſe the Lord ſhall ſhew vnto vs, the ſame
will we ſhew vnto thee.
33 ¶ So they departed from the [n] mount
of the Lord, three dayes iourney, and the
Arke of the couenant of the Lord went be-
fore them in the three daies iourney, to ſearch
out a reſting place for them.
34 And the cloude of the Lord was vpon
the by day, when they went out of the campe.
35 And when the Arke went forward,
Moſes ſaid, * [o] Riſe vp, Lord, and let thine
enemies be ſcattered, and let them that hate
thee, flee before thee.
36 And when it reſted, he ſaid, Returne,
O Lord, to the ‡ many thouſands of Iſrael.

CHAP. XI.

1 The people murmureth, and is puniſhed with fire. 4 The people luſteth after fleſh. 6 They loathe Manna. 11 The weake ſaith of Moſes. 16 The Lord diuideth the burden of Moſes to ſeuenty of the Ancients. 31 The Lord ſendeth Quailes. 33 Their luſt is puniſhed.

WHen the people became [‡] murmurers,
it diſpleaſed the Lord: and the Lord
heard it, therefore his wrath was kindled,
and the fire of the Lord burnt among them,
and * conſumed the vtmoſt part of the hoſt.
2 Then the people cried vnto Moſes:
and when Moſes prayed vnto the Lord, the
fire was quenched.
3 And he called the name of that place
[†] Taberah, becauſe the fire of the Lord burnt
among them.
4 ¶ And a number of [a] people that was
among them, fell a luſting, and [b] turned
away, and the children of Iſrael alſo
wept, and ſayd, [c] Who ſhall giue vs fleſh to
eate?
5 [d] We remember the fiſh which wee did
eate in Egypt for [e] nought, the cucumbers,
and the pepons, and the leekes, and the oni-
ons, and the garlecke.
6 But now our ſoule is [f] dried away, we
can ſee nothing but this MAN.
7 (The MAN alſo was as * Coriander
ſeed, and his colour like the colour of * Bde-
lium.
8 The people went about and gathered
it, and ground it in milles, or beat it in mor-
ters, and baked it in a cauldron, and made
cakes of it, and the taſte of it was like vnto
the taſte of freſh oyle.
9 And when the deaw fell downe vpon
the hoſte in the night, the MAN fel with it.)
10 ¶ Then Moſes heard the people weep
throughout their families, euery man in the
doore of his tent: and the wrath of the Lord
was grieuouſly kindled: alſo Moſes was
grieued.
11 And Moſes ſaid vnto the Lord, Where-
fore haſt thou [‡] vexed thy ſeruant? and why
haue I not found [g] fauour in thy ſight, ſeeing
thou haſt put the charge of all this people
vpon me?
12 Haue I conceiued all this people? or
haue I begotten them, that thou ſhouldeſt
ſay vnto me, Carie them in thy boſome (as a
nurſe beareth the ſucking childe) vnto the
[h] land, for the which thou ſwareſt vnto their
fathers?
13 Where ſhould I haue fleſh to giue vn-
to all this people? For they weepe vnto me,
ſaying, Giue vs fleſh, that we may eate.
14 I am not able to beare all this people
alone: for it is too heauy for me.
15 Therefore if thou deale thus with me,
I pray thee, if I haue found fauour in thy
ſight, kill mee, that I behold not my miſ-
erie.
16 ¶ Then the Lord ſayd vnto Moſes,
Gather vnto me ſeuenty men of the Elders
of Iſrael, whom thou knoweſt, that they are
the Elders of the people, and gouernours o-
uer them, and bring them vnto the Taber-
nacle of the Congregation, & let them ſtand
there with thee.
17 And I will come downe, and talke
with thee there, [k] and take of the Spirit,
which is vpon thee, and put vpon them,
and they ſhall beare the burden of the peo-
ple with thee: ſo thou ſhalt not beare it a-
lone.
18 Furthermore thou ſhalt ſay vnto the
people,

[b] Vpon their ſhoulders, *Chap. 4. 4.*
[i] The Merarites and Gerſhonites.
[k] Leauing none behind, nor any of the former that fainted in the way.
[l] This was the order of their hoſt when they remooued.
[m] Some thinke that Reuel, Iethro, Hobab, and Keni, were all one: Kimhi ſaith, that Reuel was Iethros father: ſo Hobab was Moſes father in law, looke Exod. 2. 18. and 3. 1. and 4. 18. and 18. 1. and iudg. 4. 11.
‡ *Ebr. eyes vnto vs.*
[n] Mount Sinai, or Horeb.
Pſal. 68. 1. 2.
[o] Declare thy might & power.
‡ *Ebr. to the tenne thouſand thouſands.*
[‡] *Ebr. as it were complainers*
‡ *Ebr. it was euil in the eares of the Lord. Pſal 78. 21.*
[†] *Or, burning.*
[a] Which were of thoſe ſtrangers that came out of Egypt with them Exod. 12. 38.
[b] From God.
[c] For a ſmall price, or good cheape.
[d] For the greedy luſt of fleſh. *Exod. 16. 31. wiſd. 16. 20. pſal 78. 24. ioh 6. 31.*
[e] Which is a white pearle or precious ſtone.
[‡] *Or, euill intreated.*
[f] Or, wherein haue I diſpleaſed thee?
[g] Am I their father, that none may haue the charge of them but I?
[h] Of Canaan promiſed by an oth to our fathers.
[i] I had rather die then to ſee my griefe and miſery thus dayly increaſe by their rebellion.
[k] I wil diſtribute my ſpirit among them, as I haue done to thee.

people, Be sanctified against to morow, and ye shall eate flesh: for you haue wept in the eares of the Lord, saying, Who shall giue vs flesh to eate? for we were better in Egypt: therefore the Lord will giue you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shal not eat one day, nor two dayes, nor fiue dayes, neither ten dayes, nor twenty dayes,

20 But a whole moneth, vntill it come out at your nostrels, and be lothsome vnto you, because ye haue [m] contemned the Lord, which is [n] among you, and haue wept before him, saying, Why came we hither out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, Sixe hundreth thousand footemen are there of the people, [o] among whom I am: and thou sayest, I will giue them flesh, that they may eate a moneth long.

22 Shall the sheep & the beeues be slaine for them, to finde them? either shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them to suffice them?

23 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Is [p] the Lords hand shortened? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to passe vnto thee or no.

24 ¶ So Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered seuenty men of the Elders of the people, and set them round about the Tabernacle.

25 Then the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake vnto him, and ‖ tooke of the Spirit that was vpon him, and put it vpon the seuenty Ancient men: and when the Spirit rested vpon them, then they prophesied, and did not [p] cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the host: the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad, and the Spirit rested vpon them, (for they were of them that were written, and went not out vnto the Tabernacle) and they prophesied in the host.

27 Then there ran a yong man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesie in the host.

28 And Ioshua the sonne of Nun the seruant of Moses, one of his [q] young men, answered, and sayd, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 But Moses sayd vnto him, Enuiest thou for my sake? yea, would God that all the Lords people were Prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit vpon them.

30 And Moses returned into the host, he and the Elders of Israel.

31 Then there went forth a winde from the Lord, and [r] brought quailes from the Sea, and let them fall vpon the campe, a dayes iourney on this side, and a dayes iourney on the other side, round about the host, and they were about two cubites aboue the earth.

32 Then the people arose, all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quailes: he that gathered the least, gathered ten [s] Homers full, and they spied them abroad for their vse round about the host.

33 While the flesh was yet betweene their teeth, before it was chewed, euen the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord [t] smote the people with an exceeding great plague.

34 So the name of the place was called ‖ Kibroth-hattaauah: for there they buried the people that fell a lusting.

35 From Kibroth-hattaauah the people tooke their iourney to Hazeroth, and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Aaron and Miriam grudge against Moses.* 10 *Miriam is stricken with leprosie, and healed at the prayer of Moses.*

AFterward Miriam and Aaron ‖ spake against Moses, because of the woman of Ethiopia whom he had married (for he had married a [a] woman of Ethiopia)

2 And they sayd, What? hath the Lord spoken but onely by Moses? hath he not spoken also by vs? and the Lord heard this.

3 (But Moses was a very [b] meeke man, aboue all the men that were vpon the earth)

4 And by & by the Lord sayd vnto Moses, and vnto Aaron, and vnto Miriam, Come out yee three vnto the Tabernacle of the Congregation: and they three came forth.

5 Then the Lord came downe in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the doore of the Tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forth.

6 And he sayd, Heare now my words. If there be a Prophet of the Lord among you, I will be knowen to him by a vision, and will speake vnto him by a dreame.

7 My seruant Moses is not so, who is faithfull in [c] all mine house.

8 Vnto him will I speake [d] mouth to mouth, euen by vision, and not in darke words, but he [e] shall see the similitude of the Lord. Wherefore then were ye not afraid to speake against my seruant, euen against Moses?

9 ¶ Thus the Lord was very angry with them, and departed.

10 Also the cloud departed from the Tabernacle: and behold, Miriam was leprous like snow: & Aaron looked vpon Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.

11 Then Aaron sayd vnto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sinne vpon vs, which we haue foolishly committed, and wherein we haue sinned.

12 Let her not, I pray thee, be as one [f] dead, of whom the flesh is halfe consumed, when he cometh out of his mothers wombe.

13 Then Moses cryed vnto the Lord, saying, O God, I beseech thee, heale her now.

14 ¶ And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, If her father had [g] spit in her face, would she not haue bene ashamed seuen dayes? let her be [h] shut out of the host seuen dayes, and after, she shalbe receiued.

15 So Miriam was shut out of the host seuen dayes, and the people returned not, till Miriam was brought in againe.

CHAP. XIII.

4 *Certaine men are sent to search the lande of Canaan.* 24 *They bring of the fruite of the land.*

l Prepare your selues that ye be not vncleane.

m Or, cast him off, because ye refused Manna which hee appointed as most meet for you.

n Who leadeth and gouerneth you.

o Of whom I haue the charge.

Isa.50.2. and 59.1.

‖ *Or, separated, as verse 17.*

p From that day the spirit of prophecie did not faile them.

q Or, a yong man whom he had chosen from his youth.

r Such blinde zeale was in the Apostles, Mar.9. 38. Iuke 9.49.

Exod.16.13. Psal.78.26,27.

s Of Homer, reade Leuit.27. 16. also it signifieth an heape, as Exod.8.14. iudg.15.16.

Mirgams & Aarons sedition Psal.78.31.

‖ *Or, graues of lust.*

13 Februar 1 Lepon Euening

‖ *Or, murmured.*

a Zipporah Moses wife was a Midianite, and because Midian bordered on Ethiopia, it is sometime in the Scripture comprehended vnder this name. *Eccles.45.4.*

b And so bare with their gradgings, although he knew them.

c These were the two ordinary meanes.

d In all Israel which was his Church. *Exod.33.11.*

e So farre as any man was able to comprehend, which he casteth his [illegible] parts, Exod.33.23.

f From the doore of the Tabernacle.

g As a child that commeth out of his mothers belly dead, hauing as it were but the skin.

h In his displeasure. *Leuit.13.46.*

14 Februar 1 Lepon Moon

31 Caleb comforteth the people against the discouraging of their spies.

Then afterward the people remoued from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wildernesse of a Paran.

2 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

3 b Send thou men out to search the land of Canaan which I giue vnto the children of Israel: of euery tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, such as are al rulers among them.

4 Then Moses sent them out of the wildernesse of Paran at the commandement of the Lord: all those men were ‖ heads of the children of Israel.

5 Also their names are these: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the sonne of Zaccur:

6 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the sonne of Hori:

7 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the sonne of Jephunneh:

8 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the sonne of Joseph:

9 Of the tribe of Ephraim, ‖ Oshea the sonne of Nun:

10 Of the tribe of Beniamin, Palti the sonne of Raphu:

11 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the sonne of Sodi:

12 Of the tribe of Joseph, to wit, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the sonne of Susi:

13 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the sonne of Gemalli:

14 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the sonne of Michael:

15 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nabbi the sonne of Vophsi:

16 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the sonne of Machi.

17 These are the names of the c men, which Moses sent to spie out the lande: and Moses called the name of Oshea the sonne of Nun, Jehoshua.

18 So Moses sent them to spie out the land of Canaan, and said vnto them, Go vp this way toward the South, and go vp into the ‖ mountaines,

19 And consider the land what it is, and the people that dwell therein, whether they be strong or weake, either few or many,

20 Also what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be d good or bad: and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether they dwell in tents, or in walled townes:

21 Also what the land is: whether it be fat or leane, whether there be trees therein, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land (for then was the time of the first ripe grapes.)

22 ¶ So they went vp, and searched out the lande, from the wildernesse of e Zin vnto Rehob, to goe to Hamath,

23 And they ascended toward the South, & came vnto Hebron, where were Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sonnes of f Anak. And g Hebron was built seuen yeere before Zoan in Egypt.

24 * Then they came to the riuer of Eshcol: and cut downe thence a branch with one cluster of grapes: and they bare it vpon a barre betweene two, and brought of the pomegranates and of the figs.

25 That place was called the riuer Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes, which the children of Israel cut downe thence.

26 Then after fortie dayes, they turned againe from searching of the land.

27 And they went & came to Moses and to Aaron, and vnto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, in the wildernesse of h Paran, to Kadesh, and brought to them and to all the Congregation tidings, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

28 And they told i him, & said, We came vnto the land whither thou hast sent vs, and surely it floweth with * milke and hony: and here is of the fruit of it.

29 Neuertheless, the people bee strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled and exceeding great: and moreouer we saw the k sonnes of Anak there.

30 The Amalekites dwell in the South countrey, and the Hittites, & the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountaines, and the Canaanites dwell by the Sea, and by the coast of Jorden.

31 Then Caleb stilled the people l before Moses, and said, Let vs goe vp at once, and possesse it: for vndoubtedly wee shall ouercome it.

32 But the men that went vp with him, said, We be not able to goe vp against the people: for they are stronger then we.

33 So they brought vp an euill report of the land which they had searched for the children of Israel, saying, The land which we haue gone thorow to search it out, is a land that m eateth vp the inhabitants thereof: for all the people that we saw in it, are men of great stature.

34 For there we saw giants, the sonnes of Anak, which come of the giants, so that we seemed in our sight like grashoppers: and so we were in their sight.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 The people murmure against Moses. 10 They would haue stoned Caleb and Joshua. 13 Moses pacifieth God by his prayer. 45 The people that would enter into the lande contrary to Gods will, are slaine.

Then all the Congregation lifted vp their voyce, and cryed: and a the people wept that night,

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses & Aaron: and the whole assembly said vnto them, Would God wee had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wildernesse: would God we were dead.

3 ¶ Wherefore now hath the Lord brought vs into this land to fall vpon the sword? our wiues, & our children shall be b a prayer: were it not better for vs to returne into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let vs make a captaine and returne into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron c fell on their faces before all the assembly of the Congregation of the children of Israel.

6 * And Joshua the sonne of Nun, & Caleb the sonne of Jephunneh, two of them that searched the land, d rent their clothes,

7 And spake vnto all the assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land which we

a That is, in Rithma, which was in Paran, Chap. 33.18.
b After the people had required it of Moses, as it is in Deut. 1.22. then the Lord spake to Moses so to doe.
‖ Or, rulers.
‖ Or, Joshua.
c Which in number were twelue, according to the twelue tribes.
‖ Or, high countrey.
d Plentifull or barren.
e Which was in the wildernesse of Paran.
f Which were a kinde of gyants.
g Declaring the antiquitie thereof: also Abraham, Sara, Izhak, and Iaakob were buried there. *Deut. 1.24.*
‖ Or, the valley of Eshcol, that is, of grape.
h Called also Kadesh-Barnea.
i That is, Moses. *Exod. 3.3.*
k Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, whom Caleb slew afterward, Iosh. 11.21, 22.
‖ Or, murmuring against Moses.
l The gyants were so cruell that they spoyled and killed one another, & those that came to them.
a Such as were afraid at the report of the ten spies.
b To our enemies the Canaanites.
c Lamenting the people, and praying for them. *Eccles. 46.9. 1. mac. 2.56.*
d For sorow, hearing their blasphemie.

we walked thorow to search it, is a very good land.

8 If the Lord loue vs, he will bring vs into this land, & giue it vs, which is a lande that floweth with milke and hony.

9 But rebell not yee against the Lord, neither feare ye the people of the lande: for they are but * bread for vs: their shield is departed from them, and the Lord is with vs, feare them not.

10 And all the multitude sayd, ‖ Stone them with stones: but the glory of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, before all the children of Israel.

11 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, How long will this people prouoke me, and how long will it be, yer they beleeue me, for all the signes which I haue shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and destroy them, and will make thee a greater nation and mightier then they.

13 But Moses sayd vnto ‖ the Lord, * When the Egyptians shal heare it, (for thou broughtest this people by thy power, from among them)

14 Then they shal say to the inhabitants of the land, (for they haue heard that thou, Lord, art among this people, and that thou, Lord, art seene ‡ face to face, and that thy cloude standeth ouer them, and that thou * goest before them by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night)

15 That thou wilt kil this people as one man: so the heathen which haue heard the fame of thee, shall thus say,

16 Because the Lord was not * able to bring this people into the lande, which hee sware vnto them, therefore hath hee slaine them in the wildernesse.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The Lord is * slowe to anger and of great mercie, and * forgiuing iniquitie, and sinne, but not making the wicked innocent, and * visiting the wickednesse of the fathers vpon the children, in the third and fourth generation.

19 Be mercifull, I beseech thee, vnto the iniquitie of this people, according to thy great mercie, and as thou hast forgiuen this people from Egypt, euen vntill now.

20 And the Lord sayd, I haue forgiuen ‖ it, according to thy request.

21 Notwithstanding, as I liue, all the earth shall bee filled with the glory of the Lord:

22 For all those men which haue seene my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wildernesse, and haue tempted mee these ‖ ten times, and haue not obeyed my voyce,

23 Certainely they shall not see the land, whereof I sware vnto their fathers: neither shall any that prouoke me, see it.

24 But my seruant * Caleb, because hee had another ‖ spirit, and hath followed mee stil, euen him will I bring into the land whither he went, and his seed shall inherit it.

25 Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites ‖ remaine in the valley, wherefore turne backe to morow, and get you into the ‖ wildernesse, by the way of the red Sea.

26 ¶ After, the Lord spake vnto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

27 * Howe long shall I suffer this wicked multitude to murmure against me? I haue heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmure against me.

28 Tell them, As I liue, (saith the Lord) I will surely do vnto you, euen as yee haue spoken in mine eares.

29 Your carkeises shall fall in this wildernesse, and all you that were * counted through all your numbers, from twenty yeere old and aboue, which haue murmured against me,

30 Ye shall not doubtlesse come into the land, for the which I * lifted vp mine hand, to make you dwell therein, saue Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, and Iohua the sonne of Nun.

31 But your children, (which yee sayde should be a pray) them will I bring in, and they shall know the lande which ye haue refused:

32 But euen your carkeises shall fall in this wildernesse.

33 And your children shall ‖ wander in the wildernesse fourty yeres, and shall beare your ‖ whoredomes, vntill your carkeises be wasted in the wildernesse.

34 After the number of the dayes in the which ye searched out the land, euen fourtie dayes, * euery day for a yeere, shall ye beare your iniquitie, for ‖ fourtie yeeres, and yee ‖ shall feele my breach of promise.

35 I the Lord haue sayde, Certainely I will do so to all this wicked company, that are gathered together against me: for in this wildernesse they shal be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men which Moses had sent to search the lande (which, when they came again, made all the people to murmure against him, and brought vp a slander vpon the land)

37 Euen those men that did bring vp that vile slander vpon the lande, * shall die by a plague before the Lord.

38 But Iothua the sonne of Nun, and Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, of those men that went to search the land, shall liue.

39 ¶ Then Moses told these sayings vnto all the children of Israel, and the people sorowed greatly,

40 * And they arose vp early in the morning, and gate them vp into the top of the mountaine, saying, Loe, we be ready to goe vp to the place which the Lord hath promised: for we haue ‖ sinned.

41 But Moses sayd, Wherefore transgresse yee thus the commaundement of the Lord? it will not so come well to passe.

42 Goe not vp (for the Lorde is not among you) lest yee bee ouerthrowen before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the swoorde: for in as much as yee are turned away from the Lorde, the Lorde

g We shal easily ouercome them.

f This is the condition of the that would perswade in Gods cause, to be persecuted of the multitude.

Exod. 32. 12.

‡ Ebr. eye to eye.

Exod. 13. 21.

g So that none shall escape.

Deut. 9. 28.

Exod. 34. 6. Psal. 103 8. Psal. 103. 3. Exod. 20. 5. and 34. 7.

h In that he destroied not them vtterly, but left their posteritie and certaine to enter.

i That is, sundry times and often.

Iosh. 14. 6.

k A meeke and obedient spirit, and not rebellious.

l And lie in wait for you.

m For I wil not defend you.

Psal. 106. 26.

Chap. 26. 65. and 32. 10.

Deut. 1. 35.

Gen. 14. 22.

n The word signifieth, to bee shepheards, or to wander like shepheards to and fro.

o Your infidelity and disobedience against God.

Exod. 4. 6. Psal. 95. 10.

p Whether my promise be true or no.

1. Cor. 10. 10. Heb. 3. 10, 17. Iude 5.

Deut. 1. 41.

q They confesse they sinned by rebelling against God, but consider not, they offending in going vp without Gods commandement.

also will not be with you.

44 Yet they presumed r obstinately to go vp to the top of the mountaine: but the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord, and Moses departed not out of the campe.

45 Then the Amalekites & the Canaanites, which dwelt in that mountaine, came downe, and smote them, and consumed them vnto Hormah.

r They could not be stayed by any meanes.

Deut. 1. 44.

CHAP. XV.

2 The offrings which the Israelites should offer when they came into the land of Canaan. 14 The punishment of him that brake the Sabbath.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, * When ye be come into the a land of your habitations, which I giue vnto you,

Leuit. 23. 10.

a Into the land of Canaan.

3 And will make an offring by fire vnto the Lord, a burnt offring or a sacrifice * ‖ to fulfill a vowe, or a free offering, or in your feasts to make a * sweete sauour vnto the Lord of the herde or of the flocke,

Leuit. 22. 21.

‖ Or, *separate.*

Exod. 29. 18. Leuit. 2. 1.

4 Then * let him that offereth his offering vnto the Lord, bring a meate offering of a tenth deale of fine flour, mingled with the fourth part of an b hin of oyle.

b Reade Exod. 29. 40.

5 Also thou shalt prepare the fourth part of an hin of wine to be powred on a lambe, appointed for the burnt offering or any offering.

6 And for a ramme, thou shalt for a meat offering, prepare two tenth deales of fine flour, mingled with the third part of an hin of oyle.

7 And for a c drinke offering, thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

c The liquor was so called, because it was powred on the thing that was offered.

8 And when thou preparest a bullocke for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice to fulfill a vowe or a peace offering to the Lord,

9 Then let him offer with the bullocke a meate offring of three tenth deales of fine flour, mingled with halfe an hin of oyle.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drinke offering halfe an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire of a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

‖ Or, *three omers.*

11 Thus shall it bee done for a bullocke, or for a ramme, or for a lambe, or for a kid.

d Euery sacrifice of beasts must haue their meate offering & drink offering, according to this proportion.

12 According to the number d that ye prepare to offer, so shall ye doe to euery one according to their number.

13 All that are borne of the countrey, shal doe these things thus, to offer an offering made by fire of sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

14 And if a stranger sojourne with you, or whosoeuer be among you in your generations, and will make an offering by fire of a sweete sauour vnto the Lord, as ye doe, so shall he doe.

Exod. 12. 49. & Leuit. 9. 14.

15 * One ordinance shall be both for you of the Congregation, and also for the stranger that dwelleth with you, euen an ordinance for euer in your generations, as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

16 One Law, and one maner shall serue both for you and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

18 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, When ye be come into the land, to which I bring you,

19 And when ye shall eate of the bread of the land, ye shall offer an heaue offering vnto the Lord.

20 Ye shall offer vp a cake of the first of your e dough for an heaue offering: * as the heaue offering of the barne, so shall yee lift it vp.

e Which is made of the first corne ye gather. Leuit. 23. 14.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shal giue vnto the Lord an heaue offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And if ye f haue erred, and not obserued all these commandements, which the Lord hath spoken vnto Moses,

f As by ouersight or ignorance, reade Leuit 4. 2, 13.

23 Euen all that the Lord hath commaunded you by the hand of Moses, from the first day that the Lorde commaunded Moses, and hencefoorwarde among your generations:

24 And if so be that ought be committed ignorantly of the g Congregation, then all the Congregation shal giue a bullocke for a burnt offering, for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord, with the meate offering and drinke offering therto according to the * maner, and an hee goate for a sinne offering.

g Some reade, from the eyes of the congregation, that is, which is hid from the congregation. Leuit. 4. 1. &c.

25 And the Priest shall make an atonement for all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiuen them: for it is ignorance: and they shal bring their offering for an offering made by fire vnto the Lord, and their sinne offering before the Lord for their ignorance.

26 Then it shalbe forgiuen all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that dwelleth among them: for all the people were in ignorance.

27 ¶ * But if any one person sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a shee goate of a yeere old for a sinne offering.

Leui. 4. 27.

28 And the Priest shall make an atonement for the ignorant person, when he sinneth by ignorance before the Lorde, to make reconciliation for him: and it shall be forgiuen him.

29 Ye that is borne among the children of Israel, and the stranger that dwelleth among them, shall haue both one law, who so doth sinne by ignorance.

30 ¶ But the person that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be borne in the land, or a stranger, the same blasphemeth the Lord: therefore that person shall be cut off from among his people,

† Ebr. with an hie hand: that is, in contempt of God.

31 Because hee hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken his commaundement, that person shall be vtterly cut off: his h iniquitie shall be vpon him.

h He shall sustaine the punishment of his sinns.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wildernesse, they found a man that gathered sticks vpon the Sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks, brought him vnto Moses and to Aaron, and vnto all the Congregation,

34 And they put him in * warde: for it was not declared what should be done vnto him.

Leuit. 24. 12.

35 Then the Lord said vnto Moses, This man shall die the death: and let all the multitude

titude stone him with stones without the hoste.

36 And all the Congregation brought him without the hoste, and stoned him with stones, and hee died, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

Deut.22.12. matth.23.5.

38 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make * them fringes vpon the borders of their garments throughout their generations, & put vpon the fringes of the borders a ribband of blew like.

39 And yee shall haue the fringes, that when ye looke vpon them, ye may remember all the commandements of the Lord, and do them: and that ye seeke not after your owne heart, nor after your owne eyes, after the which ye goe a i whoring:

i By leauing Gods commandements, and following your owne fantasies.

40 That yee may remember and doe all my commandements, and be holy vnto your God.

41 I am the Lorde your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan, & Abiram. 31 Korah and his company perisheth. 41 The people the next day murmure. 49 Fourteene thousand & seuen hundred are slaine for murmuring.

NOw * Korah the sonne of Izhar, the sonne of Kohath, the sonne of Leui went apart with Dathan, and Abiram the sonnes of Eliab, and On the sonne of Peleth, the sonnes of Reuben:

Chap.27.3. eccles.45.18. iude 11.

2 And they rose vp ‖ against Moses, with certaine of the children of Israel, two hundreth and fiftie captaines of the assembly, * famous in the Congregation, and men of renowme,

‖ Or, tooke other with him.

3 Who gathered themselues together against Moses, and against Aaron, and sayd vnto them, a Ye take too much vpon you, seeing all the Congregation is holy, b euery one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye your selues aboue the Congregation of the Lord?

‖ Or, before Moses.

Chap.26.9.

4 But when Moses heard it, he fell vpon his face,

5 And spake to Korah and vnto all his company, saying, To morrow the Lord will shew who is his, and who is holy, and who ought to approch neere vnto him: & whom he hath c chosen, he will cause to come neere to him.

a Or, let it suffice you, meaning, to haue abused the thus long.

b All are alike holy: therefore none ought to be preferred aboue other, thus the wicked reason against Gods ordinance.

c To be the priest and to offer.

6 This doe therefore, Take you censers both Korah, and all his company,

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them, before the Lord to morrow: and the man whom the Lord doeth chuse, the same shall be holy: d ye take too much vpon you, ye sonnes of Leui.

d He layeth the same to their charge iustly, wherewith they wrongfully charged him.

8 Againe Moses said vnto Korah, Heare, I pray you, ye sonnes of Leui.

9 Seemeth it a smal thing vnto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the multitude of Israel, to take you neere to himselfe, to do the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the Congregation and to minister vnto them?

e To serue in the Congregation, as 8 v. before.

10 He hath also taken thee to * him, and al thy brethren the sonnes of Leui with thee, and seeke ye the office of the Priest also?

11 For which cause, thou, and all thy company are gathered together against the Lord: and what is Aaron that yee murmure against him?

Dathan & Abiram

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sonnes of Eliab: who answered, We will not come vp.

13 Is it a smal thing * thou hast brought vs out f of a lande that floweth with milke and hony, to kill vs in the wildernes, except thou make thy selfe lord and ruler ouer vs also?

f Thus they spake contemptuously, preferring Egypt to Canaan.

14 Also thou hast not brought vs vnto a land that floweth with milke and hony, neither giuen vs inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou g put out the eyes of these men? we will not come vp.

g Wilt thou make them, that searched the land, believe that they saw not that which they saw?

15 Then Moses waxed very angry, and said vnto * the Lord, h Looke not vnto their offering: I haue not taken so much as an asse from them, neither haue I hurt any of them.

Gen.4.4.5.

h At the doore of the Tabernacle.

16 And Moses said vnto Korah, Be thou and all thy company h before the Lord: both thou, they, and Aaron to morrow:

17 And take euery man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye euery man his censer before the Lord, two hundred and fifty censers: thou also and Aaron, euery one his censer.

18 So they tooke euery man his censer, and put fire in them, & layd incense thereon, and stood in the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the i multitude against them vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation: then the glory of the Lord appeared vnto all the Congregation.

i All that were of their faction.

20 And the Lord spake vnto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21 Separate your selues from among this Congregation, that I may consume them at once.

22 And they fell vpon their faces, & sayd, O God, the God of the spirits ‖ of all flesh, hath not one man only sinned, and wilt thou be wroth with all the Congregation?

‖ Or, of euery creature.

23 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

24 Speake vnto the Congregation, and say, Get you away from about the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 Then Moses rose vp, and went vnto Dathan and Abiram, and the Elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake vnto the Congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, & touch nothing of theirs, lest ye perish k in all their sinnes.

k With them that haue committed so many sinnes.

27 So they gate them away from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram on euery side: and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood in the doore of their tents with their wiues, and their sonnes, and their little children.

28 And Moses sayde, Herehy yee shall know that the Lord hath sent mee to doe all these workes: for I haue not done them of mine owne l minde.

l I haue not forged them of mine owne braine.

29 If

15 Hebre. My sacrifice.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men, the Lord hath not sent me.

30 But if the Lord make m a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them vp with all that they haue, and they go downe quicke into ‖ n the pit, then yee shall vnderstand that these men haue prouoked the Lord.

31 ¶ And assoone as he had made an end of speaking all these words, euen the ground claue asunder that was vnder them,

32 And the earth * opened her mouth, and swallowed them vp with their families, and all the men that were with Korah, and all their goods.

33 So they and all that they had, went downe aliue into the pit, and the earth couered them: so they perished from among the Congregation.

34 And all Israel that were about them fled at the crie of them: for they said, Let vs flee, lest the earth swallow vs vp.

35 But there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundreth and fiftie men that offred the incense.

36 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

37 Speake vnto Eleazar the sonne of Aaron the Priest, that he take vp the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire beyond the altar: for they are hallowed,

38 The censers, I say, of these sinners, that destroyed o themselues: and let them make of them broad plates for a couering of the altar: for they offered them before the Lord, therefore they shall be holy, and they shall be p a signe vnto the children of Israel.

39 Then Eleazar the Priest tooke the brasen censers, which they that were burnt, had offered, and made broad plates of them for a couering of the Altar.

40 It is a remembrance vnto the children of Israel, that no stranger which is not of the seede of Aaron, come neere to offer incense before the Lord, that hee be not like q Korah and his company, as the Lord said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the morrow all the multitude of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye haue killed the people of the Lord.

42 And when the Congregation was gathered against Moses & against Aaron, then they ‖ turned their faces toward the Tabernacle of the Congregation: and behold, the cloude couered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron were come before the tabernacle of the Congregation.

44 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

45 Get you vp from among this Congregation: for I will consume them quickly: then they fell vpon their faces.

46 And Moses said vnto Aaron, Take the censer, and put fire therein of the r altar, and put therein incense, and goe quickly vnto the Congregation and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord: the plague is begun.

47 Then Aaron tooke as Moses commanded him, and ran into the mids of the Congregation, and behold, the s plague was begun among the people, and hee put in incense, & made an atonement for the people.

48 And when hee stoode betweene the dead, and them that were aliue, the t plague was stayed.

49 So they died of this plague fourteene thousand and seuen hundreth, beside them that died in the conspiracy of Korah.

50 And Aaron went againe vnto Moses before the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the plague was stayed.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The twelue rods of the twelue princes of the tribes of Israel.* 8 *Aarons rod buddeth, and beareth blossomes,* 10 *for a testimony against the rebellious people.*

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and take of euery one of them a rod, after the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the familie of their fathers, euen twelue rods: and thou shalt write euery mans name vpon his rod.

3 And write Aarons name vpon the rod of Leui: for euery rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt put them in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, before the Arke of the Testimony, * where I will declare my selfe to you.

5 And the mans rod, whom I b chuse, shall blossome: and I will make cease from me the grudgings of the children of Israel, which grudge against you.

6 ¶ Then Moses spake vnto the children of Israel, & all their princes gaue him a rod, one rodde for euery prince, according to the houses of their fathers, euē twelue rods, and the rod c of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moses layde the rods before the Lord in the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

8 And when Moses on the morow went into the Tabernacle of the Testimony, behold, the rod of Aaron d for the house of Leui was budded, and brought forth buds and brought forth blossomes, and bare ripe almonds.

9 Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord vnto all the children of Israel: and they looked vpon them, & tooke euery man his rod.

10 ¶ After, the Lord said vnto Moses, * Bring Aarons rod again before the Testimony to be kept for a token to the rebellious children, and thou shalt cause their e murmurings to cease from me, that they die not.

11 So Moses did as the Lord had commanded him: so did he.

12 ¶ And the children of Israel spake vnto Moses, saying, Behold, f we are dead, we perish, we are all lost:

13 Whosoeuer commeth neere, or appointeth to the Tabernacle of the Lord, shall die: shall we be consumed and die?

CHAP. XVIII.

1, 7 *The office of Aaron and his sons,* 2 *with the Leuites.*

Korah & Dathan

m Or, shew a strange fight.

‖ *Or, hell.*

n Or, deepe, and darke places of the earth.

Chap. 27. 3. deut. 11. 6. Psal. 106. 17.

o Which were the occasion of their own death.

p Of Gods iudgements against rebels.

q Who presumed aboue his vocation.

‖ *Or, fled: to wit, Moses & Aaron.*

r For it was not lawfull to take any other fire, but of the altar of burnt offring, Leuit. 10. 1.

s God had begun to punish the people.

t God drew backe his hand and ceased to punish them.

15 Thebet / Lefson Euen

a While he was in the doore of the Tabernacle.

Exod. 25. 22.

b To be the chiefe Priest.

c Though Iosephs tribe was diuided into two in the distribution of the land, yet here it is but one, and Leui maketh a tribe.

d To declare that God did chuse the house of Leui to serue him in the Tabernacle. *Heb 9 4.*

e Grudging that Aaron should be high Priest.

f The Chalde text describeth thus their murmuring: We die by the sword, the earth swalloweth vs vp, the pestilence doth consume vs.

Tomath / Le Lefson

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Leuites. 8 The Priests part of the offrings. 20 God is their portion. 26 The Leuites haue the tithes, and offer the tenths thereof to the Lord.

AND the Lord sayd vnto Aaron, Thou, and thy sonnes and thy fathers house with thee, shall beare [a] the iniquitie of the Sanctuary: both thou and thy sonnes with thee shall beare the iniquitie of your Priests office.

2 And bring also with thee thy brethren of the tribe of Leui, of the family of thy father, which shall be ioyned with thee, and minister vnto thee: but thou and thy sonnes with thee shall minister before the Tabernacle of the Testimonie:

3 And they shall [b] keepe thy charge, euen the charge of all the Tabernacle: but they shall not come neere the instruments of the Sanctuary, nor to the Altar, lest they die, both they and you.

4 And they shalbe ioyned with thee, and keepe the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregation for all the seruice of the Tabernacle: and no [c] stranger shall come neere vnto you.

5 Therefore shall ye keepe the charge of the Sanctuary and the charge of the Altar: so there shall fall no more wrath vpon the children of Israel.

6 For loe, I haue [d] taken your brethren the Leuites from among the children of Israel, which as a gift of yours, are giuen vnto the Lord, to doe the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

7 But thou, [e] thy sonnes with thee shall keepe your Priests office for all things of the altar, and within the vaile: therefore shall ye serue: for I haue made your Priests office [f] an office of seruice: therefore the stranger that commeth neere, shalbe slaine.

8 ¶ Againe the Lord spake vnto Aaron, Beholde, I haue giuen thee the keeping of mine [g] offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel: vnto thee I haue giuen them for the anointings sake, and to thy sonnes for a perpetuall ordinance.

9 This shall bee thine of the most holy things, reserued from the [h] fire: all their offering of all their meat offering, & of all their sinne offering, and of all their trespasse offering, which they bring vnto me, that shall be most holy vnto thee, and to thy sonnes.

10 In the most [i] holy place shalt thou eat it: euery male shall eate of it: it is holy vnto thee.

11 This also shall be thine: the heaue offering of their gift, with all the shake offerings of the children of Israel: I haue giuen them vnto thee and to thy sonnes and to thy [k] daughters with thee, to be a duetie for euer: all the cleane in thine house shall eate of it.

12 All the [l] fat of the oyle, and all the fat of the wine, and of the wheate, which they shal offer vnto the Lord for their first fruits, I haue giuen them vnto thee.

13 And the first ripe of all that is in their land, which they shall bring vnto the Lorde shall bee thine: all the cleane in thine house shall eat of it.

14 [m] Euery thing seperate from the common vse in Israel, shall be thine.

15 All that first openeth the [n] matrice of any flesh, which they shall offer vnto the Lord, of man or beast, shall be thine: but the first borne of man shalt thou redeeme, and the first borne of the vncleane beast shalt thou redeeme.

16 And those that are to bee redeemed, shalt thou redeem from the age of a moneth, according to thy estimation, for the money of fiue shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie, [o] which is twentie gerahs.

17 But the first borne of a cowe, or the first borne of a sheepe, or the first borne of a goate shalt thou not [p] redeeme: for they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood at the altar, and thou shalt burne their fat: it is a sacrifice made by fire for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

18 And the flesh of them shalbe thine, [q] as the shake breast, and as the right shoulder shalbe thine.

19 All the heaue offerings of the holy things which the children of Israel shall offer vnto the Lord, haue I giuen thee, and thy sonnes, and thy daughters with thee, to be a duety for euer: it is a perpetuall couenant [r] of salt before the Lord, to thee and to thy seede with thee.

20 ¶ And the Lord sayde vnto Aaron, Thou shalt haue none inheritance in their [s] land, neither shalt thou haue any part among them: [t] I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 For behold, I haue giuen the children of Leui all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their seruice which they serue in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

22 Neither shall the children of Israel any more [u] come neere the Tabernacle of the Congregation, lest they sustaine sinne, & die.

23 But the Leuites shall do the seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, & they shal beare [x] their sinne: it is a law for euer in your generations, that among the children of Israel they possesse none inheritance.

24 For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they shall offer as an offering vnto the Lord, I haue giuen the Leuites for an inheritance: therfore I haue said vnto them, Among the children of Israel ye shal possesse none inheritance.

25 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

26 Speake also vnto the Leuites, and say vnto them, When ye shal take of the children of Israel the tithes which I haue giuen you of them for your inheritance, then shall ye take an heaue offering of that same for the Lord, euen the tenth part of the tithe.

27 And your heaue offering shall be reckoned vnto you, as the [y] corne of the barne, or as the abundance of the wine-presse.

28 So ye shal also offer an heaue offering vnto the Lord of all your tithes, which ye shall receiue of the children of Israel, and ye shall giue therof the Lords heaue offring to Aaron the Priest.

29 Ye shall offer of all your [z] gifts all the Lords heaue offerings: of all the [a] fat of the same shall ye offer the holy things therof.

30 There-

a If you trespasse in anything concerning the ceremonies of the Sanctuary, or your office, you shall be punished.

b That is, the things which are committed to thee: or, which thou doest enjoyne them.

c Which was not of the tribe of Leui.

Chap.3.45.

f Or, a gift.

d As the first fruit, first borne, and the tenths.

e That which was not burned, should be the Priests.

f That is, in the Sanctuarie, betweene the court and the Holiest of all.

g Read Leuit. 10.14.

h That is, the chiefest, or the best.

Leuit.27.28.

Exod.13.2. and 22.29 Leuit.27. 26. chap.3.13. Offered

Exod.30.13. Leuit.27.25. chap.3.47. ezek.45.12.

i Because they are appointed for sacrifice.

Exod.29.26. Leuit.7.30.

k That is, sure, stable, and incorruptible.

l Of Canaan. Deut.10.9. and 18.2. Ios.13.14. 33. ezek.44.28.

m To serue them in: for the Leuites are put in their place.

n If they faile in their office, they shalbe punished.

o As acceptable as the fruits of your owne ground or vineyard.

p Which ye haue receiued of the children of Israel.

q Reade verse 12.

30 Therefore thou shalt say vnto them, When ye haue offered the fat thereof, then it shall be counted vnto the Leuites, as the increase of the corne flooze, or as the increase of the wine presse.

31 And ye shall eate it in all r places, yee, and your households: for it is your wages for your seruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

32 And ye shal s beare no sinne by the reason of it when yee haue offered the fat of it: neither shall yee pollute the holy t things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

CHAP. XIX.

2 The sacrifice of the red cow. 9 The sprinkling water. 11 He that toucheth the dead. 14 The man that dieth in a tent.

AND the Lord spake to Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 a This is the ordinance of the Lawe, which the Lord hath commaunded, saying, Speake vnto the children of Israel that they bring thee a redde cowe without blemish, wherein is no spot, vpon the which neuer came yoke.

3 And yee shall giue her vnto Eleazar the Priest, that he may bring her * without the hoste, and cause her to b be slaine before his face.

4 Then shall Eleazar the Priest take of her blood with his * finger, and sprinkle it before the Tabernacle of the Congregation seuen times,

5 And cause the cow to bee burnt in his sight: with her * skin, and her flesh, and her blood, and her dung, shall he burne her.

6 Then shall the Priest take Cedar wood, and hyssope, and scarlet lace, and cast them in the midst of the fire where the cow burneth.

7 Then shal the c Priest wash his clothes, and he shal wash his flesh in water, and then come into the host, and the Priest shalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

8 Also he that d burneth her, shall wash his clothes in water, and wash his flesh in water, and be vncleane vntill euen.

9 And a man that is cleane, shall take vp the ashes of the cow, and put them without the hoste in a clean place: and it shalbe kept for the Congregation of the children of Israel for e a sprinkling water: it is a sinne offering.

10 Therefore he that gathereth the ashes of the cow, shall wash his clothes, and remaine vncleane vntill euen: and it shall bee vnto the children of Israel, and vnto the stranger that dwelleth among them, a statute for euer.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man, shall be vncleane euen seuen dayes.

12 Hee shall purifie himselfe f therewith the third day, and the seuenth day he shal be clean: but if he purifie not himselfe the third day, then the seuenth day hee shall not bee cleane.

13 Whosoeuer toucheth the corps of any man that is dead, and purgeth not himselfe, defileth the Tabernacle of the Lord, & that person shall be g cut off from Israel, because the sprinkling water was not sprinkled vpon him: he shalbe vncleane, and his vncleanneſſe shall remaine still vpon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, & all that is in the tent, shall be vncleane seuen dayes.

15 And all the vessels that be open, which haue no ‡ couering fastned vpon them, shall be vncleane.

16 Also whosoeuer toucheth one that is slaine with a sword in the field, or dead person, or a bone of a dead man, or a graue, shall be vncleane seuen dayes.

17 Therefore for an vncleane person, they shall take of the burnt ashes of the h sinne offering, and i pure water shall be put thereto in a vessell.

18 And a k cleane person shal take hyssope, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it vpon the tent, and vpon all the vessels, and on the persons that were therein, and vpon him that touched the bone, or the slaine, or the dead, or the graue.

19 And the cleane person shall sprinkle vpon the vncleane the third day, and the seuenth day, and hee shall purifie himselfe the seuenth day, and l wash his clothes, and wash himselfe in water, and shall be cleane at euen.

20 But the man that is vncleane, and purifieth not himselfe, that person shall be cut off from among the Congregation, because he hath defiled the Sanctuary of the Lord: and the sprinkling water hath not bene sprinkled vpon him: therefore shall hee be vncleane.

21 And it shall be a perpetuall law vnto them, that he that sprinkleth the sprinkling water, shall wash his clothes: also he that toucheth the sprinkling water, shall be vncleane vntill euen.

22 And whatsoeuer the vncleane person toucheth, shall be vncleane: and the person that toucheth m him, shall be vncleane vntill the euen.

CHAP. XX.

1 Miriam dieth. 2 The people murmure. 8 They haue water out of the rocke. 14 Edom denieth the Israelites passage. 25. 28 The death of Aaron, in whose roome Eleazar succeedeth.

THen the children of Israel came with the whole Congregation to the desart of Zin in the first * moneth, and the people abode at Kadesh, where b Miriam died, and was buried there.

2 But there was no water for the Congregation, and they c assembled themselues against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God we had perished, * when our brethren died before the Lord.

4 * Why haue ye thus brought the Congregation of the Lorde vnto this wildernesse, that both we and our cattell should die there?

5 Wherefore now haue yee made vs to come vp from Egypt, to bring vs into this miserable place, which is no place of seed, nor figs, nor vines, nor pomegranates? neither is there any water to drinke.

6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the

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a According to this law and ceremonie, ye shal sacrifice the red cow.

Heb. 13. 11.

b By another Priest.

Hebr. 9. 13.

Exod. 29. 14. *Leuit.* 4. 11, 12.

c Meaning Eleazar.

d The inferiour Priest, who killed her, and burned her.

e Or, the water of separation, because that they that were separate frō their vncleanneſſe were sprinkled therewith, and made cleane, Cha. 8. 7. It is also called holy water, because it was ordeined to an holy vse, Cha 5. 17.

f With y sprinkling water.

g So that hee should not be esteemed to be of the holy people, but as a polluted and excommunicate person.

r As in the 11. verse.

s Ye shall not be punished therefore.

t The offerings which the Israelites haue offered to God.

‡ *Ebr a couering of cloth.*

h Of the red cow burnt for sinne.

i Water of the fountaine or riuer.

k One of the Priests, which is cleane.

l Because he had bene among them that were vncleane: or els had touched the water, as vers. 21

m That is vncleane.

a This was forty yeeres after their departure from Egypt.

b Moses and Aarons sister.

c Another rebellion was in Raphidim, Exo. 17. and this was in Kadesh. *Chap.* 11. 33. *Exod.* 17. 2.

the assembly vnto the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and fell vpon their faces: and the glory of the Lorde appeared vnto them.

7 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

8 Take the d rod, and gather thou and thy brother Aaron the Congregation together, & speake ye vnto the rocke before their eyes, and it shall giue foorth his water, and thou shalt bring them water out of the rock: so thou shalt giue the Congregation & their beasts drinke.

9 Then Moses tooke the rod from before the Lord, as he had commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the Congregation together before the rocke, and Moses sayd vnto them, Heare now, ye rebels: e shall wee bring you water out of this rocke?

11 Then Moses lift vp his hand, & with his rod hee smote the rocke twise, and the water came out abundantly: so the Congregation and their beasts dranke.

12 ¶ Againe the Lord spake vnto Moses, and to Aaron, Because ye beleeued mee not, to f sanctifie mee in the presence of the children of Israel, therefore yee shall not bring this Congregation into the land which I haue giuen them.

13 This is the water of g Meribah, because the children of Israel stroue with the Lord, and he h was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ Then Moses sent messengers from Kadesh vnto the King of i Edom, saying, Thus sayth thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the trauel that we haue had,

15 How our fathers went downe into Egypt, and wee dwelt in Egypt a long time, where the Egyptians handled vs euill, and our fathers.

16 But when we cried vnto the Lord, he heard our voice, and sent an Angel, and hath brought vs out of Egypt, and behold, we are in the citie of Kadesh, in thine vtmost border.

17 I pray thee that we may passe thorow thy countrey: wee will not goe thorow the fieldes nor the vineyards, neither will wee drinke of the water of the Welles: wee will go by the k Kings way, and neither turne vnto the right hand nor to the left, vntill we be past thy borders.

18 And Edom answered him, l Thou shalt not passe by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 Then the children of Israel sayd vnto him, We will goe vp by the hie way: and if I and my cattel drinke of thy water, I will then pay for it: I will onely (without any harme) goe thorow on my feete.

20 He answered againe, Thou shalt not goe thorow. Then l Edom came out against him with much people, and with a mighty power.

21 Thus Edom denied to giue Israel passage thorow his country: wherefore Israel m turned away from him.

22 ¶ And when the children of Israel with all the Congregation departed from n Kadesh, they came vnto mount Hor.

23 And the Lord spake vnto Moses and to Aaron in the mount Hor, neere the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall bee o gathered vnto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I haue giuen vnto the children of Israel, because yee p disobeyed my commandement at the water of q Meribah.

25 Take r Aaron and Eleazar his sonne, and bring them vp into the mount Hor,

26 And cause Aaron to put off his garments, & put them vpon Eleazar his sonne: for Aaron shall be gathered to his fathers, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the Lord had commanded: and they went vp into the mount Hor, in the sight of all the Congregation.

28 And Moses put off Aarons clothes, and put them vpon Eleazar his sonne: s so Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came downe from off the mount.

29 ¶ When all the Congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel t wept for Aaron thirty dayes.

CHAP. XXI.

3 Israel vanquisheth king Arad. 6 The fiery serpents are sent for the rebellion of the people. 24. 33 Sihon and Og are ouercome in battell.

WHen u King Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt toward the South, heard tell that Israel came by the x way of the spies, then fought he against Israel, and tooke of them prisoners.

2 So Israel vowed a vow vnto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt deliuer and giue this people into mine hand, then I will vtterly destroy their cities.

3 And the Lord heard the voyce of Israel, and deliuered them the Canaanites: and they vtterly destroyed them and their cities, and called the name of the place y Hormah.

4 ¶ After, they departed from the mount Hor by the way of the red Sea, to z compasse the land of Edom: and the people were lothe grieued be cause of the way.

5 And the people spake against God and against Moses, saying, Wherefore haue yee brought vs out of Egypt, to die in the wildernesse? for here is neither bread nor water, and our soule a lotheth this light a bread.

6 b Wherefore the Lord sent c fiery serpents among the people, which stung the people: so that many of the people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and sayd, Wee haue sinned: for wee haue spoken against the Lord, and against thee: pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from vs: and Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord said vnto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it vp f for a signe, that as many as are bitten, may looke vpon it, and liue.

9 d So Moses made a serpent of brasse, and set it vp for a signe: and when a serpent had bitten a man, then hee looked to the serpent of brasse, and g liued.

10. d And

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d Wherewith thou diddest miracles in Egypt, and didst diuide the Sea.

e The punishment which followed hereof, declared that Moses and Aaron beleeued not the Lords promise, as appeareth verse 12.

f That the children of Israel should beleeue & acknowledge my power, and so honour me.

g Or, strife and contention, chap. 27. 14.

h By shewing himselfe almightie, and maintaining his glory.

i Because Iaakob or Israel was Esaus brother, who was called Idom.

k Or, high way.

l Or, some wet.

m Or, the Edomites

n To passe by another way.

o Chap. 33. 37.

p Or, rebelled.

q Or, strife.

r Chap. 33. 38. Deut. 32. 50.

s Deut. 10. 6. and 32. 50.

t Or, mourned.

u Read Gen. 15. 8.

x Or, destruction. Iudg. 1. 17.

y For they were forbiden to destroy it, Deut. 2. 5.

z Chap 11. 6.

a Meaning Manna, which they thought did not nourish. Wisd. 16. 1. 5. 1. cor. 10. 9.

b For they that were stung therwith, were so inflamed with the heate thereof, that they died.

c Or, vpon a pole.

d 2. King. 18. 4. Iohn 3. 14.

g Or, recouered.

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Chap. 33. 43.

‖Or, in the borders of Abarim, or, hils.

Israel smite Sehon v. 21.

e Which seemeth to be the booke of the Iudges, or as some thinke, a booke which is lost.

‖Or, (how God destroyed) Vaheb (the citie) with a whirlewind, and the valleyes of Arnon.

‖Or, spring.

f Ye that receiue the commoditie thereof, giue praise for it.

g Moses and Aaron heads of the people, onely smote the rocke with the rod or staffe, which gaue water as a Well that were deepe digged. Deut. 2. 36. Iudg. 11. 19. Deut. 29. 7.

Iosh. 12. 2. psal. 135. 11. amos 2. 9.

h The riuer.

i For the people were tall and strong like giants, Deut 2. 20.

‡Ebr. daughters.

k For if it had been the Moabites, the Israelites might not haue possessed it, Deut. 2. 9.

l Meaning, war.

m Chemosh was the idole of the Moabites, 1. Kin. 11. 33. who was not able to defend his worshippers, which tooke the idole for their father.

10 *And the children of Israel departed thence, and pitched in Oboth.

11 ¶ And they departed from Oboth, and pitched ‖in Ie-abarim, in the wildernesse, which is before Moab on the East side.

12 ¶ They removed thence, and pitched vpon the riuer of Zared.

13 ¶ Thence they departed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wildernesse, and commeth out of the coastes of the Amorites: (for Arnon is the border of Moab, betweene the Moabites and the Amorites)

14 Wherefore it shall bee spoken in the booke of *the battels of the Lorde, ‖what thing he did in the red sea, and in the riuers of Arnon,

15 And at the streame of the riuers that goeth downe to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth vpon the border of Moab.

16 ¶ And from thence they turned to Beer: the same is the Well where the Lord said vnto Moses, Assemble the people, and I will giue them water.

17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song, ‖Rise vp well, sing yee vnto it,

18 The Princes digged this Well, the captaines of the people digged it, euen the ‡ Lawgiuer, with their staues. And from the wildernesse they came to ‖Mattanah,

19 ¶ And from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 ¶ And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the plaine of Moab, to the top of Pisgah that looketh toward Ieshimon.

21 ¶ Then Israel sent messengers vnto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 *Let me goe thorow thy land: we will not turne aside into the fields, nor into the vineyards, neither drinke of the waters of the Welles: wee will go by the kings way, vntill we be past thy countrey.

23 *But Sihon gaue Israel no licence to passe thorow his countrey, but Sihon assembled all his people, and went out against Israel into the wildernesse: and hee came to Iahaz, and fought against Israel.

24 *But Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and conquered his land, from Arnon vnto ᵇ Iabok, euen vnto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was ⁱ strong.

25 And Israel tooke all these cities, and dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites in Heshbon, and in all the ‡ villages thereof.

26 For ᵏ Heshbon was the citie of Sihon the king of the Amorites, which had fought before time against the king of the Moabites, and had taken all his land out of his hand, euen vnto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that spake in prouerbs, say, Come to Heshbon, let the citie of Sihon be built, and repaired:

28 For ˡ a fire is gone out of Heshbon, and a flame from the city of Sihon, and hath consumed Ar of the Moabites, and the lords of Bamoth in Arnon.

29 ᵐWoe bee to thee, Moab: O people of ᵐ Chemosh, thou art vndone: he hath suffered his sonnes to be pursued, and his daughters to bee in captiuity to Sihon the king of the Amorites.

30 Their ‡ empire also is lost from Heshbon vnto Dibon, and wee haue destroyed them vnto Nophah, which reacheth vnto Medeba.

31 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to search out Iaazer, and they tooke the townes belonging thereto, and rooted out the Amorites that were there.

33 ¶ *And they turned and went vp toward Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he, and all his people to fight at Edrei.

34 Then the Lorde saide vnto Moses, Feare him not, for I haue deliuered him into thine hand and all his people, & his land: *and thou shalt doe to him, as thou diddest vnto Sihon the King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 They smote him therefore, and his sonnes, and all his people, vntill there was none left him: so they conquered his land.

‡Ebr. high.

Deut. 3. 1. and 29. 7.

Psal. 135. 11.

CHAP. XXII.

5 King Balak sendeth for Balaam to curse the Israelites. 12 The Lord forbiddeth him to go. 22 The Angel of the Lord meeteth him, and his asse speaketh. 38 Balaam protesteth that hee will speake nothing, but that which the Lord putteth in his mouth.

AFter, the children of Israel departed and pitched in the plaine of Moab on the ª other side of Iorden from Iericho.

a Being at Iericho, it was beyond Iordenbe where the Israelites were, it was on this side.

2 ¶ Nowe Balak the sonne of Zippor sawe all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And the Moabites were sore afraid of the people, because they were many, & Moab ‖ fretted against the children of Israel.

‖Or, was vexed.

4 Therefore Moab said vnto the ᵇ Elders of Midian, Now shall this multitude licke vp all that are round about vs, as an oxe licketh vp the grasse of the field: & Balak the sonne of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

b Which were the heads and gouernours.

5 *Hee sent messengers therefore vnto Balaam the sonne of Beor to Pethor (which is by the ᶜ riuer of the land of the children of his folke) to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which couer the face of the earth, and lie ouer against me.

Iosh. 24. 9.

c To wit, Euphrates, vpon the which stood the citie Pethor.

6 Come nowe therefore I pray thee, and curse me this people (for they are stronger then I) so it may bee that I shall be able to smite them, & to driue them out of the land: for I know that hee whome thou blessest, is blessed, and he whom thou curlest, shall bee curled.

7 And the Elders of Moab, and the Elders of Midian departed hauing ᵈ the reward of the soothsaying in their hand, and they came vnto Balaam, and told him the words of Balak.

d Thinking to bribe him with gifts to curse the Israelites.

8 Who answered them, Tarie here this night, and I will giue you an answere, as the Lord shall say vnto me. So *the Princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 Then God came vnto Balaam, and sayd, What men are these with thee?

e Whom before he called elders: meaning, the gouernours, & after calleth them seruants: that is, subiects to their King.

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10 And Balaam said vnto God, Balak the sonne of Zippor, king of Moab hath sent vnto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, and couereth the face of the earth: come now, curse them for my sake: lo it may be that I shall bee able to ouercome them in battell, and to driue them out.

12 And God f said vnto Balaam, Go not thou with them, neither curse the people, for they are blessed.

13 And Balaam rose vp in the morning, and said vnto the princes of Balak, Returne vnto your land: for the g Lord hath refused to giue me leaue to goe with you.

14 So the princes of Moab rose vp, and went vnto Balak, and sayd, Balaam hath refused to come with vs.

15 ¶ Balak yet againe sent moe princes and more honourable then they.

16 Who came to Balaam, and sayd to him, Thus saith Balak the sonne of Zippor, h Be not thou stayed, I pray thee, from coming vnto me.

17 For I will promote thee vnto great honour, and will doe whatsoeuer thou sayest vnto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered, and said vnto the seruants of Balak, * If Balak would giue me his house full of siluer and golde, I cannot goe beyond the word of the Lord my God, to doe lesse or more.

19 But now, I pray you, tarie here this night, that I may wit, what the Lord will say vnto me i more.

20 And God came vnto Balaam by night, and said vnto him, If the men come to call thee, rise vp, and goe with them: but onely what thing I say vnto thee, that shalt thou doe.

21 So Balaam rose vp earely, and sadled his asse, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And the wrath of God was kindled, because hee k went: and the Angel of the Lord stood in the way to bee against him, as hee rode vpon his asse, and his two seruants were with him.

23 And * when the asse saw the Angel of the Lord stand in the way, and his sword drawen in his hand, the asse turned out of the way and went into the field, but Balaam smote the asse, to turne her into the way.

24 ¶ Againe the Angel of the Lord stoode in a path of the vineyards, hauing a wall on the one side, and a wall on the other.

25 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, shee thrust her selfe vnto the wall, and bashe Balaams foote against the wall: wherefore he smote her againe.

26 Then the Angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turne, either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, shee lay downe vnder Balaam: therefore Balaam was very wroth, and smote the asse with a staffe.

28 Then the Lord * opened the mouth of the asse, and shee sayde vnto Balaam, What haue I done vnto thee, that thou hast smitten me now three times?

29 And Balaam sayd vnto the asse, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the asse said vnto Balaam, Am not I thine asse, which thou hast ridden vpon * since the first time vnto this day? haue I vsed at any time to doe thus vnto thee? Who said, Nay.

31 And the Lord * opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with his sword drawen in his hand: then bee bowed himselfe, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto him, Wherefore hast thou now smitten thine asse three times? Beholde, I came out to withstand thee, because thy * way is not straight before me.

33 But the asse saw mee, and turned from mee now three times: for elle, if shee had not turned fro me, surely I had euen now slaine thee, and saued her aliue.

34 Then Balaam sayd vnto the Angel of the Lord, I haue sinned: for I wist not that thou stoodest in the way ‖ against mee: now therefore if it displease thee, I wil turne ‡ home againe.

35 But the Angel said vnto Balaam, Go with the men: but * what I say vnto thee, that shalt thou speake. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam came, he went out to meete him vnto a citie of Moab, which is in the ‖ border of Arnon, euen in the vtmost coast.

37 Then Balak said vnto Balaam, Did I not send for thee to call thee? Wherefore camest thou not vnto mee? am I not able in deede to promote thee vnto honour?

38 And Balaam made answere vnto Balak, Loe, I am come vnto thee, and can I now say * any thing at all: the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speake.

39 So Balaam went with Balak, and they came vnto the citie of ‖ Hazoth.

40 Then Balak offered bullockes, and sheepe, and sent thereof to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And on the morow Balak tooke Balaam, and brought him vp into the high places of * Baal, that thence hee might see the vtmost part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Balaam causeth seuen altars to bee built.* 5 *God teacheth him what to answere.* 8 *Instead of cursing he blesseth Israel.* 19. *God is not like man.*

AND Balaam sayd vnto Balak, Build me here seuen altars, and prepare mee here seuen bullockes, and seuen rammes.

2 And Balak did as Balaam said, and * Balak and Balaam offered on euery altar a bullocke and a ramme.

3 Then Balaam said vnto Balak, Stand by the burnt offering, and I will goe, if so be that the Lord will come and meete mee: and whatsoeuer hee sheweth mee, I will tell thee.

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f He warned him by a dreame, that he should not consent to the kings wicked request.

g His he shewed himselfe willing, couetousnesse had so blinded his heart.

h The wicked seeke by all meanes to further their naughtie enterprises, though they know that God is against them. *Chap.* 24. 13.

i Because hee tempted God to require him contrary to his commandement, his petition was granted, but it turned to his owne condemnation.

k Mooued rather with couetousnesse, then to obey God. 2. Pet. 2. 16. *Iude* 11.

l The second time.

m Gaue her power to speake.

n Since thou hast beene my master.

o For whose eyes the Lord doth not open, they can neither see his anger, nor his loue.

p Both thy heart is corrupt, and thine enterprise wicked.

‖ *Or, before me, or, to meete me.* ‡ *Ebr. I will returne to me.*

q Because his heart was euill, his charge was renewed, that he should not pretend ignorance.

r Neere the place where the Israelites camped.

s Of my selfe I can speake nothing: only what God reueileth, that will I vtter, seeme it good or bad.

‖ *Or, of streetes, or, a populous citie.*

t Where the idole Baal was worshipped.

2 Sam. 5. 22 & 24. Nom. 17. Iosua 7. Esdras 2. Neem. 7.

a For among the Gentiles the Kings oft times vsed to sacrifice, as did the Priests.

thee: so he went forth alone.

4 And God a met Balaam, and Balaam said vnto him, I haue prepared seuen altars, and haue offered vpon euery altar a bullocke and a ramme.

5 And the Lord b put an answere in Balaams mouth, and said, Got againe to Balak, and say on this wise.

6 So when he returned vnto him, loe, he stoode by his burnt offering, hee, and all the princes of Moab.

7 Then hee vttered his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram out of the mountaines of the East, saying, Come, curse Iaakob for my sake: come, and c detest Israel.

8 How shal I curse, where God hath not cursed? or how shall I detest, where the Lord hath not detested?

9 For from the top of the rockes I did see him, and from the hilles I did beholde him: loe, the people shall dwell by themselues, and shall not be reckoned among the d nations.

10 Who e kneel the f dust of Iaakob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let mee d die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

11 Then Balak said vnto Balaam, What hast thou done vnto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And hee answered, and said, Must I not take heed to speake that, which the Lord hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said vnto him, Come, I pray thee, with mee vnto another place, whence thou mayest see them, and thou shalt see but the vtmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: therefore curse them out of that place for my sake.

14 ¶ And he brought him into g Sede-zophim to the top of Pisgah, and built seuen altars, and offered a bullocke, and a ramme on euery altar.

15 After, he said vnto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, and I will meete the Lord yonder.

16 And the Lord met Balaam, and h put an answere in his mouth, and said, Got againe vnto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, beholde, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him: to Balak said vnto him, What hath the Lord said?

18 And hee vttered his parable, and said, Rise vp, Balak, and heare: hearken vnto me, thou sonne of Zippor.

19 i God is not as man, that he should lie, neither as the sonne of man that hee should repent: hath he said, and shall he not doe it? and hath he spoken, and shall he not accomplish it?

20 Beholde, I haue receiued commandement to blesse: for he hath blessed, and I cannot alter it.

21 He seeth none iniquitie in Iaakob, nor seeth no transgression in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the k ioyfull shoute of a King is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt: their strength is as an Unicorne.

23 For there is no sorcerie in Iaakob, nor soothsaying in Israel: l according to this time it shalbe said of Iaakob and of Israel, What hath God wrought?

24 Beholde, the people shall rise vp as a Lion, and lift vp himselfe as a yong Lion: he shall not lie downe, til he eate of the pray, and till he drinke the blood of the slaine.

25 ¶ Then Balak said vnto Balaam, Neither curse, nor blesse them at all.

26 But Balaam answered, and said vnto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that must I doe?

27 ¶ Againe Balak said vnto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee vnto another m place, if so bee it will please God, that thou mayest thence curse them for my sake.

28 So Balak brought Balaam vnto the toppe of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshmon.

29 Then Balaam said vnto Balak, Make me here seuen altars, and prepare me here seuen bullockes, and seuen rammes.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ramme on euery altar.

CHAP. XXIIII.

5 Balaam prophesieth of the great prosperitie that should come vnto Israel: 17 Also of the comming of Christ. 20 The destruction of the Amalekites, and of the Kenites.

WHen Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to blesse Israel, then hee went not, as certaine times before, to set diuinations, but set his face toward the a wildernesse.

2 But Balaam lift vp his eyes, and looked vpon Israel, which dwelt according to their tribes, and the spirit of God came vpon him.

3 * And he vttered his parable, and said, Balaam the sonne of Beor hath said, and the man, whose b eyes were shut vp, hath said,

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and saw the vision of the Almightie, and c falling in a trance, had his eyes opened:

5 ¶ How goodly are thy tentes, O Iaakob, and thine habitations, O Israel!

6 As the valleyes, are they stretched foorth, as gardens by the riuers side, as the d Aloe trees, which the Lord hath planted, as the Cedars beside the waters.

7 The e water shall poppeth out of his bucket, and his seede shall bee in many waters: and his king shalbe higher then f Agag, and his kingdome shalbe exalted.

8 God brought him out of Egypt: his strength shal be as an Unicorne: he shal eate the nations his enemies, and bruise their bones, and shoote them thorow with his arrowes.

9 * Hee coucheth and lieth downe as a yong Lion, and as a Lion: who shall stirre him vp? blessed is hee that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 Then Balak was very angrie with Balaam, and g smote his hands together: so Balak said vnto Balaam, I sent for thee to

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[Or, went vp higher.

b Appeared vnto him,

c Taught him what to say.

[Or, prophecie.

[Or, Syria.

d Cause that all men may hate and detest them.

e But shall haue religion and lawes apart,

f The infinite multitude, as the dust of the earth,

g The feare of Gods iudgements cauled him to wish to be ioyned to the household of Abraham: thus the wicked haue their consciences wounded when they consider Gods iudgments

[Or, into the field of them that spied: to wit, least the enemie should approch.

Chap. 22.35.

h Gods enemies are compelled to confesse that his gouernment is iust, constant and without change or repentance,

i They triumph as victorious kings ouer their enemies.

k Considering what God shall worke this time for the deliuerance of his people, all the world shall wonder,

l Thus the wicked imagine of God, that, that which he will do it in another,

Chap. 23.3, 15.

a Where the Israelites camped.

Chap. 23.7, 18.

b His eyes were shut vp before, in respect of the cleare visions which he saw after: some read, were open.

c Though he was as in a sleepe, the eyes of his minde were open.

[Or, tents,

d His prosperitie and posteritie shall be very great.

e Which name was common to the Kings of Amalek.

Gene. 49.9.

f In token of anger,

to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast blessed them now three times.

11 Therefore now flee vnto thy place: I thought surely to promote thee vnto honour, but lo, the LORD hath kept thee backe from honour.

12 Then Balaam answered Balak, Told I not also thy messengers, which thou sentest vnto me, saying,

13 If Balak would giue me his house full of siluer and golde, I cannot passe the commandement of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine owne minde: what the LORD shall command, that same I will speake.

14 And now behold, I goe vnto my people: come, I will ‡ h aduertise thee what this people shall doe to thy folke in the latter dayes.

15 And he vttered his parable, and said, Balaam the sonne of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes were shut vp, hath said:

16 Hee hath said that heard the words of God, and hath the knowledge of the most High, and saw the vision of the Almightie, and falling in a trance had his eyes opened:

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not neere: there shall come a i starre of Iaakob, and a scepter shall rise of Israel, and shall smite the k coastes of Moab, and destroy all the sonnes of l Sheth.

18 And Edom shalbe possessed, and Seir shall be a possession to their enemies: but Israel shall doe valiantly.

19 He also that shall haue dominon, shall be of Iaakob, and shall destroy the remnant of the m citie.

20 ¶ And when he looked on Amalek, he vttered his parable, and said, Amalek was the ‖ first of the nations: but his latter ende shall come to destruction.

21 And hee looked on the ‖ Renites, and vttered his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and ‖ put thy nest in the rocke.

22 Neuertheless, the Renite shalbe spoyled, vntill Asshur carie thee away captiue.

23 Againe hee vttered his parable, and said, Alas, p who shall liue when God doeth this?

24 The shippes also shall come from the coastes of q Chittim, and subdue Asshur, and shall subdue Eber, and r he also shall come to destruction.

25 Then Balaam rose vp, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

‡ Thus the wicked burden God, when they can not compasse their wicked enterprises.

‡ Ebr. counsell.

h He gaue also wicked counsell to cause the Israelites to sinne, that therby God might forsake them, Chap. 31. 16.

i Meaning Christ.

k That is, the princes.

l He shall subdue all that resist for of Sheth came Noah, and of Noah all the world.

m Of the Edomites.

n The Amalekites first made warre against Israel, as Chap. 14.45.

‖ Or, Midianites.

o Make thy selfe as strong as thou canst.

‖ Or, thou Kain shalt.

p Some reade, Oh, who shal not perish, when the enemie, that is, Antichrist, shall set himselfe vp as God?

q The Grecians, and Romanes.

r Meaning, Eber, or the Iewes rebelling against God.

CHAP. XXV.

2 The people committeth fornication with the daughters of Moab. 9 Phinehas killeth Zimri and Cozbi. 11 God maketh his couenant with Phinehas. 17 God commandeth to kill the Midianites.

NOw whiles Israel abode in s Shittim, the people began to commit whoredome s with the daughters of Moab:

2 Which called the people vnto the sacrifice of their gods, and the people ate, and bowed downe to their gods.

3 And Israel t coupled himselfe vnto Baal-peor: wherefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against Israel:

4 And the LORD said vnto Moses, u Take all the heads of the people, and hang them vp ‖ before the LORD x against the Sunne, that the indignation of the LORD'S wrath may be turned from Israel.

5 Then Moses said vnto the Iudges of Israel, Euery one slay his y men that were ioyned vnto Baal Peor.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought vnto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, z who wept before the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

7 a And when Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the sonne of Aaron the Priest saw it, hee rose vp from the midst of the Congregation, and tooke a ‖ speare in his hand,

8 And followed the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust them both thorow: to wit, the man of Israel, and the woman, ‖ thorow her belly: so the plague ceased from the children of Israel.

9 b And there died in that plague foure and twentie thousand.

10 Then the LORD spake vnto Moses, saying,

11 c Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron the Priest, hath turned mine anger away from the children of Israel, while hee was ‖ zealous for my sake among them: therefore I haue not consumed the children of Israel in my iealousie.

12 Wherefore say to him, Behold, d I giue vnto him my Couenant of peace,

13 And he shall haue it, and his seed after him, euen the couenant of the Priests office for euer, because he was zealous for his God, and hath made an e atonement for the children of Israel.

14 And the name of the Israelite thus slaine, which was killed with the ‖ Midianitish woman, was Zimri the sonne of Salu, prince ‡ of the familie of the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slaine, was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was head ouer the people of his fathers house in Midian.

16 ¶ Againe the LORD spake vnto Moses, saying,

17 f Vexe the Midianites, g smite them:

18 For they trouble you with their h wiles wherewith they haue beguiled you, as concerning Peor, and as concerning their sister Cozbi the daughter of a prince of Midian, which was slaine in the day of the plague because of Peor.

s With the women.

t Worshipped the idole of the Moabites, which was in the hill Peor.

u Deut. 4.3. iosh. 22.17.

‖ Or, to the Lord.

x Openly in the sight of all.

y Let him see execution done of them that are vnder his charge

z Repenting that they had offended God. Psal. 106.30. 1. mac. 2.54.

a Or, iauelin.

b Or, in her tent. Chalde and Greeke, in her secrets. 1. Corinth. 10.8.

c Psal. 106.30.

‡ He was zealous to maintaine my glory. Eccles. 45.24. 1. mac. 2.54.

d He hath pacified Gods wrath.

e Ebr. of the house of the father.

f Chap. 31.2.

g Causing you to commit both corporal and spirituall fornication by Balaams counsell, Chap. 31. 16. 1 Cor. 2.14

h Which came for their whoredome and idolatrie. Chap 1.3.

CHAP. XXVI.

2 The Lord commaundeth to number the children of Israel in the plaine of Moab, from twentie yeere olde and aboue. 57 The Leuites and their families. 64 None of them that were numbred in Sinai, goe into Canaan, saue Caleb and Iosh.

AND so after the a plague, the LORD spake vnto Moses, and to Eleazar the sonne of Aaron the Priest, saying,

2 Take the number of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, from twentie yeere old and aboue throughout their fathers houses, all that goe forth to warre in Israel.

Thorough out number

b Where the riuer is neere to Iericho. Chap. 1.1.

3 So Moses and Eleazar the Priest spake vnto them in the plaine of Moab, by Iorden b toward Iericho, saying,

4 From twentie yeere old and aboue, ye shal number the people, as the * Lord had commanded Moses, and the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

Gene. 46.8. exod. 6.14. 1. chron. 5.1.

5 ¶ * Reuben the first borne of Israel: the children of † Reuben were: Hanoch, of whom came the family of the Hanochites, and of Pallu the family of the Palluites:

†Reuben.

6 Of Hesron, the family of the Hesronites: of Carmi, the familie of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they were in number three and fortie thousand, seuen hundreth and thirtie.

8 And the sonnes of Pallu, Eliab:

9 And the sonnes of Eliab, Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram: this Dathan and Abiram were famous in the Congregation, and * stroue against Moses and against Aron in c the assembly of Korah, when they stroue against the Lord.

Chap. 16.2.

c In that rebellion whereof Korah was head.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them vp with Korah, when the Congregation died, what time the fire consumed two hundreth and fiftie men, who were d for a signe.

d That is, for an example that other should not murmure and rebell against Gods ministers.

11 Notwithstanding, all the sonnes of Korah died not.

12 ¶ And the children of † Simeon after their families were: Nemuel, of whom came the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin the familie of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

†Simeon.

13 Of Zerah, the familie of the Zarhites, of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites: two and twentie thousand and two hundreth.

15 ¶ The sonnes of † Gad after their families were: Zephon, of whom came the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites.

†Gad.

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the sonnes of Gad, according to their numbers, fourtie thousand and fiue hundreth.

19 ¶ The sonnes of † Judah, Er, and Onan: but Er and Onan died in the land of * Canaan.

†Iudah.

e Before Iaakob went into Egypt, Gene. 38.3,7, 10. and 46.12.

20 So were the sonnes of Judah after their families: of Shelah came the family of the Shelanites, of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sonnes of * Pharez were: of Hesron, the family of the Hesronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

Gene. 46.12.

22 These are the families of Judah, after their numbers, seuenty and fiue thousand and fiue hundreth.

23 ¶ The sonnes of † Issachar, after their families were: Tola, of whom came the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

†Machar.

24 Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar after their numbers, threescore and fourre thousand and three hundreth.

26 ¶ The sonnes of † Zebulun, after their families were: of Sered, the family of † Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

†Zebulun.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites after their numbers, threescore thousand, and fiue hundreth.

28 ¶ The sonnes of Joseph, after their families were † Manasseh and Ephraim.

†Manasseh.

29 The sonnes of Manasseh were: of * Machir, the family of the Machirites, and Machir begate Gilead: of Gilead came the family of the Gileadites.

Iosh. 17.1.

30 These are the sonnes of Gilead: of Jezer, the family of the Jezrites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 Of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: of Shechem, the family of the Shichmites.

32 Of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 ¶ And * Zelophehad the sonne of Hepher, had no sonnes, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

Chap. 27.1.

34 These are the families of Manasseh, and the number of them, two and fifty thousand and seuen hundreth.

35 ¶ These are the sonnes of † Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah came the family of the Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

†Ephraim.

36 And these are the sonnes of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sonnes of Ephraim after their numbers, two and thirtie thousand and fiue hundreth: these are the sonnes of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ These are the sonnes of † Beniamin after their families: of Bela came the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

†Beniamin.

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites:

40 And the sonnes of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard came the family of the Ardites: of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sonnes of Beniamin after their families and their numbers, fiue and fortie thousand and fiue hundreth.

42 ¶ These are the sonnes of † Dan after their families: of Shuham came the family of the Shuhamites: these are the families of Dan after their houholds.

†Dan.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites were after their numbers, threescore & fourre thousand and foure hundreth.

44 ¶ The sonnes of † Asher after their families were: of Jimnah, the family of the Jimnites: of Jisui, the family of the Jsuites:

†Asher.

of

of Beriah, the family of the Berites.

45 The sonnes of Beriah were, of Heber the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah.

47 These are the families of the sonnes of Asher after their numbers, three and fifty thousand and foure hundreth.

† Naphtali.

48 ¶ The sonnes of † Naphtali, after their families were: of Jahzeel, the families of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the familie of the Gunites.

49 Of Jezer, the familie of the Jzrites: of Shillem, the familie of the Shillemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their households, and their number, fiue and forty thousand and foure hundreth.

f This is the third time that they are numbred.

51 These are the numbers of the ſ children of Israel: fiue hundreth and one thousand seuen hundreth and thirty.

52 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

53 Vnto these the land shall bee diuided for an inheritance, according to the number of ‖ names.

Or, persons. Chap. 33. 54.

54 * To many shalt thou giue the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt giue lesse inheritance: to euery one according to his number shall be giuen his inheritance.

Iosh. 11. 23. and 14. 2.

55 Notwithstanding the land shalbe * diuided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherite:

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof bee deuided betweene many and fewe.

Exod. 6, 16, 17, 18, 19.

57 ¶ * These also are the numbers of the Leuites, after their families: of Gershon came the familie of the Gershonites: of Kohath the familie of the Kohathites: of Merari the family of the Merarites:

58 These are the families of Leui, the family of the Libnites: the family of the Hebronites: the familie of the Mahlites: the familie of the Mushites: the familie of the Korhites: and Kohath begate Amram.

Exod. 2. 2. and 6. 20.

59 And Amrams wife was called * Jochebed the daughter of Leui, which was borne vnto Leui in Egypt: and she bare vnto Amram, Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And vnto Aaron were borne Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

Leuit. 10. 2. chap 3. 4. 1. Chron. 24. 2.

61 * And Nadab and Abihu died, because they offered strange fire before the Lord.

62 And their numbers were three and twenty thousand, all males from a moneth olde and aboue: for they were not numbred among the children of Israel, because there was none inheritance giuen them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These are the numbers of Moses, and Eleazar the Priest which numbred the children of Israel in the plaine of Moab, neere Jorden, toward Jericho.

g Wherein appeareth the great power of God, that so wonderfully increased his people. Chap. 14. 28, 29. 1. Cor. 10. 5, 6.

64 And among these there was not a man of them, whom Moses and Aaron the Priest numbred, when they told the children of Israel in the wilderneſſe of Sinai.

65 For the Lorde sayd of them, * They shall die in the wildernesse: so there was not left a man of them, saue Caleb the sonne of Jephunneh, and Joshua the sonne of Nun.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The law of the heritage of the daughters of Zelophehad.* 12 *The lande of promise is shewed vnto Moses.* 16 *Moses prayeth for a gouernour to the people.* 18 *Joshua is appointed in his stead.*

THen came the daughters of Zelophehad, the sonne of Hepher, the sonne of Gilead, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh, of the familie of Manasseh, the sonne of Joseph, (and the names of his daughters were these, Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah)

2 And stoode before Moses, and before Eleazar the Priest, and before the Princes, and all the assembly, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying,

3 Our father * died in the wildernesse, and he was not among the assembly of them that were assembled against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died in his * sinne, and had no sonnes.

Chap. 14. 35. and 26. 64, 65.

a According as all men die, forasmuch as they are sinners.

4 ¶ Wherefore should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he hath no sonne? giue vs a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 Then Moses brought their * cause before the Lord.

b That is, their matter to bee iudged, to know what he should determine, as he did all hard matters.

6 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speake right: thou shalt giue them a possession to inherite among their fathers brethren, and shalt turne the inheritance of their father vnto them.

8 Also thou shalt speake vnto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die and haue no sonne, then ye shal turne his inheritance vnto his daughter.

9 And if hee haue no daughter, yee shall giue his inheritance vnto his brethren.

10 And if hee haue no brethren, yee shall giue his inheritance vnto his fathers brethren.

11 And if his father haue no brethren, yee shall giue his inheritance vnto his next kinsman of his family, and he shal possesse it: and this shall be vnto the children of Israel a law of * iudgement as the Lord hath commanded Moses.

c Meaning, an ordinance, to iudge by. Deut. 32, 49.

12 ¶ Againe the Lord sayd vnto Moses, * Goe vp into this mount of Abarim, and behold the land which I haue giuen vnto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou shalt be gathered vnto thy people also, * as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

Chap. 20. 24.

14 For yee were * disobedient vnto my word in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the assembly, to sanctifie mee in the waters before their eyes. * That is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wildernesse of Zin.

Chap. 20. 12. Exod. 17. 7. ‖ Or. strife.

d Who as hee hath created, so he gouerneth the hearts of al men.

15 ¶ Then Moses spake vnto the Lord, saying,

16 Let the Lorde God of the d spirits of all flesh appoint a man ouer the Congregation,

e That is, gouerne them and doe his duety, as 2. Chron. 1. 10.

17 Who may e go out and in before them,

and leade them out and in, that the Congregation of the Lorde be not as sheepe, which haue not a shepherd.

18 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Take thee Ioshua the sonne of Nun, in whom is the spirit, and f put thine hands vpon him,

19 And set him before Eleazar the Priest, and before all the Congregation, and giue him a charge in their sight.

20 And g giue him of thy glory, that all the Congregation of the children of Israel may obey.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the Priest, who shall aske counsell for him * by the h iudgement of Urim before the Lord: at his word they shall goe out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him and all the Congregation.

22 So Moses did as the Lord had commanded him, and he tooke Ioshua, and set him before Eleazar the Priest, and before all the Congregation.

23 Then hee put his hands vpon him, and gaue him a i charge, as the Lord had spoken by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.

4 The daily sacrifice. 9 The sacrifice of the Sabbath, 11 Of the Moneth, 16 Of the Passeouer, 26 Of the first fruits.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say vnto them, Ye shall obserue to offer vnto mee in their due season mine offering and a my bread, for my sacrifices made by fire for a sweete sauour vnto me.

3 Also thou shalt say vnto them, * This is the offering made by fire, which yee shall offer vnto the Lorde, two lambes of a yeere old without spot, dayly, for a continual burnt offering.

4 One lambe shalt thou prepare in the morning, and the other lambe shalt thou prepare at euen,

5 * And the tenth part of an Ephah of fine floure for a * meat offring mingled with the fourth part of an * hin of beaten oyle.

6 This shall bee a dayly burnt offering, as was made in the mount Sinai for a sweete sauour: it is a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

7 And the drinke offering thereof the fourth part of an hin for one lambe: in the holy place cause to powre the drinke offering vnto the Lord.

8 And the other lambe thou shalt prepare at euen: as the meate offering of the morning, and as the drinke offering thereof shalt thou prepare this * for an offering made by fire of sweete sauour vnto the Lord.

9 ¶ But on the Sabbath day ye shal offer two lambes of a yeere olde, without spot, and two c tenth deales of fine floure for a meate offering mingled with oyle, and the drinke offering thereof.

10 This is the burnt offering of euery Sabbath, beside the d continuall burnt offering, and drinke offering thereof.

11 ¶ And in the beginning of your moneths, ye shal offer a burnt offering vnto the Lord, two yong bullockes, and a ram, and seuen lambes of a yeere old without spot,

12 And three tenth deales of fine floure for a meate offering mingled with oyle for one bullocke: and two tenth deales of fine floure for a meate offring mingled with oyle for one ramme,

13 And a tenth deale of fine floure mingled with oyle for a meate offering vnto one Lambe, for a burnt offering of sweete sauour: it is an offering made by fire vnto the Lord.

14 And their * drinke offerings shall bee halfe an hin of wine vnto one bullocke, and the third part of an hin vnto a ram, and the fourth part of an hin vnto a lambe: this is the burnt offering of euery moneth, throughout the moneths of the yeere.

15 And one hee goate for a sinne offering vnto the Lord shall be prepared, besides the continuall burnt offering, and his drinke offering.

16 * Also the fourteenth day of the first moneth is the Passeouer of the Lord.

17 And in the fifteenth day of the same moneth is the feast: seuen dayes shall vnleauened bread be eaten.

18 In the * first day shall be an holy f conuocation, ye shall do no seruile worke therein.

19 But yee shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering vnto the Lord, two yong bullockes, one ram, and seuen lambes of a yeere olde: see that they be without blemish.

20 And their meate offering shalbe of fine floure mingled with oyle: three tenth deales shall ye prepare for a bullocke, and two tenth deales for a ramme:

21 One tenth deale shalt thou prepare for euery lambe, euen for the seuen lambes,

22 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall prepare these, beside the burnt offering in the morning which is a continuall burnt sacrifice.

24 After this maner ye shall prepare thorowout all the seuen dayes, for the ‡ maintening of the offering made by fire for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord: it shall be done beside the continuall burnt offering and drinke offering thereof.

25 And in the seuenth day yee shall haue an holy conuocation, wherein yee shall doe no seruile worke.

26 ¶ Also in the day of your first fruits, when yee bring a new meate offering vnto the Lord, according to g your weekes ye shall haue an holy conuocation, and ye shall doe no seruile worke in it:

27 But ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweete sauour vnto the Lord, two young bullockes, a ramme, and seuen lambes of a yeere old,

28 And their meate offering of fine floure mingled with oyle, three tenth deales vnto a bullocke, two tenth deales to a ramme,

29 And one tenth deale vnto euery lambe throughout the seuen lambes,

30 And an hee goate to make an atonement for you:

31 (Ye shall do this beside the continuall burnt offering, and his meate offring:) ‡ see they

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f And so appoint him gouernour.

g Commend him to the people, as meete for the office, and appointed by God. *Exod.* 28. 30.

h According to his office: signifying that the ciuil magistrate could execute nothing but that which he knew to be the will of God.

i How he should gouerne himselfe in his office.

2 By bread, hee meaneth all maner of sacrifice. *Exod.* 29. 38.

Exod. 16. 36. *Leuit* 2. 1. *Exod.* 29. 40.

b The meate offring and drinke offring of the euening sacrifice.

c Of the measure Ephah.

d Which was offered euery day at morning and at euening.

e That is, the wine that shalbe powred vpon the sacrifice.

Exod 12. 18. *and* 23. 15. *Leuit* 23. 5.

Leuit. 23. 7.

f Or solemne assembly.

‡ *Ebr. bread.*

g In counting seuen weekes from the Passeouer to Whitsuntide, as Leuit. 23. 15.

‡ *Ebr. they shall be you.*

they be without blemish, with their drinke offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Of the three principall feasts of the seuenth Moneth: viz, the feast of trumpets, 7 The feast of reconciliation, 12 And the feast of Tabernacles.*

a Which conteineth part of September, and part of October. *Leuit.23.24.*

MOreouer, in the first day of the a seuenth moneth, yee shall haue an holy conuocation: ye shall doe no seruile worke therein: *it shall be a day of blowing the trumpets vnto you.

2 And ye shall make a burnt offering for a sweet sauour vnto the Lord: one yong bullocke, one ramme, and seuen lambes of a yere old, without blemish.

3 And their meate offering shalbe of fine floure mingled with oyle, three tenth deales vnto the bullocke, and two tenth deales vnto the ramme,

4 And one tenth deale vnto one lambe, for the seuen lambes,

5 And an hee goat for a sinne offering to make an atonement for you,

b Which must be offered in the beginning of euery moneth.

6 Beside the burnt offering of the b moneth, and his meat offring, and the continuall burnt offring, and his meat offring, and the drinke offrings of the same, according to their maner, for a sweet sauour: it is a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

c Which is for morning and euening. *Leuit.16. 30,31. and 23.27.*

7 ¶ *And ye shal haue in the tenth day of the seuenth moneth, an holy d conuocation: and ye shal *humble your soules, and shal not doe any worke therein:

d Which is the feast of reconciliation. *Leuit.16.29.*

8 But ye shall offer a burnt offring vnto the Lord for a sweete sauour: one yong bullocke, a ramme, and seuen lambes of a yere old: see they be without blemish.

9 And their meat offring shall be of fine floure mingled with oyle, three tenth deales to a bullocke, and two tenth deales to a ramme,

10 One tenth deale vnto euery lambe, throughout the seuen lambes,

11 An hee goate for a sinne offering, (beside the sinne offering to make the atonement and the continuall e burnt offring and the meate offering thereof) and their drinke offerings.

e That is, offred euery morning and euening.

12 ¶ And in the fifteenth day of the seuenth moneth ye shall haue an holy f conuocation: ye shall doe no seruile worke therein, but ye shall keepe a feast vnto the Lord seuen dayes.

f Meaning, the feast of the Tabernacles.

13 And yee shall offer a burnt offering for a sacrifice made by fire of sweet sauour vnto the Lord, thirteene yong bullockes, two rammes, & fourteene lambes of a yeere olde: they shalbe without blemish.

14 And their meate offering shall bee of fine floure mingled with oyle, three tenth deales vnto euery bullocke of the thirteene bullockes, two tenth deales to euery of the two rammes,

15 And one tenth deale vnto each of the fourteene lambes,

16 And one hee goat for a sinne offring, beside the continuall burnt offring, his meat offring and his drinke offring.

† The second day of the feast of Tabernacles.

17 ¶ And the † second day yee shall offer twelue yong bullockes, two rammes, fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish,

18 With their meate offering and their drinke offerings for the bullockes, for the rammes, and for the lambes according to their number, after the maner,

19 And an hee goat for a sinne offering, (beside the continuall burnt offring, and his meat offring) and their drinke offrings.

20 ¶ Also the † third day ye shall offer eleuen bullockes, two rammes, and fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish, † The third day.

21 With their meat offring & their drinke offerings, for the bullockes, for the rammes, and for the lambes, after their number according to the g maner,

g According to the ceremonies appointed thereunto.

22 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offring, and his meat offering, and his drinke offering.

23 ¶ And the † fourth day ye shal offer ten bullockes, two rammes, & fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish, † The fourth day.

24 Their meat offering and their drinke offerings, for the bullockes, for the rammes, and for the lambes according to their number, after the maner,

25 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offring, his meat offring and his drinke offring.

26 ¶ In the † fifth day also yee shall offer nine bullockes, two rammes, and fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish, † The fift day.

27 And their meat offring & their drinke offerings for the bullockes, for the rammes, and for the lambes according to their number, after the maner,

28 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offering, and his meate offering and his drinke offering.

29 ¶ And in the † first day ye shal offer eight bullocks, two rammes, & fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish, † The sixt day.

30 And their meat offring & their drinke offerings for the bullockes, for the rammes and for the lambes according to their number after the maner,

31 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offring, his meat offring, and his drinke offrings.

32 ¶ In the † seuenth day also ye shall offer seuen bullockes, two rammes, and fourteene lambes of a yeere old without blemish, † The seuenth day.

33 And their meat offring, & their drinke offerings for the bullockes, for the rammes, and for the lambes according to their number, after their maner,

34 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offring, his meat offring, and his drinke offring.

35 ¶ In the † eight day, ye shall haue * a solemne assembly: yee shall doe no seruile worke therein, † The eight day. *Leuit.23.36.*

36 But ye shall offer a burnt offring, a sacrifice made by fire for a sweet sauour vnto the Lord, one bullocke, one ramme, and seuen lambes of a yeere old without blemish,

37 Their meate offring and their drinke offrings for the bullocke, for the ramme, and for the lambes according to their number, after the maner,

38 And an hee goate for a sinne offering, beside the continuall burnt offering, and his meate offering, and his drinke offering.

39 These things ye shal do vnto the Lord in your feasts, beside your [h] vowes and your free offrings, for your burnt offrings, and for your meate offrings, and for your drinke offrings, and for your peace offrings.

CHAP. XXX.

3 Concerning vowes. 4 The vow of the mayd, 7 Of the wife, 10 Of the widow, or diuorced.

THen Moses spake vnto the children of Israel, according to all that the Lord commanded [‡] him.

2 Moses also spake vnto the heads of the tribes, [a] concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded,

3 Whosoeuer voweth a vowe vnto the Lord, or sweareth an othe to binde [‡] himselfe by a bond, he shall not [‡] breake his promise, but shall doe according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

4 If a woman also vow a vow vnto the Lord, and binde her selfe by a bond, being in her fathers house, in the time of her youth,

5 And her father heare her vowe and bond, wherewith shee hath bound her selfe, and her father holde his [b] peace concerning her, then all her vowes shall stand, and euery bond, wherewith shee hath bound her selfe, shall stand.

6 But if her father [c] disallow her the same day that he heareth all her vowes and bonds, wherewith she hath bound her selfe, they shall not be of value, and the Lord will forgiue her, because her father disallowed her.

7 And if she haue an husband when she voweth or [d] pronounceth ought with her lips, wherewith she bindeth her selfe,

8 If her husband heard it, and holdeth his peace concerning her, the same day he heareth it, then her vow shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bindeth her selfe, shall stand in effect.

9 But if her husband disallow her the same day that he heareth it, then shall he make her vow which she hath made, and that that she hath pronounced with her lips, wherewith shee bound her [e] selfe, of none effect: and the Lord will forgiue her.

10 But euery vow of a widow, and of her that is diuorced (wherewith she hath bound her selfe) shall stand in [f] effect with her.

11 And if shee vowed in her husbands [g] house, or bound her selfe straightly with an othe,

12 And her husband hath heard it, and held his peace concerning her, not disallowing her, then all her vowes shall stand, and euery bond, wherewith shee bound her selfe, shall stand in effect.

13 But if her husband disanulled them, the same day that hee heard them, nothing that proceedeth out of her lips, concerning her vowes or concerning [‡] her bonds, shall stand in effect: for her husband hath disanulled them: and the Lord will forgiue her.

14 So euery vow, and euery othe or bond, made to [h] humble the soule, her husband may stablish it, or her husband may breake it.

15 But if her husband hold his peace concerning her from [i] day to day, then he stablisheth all her vowes and all her bonds which she hath made: he hath confirmed them, because hee held his peace concerning her the same day that he heard them.

16 But if he [k] breake them after that he hath heard them, then shall he beare her iniquitie.

17 These are the ordinances which the Lord commaunded Moses, betweene a man and his wife, & betweene the father and his daughter, being yong in her fathers house.

CHAP. XXXI.

8 Fiue Kings of Midian and Balaam are slaine. 18 Only the maids are reserued aliue. 27 The pray is equally diuided. 49 A present giuen of Israel.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 [*] Reuenge the children of Israel of the Midianites, and afterward shalt thou be [*] gathered vnto thy people.

3 And Moses spake to the people, saying, Harnesse some of you vnto warre, and let them go against Midian, to execute the vengeance of the Lord [a] against Midian.

4 A thousand of euery tribe throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall yee send to the warre.

5 So there were taken out of the thousands of Israel, twelue thousand prepared vnto warre, of euery tribe a thousand.

6 And Moses sent them to the warre, euen a thousand of euery tribe, and sent them with [b] Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest to the warre: and the holy instruments, that is, the trumpets to blow were in his hand.

7 And they warred against Midian as the Lord had commanded Moses, and slew all the males.

8 They slew also the Kings of Midian among them that were slaine: [*] Eui, & Rekem, and Zur, & Hur, and Reba, fiue Kings of Midian, & they slew [c] Balaam the sonne of Beor with the sword:

9 But the children of Israel tooke the women of Midian prisoners, and their children, and spoyled all their cattell, & all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities, wherein they dwelt, & all their ‖ villages with fire.

11 And they tooke all the spoyle, and all the pray both of men and beasts.

12 And they brought the [d] captiues and that which they had taken, & the spoyle vnto Moses and to Eleazar the Priest, and vnto the Congregation of the children of Israel into the campe in the plaine of Moab, which was by Iordan toward Iericho.

13 ¶ Then Moses & Eleazar the Priest, and all the Princes of the Congregation went out of the campe to meet them.

14 And Moses was angry with the captaines of the hoste, with the captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer hundreds, which came from the warre and battell.

15 And Moses sayd vnto them, What? haue ye saued all the [e] women?

16 Behold, [*] these caused the children of Israel through the [*] counsell of Balaam to commit a trespasse against the Lord, [f] as concerning Peor, and there came a plague among

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h Beside the sacrifices that you shall vow or offer of your owne mindes.

‡ Ebr. Moses.

a Because they might declare them to the Israelites.

‡ Ebr. his soule.

‡ Ebr. violate his word.

b For in so doing, he doeth approue her.

c By not approuing or consenting to her vow.

d Either by oth, or solemne promise.

e For she is in subiection of her husband, and can performe nothing without his consent.

f For they are not vnder the authoritie of the man.

g Her husband being aliue.

‡ Ebr the bonds of her soule.

h To mortifie her selfe by abstinence or other bodily exercises.

i And warne her not the same day that he heareth it, as verse 9.

k Not the same day he heard them, but some day after, the sinne shalbe imputed to him, and not to her.

2 Pet. 1 Peter

Chap 25.17.

Chap. 27.13.

a As he had commanded, Chap. 25.17. declaring also that the iniurie done against his people, is done against him.

b For his great zeale that he bare to the Lord, Chap. 25.13.

Iosh 13.21.

c The false prophet, who gaue counsell how to cause the Israelites to offend their God.

‖ Or, palaces, and gorgeous buildings.

d As the woman and little children.

e As though he layd, Ye ought to haue spared none.

Chap 25 2. 2. Pet 2.15.

f For worshipping of Peor.

among the Congregation of the Lord.

17 Nowe therefore, * slay all the males among the children, and kill all the women that haue knowen man by carnall copulation.

18 But all the women children that haue not knowen carnall copulation, keepe alme for your selues.

19 And yee shall remaine without the hoste seuen dayes, all that haue killed any person, and al that haue touched any dead, and purifie both your selues and your prisoners the third day and the seuenth.

20 Also yee shall purifie euery garment, and all that is made of skins, and all worke of goats haire, and al things made of wood.

21 ¶ And Eleazar the Priest sayd vnto the men of warre, which went to the battel, This is the ordinance ‖ of the lawe which the Lord * commanded Moses.

22 As for golde, and siluer, braſſe, yron, tinne, and lead:

23 Euen all that may abide the fire, ye shal make it goe through the fire, and it shall bee cleane: yet it shall bee [h] purified with * the water of purification: and all that sustereth not the fire, yee shall cause to passe by the [i] water.

24 Yee shall wash also your clothes the seuenth day, and ye shall be cleane: and afterward ye shall come into the hoste.

25 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

26 Take the summe of the pray that was taken, both of persons and of cattell, thou and Eleazar the Priest, and the chiefe fathers of the Congregation.

27 And diuide the pray † betweene the souldiers that went to the warre, and all the Congregation.

28 And thou shalt take a tribute vnto the Lord of the [k] men of warre, which went out to battell: one person of fiue hundreth, both of the persons, and of the beeues, and of the asses, and of the sheepe.

29 Ye shall take it of their halfe, and giue it vnto Eleazar the Priest, as an heaue offering of the Lord.

30 But of the halfe of the children of Israel thou shalt take [l] one, taken out of fifte, both of the persons, of the beeues, of the asses, and of the sheepe, euen of all the cattell: and thou shalt giue them vnto the Leuites, which haue the charge of the Tabernacle of the Lord.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the Priest did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

32 And ỳ bootie, to wit, the rest of the pray which the men of war had spoyled, was sixe hundreth seuentie and fiue thousand sheepe,

33 And seuenty and two thousand beeues,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And two and thirty thousand persons in all, of women that had ‡ lien by no man.

36 And the halfe, to wit, the part of them that went out to warre touching the number of sheepe, was three hundreth seuen and thirtie thousand, and fiue hundreth.

37 And the [m] Lords tribute of the sheepe was sixe hundreth and seuentie and fiue.

38 And the beeues were sixe and thirtie thousand, wherof the Lords tribute was seuentie and two.

39 And the asses were thirty thousand and fiue hundreth, wherof the Lords tribute was threescore and one:

40 And * of persons sixteene thousand, wherof the Lords tribute was two and thirtie persons.

41 And Moses gaue the tribute of the Lords offering vnto Eleazar the Priest, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

42 And of the * halfe of the children of Israel which Moses diuided from the men of warre,

43 (For the halfe that pertained vnto the Congregation, was three hundreth thirtie and seuen thousand sheepe

44 And sixe and thirtie thousand beeues,

45 And thirtie thousand asses, and fiue hundreth,

46 And sixteene thousand persons)

47 Moses, I say, tooke of the halfe that pertained vnto the [p] children of Israel, one taken out of fifte, both of the persons, and of the cattell, and gaue them vnto the Leuites, which haue the charge of the Tabernacle of the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

48 ¶ Then the captaines which were ouer thousands of the hoste, the captaines ouer the thousands, and the captaines ouer the hundreds came vnto Moses:

49 And sayde to Moses, Thy seruaunts haue taken the summe of the men of warre which are vnder our authoritie, and there lacketh not one man of vs.

50 [q] We haue therefore brought a present vnto the Lorde, what euery man found of iewels of gold, bracelets, and chaines, rings, eare rings, & ornaments of the legs, to make an atonement for our soules before the Lord

51 And Moses & Eleazar the Priest took the gold of them, and all wrought iewels.

52 And all the golde of the offering that they offered vp to the Lord (of the captaines ouer thousands and hundreds) was sixteene thousand seuen hundreth and fifte shekels,

53 (For the men of warre had spoyled, euery man for him [r] selfe)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the Priest tooke the golde of the captaines ouer the thousands, and ouer the hundreds, and brought it into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, for a [s] memorial of the children of Israel before the Lord.

CHAP. XXXII.

2 The request of the Reubenites and Gadites, 16 And their promise vnto Moses. 20 Moses graunteth their request. 33 The Gadites, Reubenites, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, conquere and build cities on this side Iorden.

NOw the children of [a] Reuben, and the children of Gad had an exceeding great multitude of cattell: and they saw the land of Iazer, and the land of [b] Gilead, that it was an apt place for cattell.

2 Then the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben came, & spake vnto Moses

Iudges 21. 11. g That is, al the men children.

Chap. 19. 11.

‖ Or, contained in the Law. Chap. 19. 12.

h The third day, and before it be molten. Chap 19. 9.

i It shall be washed.

† The pray is first diuided equally among al.

k Of the praye that falleth to the souldiers.

l The Israelites which had not bene at warre, of euery fiftieth payd one to the Lord: and the souldiers, one of euery fiue hundreth.

‡ Ebr. not knowen the bed of man.

m This is the portion that the souldiers gaue to the Lord.

n Meaning, of the maide, or virgins which had not companied with man.

o Of that part which was giuen vnto them, in diuiding the spoile

p Which had not bene at warre.

‡ Ebr. vnder our hands.

q The captaines by this free offering, acknowledge the great benefit of God in preseruing his people.

r And gaue no portion to their captaines.

s That the Lord might remember the children of Israel.

a Reuben came of Leah, and Gad of Zilpah her handmaid.

b Which mountaine was so named of the heape of stones that him and Laban, Iaakob made as a signe of the couenant betweene Gen. 31. 47.

and to Eleazar the Priest, and vnto the princes of the Congregation, saying,

3 The land of Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 Which countrey the Lorde smote before the Congregation of Israel, is a land meete for cattell, and thy seruants haue cattell:

5 Wherefore, sayd they, if we haue found grace in thy sight, let this land be giuen vnto thy seruants for a possession, and bring vs not ouer Iorden.

6 And Moses sayd vnto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to warre, and ye tary here?

‡Ebr. breake.

7 Wherefore now ‡ discourage yee the heart of the children of Israel, to go ouer into the land, which the Lord hath giue them?

8 Thus did your fathers when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

Chap. 13. 24. ‖ Or, valley.

9 For * when they went vp euen vnto the riuer of Eshcol, and saw the land: they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they would not goe into the land, which the Lord had giuen them.

10 And the Lordes wrath was kindled the same day, and he did sweare, saying,

‡Eb. if any of the men.

11 ‡None of the men that came out of Egypt * from twentie yeere olde and aboue, shall see the land for the which I sware vnto Abraham, to Izhak, and to Iaakob, because they haue not wholly followed me:

Chap. 14. 28, 29.

‖Or, perseuered and continued.

12 Except Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the sonne of Nun: for they haue constantly followed the Lord.

13 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and made them wander in the wilderneſſe fourtie yeeres, vntill all the generation that had done e euill in the sight of the Lord were consumed.

e Because they murmured, neither would beleeue their report which told the trueth, as concerning the land,

14 And beholde, yee are risen vp in your fathers stead as an increase of sinfull men, still to augment the fierce wrath of the Lord toward Israel.

15 For if yee turne away from following him, hee will yet againe leaue the people in the wilderneſſe, and d ye shall destroy all this folke.

d By your occasion.

16 And they went neere to him, and said, Wee will builde sheepefolds here for our sheepe, and for our cattell, and cities for our children.

17 But wee our selues will bee ready armed to goe before the children of Israel, vntill we haue brought them vnto their e place: but our children shall dwell in the defenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land.

e In the land of Canaan.

18 We will not returne vnto our houses, vntill the children of Israel haue inherited, euery man his inheritance.

19 Neither will wee inherite with them beyond Iorden and on that side, because our inheritance is fallen to vs on this side Iorden Eastward.

Iosh. 1. 13. f Before the arke of the Lord,

20 ¶ * And Moses said vnto them, If yee will doe this thing, and goe armed f before the Lord to warre:

21 And will goe euery one of you in harneys ouer Iorden before the Lord, vntill he hath cast out his g enemies from his sight:

g That is, the inhabitants of the land.

22 And vntill the land be subdued before the Lord, then ye shall returne and be innocent toward the Lord, and toward Israel: and this land shall be your possession h before the Lord.

h The Lord will grant you this land, which ye require, Iosh. 1. 15.

23 But if ye will not doe so, beholde, yee haue sinned against the Lord, and bee sure, that your sinne i will finde you out.

i Ye shall assuredly be punished for your sin.

24 Builde you then cities for your children, and folds for your sheepe, and doe that ye haue spoken.

25 Then the children of Gad, ‡ the children of Reuben spake vnto Moses, saying, Thy seruants will doe as my lord commandeth:

26 Our children, our wiues, our sheepe and all our cattell shall remaine there in the cities of Gilead.

27 But * thy seruants will goe euery one armed to warre before the Lord for to fight, as my lord saith.

Iosh. 4. 12.

28 So concerning them, Moses k commaunded Eleazar the Priest, and Iosh ua the sonne of Nun, and the chiefe fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

k Moses gaue charge that his promise made to the Reubenites and others, should be performed after his death, so that they brake not theirs.

29 And Moses sayd vnto them, If the children of Gad, and the childre of Reuben, will go with you ouer Iorden, all armed to fight before the Lord, then when the land is subdued before you, yee shall giue them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 But if they will not goe ouer with you armed, then they shal haue their possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the l Lord hath sayd vnto thy seruants, so will we doe.

l That is, attributed to ‡ Lord which his messenger speaketh.

32 We will goe armed before the Lorde into the lande of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance may be to vs on this side Iorden.

33 * So Moses gaue vnto them, euen to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to halfe the tribe of Manasseh the sonne of Joseph, the kingdome of Sihon king of the m Amorites, and the kingdome of Og king of Bashan, the land with the cities thereof and coastes, euen the cities of the countrey round about.

Deut. 3. 12. Iosh. 13. 8. and 22. 4.

m The Amorites dwelled on both sides of Iorden: but here he maketh mention of them that dwelt on this side: and Iosh. 10. 12. he speaketh of them that inhabited beyond Iorden.

34 ¶ Then the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, defenced cities: also sheepefolds.

37 And the childre of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, and turned their names, and Shibmah: and gaue other names vnto the cities which they built.

39 And the children of * Machir the sonne of Manasseh went to Gilead, ‡ tooke it, and put out the Amorites that dwelt therein.

Gen. 50. 23.

40 Then Moses gaue Gilead vnto Machir the sonne of Manasseh, and hee dwelt therein.

41 * And Iair the sonne of Manasseh went and tooke the small townes therof, and called

Deut. 3. 14.

Of the camp of Israel.

called them a Hauoth Iair.

42 Also Nobah went and tooke Kenath, with the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his owne name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Two and fortie iourneys of Israel are numbred.* 52 *They are commanded to kil the Canaanites.*

THese are the a iourneys of the children of Israel, which went out of the land of Egypt according to their bands vnder the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their going out by their iourneys according to the commaundement of the Lord: so these are the iourneys of their going out.

3 Now they * departed from Rameses the first moneth, euen the fifteenth day of the first moneth, on the morow after the Passeouer: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all their first borne, which the Lord had smitten among them: vpon their b gods also the Lord did execution.)

5 And the children of Israel remoued from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from * Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wildernesse.

7 And they remoued from Etham, and turned againe vnto c Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon, and pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Hahiroth, and * went through the middes of the Sea into the wildernesse, and went three dayes iourney in the wildernesse of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they remoued from Marah, and came vnto * Elim, & in Elim were twelue fountaines of water, and seuentie palme trees, and they pitched there.

10 And they remoued from Elim, and camped by the red sea.

11 And they remoued from the red sea, and lay in the * wildernesse of Sin.

12 And they tooke their iourney out of the wildernes of Sin, and set vp their tents in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and lay in Alush.

14 And they remoued from Alush, and lay in * Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drinke.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the * wildernes of Sinai.

16 And they remoued from the desert of Sinai, and pitched * in Kibroth Hattaauah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth Hattaauah, and lay at * Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from * Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon Perez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon Perez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they remoued from Libnah, and pitched in Rissah.

22 And they iourneyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they remoued from mount Shapher, and lay in Haradah.

25 And they remoued from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they remoued from Makheloth, and lay in Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched in Tarah.

28 And they remoued from Tarah, and pitched in Mithkah.

29 And they went from Mithkah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and lay in Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-iaakan.

32 And they remoued from Bene-iaakan, and lay in Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Iotbathah.

34 And they remoued from Iotbathah, and lay in Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and lay in Ezion-gaber.

36 And they remoued from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the * wildernesse of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37 And they remoued from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 (*And Aaron the Priest went vp into mount Hor at the commaundement of the Lorde, and died there in the fortieth yeere after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the e fifth moneth.

39 And Aaron was an hundreth & three and twentie yeere olde, when he died in mount Hor.

40 And * King Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the South of the lande of Canaan, heard of the comming of the children of Israel)

41 And they departed from mount * Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 * And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ie-abarim, in the borders of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, & pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they remoued from Dibon-gad, and lay in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they remoued from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountaines of Abarim before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountaines of Abarim, and pitched in the ‖plaine of Moab, by Iorden toward Iericho.

49 And they pitched by Iorden, from Beth-iesimoth vnto * Abel-shittim, in the plaine of Moab.

50 (And the Lord spake vnto Moses in the plaine of Moab, by Iorden toward Iericho, saying,

51 Speake

a From whence they departed, and whither they came.

Exod. 12.37.

b Either meaning their idoles, or their men of authority. Exod. 13.20.

c At the commandement of the Lord, Exod. 14.

Exod. 15.22.

Exod. 15.27.

Exod. 16.1.

Exod. 17.1.

Exod. 19.1.

Chap. 11.34.

Chap. 11.35.

Chap. 13.1.

Chap. 20.22.

Deut. 32.50.

d Which the Ebrewes call Ab, and answereth to part of July and part of August.

Chap. 21.1.

Chap. 21.4, 10.

Chap. 21.11.

‖ Or, field.

Chap. 25.1.

The borders of Canaan

51 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, *When yee are come ouer Iordan to enter into the lande of Canaan,

Deut.7.2.iosh.11.11,12.

52 Ye shall then driue out all the inhabitants of the land before you, and destroy all their e pictures, and breake asunder all their images of mettall, and plucke downe all their hie places.

e Which were set vp in their high places to worship.

53 And ye shal possesse the land and dwel therein: for I haue giuen you the lande to possesse it.

54 And yee shall inherite the land by lot according to your families: *to the more ye shal giue more inheritance, and to the fewer the lesse inheritance. Where the lot shall fall to any man, that shall be his: according to the tribes of your fathers shall ye inherite.

Chap.26 53,54.

55 But if ye will not driue out the inhabitants of the land before you, then those which yee let remaine of them, shall bee *‖ pickes in your eyes, and thornes in your sides, and shall vexe you in the land wherein ye dwell.

Iosh.23.13. iudges 2.3. ‖Or, kniues.

56 Moreouer, it shall come to passe, that I shal doe vnto you, as I thought to doe vnto them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

3 The coasts and borders of the land of Canaan. 17 Certaine men are assigned to diuide the land.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying, 2 Commaund the children of Israel, and say vnto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan, this is the a land that shall fall vnto you for inheritance: that is, the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof.

a Meaning, the description of the land.

3 *And your Southquarter shalbe from the wildernesse of Zin to the borders of Edom: so that your Southquarter shall bee from the salt sea coast Eastward.

Iosh.15.1.

4 And the border shal compasse you from the South to ‖Maaleh-akrabbim, and reach to Zin, and goe out from the South to Kadesh-barnea: thence it shal stretch to Hazar-addar, and goe along to Azmon.

‖Or, ascending vp of scorpions.

5 And the border shall compasse from Azmon vnto the b riuer of Egypt, and shall goe out to the sea.

b Which was Nilus, or as some thinke, Rhinocorura.

6 And your Westquarter shall bee the great c Sea: euen that border shall be your West coast.

c Which is called, Mediterraneum.

7 And this shall be your Northquarter: yee shall marke out your border from the great Sea vnto mount d Hor.

d Which is a mountaine neere Tire and Sidon, and not that Hor in the wildernes, where Aaron died.

8 From mount Hor, ye shall point out til it come vnto Hamath, and the ende of the coast shall be at Zedad.

9 And the coast shall reach out to Ziphron, and goe out at Hazar-enan: this shall be your Northquarter.

10 And yee shall marke out your East quarter from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coast shall goe downe from Shepham to Riblah, and from the East side of Ain: and the same border shall descend and goe out at the side of the Sea of e Chinnereth Eastward.

e Which in the Gospel is called the lake of Gennezareth.

12 Also that border shall goe downe to Iordan, and leaue at the salt Sea: this shall bee your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 ¶ Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the lande which ye shall inherit by lot, which the Lord commaunded to giue vnto nine tribes and halfe the tribe.

14 *For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the houses of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to their fathers houses, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, haue receiued their inheritance.

Chap.32.33. Iosh.14.2,3.

15 Two tribes and an halfe tribe haue receiued their inheritance on this side of Iordan toward Iericho full East.

16 ¶ Againe the Lord spake to Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men which shall diuide the land vnto you: *Eleazar the Priest, and Iohua the sonne of Nun.

Iosh.19.51.

18 And yee shall take also a f Prince of euery tribe to diuide the land.

f One of the heads or chiefe men of euery tribe.

19 The names also of the men are these: of the tribe of Iudah, Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the sonnes of Simeon, Shemuel the sonne of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Beniamin, Elidad the sonne of Chislon.

22 Also of the tribe of the sonnes of Dan, the prince Bukki, the sonne of Iogli.

23 Of the sonnes of Ioseph: of the tribe of the sonnes of Manasseh, the prince Haniel the sonne of Ephod.

24 And of the tribe of the sonnes of Ephraim, the prince Kemuel, the sonne of Shiphtan.

25 Of the tribe also of the sonnes of Zebulun, the prince Elizaphan, the sonne of Parnach.

26 So of the tribe of the sonnes of Issachar, the prince Paltiel the sonne of Azzan.

27 Of the tribe also of the sonnes of Asher, the prince Ahihud, the sonne of Shelomi.

28 And of the tribe of the sonnes of Naphtali, the prince Pedahel, the sonne of Ammihud.

29 These are they whom the Lord commanded to g diuide the inheritance vnto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

g And be Iudge ouer euery piece of ground that should fall to any by lot, to the intent that all things might be done orderly and without contention.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Vnto the Leuites are giuen cities and suburbes. 11 The cities of refuge. 16 The law of murther. 30 For one mans witnesse shall no man be condemned.

AND the Lord spake vnto Moses in the plaine of Moab by Iordan, toward Iericho, saying,

2 *Command the children of Israel that they giue vnto the a Leuites of the inheritance of their possession, b cities to dwell in: yee shall giue also vnto the Leuites the suburbes of the cities round about them.

Iosh 21.2.

a Because they had no inheritance assigned them in ỹ land of Canaan.

b God would haue them scattered thorow al the land, because the people might be preserued by the in ỹ obedience of God and his law.

3 So they shall haue the cities to dwell in, and their suburbes shall be for their cattell, and for their substance, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbes of the cities, which ye

ye shall giue vnto the Leuites, from the wall of the city outward, shalbe a thousand cubits round about.

c So that in all were three thousand: and in the compasse of these two thousand they might plant and sow. *Deut.4.41.ioshu. 20.2.and 21,3.*

5 And ye shall measure without the citie of the East side, c two thousand cubits: and of the South side, two thousand cubits: and of the West side, two thousand cubits: and of the North side, two thousand cubits: and the citie shall be in the mids: this shall be the measure of the suburbs of their cities.

6 And of the cities which ye shall giue vnto the Leuites, * there shall be sixe cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint, that he which killeth, may flee thither: and to them ye shall adde two and forty cities mòe.

7 All the cities which ye shall giue to the Leuites, shall be eight and forty cities: them shall ye giue with their suburbs.

8 And concerning ỳ cities which ye shall giue, of the possession of the children of Israel: of many ye shall take moe, and of few ye shall take lesse, euery one shall giue of his cities vnto the Leuites, according to his inheritance, which he inheriteth.

9 ¶ And the Lorde spake vnto Moses, saying,

10 Speake vnto the children of Israel, and say vnto them, * When ye be come ouer Iorden into the land of Canaan,

Exod.21.13. deut.19.2. iosh.20.2.

11 Ye shall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you, that the slayer, which slayeth any person vnwares, may flee thither.

12 And these cities shall bee for you a refuge from the d auenger, that he which killeth, die not, vntill he stand before the Congregation in iudgement.

d Meaning, from the next of the kinred, who ought to pursue the cause.

13 And of the cities which yee shall giue, sixe cities shall ye haue for refuge.

14 Ye shall appoint three e on this side Iorden, and ye shall appoint three cities in the land of * Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

e Among the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, Deut. 4. 41.

15 These sixe cities shalbe a refuge for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for him that dwelleth † among you, that euery one which killeth any person vnwares, may flee thither.

Iosh.20.7.

† *Ebr. among them.*

16 * And if one f smite another with an instrument of yron that he die, he is a murtherer, and the murtherer shall die the death.

Exod.21.14.

f Wittingly, and willingly.

17 Also if he smite him by casting a stone, wherewith he may be slaine, and he die, he is a murtherer, and the murtherer shall die the death.

g That is, with a big and dangerous stone: in Ebrew, with a stone of his hand.

18 Or if he smite him with an handweapon of wood, wherewith hee may be slaine, if he die, he is a murtherer, and the murtherer shall die the death.

19 The reuenger of the blood himselfe shall slay the murtherer: when hee meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him * of hate, or hurle at him by laying of wait, that he die,

Deut.19.11.

21 Or smite him through enmitie with his hand, that he die, he that smote him shal die the death: for he is a murtherer: the reuenger of the blood shall slay the murtherer when he meeteth him.

22 But if hee pushed him ‖ vnadui sedly, and * not of hatred, or cast vpon him any ‡ thing without laying of wait,

‖ *Or, suddenly.* *Exod.21.13.*

‡ *Ebr. instrument.*

23 Or any stone (whereby he might bee slaine) and saw him not, or caused it to fall vpon him, and he die, and was not his enemie, neither sought him any harme,

24 Then the Congregation shall iudge betweene the slayer and the h auenger of blood according to these lawes.

h That is, his next kinsman.

25 And the Congregation shall deliuer the slayer out of the hand of the auenger of blood, and the Congregation shall reliuer him vnto the citie of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide there vnto the death of the i high Priest, which is anointed with the holy oyle.

i Vnder this figure is declared, that our sinnes could not be remitted, but by the death of the high Priest Iesus Christ.

26 But if the slayer come without the borders of the citie of his refuge, whither he was fled,

27 And the reuenger of blood finde him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the auenger of blood slay the k murtherer, he shalbe guiltelesse,

k By the sentence of the Iudge.

28 Because hee should haue remained in the citie of his refuge, vntill the death of the high Priest: And after the death of the high Priest, the slayer shall returne to the land of his possession.

29 So these things shall bee a l law of iudgement vnto you, throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

l A law to iudge murthers done, either of purpose or vnaduisedly. *Deut.17.6.and 19.15. Matth.18.16. 2.cor.13.1.*

30 Whosoeuer killeth any person, the iudge shall slay the murtherer, through m witnesses: but * one witnesse shall not testifie against a person, to cause him to die.

m Which purposely hath committed murther.

31 Moreouer ye shall take no recompense for the life of the murtherer, which is n worthy to die: but he shalbe put to death.

‖ *Or, murther.*

n So God is mindfull of the blood wrongfully shed, that hee maketh his dumbe creatures to demand vengeance thereof.

32 Also yee shall take no recompense for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come againe, and dwel in the land, before the death of the high Priest.

33 So ye shal not pollute the land wherein ye shal dwel: for ‖ blood defileth the land: and the land cannot be * cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, for I dwell in the mids thereof: for I the Lord dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.

6 An order for the marriage of the daughters of Zelophehad. 7 The inheritance could not be giuen from one tribe to another.

THen * the chiefe fathers of the familie of the sonnes of Gilead, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh, of the families of the sonnes of Ioseph, came, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chiefe fathers of the children of Israel,

a It seemeth that the tribes contended who might marrie these daughters to haue their inheritance. & therefore the sonnes of Ioseph proposed the matter to Moses. *Chap.27.1, iosh.17.3.*

2 And said, * The Lord commanded b my lord to giue the land to inherite by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the Lord, to giue the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother vnto his daughters.

b Meaning, Moses.

3 If they be maried to any of the sonnes of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall bee put vnto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they shall be: so shall it be taken

ken away from the lot of our inheritance.

4 Also when the c Iubile of the children of Israel commeth, then shall their inheritance be put vnto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they shall bee: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, according to the word of the Lord, saying, The tribe of the sonnes of Ioseph hane sayd d well.

6 This is the thing that the Lorde hath commanded, concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, They shall bee wiues, to whom they thinke best, onely to the familie of the tribe of their father shall they marrie:

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remoue from tribe to tribe, for euery one of the children of Israel shall ioyne himselfe to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And euery daughter that possesseth any e inheritance of the tribes of the children of Israel, shall be wife vnto one of the familie of the tribe of her father: that the children of Israel may enioy euery man the inheritance of their fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance go about from tribe to tribe: but euery one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall sticke to his owne inheritance.

10 As the Lord commaunded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.

11 For f Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah the daughters of Zelophehad were married vnto their fathers brothers sonnes, *Chap.27.1.*

12 They were wiues to certaine of the families of the sonnes of Manasseh the sonne of Ioseph: so their inheritance remained in the tribe of the familie of their father.

13 These are the f commandements and lawes which the Lord commaunded by the hand of Moses, vnto the children of Israel in the plaine of Moab by Iorden toward Iericho.

c Signifying that at no time it could returne, for in the Iubile all things returned to their owne tribes.

d For the tribe could not haue continued, if the inheritace which was the maintenance thereof should haue bene abalienated to others.

e When there is no male to inherite.

f Touching the ceremoniall and iudiciall lawes.

The fift booke of Moses, called * Deuteronomie.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe wonderfull loue of God toward his Church is liuely set foorth in this booke. For albeit through their ingratitude and sundry rebellions against God, for the space of 40. yeeres Deut. 9. 7. they had deserued to haue bene cut off from the number of his people, and for euer to haue bene depriued of the vse of his holy Word and Sacraments: yet he did euer preserue his Church, euen for his own mercies sake, and would still haue his Name called vpon among them. Wherfore he bringeth them into the land of Canaan, destroyeth their eitemies, giueth them their countrey, townes, and goods, and exhorteth them by the example of their fathers (whose infidelitie, idolatrie, adulteries, murmurings and rebellion, he had most sharpely punished) to feare and obey the Lord, to imbrace and keepe his Law without adding thereunto, or diminishing therefrom. For by his Worde he would be knowne to be their God, and they his people: by his Word hee would gouerne his Church, and by the same they should learne to obey him: by his Word he would discerne the false prophet from the true, light from darkenesse, ignorance from knowledge, and his owne people from al other nations and infidels: teaching them thereby to refuse and deteil, destroy and abolish whatsoeuer is not agreeable to his holy will, seeme it otherwise neuer so good or precious in the eyes of man. And for this cause God promised to rayse vp kings and gouernours, for the setting footh of his Word, and preseruation of his Church: giuing vnto them an especiall charge for the executing thereof: whom therefore he willeth to exercise themselues diligently in the continuall study and meditation of the same: that they might learne to feare the Lord, loue their subiects, abhorre couetousnesse and vice, and whatsoeuer offendeth the Maiestie of God. And as he had tofore instructed their fathers in all things apperteining both to his spirituall seruice, and also for the maintenance of that societie which is betweene men: so he prescribeth here anew, all such lawes and ordinances, which either concerne his diuine seruice, or els are necessary for a common weale: appointing vnto euery state and degree, their charge and duety: aswell how to rule and liue in the feare of God, as to nourish friendship toward their neighbours, and to preserue that order which God hath established among men: threatning withal, most horrible plagues to them that transgresse his commandements, and promising all blessings and felicitie, to such as obserue and obey them.

* That is, a second lawe: so called because the Law, which God gaue in mount Sinai, is here repeated, as though it were a new Law: and this booke is a commentarie or exposition of the ten commandements.

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CHAP. I.

2 A briefe rehearsall of things done before from Horeb vnto Kadesh-barnea 31 Moses reproueth the people for their incredulitie. 44 The Israelites are ouercome by the Amorites, because they fought against the commandement of the Lord.

THese be the words which Moses spake vnto all Israel, on a this side Iorden in the wildernes, in the plaine, b ouer against the red Sea, betweene Paran and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab.

2 There are eleuen dayes iourney from c Horeb vnto Kadesh-barnea, by the way of mount Seir.

3 And it came to passe in the first day of the eleuenth moneth, in the fortieth yeere, that Moses spake vnto the children of Israel, according vnto all that the Lord had giuen him in commandement vnto them,

4 After that he had slaine d * Sihon the

c In Horeb, or Sinai, fortie yeres before this the law was giuen: but because all that were then of age and iudgment were now dead, Moses repeateth the same to the youth, which either then were not borne, or had not indgement. d By these examples of Gods fauour, their mindes are prepared to receiue the Law. *Numb.21.24.*

a In the countrey of Moab.

b So that the wildernesse was betweene the sea & thi plaine of Moab.

king of the Amorites which dwelt in Heſhbon, and Og king of Bashan, which dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

5 On this ſide Iorden in the lande of Moab, began Moſes to declare this lawe, ſaying.

6 The Lord our God ſpake vnto vs in e Horeb, ſaying, Ye haue dwelt long enough in this mount,

7 Turne you and depart, and goe vnto the mountaine of the Amorites, and vnto all places neere thereunto: in the plaine, in the mountaine, or in the valley: both Southward, and to the Sea ſide, to the land of the Canaanites, and vnto Lebanon: euen vnto the great riuer, the riuer f Perath.

8 Behold, I haue ſet the land before you: go in and poſſeſſe that land which the Lord ſware vnto your fathers, Abraham, Izhak, and Iaakob, to giue vnto them and to their ſeede after them.

9 ¶ And I ſpake g vnto you the ſame time, ſaying, I am not able to beare you my ſelfe alone:

10 The Lord your God hath h multiplied you: and beholde, yee are this day as the ſtarres of heauen in number:

11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thouſand times ſo many moe as ye are, and bleſſe you, as he hath promiſed you)

12 Howe can I alone i beare your cumbrance, and your charge, and your ſtrife?

13 Bring you men of wiſedome and of vnderſtanding, and k knowen among your tribes, and I will make them rulers ouer you:

14 Then ye anſwered me, and ſayd, The thing is good that thou haſt commanded vs to doe.

15 So I tooke the chiefe of your tribes l wiſe and knowen men, and made them rulers ouer you, captaines ouer thouſands, and captaines ouer hundreds, and captaines ouer fifties, and captaines ouer ten, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your iudges the ſame time, ſaying, Heare the controuerſies betweene your brethren, * and iudge righteouſly betweene euery man and his brother, and the ſtranger that is with him.

17 Yee ſhall haue no reſpect of perſon in iudgement, * but ſhall heare the ſmall as well as the great: yee ſhall not feare the face of man: for the iudgement is = Gods: and the cauſe that is too hard for you, bring vnto me, and I will heare it.

18 Alſo I commanded you the ſame time all the things which ye ſhould doe.

19 ¶ Then we departed from Horeb, and went thorow all that great and terrible wilderneſſe (as yee haue ſeene) by the way of the mountaine of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commaunded vs: and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

20 And * I ſayd vnto you, Ye are come vnto the mountaine of the Amorites, which the Lord our God doth giue vnto vs.

21 Behold, the Lord thy God hath layd the land before thee: go vp and poſſeſſe it, as the Lord the God of thy fathers hath ſayde vnto thee: feare not, neither be diſcouraged.

22 ¶ * Then ye came vnto me euery one, and ſayd, Wee will ſende men before vs to ſearch vs out the land, and to bring vs word againe, what way we muſt goe vp by, and vnto what cities we ſhall come.

23 So the ſaying pleaſed mee well, and I tooke twelue men of you, of euery tribe one.

24 * Who departed, and went vp vnto the mountaine, and came vnto the ‖ riuer Eſhcol, and ſearched out the land,

25 And tooke of the fruit of the lande in their handes, and brought it vnto vs, and brought vs word againe, and p ſayd, It is a good land, which the Lord our God doeth giue vs.

26 Notwithſtanding, yee would not goe vp, but were diſobedient vnto the commandement of the Lord your God,

27 And murmured in your tents, q ſayd, Becauſe the Lord r hated vs, therefore hath he brought vs out of the land of Egypt, to deliuer vs into the hand of the Amorites, and to deſtroy vs.

28 Whither ſhall wee goe vp? our * brethren haue diſcouraged our hearts, ſaying, The people is greater, and taller then wee, the cities are great, and walled vp to heauen: and moreouer wee haue ſeene the ſonnes of the * Anakims there.

29 But I ſayd vnto you, Dread not, nor be afraid of them.

30 The Lord your God, ſ who goeth before you, he ſhall fight for you, according to all that he did vnto you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 And in the wilderneſſe, where thou haſt ſeene how the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doeth beare his ſonne, in all the way which ye haue gone, vntill ye came vnto this place.

32 Yet for all this ye did not beleeue the Lord your God,

33 * Who went in the way before you, to ſearch you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, that ye might ſee what way to goe, and in a cloud by day.

34 Then the Lord heard the voyce of your wordes, and was wroth, and ſware, ſaying,

35 * Surely there ſhall not one of theſe men of this froward generation ſee that good land which I ſware to giue vnto your fathers,

36 Saue Caleb the ſonne of Iephunneh: hee ſhall ſee it, * and to him will I giue the land that he hath troden vpon, and to his children, becauſe he hath conſtantly followed the Lord.

37 * Alſo the Lord was angry with mee for your ſakes, ſaying, * Thou alſo ſhalt not goe in thither,

38 But Ioshua the ſonne of Nun which ſtandeth t before thee, he ſhall goe in thither: incourage him: for hee ſhall cauſe Israel to inherite it.

39 Moreouer, your u children, which yee ſayd ſhould bee a praye, and your ſonnes, which in that day had no knowledge betweene good and euill, they ſhall goe in thither, and vnto them will I giue it, and

e The ſecond time.

f In the ſecond yeere, and ſecond moneth, Numb. 10.11.

‖ Or, Euphrates.

Gen. 15.18. and 17.7,8.

g By the counſel of Iethro my father in lawe, Exod. 18.19.

h Not ſo much by the courſe of nature, as miraculouſly.

i Signifying how great a burden it is to gouerne the people.

k Whoſe godlineſſe & vprightneſſe is knowen.

l Declaring what ſort of men ought to haue a publike charge: reade Exo. 18.21.

Iohn 7.24.

Leuit. 19 15. chap. 16.19. 1. ſam 16.7. prou 24.23. eccluſ. 42 1. iames 2 2.

m And yon are his Lieutenants.

n So that the fault was in them ſelues that they did not ſooner poſſeſſe the inheritance promiſed.

o Reade Num. 13.1,3.

Num. 13.24.

‖ Or, valley of the cluſter of grapes.

p To wit, Caleb, and Ioshua: Moſes preferreth the better part to the greater, that is, two to ten.

q Such was the Iewes vnthankfulneſſe, that they counted Gods eſpeciall loue, hatred.

r The other ten, not Caleb and Ioshua. Num. 13.29.

ſ Declaring that to renounce our owne force, and cõſtantly to follow our vocation, and depend on the Lord, is the true boldnes, and agreeable to God.

Exod. 13.21.

Num. 14.29.

Iosh. 14.6.

Num. 20.12, and 27 14. Chap. 1 36. and 4 21. and 34.4.

t Which miniſtreth vnto thee.

u Which were vnder twenty yeere olde, as Numb. 14 31.

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and they shall possesse it.

40 But as for you, turne backe, and take your iourney into the wildernesse by the way of the red Sea.

41 Then ye answered and sayd vnto me, We haue sinned against the Lord, x wee will goe vp, and fight, according to all that the Lord our God hath commanded vs: and ye armed you euery man to the warre, and were ready to goe vp into the mountaine.

42 But the Lord said vnto me, Say vnto them, Goe not vp, neither fight, (for I am y not among you) lest ye fall before your enemies.

43 And when I told you, yee would not heare, but rebelled against the commandement of the Lord, and were presumptuous, and went vp into the mountaine.

44 Then the Amorites which dwelt in that mountaine came out against you, and chased you (as bees vse to doe) and destroyed you in Seir, euen vnto Hormah.

45 And when yee came againe, yee wept before the Lord, but the Lorde would not z heare your voyce, nor incline his eares vnto you.

46 So yee abode in Kadesh a long time, according to the time that yee had remained before.

CHAP. II.

4 Israel is forbidden to fight with the Edomites, 9 Moabites, 19 and Ammonites. 33 Sehon king of Heshbon is discomfited.

THen a wee turned, and tooke our iourney into the wildernesse, by the way of the red Sea, as the Lord spake vnto mee: and wee compassed mount Seir a b long time.

2 And the Lord spake vnto me, saying,

3 Yee haue compassed this mountaine long enough: turne you Northward.

4 And warne thou the people, saying, Ye shall goe thorow the c coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, and they shalbe afraid of you: take you good heede therefore.

5 Yee shall not prouoke them: for I will not giue you of their land so much as a foote breadth, because I haue giuen mount Seir vnto Esau for a possession.

6 Yee shall buy meate of them for money to eate, and yee shall also procure water of them for money to drinke.

7 For the Lord thy God hath d blessed thee in all the workes of thine hande: hee knoweth thy walking thorow this great wildernesse, and the Lord thy God hath been with thee this fourtie yeere, and thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we were departed from our brethren the children of Esau which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the ‖plaine from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, wee turned and went by the way of the wildernesse of Moab.

9 Then the Lord sayd vnto mee, Thou shalt not ‖ vexe Moab, neither prouoke them to battell: for I will not giue thee of their land for a possession, because I haue giuen Ar vnto the children e of Lot for a possession.

10 The f Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims.

11 They also were taken for Gyants as the Anakims: whom the Moabites call Emims.

12 The g Horims also dwelt in Seir before time, whom the children of Esau chased out and destroyed them before them, and dwelt in their stead: as Israel shall doe vnto the land of his possession, which the Lord hath giuen them.

13 Now rise vp, sayd I, and get you ouer the riuer h Zered: and wee went ouer the riuer Zered.

14 The i space also wherein wee came from Kadesh-barnea, vntill we were come ouer the riuer Zered, was eight and thirtie yeeres, vntill all the generation of the men of warre were wasted out from among the hoste, as the Lord sware vnto them.

15 For in deede the k hand of the Lorde was against them, to destroy them from among the hoste, till they were consumed.

16 ¶ So when all the men of warre were consumed and dead from among the people:

17 Then the Lorde spake vnto mee, saying,

18 Thou shalt goe thorow Ar the coast of Moab this day:

19 And thou shalt come neere ouer against the children of Ammon: but shalt not lay siege vnto them, nor moue warre against them: for I will not giue thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession: for I haue giuen it vnto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 That also was taken for a lande of l Giants: for Giants dwelt therein afore-time, whome the Ammonites called Zamzummims:

21 A people that was great and many, and tall as the Anakims: but the Lord destroyed them before them, and they succeeded them in their inheritance, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As hee did to the children of Esau which dwelt in Seir, when hee destroyed the Horims before them, and they possessed them, and dwelt in their stead vnto this day.

23 And the Auims which dwelt in Hazarim euen vnto ‖Azzah, the Caphtorims which came out of Caphtor destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.

24 ¶ Rise vp therefore, sayd the Lord: take your iourney, and passe ouer the riuer Arnon: beholde, I haue giuen into thine hand Sihon the m Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possesse it, and prouoke him to battell.

25 This day will I n begin to send thy feare and thy dread vpon all people vnder the whole heauen, which shall heare thy fame, and shall tremble and quake before thee.

26 Then I sent messengers out of the wildernesse of Kedemoth vnto Sihon king of Heshbon, with wordes of peace, saying,

27 ¶ Let

x This declareth mans nature who wil do that which God forbiddeth, and will not doe that which he commandeth.

y Signifying, that man hath no strength, but when God is at hand to helpe him.

z Because ye rather shewed your hypocrisie, then true repentance: rather lamenting the losse of your brethren then repenting for your sinnes.

22 Feber / Zebon Eben

a They obeyed after that God had chastised them.

b Eight and thirtie yeere, as verse 14.

c This was the second time: for before they had caused the Israelites to returne, Num. 20. 21. Gen. 36. 8.

d And giuen thee meanes wherewith thou mayst make recompence: also God will direct thee by his prouidence, as he hath done.

‖Or, wildernesse.

‖Or besiege.

e Which were the Moabites, and Ammonites.

f Signifying that as these giants were driuen out for their sinnes: so the wicked when their sins are ripe can not auoyde Gods plagues. Gen. 36. 20.

Num. 21. 12.

g He sheweth hereby, that as God is true in his promise: so his threatnings are not in vaine.

h His plague and punishment to destroy all that were twentie yeere old and aboue,

i Who called themselues Rephaims: that is, preseruers, or physicians to heale and reforme vices: but were in deede Zamzummims, that is, wicked and abominable.

‖Or, Gaza.

k According to his promise made to Abraham, Gen. 15. 21.

l This declareth that the hearts of men are in Gods hands, either to be made faint, or bolde.

Numb. 21.22.

27 ¶ * Let me passe thorow thy land: I will goe by the hie way: I will neither turne vnto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money for to eate, and shalt giue mee water for money for to drinke: onely I will goe thorow on my foote,

29 (As the * children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did vnto me) vntill I bee come ouer Iorden, into the land which the Lord our God giueth vs.

30 But Sihon the King of Heshbon would not let vs passe by him: for the Lord thy God had * hardned his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, because hee would deliuer him into thine hand, as appeareth this day.

31 And the Lord said vnto mee, Behold, I haue begun to giue Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possesse and inherit his land.

32 * Then came out Sihon to meete vs, himselfe with all his people to fight at Jahaz.

33 But the Lord our God deliuered him ‡ into our power, and we smote him, and his sonnes, and all his people.

34 And wee tooke all his cities the same time, and destroyed euery citie, men, and * women, and children: we let nothing remaine.

35 Onely the cattell wee tooke to our selues, and the spoyle of the cities which we tooke,

36 From Aroer, which is by the banke of the riuer of Arnon, and from the citie that is vpon the riuer, euen vnto Gilead: there was not one citie that escaped vs: for the Lord our God deliuered vp all ‖ before vs.

37 Onely vnto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor vnto any place of the ‡ riuer Jabbok, nor vnto the cities in the mountaines, nor vnto whatsoeuer the Lord our God forbade vs.

CHAP. III.

3 Og the king of Bashan is slaine. 11 The bignesse of his bed. 18 The Reubenites and Gadites are commanded to goe ouer Iorden armed before their brethren. 21 Joshua is made captaine. 27 Moses is permitted to see the land, but not to enter, albeit he desired it.

THen we turned, and went vp by the way of Bashan: * and Og king of Bashan a came out against vs, he, and all his people to fight at Edrei.

2 And the Lord said vnto me, Feare him not, for I will deliuer him, and all his people, and his land into thine hand, and thou shalt doe vnto him as thou didst vnto * Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

3 So the Lord our God deliuered also vnto our hand * Og the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him, vntil none was left him aliue.

4 And wee tooke all his cities the same time, neither was there a citie which wee tooke not from them, euen threescore cities, and all the countrey of Argob, the kingdome of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities were fenced with high walles, gates and barres, beside * vnwalled townes a great many.

6 And wee ouerthrew them as wee did vnto Sihon king of Heshbon, destroying euery citie with men, * women, and children.

7 But all the cattell and the spoyle of the cities we tooke for our selues.

8 Thus we tooke at that time out of the hand of two kings of the Amorites, the land that was on this side Iorden from the riuer of Arnon vnto mount Hermon:

9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, but the Amorites call it Shenir.)

10 All the cities of the plaine, and all Gilead, ‡ all Bashan vnto Salchah, ‡ Edrei, cities of the kingdome of Og in Bashan.

11 For onely Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants, * whose bed was a bed of yron: is it not at Rabbath among the children of Ammon? the length thereof is nine cubits, and foure cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, which wee possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the riuer of Arnon, and halfe mount Gilead, * and the cities thereof gaue I vnto the Reubenites, and Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdome of Og, gaue I vnto the halfe tribe of Manasseh: euen all the countrey of Argob with all Bashan, which is called, The land of giants.

14 Iair the sonne of Manasseh tooke all the countrey of Argob, vnto the coastes of Geshuri, and of Maachathi: and called them after his owne name, Bashan, * Hauoth Iair vnto * this day.

15 And I gaue part of Gilead vnto Machir.

16 And vnto the Reubenites and Gadites I gaue the rest of Gilead, and vnto the riuer of Arnon, halfe the riuer and the borders, euen vnto the riuer * Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon:

17 The plaine also and Iorden, and the borders from Chinnereth euen vnto the Sea of the plaine, to wit, the salt Seavnder the springs of Pisgah Eastward.

18 ¶ And I commanded * you the same time, saying, The Lord your God hath giuen you this land to possesse it: yee shall goe ouer armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all men of warre.

19 Your wiues onely and your children, and your cattell, (for I know that yee haue much cattell) shal abide in your cities, which I haue giuen you,

20 Vntill the Lord haue giuen rest vnto your brethren as vnto you, and that they also possesse the land, which the Lord your God hath giuen them beyond Iorden: then shall yee * returne euery man vnto his possession, which I haue giuen you.

21 ¶ * And I charged Iosh ua the same time, saying, Thine eyes haue seene all that the * Lord your God hath done vnto these two kings: * so shall the Lord doe vnto all the kingdomes whither thou goest.

22 Yee.

Numb. 21.33.

‡ Ebr. before vs.

o God had cursed Canaan, and therefore hee would not that any of the wicked race should be preserued.

‖ Or, into our hand.

‡ Or, ford.

Numb. 21.33. chap. 29.7.

a Therefore beside the commandement of the Lord, they had iust occasion of his part to fight against him.

Numb. 21.24.

Numb. 21.33.

Cities giuen to Reuben & Gad.

b As villages and small townes.

c Because this was Gods appointment, therefore it may not be iudged cruell.

d The more terrible that this giant was, the greater occasion had they to glorifie God for the victorie. Numb. 32.33.

Numb. 32.42.

e Meaning, when he wrote this historie.

f Which separateth the Ammonites from the Amorites.

‖ Or, at Ashdothpisgah.

g That is, the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe Manasseh, as Numb 32.22.

Iosh. 22.4. Numb 27.18, 19, 23.

h So that the victories came not by your owne wisdom, strength or multitude. Iosh. 1.5 and 10 8, 25.

i He speaketh according to the common and corrupt speech of them which attribute that power vnto idoles, that onely appertaineth vnto God.
‖ *Or, wonders,*
k He meaneth Zion, where the temple should be built, and God honoured.
l As before he saw by the spirit of prophesie the good mountaine which was Zion: so here his eyes were lifted vp aboue the order of nature to behold all the plentifull land of Canaan.

22 Ye shall not feare them: for the Lord your God, he shall fight for you.
23 And I besought the Lord the same time, saying,
24 O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy seruant thy greatnesse and thy mightie hand: for where is there a God in heauen or in earth, that can i doe like thy workes, and like thy ‖ power?
25 I pray thee let mee goe ouer, and see the good land that is beyond Iordan, that goodly k mountaine and Lebanon.
26 But the Lord was angrie with me for your sakes, and would not heare me: and the Lord said vnto me, Let it suffice thee, speake no more vnto me of this matter.
27 Get thee vp into the toppe of Pisgah, and l lift vp thine eyes Westward, & Northward, and Southward, and Eastward, and behold it with thine eyes, for thou shalt not goe ouer this Iordan.
28 But charge Ioshua, and incourage him, and bolden him: for he shall goe before this people, & he shall diuide for inheritance vnto them the land which thou shalt see.
29 So wee abode in the valley ouer against Beth-peor.

CHAP. IIII.

1 An exhortation to obserue the lawe without adding thereto or diminishing. 6 Therein standeth our wisdome. 9 We must teach it to our children. 15 No image ought to bee made to worship. 26 Threatnings against them that forsake the law of God. 37 God chose the seede because he loued their fathers. 43 The three cities of refuge.

NOw therefore hearken, O Israel, vnto the ordinances and to the lawes which I teach you to a doe, that ye may liue and goe in, and possesse the land which the Lord God of your fathers giueth you.
2 b Ye shall b put nothing vnto the word which I command you, neither shal ye take ought therefrom, that ye may keepe the commandements of the Lord your God which I command you.
3 Your c eyes haue seene what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lorde thy God hath destroyed euery one from among you.
4 But ye that did d cleaue vnto the Lord your God, are aliue euery one of you this day.
5 Behold, I haue taught you ordinances, and lawes, as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do euen so within the land whither ye goe to possesse it.
6 Keepe them therefore, and doe them: for that is your e wisedome, and your vnderstanding in the sight of the people, which shall heare all these ordinances, and shal say, ‖ Onely this people is wise, and of vnderstanding, and a great nation.
7 For what nation is so great, vnto whom the Gods come so neere vnto them, as the Lord our God is gneere vnto vs, in all that we call vnto him for?
8 And what nation is so great, that hath ordinances and lawes so righteous, as all this Law, which I set before you this day?
9 But take heede to thy selfe, and h keepe thy soule diligently, that thou forget not the things which thine eyes haue seene, and that they depart not out of thine heart all the dayes of thy life: but teach them thy sonnes, and thy sonnes sonnes:
10 Forget not the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said vnto me Gather me the people together, and I will cause them to heare my words, that they may learne to feare me all the dayes that they shal liue vpon the earth, and that they may teach their children:
11 Then came you nere and i stood vnder the mountaine, and the mountaine i burnt with fire vnto the mids of heauen, and there was darknesse, clouds and mist.
12 And the Lord spake vnto you out of the mids of the fire, and yee heard the voyce of the words, but sawe no similitude, saue a voyce.
13 Then hee declared vnto you his couenant which he commanded you to k doe, euen the ten ‖ Commandements, and wrote them vpon two Tables of stone.
14 ¶ And the Lord commanded me that same time, that I should teach you ordinances and lawes, which yee should obserue in the land, whither yee goe to possesse it.
15 Take therefore good heede vnto your ‡ selues: for ye saw no l image in the day that the Lord spake vnto you in Horeb out of the mids of the fire:
16 That yee corrupt not your selues, and make you a grauen image or representation of any figure: whether it bee the likenesse of male or female,
17 The likenesse of any beast that is on earth, or the likenesse of any feathered fowle that flieth in the aire,
18 Or the likenesse of any thing that creepeth on the earth, or the likenesse of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth,
19 And lest thou lift vp thine eyes vnto heauen, and when thou seest the sunne and the moone and the starres with all the host of heauen, shouldest bee driuen to worship them and serue them, which the Lord thy God hath m distributed to all people vnder the whole heauen.
20 But the Lord hath taken you and brought you out of the n yron fornace, out of Egypt, to bee vnto him a people and inheritance, as appeareth this day.
21 And the Lord was angrie with me for your words, and sware that I should not go ouer Iordan, and that I should not goe in vnto that good land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for an inheritance.
22 For I must die in this land, and shall not goe ouer Iordan: but o ye shall goe ouer, and possesse that good land.
23 Take heede vnto your selues, lest yee forget the couenant of the Lord your God which he made with you, & lest yee make you any grauen image, or likenesse of any thing, as the Lord thy God hath charged thee
24 For the Lord thy God is a p consuming fire, and a iealous God.
25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children and childrens children, and shalt haue remained long

h He addeth all these words to shew that we can neuer bee carefull enough to keepe the law of God, and to teach it to our posteritie.

Exod. 19. 18.
i The Law was giuen with fearefull miracles, to declare both that God was the author thereof, and also that no flesh was able to abide the rigour of the same.
k God ioyneth this condition to his couenant,
‖ *Or, Words.*

‡ *Ebr. soules.*
l Signifying the destruction is prepared for all them that make an image to represent God.

m He hath appointed them for to serue man.
n He hath deliuered you out of most miserable slauerie, and freely chosen you for his children.
o Moses good affection appeareth in that, that he, being depriued of such an excellent treasure, doeth not enuie them that must enioy it.
p To those that come not vnto him with loue and reuerence, but rebel against him, Heb. 12. 29.

long in the land, if ye ᵍ corrupt your selues, and make any grauen image or likenesse of any thing, and worke euill in the sight of the Lord thy God, to prouoke him to anger.

26 I ʳ call heauen and earth to record against you this day, that ye shal shortly perish from the land, whereunto you goe ouer Iorden to possesse it: yee shall not prolong your dayes therein, but shall vtterly be destroyed.

27 And the Lord shal ˢ scatter you among the people, and yee shall be left fewe in number among the nations, whither the Lord shall bring you.

28 And there ye shall serue gods, euen the worke of mans hands, wood, ᵗ stone, which neither see, nor heare, nor eate, nor smell.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seeke the Lord thy God, thou shalt finde him, if thou seeke him with all thine ᵘ heart, and with all thy soule.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come vpon thee, ˣ at the length, if thou returne to the Lord thy God, and be obedient vnto his voice,

31 (For the Lord thy God is a mercifull God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the couenant of thy fathers, which hee ʸ sware vnto them.

32 For inquire now of the dayes that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man vpon the earth, and ᶻ aske from the one end of heauen vnto the other, if there came to passe such a great thing as this, or whether any such like thing hath beene heard.

33 Did euer people heare the voyce of God speaking out of the midst of a fire, as thou hast heard, and liued?

34 Or hath God assayed to goe and take him a nation from among nations, by ᵃ tentations, by signes, and by wonders, and by warre, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arme, and by great feare, according vnto all that the Lord your God did vnto you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Vnto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest ᵇ know, that the Lord hee is God, and that there is none but he alone.

36 Out of heauen he made thee heare his voice, to instruct thee, and vpon earth hee shewed thee his great fire, and thou heardest his voice out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because ᶜ hee loued thy fathers, therefore he chose their seede after them, and hath brought thee out of Egypt in his sight, by his mightie power,

38 To thrust out nations greater and mightier then thou, before thee, to bring thee in, and to giue thee their land for inheritance: as appeareth this day.

39 Understand therefore this day, and consider in thine heart, that the Lord, he is God in heauen aboue, and vpon the earth beneath: there is none other.

40 Thou shalt keepe therefore his ordinances, and his commandements which I commaund thee this day, that it may ᵈ goe well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou maiest prolong thy dayes vpon the earth, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for euer.

41 ¶ Then Moses ᵉ separated three cities on this side of Iorden toward the sunne rising:

42 That the slayer should flee thither, which had killed his neighbour at vnwares, and hated him not in time past, might flee, I say, vnto one of those cities, and liue:

43 That is, ᶠ Bezer in the wildernesse, in the plaine country of the Reubenites: and Ramoth in Gilead among the Gadites, and Golan in Bathan among them of Manasseh.

44 ¶ So this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.

45 These are the ᵍ witnesses, and the ordinances, and the lawes which Moses declared to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt,

46 On this side Iorden, in the valley ouer against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel ʰ smote, after they were come out of Egypt:

47 And they possessed his land, and the land of ⁱ Og King of Bathan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Iorden toward the sunne rising:

48 From Aroer, which is by the banke of the riuer Arnon, euen vnto Mount Sion, which is Hermon,

49 And all the plaine by Iorden Eastward, euen vnto ᵏ the Sea of the plaine, vnder the ˡ springs of Pisgah.

CHAP. V.

5 Moses is the meane betweene God and the people. 6 The law is repeated. 23 The people are afraid at Gods voice. 29 The Lord wisheth that the people would feare him. 32 They must neither decline to the right hand nor left.

THen Moses called all Israel, and said vnto him, Heare, O Israel, the ordinances and the lawes which I ᵃ propose to you this day, that ye may learne them, and take heede to obserue them.

2 ᵇ The Lord our God made a couenant with vs in Horeb.

3 The Lord ᶜ made not this couenant with our fathers only, but with vs, euen with vs all here aliue this day.

4 The Lord talked with you ᵈ face to face in the mount, out of the midst of the fire.

5 (At that time I stoode betweene the Lord and you, to declare vnto you the word of the Lord: for yee were afraid at the light of the fire, and went not vp into the mount) and he said,

6 ¶ ᵉ I am the Lord thy God, which haue brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of ᶠ bondage.

7 Thou shalt haue none ᵍ other gods before my face.

8 Thou shalt make thee no grauen image, or any likenesse of that that is in heauen aboue, or which is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters vnder the earth.

9 Thou shalt neither bow thy self vnto them, nor serue them: for ʰ I the Lorde thy God am a ⁱ iealous God, visiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, euen vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:

10 And

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g Meaning hereby all superstition and corruption of the true seruice of God.

r Though men would absolue you, yet the insensible creatures shalbe witnesses of your disobedience.

s So that his curse shall make his former blessings of none effect.

t Not with outward shew or ceremonie, but with a true confession of thy faults.

u Ebr. in the latter dayes.

x To certifie them the more of the assurance of their saluation.

y Mans negligence is partly cause that he knoweth not God.

z By so manifest proofes that none could doubt thereof.

a He sheweth the cause why God wrought these miracles.

b Freely, and not of their deserts.

c God promiseth reward not for our merits, but to incourage vs, and to assure vs that our labour shall not be lost.

Cities of refuge

Iosh. 20.8.

c The Articles and points of the couenant.

Numb. 21.24. chap. 2.4.

Numb. 21.33. chap. 3.3.

d That is, the salt sea. Chap. 3.17.

Iosh. 12.3.

1 Esdr. 8.

e Ebr. I speake in your eares.

Exod. 19.5,6.

a Some reade, God made not this couenant, that is, in such ample sort and with such signes and wonders.

b So plainly that you needs not to doubt thereof. Exod. 20.2. Leuit. 26.1. psal 97.7.9.

f Or, seruants.

c God bindeth vs to serue him onely without superstition and idolatrie. Exod. 34.7. ierem 32.18.

d That is, of his honour, nor permitting it to be giuen to other.

10 And shewing mercie vnto thousands of them that [c] loue mee, and keepe my commandements.

11 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not hold him guiltles, that taketh his Name in vaine.

12 Keepe the Sabbath day, to sanctifie it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Sixe dayes thou shalt labour, and shalt doe all thy worke:

14 But the seuenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt not doe any worke therein, thou, nor thy sonne, nor thy daughter, nor thy man seruaunt, nor thy maide, nor thine oxe, nor thine asse, neither any of thy cattell, nor the stranger that is within thy gates: that thy man seruant and thy maide may rest as well as thou.

15 For remember that thou wast a seruant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence by a mightie hand and a stretched out arme: therefore the Lord thy God commaunded thee to obserue the Sabbath day.

16 [g] Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee, that thy dayes may be prolonged, and that it may goe well with thee vpon the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

17 * Thou shalt not kill.

18 * Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 * Neither shalt thou steale.

20 Neither shalt thou beare false witnes against thy neighbour.

21 * Neither shalt thou [h] couet thy neighbours wife, neither shalt thou desire thy neighbours house, his field, nor his man seruant, nor his maide, his oxe, nor his asse, nor ought that thy neighbour hath.

22 ¶ These words the Lord spake vnto all your multitude in the mount out of the midst of the fire, the cloud and the darkenesse, with a great voice, and added no more thereto: and wrote them vpon two tables of stone, and deliuered them vnto me.

23 And when yee heard the voyce out of the midst of the darkenesse, (for the mountaine did burne with fire) then yee came to mee, all the chiefe of your tribes, and your Elders:

24 And yee said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed vs his glorie and his greatnesse, and * wee haue heard his voyce out of the midst of the fire: we haue seene this day that God doth talke with man, and hee * liueth.

25 Now therefore, why should wee die? for this great fire will consume vs: if wee heare the voyce of the Lord our God any more, we shall die.

26 For what ‖ flesh was there euer, that heard the voyce of the liuing God, speaking out of the midst of the fire as wee haue, and liued?

27 Goe thou neere, and heare all that the Lord our God saith: and declare thou vnto vs al that the Lord our God saith vnto thee, * and we will heare it, and doe it.

28 Then the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake vnto mee: and the Lord said vnto mee, I haue heard the voice of the words of this people, which they haue spoken vnto thee: they haue well said, all that they haue spoken.

29 Oh [k] that there were such an heart in them to feare mee, and to keepe all my commandements alway: that it might goe well with them, and with their children for euer.

30 Goe, say vnto them, Returne you into your tents.

31 But stand thou here with mee, and I will tell thee all the commaundements, and the ordinances, and the lawes, which thou shalt teach them: that they may doe them in the land which I giue them to possesse it.

32 Take heede therefore, that yee doe as the Lord your God hath commanded you: [l] turne not aside to the right hand, nor to the left,

33 But walke in all the wayes which the Lord your God hath commaunded you, that ye may [m] liue, and that it may goe well with you: and that yee may prolong your dayes in the land which yee shall possesse.

CHAP. VI.

1 An exhortation to feare God, and keepe his commandements. 5 Which is, to loue him with all thine heart. 7 The same must bee taught to the posterity. 16 Not to tempt God. 25 Righteousnesse is contained in the Law.

THese now are the commandements, ordinances, and ‖ Lawes, which the Lord your God commanded me to teach you: that yee might doe them in the land whither yee goe to possesse it:

2 That thou mightest [a] feare the Lord thy God, and keepe all his ordinances, and his commandements which I commaund thee, thou, and thy sonne, and thy sonnes sonne all the dayes of thy life, euen that thy dayes may be prolonged.

3 Heare therefore, O Israel, and take heede to doe it, that it may goe well with thee, and that yee may increase mightily [b] in the land that floweth with milke and honie, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 Heare, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord onely.

5 And * thou shalt loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, and with all thy might.

6 * And these words which I command thee this day, shalbe in thine heart.

7 And thou shalt * rehearse them continually vnto thy children, and shalt talke of them when thou sittest in thine house, and as thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest downe, and when thou risest vp:

8 And thou shalt binde them for a [‖] signe vpon thine hand, and they shalbe ‖ as frontlets betweene thine eyes.

9 Also thou shalt write them vpon the [d] postes of thine house, and vpon thy gates.

10 And when the Lord thy God hath brought thee into the land, which hee sware vnto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaak, and Iaakob, to giue to thee, with great and goodly cities which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all maner of goods, which thou filledst not, and wels digged, which

e The first degree to keepe the commaundements, is to loue God.

f Meaning, since God permitteth sixe dayes to our labours, that wee ought willingly to dedicate the seuenth to serue him wholly.

g Not for a shew, but with a true obedience, and due reuerence.

Matth.5.21. Luke 18.20. Rom.13.9.

Rom 7.7.

h He speaketh not onely of that resolute will, but that there bee no motion or affection.

i Teaching vs by his example to be content with his word, and adde nothing thereto.

Exod.19.19.

Chap.4.33.

‖ Or, man.

Exod.20 19.

k He requireth of vs nothing but obedience, shewing also that of our selues we are vnwilling thereunto.

l Ye shal neither adde nor diminish, Chap.4 2.

m As by obedience, God giueth vs all felicitie: so of disobeying God proceed all our miseries.

Deut. 6.

‖ Or, iudgements.

a A reuerent feare and loue of God is the first beginning to keep Gods commandements.

b Which hath abundance of all things appertaining to mans life

Matth 22.37. mar. 12.29,30. Luke 10.27. Chap.11.18.

c Some reade, thou shalt whet them vpon thy children: to wit, that they may print them most deepely in memorie.

‖ Or, signes of remembrance.

d That when thou entrest in, thou mayest remember them.

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which thou diggedst not, vineyardes and olive trees which thou plantedst not, and when thou hast eaten and art full,

12 [e] Beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Thou shalt feare the Lord thy God, [f] serue him, and shalt [g] sweare by his Name.

14 Yee shall not walke after other gods, after any of the gods of the people which are round about you,

15 (For the Lord thy God is a iealous God among you:) lest the wrath of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, [e] destroy thee from the face of the earth.

16 ¶ Yee shall not [g] tempt the Lord your God, as ye did tempt him in Massah;

17 But ye shall keepe diligently the commandements of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his ordinances which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt doe that which is right and good in the [h] sight of the Lord: that thou mayest prosper, and that thou mayest goe in, and possesse that good land which the Lord sware vnto thy fathers,

19 To cast out all thine enemies before thee, as the Lord hath said.

20 When [i] thy sonne shall aske thee in time to come, saying, What meane these testimonies, and ordinances, and Lawes, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say vnto thy sonne, Wee were Pharaohs bondmen in Egypt: but the Lord brought vs out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 And the Lord shewed signes and wonders great and euill vpon Egypt, vpon Pharaoh, and vpon all his household, before our eyes.

23 And [k] brought vs out from thence, to bring vs in, and to giue vs the land which he sware vnto our fathers.

24 Therefore the Lord hath commanded vs, to doe all these ordinances, and to feare the Lord our God, that it may goe euer well with vs, and that hee may preserue vs alive as at this present.

25 Moreouer, this shall be our [l] righteousnesse before the Lord our God, if we take heede to keepe all these commandements, as he hath commanded vs.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Israelites may make no couenant with the Gentiles. 5 They must destroy the idols. 8 The election dependeth on the free loue of God. 19 The experience of the power of God ought to confirme vs. 25 To auoide all occasion of idolatry.

WHen the Lorde thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possesse it, [a] and shall roote out many nations before thee: the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, seuen nations greater and mightier then thou,

2 And the Lord thy God shall giue them [a] before thee, then thou shalt smite them: thou shalt vtterly destroy them: thou shalt make no [*] couenant with them, nor haue compassion on them,

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them, neither giue thy daughter vnto his sonne, nor take his daughter vnto thy sonne.

4 For they will cause thy sonne to turne away from me, and to serue other gods: then will the wrath of the Lord waxe hot against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus yee shall deale with them, [b] Ye shall ouerthrow their altars, and breake downe their pillars, and ye shall cut downe their groues, and burne their grauen images with fire.

6 [*] For thou art an holy people vnto the Lorde thy God, [*] the Lorde thy God hath chosen thee, to bee a peculiar people vnto himselfe, aboue all people that are vpon the earth.

7 The Lorde did not set his loue vpon you, nor chuse you, because ye were more in number then any people: for yee were the fewest of all people:

8 But because the Lord [c] loued you, and because hee would keepe the othe which he had sworne vnto your fathers, the Lorde hath brought you out by a mighty hand, and deliuered you out of the house of bondage from the hand of Pharaoh King of Egypt.

9 That thou mayest knowe, [d] that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithfull God, which keepeth couenant and mercie vnto them that loue him and keepe his commandements, euen to a thousand generations,

10 And rewardeth [e] them to their face that hate him, to bring them to destruction: he will not deferre to reward him, that hateth him to his face.

11 Keepe thou therefore the commandements, and the ordinances, and the lawes, which I command thee this day to do them.

12 ¶ For if you hearken vnto these lawes, and obserue and doe them, then the Lorde thy God will keepe with thee the couenant, and the [f] mercie which hee sware vnto thy fathers.

13 And hee will loue thee, and blesse thee, and multiply thee: he will also blesse the fruit of thy wombe, and the fruit of thy land, thy corne and thy wine, and thine oyle, and the encrease of thy kine, and the flockes of thy sheepe in the land which hee sware vnto thy fathers to giue thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed aboue all people: [*] there shall be neither male nor female barren among you, nor among your cattell.

15 Moreouer, the Lord will take away from thee all infirmities, and will put none of the euill diseases of [*] Egypt (which thou knowest) vpon thee, but will lend them vpon all that hate thee.

16 Thou shalt therefore consume all people which the Lord thy God shall giue thee: [g] thine eye shall not spare them, neither shalt thou serue their gods, for that shall bee thy [*] destruction.

17 If thou say in thine heart, These nations are more then I, how can I cast them out?

18 Thou shalt not feare them, but

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e Let not wealth and ease cause thee forget Gods mercies, whereby thou wast deliuered out of misery.

f We must feare God, serue him onely, and confesse his Name, which is done by swearing lawfully.

g By doubting of his power, refusing lawfull meanes, and abusing his graces.

h Here he condemneth al mans good intentions.

i God requireth not onely that we serue him all our life, but also that wee take paine that our posterity may set forth his glory.

k Nothing ought to moue vs more to true obedience then the great benefites which we haue receiued of God.

l But because none could fully obey the law, we must haue our recourse to Christ to be iustified by faith.

Chap. 31.8.

a Into thy power. *Exod.* 23.32. *and* 34.12.

Idols to be Destroyed

Or, any of them.

b God would haue his seruice pure without all idolatrous ceremonies, & superstitions, Chap. 12.3. *Chap.* 24.1. *and* 26.18,19. *Exod* 19.5. 1. *Pet.* 2.9.

c Freely, finding no cause in you more then in others so to doe.

d And so put difference betweene him and idoles.

e Meaning, manifestly, or in this life.

f This couenant is grounded vpon his free grace: therefore in recompensing their obedience hee hath respect to his mercie & not to their merits.

Exod. 23.26.

Exod 9.14. *and* 15.26.

g We ought not to be merciful where God commandeth seuerity *Exod.* 23.33.

remember what the Lord thy God did vnto Pharaoh and vnto all Egypt:

19 The great e tentations which thine eyes saw, and the tokens & wonders, and the mighty hand and stretched out arme, wherewith the Lord thy God brought thee out: so shal the Lord thy God do vnto all the people, whose face thou fearest.

20 Moreouer, the Lord thy God will send h hornets among them, vntill they that are left, and hide themselues from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not feare them: for the Lord thy God is among st you, a God mighty and dreadfull.

22 And the Lord thy God will roote out these nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the i beasts of the field increase vpon thee.

23 But the Lord thy God shall giue them before thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, vntill they be brought to nought.

24 And he shall deliuer their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from vnder heauen: there shal no man be able to stand before thee, vntill thou hast destroyed them.

25 The grauen images of their gods shal ye k burne with fire, and l couet not the siluer and gold, that is on them, nor take it vnto thee, lest thou m be snared therewith: for it is an abomination before the Lord thy God.

26 Bring not therefore abomination into thine house, lest thou bee accursed like it, but vtterly abhorre it, and count it most abominable; for it is n accursed.

CHAP. VIII.

2 God humbleth the Israelites to trie what they haue in their heart. 5 God chastiseth them as his children. 14 The heart ought not to be proud for Gods benefits. 19 The forgetfulnesse of Gods benefits causeth destruction.

YE shall keepe all the commaundements which I command thee this day, for o to doe them: that ye may liue, and bee multiplied, and goe in, and possesse the land which the Lord sware vnto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee this forty yeere in the wildernesse, for to humble thee, and to p proue thee, to knowe what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keepe his commandements or no.

3 Therefore he humbled thee, and made thee hungry, and fed thee with MANNA which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know it, that he might teach thee, that man liueth not by q bread only, but by euery word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth a man liue.

4 Thy raiment waxed not olde vpon thee, neither did thy foote r swell these forty yeeres.

5 Know therefore in thine heart, that as a man nourtureth his sonne, so the Lord thy God s nourtureth thee.

6 Therefore shalt thou keepe the commandements of the Lord thy God, that thou walest in his wayes, and feare him.

7 For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land in the which are riuers of water and fountaines, and t deaths that spring out of valleys and mountaines:

8 A land of wheate & barley, and of vineyards, and figtrees, and Pomegranates: a land of oyle oliue and of honie:

9 A land wherein thou shalt eate bread without scarsitie, neither shalt thou lacke anie thing therein: a land whose stones are yron, and out of whose mountaines thou shalt dig brasse.

10 And when thou hast eaten and filled thy selfe, thou shalt u blesse the Lorde thy God for the good land which hee hath giuen thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, not keeping his commandements, and his lawes and his ordinances which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and filled thy selfe, and hast built goodly houses and dwelt therein,

13 And thy beasts, and thy sheepe are increased, and thy siluer and gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is increased,

14 Then thine heart x be lifted vp, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage,

15 Who was thy guide in the great and terrible wildernesse (wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where was no water, y who brought forth water for thee out of the rocke of flint:

16 Who fed thee in the wildernesse with z MANNA, which thy fathers knew not) to humble thee, and to proue thee, that he might doe thee good at thy later end.

17 Beware lest thou say in thine heart, My power, and the strength of mine owne hand hath prepared me this abundance.

18 But remember the Lord thy God: for it is he which a giueth thee power to get substance to establish his couenant which he sware vnto thy fathers, as appeareth this day.

19 And if thou forget the Lord thy God, and walke after other gods, and serue them and worship them, I b testifie vnto you this day, that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the Lorde destroyeth before you, so ye shall perish, because ye would not bee obedient vnto the voyce of the Lord your God.

CHAP. IX.

4 God doeth them not good for their owne righteousnes, but for his owne sake. 7 Moses putteth them in remembrance of their sinnes. 17 The two tables are broken. 26 Moses prayeth for the people.

HEare, O Israel, Thou shalt passe ouer Iorden c this day, to goe in and to possesse nations greater and mightier then thy selfe, and cities great and walled vp to heauen,

2 A people great and tall, euen the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast d heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak?

3 Vnder-

Deut. 23.28. Iosh. 24.12.

h There is not so small a creature, which I will not arme to fight on thy side against them.

i So that it is your commodity that God accomplish not his promise so soone as you would wish.

Chap. 12.3. Exod. 23.24. Iosh. 7.1,21. 2.mac. 12.40.

k And be entised to idolatrie.

l Chap. 13.17.

m Snared, Eas in Mou.

n Lepra.

o Shewing that it is not enough to heare the word, except wee expresse it by example of life.

p Which is declared in afflictions, either by patience or by grudging against Gods visitation.

q Man liueth not by meate onely, but by the power of God, which giueth it strength to nourish vs.

r As they that go barefooted.

s So his afflictions are signes of his fatherly loue toward vs.

t Or, mines.

f Where there are mines of metall.

g For to receiue Gods benefites, and not to bee thankefull, is to contemne God in them.

h By attributing Gods benefits to thine owne wisdome and labor, or to good fortune.

Num. 20.11.

Exod. 16.15.

i If things concerning this life proceed onely of Gods mercie: much more spirituall giftes and life euerlasting.

k Or, take to witnesse the heauen & the earth, as Chap. 4.26.

Iun. a Last Euen

a Meaning, shortly.

b By the report of the spies, Num. 13.29.

3 Understand therefore that this day the Lord thy God is hee which [c] goeth ouer before thee as a consuming fire: he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them downe before thy face: so thou shalt cast them out and destroy them suddenly, as the Lord hath sayd vnto thee.

4 Speake not thou in thine heart (after that the Lord thy God hath cast them out before thee) saying, For my [d] righteousnesse the Lorde hath brought mee in, to possesse this lande: but for the wickednesse of these nations the Lorde hath cast them out before thee.

5 For thou entrest not to inherite their lande for thy righteousnesse, or for thy vpright heart: but for the wickednesse of those nations the Lord thy God doeth cast them out before thee, and that he might performe the worde which the Lorde thy God sware vnto thy fathers, Abraham, Izhak and Iaakob.

6 Understand therefore, that the Lord thy God giueth thee not this good lande, to possesse it for thy righteousnesse: for thou art a [e] stifnecked people.

7 ¶ Remember, and forget not, how thou prouokedst the Lord thy God to anger in the wildernesse: [f] since the day that thou didst depart out of the lande of Egypt, vntill yee came vnto this place, yee haue rebelled against the Lord.

8 Also in Horeb ye prouoked the Lord to anger, so that the Lord was wroth with you, euen to destroy you.

9 When I was gone vp into the mount, to receiue the Tables of stone, the Tables, I say, of the Couenant which the Lord made with you: and I abode in the mount fourty dayes and fourty nights, and I neither ate bread, nor yet dranke water:

10 Then the Lorde deliuered mee two Tables of stone, written with the [g] finger of God, and in them was conteined according to all the words which the Lord had said vnto you in the mount out of the mids of the fire, in the day of the assembly.

11 And when the fourty dayes and fourty nights were ended, the Lord gaue mee the two Tables of stone, the Tables, I say, of the Couenant.

12 And the Lord sayd vnto mee, Arise, get thee downe quickly from hence: for thy people which thou hast brought out of Egypt, haue [h] corrupt their wayes: they are soone turned out of the way, which I commanded them: they haue made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the Lord spake vnto me, saying, I haue seene this people, and behold, it is a stifnecked people.

14 [i] Let mee alone, that I may destroy them, and put out their name from vnder heauen, and I wil make of thee a mighty nation, and greater then they be.

15 So I returned and came downe from the mount (and the mount burnt with fire, and the two Tables of the Couenant were in my two hands)

16 Then I looked, and beholde, yee had sinned against the Lord your God: for yee had made you a molten calfe, and had turned quickly out of the [k] way which the Lord had commanded you.

17 Therefore I tooke the two Tables, and cast them out of my two hands, & brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell downe before the Lord fortie dayes, & fortie nights, as before: I neither ate bread, nor dranke water, because of all your sinnes, which ye had committed, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, in that ye prouoked him vnto wrath.

19 (For I was afrayd of the wrath and indignation, wherewith the Lord was moued against you, euen to destroy you) yet the Lord heard me at that time also.

20 Likewise the Lord was very angry with Aaron, euen to [l] destroy him: but at that time I prayed also for Aaron.

21 And I tooke your sinne, I meane the calfe which yee had made, & burnt him with fire, and stamped him, and ground him small, euen vnto very dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the riuer, that descended out of the [m] Mount.

22 Also *in Taberah, and in *Massah, *and in Kibroth-hattaauah ye prouoked the Lord to anger.

23 Likewise when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Goe vp, and possesse the lande which I haue giuen you, then yee [n] rebelled against the Commandement of the Lord your God, and beleeued him not, nor hearkened vnto his voyce.

24 Yee haue bene rebellious vnto the Lord, since the day that I knew you.

25 Then I fell downe before the Lord [o] fourty dayes & fourty nights, as I fell downe before, because the Lord had sayd, that hee would destroy you,

26 And I prayed vnto the Lord, and sayd, O Lord God, destroy not thy people, & thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatnesse, whom thou hast brought out of Egypt by a mighty hand.

27 [p] Remember thy seruants Abraham, Izhak, and Iaakob: looke not to the stubburnesse of this people, nor to their wickednesse, nor to their sinne,

28 Lest the country whence thou broughtest them, say, *Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the lande which he promised them, or because he hated them, he caryed them out, to slay them in the wildernesse.

29 Yet they are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power, & by thy stretched out arme.

CHAP. X.

5 The second Tables put in the Arke. 8 The tribe of Leui is dedicate to the seruice of the Tabernacle. 12 What the Lord requireth of his. 16 The circumcision of the heart. 17 God regardeth not the person. 21 The Lord is the praise of Israel.

1 At the same time the Lord sayd vnto mee, *Hew thee two Tables of stone like vnto the first, & come vp vnto me into the Mount, and make thee an Arke of wood,

2 And I wil write vpon the Tables the

[c] To guide thee and gouern thee.

[d] Man of himselfe can deserue nothing but Gods anger, and if God spare any, it commeth of his great mercie.

[e] Like stubburne oxen which will not endure their masters yoke.

[f] He prooueth by the length of time, that their rebellion was most great and intollerable.

Exod. 24.18. and 34.28.

Exod. 31.18.

[g] That is, miraculously, and not by the hand of men.

Exod. 32.7.

[h] So soone as man declineth from the obedience of God, his wayes are corrupt.

[i] Signifying that the prayers of the faithfull are a barre to stay Gods anger, that he consume not all.

[k] That is, from the Law: wherein he declareth what is the cause of our perdition.

[l] Whereby he sheweth what danger they are in, that haue authoritie, and resist not wickednesse.

[m] Horeb, or Sinai. Num. 11.1, 3. Exod. 17.7. Num. 11.34.

[n] At the returne of the spies.

[o] Whereby is signified that God requireth earnest continuance in prayer.

[p] The godly in their prayers ground on Gods promise, & confesse their sinnes. Num. 14.16.

Circumcise / Lesse Euen / v. 5. to 12.

Exod. 34.1. / Prophets / Filgrim / Cedar

wordes that were vpon the first Tables, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the Arke.

a Which wood is of long continuance.

3 And I made an Arke of a Shittim wood, and hewed two Tables of stone like vnto the first, and went vp into the mountaine, and the two Tables in mine hand.

4 Then hee wrote vpon the Tables according to the first writing (the ten Commandements, which the Lord spake vnto you in the Mount out of the mids of the fire, in the day of the b assembly) and the Lorde gaue them vnto me.

b When you were assembled to receiue the Law.

5 And I departed, and came down from the Mount, and put the Tables in the Arke which I had made: and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

6 ¶ And the children of Israel tooke their iourney from Beeroth of the children of Iaakan to c Mosera, where Aaron died, and was buried, and Eleazar his sonne became Priest in his stead.

c This mountaine was also called Hor, Num. 20. 28.

7 ¶ From thence they departed vnto Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Iotbath a land of running waters.

8 ¶ The same time the Lord separated the tribe of Leui to beare the Arke of the couenant of the Lorde, and to stand before the Lord, to d minister vnto him, and to blesse in his Name vnto this day.

d That is, to offer sacrifices and to declare the Law to the people.

9 Wherefore Leui hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren: for the Lord is his e inheritance, as the Lord thy God hath promised him.

e So God turned the curse of Iaakob, Gen. 49. 7. vnto blessing.

10 And I taried in the Mount, as at the first time, fortie dayes and fortie nights, and the Lord heard me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy thee.

11 But the Lord said vnto me, Arise, goe forth in the iourney before the people, that they may goe in and possesse the land, which I sware vnto their fathers to giue vnto them.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, what doeth the Lord thy God f require of thee, but to feare the Lord thy God, to walke in all his wayes, and to loue him, and to serue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule:

f For all our sinnes and transgressions, God requireth nothing but to turn to him, and obey him.

13 That thou keepe the commandements of the Lorde, and his ordinances, which I command thee this day, for thy wealth?

14 Behold, heauen, and the heauen of heauens is the Lordes thy God, and the * earth with all that therein is.

Psal. 24. 1.

15 g Notwithstanding, the Lord set his delight in thy fathers to loue them, and did chuse their seed after them, euen you aboue all people, as appeareth this day.

g Although he was Lord of heauen and earth, yet would he chuse none but you.

16 h Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and harden your neckes no more.

h Cut off all your euil affections, Iere. 4. 4. 2. Chron. 19. 7. Iob 34. 19. rom. 2. 11.

17 For the Lorde your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty and terrible, which accepteth no persons, nor taketh reward:

Chap. 6. 13. Matth. 4. 10.

18 Who doeth right vnto the fatherlesse and widow, and loueth the stranger, giuing him food and raiment.

19 Loue ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 * Thou shalt feare the Lord thy God: thou shalt serue him, and thou shalt cleaue vnto him, and i shalt sweare by his Name.

i Reade Chap. 6. 13.

21 Hee is thy praise, & he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes haue seene.

22 Thy fathers went downe into Egypt with * seuentie persons, and now the Lorde thy God hath made thee as the * starres of the heauen in multitude.

Gene. 46. 27. exod. 1. 5. Gene. 15. 5.

28. Febr. 1. Lesson. Morn.

CHAP. XI.

1 *An exhortation to loue God, and keepe his Law.* 10 *The praises of Canaan.* 18 *To meditate continually the word of God.* 19 *To teach it vnto the children.* 26 *Blessing, and cursing.*

THerefore thou shalt loue the Lorde thy God, and shalt keepe that, which he commandeth to be kept: that is, his ordinances, and his lawes, and his commandements alway.

2 And a consider this day (for I speake not to your children, which haue neither knowen nor seene) the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatnesse, his mightie hand, and his stretched out arme,

a Ye which haue seene Gods graces with your eyes, ought rather to be moued, then your children, which haue onely heard of them.

3 And his signes, and his acts, which he did in the mids of Egypt vnto Pharaoh the King of Egypt, and vnto all his land:

4 And what he did vnto the hoste of the Egyptians, vnto their horses, and to their charets, when hee caused the waters of the red Sea to ouerflow them, as they pursued after you, and the Lord destroyed them vnto this day:

5 And b what he did vnto you in the wildernesse, vntill ye came vnto this place:

b A wel concerning his benefits and his corrections.

6 And what he did vnto Dathan and Abiram the sonnes of Eliab the sonne of Reuben, when the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them with their households, and their tents, and all their substance that ithey had in the mids of all Israel.

‡ Ebr. was at the feete.

7 For your eyes haue seene all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

8 Therefore shal ye keepe * all the Commandements, which I commaund you this day, that ye may be strong, and goe in & possesse the land whither ye goe to possesse it:

c Because ye haue felt both his chastisement and his benefits.

9 Also that yee may prolong your dayes in the land, which the Lord ware vnto your fathers, to giue vnto them and to their seed, euen a land that floweth with milke & honie.

10 ¶ For the land whither thou goest to possesse it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence yee came, where thou sowedst thy seed, and watereds t it with thy ‖ d feete, as a garden of herbes:

‖ Or, labour. d As by making gutters for the water to come out of the riuer Nilus to water the land.

11 But the land whither ye goe to possesse it, is a land of mountaines and valleys, and drinketh water of the raine of heauen.

12 This lande doeth the Lord thy God care for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are alwayes vpon it, from the beginning of the yeere, euen vnto the end of the yeere.

13 ¶ If ye shal hearken therefore vnto my Commandements, which I commaund you this day, that yee loue the Lorde your God, and serue him with all your heart, and with all your soule,

14 I also will giue raine vnto your lande in

e In the seede times, and toward harueſt.

in due time, * the firſt raine and the latter, that thou mayeſt gather in thy wheate, and thy wine, and thine oyle.

15 Alſo I will ſend graſſe in thy fields for thy cattell, that thou mayeſt eate, and haue enough.

f By deuiſing to your ſelues fooliſh deuotions according to your owne fantaſies.

16 But beware leaſt your heart f deceiue you, and leaſt ye turne aſide, and ſerue other gods, and worſhip them.

17 And ſo the anger of the Lord be kindled againſt you, and hee ſhut vp the heauen, that there be no raine, and that your lande yeelde not her fruite, and yee periſh quickly from the good lande, which the Lord giueth you.

Chap. 6.6, 8.

18 ¶ Therefore ſhall yee lay vp theſe my words in your heart and in your ſoule, and * binde them for a ſigne vpon your hande, that they may be as a frontlet betweene your eyes,

Chap. 4 10, and 6.6, 7.

19 And yee ſhall * teach them your children, ſpeaking of them when thou ſitteſt in thine houſe, and when thou walkeſt by the way, and when thou lieſt downe, and when thou riſeſt vp.

20 And thou ſhalt write them vpon the poſtes of thine houſe, and vpon thy gates,

21 That your dayes may bee multiplied, and the dayes of your children, in the land which the Lord ſware vnto your fathers to giue them, as long as g the heauens are about the earth.

g As long as the heauens endure.

22 ¶ For if yee keepe diligently all theſe commandements, which I commaund you to do: that is, to loue the Lord your God, to walke in all his wayes, and to cleaue vnto him,

23 Then will the Lord caſt out all theſe nations before you, and ye ſhall poſſeſſe great nations, and mightier then you.

Ioſh. 1.3.

24 * All the places whereon the ſoles of h your feete ſhall tread, ſhall be yours: your coaſt ſhall be from the wildernes and from Lebanon, and from the riuer euen the riuer Perath, vnto the vttermoſt i Sea.

h This was accompliſhed in Dauids and Salomons time.

i Called Mediterraneum.

25 No man ſhall ſtand againſt you: for the Lorde your God ſhall caſt the feare and dread of you vpon all the land that yee ſhall tread vpon, as he hath ſayd vnto you.

26 ¶ Behold, I ſet before you this day a bleſſing and a curſe:

Chap. 28. 2. and 30. 1.

27 * The bleſſing, if ye obey the commandements of the Lorde your God, which I command you this day:

Chap. 28, 15.

28 And the * curſe, if ye will not obey the commandements of the Lord your God, but turne out of the way, which I command you this day, to goe after other gods, which yee haue not k knowen.

k He reproueth the malice of men which leaue that which is certain to follow that which is vncertaine.

29 ¶ When the Lord thy God therefore hath brought thee into the lande, whither thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it, then thou ſhalt put the * bleſſing vpon mount Gerizim, and the curſe vpon mount Ebal.

Chap. 27. 12, 13. Ioſh. 8. 33.

30 Are they not beyond Iorden on that part, l where the ſunne goeth downe in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the plaine ouer againſt Gilgal, beſide the m groue of Moreh?

l Meaning, in Samaria. m Or, plaine.

31 For yee ſhall paſſe ouer Iorden, to goe in to poſſeſſe the lande, which the Lord your God giueth you, and yee ſhall poſſeſſe it, and dwell therein.

32 Take heede therefore that ye * doe all the commandements and the lawes, which I ſet before you this day.

Chap. 5. 32.

CHAP. XII.

2 *To deſtroy the idolatrous places.* 5. 8. *To ſerue God where he commandeth, & as he commandeth, and not as men fantaſie.* 19 *The Leuites muſt bee nourished.* 31 *Idolaters burne their children to their gods.* 32 *To adde nothing to Gods word.*

THeſe are the ordinances and the lawes, which ye ſhal obſerue and do in the land (which the Lord God of thy fathers giueth thee to poſſeſſe it) as long as yee liue vpon the earth.

2 * Ye ſhall vtterly deſtroy all the places wherein the nations which ye ſhall poſſeſſe, ſerued their gods vpon the hie mountaines and vpon the hilles, and vnder euery greene tree.

3 * Alſo yee ſhall ouerthrow their altars, and breake downe their pillars, and burne their n groues with fire: and yee ſhall hewe downe the grauen images of their gods, and abolith their names out of that place.

4 Ye ſhal not do ſo vnto the Lord your God,

5 But ye ſhall ſeeke the place which the Lord your God ſhall * chuſe out of all your tribes, to put his Name there, and there to dwell, and thither thou ſhalt come,

6 And yee ſhal bring thither your burnt offrings, & your ſacrifices, and your tithes, and the o offering of your handes, and your vowes, and your free offerings, and the firſt borne of your kine, and of your ſheepe.

7 And there ye ſhal eat * before the Lord your God, and ye ſhall reioyce in all that yee put your hand vnto, both ye, and your houſholds, becauſe the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee.

8 Ye ſhall not doe after all theſe things that we do p here this day: that is, euery man whatſoeuer ſeemeth him good in his owne eyes.

9 For ye are not yet come to reſt, and to the inheritance which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

10 But when yee goe ouer Iorden, and dwell in the land, which the Lord your God hath giuen you to inherite, and when he hath giuen you reſt from all your enemies round about, and ye dwell in ſafety,

11 Then there ſhall be a place which the Lord your God ſhall chuſe to cauſe his name to dwell there, thither ſhall ye bring all that I commaund you: your burnt offerings, and your ſacrifices, your tithes, and the offering of your handes, and all your q ſpeciall vowes which ye vowe vnto the Lord:

12 And yee ſhall reioyce before the Lorde your God, yee, and your ſonnes and your daughters, and your ſeruaunts, and your maydens, and the Leuite that is within your gates: * for he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take heede that thou offer not thy burnt offrings in euery place that thou ſeeſt:

14 But in the place which the Lord ſhall r chuſe in one of thy tribes, there thou

n Whereby they are admoniſhed to ſeeke none other God. Chap. 7.5.

o Wherein they ſacrificed to their idoles.

c Ye ſhall not ſerue the Lord with ſuperſtitions. 1. King. 8.29. 2. chron 6.5. and 7.12, 16.

d Meaning, the firſt fruits.

e Where his Arke ſhall be.

f Not that they ſacrificed after their fantaſies, but that God would be ſerued more purely in the land of Canaan.

g It had not ben enough to conquere, except God had maintained them in reſt vnder his protection.

q Or, that which ye chuſe out for your vowes. Chap. 10.9.

h As was declared euer by the placing of the Arke, as in Shiloh 243. yeres, or as ſome write, more then 300 yeeres, and in other places till the Temple was built.

shalt offer thy burnt offerings, & there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eate flesh in all thy gates, whatsoeuer thine heart desireth, according to the i blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath giuen thee: both the vncleane and the cleane may eate thereof, k as of the roe bucke, and of the hart.

16 Onely ye shall not eate the blood, but powre it vpon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eate within thy gates the l tithe of thy corne, nor of thy wine, nor of thine oyle, nor the first borne of thy kine, nor of thy sheepe, neither any of thy vowes which thou vowest, nor thy free offrings, nor the offering of thine hands:

18 But thou shalt eate it before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lorde thy God shall chuse, thou and thy sonne, and thy daughter, and thy seruant, and thy mayde, and the Leuite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt reioyce before the Lord thy God, in all that thou puttest thine hand to.

19 * Beware, that thou forsake not the Leuite, as long as thou liuest vpon the earth.

20 ¶ When the Lorde thy God shall enlarge thy border, * as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eate flesh, (because thine heart longeth to eate flesh) thou mayest eate flesh, whatsoeuer thine heart desireth.

21 If the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to put his Name there, be farre from thee, then thou shalt kil of the bullocks, and of thy sheepe which the Lord hath giuen thee, as I haue commaunded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates, whatsoeuer thine heart desireth.

22 Euen as the roe bucke and the hart is eaten, so shalt thou eate them: both the vncleane and the cleane shall eate of them alike.

23 Onely be ‡ sure that thou eate not the blood: for the blood m is the life, and thou mayest not eate the life with the flesh.

24 Therefore thou shalt not eate it, but powre it vpon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord:

26 But thine * holy things which thou hast, and thy vowes thou shalt take vp, and come vnto the place which the Lorde shall chuse.

27 And thou shalt make thy burnt offerings of the flesh, and of the blood vpon the altar of the Lord thy God, and the blood of thine offerings shall be powred vpon the altar of the Lord thy God, and thou shalt eate the flesh.

28 Take heed, and heare all these words which I commaund thee, that it may goe o well with thee, and with thy children after thee for euer, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God.

29 ¶ When the Lorde thy God shall destroy the nations before thee, whither thou goest to possesse them, and thou shalt possesse them and dwell in their land,

30 Beware, least thou be taken in p a snare after them, after that they be destroied before thee, and least thou aske after their gods, saying, How did these nations serue their gods, that I may do so likewise?

31 Thou shalt not do so vnto the Lord thy God: for all abomination, which the Lord hateth, haue they done vnto their gods: for they haue q burned both their sonnes and their daughters with fire to their gods.

32 Therfore whatsoeuer I commaund you, take heed you do it: * thou shalt put nothing thereto, nor take ought therefrom.

CHAP. XIII.

5 The inticers to idolatrie must be slaine, seeme they neuer so holy, 6 So neere of kinred or friendship, 12 Or great in multitude or power.

IF there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of r dreames, (and giue thee a signe or wonder,

2 And the signe and the wonder which he hath tolde thee, come to passe) saying, s Let vs go after other gods, which thou hast not knowen, and let vs serue them,

3 Thou shalt not hearken vnto the words of that Prophet, or vnto that dreamer of dreames: for the Lord your God t proueth you, to knowe whether yee loue the Lorde your God with all your heart, and with all your soule.

4 Ye shal walke after the Lord your God and feare him, and shall keepe his commandements, and hearken vnto his voyce, and ye shall serue him, and cleaue vnto him.

5 But that prophet, or that dreamer of dreames, he shall u be slaine, because he hath spoken to turne you away from the Lorde your God (which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the house of bondage) to thrust thee out of the way, wherein the Lord thy God commaunded thee to walke: so shalt thou take the euil away fromthy of the middes of thee.

6 ¶ If x thy brother, the sonne of thy mother, or thine owne sonne, or thy daughter, or the wife, that lyeth in thy bosome, or thy friend, which is as thine owne y soule, intise thee secretly, saying, Let vs goe and serue other gods (which thou hast not knowen, thou, I say, nor thy fathers)

7 Any of the gods of the people which are round about you, neere vnto thee, or farre off from thee, from the one end of the earth vnto the other:

8 Thou shalt not consent vnto him, nor heare him, neither shall thine eye pitie him, nor shew mercie, nor keepe him secret:

9 But thou shalt euen kill him: z thine hande shall be first vpon him to put him to death, and then the hands of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones that he die (because hee hath gone about to thrust thee away from the Lorde thy God, which brought thee out of the lande of Egypt, from the house of bondage)

11 That all a Israel may heare and feare, and doe no more any such wickednesse as this among you.

12 ¶ If

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i As God hath giuen thee power and abilitie.

k Euery one might eate at home, as wel the beast appointed for sacrifice as the other.

l Meaning, whatsoeuer was offered to the Lord, might not be eaten but where he had appointed.

Eccles.7.32.

Gen.28.14. chap.19.8.

‡ *Eb. be strong, or constant.*

m Because the life of beasts is in their blood.

n That which thou wilt offer in sacrifice.

o God by promise bindeth himselfe to do good to them that obey his word.

p By following their superstitions and idolatries, and thinking to serue me thereby.

q They thought nothing too deare to offer to their idoles. *Chap.4.2. Iosh.1.7. prou.30.6. Leuit.23.18.*

1 Esdr.2 Ascen Euen

a Which saith that he hath things reuealed vnto him in dreames.

b He sheweth whereunto the false prophets tend.

c God ordeineth all these things, that his may be knowen.

d Being conuict by testimonies, and condemned by the Iudge.

e All naturall affections must giue place to Gods honour.

f Whom thou louest as thy life.

g As the witnes is charged, Chap.17.7.

Chap.17.13.

29 Hebrue I set Mem

12 ¶ If thou shalt heare say, (concerning any of the cities which the Lord thy God hath giuen thee to dwell in)

13 Wicked men are gone out from among you, and haue drawen away the inhabitants of their citie, saying, Let vs goe and serue other gods which ye haue not knowen,

14 Then [b] thou shalt seeke, & make search and inquire diligently: and if it be true, and the thing certaine, that such abomination is wrought among you,

15 Thou shalt euen slay the inhabitants of that citie with the edge of the sword: destroy it vtterly, & all that is therein, and the cattell thereof with the edge of the sword.

16 And [i] thou shalt gather all the spoile of it into the middes of the streete thereof, and burne with fire the city and all the spoile thereof euery whit, vnto the Lord thy God: and it shalbe an heape for euer: it shall not be built againe.

17 And there shall cleaue nothing of the [k] damned thing to thine hand, that the Lord may turne from the fiercenesse of his wrath, and shew thee mercy, and haue compassion on thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworne vnto thy fathers:

18 When thou shalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God, and keepe all his commandements which I command thee this day, that thou doe that which is right in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 *The maners of the Gentiles in marking themselues for the dead, may not be followed.* 4 *What meates are cleane to be eaten, & what not.* 29 *The tithes for the Leuite, stranger, fatherles & widow.*

YE are the children of the Lord your God. * Ye shall not cut your selues, nor make you any baldnesse betweene your eyes for the dead.

2 * For thou art an holy people vnto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a * precious people vnto himselfe, aboue all the people that are vpon the earth.

3 ¶ Thou shalt eate no maner of abomination.

4 [b] These are the beasts, which ye shall eate: the beeue, the sheepe, and the goate.

5 The hart, and the roe buche, and the bugle, and the wilde goat, and the vnicorne, and the wild oxe, and the camois.

6 And euery beast that parteth the hoofe, and cleaueth the clift into two clawes, and is of the beasts that cheweth the cud, that shall ye eate.

7 But these ye shall not eat, of them that chew the cud, and of them that deuide and cleaue the hoofe euen, the camell, and the hare, and the conie: for they chew the cud, but deuide not the hoofe: therefore they shall be vncleane vnto you:

8 Also the swine, because he deuideth the hoofe and cheweth not the cud, shall be vncleane vnto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carkeises.

9 ¶ * These ye shall eate of all that are in the waters: all that haue finnes and scales shall ye eate.

10 And whatsoeuer hath no finnes nor scales, yee shall not eate: it shall be vncleane vnto you.

11 ¶ Of all cleane birds ye shall eate:

12 But these are they, whereof ye shal not eate: the eagle, nor the gosshauke, nor the osprey,

13 Nor the gleade, nor the kite, nor the vulture, after their kinde,

14 Nor all kinde of rauens,

15 Nor the ostrich, nor the night crowe, nor the ‖ seamew, nor the hauke after her kinde,

16 Neither the little owle, nor the great owle, nor the red shanke,

17 Nor the pelicane, nor the swanne, nor the cormorant:

18 The stooke also and the heron in his kinde, nor the lapwing, nor the * backe.

19 And euery creeping thing that flieth, shall bee vncleane vnto you: it shall not be eaten.

20 But of all cleane foules ye may eate.

21 Ye shall eate of nothing that * dieth alone, but thou shalt giue it vnto the * stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it: or thou mayest sell it vnto a stranger: for thou art an holy people vnto the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not * seeth a kidde in his mothers milke.

22 Thou shalt * giue the tithe of all the increase of thy seede, that commeth yearely of the field yeere by yeere.

23 And thou shalt eate before the Lord thy God (in the place which he shall chuse to cause his Name to dwell there) the tithe of thy corne, of thy wine, and of thine oyle, and the first borne of thy kine and of thy sheepe, that thou mayest learne to feare the Lord thy God alway.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carrie it, because the place is farre from thee, when the Lord thy God shall chuse to set his Name, (when the Lord thy God shall blesse thee,

25 Then shalt thou make it summes, & ‖ take the money in thine hand, & go vnto the place which the Lord thy God shall chuse.

26 And thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoeuer thine heart desireth: whether it be oxe, or sheepe, or wine, or strong drinke, or whatsoeuer thine heart desireth: & thou shalt eate it there before the Lord thy God, & reioyce, both thou and thine household.

27 And the Leuite that is within thy gates shalt thou not forsake: for he hath neither part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the ende of three yeere thou shalt [h] bring forth all the tithes of thine increase the same yeere, and lay it vp within thy gates.

29 Then the Leuite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee) and the stranger, and the fatherles, and the widow which are within thy gates, shall eate, and be filled, that the Lord thy God may blesse thee in all the worke of thine hand which thou doest.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The yeere of releasing of debts.* 5 *God blesseth them that keepe his Commandements.* 7 *To helpe the poore.* 12 *The freedome of seruants.* 19 *The firstlings of the cattell must be offred to the Lord.*

At

*The children of Belial.

h Which are appointed to see faults punished.

i Signifying, that no idolatry is so execrable, nor more grieuously to be punished, then of them which once professed God.

k Of the spoyle of that idolatrous and cursed city, reade Chap. 7.26. & Ios. 7.12

Ioshua Iebon Nun

Leuit. 19.28.

Chap. 7 6. and 26.18, 19.

a Therefore thou oughtest not to follow the superstitions of the Gentiles.

b This ceremoniall Law instructed the Iewes to seeke a spirituall purenesse, euen in their meate and drinke,

Leuit. 11.9.

‖ Or, cuckow.

Leuit. 11.29.

c Because their blood was not shed, but remayneth in them.

d Which is not of thy religion, Exod. 23.19. and 34.26.

e The tithes were ordeined for the maintenance of the Leuites, which had none inheritance.

f When he shall giue thee abilitie.

‖ Or, binde vp.

g After the priest hath receiued the Lords part.

h Besides the yearely tithes that were giuen to the Leuites, those were layd vp in store for the poore.

I. Marke I. Gibon Brom

1 Euen. Eph. Morn.

AT the terme of seuen yeeres thou shalt make a freedome.

2 And this is the maner of the freedome: euery a creditour shall quite the lone of his hand which he hath lent to his neighbour: he shall not aske it againe of his neighbour, nor of his brother: for the yeere of the Lords freedome is proclaimed.

3 Of a stranger thou mayest require it: but that which thou hast with thy brother, thine hand shall remit:

4 b Saue when there shall bee no poore with thee: for the Lord shal blesse thee in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for an inheritance to possesse it:

5 So that thou hearken vnto the voice of the Lord thy God to obserue and doe all these commandements which I commaund thee this day.

6 For the Lorde thy God hath blessed thee, as he hath promised thee: and c thou shalt lend vnto many nations, but thou thy selfe shalt not borrow, and thou shalt reigne ouer many nations, and they shall not reigne ouer thee.

7 ¶ If one of thy brethren with thee be poore ‖ within any of thy gates in thy land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poore brother:

8 * But thou shalt open thine hand vnto him, and shalt lende him sufficient for his neede which he hath.

9 Beware that there be not a wicked thought in thine heart, to say, The seuenth yeere, the yeere of freedome is at hand: therefore ‡ it grieueth thee to looke on thy poore brother, and thou giuest him nought, and hee cry vnto the Lord against thee, so that sinne be in thee:

10 Thou shalt giue him, and † let it not grieue thine heart to giue vnto him: for because of this the Lord thy God shall blesse thee in all thy workes, and in all that thou puttest thine hand to.

11 d Because there shal be euer some poore in the land, therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt d open thine hand vnto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poore in thy land.

12 ¶ * If thy brother an Ebrew sell himselfe to thee, or an Ebrewesse, and serue thee sixe yeere, euen in the seuenth yere thou shalt let him goe free from thee:

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him goe away empty.

14 But shalt * giue him a liberall reward of thy sheepe, and of thy corne, and of thy wine: thou shalt giue him of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

15 And remember that thou wast a seruant in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God deliuered thee: therefore I commaund thee this thing to day.

16 And if he say vnto thee, I will not goe away from thee, because he loueth thee and thine house, and because he is well with thee,

17 * Then shalt thou take an awle, and pierce his eare thorow against the doore, and he shalbe thy seruant f for euer: and vnto thy maid seruant thou shalt doe likewise.

18 Let it not grieue thee, when thou lettest him goe out free from thee: for he hath serued thee sixe yeeres, which is the double worth of an hired seruant: and the Lord thy God shall blesse thee in all that thou doest.

19 ¶ * All the first borne males that come of thy cattell, and of thy sheepe, thou shalt sanctifie vnto the Lord thy God. h Thou shalt doe no worke with thy first borne bullocke, nor sheare thy first borne sheepe.

20 Thou shalt eate it before the Lord thy God yeere by yeere, in the place which the Lord shall chuse, both thou, and thine household.

21 * But if there be any blemish therein, as if it bee lame, or blinde, or haue any euill fault, thou shalt not offer it vnto the Lorde thy God.

22 But shalt eate it within thy gates: the vncleane and the cleane shall eat it alike, i as the roe bucke: and as the hart.

23 Onely thou shalt not eate the blood thereof, but powre it vpon the ground as water.

a He shall onely release his debtors, which are not able to pay for that yeere.

b For if thy debtor be rich, he may be constrained to pay.

Deut. 28.12.

‖ Or, any of thy cities.

Matth. 5.42. Luke 6.34.

‡ Ebr. thine eye is euill.

† Ebr. let not thine heart be euill.

c To try your charitie, Matth. 26.11.

d Thou shalt be liberall. Exod. 21.2. Ier. 34.14.

e In token that thou doest acknowledge the benefite which God hath giuen thee by his labours.

Exod. 21.6.

f To the yeere of Iubile, Leuit. 25.40.

g For the hired seruant serued but three yeeres, and he sixe. Exod. 34.19.

h For they are the Lords.

Leuit. 22.20, 22. chap. 17.1. eccles. 35.12.

i Thou shalt as well eate them, as the roe bucke and other wilde beasts.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Of Easter,* 10 *Whitsunside,* 13 *And the feast of Tabernacles.* 18 *What officers ought to be ordeined.* 21 *Idolatry forbidden.*

THou shalt keepe the moneth of a Abib, and thou shalt celebrate the Passeouer vnto the Lord thy God: for in the moneth of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore b offer the Passeouer vnto the Lord thy God, of sheepe and bullocks * in the place where the Lord shall chuse to cause his Name to dwell.

3 Thou shalt eat no leuened bread with it: but seuen dayes shalt thou eat vnleuened bread therewith, euen the bread of c tribulation: for thou camest out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest out of the land of Egypt, all the dayes of thy life.

4 And there shalbe no leuen seene with thee in all thy coast seuen dayes long, neither shall there remaine the night any of the flesh which thou offerest the first day at euen.

5 Thou mayest d not offer the Passeouer within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giueth thee:

6 But in the place which the Lord thy God shall chuse to place his Name, there thou shalt offer the * Passeouer at euen, about the going downe of the Sunne, in the season that thou camest out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt rost and eate it in the place which the Lorde thy God shall chuse, and shalt returne on the morow, and goe vnto thy tents.

8 Sixe dayes shalt thou eat vnleauened bread, and the seuenth day shall be a solemne assembly to the Lord thy God: thou shalt doe no worke therein.

9 ¶ Seuen weekes shalt thou e number vnto thee, and shalt begin to number the seuen weekes, when thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corne:

10 And thou shalt keepe † feast of weekes vnto

a Reade Exod. 13 4.

b Thou shalt eate the Easter Lambe. Chap. 12.5. Exod. 12 14, 15.

c Which figured that affliction, which thou hadest in Egypt.

d This was chiefly accomplished, when the Temple was built.

e Which was instituted to put them in remembrance of their deliuerance out of Egypt: and to continue them in the hope of Iesus Christ, of whom this Lambe was a figure.

f Beginning at the next morning after the Passeouer, Leuit. 23.15. exod. 13.4.

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vnto the Lord thy God, ‖ euen a free gift of thine hand, which thou shalt giue vnto the Lord thy God, as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

‖ Or, as thou art able willingly.

11 And thou shalt reioyce before the Lord thy God, thou and thy sonne, and thy daughter, and thy seruaunt, and thy mayde, and the Leuite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherlesse, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God shall chuse to place his Name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a seruant in Egypt: therfore thou shalt obserue and doe these ordinances.

13 ¶ Thou shalt ᵍ obserue the feast of the Tabernacles seuen dayes, when thou hast gathered in thy corne and thy wine.

g That is, the 15. day of the seuenth moneth, Leuit. 23. 34.

14 And thou shalt reioyce in thy feast, thou, and thy sonne, and thy daughter, and thy seruant, and thy mayde, and the Leuite, and the stranger, and the fatherlesse, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seuen dayes shalt thou keepe a feast vnto the Lord thy God, in the place which the Lord shall chuse: when the Lord thy God shall blesse thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, thou shalt in any case be glad.

16 ¶ * Three times in the yeere shall all the males appeare before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall chuse: in the feast of the vnleauened bread, and in the feast of the weekes, and in the feast of the Tabernacles: and they shall not appeare before the Lord * empty.

Exod. 23. 15. and 34. 23.

Eccles. 35. 4.

17 Euery man shall giue according to the gift of his ʰ hand, and according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which he hath giuen thee.

h According to the abilitie that God hath giuen him.

18 ¶ ⁱ Iudges & officers shalt thou make thee in all thy cities, which the Lord thy God giueth thee throwout thy tribes: and they shall iudge the people with righteous iudgement.

i Hee gaue authoritie to that people for a time to chuse themselues magistrates.

19 Wrest not thou the Law, nor respect any person, neither take reward: for the reward blindeth the eyes of the wise, and perverteth the words of the iust.

k The magistrate must constantly follow the tenor of the Law, and in nothing decline from iustice.

20 That which ᵏ is iust and right shalt thou follow, that thou mayest liue and possesse the lande which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

21 ¶ Thou shalt plant thee no grone of any trees neere vnto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

‖ Or, image.

22 ¶ Thou shalt set thee vp no ‖ pillar, which thing the Lord thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

2 The punishment of the idolater. 9 Hard controuersies are brought to the priest and the iudge. 12 The contemner must die. 15 The election of the king. 16. 17 What things he ought to auoid, 18 and what he ought to embrace.

Thou shalt offer vnto the Lorde thy God no bullocke nor sheepe wherein is * blemish or any euill fauoured thing: for that is an abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

Deut. 15. 21. a Thou shalt not serue God for fashions sake, as hypocrites do.

2 ¶ If there be found among you in any of the cities, which the Lord thy God giueth thee, man or ᵇ woman that hath wrought wickednes in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his couenant,

b Shewing that the crime cannot be excused by the frailtie of the person.

3 And hath gone and serued other gods, and worshipped them: as the sunne, or the moone, or any of the hoste of heauen, which I haue not ᶜ commanded,

c Whereby he condemneth all religion and seruing of God, which God hath not commanded.

4 And it be told vnto thee, and thou hast heard it, then shalt thou enquire diligently: and if it be true, and the thing certaine, that such abomination is wrought in Israel,

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man, or that woman (which haue committed that wicked thing) vnto thy gates, whether it be man or woman, and shalt stone them with stones till they die.

6 * At the mouth ‡ of two or three witnesses shall hee that is worthy of death, die: but at the mouth of one witnesse he shall not die.

Num. 35. 30. Deut. 19. 15. Mat. 18. 16. 2 Cor. 13. 1. ‡ Ebr. of two witnesses, or three witnesses.

7 The hands of the ᵈ witnesses shall be first vpon him to kil him: and afterward the hands of all the * people, so thou shalt take the wicked away from among you.

d Whereby they declare that they testified the truth.

8 ¶ If there rise a matter too hard for thee in iudgement betweene blood & blood, betweene plea and plea, betweene plague and plague, in the matters of controuersie within thy gates, then shalt thou arise, and goe vp vnto the place which the Lord thy God shall chuse,

9 And thou shalt come vnto the Priests of the Leuites, and vnto the ᶠ iudge that shall be in those dayes, & aske, and they shall shew thee the sentence of iudgement,

e To signifie a common consent to maintaine Gods honour & true religion.

f Who shall giue sentence, as the Priests counsell him by the Law of God.

10 And thou shalt doe according to that thing which they of that place (which the Lord hath chosen) shew thee, and thou shalt obserue to doe according to all that they informe thee.

11 According to the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the iudgement which they shall tell thee, shalt thou doe: thou shalt not decline from the thing which they shal shew thee, neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

g Thou shalt obey their sentence, that the controuersie may haue an end.

12 And that man that will doe presumptuously, not hearkening vnto the Priest (that standeth before the Lord thy God, to ᵍ minister there) or vnto the iudge, that man shall die, and thou shalt take away euill from Israel.

h So long as he is the true minister of God, and pronounceth according to his word.

13 So all the people shal heare and feare, and doe no more presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou shalt come vnto the lande which the Lord thy God giueth thee, and shalt possesse it, and dwel therein, if thou say, I will set a king ouer me, like as all the nations that are about me,

‖ Or, mayest not.

15 Then thou shalt make him king ouer thee, whome the Lorde thy GOD shall chuse: from among thy brethren shalt thou make a king ouer thee: thou ‖ shalt not set a ʲ stranger ouer thee, which is not thy brother.

i Who is not of thy nation, lest he change true religiō into idolatry, and bring thee to slauery.

16 Iu any wise hee shal not prepare him many horses, nor bring the people againe to ᵏ Egypt, for to increase the number of horses, seeing the Lorde hath sayde vnto you,

k To reuenge their iniurie, and to take them of their best horses. 1. King. 10. 28.

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what to auoide

1 From the law of God.

m Meaning, the Deuteronomie.
n He shall cause it to be written by them, or he shall write it by their example.
o Whereby is meant, 2 kings ought so to loue their subiects, as nature bindeth one brother to loue another.

2 Mar. ch. 1 Sepon. Nehemi.

Numb. 18.20. Chap. 10.9.12.cor. 9.13.
a That is, the Lords part of his inheritance.

b The right shoulder, Num. 18.18.

c Meaning, to serue God vnfainedly, and not to seeke ease.

d Not constrained to liue of himselfe.

e Signifying they were purged by the ceremonie of passing betweene two fires. Leuit. 18.21. Leuit. 20.27. 1. Sam. 28.7.

ye shall henceforth goe no more againe that way.

17 Neither shal he take him many wiues, lest his heart turne away, neither shall hee gather him much siluer and gold.

18 And when he shall sit vpon the throne of his kingdome, then shall he write him this m Law repeated in a booke, by the a Priests of the Leuites.

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall reade therein all daies of his life, that he may learne to feare the Lord his God, & to keepe all the words of this Law, and these ordinances for to doe them:

20 That his heart be not lifted vp aboue his a brethren, and that hee turne not from the commaundement to the right hand or to the left, but that he may prolong his dayes in his kingdome, he, and his sonnes in the mids of Israel.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 The portion of the Leuites. 6 Of the Leuite comming from another place. 9 To auoide the abomination of the Gentiles. 15 God will not leaue them without a true Prophet. 20 The false prophet shalbe slaine. 22 How he may be knowen.

THe Priests of the Leuites, & all the tribe of Leui a shall haue no part nor inheritance with Israel, b but shall eat the offrings of the Lord made by fire, and his a inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they haue no inheritance among their brethren: for the Lord is their inheritance, as hee hath layd vnto them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the Priests duetie of the people, that they which offer sacrifice, whether it be bullocke or sheepe, shall giue vnto the Priest the b shoulder, and the two cheekes, and the maw.

4 The first fruits also of thy corne, of thy wine, and of thine oyle, and the first of the fleece of thy sheepe shalt thou giue him.

5 For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand and minister in the Name of the Lord, him and his sonnes for euer.

6 ¶ Also when a Leuite shall come out of any of thy cities of Israel, where hee remained, and come with c all the desire of his heart vnto the place, which the Lord shall chuse,

7 He shall then minister in the Name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Leuites, which remaine there before the Lord.

8 They shall haue like portions to eate d besides that which commeth of his sale of his patrimonie.

9 When thou shalt come into the lande which the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 Let none bee found among you that maketh his sonne or his daughter to e goe through the fire, or that vseth witchcraft, or a regarder of times, or a marker of the flying of fowles, or a sorcerer,

11 Or a charmer, or that counselleth with spirites, or a soothsayer, or that a seeketh counsell at the dead.

12 For all that doe such things are abomination vnto the Lord: & because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth cast them out before thee.

13 Thou shalt be vpright therefore with the Lord thy God.

14 For these nations which thou shalt possesse, hearken vnto those that regard the times, and vnto sorcerers: ‡ as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not ‡ suffered thee so.

15 ¶ * The Lord thy God will raise vp vnto thee a a Prophet like vnto me, from among you, euen of thy brethren: vnto him ye shall hearken,

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb, in the day of the assembly, when thou saydst, *Let me heare the voyce of my Lord God no more, nor let this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the Lorde sayd vnto me, They haue well spoken.

18 *I will raise them vp a Prophet from among their brethren like vnto thee, and will put my words in his a mouth, and hee shall speake vnto them all that I shall command him.

19 And whosoeuer will not hearken vnto my wordes, which hee shall speake in my Name, I will † require it of him.

20 But the prophet that shall presume to speake a word in my Name, which I haue not commanded him to speake, or that speaketh in the name of other gods, euen the same prophet shall die.

21 And if thou thinke in thine heart, How shal we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?

22 When a Prophet speaketh in the Name of the Lord, if the thing * follow not, nor come to passe, that is the thing which the Lorde hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not therefore be afrayd of him.

CHAP. XIX.

2 The franchised townes. 14 Not to remoue the neighbours bounds. 16 The punishment of him that beareth false witnesse.

WHen the Lorde thy God * shall roote out the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giueth thee, and thou shalt possesse them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses,

2 * Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the mids of thy land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to possesse it.

3 Thou shalt a prepare thee the way, and diuide the coasts of the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to inherite, into three parts, that euery b manslayer may flee thither.

4 ¶ This also is the cause wherefore the manslayer shal flee thither, and liue: who so killeth his neighbour ignorantly, and hated him not in time passed:

5 As he that goeth vnto the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, & his hand striketh with the axe to cut downe the tree, if the head slip from the helue, & hit his neighbour that he dieth, the same * shall flee vnto one of the cities, and liue,

6 Lest † the auenger of the blood follow after the manslayer, while his heart is chafed,

f Without hypocrisie, or mixture of false religion.
‡ Ebr. but thou not so.
‡ Eb. giuen or appointed.
Acts 7.37.
g Meaning a continuall succession of Prophets, till Christ the ende of all Prophets come.
Exod. 20.19.

Ioh. 1.45. Acts 3.22.
h Which promise is not only made to Christ, but to all y teach in his name, Isa. 59 21.
i By executing punishment vpon him.

k Vnder this figure note he comprehendeth all the other tokens.

Deut. 12.29.

Exo. 21.13. Num. 35.9.11. Ios. 20.2.
a Make an open and ready way.
b Which killeth against his will, and bare no hatred in his heart.

c That murther be not committed vpon murther.
Numb. 35.12.

chased, and ouertake him, because the way is long, and slay him, although hee be not worthy of death, because he hated him not in time past.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt appoint out three cities for thee.

8 And when the Lord thy God [d] enlargeth thy coasts (as he hath sworne vnto thy fathers) and giueth thee all the land which he promised to giue vnto thy fathers,

9 (If thou keepe all these commaundements to doe them, which I commaund thee this day: to wit, that thou loue the Lord thy God, and walke in his wayes for euer) * then shalt thou adde three cities moe for thee besides those three,

10 That innocent blood be not shed within thy land which the Lord thy God giueth thee to inherite, [e] lest blood be vpon thee.

11 ¶ But if a man hate his neighbor, and lay waite for him, and rise against him, and smite any man that he die, and flee vnto any of these cities,

12 Then the [f] Elders of his citie shal send and fet him thence, and deliuer him into the hands of the auenger of the blood, that hee may die.

13 Thine eye shal not spare him, but thou shalt put away the cry of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not remoone thy neighbours marke, which they of olde time haue set in thine inheritance, that thou shalt inherite in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to possesse it.

15 ¶ [g] One witnesse shall not rise against a man for any trespasse, or for any sinne, or for any fault that hee offendeth in, * but at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established.

16 ¶ If a false witnesse rise vp against a man to accuse him of trespasse,

17 Then both the men which striue together, shall stand before the [h] Lord, euen before the Priests and the Iudges, which shall be in those dayes,

18 And the Iudges shall make diligent inquisition: and if the witnes be found false, and hath giuen false witnes against his brother,

19 * Then shall ye do vnto him as he had thought to do vnto his brother: so thou shalt take euill away from the middes of thee.

20 And the rest shall heare this, and feare and shal henceforth commit no more anysuch wickednesse among you,

21 Therefore thine eye shall haue no compassion, but * life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foote for foote.

CHAP. XX.

3 *The exhortation of the Priest when the Israelites go to battell.* 5 *The exhortation of the officers shewing who should go to battell.* 10 *Peace must first be proclaimed.* 19 *The trees that beare fruit, must not be destroyed.*

WHen * thou shalt goe forth to warre against thine enemies, and shalt see horses and charets, and people moe then thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt.

2 And when yet are come neere vnto the battell, then the Priest shall come forth to speake vnto the people,

3 And shall say vnto them, Heare, O Israel: yee are come this day vnto battell against your enemies: * let not your hearts faint, neither feare, nor be amased, nor adread of them.

4 For the Lord your God [b] goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, and to saue you.

5 ¶ And let the officers speake vnto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not * dedicated it? let him goe and returne to his house, lest he die in the battell, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is there that hath planted a vineyarde, and hath not [d] eaten of the fruite? let him goe and returne againe vnto his house, lest he die in the battell, and another eate the fruite.

7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him goe and returne againe vnto his house, lest he die in battell, and another man take her.

8 And let the officers speake further vnto the people, and say, * Whosoeuer is afraid and faint hearted, let him goe and returne vnto his house, lest his brethrens heart faint like his heart.

9 And after that the officers haue made an ende of speaking vnto the people, they shal make captaines of the armie to gouerne the people.

10 ¶ When thou commest nere vnto a city to fight against it, * thou shalt offer it peace.

11 And if it answere thee againe * peaceably, and open vnto thee, then let all the people that is found therein, be tributaries vnto thee, and serue thee.

12 But if it wil make no peace with thee, but make warre against thee, then thou shalt beliege it.

13 And the Lord thy God shall deliuer it into thine hands, and thou shalt smite all the males thereof with the edge of the sword.

14 Onely the women, and the children, * and the cattell, and all that is in the citie, euen all the spoyle thereof shalt thou take vnto thy selfe, and shalt eate the spoyle of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hath giuen thee.

15 Thus shalt thou doe vnto all the cities, which are a great way off from thee, which are not of the cities of these [f] nations here.

16 But of the cities of this people, which the Lord thy God shall giue thee to inherite, thou shalt saue no person aliue,

17 But shalt vtterly destroy them: to wit, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, as the Lorde thy God hath commanded thee,

18 That they teach you not to doe after all their abominations, which they haue done

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[or, cannot bee iudged to death.]

[d] When thou goest ouer Iorden to possesse the whole land of Canaan.

[Iosh. 20.7.]

[e] Lest thou be punished for innocent blood.

[f] The Magistrates.

[g] Then whosoeuer pardoneth murther, offendeth against the word of God.

[Chap. 17.6. matt. 18.16. ioh. 8.17. 2.Cor. 13.1. hebr. 10.28.]

[h] Gods presence is where his true ministers are assembled.

[Prou. 19.5. dan. 13.61.]

[Exo 21.23 leuit. 24 20. mat. 5.38.]

[a] Meaning, vpon iust occasion: for God permitteth not his people to fight when it seemeth good vnto them.

[Chap. 28.7.]

[b] Is present to defend you with his grace and power.

[c] For when they entred first to dwell in an house, they gaue thankes to God, acknowledging that they had that benefit by his grace.

[d] The Ebrew word signifieth to make cōmon or prophane, Leuit. 19.25. Iudg. 7.3.

[Num 21.22. chap. 2.26.]

[e] If it accept peace.

[Iosh. 8.2.]

[f] For God had appointed that the Canaanites should bee destroyed, & made the Israelites executers of his wil, Chap. 7.1.

done vnto their gods, and so yee should sinne against the Lord your God.

19 ¶ When thou hast besieged a citie long time, and made warre against it to take it, destroy not the trees thereof by smiting an axe into them: for thou mayest eate of them: therefore thou shalt not cut them downe to further thee in the siege (for the tree of the field is mans life)

g Some reade, For man *shalbe in stead* of the tree of the field, to come out in the siege against thee.

20 Onely those trees, which thou knowest are not for meate, thole shalt thou destroy and cut downe, and make forts against the city that maketh warre with thee, until thou subdue it.

CHAP. XXI.

2 Inquisition for murther. 11 Of the woman taken in warre. 15 The birthright cannot be changed for affection. 18 The disobedient child. 23 The body may not hang all night.

1 IF one be found a slaine in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to possesse it, lying in the field, and it is not knowen who hath slaine him,

2 Then thine Elders & thy Iudges shal come forth, and measure vnto the cities that are round about him that is slaine.

3 And let the Elders of that citie, which is next vnto the slaine man, take out of the droue an heifer that hath not been put to labour, nor hath drawen in the yoke.

4 And let the Elders of that citie bring the heifer vnto a ſ stonie b valley, which is neither eared nor sowen, and strike off the heifers necke there in the valley.

a This law declareth how horrible a thing murther is, seeing that for one man a whole countrey shalbe punished except a remedie be found,

ſ *Or, rough.*

b That ſ bloodshed of the innocent beastin a solitarie place might make them abhorre the fact,

5 Also the Priests the sonnes of Leui, (whome the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister, and to bleſſe in the name of the Lord) shall come forth, and by their word shall all strife and plague be tried.

6 And all the Elders of that citie that came neere to the slaine man, shall wash their hands ouer the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And shall testifie, and say, Our hands haue not shed this blood, neither haue our eyes seene it.

8 c O Lord be mercifull vnto thy people Israel whome thou hast redeemed, and lay no innocent blood to the charge of thy people Israel: and the blood shall bee forgiuen them.

c This was the prayer, which the Priests made in the audience of the people.

9 So shalt thou take away the crie of innocent blood from thee, when thou shalt doe that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

10 ¶ When thou shalt goe to warre against thine enemies, and the Lord thy God shall deliuer them into thine hands, & thou shalt take them captiues,

11 And shalt see among the captiues a beautiful woman, and hast a desire vnto her, and wouldest take her to thy wife,

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine houle, d and shee shall shaue her head, and pare her nailes,

d Signifying, that her former life must be changed, before shee could be ioyned to the people of God.

13 And she shall put off the garment that shee was taken in, and shee shall remaine in thine houle, e and bewayle her father and her mother a moneth long: and after that shalt thou goe in vnto her, and marrie her, and she shalbe thy f wife.

e As hauing renounced parents and countrey.

f This onely was permitted in the warres: otherwise the Israelites could not marry strangers.

14 And if thou haue no fauour vnto her, then thou mayest let her goe whither shee will, but thou shalt not sell her for money, nor make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man haue two wiues, one loued, and another g hated, and they haue born him children, both the loued and also the hated: if the first borne be the sonne of the hated,

g This declareth that the pluralitie of wiues came of a corrupt affection.

16 Then when the time commeth, that he appointeth his sonnes to be heires of that which he hath, he may not make the sonne of the beloued first borne ‖ before the sonne of the hated, which is the first borne:

‖ *Or, while the sonne of the loued liueth.*

17 But he shall acknowledge the sonne of the hated for the first borne, and giue him h double portion of all that he hath: for he is the first of his strength, and to i him belongeth the right of the first borne.

h As much as to two of the others.

i Except he be vnworthy, as was Reuben Iakobs sonne.

18 If any man haue a sonne that is stubborne and disobedient, which will not hearken vnto the voice of his father, nor the voice of his k mother, and they haue chastened him, and he would not obey them,

k For it is the mothers duety also to instruct her children.

19 Then shall his father and his mother take him, and bring him out vnto the Elders of his citie, and vnto the gate of the place where he dwelleth,

20 And shall say vnto the Elders of his citie, This our sonne is stubborne and disobedient, and he will not obey our admonition: he is a ryoter, and a drunkard.

21 Then all the men of his citie shall l stone him with stones vnto death: so thou shalt take away euill from among you, that all Israel may heare it, and feare.

l Which death was also appointed for blasphemers and idolaters: so that to disobey the parents is most horrible.

22 ¶ If a man also haue committed a trespasse worthy of death, and is put to death, and thou hangest him on a tree,

23 His body shal not remaine m all night vpon the tree, but thou shalt burie him the same day: for the * curse of God is on him that is hanged. Defile not therefore thy land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to inherite.

m For Gods law by his death is satisfied, and nature abhorreth cruelty. *Galat.* 3. 13.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He commaundeth to haue care of our neighbour goods. 5 The woman may not weare mans apparell, nor man the womans. 9 Of the dammage and her young birds. 8 Why they should haue battlements. 9 Not to mixe diuers kindes together. 13 Of the wife not being found a virgin. 22 The punishment of adultery.

1 THou * shalt not see thy brothers oxe or his sheepe goe astray, and withdraw thy selfe from them, but shalt bring them againe vnto thy brother.

Exod. 23. 4.

a As though thou sawest it not.

2 And if thy brother bee not b neere vnto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it into thine house, and it shall remaine with thee, vntill thy brother seeke after it: then shalt thou deliuer it to him againe.

b Shewing the brotherly affection must be stered, not onely to them that dwell neere vnto vs, but also to them which are farre off.

3 In like maner shalt thou doe with his c asse, and so shalt thou doe with his rayment, and shalt so do with all lost things of thy brother, which he hath lost: if thou hast found them, thou shalt not withdraw thy selfe from them.

c Much more is thou bound to do for thy neighbours perfon.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brothers asse not

not his oxe fall downe by the way, and withdraw thy selfe from them, but shalt lift them vp with him.

5 ¶ The [d] woman shall not weare that which pertaineth vnto the man, neither shal a man put on womans raiment: for all that doe so, are abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

6 ¶ If thou find a birds nest in the way, in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be yong or egges, and the damme sitting vpon the yong, or vpon the egges, * thou shalt not take the damme with the yong,

7 But shalt in any wise let the damme goe, and take the yong to thee, that thou mayest prosper and prolong thy dayes.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, thou shalt make a battlement on thy roofe, that thou lay not blood vpon thine house, if any man fall thence.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not [f] sowe thy vineyard with diuers kinds of seedes, least thou defile the increase of the seed which thou hast sowen, and the fruit of the vineyard.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plough with an oxe and an asse together.

11 ¶ Thou shalt not weare a garment of diuers sorts, as of woollen & linen together.

12 ¶ * Thou shalt make thee fringes vpon the foure quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou couerest thy selfe.

13 ¶ If a man take a wife, and when hee hath lien with her, hate her,

14 And lay slanderous things vnto her charge, and bring vp an euill name vpon her, and say, I tooke this wife, and when I came to her, I found her not a maide,

15 Then shall the father of the maide and her mother take and bring the signes of the maides virginitie vnto the Elders of the citie to the gate.

16 And the maides father shall say vnto the Elders, I gaue my daughter vnto this man to wife, and he hateth her:

17 And loe, hee layeth slanderous things vnto her charge, saying, I found not thy daughter a maide: loe, these are the tokens of my daughters virginitie: & they shall spread the [h] vesture before the Elders of the citie.

18 Then the Elders of the citie shal take that man and chastise him,

19 And shall condemne him in an hundred shekels of siluer, and gaue them vnto the father [i] of the maide, because hee hath brought vp an euill name vpon a maide of Israel: and shee shal be his wife, and he may not put her away all his life.

20 ¶ But if this thing bee true, that the maide be not found a virgine,

21 Then they shall bring forth the maide to the doore of her fathers house, and the men of her citie shall stone her with stones to death: for shee hath wrought folly in Israel, by playing the whore in her fathers house: so thou shalt put euill away from among you.

22 ¶ * If a man bee found lying with a woman married to a man, then they shall die euen both twaine: to wit, the man that lay with the wife, and the wife: so thou shalt put away euill from Israel.

23 ¶ If a maide bee betrothed vnto an husband, and a man finde her in the towne, and lie with her,

24 Then shal ye bring them both out vnto the gates of the same citie, and stone them with stones to death: the maid because she cried not, being in the citie, and the man, because hee hath [l] humbled his neighbours wife: so thou shalt put away euill from among you.

25 ¶ But if a man finde a betrothed maide in the field, and force her, and lie with her, then the man that lay with her, shall die alone:

26 And vnto the maide thou shal doe nothing, because there is in the maide no cause of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour and woundeth him to death, so is this matter.

27 For he found her in the fields: the betrothed maide cried, and there was no man to succour her.

28 ¶ * If a man finde a maide that is not betrothed, and take her, and lie with her, and they be found,

29 Then the man that lay with her, shall giue vnto the maides father fiftie shekels of siluer: and shee shall be his wife, because hee hath humbled her: hee cannot put her away all his life.

30 ¶ No man shal [l] take his fathers wife, nor shall vncouer his fathers skirt.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 What men might not bee admitted to office. 9 What they ought to auoide when they goe to warre. 15 Of the fugitiue seruant. 17 To shun all kinds of whoredome. 19 Of vsurie. 21 Of vowes. 24 Of the neighbours vine and corne.

NOne that is hurt by bursting, or that hath his priuie member cut off, * shal enter into the Congregation of the Lord.

2 [b] A bastard shall not enter into the Congregation of the Lord: euen to his tenth generation shall hee not enter into the Congregation of the Lord.

3 * The Ammonites and the Moabites shall not enter into the Congregation of the Lord: euen to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the Congregation of the Lord for euer,

4 Because they [c] met you not with bread and water in the way, when ye came out of Egypt, and * because they hired against thee Balaam the sonne of Beor, of Pethor in Aram-naharaim, to curse thee.

5 Neuertheless, the Lorde thy God would not hearken vnto Balaam, but the Lord thy God turned the curse to a blessing vnto thee, because the Lord thy God loued thee.

6 Thou [d] shalt not seeke their peace nor their prosperitie all thy dayes for euer.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhorre an Edomite: for hee is thy brother, neither shalt thou abhorre an Egyptian, because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten * of them in their third generation, shall enter into the Congregation of the Lord.

9 ¶ When thou goest out with the hoste against

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d For that were to alter the order of nature, and to despite God.

e If God detest cruelty done to little birds, how much more to man, made according to his image?

f The tenour of this Law is, to walke in simplicitie, and not to be curious of new inuentions.

Numb 15.38.

g That is, be an occasion that she is slandered.

h Meaning, the sheet, wherin the signes of her virginitie were.

i For the fault of the child redoundeth to the shame of the parents: therefore he was recompensed when she was faultlesse.

Leuit. 20, 10.

Or, defiled.

Or, no sinne worthy death.

k Meaning, that the innocent can not be punished.

Exod. 22, 16.

l He shal not lie with his stepmother: meaning hereby all other degrees forbidden, Leuit. 18.

a Either to beare office, or to marry a wife.

b This was to cause them to liue chastly, that their posteritie might not bee reiected.

Nehem. 13, 1.

c Hereby hee condemneth all, that further not the children of God in their vocation.

Numb. 22, 5, 6.

d Thou shalt haue nothing to doe with them.

e If the fathers haue renounced their idolatrie, and receiue circumcision.

against thine enemies, keepe thee then from all wickednesse.

10 ¶ If there bee among you any that is vncleane by that which commeth to him by night, hee shall goe out of the hoste, and shall not enter into the hoste,

11 But at euen he shall wash himselfe with water, and when the sunne is downe, he shal enter into the hoste.

12 ¶ Thou shalt haue a place also without the hoste whither thou shalt [f] resort,

13 And thou shalt haue a paddle among thy weapons, and when thou wouldest sit downe without, thou shalt digge therewith, and returning thou shalt couer thine excrements.

14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the middes of thy campe to deliuer thee, and to giue thee thine enemies before thee: therefore thine hoste shall bee holy, that hee see no filthie thing in thee, and turne away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou shalt not [h] deliuer the seruant vnto his master, which is escaped from his master vnto thee.

16 He shall dwell with thee, euen among you, in what place hee shall choose, in one of thy [i] cities where it liketh him best: thou shalt not vexe him.

17 ¶ There shall bee no whore of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a whore keeper of the sonnes of Israel.

18 Thou shalt neither bring the [l] hire of a whore, nor the price of a dogge into the house of the Lord thy God for any vowe: for euen both these are abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

19 ¶ [*] Thou shalt not giue to vsurke to thy brother: as vsurie of money, vsurie of meate, vsurie of any thing that is put to vsurie.

20 Vnto a [k] stranger thou mayest lend vpon vsurie, but thou shalt not lend vpon vsurie vnto thy brother, that the Lord thy God may [l] blesse thee in all that thou settest thine hand to, in the land whither thou goest to possesse it.

21 ¶ When thou shalt vowe a vowe vnto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not be slacke to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee, and so it should be sin vnto thee.

22 But when thou abstainest from vowing, it shall be no sinne vnto thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips, thou shalt [m] keepe and performe as thou hast vowed it willingly vnto the Lord thy God: for thou hast spoken it with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou commest vnto [n] thy neighbours vineyard, then thou maiest eate grapes at thy pleasure, as much as thou wilt: but thou shalt put none in thy [o] vessell.

25 When thou commest into thy neighbours corne, [*] thou mayest plucke the eares with thine hand, but thou shalt not moue a sickle to thy neighbours corne.

f For the necessitie of nature.

g Meaning hereby, that his people should bee pure both in soule and body.

h This is meant of the heathen who fled for their masters cruelty, and imbraced the true religion.

i Ebr. gates.

l Forbidding hereby that any gaine gotten of euill things should be applied to the seruice of God, micah. 1.7. *Exod.* 22.25. *Leuit.* 25.36.

k This was permitted for a time for the hardnesse of their heart.

l If thou shew thy charitie to thy brother, God will declare his loue toward thee

m If the vowe be lawfull and godly.

n Being hired for to labour.

o To bring home to thine house. *Matth.* 12.1.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Diuorcement is permitted. 5 He that is newly married, is exempted from warre. 6 Of the pledge. 14 Wages must not bee retained. 16 The good must not bee punished for the bad. 17 The care of the stranger, fatherlesse and widow.

WHen a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, if so be shee find no fauour in his eyes, because hee hath espied some filthinesse in her, [*] then let him write her a bill of diuorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when shee is departed out of his house and gone her way, and marrie with another man,

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a letter of diuorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or if the latter man die which tooke her to wife:

4 Then her first husband, which sent her away, may not take her againe to bee his wife, after that shee is [*] defiled: for that is abomination in the sight of the Lord, and thou shalt not cause the land to sinne, which the Lord thy God doth giue thee to inherit.

5 ¶ When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not goe a warfare, [c] neither shall bee charged with any businesse, but shall be free at home one yeere, and reioyce with his wife which he hath taken.

6 ¶ No man shal take the nether nor the vpper [*] millstone to pledge: for this gage is his liuing.

7 ¶ If any man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh marchandise of him, or selleth him, that theefe shall die: so shalt thou put euill away from among you.

8 ¶ Take heede of the [*] plague of leprosie, that thou obserue diligently, and doe according to al that the Priests of the Leuites shall teach you: take heede ye doe as I commanded them.

9 Remember what the Lord thy God did vnto [*] Miriam by the way after that ye were come out of Egypt.

10 ¶ When thou shalt aske againe of thy neighbour any thing lent, thou shalt not goe [*] into his house to fet his pledge,

11 But thou shalt stand without, and the man that borrowed it of thee, shall bring the pledge out of the doores vnto thee.

12 Furthermore, if it bee a poore bodie, thou shalt not sleepe with his pledge,

13 But shalt restore him the pledge when the sunne goeth downe, that hee may sleepe in his rayment, and blesse thee: and it shall be righteousnesse vnto thee [l] before the Lord thy God.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppresse an hired seruant that is needie and poore, neither of thy brethren, nor of the stranger that is in thy land within thy gates.

15 [*] Thou shalt giue him his hire for his day, neither shall the sunne goe downe vpon it: for he is poore, and therewith sustaineth his life: lest hee crie against thee vnto the Lord, and it be sinne vnto thee.

16 ¶ [*] The fathers shal not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers, but euery man shall be put to death for his owne sinne.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not peruert the right of [g] stranger, nor of the fatherlesse, nor take a widowes

a Hereby God approueth not that light diuorcement but permitteth it to auoide further inconuenience, Matth. 19.7.

b Seeing that by dimitting her, he iudged her to be vncleane and defiled.

c That they might learne to know one anothers conditions, and so after wards liue in godly peace.

d Nor any thing whereby a man getteth his liuing.

Leuit. 13.2.

Numb. 12.10.

e As though thou wouldest appoint what to haue, but shalt receiue what he may spare.

f Though hee would bee vnthankfull, yet God will not forget it. *Leuit.* 19.13. *Iob.* 4.14. 2. *King.* 14.6. 2. *chron.* 25.4. *ierem.* 31.29,30. *ezek.* 18.20.

g Because the world did least esteeme these sorts of people, therefore God hath most care ouer them.

a widdowes raiment to pledge.

18 But remember that thou wast a ſeruaunt in Egypt, and how the Lord thy God deliuered thee thence. Therefore I commaund thee to doe this thing.

19 ¶ * When thou cuttest downe thine haruest in thy fielde, and haſt forgotten a sheafe in the fielde, thou ſhalt not goe againe to fet it, but it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſſe, and for the widowe: that the Lord thy God may bleſſe thee in all the workes of thine handes.

20 When thou ‖ beatest thine oliue tree, thou ſhalt not goe ouer the boughes againe, but it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſſe, and for the widowe.

21 When thou gatherest thy ‖ vineyard, thou ſhalt not gather the grapes cleane after thee, but they ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſſe, and for the widowe.

22 And remember that thou waſt b a ſeruaunt in the land of Egypt: therefore I commaund thee to doe this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

3 The beating of the offenders. 5 To raiſe vp ſeede to the kinſman. 11 In what caſe a womans hand muſt be cut off. 13 Of iuſt weights and meaſures. 19 To deſtroy the Amalekites.

WHen there ſhalbe ſtrife betweene men, and they ſhall come vnto iudgement, a and ſentence ſhall be giuen vpon them, and the righteous ſhall be iuſtified, and the wicked condemned,

2 Then if ſo be the wicked be worthy to bee beaten, the Iudge ſhall cauſe him to lie downe, b and to bee beaten before his face, according to his treſpaſſe, vnto a certaine number.

3 c Fortie ſtripes ſhall hee cauſe him to haue and not paſt, leſt if hee ſhould exceede and beat him aboue that with many ſtripes, thy brother ſhould appeare deſpiſed in thy ſight.

4 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not muſſel the oxe that treadeth out the corne.

5 ¶ * If brethren dwel together, and one of them die and haue no ſonne, the wife of the dead ſhall not marry without, that is, vnto a ſtranger, but his d kinſman ſhal goe in vnto her, and take her to wife, and doe the kinſmans office to her.

6 And the firſt borne which ſhe beareth, ſhall ſucceede in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name bee not put out of Iſrael.

7 And if the man will not take his kinſwoman, then let his kinſwoman goe vp to the gate vnto the Elders, and ſay, My kinſman refuſeth to raiſe vp vnto his brother a name in Iſrael: he will not doe the office of a kinſman vnto me.

8 Then the Elders of his citie ſhall call him, and commune with him: if he ſtand and ſay, I will not take her,

9 Then ſhal his kinſwoman come vnto him in the preſence of the Elders, and looſe his ſhooe from his foote, and ſpit in his face, and anſwere, and ſay, So ſhal it be done vnto that man, that will not build vp his brothers houſe.

10 And his name ſhalbe called in Iſrael, The houſe of him whoſe ſhooe is put off.

11 ¶ * When men ſtriue together, one with another, if the wife of the one come nere, for to rid her husband out of the hands of him that ſmiteth him, and put forth her hand, and take him by his priuities,

12 Then thou ſhalt cut off her hand: thine eye ſhall not ſpare her.

13 ¶ Thou ſhalt not haue in thy bag two maner of e weights, a great and a ſmall.

14 Neither ſhalt thou haue in thine houſe diuers f meaſures, a great and a ſmall.

15 But thou ſhalt haue a right and iuſt weight: a perfect and a iuſt meaſure ſhalt thou haue, that thy dayes may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

16 For all that do ſuch things, and all that doe vnrighteouſly, are abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

17 ¶ * Remember what Amalek did vnto thee by the way, when yee were come out of Egypt:

18 How he met thee by the way, g ſmote the hindmoſt of you, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou waſt fainted and wearie, and he feared not God.

19 Therefore, when the Lorde thy God hath giuen thee reſt from all thine enemies round about in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for an inheritance to poſſeſſe it, then ſhalt thou put out the h remembrance of Amalek from vnder heauen: forget not.

CHAP. XXVI.

3 The offring of the firſt fruits. 5 What they muſt proteſt when they offer them. 12 The tithe of the third yeere. 13 Their proteſtation in offering it. 19 To what honour God preferreth them which acknowledge him to be their Lord.

ALſo when thou ſhalt come into the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee for inheritance, and ſhalt poſſeſſe it and dwell therein,

2 a Then ſhalt thou take of the firſt of all the fruite of the earth, and bring it out of the land that the Lord thy God giueth thee, and put it in a basket, and go vnto the place, which the Lord thy God ſhal chuſe to b place his Name there.

3 And thou ſhalt come vnto the Prieſt that ſhal be in thoſe daies, and ſay vnto him, I acknowledge this day vnto the Lord thy God, that I am come vnto the countrey which the Lord ſware vnto our fathers for to giue vs.

4 Then the Prieſt ſhall take the basket out of thine hand, and ſet it downe before the Altar of the Lord thy God.

5 And thou ſhalt anſwere and ſay before the Lord thy God, A c Syrian was my father who being ready to periſh for hunger, went down into Egypt, and ſojourned there with a ſmall company, and grew there vnto a nation great, mightie, d and full of people.

6 And the Egyptians vexed vs, and troubled vs, and laded vs with cruell bondage.

7 But when we e cryed vnto the Lorde

Lauit. 19.9. and 23.22.

Or, gatherest these oliues.

Or, the grapes of thy vineyard.

h God iudged them not mindfull of his benefite, except they were beneficiall vnto others.

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a Whether there be a plaintife or none, the Magiſtrates ought to try out faults, and puniſh according to the crime.

b When the crime deſerueth not death.

c The Iewes of ſuperſtition afterward tooke one zway, 2. Cor. 11.24.

1. Cor. 9.9. 1. Tim. 5.18. Ruth 4.3. matth. 22.24. mar. 12. 19. luke 20.28.

d Because the Hebrew word ſignifieth not the naturall brother, & the word that ſignifieth a brother, is taken alſo for a kinſman: it ſeemeth that it is not meant that the naturall brother ſhould marrie his brothers wife, but ſome other of the kinred, that was in that degree which might marrie,

Iuſt weights

e This law importeth, that godly ſhamefaſtneſſe be preſerued: for it is an horrible thing to ſee a woman paſt ſhame.

‡ *Ebr. ſtone and ſtone.*

‖ *Ebr. Ephah and Ephah: reade Exod. 13.36.*

Exod. 17.8.

f This was partly accompliſhed by Saul, about 450 yeeres afterward.

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a By this ceremonie they acknowledged that they receiued the land of Canaan as a free gift of God.

b To be called vpon, ſerued, and worſhipped ſpiritually, Chap. 12.5.

c Meaning, Iaakob who ſerued 20. yere in Syria.

d Only by Gods mercie, and not by their fathers deſeruings.

e Alledging the promiſes made to our fathers, Abraham, Izhak and Iaakob.

God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our aduerſitie, and on our labour, and on our oppreſſion.

8 And the Lord brought vs out of Egypt in a mightie hand, and a ſtretched out arme, with great terribleneſs, both in ſignes and wonders.

9 And he hath brought vs into this place, and hath giuen vs this land, euen a land that floweth with milke and honie.

10 And now, loe, I haue [f] brought the firſt fruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, haſt giuen mee, and thou ſhalt ſet it before the Lord thy God, and worſhip before the Lord thy God.

11 And thou ſhalt reioyce in all the good things which the Lord thy God hath giuen vnto thee and to thine houſhold, thou and the Leuite, and the ſtranger that is among you.

12 ¶ When thou haſt made an ende of tithing all the tithes of thine increaſe, the third yeere, which is the yeere of tithing, and haſt giuen it vnto the Leuite, to the ſtranger, to the fatherleſſe, and to the widow, that they may eate within thy gates, and be ſatisfied,

13 Then thou ſhalt [h] ſay before the Lord thy God, I haue brought the hallowed thing out of mine houſe, and alſo haue giuen it vnto the Leuites, and to the ſtrangers, to the fatherleſſe, and to the widow, according to all thy [k] Commandements which thou haſt commanded me: I haue [l] tranſgreſſed none of thy Commaundements, nor forgotten them.

14 I haue not eaten thereof in my [m] mourning, nor ſuffered ought to periſh [l] through vncleanneſſe, nor giuen ought thereof for the dead, but haue hearkened vnto the voyce of the Lord my God: I haue done [n] after all that thou haſt commanded me.

15 Looke downe from thine holy habitation, euen from heauen, and bleſſe thy people Iſrael, and the land which thou haſt giuen vs (as thou ſweareſt vnto our fathers) the land that floweth with milke and honie.

16 ¶ This day the Lord thy God doeth command thee to doe theſe ordinances, and lawes: keepe them therefore, and doe them with [n] all thine heart, and with all thy ſoule.

17 Thou haſt ſet vp the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walke in his wayes, and to keepe his ordinances, and his Commandements, and his lawes, and to hearken vnto his voice.

18 [o] And the Lord hath ſet thee vp this day, to bee a * precious people vnto him (as hee hath promiſed thee) and that thou ſhouldeſt keepe all his Commandements,

19 And to make thee * high aboue all nations (which he hath made) in praiſe, and in name, and in glorie, *and that thou ſhouldeſt be an holy people vnto the Lord thy God, as he hath ſaid.

CHAP. XXVII.

2 *They are commanded to write the Law vpon ſtones for a remembrance.* 5 *Alſo to build an Altar.* 13 *The curſings are giuen on mount Ebal.*

Then Moſes with the Elders of Iſrael [a] commaunded the people, ſaying, Keepe all the Commandements, which I command you this day.

2 And when ye ſhal * paſſe ouer Iorden, vnto the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou ſhalt ſet thee vp great ſtones, and plaiſter them with plaiſter.

3 [b] And ſhalt write vpon them all the words of this Lawe, when thou ſhalt come ouer, that thou maieſt go into the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee: a land that floweth with milke and honie, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promiſed thee.

4 Therefore when yee ſhall paſſe ouer Iorden, yee ſhall ſet vp theſe ſtones which I command you this day in mount Ebal, and thou ſhalt plaiſter them with plaiſter.

5 [c] And there ſhalt thou build vnto the Lord thy God an Altar, euen an Altar of ſtones: thou ſhalt lift none [e] yron inſtrument vpon them.

6 Thou ſhalt make the Altar of the Lord thy God of whole ſtones, and offer burnt offrings thereon vnto the Lord thy God.

7 And thou ſhalt offer peace offerings, and ſhalt eate there, and reioyce before the Lord thy God:

8 And thou ſhalt write vpon the ſtones all the wordes of this Lawe [d] well and plainely.

9 ¶ And Moſes and the Prieſtes of the Leuites ſpake vnto all Iſrael, ſaying, Take heed, and heare, O Iſrael: this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God.

10 Thou [e] ſhalt hearken therefore vnto the voice of the Lord thy God, and doe his Commaundements and ordinances, which I command thee this day.

11 ¶ And Moſes charged the people the ſame day, ſaying,

12 Theſe ſhall ſtand vpon mount Gerizzim, to bleſſe the people when yee ſhall paſſe ouer Iorden: Simeon, and Leui, and Iudah, and Iſſachar, and [f] Ioſeph, and Beniamin.

13 And theſe ſhall ſtand vpon mount Ebal to [g] curſe: Reuben, Gad, and Aher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 And the Leuites ſhall anſwere and ſay vnto all the men of Iſrael with a lowde voice,

15 ¶ Curſed bee the man that ſhall make any carued or molten [h] image, which is an abomination vnto the Lord, the worke of the hands of the craftſman, and putteth it in a ſecret place: And all the people ſhal anſwere, and ſay: So be it.

16 Curſed be he that [i] curſeth his father and his mother: and all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

17 Curſed be he that remoueth his neighbours [k] marke: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

18 Curſed be hee that maketh the [l] blind goe out of the way: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

19 Curſed be he that hindereth the right of the ſtranger, the fatherleſſe, and the widow: and all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

20 Curſed bee hee that lyeth with his fathers

a As Gods miniſter, and charged with the ſame. *Ioſh.* 4. 1.

b God would that his Lawe ſhould be ſet vp in the borders of the land of Canaan, that al that looked thereon, might know that the landwas dedicate to his ſeruice. *Exod.* 20 25. *Ioſh.* 8. 31.

c The Altar ſhould not be curiouſly wrought, becauſe it ſhould continue but for a time: for God would haue but one Altar in Iudah.

d That euery one may well reade it, and vnderſtand it.

e This condition God hath bound thee vnto, that if thou wilt be his people, thou muſt keepe his lawes.

f Meaning, Ephraim and Manaſſeh.

g Signifying, that if they wold not obey God for loue, they ſhould be made to obey for feare.

h Vnder this he conteineth al the corruption of Gods ſeruice, and the tranſgreſſion of the firſt table.

i Or, contemneth: and this appertaineth to the ſecond Table.

k He condemneth all iniuries and extortions.

l Meaning, that helpeth not, and counſelleth not his neighbour.

f In token of a thankfull heart, and mindfull of this benefite.

g Signifying, that God giueth vs not goods for our ſelues onely, but for their vſe alſo, which are committed to our charge.

h Without hypocriſie.

Chap. 14. 27.

i Of malice and contempt.

k Or for any neceſſitie

l By putting them to any prophane vſe.

m As farre as my ſinfull nature would ſuffer: for els, as Dauid and Paul ſay, there is not one iuſt. *Pſal.* 14. 3. *rom.* 3. 10.

n With a good and ſimple conſcience.

o Signifying, that there is a mutuall bond betweene God and his people.

Chap. 7. 6. *and* 14. 2.

Chap. 4. 7. *and* 28. 1.

Chap. 7. 6. *and* 14. 2.

m In committing villany againſt him, Leuit. 20. 11. chap. 22. 30. ezek. 22. 10.

n Meaning, his wiues mother.

o For God that ſeeth in ſecret, will reuenge it. Eph. 22. 12. Galat. 3. 10.

Leuit. 26. 3.

a He will make thee the moſt excellent of all people.
b When thou thinkeſt thy ſelfe forſaken.
c Thou ſhalt liue wealthily.
d Thy children and ſucceſſion.
e All thine enterpriſes ſh all haue good ſucceſſe.

f Meaning, many wayes.

g God will bleſſe vs, if we doe our duety, and not be idle.

h In that he is thy God, & thou art his people.

i For nothing in the earth is profitable, but when God ſendeth his bleſſings from heauen. Chap. 16. 6.

thers wife: for he hath diſcouered his fathers * ſkirt: And all the people ſhall ſay, So be it.

21 Curſed be he that lieth with any beaſt, And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

22 Curſed be he that lieth with his ſiſter, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

23 Curſed be he that lieth with his * mother in law: and all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

24 Curſed be he that ſmiteth his neighbour * ſecretly: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

25 * Curſed be hee that taketh a reward to put to death innocent blood: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

26 * Curſed be he that confirmeth not all the wordes of this Lawe to doe them: And all the people ſhall ſay: So be it.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The promiſes to them that obey the commandements. 15 The threatnings to the contrary.

IF * thou ſhalt obey diligently the voice of the Lord thy God, and obſerue and doe all his commandements which I command thee this day, then the Lord thy God will * ſet thee on high aboue all the nations of the earth.

2 And all theſe bleſſings ſhall come on thee, and * ouertake thee, if thou ſhalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God.

3 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the * citie, and bleſſed alſo in the field.

4 Bleſſed ſhall be the fruit * of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattell, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flockes of thy ſheepe.

5 Bleſſed ſhall be thy baſket & thy dough.

6 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou * commeſt in, and bleſſed alſo when thou goeſt out.

7 The Lorde ſhall cauſe thine enemies that riſe againſt thee, to fall before thy face: they ſhal come out againſt thee one way, and ſhall flee before thee * ſeuen wayes.

8 The Lord ſhall command the bleſſing to be with thee in thy ſtore houſes, and in all that thou ſetteſt thine * hande to, and will bleſſe thee in the land which the Lorde thy God giueth thee.

9 The Lord ſhal make thee an holy people vnto himſelfe, as hee hath ſworne vnto thee, if thou ſhalt keepe the commaundements of the Lord thy God, and walke in his wayes.

10 Then all people of the earth ſhall ſee that the Name of the Lord is * called vpon ouer thee, and they ſhall be afraid of thee.

11 And the Lord ſhall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruite of thy bodie, and in the fruit of thy cattell, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lorde ſware vnto thy fathers, to giue thee.

12 The Lord ſhal open vnto thee his good treaſure, euen the * heauen to giue raine vnto thy land in due ſeaſon, and to bleſſe all the worke of thine hands, and * thou ſhalt lend vnto many nations, but ſhalt not borrowe thy ſelfe.

13 And the Lord ſhal make thee the head, and not the * taile, and thou ſhalt bee aboue onely, and ſhalt not be beneath, if thou obey the commandements of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to keepe and to doe them.

14 But thou ſhalt not decline from any of the wordes, which I command you this day, either to the * right hand or to the left, to goe after other gods to ſerue them.

15 ¶ * But if thou wilt not obey the voice of the Lord thy God, to keepe and doe all his commandements and his ordinances, which I commaund thee this day, then all theſe curſes ſhall come vpon thee, and ouertake thee.

16 Curſed ſhalt thou be in the towne, and curſed alſo in the field.

17 Curſed ſhall thy baſket bee, and thy * dough.

18 Curſed ſhall bee the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flockes of thy ſheepe.

19 Curſed ſhalt thou be when thou commeſt in, and curſed alſo when thou goeſt out.

20 The Lord ſhall ſend vpon thee curſing, trouble, and * ſhame, in all that which thou ſetteſt thine hand to doe, vntill thou be deſtroyed, and periſh quickly, becauſe of the wickednes of thy workes whereby thou haſt forſaken me.

21 The Lord ſhal make * peſtilence cleaue vnto thee, vntill he hath conſumed thee from the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it.

22 * The Lord ſhall ſmite thee with a conſumption, and with the feuer, and with a burning ague, and with feruent heate, and with the ſword, & with * blaſting, and with the mildewe, and they ſhall purſue thee vntil thou periſh.

23 And thine heauen that is ouer thine head, ſhalbe * braſſe, and the earth that is vnder thee, yron.

24 The Lord ſhal giue thee for the raine of thy land, duſt and aſhes: euen from * heauen ſhal it come downe vpon thee, vntil thou be deſtroyed.

25 And the Lord ſhal cauſe thee to fall before thine enemies: thou ſhalt come out one way againſt them, and ſhalt flee ſeuen wayes before them, and ſhalt be * ſcattered through all the kingdomes of the earth.

26 And thy * carkeis ſhall be meate vnto all foules of the aire, and vnto the beaſtes of the earth, and none ſhall fray them away.

27 The Lord will ſmite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerodes, and with the ſcabbe, and with the itch, that thou canſt not be healed.

28 And the Lorde ſhall ſmite thee with madneſſe, and with blindneſſe, and with aſtonying of heart.

29 Thou ſhalt alſo grope at noone dayes, as the * blind gropeth in darkenes, and ſhalt not proſper in thy wayes: thou ſhalt neuer but bee oppreſſed with wrong, and be pouled euermore, and no man ſhall ſuccour thee.

30 Thou ſhalt betroth a wife, & another man ſhall lie with her: thou ſhalt builde an houſe, and ſhalt not dwel therein: thou ſhalt plant a vineyard, & ſhalt not * eate the fruit.

* Or, the loweſt.

Ioſh. 23. 6.

Leuit. 26. 14. Lament. 2. 17. malac. 2. 2. Baruch. 1. 20.

* Or, ſhore.

* Or, rebuke.

Leuit. 26. 16.

* Or, drought.

k It ſhall giue thee no more moyſture, then if it were of braſſe.
* Or, out of the aire, as duſt raiſed with winde.
l Some reade, thou ſhalt be a terror and feare when they ſhall heare how God hath plagued thee.
m Thou ſhalt be curſed both in thy life and in thy death: for the burial is a teſtimonie of the reſurrection, which ſigne for thy wickednes thou ſhalt lacke.
n In things moſt euident & cleare thou ſhalt lacke diſcretion and iudgement.
* Ebr. make it common.

Plagues &

31 Thine oxe shall bee slaine before thine eyes, & thou shalt not eate thereof: thine asse shalbe violently taken away before thy face, and shall not be restored vnto thee: thy sheep shall be giuen vnto thine enemies, & no man shall rescue them for thee.

32 Thy sonnes and thy daughters shalbe giuen vnto another people, & thine eyes o shal tirl looke for them, euen till they fail out, and there shall be no power in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land and all thy labours shal a people, which thou knowest not, eate, and thou shalt neuer but suffer wrong, and violence alway:

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight which thine eyes shall see.

35 The Lord shal smite thee in the knees, and in the thighes with a sore botch, that thou canst not be healed: euen from the sole of thy foote vnto the top of thine head.

36 The Lord shall bring thee & thy p king (which thou shalt set ouer thee) vnto a nation, which neither thou nor thy fathers haue known, and there thou shalt serue other gods, euen wood and stone:

37 And thou * shalt bee a wonder, a prouerbe and a common talke among all people, whither the Lord shall carie thee.

38 * Thou shalt carie out much seede into the field, and shalt gather but little in: for the grashoppers shall destroy it.

39 Thou shalt plant a vineyard, & dresse it, but shalt neither drinke of the wine, nor gather the grapes: for the wormes shall eat it.

40 Thou shalt haue olive trees in all thy coastes, but shalt not anoint thy selfe with the oyle: for thine olives shall ‖ fall.

41 Thou shalt beget sonnes, and daughters: but shalt not haue them: for they shall goe into captiuitie.

42 All the trees and fruit of thy land shal the q grashopper consume.

43 The stranger that is among you, shall clime aboue thee vp on hie: and thou shalt come downe beneath alowe.

44 He shall lend thee, and thou shalt not lend him: he shalbe the head and thou shalt be the tayle.

45 Moreouer, all these curses shall come vpon thee, and shal pursue thee and ouertake thee, till thou bee destroyed, because thou obeydst not the voyce of the Lord thy God, to keep his commaundements, and his ordinances, which he commanded thee:

46 And they shalbe vpon * thee for signes and wonders, and vpon thy seede for euer,

47 Because thou seruedst not the Lord thy God with ioyfulnesse, and with a good heart for the aboundance of all things.

48 Therefore thou shalt serue thine enemies which the Lord shall send vpon thee, in hunger and in thirst, and in nakednesse, and in need of all things: and he shall put a yoke of yron vpon thy necke, vntill hee haue destroyed thee.

49 The Lord shall bring a nation vpon thee from farre, euen from the ende of the worlde, flying swift as an Eagle, a nation whose tongue thou shalt not vnderstand:

50 A nation of a ‖ fierce countenance, which will not regard the person of the olde, nor haue compassion of the yong:

51 The same shall eate the fruit of thy cattell, and the fruit of thy land vntil thou be destroyed, and bee shall leaue thee neither wheate, wine, nor oyle, neither the ‖ increase of thy kine, nor the flockes of thy sheepe vntill he haue brought thee to nought.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy cities, vntil thine hie & strong wals fall downe, wherein thou trustedst in all the land: and he shal besiege thee in all thy ‖ cities thorowout all thy land, which the Lorde thy God hath giuen thee.

53 * And thou shalt eate the fruit of thy bodie: euen the flesh of thy sonnes and thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath giuen thee, during the siege and straitnesse wherein thine enemies shall include thee:

54 So that the man (that is tender and exceeding dainty among you) * shalbe grieued at his brother, and at his wife, that lieth in his bosome, & at the remnant of his children, which he hath yet left,

55 For feare of giuing vnto any of them of the flesh of his children, whom he shall eat, because hee hath nothing left him in that siege and straitnesse, wherewith thine enemies shall besiege thee in all thy cities.

56 The tender and dainty t woman among you, which neuer would venture to set the sole of her foote vpon the ground (for her softnesse and tenderneslie) shalbe grieued at her husband that lieth in her bosome, and at her sonne and at her daughter,

57 And at * her afterbirth (that shal come out from betweene her feete) and at her children, which shee shall beare: for when all things lacke, she shall eate them secretly, during the siege and straitnes, wherewith thine enemie shall besiege thee in thy cities.

58 ¶ If thou wilt not keepe and doe * all the words of this Lawe (that are written in this booke) and feare this glorious & feareful Name, THE LORD THY GOD,

59 Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, euen great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore diseases and of long durance.

60 Moreouer, he will bring vpon thee all the diseases of Egypt, whereof thou wast afraid, and they shall cleaue vnto thee.

61 And euery sicknesse, and euery plague, which is not * written in the booke of this Lawe, will the Lord heape vpon thee, vntill thou be destroyed.

62 And yee shall be left fewe in number, where ye were as the * starres of heauen in multitude, because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.

63 And as the Lorde hath reioyced ouer you, to doe you good, and to multiply you, so he will reioyce ouer you, to destroy you, and bring you to nought, and yee shall be rooted out of the land, whither thou goest to possesse it.

64 And the Lord shal y scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the world vnto the other, and there thou shalt serue other gods, which thou hast not knowen nor thy fathers, euen wood and stone.

65 Also among these nations thou shalt finde

o When they shall returne from their captiuitie.

p As he did Manasseh, Ioachim Zedekias and others.

Ierr. 24.9. and 25.9. 2. king 9.7. Mich. 6.15. hagg. 1.6.

‖ Or, be shaken before they be ripe.

q Vnder one kind he conteineth all the vermine which destroy the fruits of the land: and this is an euident token of Gods curse.

r Gods plagues shall be euident signes that he is offended with thee.

‖ Or, barbarous, cruell, or vnpudent.

‖ Or, first borne of thy bullocks.

‖ Or, gates.

Leuit. 26 29. 2. king. 6.29. Lament. 4.10. baruk. 2.3.

Chap. 15 9.

s As came to passe in the daies of Ioram king of Israel, 2. king. 6. 29. and when the Romanes besieged Ierusalem.

t Hunger shall so bite her, that she shalbe ready to eat her child before it be deliuered.

u For he that offendeth in one is guiltie of all, Iames 2. 10.

x Declaring that God hath infinite meanes to plague the wicked besides them that are ordinarie or written.

Chap. 10. 22.

y Signifying, that it is a singular gift of God to be in a place whereas we may worship God purely, & declare our faith and religion.

finde no rest, neither shall the sole of thy foot haue rest: but the Lord shall giue thee there a trembling heart, and fooking to weerie till thine eyes fail out, and a sorowfull mind.

66 And thy life shall hang before thee, and thou shalt feare both night and day, and shalt haue none assurance of thy life.

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were euening, and at euening thou shalt say, Would God it were morning, for the feare of thine heart, which thou shalt feare, and for the sight of thine eyes, which thou shalt see.

68 And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with [z] ships by the way, whereof I said vnto thee, Thou shalt see it no more againe: and there ye shall sell your selues vnto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and there shalbe no buyer.

CHAP. XXIX.

The people are exhorted to obserue the Commandements. 10 The whole people from the highest to the lowest, are comprehended vnder Gods couenant. 19 The punishment of him that flattereth himselfe in his wickednes. 24 The cause of Gods wrath against his people.

THese are the [a] wordes of the Couenant, which the Lord commaunded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the Couenant which he had made with them in [b] Horeb.

2 ¶ And Moses called all Israel, & said vnto them, Ye haue seene all that the Lord did before your eyes in the lande of Egypt vnto Pharaoh, and vnto all his seruants, and vnto all his land,

3 The [c] great tentations which thine eyes haue seene, those great miracles and wonders:

4 Yet the Lord hath not [d] giuen you an heart to perceiue, and eyes to see, and eares to heare, vnto this day.

5 And I haue led you fourtie yere in the wildernesse: your clothes are not waxed old vpon you: neither is thy shoe waxed olde vpon thy foot.

6 Ye haue eaten no [e] bread, neither drunke wine, nor strong drinke, that ye might know, how that I am the Lord your God.

7 After, ye came vnto this place, and Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan came out against vs vnto battell, and we slewe them,

8 And tooke their land, and gaue it for an inheritance vnto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh.

9 [f] Keepe therefore the wordes of this Couenant, and doe them, that ye may prosper in all that ye shall doe.

10 Ye stand this day euery one of you before the Lord your [g] God: your heads of your tribes, your Elders and your officers, euen the men of Israel:

11 Your children, your wiues, and thy stranger that is in thy campe, frō the hewer of thy wood, vnto the drawer of thy water,

12 That thou shouldest [h] passe into the couenant of the Lord thy God, and into his othe which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day,

13 For to establish thee this day a people vnto himselfe, and that he may be vnto thee a God, as he hath said vnto thee, and as he hath sworne vnto thy fathers, Abraham, Isahak, and Iaakob.

14 Neither make I this couenant, and this othe with you onely,

15 But alwell with him that standeth here with vs this day before the Lord our God, as with him [i] that is not here with vs this day.

16 For ye know how we haue dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we passed throwe the midst of the nations which ye passed by.

17 And yee haue seene their abominations, and their idoles (wood, and stone, siluer and gold) which were among them,

18 That there should not be among you man nor woman, nor familie, nor tribe, which should turne his heart away this day from the Lord our God, to goe and serue the gods of these nations, and that there should not bee among you [k] any roote that bringeth forth gall and wormewood,

19 So that when hee heareth the wordes of this curse, he [l] blesse himselfe in his heart, saying, I shall haue peace, although I walke according to the stubbornes of mine owne heart, thus adding [m] drunkennesse to thirst.

20 The Lord will not be mercifull vnto him, but then the wrath of the Lord and his iealousie shall smoke against that man, and euery curse that is written in this booke, shall lighe vpon him, and the Lord shal put out his name from vnder heauen.

21 And the Lord shall separate him vnto euill out of all the tribes of Israel, according vnto all the curses of the Couenant, that is written in the booke of this Law.

22 So that the [n] generation to come, euen your children, that shall rise vp after you, and the stranger that shal come from a farre land, shal say, when they shall see the plagues of this land, and the diseases thereof, wherewith the Lord shall smite it:

23 (For all that land shal burne with brimstone and salt: it shal not be sowen, nor bring foorth, nor any grasse shall growe therein, like as in the ouerthrowing of [o] Sodome and Gomorah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord ouerthrew in his wrath and in his anger)

24 Then shall all nations say, [p] Wherefore hath the Lord done thus vnto this land? how fierce is this his great wrath?

25 And they shall answere, Because they haue forsaken the Couenant of the Lorde God of their fathers, which hee had made with them, when hee brought them out of the land of Egypt,

26 And went and serued other gods, and worshipped them: euen gods which they knewe not, and [q] which had giuen them nothing,

27 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was hote against this land, to bring vpon it euery curse that is written in this booke.

28 And the Lord hath rooted them out of their lande in anger, and in wrath, and in

[z] Because they were vnmindfull of that miracle, when the Sea gaue place for them to passe thorow.

[a] That is, the articles, or conditions.

[b] At the first giuing of the Law, which was fortie yeres before.

[c] The proofes of my power.

[d] He sheweth that it is not in mans power to vnderstand the mysteries of God, if it be not giuen him from aboue.

[e] Made by mans arte, but Manna, which is called the bread of Angels.

Chap. 4. 6. 1 King. 2. 3.

[f] Who knoweth your hearts, and therefore ye may not think to dissemble with him.

[g] Alluding to them, that when they made a sure couenant, diuided a beast in twaine, and past betweene the parts diuided, *Gen. 15. 10.*

[h] Meaning, their posteritie.

[i] Such sinne, as the bitter fruit thereof might choke and destroy you. *Acts 2. 23.*

[k] *Or, flatter.*

[l] For as he that is thirstie, desireth to drinke much, so he that foloweth his appetites, seeketh by all meanes, and yet cannot be satisfied.

[m] Gods plagues vpon them that rebell against him, shall be so strange, that all ages shalbe astonied.

Gen. 19. 24, 25.

1. King. 9. 8. Ierem. 22. 8.

[n] *Or, which had not giuen them a land to possesse.*

great indignation, and hath cast them into another land, as appeareth this day.

29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things reuealed belong vnto vs, and to our children for euer, that wee may doe all the words of this Law.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Mercy shewed when they repent. 6 The Lord doeth circumcise the heart. 11 All excuse of ignorance is taken away. 15. 19 Life and death is set before them. 20 The Lord is their life which obey him.

NOwe when all these things shall come vpon thee, either the blessing or the curse which I haue set before thee, and thou shalt [a] turne into thine heart among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driuen thee,

2 And shalt returne vnto the Lord thy God, and obey his voyce in all that I commaund thee this day: thou, and thy children with all thine [b] heart and with all thy soule,

3 Then the Lord thy God will cause thy captiues to returne, and haue compassion vpon thee, and will returne, to gather thee out of all the people, where the Lord thy God had scattered thee.

4 Though thou were‖t cast vnto the vtmost part of [c] heauen, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he [d] take thee.

5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the lande which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possesse it, and hee will shew thee fauour, and will multiplie thee aboue thy fathers.

6 And the Lord thy God will [e] circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seede, that thou mayest loue the Lorde thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, that thou mayest liue.

7 And the Lord thy God will lay all these curses vpon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, and persecute thee.

8 [f] Returne thou therefore, and obey the voyce of the Lord, and do all his commandements, which I command thee this day.

9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in euery worke of thine hand, in the fruit of thy bodie, and in the fruit of thy cattell, and in the fruit of the lande for thy wealth: for the Lord will turne againe and [g] reioyce ouer thee to doe thee good, as hee reioyced ouer thy fathers,

10 Because thou shalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God, in keeping his commandements, & his ordinances, which are written in the booke of this Lawe, when thou shalt returne vnto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule.

11 ¶ For this commaundement which I commaund thee this day, is [h] not hid from thee, neither is it farre off.

12 It is not in heauen, that thou shouldest say, [i] Who shall goe vp for vs to heauen, and bring it vs, and cause vs to heare it, that we may doe it?

13 Neither is it beyonde the [i] Sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall goe ouer the sea for vs, and bring it vs, and cause vs to heare it, that we may doe it?

14 But the [k] worde is very neere vnto thee: euen in thy mouth and in thine heart, [l] to doe it.

15 Beholde, I haue set before thee this day life and good, death and euill,

16 In that I commaund thee this day, [m] to loue the Lord thy God, to walke in his wayes, and to keepe his commandements, and his ordinances, and his lawes, that thou mayest [n] liue & be multiplied, and that the Lorde thy God may blesse thee in the land whither thou goest to possesse it.

17 But if thine heart turne away, so that thou wilt not obey, but shalt bee seduced, and worship other gods, and serue them,

18 I pronounce vnto you this day, that yee shall surely perish, yee shall not prolong your dayes in the land, whither thou passest ouer Iorden to possesse it.

19 [o] I call heauen and earth to record this day against you, that I haue set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore [p] chuse life, that both thou and thy seed may liue,

20 By louing the Lord thy God, by obeying his voyce, and by cleauing vnto him: for he is thy life, & the length of thy dayes: that thou maiest dwel in the land which the Lord sware vnto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaak, and Iaakob, to giue them.

CHAP. XXXI.

2. 7 Moses preparing himself to die, appointeth Ioshua to rule the people. 9 He giueth the Law to the Leuites, that they should reade it to the people. 19 God giueth them a song as a witnesse betweene him and them. 23 God confirmeth Ioshua. 29 Moses sheweth them that they will be ball after his death.

THen Moses went and spake these words vnto all Israel,

2 And said vnto them, I am an hundred and twentie yeere olde this day: I [a] can no more goe out and in: also the Lorde hath said vnto me, [*] Thou shalt not goe ouer this Iorden.

3 The Lord thy God he will go ouer before thee: hee will destroy these nations before thee, and thou shalt possesse them. [*] Iosh. 1. hee shall goe before thee, as the Lorde hath said.

4 And the Lord shall doe vnto them, as hee did to [*] Sihon and to Og kings of the Amorites, and vnto their land, whom hee destroyed.

5 And the Lord shall giue them [b] before you, that yee may doe vnto them according vnto euery commandement, which I haue commanded you.

6 ¶ Plucke vp your hearts therefore, and be strong: dread not nor bee afraid of them: for the Lorde thy God himselfe doeth goe with thee: he will not faile thee, nor forsake thee.

7 ¶ And Moses called Iosh. and said vnto him in the sight of all Israel, Bee [c] of a good courage and strong: for thou shalt goe with this people vnto the lande which the Lord hath sworne vnto their fathers, to giue them, and thou shalt giue it them to inherite.

8 And

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m Moses hereby reproueth their curiositie, which seek those things that are onely knowen to God: and their negligence that regard not that which God hath reuealed vnto them, as the Law.

a By calling to remembrance, both his mercies, and his plagues.

b In true repentance is no hypocrisie.

c Euen to the worlds end.

d And bring thee into thy countrey.

e God wil purge all thy wicked affections which ching is not in thine own power to doe.

f If we wil haue God to worke in vs with his holy Spirit, we must turne againe to him by repentance.

g He meaneth not that God is subiect to these passions, to reioyce, or to be sad: but he vseth this maner of speech, to declare the loue that he beareth vnto vs.

h The Law is so euident, that none can pretend ignorance. Rom 10.6.

i By heauen and the sea, hee meaneth places most farre distant.

k Euen the Law and the Gospel.

l By faith in Christ.

m So that to loue and obey God, is onely life and felicitie.

n Hee addeth these promises to signifie that it is for our profite that wee loue him, and not for his.

Chap. 4.26.

o That is, loue it obey God: which thing is not in mans power, but Gods Spirit only worketh it in his elect.

a I can no longer execute mine office. Num. 20.12. chap 3.26.

Num 27.18.

Num. 21.24.

b Into your hands. Chap. 7.2.

[*] Or, be of good courage.

c For hee that must gouerne the people hath need to be valiant to represse vice, and constant to maintaine vertue.

d Signifying that man can neuer be of good courage, except he be perswaded of Gods fauour and assistance.

8 And the Lorde himselfe doeth d go before thee: he will be with thee: he will not faile thee, neither forsake thee: feare not therefore, nor be discomforted.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote this Law, and deliuered it vnto the Priestes the sonnes of Leui, (which bare the arke of the Couenant of the Lorde) and vnto all the Elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commaunded them, saying, * Euery seuenth yeere * when the yeere of freedome shall bee in the feast of the Tabernacles:

11 When all Israel shall come to appeare e before the Lorde thy God in the place which he shall chuse, thou shalt reade this Lawe before all Israel that they may heare it.

12 Gather the people together: men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may heare, and that they may learne, and feare the Lorde your God, and keepe, and obserue all the words of this Law,

13 And that their children which f haue not knowen it, may heare it, and learne to feare the Lord your God, as long as ye liue in the lande, whither ye goe ouer Iorden to possesse it.

14 ¶ Then the Lorde sayd vnto Moses, Behold, thy dayes are come, that thou must die: Call Ioshua and stand yee in the Tabernacle of the Congregation that I may giue him a ‖ charge. So Moses and Ioshua went, and stoode in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

15 And the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle, in the pillar of a g cloude: and the pillar of the cloude stood ouer the doore of the Tabernacle.

16 ¶ And the Lorde sayd vnto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleepe with thy fathers, and this people will rise vp, and goe a whoring after the Gods of a strange land (whither they goe to dwell therein) and will forsake mee, and breake my couenant which I haue made with them.

17 Wherefore my wrath will waxe hote against them at that day, and I will forsake them, and will h hide my face from them: then they shall be consumed, and many aduersities and tribulations shall come vpon them: so that they will say, Are not these troubles come vpon me, because God is not with me?

18 But I will surely hide my face in that day, because of all the euill, which they shall commit, in that they are turned vnto other gods.

19 Now therefore write yee this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouthes, that this song may bee my witnesse against the children of Israel.

20 For I will bring them into the lande (which I sware vnto their fathers) that floweth with milke and honye, and they shal eate, and fill themselues, and waxe fatte: then shall they turne vnto other gods, and serue them, and contemne mee, and breake my couenant.

21 And then when many aduersities and tribulations shall come vpon them, this song shall i answere them to their face, as a witnesse: for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouthes of their posteritie: for I know their imagination, which they goe about to doe nowe, before I haue brought them into the land which I sware.

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 And God gaue Ioshua the sonne of Nun a charge, and sayd, Be strong, and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring y children of Israel into the land, which I sware vnto them, and I will be with thee.

24 ¶ And when Moses had made an ende of writing the words of this Law in a booke vntill he had finished them,

25 Then Moses commaunded the Leuites, which bare the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord, saying,

26 Take the booke of this Law, and put ye it in the side of the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord your God, that it may bee there for a k witnesse against thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion & thy stiffe necke: beholde, I bring yet alyue with you this day, ye are rebellious against the Lorde: how much more then after my death?

28 Gather vnto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speake these words in their audience, and call heauen and earth to record against them.

29 For I am sure that after my death ye will vtterly be corrupt, and turne from the way, which I haue commanded you: therefore euill will come vpon you at the length, because ye will commit euill in the sight of the Lorde, by prouoking him to anger through the * worke of your hands.

30 Thus Moses spake in the audience of all the Congregation of Israel the words of this song, vntill he had ended them.

CHAP. XXXII.

7 The song of Moses concerning Gods benefites toward the people, 15 and their ingratitude towards him. 30 God reproueth them, 31 and speaketh of the vocation of the Gentiles. 46 Moses commandeth to teach the Lawe to the children. 49 God foretolde Moses of his death.

HEarken ye heauens, and I will speake: and let the earth heare the words of my mouth.

2 My b doctrine shall drop as the raine, and my speech shall fall as the dewe, as the shoure vpon the herbs, & as the great raine vpon the grasse.

3 For I will publish the Name of the Lorde: giue ye glory to our God.

4 Perfect is the worke of the c mightie God, for all his wayes are iudgement: God is true, and without wickednesse: iust, and righteous is he.

5 They haue corrupted themselues toward him by their vice, not being his children; but a frowarde and crooked generation.

6 Doe ye so reward the Lord, O foolish

L iiii. people,

d That is, I will take my fauour from them: as to turne his face toward vs, is to shew vs his fauour.

e Before the Arke of the couenant which was the signe of Gods presence, and the figure of Christ.

Nehemiah 8.2. Chap. 15.1.

f Which were not borne when the Law was giuen.

Or, commandement.

g In a cloud that was fashioned like a pillar.

h That is, I will take my fauour from them: as to turne his face toward vs, is to shew vs his fauour.

i To preserue you and your children from idolatry, by remembring Gods benefites.

k For this is the nature of flesh, no longer to obey God, then it is vnder the rod.

l That these euils are come vpon them, because they forlooke me.

Iosh. 1.6.

m Of thine infidelitie, when thou shalt turne away from the doctrine contained therein.

n As gouernors, iudges, and magistrates.

o By idolatrie, and worshipping of images, which are the works of your hands.

a As witnesses of this peoples ingratitude.

b He desireth that he may speake to Gods glory, and that the people, as the greene grasse, may receiue the dewes of his doctrine.

c The Ebrewe word is Rocke, noting that God onely is mightie, faithfull, and constant in his promise.

people and vnwise? is not he thy father, that hath bought thee? he hath * made thee, and prepoſitioned thee.

d Not according to the common creation, but he hath made thee a new creature by his Spirit.

7 ¶ Remember the dayes of olde: conſider the yeeres of ſo many generations: aske thy father, and he will ſhew thee: thine Elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the moſt hie God diuided to the nations their inheritance, when hee ſeparated the ſonnes of Adam, hee appoynted the borders of the * people, according to the number of the children of Iſrael.

e When God by his prouidence deuided the world, he lent for a time that portion to the Canaanites, which ſhould after be an inheritance for all his people Iſrael.

9 For the Lordes portion is his people: Iaakob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found them in the land of the wilderneſſe, in a waſte and roaring wilderneſſe: he led him about, hee taught him, and kept him as the appl[e] of his eye.

11 As an Egle ſtirreth vp her neſt, flootereth ouer her birdes, ſtretcheth out her wings, taketh them, and beareth them on her wings,

f To teach them to flie.

12 So the Lorde alone led him, and there was no ‖ ſtrange god with him.

‖ Or, god of ſtrange nation.

13 He caried him vp to the hie places of the ‡ earth, that hee might eat the fruites of the fieldes, and he cauſed him to ſucke honey out of the ſtone, and oyle out of the harde rocke:

g Meaning of the land of Canaan, which was hie in reſpect of Egypt.

14 Butter of kine, and milke of sheepe with fat of the lambes, and rammes fed in Bathan, and goates, with the fatte of the graines of wheate, and the red ‡ licour of the grape haſt thou drunke.

h That is, abundance of all things euen in the very rockes.

‡ Ebr. blood.

15 ¶ But he that ſhould haue bin vpright, when he waxed fat, ſpurned with his heele: thou art fatte, thou art groſſe, thou art laden with fatneſſe: therefore hee forſooke God that made him, and regarded not the ſtrong God of his ſalnation.

i He ſheweth what is the principall ende of our vocation.

16 They prouoked him with * ſtrange gods: they prouoked him to anger with abominations.

k By changing his ſeruice for their ſuperſtitions.

17 They offred vnto deuils, not to God, but to Gods whome they knew not: † newe gods that came newly vp, whom their fathers feared not.

l Scripture calleth new, whatſoeuer man inuenteth, be the error neuer ſo olde.

18 Thou haſt forgotten the mighty God, that begate thee, and haſt forgotten God that formed thee.

19 The Lord then ſaw it, and was angry for the prouocation of his * ſonnes and of his daughters.

m He calleth them Gods children, not to honour them, but to ſhew them from what dignitie they are fallen. Rom. 10.19.

20 And he ſayd, I will hide my face from them: I will ſee what their end ſhall be: for they are a froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

21 They haue moued me to ielouſie with that which is not God: they haue prouoked mee to anger with their vanities: * and I will moue them to ielouſie with thoſe which are no * people: I will prouoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

a Which I haue not fauored, nor giuen my lawes vnto them.

22 For fire is kindled in my wrath, and ſhal burne vnto the bottome of hell, and ſhal conſume the earth with her increaſe, and ſet on fire the foundations of the mountaines.

23 I will ſpend plagues vpon them: I will beſtow mine arrowes vpon them.

24 They ſhall be burnt with hunger, and conſumed with heate, and with bitter deſtruction: I will alſo ſend the teeth of beaſts vpon them, with the venime of ſerpents creeping in the duſt.

o They ſhall be ſlaine both in the field and at home.

25 The ſword ſhall * kill them without, and in the chambers feare: both the young man & the yong woman, the ſuckling with the man of gray haire.

26 I haue ſaid, I would ſcatter them abroad: I would make their remembrance to ceaſe from among men,

27 Saue that I feared the furie of the enemie, leaſt their aduerſaries ſhould † waxe proude, and leaſt they ſhould ſay, Our hie hand, and not the Lord hath done all this.

p Reioycing to ſee the godly afflicted, and attributing that to themſelues, which is wrought by Gods hand.

28 For they are a nation voyde of counſell, neither is there any vnderſtanding in them.

29 Oh that they were wiſe, then they would vnderſtand this: they would * conſider their latter end.

q They would conſider the felicitie that was prepared for them, if they had obeyed God.

30 How ſhould * one chaſe a thouſand, and two put ten thouſand to flight, except their ſtrong God had ſolde them, and the Lord had ‖ ſhut them vp?

Joſh. 23.10.

‖ Or, deliuered them to their enemie.

31 For their god is not as our God, euen our enemies being iudges.

r The fruites of the wicked are as poyſon, deteſtable to God, and dangerous for man.

32 For their vine is of † vine of Sodome, and of the vines of Gomorah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their cluſters be bitter.

Eccluſ. 28.1. rom 12.19. heb. 10.30.

33 Their * wine is the poyſon of dragons, and the cruell gall of Aſpes.

34 Is not this layed in ſtore with mee, and ſealed vp among my treaſures?

35 * Vengeance & recompenſe are mine: their foot ſhall ſlide in due time: for the day of their deſtruction is at hande, and the things that ſhall come vpon them, make haſte.

‖ Or, change his minde.

36 For the Lorde ſhall iudge his people, and repent towardes his ſeruaunts, when he ſeeth that their power is gone, and none that vp in hold nor left abroad.

f When neither ſtrong nor weake in a maner remaine.

37 Then men ſhall ſay, Where are their gods, their mightie God in whome they truſted,

38 Which did eate the fat of their ſacrifices, and did drinke the wine of their drinke offering? let them riſe vp, and helpe you: let him be your refuge.

39 Behold now, for I, I am he, & there is no gods with me: * I kill and giue life: I woumde, and I make whole: * neither is there any that can deliuer out of mine hand.

1 Sam. 2.6. 2 ch. 13.2. Wiſd. 16.13.

40 For I † lift vp mine hand to heauen, and ſay, I liue for ever.

t That is, I ſweare, reade Gen. 14.22.

41 If I whet my glittering ſword, and mine hande take holde on iudgement, I will execute vengeance on mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrowes drunke with blood, (and my ſword ſhall eate fleſh) for the blood of the ſlaine, and of the captiues, when I beginne to take vengeance of the enemie.

Rom 15.10.

u Whether the blood of Gods people be ſhed for their ſinnes, or triall of their faith, he promiſeth to reuenge it.

43 * Reioyce nations, prayſe his people: for he will auenge the * blood of his ſeruaunts, and will execute vengeance vpon his aduerſaries, and will be mercifull vnto his land, & to his people.

44 ¶ Then

44 ¶ Then Moses came and spake all the wordes of this song in the audience of the people, he and ‖ Hoshea the sonne of Nun.

45 When Moses had made an ende of speaking all these wordes to all Israel,

46 Then he sayd vnto them, * Set your heartes vnto all the wordes which I testifie against you this day, that ye may commaund them vnto your children, that they may obserue and doe all the wordes of this Law.

47 For it is no x vaine word concerning you, but it is your life, and by this word yee shall prolong your dayes in the lande, whither ye goe ouer Iorden to possesse it.

48 * And the Lord spake vnto Moses the selfe same day, saying,

49 Goe vp into this mountaine of Abarim, vnto the mount Nebo, which is in the lande of Moab, that is ouer against Iericho: and behold the land of Canaan, which I giue vnto the children of Israel for a possession,

50 And die in the mount which thou goest vp vnto, and thou shalt be * gathered vnto thy people, * as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered vnto his people,

51 Because ye * trespassed against me among the children of Israel, at the waters ‖ of Meribah, at Kadesh in the wildernesse of Zin: for ye y sanctified me not among the children of Israel.

52 Thou shalt therefore see the land before thee, but shalt not goe thither, I meane, into the lande which I giue the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Moses before his death blesseth all the tribes of Israel.* 26 *There is no God like to the God of Israel:* 29 *Nor any people like vnto his.*

NOw this is the a blessing wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death, and sayd,

2 The Lord came from Sinai, and rose vp from Seir vnto them, & appeared clearely from mount Paran, and hee came with ten b thousands of Saints, and at his right hand a fiery Law for them.

3 Though hee loue the people, yet c all thy Saints are in thine handes: and they are humbled at d thy feete, to receiue thy wordes.

4 Moses commaunded vs a Law for an e inheritance of the Congregation of Iaakob.

5 Then ‖ he was among the f righteous people, as King, when the heads of the people, and the tribes of Israel were assembled.

6 ¶ Let g Reuben line, & not die, though his men be a small number.

7 ¶ And this he blessed Iudah, and said, Heare, O Lord, the voyce of Iudah, and bring him vnto his people: his hands shall bee h sufficient for him, if thou helpe him against his enemies.

8 ¶ And of Leui he said, Let thy * Thummim and thine Urim bee with thine holy one whom thou didst proue in Massah, and didst cause him to striue at the waters of Meribah.

9 Who sayd vnto his father and to his mother, * I haue not seene him, neither knewe he his brethren, nor knew his owne children: for they obserued thy worde, and kept thy couenant.

10 They shall teach Iaakob thy iudgements, and Israel thy Law: they shall put incense before thy face, and the burnt offering vpon thine altar.

11 Blesse, O Lord, his substance, and accept the worke of his handes: i smite thorow the loynes of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not againe.

12 ¶ Of Beniamin he said, The beloued of the Lord shall k dwell in safetie by him: the Lord shall couer him all the day long, and dwell betweene his shoulders.

13 ¶ And of Ioseph hee sayd, Blessed of the Lord is his lande, for the sweetenesse of heauen, for the dewe, and for the ‖ depth lying beneath,

14 And for the sweet increase of the sunne, and for the sweete increase of the moone,

15 And for the sweetnesse of the top of the ancient mountaines, and for the sweetnesse of the olde hilles,

16 And for the sweetnes of the earth, and aboundance therof: and the good wil of him that dwelt in the l bush, shall come vpon the head of Ioseph, and vpon the toppe of the head of him that was * separated from his brethren.

17 His beautie shall be like his first borne bullocke, and his ‖ hornes as the hornes of the Vnicorne: with them he shall smite the people together, euen the endes of the world: these are also the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these are the thousands of Manasseh.

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he sayd, Reioyce, Zebulun, in thy m going out, and thou, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people vnto the ‖ mountaine: there they shall offer the sacrifices of righteousnesse: for n they shall sucke of the aboundance of the sea, and of the treasures hid in the sand.

20 ¶ Also of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lyon, that catcheth for his praye the arme with the head.

21 And hee looked to himselfe at the beginning, because there was a portion of the * Lawgiuer hidde: yet he shall come with the heads of the people, to execute the iustice of the Lord, and his iudgements with Israel.

22 ¶ And of Dan, he said, Dan is a lyons whelpe: he shall leape from Bashan.

23 ¶ Also of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with fauour, and filled with the blessing of the Lord: possesse thou the West and the South.

24 ¶ And of Asher he sayd, Asher shall be blessed with children: he shall be acceptable vnto his brethren, and shall dip his foote in oyle.

25 Thy shooes shall be ‖ yron and brasse, and

a This blessing conteineth not onely a simple prayer, but an assurance of the effect thereof.
b Meaning, infinite Angels.
c Ebr. his saints, that is, the children of Israel.
d As thy disciples.
e To vs and our successours.
‖ Or, Moses.
f Or, Israel.
f Reuben shalbe one of the tribes of Gods people, though for his sinne his honour be diminished and his familie but small.
g Signifying that he should hardly obteine Iaakobs promes. Ge. 49.8
Exod. 28. 30.
h He preferred Gods glory to all naturall affection, Exod. 32. 29.
i He declareth that the ministers of God haue many enemies, and therefore haue neede to be prayed for.
k Because the Temple should be built in Zion, which was in the tribe of Beniamin, he sheweth that God should dwell with him there.
‖ Or, fountaines.
l Which was, God appearing vnto Moses, Exod 3 2.
‖ Or, strength.
m In thy prosperous voyages vpon the sea, Gene. 49. 13.
‖ Or, mount Zion.
n The tribe of of Zebulun.
o So that the portion of the Gadites and others on this side Iorden, was Gods, though it was not so knowen.
p Meaning, neere the sea.
q Thou shalt be strong, or thy countrey full of mettall. It seemeth that Asher is left out because he was vnder Iudah, and his portion of his inheritance, Iosh. 19. 3.

Deut. 10. 8. Leuit. 8. 8. Exod. 28. 30.
Deut. 6. 6. and 11. 18.
x For I wil performe my promise vnto you, Isa. 55. 10. Numb. 27. 12.
Gene. 25. 8. Num. 20. 25, 28. and 33. 38.
Num. 20. 12, 13. and 27 14.
‖ Or, strife.
y Ye were not earnest and constant to maintaine mine honour.
Or, Moses blessing

and thy strength shall continue as long as thou liuest.

26 ¶ There is none like God, O righteous people, which rideth vpon the heauens for thine helpe, & on the cloudes in his glory.

27 The eternall God is thy refuge, and vnder his armes thou art for euer: he shall cast out the enemie before thee, and will say, Destroy them.

28 Then Israel r the fountaine of Iaakob shall dwell alone in safetie in a lande of wheate, and wine: also his heauens shall drop the dewe.

29 Blessed art thou, O Israel: who is like vnto thee, O people saued by the Lorde, the shielde of thine helpe, and which is the swoorde of thy glory? therefore f thine enemies shall be in subiection to thee, and thou shalt tread vpon their hie places.

r Who was plentifull in issue as a fountaine.

f Thine enemies for feare shall lie and faine to be in subiection.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 *Moses seeth all the land of Canaan.* 5 *He dieth.* 8 *Israel weepeth.* 9 *Ioshua succeedeth in Moses roome.* 10 *The praise of Moses.*

THen Moses went from the plaine of Moab vp into mount a Nebo vnto the top of Pisgah that is ouer against Jericho: and the Lord shewed him * all the lande of Gilead, vnto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Iudah, vnto the vtmost b Sea:

3 And the South, and the plaine of the valley of Jericho, the citie of palme trees, vnto Zoar.

4 And the Lord said vnto him, * This is the land which I sware vnto Abraham, to Izhake to Iaakob, saying, I will giue it vnto thy seede: I haue caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go ouer thither.

5 So Moses the seruant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

6 And * he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab ouer against Beth-peor, but no man knoweth of his sepulchre vnto * this day.

7 Moses was now an hundreth & twentie yeere olde when he died, his eye was not dimme, nor his naturall force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plaine of Moab thirtie dayes: so the dayes of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And * Ioshua the sonne of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdome: for Moses had put his handes vpon him. And the children of Israel were obedient vnto him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 But there arose not a Prophet since in Israel like vnto Moses (whom the Lord knew f face to face)

11 In all the miracles & wonders which the Lord sent him to doe in the lande of Egypt before Pharaoh and before all his seruants, and before all his land,

12 And in all that mighty g hand and all that great feare, which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.

Moses dieth the Land of Canaan

a Which was a part of mount Abarim, Num. 27.12. *Chap.* 3.27. 2. *mac.* 2.4.

b Called Mediterraneum.

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The booke of Ioshua.

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IN this booke the holy Ghost setteth most liuely before our eyes the accomplishment of Gods promise, who as he promised by the mouth of Moses, that a Prophet should be raised vp vnto the people like vnto him, whom he willeth to obey, Deut. 18.15: so he sheweth himselfe here true in his promise, as at all other times, and after the death of Moses his faithfull seruant, he raiseth vp Ioshua to be ruler & gouernor ouer his people, that neither they should be discouraged for lacke of a captaine, nor haue occasion to distrust Gods promises hereafter. And because that Ioshua might be confirmed in his vocation, and the people also might haue none occasion to grudge, as though he were not approued of God: he is adorned with most excellent gifts and graces of God, both to gouerne the people with counsel, and to defend them with strength, that he lacked nothing which either belonged to a valiant captaine, or a faithfull minister. So he ouercommeth all difficulties, and bringeth them into the land of Canaan: the which according to Gods ordinance hee diuideth among the people and appointeth their borders: he establisheth lawes and ordinances, and putteth them in remembrance of Gods manifold benefites, assuring them of his grace and fauour, if they obey God, and contrariwise of his plagues and vengeance if they disobey him. This historie doeth represent Iesus Christ the true Ioshua, who leadeth vs into eternall felicitie, which is signified vnto vs by this land of Canaan. From the beginning of the Genesis to the ende of this booke are conteined 2576. yeres. For from Adam vnto the flood are 1656. from the flood vnto the departure of Abraham out of Caldea, 423. and from thence to the death of Ioseph 290. So that the Genesis conteineth 2369. Exodus 140. the other three bookes of Moses 40. Ioshua 27. So the whole make 2576. yeeres.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The Lord encourageth Ioshua to inuade the land.* 4 *The borders & limits of the land of the Israelites.* 5 *The Lord promiseth to assist Ioshua, if he obey his word.* 12 *Ioshua commandeth the people to prepare them selues to passe ouer Iordan,* 12 *and exhorteth the Reubenites to execute their charge.*

a The beginning of this booke dependeth on § last Chapter of Deut. which was written by Ioshua as a preparation to his historie.

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AFter the death of Moses the seruant of the Lord, the Lord spake vnto Ioshua the sonne of Nun, Moses minister, saying,

2 Moses my seruant is dead: now therefore arise, goe ouer this Iorden, thou and all this people vnto the lande which I giue them, that is, to the children of Israel.

3 * Euery place that the sole of your foote shall tread vpon, haue I giuen you, as I said vnto Moses.

4 * From the b wildernesse, and this Lebanon euen vnto the great riuer, the riuer ‖ Perath: all the lande of the c Hittites, euen vnto the great d Sea toward the

Gene. 12.7. and 13.15.

c To wit, the Angel of the Lord, Iude 9.

d That the Iewes might not haue occasion thereby to commit idolatrie.

e Hereby appeareth the fauor of God, that leaueth not his Church destitute of a gouernour.

f Vnto whom the Lord did reueile himselfe so plainely, Exod. 33.11.

g Meaning, the power of God working by Moses in the wildernesse.

Chap. 14.9. *Deut.* 11.24.

b Of Zin, called Kadesh & Paran.

‖ *Or, Euphrates.*

c Meaning the whole land of Canaan.

d Called Mediterraneum.

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the going downe of the sunne, shall bee your coast.

5 There shal not a man be able to withstand thee all the dayes of thy life: as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: * I will not leaue thee nor forsake thee.

6 * Be strong and of a good courage: for vnto this people shalt thou diuide the lande for an inheritance, which I sware vnto their fathers to giue them.

7 Onely be thou strong, ‖ & of a most valiant courage, that thou mayest obserue and doe according to all the Law which Moses my seruant hath commanded thee: * thou shalt not turne away from it to the right hand, nor to the left, that thou mayest * prosper whithersoeuer thou goest.

8 Let not this booke of the Law depart out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and ‖ night, that thou mayest obserue and doe according to all that is written therein: for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou ‖ haue good successe.

9 Haue not I commanded thee, saying, Be strong, and of a good courage, feare not, nor be discouraged? for I the Lord thy God will be with thee, whithersoeuer thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Iosh commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Passe thorow the hoste, and command the people, saying, Prepare you vitailes: for ‖ after three dayes yee shall passe ouer this Iorden, to goe in to possesse the land, which the Lord your God giueth you to possesse it.

12 ¶ And vnto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to halfe the tribe of Manasseh spake Iosh, saying,

13 * Remember the word, which Moses the seruaunt of the Lord commaunded you, saying, The Lord your God hath giuen you rest, and hath giuen you this * land.

14 Your wiues, your children, and your cattell shall remaine in the lande which Moses gaue you on ‖ this side Iorden: but yee shall goe ouer before your brethren armed, all that be men of warre, and shal helpe them,

15 Until the Lord haue giuen your brethren rest, as wel as to you, and vntill they also shall possesse the lande, which the Lorde your God giueth them: then shal ye returne vnto the lande of your possession and shall possesse it, which land Moses the Lords seruaunt ‖ gaue you on this side Iorden, toward the sunne rising.

16 Then they answered Iosh, saying, All that thou hast commaunded vs, we will doe, and whithersoeuer thou sendest vs, wee will goe.

17 As wee obeyed Moses in all things, * so will we obey thee: onely the Lorde thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoeuer shall rebell against thy commaundement, and will not obey thy words in all that thou commaundest him, let him be put to death: onely be strong, and of good courage.

CHAP. II.

1 *Iosh sendeth men to spie Iericho, whom Rahab hideth.* 11 *Shee confesseth the God of Israel.* 22 *Shee requireth a signe for her deliuerance.* 22

The spies returne to Iosh with comfortable tidings.

THen Iosh the sonne of Nun sent out of * Shittim two men to spie secretly, saying, Goe view the land, and also Iericho: and they went, and * came into an ‖ harlots house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 Then report was made to the king of Iericho, saying, Behold, there came men hither to night, of the children of Israel, to spie out the countrey.

3 And the king of Iericho sent vnto Rahab, saying, * Bring forth the men that are come to thee, & which are entred into thine house: for they be come to search out all the land.

4 (But the woman had taken the two men, and hid them) therefore said she thus, There came men vnto me, but I wist not whence they were.

5 And when they shut the gate in the darke, the men went out, whither the men went I wote not: followe yee after them quickly, for ye shall ouertake them.

6 (But shee had brought them vp to the * roofe of the house, and hid them with the stalkes of flaxe which she had spread abroad vpon the roofe)

7 And certaine men pursued after them, the way to Iorden, vnto the foords, and as soone as they which pursued after them, were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were asleepe, shee came vp vnto them vpon the roofe,

9 And sayd vnto the men, I know that the Lord hath giuen you the land, and that the * feare of you is fallen vpon vs, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For wee haue heard, how the Lorde * dried vp the water of the red Sea * before you, when yee came out of Egypt, and what you did vnto the two Kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Iorden, vnto * Sihon and to Og, whom yee vtterly destroyed:

11 And when we heard it, our hearts ‖ did faint, and there remained no more ‖ courage in any because of you: for * the Lord your God, he is the God in heauen aboue, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, sweare vnto me by the Lord, that as I haue shewed you mercie, yee will also shew mercie vnto my fathers house, and giue mee a true token,

13 And that yee will saue aliue my father and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they haue: and that ye will deliuer our ‖ soules from death.

14 And ‖ men answered her, ‖ Our life for you to die, if ye vtter not this our businesse: and when the Lord hath giuen vs the land, we will deale mercifully & truely with thee.

15 Then shee let them downe by a corde thorow the window: for her house was vpon the towne wall, and shee dwelt vpon the wall.

16 And she said vnto them, Goe you into the ‖ mountaine, lest the pursuers meete with you, and hide your selues there three

DAYES,

Heb. 13.5.

Deut. 31.23.

‖ Or, grow stronger and stronger, Deut. 5.32. and 28.14.

e He sheweth wherein consisteth true prosperitie, euen to obey the word of God.

f Shewing that it was not possible to gouerne well without continual studie of Gods word.

‖ Or, gouerne wisely.

g Meaning, from the day that this was proclaimed, Chap. 3.2.

Num. 32.20.

h Which belonged to Sihon the king of ‖ Amorites, and Og king of Bashan. ‖ Or, beyond Iorden, from Iericho.

i By your request, but yet by Gods secret appointment, Deut. 33.21.

k They do not onely promise to obey him so long as God is with him: but ‖ to helpe to punish all that rebel against him.

a Which place was in the plain of Moab neere vnto Iorden. Heb. 11.31. Iam. 2.25. ‖ Or, tauerners house or hostesse

b Though the wicked see the hand of God vpon them, yet they repent not, but seeke how they may by their power and policie resist his working.

c Meaning, vpon the house: for then their houses were flat aboue, so that they might doe their businesse thereupon.

d For so God promised, Deut. 28.7. chap. 5.1.

Exod. 14.21, 22. Chap. 4.23.

Num. 21.24.

‖ Or, melted.

‖ Or, spirit.

e Herein appeareth the great mercie of God, that in this common destruction he would draw a most miserable sinner to repent and confesse his Name.

‖ Or, liues.

f We warrant you on paine of our liues.

g Which was neere vnto the citie.

dayes, vntill the pursuers be returned: then afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said vnto her, h We will be blameless of this thine oth, which thou hast made vs sweare.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt binde this cord of red threede in the window, whereby thou letterst vs down, and thou shalt bring thy father and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy fathers houshold home to thee.

19 And whosoeuer then goeth out at the doores of thine house into the street, i his blood shalbe vpon his head, and we will bee guiltlesse: but whosoeuer shall bee with thee in the house, his blood shalbe on our head, if any hand touch him:

20 And if thou vtter this our k matter, wee will be quit of thine oth, which thou hast made vs sweare.

21 And she answered, According vnto your words so bee it: then she sent them away, and they departed, and she bound the red cord in the window.

22 ¶ And they departed, and came into the mountaine, and there abode three dayes, vntill the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountaine, and passed ouer, and came to Iosuha the sonne of Nun, and told him all things that came vnto them.

24 Also they said vnto Iosuha, Surely the Lord hath deliuered into our hands all the land: for euen all the inhabitants of the countrey faint because of vs.

CHAP. III.

Iosuha commandeth them to depart when the Arke remoueth. 7 The Lorde promiseth to exalt Iosuha before the people. 9 Iosuhas exhortation to the people. 16 The waters part asunder whiles the people passe.

THen Iosuha rose very earely, and they remooued from Shittim, and came to a Iorden, hee, and all the children of Israel, and lodged there, before they went ouer.

2 And after b three dayes the officers went thorowout the hoste,

3 And commanded the people, saying, When ye see the Arke of the couenant of the Lord your God, and the Priestes of the Leuites bearing it, yee shall depart from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shal be a space betweene you and it, about ‖two thousand cubites by measure: ye shal not come neere vnto it, that ye may know the way, by the which yee shall goe: for ye haue not gone this way in times past.

5 (Now Iosuha had sayd vnto the people, *Sanctifie your selues: for to morrowe the Lord will doe wonders among you)

6 Also Iosuha spake vnto the Priestes, saying, Take vp the Arke of the Couenant, and go ouer before the people: so they tooke vp the Arke of the Couenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ Then the Lord sayd vnto Iosuha, This day will I beginne to magnifie thee in the sight of all Israel, which shall know, that * as I was with Moses, so will I bee with thee.

8 Thou shalt therefore commaund the Priests that beare the Ark of the couenant, saying, When yee are come to the brinke of the waters of Iorden, ye shall stand still c in Iorden.

9 ¶ Then Iosuha said vnto the children of Israel, Come hither, and heare the words of the Lord your God.

10 And Iosuha sayd, d Hereby yee shall knowe that the liuing God is among you, and that he will certainely cast out before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hiuites, & the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, & the Amorites, and the Iebusites.

11 Behold, the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord of all the world passeth before you into Iorden.

12 Now therefore take from among you * twelue men out of the tribes of Israel, out of euery tribe a man.

13 And as soone as the soles of the feete of the Priestes (that beare the Arke of the Lord God the Lord of al the world) shal stay in the waters of Iorden, the waters of Iorden shalbe cut off: for the waters that come from aboue, ‖shall stand still vp on an heape.

14 ¶ Then when the people were departed from their tents to goe ouer Iorden, the Priests bearing the * Arke of the couenant, went before the people.

15 And as they that bare the Arke came vnto Iorden, & the feete of the Priests that bare the Arke were dipped in the brinke of the water, (* for Iorden vseth to fill all his f bankes all the time of harnest)

16 Then the waters that came downe from aboue, stayed and rose vpon an heape, and departed farre from the citie of Adam, that was beside Zaretan: but the waters that came downe toward the Sea of the wilderness, euen the salt Sea, failed, and were cut off: so the people went right ouer against Iericho.

17 But the Priests that bare the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord, stood dry within Iorden g ready prepared, and all the Israelites went ouer dry, vntill all the people were gone cleane ouer thorow Iorden.

CHAP. IIII.

God commaundeth Iosuha to set vp twelue stones in Iorden. 18 The waters returne to their old course. 20 Other twelue stones are set vp in Gilgal. 21 This miracle must be declared to the posteritie.

AND when all the people were wholly gone * ouer Iorden (after the Lord had spoken vnto Iosuha, saying,

2 Take you twelue men out of the people, out of euery tribe a man,

3 And command you them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Iorden, out of the place, where the Priests stood in a * readinesse, twelue stones, which ye shall take away with you, and leaue them in the b lodging, where you shall lodge this night)

4 Then Iosuha called the twelue men, whome hee had prepared of the children of

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h We shall be discharged of our othe, if thou doest performe this condition that followeth: for so shalt thou and thine be deliuered.

i He shalbe guiltie of his owne death.

k So that others should thinke to escape by the same meanes.

‖ *Or, scarlet coloured.*

l To wit, the riuer Iorden.

a Which according to the Ebrewes was in March, & about 40. dayes after Moses death.

b Which time was giuen for to prepare them vitailes, Cha. 1. 11. ‖*Or, a mile.*

Leuit. 20. 7. numb. 11. 18. chap. 7. 13. 1. sam. 16. 5.

Chap. 1. 5.

c Euen in the chanel, where the streame had run, as vers. 17.

d By this miracle in diuiding the water.

e Which should set vp twelue stones in remembrance of the benefite.

Psal. 114. 3.

Acts 7. 45.

1. Chron. 12. 15. eccles. 24. 30.

f Because the riuer was accustomed at this time to be full, the miracle is so much the greater.

g Either tarying till the people were past, or as some reade, sure, as though they had bene vpon the drie land,

Deut. 27. 2.

a As Chap. 3 17

b Meaning the place where they should campe.

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of Israel, out of euery tribe a man.

5 And Iosh. 4.5. Iosh. 4.5. Iosh. 4.5.

day I haue taken away the f shame of Egypt from you: wherefore hee called the name of that place Gilgal, vnto this day.

10 ¶ So the children of Israel abode in Gilgal, and kept the feast of the Passeouer the fourteenth day of the moneth at euen in the plaine of Iericho.

11 And they did eate of the corne of the land, on the morrow after the Passeouer, vnleauened bread, and parched corne on the same day.

12 And the MANA ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the corne of the land, neither had the children of Israel MANA any more, but did eate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that yeere.

13 ¶ And when Iosh. was by Iericho, he lift vp his eyes and looked: and beholde, there stood a *man against him hauing a sworde drawen in his hand: And Iosh. went vnto him, and said vnto him, Art thou on our side, or on our aduersaries?

14 And he said, Nay, but as a captaine of the hoste of the Lorde am I nowe come: then Iosh. fell on his face to the earth, and g did worship, and said vnto him, What saith my Lord vnto his seruant?

15 And the captaine of the Lordes hoste said vnto Iosh. *Loose thy shoe off thy foote: for the place wherein thou standest, is holy: and Iosh. did so.

CHAP. VI.

3 *The Lord instructeth Iosh. what he should doe, as touching Iericho.* 6 *Iosh. commandeth the Priests and warriours what to doe.* 20 *The walles fall.* 22 *Rahab is saued.* 24 *All is burnt saue gold and mettall,* 26 *The curse of him that buildeth the citie.*

NOw Iericho was a shut vp, and b closed, c because of the children of Israel: none might goe out nor enter in.

2 And the Lord said vnto Iosh. Behold, I haue giuen into thine hand Iericho and the king thereof, and the strong men of warre.

3 All yee therefore that be men of warre, shall compasse the citie, in going round about the citie d once: thus shall you doe sixe dayes:

4 And seuen Priestes shall beare seuen trumpets of e rammes hornes before the Arke: and the seuenth day ye shall compasse the citie seuen times, and the Priestes shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And when they make a long blast with the rammes horne, and yee heare the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shoute with a great shout: then shall the wall of the citie fall downe flat, and the people shall ascend vp, euery man streight before him.

6 ¶ Then Iosh. the sonne of Nun called the Priests and said vnto them, Take vp the Arke of the Couenant, and let seuen Priests beare seuen trumpets of rammes hornes before the Arke of the Lord.

7 But he said vnto the people, f Goe and compasse the citie: and let him that is armed, goe foorth before the Arke of the Lord.

8 ¶ And when Iosh. had spoken vnto the people, the seuen Priestes bare the seuen trumpets of rammes hornes, and went forth before the Arke of the Lord, and blewe with the trumpets, and the Arke of the couenant of the Lord followed them.

9 ¶ And the men of armes went before the Priest that blew the trumpets: then the g gathering hoste came after the Arke, as they went and blew the trumpets.

10 (Now Iosh. had commaunded the people, saying, Yee shall not shoute, neither make any noyse with your voyce, neither shall a word proceede out of your mouth, vntill the day that I say vnto you, Shoute, then shall ye shoute.)

11 So the Arke of the Lord compassed the citie, h went about it i once: then they returned into the hoste, and lodged in the campe.

12 And Iosh. rose early in the morning, and the Priests bare the Arke of the Lord:

13 Also seuen Priests bare seuen trumpets of rammeshornes, and went before the Arke of the Lord, and going, blew with the trumpets: and the men of armes went before them, but the k gathering hoste came after the Arke of the Lord, as they went and blew the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the citie once, and returned into the hoste: thus they did sixe dayes.

15 And when the seuenth day came, they rose early, euen with the dawning of the day, and compassed the citie after the same maner l seuen times: onely that day they compassed the citie seuen times.

16 And when the Priests had blowen the trumpets the seuenth time, Iosh. said vnto the people, Shoute: for the Lorde hath giuen you the citie.

17 And the citie shall bee m an execrable thing, both it, and all that are therein, vnto the Lord: onely Rahab the harlot shall liue, she, and all that are with her in the house: for *she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 Notwithstanding, be ye ware of the execrable thing, lest ye make your selues execrable, and in taking of the execrable thing make also the hoste of Israel *execrable, and trouble it.

19 But all siluer and gold, and vessels of brasse, and yron, shall be n consecrate vnto the Lord, and shall come vnto the Lordes treasurie.

20 So the people shouted, when they had blowen trumpets: for when the people had heard the sound of the trumpet, they shouted with a great shoute: and *the wall fell downe flat: so the people went vp into the citie, euery man streight before him: * and they tooke the citie.

21 And they vtterly destroyed all that was in the citie, both man and woman, yong and old, and oxe, and sheepe, and asse, with the edge of the sworde.

22 But Iosh. had sayde vnto the two men that had spied out the countrey, Goe into the harlots house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that shee hath, * as yee sware to her.

23 So the yong men that were spies, went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father,

f By bringing you into this promised land, contrary to the wicked opinion of the Egyptians: or the foreskin, whereby you were like to the Egyptians.

Exod. 23. 25.

g In that that Iosh. worshipeth him, he acknowledgeth him to be God: and in that that he calleth himselfe the Lords captaine, he declareth himselfe to be Christ. *Exod.* 3. 5. *ruth.* 4. 7. *acts* 7. 33.

a That none could go out.

b That none could come in.

c For feare of the Israelites.

d Euery day once.

e That the conquest might not be assigned to mans power, but to the mercie of God, which with most weake things can ouercome that which seemeth most strong.

f This is chiefly meant by the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh.

g Meaning the rereward, whose in was the standard of the tribe of Dan, Num. 10 25.

h For that day.

i The tribe of Dan was so called, because it marched last, and gathered vp whatsoeuer was left of others.

k Besides euery day once for the space of sixe dayes.

l That is, appointed wholy to be destroyed. *Chap.* 2 4.

Leuit. 27. 21, *num.* 21. 2. *deut* 13. 15, 17.

m And therfore cannot be put to any priuate vse, but must be first molten, and then serue for the Tabernacle. *Hebr.* 11. 30. 2. *Mac.* 12. 15, 16.

Chap. 2. 14. *hebr.* 11. 31.

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ther, and her mothers, and her brethren, and all that she had: also they brought out al her family, and put them [a] without the hoste of Israel.

a For it was not lawful for strangers to dwell among the Israelites, till they were purged.

24 After, they burnt the citie with fire, and all that was therein: onely the siluer and the golde, and the vessels of brasse, and yron, they put vnto the treasure of the [o] house of the Lord.

o Meaning, the Tabernacle.

25 So Iosh. saued Rahab the harlot, and their fathers houshold, and all that she had, and she [p] dwelt in Israel euen vnto this day, because she had hidde the messengers, which Iosh. sent to spie out Iericho.

p For she was married to Salmon prince of the tribe of Iudah, Mat. 1.5.

26 ¶ And Iosh. sware at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth vp, and buildeth this citie Iericho: [q] hee shall lay the foundation thereof in his eldest sonne, and in his youngest sonne shall he set vp the gates of it.

q He shall build it to the destruction of all his flocke, which thing was fulfilled in Hiel of Beth-el, 1. King. 16.34.

27 So the Lord was with Iosh. and he was famous thorow all the world.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Lord is angrie with Achan. 4 They of Ai put the Israelites to flight. 6 Iosh. prayeth to the Lord. 26 Iosh. inquireth out him that sinned, and stoned him and all his.

BVt the children of Israel committed a trespasse in the [a] excommunicate thing: for [*] Achan the sonne of Carmi, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Zerah of the tribe of Iudah tooke of the excommunicate thing: wherefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.

Iosh. 22.20. 1.Chron. 2.7.

a In taking that which was commanded to bee destroyed.

2 And Iosh. sent men from Iericho to [b] Ai, which is beside Bethauen, on the East side of Beth-el, and spake vnto them, saying, Go vp, and view the countrey. And the men went vp, and viewed Ai,

b This was a citie of the Amorites: for there was another so called among the Ammonites, Ier. 49.3. The first Ai is called Aiath Isa. 10.28.

3 And returned to Iosh. and said vnto him, Let not all the people goe vp, but let as it were two or three thousand men go vp, and smite Ai, and make not all the people to labour thither, for they are few.

4 So there went vp thither of the people, about three thousand men, and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the [c] men of Ai smote of them vpon a thirtie and six men: for they chased them from before the gate vnto Shebarim, and smote them in the going downe: wherefore the heartes of the people melted away like water.

c God would by this ouerthrow make them more earnest to search out & punish the sinne committed.

6 ¶ Then Iosh. rent his clothes, and fel to the earth vpon his face before the Arke of the Lord, vntill the euentide, hee, and the Elders of Israel, and put dust vpon their heads.

7 And Iosh. said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou brought this people ouer Iorden, to deliuer vs into the hand of the Amorites, and to destroy vs: would God we had beene content to dwel on the [d] other side Iorden.

d This infirmitie of his faith sheweth how we are inclined of nature to distrust.

8 Oh Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turne their backs before their enemies?

e When thine enemies shal blaspheme thee, and say that thou wast not able to defend vs from them.

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land shall heare of it, and shall compasse vs, and destroy our name out of the earth: and what wilt thou doe vnto thy mightie [e] Name?

10 ¶ And the Lord said vnto Iosh. Get thee vp: wherefore lyest thou thus vpon thy face?

11 Israel hath sinned, and they haue transgressed my couenant, which I commanded them: for they haue euen taken of the excommunicate thing, and haue also stolen, and dissembled also, and haue put it euen with their owne stuffe.

12 Therefore the children of Israel can not stand before their enemies, but haue turned their backes before their enemies, because they bee execrable: neither will I bee with you any more, except yee [f] destroy the excommunicate from among you.

f Then to suffer wickednesse vnpunished, is to refuse God willingly.

13 Vp therefore, sanctifie the people, and say, Sanctifie your selues against to morow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an execrable thing among you, O Israel: therefore yee can not stand against your enemies, vntil ye haue put the [g] execrable thing from among you.

g Meaning, the man that tooke of the thing forbidden.

14 In the morning therefore ye shal come according to your tribes, & the tribe which the Lord taketh, shall come according to the families: and the familie which the Lord shall take, shall come by the houholders: and the household which the Lord shall take, shall come man by man.

15 And he that is [h] taken with the excommunicate thing, shall bee burnt with fire, he, and all that he hath, because hee hath transgressed the couenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

h That is, found guiltie, either by lots, or by the iudgement of Vrim, Num. 27.21.

16 ¶ So Iosh. rose vp earely in the morning, & brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Iuda was taken.

17 And he brought the families of Iudah, and tooke the family of the Zarhites, and he brought the family of the Zarhites, man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 And hee brought his household, man by man, and Achan the sonne of Carmi, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Zerah of the tribe of Iudah was taken.

19 Then Iosh. sayde vnto Achan, My sonne, I beseech thee giue glorie to the Lord God of Israel, and make [i] confession vnto him, and shew mee now what thou hast done: hide it not from me.

i By declaring the trueth: for God is glorified when the trueth is confessed.

20 And Achan answered Iosh. and said, Indeed I haue sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus haue I done.

21 I sawe among the spoyle a goodly [k] Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of siluer, and a wedge of golde of fiftie shekels weight, and I coueted them, and tooke them: and behold, they lie hid in the earth, in the mids of my tent, and the siluer vnder it.

k Such a rich garment as the states of Babylon did weare.

*Or, nephew.

l Some reade a plate: others, a rod, and some a tongue.

22 ¶ Then Iosh. sent messengers which ran vnto the tent, and behold, it was hid in his tent, and the siluer vnder it.

23 Therefore they tooke them out of the tent, and brought them vnto Iosh. and vnto all the children of Israel, and laide them before the Lord.

24 Then Iosh. tooke Achan the sonne of Zerah, and the siluer, and the garment and the [l] wedge of gold, & his [m] sonnes, and his

m This iudgement onely apperteineth to God, and to whom he wil reueile it: to man hee hath commanded not to punish the child for the fathers fault, Deu. 24.16.

his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheepe, and his tent, and all that hee had: and all Israel with him brought them vnto the valley of Achor.

n He declareth that this is Gods iudgement, because he had offended, and caused others to be slaine,

25 And Ioshua said, n In as much as thou hast troubled vs, the Lord shall trouble thee this day: and all Israel threw stones at him, and burned him with fire, and stoned him with stones.

26 And they cast vpon him a great heape of stones vnto this day: and so the Lord turned from his fierce wrath: therefore he called the name of that place, The valley of Achor vnto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

3 The siege, 19 and winning of Ai. 29 The king thereof is hanged 30 Ioshua setteth vp an altar. 32 Hee writeth the Law vpon stones, 35 and readeth it to all the people.

Deut. 1.21, 29. and 7.18.

AFter, the Lord said vnto Ioshua, *Feare not, neither be thou faint hearted: take all the men of warre with thee and arise, goe vp to Ai: behold, I haue giuen into thine hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his citie, and his land.

2 And thou shalt doe to Ai & to the king thereof, as thou didst vnto *Iericho and to the king thereof: neuerthelesse the spoyle thereof and * the cattell thereof shall ye take vnto you for a pray: thou shalt lie in waite against the citie on the * backside thereof.

Chap. 6, 21.

Deut. 20.14.

a Meaning, on the West side, as verse 9.

3 ¶ Then Ioshua arose, and all the men of warre, to goe vp against Ai: and Ioshua chose out thirtie thousand strong men, and valiant, and sent them away by night.

4 And hee commaunded them, saying, Behold, yee b shall lie in wait against the citie on the backside of the citie: goe not very farre from the citie, but be yee all in a readinesse.

b God would not destroy Ai by miracle, as Iericho, to the intent that other nations might feare the power and policie of his people.

5 And I and all the people that are with mee, will approch vnto the citie: and when they shall come out against vs, as they did at the first time, then will wee flee before them.

6 For they wil come out after vs, till we haue brought them out of the citie: for they will say, They flee before vs as at the first time: so we will flee before them.

7 Then you shall rise vp from lying in waite, and ‖ destroy the citie: for the Lord your God will deliuer it into your hand.

‖ Or, driue out (the inhabitants) of the citie.

8 And when ye haue taken the citie, yee shall set it on fire: according to the commandement of the Lord shall yee doe: behold, I haue charged you.

9 ¶ Ioshua then sent them forth, and they went to lie in wait, and abode betweene Beth-el and Ai, on the c West side of Ai: but Ioshua lodged that night c among the people.

c With the rest of the armie.

10 And Ioshua rose vp early in the morning, and d numbred the people: and he and the Elders of Israel went vp before the people against Ai.

d That is, viewed or mustered them, and set them in aray.

11 Also all the men of warre that were with him, went vp and drew nere, and came against the citie, and pitched on the North side of Ai: and there was a valley betweene them and Ai.

12 And hee tooke about fiue thousand men, * and set them to lie in wait betweene Beth-el and Ai, on the c West side of the citie.

13 And the people set all the host that was on the North side against the citie, and the liers in wait on the c West against the citie: and Ioshua went the same night into the f mids of the valley.

e He sent these few, that the other which lay in ambush might not be discouered.

f To the intent that they in the citie might the better discouer his armie.

14 ¶ And when the king of Ai sawe it, then the men of the citie hasted, and rose vp earely, and went out against Israel to battell, he and all his people at the time appointed, before the plaine: for hee knew not that any lay in wait against him on the backside of the citie.

15 Then Ioshua and all Israel g as beaten before them, fled by the way of the wilderneſſe.

g As they which fained to flee for feare,

16 And all the people of the citie were called together, to pursue after them: and they pursued after Ioshua, and were drawen away out of the citie.

17 So that there was not a man left in Ai, nor in Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the citie open, and pursued after Israel.

18 Then the Lord said vnto Ioshua, h Stretch out the speare that is in thine hand toward Ai: for I wil giue it into thine hand: and Ioshua stretched out the speare that hee had in his hand, toward the citie.

h Or, lift vp the banner to signifie when they shall inuade the citie.

19 And they that lay in wait, arose quickly out of their place, and ranne assoone as he had stretched out his hand, and they entred into the citie, and tooke it, and hasted, and set the citie on fire.

20 And the men of Ai looked behinde them, and saw it: for loe, the smoke of the citie ascended vp ‖ to heauen: and they had no power to flee this way or that way: for the people that fled to the wildernesse, turned backe vpon the pursuers.

‖ Or, toward the heauen.

21 When Ioshua and all Israel saw that they that lay in waite, had taken the citie, and that the smoke of the citie mounted vp, then they turned againe, and slew the men of Ai.

‖ Or, place.

22 Also the i other issued out of the citie against them: so were they in the middes of Israel, these being on the one side, and the rest on the other side: and they slewe them: so that they let none of them * remaine nor escape.

i Which came out of the ambush.

Deut 7.24

23 And the king of Ai they tooke aliue, and brought him to Ioshua.

24 And when Israel had made an ende of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, that is, in the wildernesse where they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, vntill they were consumed, all the Israelites returned vnto Ai, and k smote it with the edge of the sword.

k For the fire which they had before set in the citie, was not to consume it, but to signifie vnto Ioshua that they were entred.

25 And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelue thousand, euen all the men of Ai.

26 For Ioshua drew not his hand backe againe, which he had stretched out with the speare, vntill he had vtterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 * Onely the cattell & the spoile of this citie, Israel tooke for a pray vnto themselues,

Numb. 31.22, 26 verse 2.

1 That it could neuer be built againe.

tribes, according vnto the word of the Lord, which he commanded Iohua.

28 And Iohua burnt Ai, and made it an heape for euer, and a wildernesse vnto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree, vntil the euening. And assoone as the Sunne was downe, Iohua commanded a that they should take his carkeis downe from the tree, and cast it at the entring of the gate of the citie, and lay thereon a great heape of stones, that remaineth vnto this day.

30 ¶ Then Iohua built an Altar vnto the Lord God of Israel, in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the seruant of the Lord had commaunded the children of Israel, as it is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, an altar of whole stone, ouer which no man had lift an yron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings vnto the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 Also hee wrote there vpon the stones, a rehearsall of the Lawe of Moses, which hee wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel (and their Elders, and officers and their Iudges) stood on this side of the arke, and on that side, before the Priests of the Leuites, which bare the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord) as well the stranger, as he that is borne in the countrey: halfe of them were ouer against mount Gerizim, and halfe of them ouer against mount Ebal, as Moses the seruant of the Lord had commaunded before, that they should blesse the children of Israel.

34 Then afterward he read all the words of the Lawe, the blessings and curings, according to all that is written in the booke of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded, which Iohua read not before all the Congregation of Israel, aswel before the women and the children, as the stranger that was conuersant among them.

CHAP. IX.

1 Diuers Kings assemble themselues against Iohua. 3 The craft of the Gibeonites. 15 Iohua maketh a league with them. 23 For their craft they are condemned to perpetuall seruitu.

AND when all the Kings that were beyond Iorden, in the mountaines and in the valleyes, and by all the coastes of the great Sea ouer against Lebanon (as the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites) heard thereof,

2 They gathered themselues together to fight against Iohua, and against Israel with one accord.

3 ¶ But the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Iohua had done vnto Iericho and to Ai.

4 And therefore they wrought craftily: for they went, and fained themselues embassadours, and tooke olde sackes vpon their asses, and old bottels for wine, both rent and bound vp,

5 And old shooes and clouted vpon their feete: all the rayment vpon them was old, and all their prouision of bread was dried, and mouled.

6 So they came vnto Iohua into the hoste to Gilgal, and said vnto him, and vnto the men of Israel, We be come from a farre countrey: nowe therefore make a league with vs.

7 Then the men of Israel said vnto the Hiuites, It may bee that thou dwellest among vs, how then can I make a league with thee?

8 And they said vnto Iohua, We are thy seruants. Then Iohua said vnto them, Who are yee? and whence come yee?

9 And they answered him, From a very farre countrey thy seruants are come for the Name of the Lord thy God: for wee haue heard his fame and all that he hath done in Egypt,

10 And all that he hath done to the two Kings of the Amorites that were beyond Iorden, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which were at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our Elders, and all the inhabitants of our countrey spake to vs, saying, Take victuals with you for the iourney, and goe to meete them, and say vnto them, We are your seruants: now therefore make yee a league with vs.

12 This our bread we tooke it hot with vs for victuals out of our houses, the day we departed to come vnto you: but now behold, it is dried, and it is mouled.

13 Also these bottels of wine which wee filled, were new, and loe, they be rent, and these our garments and our shooes are olde, by reason of the exceeding great iourney.

14 ¶ And the men accepted their tale concerning their victuals, and counselled not with the mouth of the Lord.

15 So Iohua made peace with them, and made a league with them, that he would suffer them to liue: also the Princes of the Congregation sware vnto them.

16 ¶ But at the end of three dayes, after they had made a league with them, they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel tooke their iourney, and came vnto their cities the third day, and their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-iearim.

18 And the children of Israel slew them not, because the Princes of the Congregation had sworne vnto them by the Lord God of Israel: wherefore all the Congregation murmured against the Princes.

19 Then all the Princes said vnto all the Congregation, We haue sworne vnto them by the Lord God of Israel: nowe therefore we may not touch them.

20 But this wee will doe to them, and let them liue, lest the wrath be vpon vs because of the oath which we sware vnto them.

21 And the Princes said vnto them againe, Let them liue, but they shall hewe wood, and draw water vnto all the Congregation, as the Princes appoint them.

22 Iohua then called them, and talked with them, and sayd, Wherefore haue yee beguiled

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2 That is, Ebron.

3 That is, Eben ezer.

a According as it was commanded, Deut. 21.23. Chap. 7.25, 26.

Exod. 20.25. deut. 27.5.

a Meaning, the ten commandements, which are the summe of the whole Law.

Deut. 11.29. and 27.12, 13.

Deut. 31.12, 13.

b So neither young nor old, man nor woman were exempted from hearing the word of the Lord.

a In respect of the plaine of Moab.

b The maine sea called Mediterraneum.

Ebr. one month.

Sam. 21.1.

a Because they were all worne.

d For the Gibeonites and the Hiuites were all one people.

e Euen the idolaters for feare of death wil pretend to honour the true God, and receiue his religion.

f Ebr. in your hand.

f The wicked lacke no art nor spare no lies to set forth their policie, when they will deceiue the seruants of God.

g Some thinke that the Israelites ate of their victailes, and so made a league with them.

h From Gilgal.

i Fearing lest for their fault the plague of God should haue light vpon them all.

k This doth not establish rash oathes, but sheweth Gods mercie toward his, which would not punish them for this fault.

beguiled vs, saying, We are very farre from you, when yee dwell among vs?

23 Now therefore ye are curſed, and there ſhall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the houſe of my God.

24 And they anſwered Joſhua, and ſaid, Becauſe it was tolde thy ſeruants, that the Lord thy God had commanded his ſeruant Moſes to giue you all the land, and to deſtroy all the inhabitants of the land out of your ſight, therefore we were exceeding ſore afraid for our liues at the preſence of you, and haue done this thing:

25 And behold now, we are in thine hand: doe as it ſeemeth good and right in thine eyes to doe vnto vs.

26 Euen ſo did he vnto them, and deliuered them out of the hand of the children of Iſrael, that they ſlew them not.

27 And Joſhua appointed them that ſame day to be hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the Congregation, and for the Altar of the Lord vnto this day, in the place which he ſhould chuſe.

CHAP. X.

1 Fiue kings make warre againſt Gibeon, whom Joſhua diſcomfiteth. 11 The Lord rained haile-ſtones and ſlew many. 12 The Sunne ſtandeth at Joſhuas prayer. 26 The fiue Kings are hanged. 29 Many moe cities and Kings are deſtroyed.

NOw when Adoni-zedek King of Jeruſalem had heard how Joſhua had taken Ai and had deſtroyed it, (as he had done to Jericho, and to the King thereof, ſo he had done to Ai and to the king thereof) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Iſrael, and were among them,

2 Then they feared exceedingly: for Gibeon was a great citie, as one of the royall cities: for it was greater then Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek King of Jeruſalem ſent vnto Hoham king of Hebron, and vnto Piram king of Jarmuth, and vnto Japia King of Lachiſh, and vnto Debir King of Eglon, ſaying,

4 Come vp vnto me, and helpe me, that we may ſmite Gibeon: for they haue made peace with Joſhua and with the children of Iſrael.

5 Therefore the fiue Kings of the Amorites, the King of Jeruſalem, the King of Hebron, the King of Jarmuth, the King of Lachiſh, and the King of Eglon gathered themſelues together, and went vp, they with all their hoſtes, and beſieged Gibeon, and made warre againſt it.

6 And the men of Gibeon ſent vnto Joſhua, euen to the hoſte to Gilgal, ſaying, Withdraw not thine hand from thy ſeruants: come vp to vs quickly, and ſaue vs, and helpe vs: for all the Kings of the Amorites which dwell in the mountaines, are gathered together againſt vs.

7 So Joſhua aſcended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of warre with him, and all the men of might.

8 And the Lord ſayd vnto Joſhua, Feare them not: for I haue giuen them into thine hand: none of them ſhall ſtand before thee.

9 Joſhua therefore came vnto them ſuddenly: for hee went vp from Gilgal all the night.

10 And the Lord diſcomfited them before Iſrael, and ſlew them with a great ſlaughter at Gibeon, and chaſed them along the way that goeth vp to Beth-horon, and ſmote them to Azekah and to Makkedah.

11 And as they fled from before Iſrael, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, the Lord caſt downe great ſtones from heauen vpon them, vntill Azekah, and they died: they were moe that died with the haile-ſtones, then they whom the children of Iſrael ſlew with the ſword.

12 Then ſpake Joſhua to the Lord, in the day when the Lord gaue the Amorites before the children of Iſrael, and hee ſaid in the ſight of Iſrael, Sunne, ſtay thou in Gibeon, and thou Moone, in the valley of Aialon.

13 And the Sunne abode, and the Moone ſtood ſtill, vntill the people auenged themſelues vpon their enemies: (Is not this written in the booke of Jaſher?) ſo the Sunne abode in the midſt of the heauen, and haſted not to goe downe for a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it, nor after it, that the Lord heard the voyce of a man: for the Lord fought for Iſrael.

15 After, Joſhua returned and all Iſrael with him vnto the campe to Gilgal.

16 But the fiue Kings fled and were hid in a caue at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joſhua, ſaying, The fiue Kings are found hid in a caue at Makkedah.

18 Then Joſhua ſaid, Roule great ſtones vpon the mouth of the caue, and let men by it for to keepe them.

19 But ſtand yee not ſtill: follow after your enemies, and ſmite all the hindmoſt, ſuffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath giuen them into your hand.

20 And when Joſhua and the children of Iſrael had made an ende of ſlaying them with an exceeding great ſlaughter till they were conſumed, and the reſt that remained of them were entred into the walled cities,

21 Then all the people returned to the campe, to Joſhua at Makkedah in peace: no man moued his tongue againſt the children of Iſrael.

22 After, Joſhua ſaid, Open the mouth of the caue, and bring out theſe fiue Kings vnto me forth of the caue.

23 And they did ſo, and brought out thoſe fiue Kings vnto him forth of the caue, euen the King of Jeruſalem, the King of Hebron, the King of Jarmuth, the King of Lachiſh, and the King of Eglon.

24 And when they had brought out thoſe Kings vnto Joſhua, Joſhua called for all the men of Iſrael, and ſaid vnto the chiefe of the men of warre, which went with him, Come neere, ſet your feete vpon the ſtucks of theſe Kings: and they came neere and ſet their feete vpon their neckes.

25 And

1 For the vſes of the Tabernacle and of the Temple when it ſhall be built. *Deut.7.1.*

m Who were minded to put them to death for feare of Gods wrath.

n That is, for the ſacrifices of the Temple, as verſe 33.

Chap.6.15,21.

Chap.8.3,28,29.

o That is, Lord of iuſtice: ſo tyrants take to themſelues glorious names, when indeede they be very enemies againſt God and all iuſtice.

p So enuious the wicked are, when any depart from their band.

q Leſt Joſhua ſhould haue thought that God had ſent this great power againſt him for his vnlawfull league with the Gibeonites, the Lord heere ſtrengtheneth him.

d So we ſee that all things ſerue to execute Gods vengeance againſt the wicked. *Iſa.28.21, eccluſ.46.4,5.*

e Some reade the booke of the righteous: meaning Moſes the Chalde text reades, in the booke of the Law: but it is like that it was a booke thus named, which is now loſt.

f By taking away the enemies hearts, and deſtroying them with haile-ſtones.

g Or, in ſafetie, ſo that none graue them as much as an euil word.

h Signifying what ſhould become of them and of Gods enemies, ſeeing that kings themſelues were not ſpared.

25 And Ioshua sayd vnto them, Feare not, nor be faint hearted, but be strong, and of a good courage: for thus will the Lord do to all your enemies, against whom ye fight.

26 So then Ioshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on fiue trees, and they hanged still vpon the trees vntill the euening.

27 And at the going downe of the sunne, Ioshua gaue commaundement, that they should take them downe of the trees, and cast them into the caue (wherein they had bene hid) and they layde great stones vpon the caues mouth, which remaine vntill this day.

28 And that same day Ioshua tooke Makkedah and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof destroyed he with them, & all the soules that were therein, he let none remaine: for he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done vnto the king of Iericho.

29 Then Ioshua went from Makkedah, and all Israel with him vnto Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the Lord gaue it also and the king thereof into the hand of Israel: and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that were therein: hee let none remaine in it: for he did vnto the king thereof, as hee had done vnto the king of Iericho.

31 And Ioshua departed from Libnah, and all Israel with him vnto Lachish, and besieged it, and assaulted it.

32 And the Lord gaue Lachish into the hand of Israel, which tooke it the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that were therein: according to all as he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came vp to helpe Lachish: but Ioshua smote him and his people, vntill none of his remained.

34 And from Lachish Ioshua departed vnto Eglon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged it, and assaulted it,

35 And they tooke it the same day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that were therein hee vtterly destroyed the same day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 Then Ioshua went vp from Eglon, and all Israel with him vnto Hebron, and they fought against it.

37 And when they had taken it, they smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the soules that were therein: he left none remaining, according to all as he had done to Eglon: for he destroyed it vtterly, and all the soules that were therein.

38 So Ioshua returned, and all Israel with him to Debir, and fought against it.

39 And when he had taken it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, they smote them with the edge of the sworde, and vtterly destroyed all the soules that were therein, hee let none remaine: as he did to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the King thereof, as he had also done to Libnah, and to the king thereof.

40 So Ioshua smote all the hill countreys, and the South countreys, and the valleys, and the hill sides, and all their kings, and let none remaine, but vtterly destroyed euery soule, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded.

41 And Ioshua smote them from Radesbarnea euen vnto Azzah, and all the countrey of Goshen, euen vnto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Ioshua take at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 Afterward Ioshua & all Israel with him returned vnto the campe in Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

1 Diuers kings and cities, and countreys ouercome by Ioshua. 15 Ioshua did all that Moses had commanded him. 20 God hardeneth the enemies hearts that they might be destroyed.

AND when Iabin king of Hazor had heard this, then he sent to Iobab king of Madon, & to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 And vnto the kings that were by the North in the mountaines and plaines toward the South side of Cinneroth, and in the valleys, and in the borders of Dor Westward,

3 And vnto the Canaanites, both by East, and by West, and vnto the Amorites, and Hittites, and Perizzites, and Iebusites in the mountaines, and vnto the Hiuites vnder Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they came out and all their hosts with them, many people as the sand that is on the sea shore for multitude, with horses and charets exceeding many.

5 So all these Kings met together, and came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, for to fight against Israel.

6 Then the Lord said vnto Ioshua, Be not afraid for them: for to morrow about this time will I deliuer them all slaine before Israel: thou shalt houghe their horses and burne their charets with fire.

7 Then came Ioshua and all the men of warre with him against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell vpon them.

8 And the Lord gaue them into the hand of Israel: and they smote them, and chased them vnto great Zidon, and vnto Misrephothmaim, and vnto the valley of Mizpeh Eastward, and smote them vntill they had none remaining of them.

9 And Ioshua did vnto them as the Lord bade him: hee houghed their horses, and burnt their charets with fire.

10 At that time also Ioshua turned backe, and tooke Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sworde: for Hazor before-time was the head of all those kingdomes.

11 Moreouer, they smote all the persons that were therein with the edge of the sword, vtterly destroying all, leauing none aliue, and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 So all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them did Ioshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sworde, and vtterly destroyed them, as Moses the seruant of the Lord had commanded.

Deut. 21.23. chap. 8.29.

† Ioshua taketh Makkedah.

‖Or, euery person.

Chap. 6.21.

† Libnah is taken.

‖Or, persons.

† Lachish is taken.

† The king of Gezer is slaine.

† Eglon is taken.

† Hebron is taken.

† Debir is taken.

a Ioshua conquereth

i Some reade Asiedoth, which signifieth the descents of the hils.

k In one battell wherein the Arke was, there to giue thankes for their victories.

a The more that Gods power appeareth, the more the wicked rage against it.

b Which the Euangelists call the lake of Genezereth, or Tiberias.

c Which was mount Sihon, as Deut 4.48.

d That neither they should serue to the vse of warre nor the Israelites should put their trust in them.

e Which signifieth hot waters, or, according to some, brine pits.

f Both men, women and children.

Num. 33.52. Deut. 7.2.

g Which were strong by situation and not but by warre.
h All mankind.

13 But Israel burnt none of the cities that stoode still in their strength, saue Hazor onely, that Ioshua burnt.

14 And all the spoile of these cities, and the cattell, the children of Israel tooke for their prey, but they smote euery man with the edge of the sworde, vntill they had destroyed them, not leaning one aliue.

Exod. 34.11, Deut. 7.2.

15 ¶ As the Lord had commanded Moses his seruant, so did Moses command Ioshua, and so did Ioshua: hee left nothing vndone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses.

16 So Ioshua tooke all this land of the mountaines, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the low countrey, and the plaine, and the mountaine of Israel, and the lowe countrey of the same,

17 From the mount Halak, that goeth vp to Seir, euen vnto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, vnder mount Hermon: and all their kings he tooke, and smote them, and slew them.

i That is, Samaria.
k So called, because it was bare and without trees.
‖ Or, the valley of Gad.

18 Ioshua made warre long time with all those kings.

Chap. 9.3.

19 Neither was there any citie that made peace with the children of Israel, saue those Hiuites that inhabited Gibeon: all other they tooke by battell.

l That is, to giue them ouer to themselues: and therefore they could not but rebel against God, and seeke their own destruction.

20 For it came of the Lord, to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battel, to the intent that they should destroy them vtterly, & shew them no mercy, but that they should bring them to nought: as the Lord had commanded Moses.

21 ¶ And that same season came Ioshua, & destroyed the Anakims out of the mountaines: as out of Hebron, out of Debir, out of Anab, and out of all the mountaines of Iudah, and out of all the mountaines of Israel: Ioshua destroyed them vtterly with their cities.

22 There was no Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Azzah, m in Gath, and in Ashod were they left.

m Out of the which came Goliath, 1. Sam. 17.4. Num. 26.53, 55.

23 So Ioshua tooke the whole land, according to all that the Lord had sayd vnto Moses: and Ioshua gaue it for an inheritance vnto Israel according to their portions through their tribes: then the land was at rest without warre.

CHAP. XII.

1.7 What kings Ioshua and the children of Israel killed on both sides of Iorden, 24 Which were in number thirty and one.

AND these are the kings of the lande, which the children of Israel smote and possessed their land, on the a other side Iorden toward the rising of the Sunne, from the riuer Arnon, vnto mount Hermon, and all the plaine Eastward.

a From Gilgal where Ioshua camped.

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, that dwelt in Heshbon, hauing dominion from Aroer, which is beside the riuer of Arnon, and from the middle of the riuer, and from halfe Gilead, vnto the riuer Jabbok, in the border of the children of Ammon.

Num. 21.24. Deut. 3.6.

3 And from the plaine vnto the Sea of Cinneroth Eastward, and vnto the Sea of the ‖ plaine, euen the salt sea, Eastward, the way to Beth-iesimoth, and from the South vnder the springs of Pisgah.

‖ Or, wildernesse.

4 ¶ They conquered also the coast of Og king of Bashan of the remnant of the Giants, which dwelt at Ashtaroth, and at Edrei,

‖ Or, hill sides, Deut. 3.17. and 4.49. Deut. 3.11. chap. 13.12.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, vnto the border of the Gethurites, and the Maachathites, and halfe Gilead, euen the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the seruant of the Lord and the children of Israel smote them: n Moses also the seruant of the Lord gaue their land for a possession vnto the Reubenites, and vnto the Gadites, and to halfe the tribe of Manasseh.

Numb 32.29. deut. 3.12. chap. 13.8.

7 ¶ These also are the kings of the countrey, which Ioshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Iorden, Eastward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, euen vnto the mount Halak that goeth vp to Seir, and Ioshua gaue it vnto the tribes of Israel for a possession, according to their portions:

b Reade Chap. 11. verse 17.

8 In the mountaines and in the valleys, and in the plaines, and in the ‖ hill sides, and in the wildernesse, and in the South, where were the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites.

‖ Or, in Ashdoth.

9 ¶ The king of Jericho was one: the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one:

Chap. 6.2.

10 The king of Jerusalem, one: the king of Hebron, one:

Chap. 8.29.

11 The king of Jarmuth, one: the king of Lachish, one:

Chap. 10.23.

12 The king of Eglon, one: the king of Gezer, one:

Chap. 10.33.

13 The king of Debir, one: the king of Geder, one:

Chap. 10.39.

14 The king of Hormah, one: the king of Arad, one:

15 The king of Libnah, one: the king of Adullam, one:

16 The king of Makkedah, one: the king of Beth-el, one:

Chap. 10.29, 36

17 The king of Tappuah, one: the king of Hepher, one:

Chap. 10.28.

18 The king of Aphek, one: the king of Lasharon, one:

19 The king of Madon, one: the king of Hazor, one:

Chap. 11.10.

20 The king of Shimron-meron, one: the king of Achshaph, one:

21 The king of Taanach, one: the king of Megiddo, one:

22 The king of Kedesh, one: the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one:

‖ Or, neere vnto Carmel. Gen. 1.. 9

23 The king of Dor, in the countrey of Dor, one: the king of the o nations of Gilgal, one:

24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings were thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

3 The borders and coasts of the land of Canaan. 8 The possession of the Reubenites, Gadites, and of halfe the tribe of Manasseh. 14 The Lord is the inheritance of Leui. 22 Balaam was slaine.

NOw when Ioshua was olde, and p stricken in yeeres, the Lord saide vnto him, Thou art olde, and q growen in age, and

a Being almost an hundreth and ten yeere old.
‖ Ebr. comen into yeeres.

Iosh. 12.

and there remaineth exceeding much lande to be [b] possessed:

2 This is the land that remaineth, all the ‖ regions of the Philistims, and all Gethuri,

3 From ‡ Nilus which is ‡ in Egypt, euen vnto the borders of Ekron Northward: this is counted of the Canaanites, euen fiue Lordships of the Philistims, the Azzathites, and the Ashdodites, the Eshkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites, and the Auites:

4 From the South, all the lande of the Canaanites, and the ‡ caue that is beside the Sidonians, vnto Aphek, and to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the lande of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sun rising from ‖ Baal-gad vnder mount Hermon, vntill one come to Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the mountaines from Lebanon vnto [c] Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, I wil cast them out from before the children of Israel: onely diuide thou it by lot vnto the Israelites, to inherit, as I haue commanded thee.

7 Now therefore diuide this land to inherite vnto the nine tribes, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh.

8 For with halfe therof, the Reubenites, and the Gadites haue receiued their inheritance, * which Moses gaue them beyond Iorden Eastward, euen as Moses the seruant of the Lord had giuen them,

9 From Aroer that is on the brinke of the riuer Arnon, and from the citie that is in the mids of the ‖ riuer, and all the plaine of Medeba vnto Dibon,

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, vnto the borders of the children of Ammon,

11 And Gilead, and the borders of the Gesshurites, and of the Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, with all Bashan vnto Salcah:

12 All the kingdome of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei: (who remained of the * rest of the giants) for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13 But the children of Israel [d] expelled not the Gesshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Gesshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites euen vnto this day.

14 Onely vnto the tribe of Leui he gaue none inheritance, but the sacrifices of the Lord God of Israel are [e] his inheritance, as he said vnto him.

15 ¶ Moses then gaue vnto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance, according to their families.

16 And their coast was from Aroer, that is on the brink of the riuer Arnon, and from the citie that is in the mids of the riuer, and all the plaine that is by Medeba:

17 Heshbon with all the cities therof, that are in the plaine: Dibon and ‖ Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon:

18 And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and ‡ Mephaath:

19 Kiriathaim also, and Sibmah, and Zerethshahar in the mount of ‖ Emek:

20 And Beth-peor, and * Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-iesthimoth:

21 And all the cities of the plaine: and all the kingdome of Sihon King of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote * with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the countrey.

Num. 31.8.

22 And [f] Balaam the sonne of Beor the Soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sworde, among them that were slaine.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Iorden with the coasts. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben, according to their families, with the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ Also Moses gaue inheritance vnto the tribe of Gad, euen vnto the children of Gad, according to their families.

25 And their coastes were Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and halfe the land of the children of Ammon vnto Aroer, which is before Rabbah:

26 And from Heshbon vnto Ramoth, Mizpeh, and Betonim: and from Mahanaim vnto the borders of Debir:

27 And in the valley Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdome of Sihon King of Heshbon, vnto Iorden and the borders euen vnto the Sea coast of Cinnereth, [g] beyond Iorden Eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad, after their families, with the cities and their villages.

29 ¶ Also Moses gaue inheritance vnto the halfe tribe of Manasseh: and this belonged to the halfe tribe of the children of Manasseh, according to their families.

30 And their border was from Mahanaim, euen all Bashan, to wit, all the kingdome of Og King of Bashan, and all the townes of Iair which are in Bashan, threescore cities,

31 And halfe Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdome of Og in Bashan, * were giuen vnto the [h] children of Machir the sonne of Manasseh, to halfe of the children of Machir after their families.

Num. 32.39.

32 These are the heritages, which Moses did distribute in the plaine of Moab beyond Iorden, toward Jericho Eastward.

33 * But vnto the tribe of Leui Moses gaue none inheritance: for the Lord God of Israel is their inheritance, * as he sayd vnto them.

Chap. 18.7.

Num. 18.20.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 *The land of Canaan was diuided among the nine tribes and the halfe.* 6 *Caleb requireth the heritage that was promised him.* 13 *Hebron was giuen him.*

THese also are the places which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, * which Eleazar the Priest, and Joshua the sonne of Nun, and the chiefe fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel

Num. 34.17.

b After that the enemies are ouercome.

‖ *Or, borders.*

‡ *Ebr. Shihor.*

‡ *Ebr. vpon the face of Egypt.*

‡ *Eb. Mearah.*

‖ *Or, the plaine of Gad.*

c Reade Chap. 11.8.

Num. 32.33. deut. 3.13. chap. 22.4.

‖ *Or, valley.*

Deut. 3.11. chap. 12 4.

d Because they destroyed not all as God had commanded, they that remained, were snares and prickes to hurt them, Num 33. 55 chap. 23.13. Iudg. 2. 3.

e Leui shall liue by the sacrifices, Numb. 18.21.

‖ *Or, hie places of Baal.*

‖ *Or, the valley.* Deut 3.17.

f So that both they which obeyed wicked counsel, and the wicked counseller perished by the iust iudgement of God.

g That is, in the land of Moab,

h Meaning, his nephewes and posteritie.

distributed to them.

2 *By the lot of their inheritance, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, to giue to the nine tribes, and the halfe tribe.

3 For Moses had giuen inheritance vnto a two tribes and an halfe tribe beyond Iorden: but vnto the Leuites he gaue none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Ioseph were b two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gaue no part vnto the Leuites in the land, saue cities to dwell in, with the suburbes of the same for their beastes and their substance.

5 *As the Lord had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did when they diuided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Iudah came vnto Ioshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh the Kenezite sayde vnto him, Thou knowest what the Lord sayde vnto Moses the man of God, concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Fourty yeere old was I, when Moses the seruaunt of the Lord sent mee from Kadesh-barnea to espie the land, and I brought him worde againe, as I thought in mine heart.

8 But my d brethren that went vp with mee, discouraged the heart of the people: yet I followed still the Lord my God.

9 Wherefore Moses sware the same day, saying, Certainly the land whereon thy feet haue troden, shall bee thine inheritance, and thy childrens for euer, because thou hast followed constantly the Lord my God.

10 Therefore behold now, the Lord hath kept mee aliue, as hee promised: this is the fourtie and fifth yeere since the Lord spake this thing vnto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wildernesse: and now loe, I am this day fourescore and fiue yeere old:

11 And yet am as *strong at this time, as I was when Moses sent me: as strong as I was then, so strong am I now, either for warre, or ‡ for gouernment.

12 Now therefore giue mee this mountaine whereof the Lorde spake in that day (for thou heardest in that day, how the ‖Anakims were there, and the cities great and walled) e if so bee the Lorde will bee with me, that I may driue them out, as the Lord sayd.

13 Then Ioshua blessed him, and gaue vnto Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, Hebron for an inheritance.

14 *Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh the Kenezite, vnto this day: because he followed constantly the Lord God of Israel.

15 And the name of *Hebron was before time, Kiriath-arba: which Arba was a great man among the Anakims: thus the lande ceased from warre.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The lot of the children of Iudah, & the names of the cities and villages of the same.* 13 *Calebs portion.* 18 *The request of Achsah.*

THis then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Iudah by their families: euen *to the border of Edom and the wildernesse of *Zin, Southward on the South coast.

2 And their South border was the salt Sea coast, from a the point that looketh Southward.

3 And it went out on the Southside toward Maaleth-akrabbim, and went along to Zin, & ascended vp on the Southside vnto Kadesh-barnea, and went along to Hezron, and went vp to Adar, and fet a compasse to Karkaa.

4 From thence went it along to Aznon, and reached vnto the riuer of Egypt, and the ende of that coast was on the Westside: this shall be your South coast.

5 Also the East border shall bee the salt Sea, vnto the b end of Iorden: and the border on the North quarter from the point of the Sea, and from the end of Iorden.

6 And this border goeth vp to Bethhogla, and goeth along by the Northside of Beth-arabah: so the border from thence goeth vp to the c stone of Bohan the sonne of Reuben.

7 Againe this border goeth vp to Debir from the valley of Achor, and Northward, turning toward Gilgal, that lieth before the going vp to Adummim, which is on the Southside of the riuer: also this border goeth vp to the waters of ‖En-shemesh, and endeth at *En-rogel.

8 Then this border goeth vp to the valley of the sonne of Hinnom, on the Southside of the Iebusites: the same is Ierusalem: also this border goeth vp to the toppe of the mountaine that lyeth before the valley of Hinnom Westward, which is by the ende of the valley of the ‡Giants Northward.

9 So this border compasseth from the top of the mountaine vnto the fountaine of the water of Nephtoah, and goeth out to the cities of mount Ephron: & this border draweth to Baalah, which is Kiriath-iearim.

10 Then this border compasseth from Baalah Westward vnto mount Seir, and goeth along vnto the side of mount Iearim, which is Chesalon on the Northside: so it commeth downe to Beth-shemesh, and goeth to Timnah.

11 Also this border goeth out vnto the side of Ekron Northward: and this border draweth to Shicron, and goeth along to mount Baalah, and stretcheth vnto Iabneel: and the endes of this coast are to the d Sea.

12 And the West border is to the great Sea: so this border shall bee the bounds of the children of Iudah round about, according to their families.

13 ¶ And vnto Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh did Ioshua giue a part among the children of Iudah, as the Lord commanded him, euen *Kiriath-arba of the father of Anak, which is in Hebron.

14 And Caleb e drone thence three sonnes of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the sonnes of Anak.

15 And

Num. 26. 55. and 33. 54.

a As Reuben and Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, Num. 32. 33.

b So though Leui lacked, yet were there still twelue tribes by this meanes. Num. 35. 2. chap. 21. 2, 3.

c Which was, that they two onely should enter into the land, Num. 14. 24.

d Which were the ten other spies.

Eccl. 46. 9.

‡ Ebr. to goe out, and come in.

‖ Or, giants.

e This he spake of modestie, and not of doubting.

Chap. 21. 12. 1. macc. 2. 56.

Chap. 15. 13. f Either for his power or person.

Num. 34. 3. Num 33. 36.

a The Ebrewe word signifieth tongue, whereby is meant either the arme of the Sea that commeth into the land, or a rocke or cape that goeth into the Sea.

b Meaning, the mouth of the riuer where it runneth into the salt sea.

c Which was a marke to part their countries.

‖ Or, the fountaine of the Sunne. 1. King. 1. 9.

‡ Ebr. Rephaim.

‖ Or, the citie of woods.

d Meaning, toward Syria.

Chap. 14. 15.

e This was done after the death of Ioshua, Iudg. 1, 10, 20.

15 And he went vp thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher.

16 Then Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, euen to him will I giue Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, the || brother of Caleb tooke it: and he gaue him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And as she went in to him, she mooued him to aske of her father a field: f and she lighted off her asse, and Caleb sayde vnto her, What wilt thou?

19 Then she answered, Giue me a blessing: for thou hast giuen me the South countrey: g giue mee also springs of water. And he gaue her the springs aboue, and the springs beneath.

20 This shall bee the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Iudah according to their families.

21 And the vtmost cities of the tribe of the children of Iudah, toward the coasts of Edom Southward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Iagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, & Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, Hezron (which is Hazor)

26 Amam and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, & Chesil, h & Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmanna, & Sansannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all these cities are twenty and nine with their villages.

33 ¶ In the low country were Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah,

34 And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Iarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, & Gederah, and Gederothaim: fourteene cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, & Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,

38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, & Iokteel,

39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, & Lahmam, & Kithlish,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, & Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteene cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

43 And Iiphtah, and Ashnah, & Nezib,

44 And Keilah, & Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron with her ‖ townes and her villages,

46 From Ekron, euen vnto the Sea, all that lieth about Ashdod with their villages.

47 Ashdod with her townes and her villages: Azzah with her townes and her villages, vnto the i riuer of Egypt, & the great Sea was their coast.

48 ¶ And in the mountaines were Shamir, and Iattir, and Socoh,

49 And Dannah, and k Kiriath-sannah (which is Debir)

50 And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh: eleuen cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

53 And Ianum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

54 And Humtah, & l Kiriath-arba (which is Hebron) and Ziot: nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, & Iuttah,

56 And Izreel, and Iokdeam, & Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah, & Timnah: ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Maarah, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon: sixe cities with their villages.

60 Kiriath-baal, which is Kiriath-iearim, and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the wildernesse were Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

62 And Nibshan, & the m citie of salt, and En-gedi: sixe cities with their villages.

63 Neuertheles, the Iebusites that were the inhabitants of Ierusalem, could not the children of Iudah cast n out, but the Iebusites dwel with the children of Iudah at Ierusalem vnto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The lot or part of Ephraim,* 10 *The Canaanite dwelled among them.*

AND the lot fell to the a children of Ioseph from Iordan by Iericho vnto the water of Iericho Eastward, and to the wildernesse that goeth vp from Iericho by the mount Beth-el:

2 And goeth out from Beth-el to b Luz, and runneth along vnto the borders of Archiataroth,

3 And goeth downe Westward to the coast of Iaphleti, vnto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the ends c thereof are at the Sea.

4 So the children of Ioseph, Manasseh, and Ephraim d tooke their inheritance.

5 ¶ Also the borders of the children of Ephraim according to their families, euen the borders of their inheritance on the East side, were Atroth-addar, vnto Beth-horon the vpper.

6 And this border goeth out to the Sea vnto Michmethah on the North side, & this border returneth Eastward vnto Tanaath-shiloh, and passeth it on the East side vnto Janohah,

7 And goeth downe from Janohah to Ataroth, and Naarath, and commeth to Iericho, e and goeth out at Iordan.

8 And this border goeth from Tappuah Westward vnto the riuer Kanah, and the endes thereof are at the Sea: this is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

9 And the f separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among g inheritance of the children of Manasseh: all the cities with their villages.

10 And they cast not out the Canaanite

Or, cousin.

f Because her husband tarried too long.

Or, grant me this petition.

g Because her countrey was barren, she desired of her father a field that had springs, Iudg. 1. 14, 15.

h Which before was called Zephath, Iudg. 1. 17.

Or, daughters.

i Meaning, Nilus, as Cha. 13. 3.

k Which is also called Kiriath-sepher, vers. 15.

l Chap. 14. 15.

m Of this citie the salt Sea hath his name.

n That is, vtterly, though they slew the most part, and burnt their citie, Iudg. 1. 8.

a That is, to Ephraim and his children: for Manasshs portion followeth. Iudg. 1. 22.

b Of their inheritance.

c Seuerally, first Ephraim, and then Manasseh.

d For so farre the coasts reach.

e Because Ephraims tribe was far greater the Manasseh, therefore he had mo cities.

that dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanite dwelt among the Ephraimites vnto this day, and serued vnder tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The portion of the halfe tribe of Manasseh. 3 The daughters of Zelophehad. 13 The Canaanites are become tributaries. 14 Manasseh and Ephraim require a greater portion of heritage.

THis was also the lot of the tribe of Manasseh: for he was the * first borne of Ioseph, to wit, of Machir the first borne of Manasseh, and the father of Gilead: now because he was a man of warre, he had Gilead and Bashan.

Gen.41.51. and 46.20 & 50.23. num.32.39.

2 And also * of the * rest of the sonnes of Manasseh by their families, euen of the sons of Abiezer, and of the sonnes of Helek, and of the sonnes of Asriel, and of the sonnes of Shechem, and of the sonnes of Hepher, and of the sonnes of Shemida: these were the males of Manasseh, the sonne of Ioseph according to their families.

Num.26.29.

2 For the other halfe tribe had their portion beyond Iorden.

3 ¶ * But Zelophehad the sonne of Hepher, the sonne of Gilead, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh, had no sonnes but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah:

Num.26.33. & 27.1. & 36.2,11

4 Which came before Eleazar the Priest, and before Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and before the Princes, saying, The Lord commanded Moses to giue vs an inheritance among our [b] brethren: therfore according to the commandement of the Lord, hee gaue them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

b Among them of our tribe.

5 And there fell ten portions to * Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead & Bashan, which is on the other side of Iorden,

c In the land of Canaan: fiue to the males, and other fiue to the daughters of Zelophehad.

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh did inherite among his sonnes: and Manasseh's other sonnes had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ So the borders of Manasseh were from Asher to Michmethah that lieth before Shechem, and this border goeth on the right hand, euen vnto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 The lande of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but [d] Tappuah beside the border of Manasseh belongeth to the sonnes of Ephraim.

d Meaning, the citie it selfe.

9 Also this border goeth downe vnto the ‖riuer Kanah Southward to the riuer: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh is on the Northside of the riuer, and the endes of it are at the * Sea.

‖ Or, *the brooke of reedes.*

e That is, toward the maine Sea.

10 The South pertaineth to Ephraim, and the North to Manasseh, and the Sea is his border, and they met together in [f] Asher Northward, and in Issachar Eastward.

f In the tribe of Asher, and tribe of Issachar.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean, and her townes, and Ibleam, and her townes, and the inhabitants of Dor with the townes thereof, and the inhabitants of En-dor with the townes thereof, and the inhabitants of Taanach with her townes, and the inhabitants of Megiddo with the townes of the same, euen three countreys.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh [g] could not destroy those cities, but the Canaanites dwelled still in that land.

g For at the first they lacked courage, and after agreed with them on conditions contrary to Gods commandement.

13 Neuertheles, when the children of Israel were strong, they put the Canaanites vnder tribute, but cast them not out wholly.

14 Then the children of Ioseph spake vnto Ioshua, saying, [h] Why hast thou giuen me but one lot, and one portion to inherite, seeing I am a great people, for as much as the Lord hath [i] blessed me hitherto?

h According to my father Iaakobs prophesie, Gen.48.19.

15 Ioshua then answered them, If thou be much people, get thee vp to the wood, and cut trees for thy selfe there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the Giants, [k] if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

i If this mount be not large enough, doest not thou get more by destroying Gods enemies, as he hath commanded?

16 Then the children of Ioseph said, The mountaine will not be enough for vs: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the low countrey haue charets of yron, as well they in Beth-shean, and in the townes of the same, as they in the valley of Izreel.

17 And Ioshua spake vnto the house of Ioseph, to Ephraim, and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power, and shalt not haue one lot.

18 Therefore the mountaine shalbe thine: for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it downe: and the ends of it shall bee thine, [l] and thou shalt cast out the Canaanites, though they haue yron charets, & though they be strong.

k So that thou shalt enlarge thy portion thereby.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Tabernacle set in Shiloh. 4 Certaine are sent to diuide the land to the other seuen tribes. 11 The lot of the children of Beniamin.

AND the whole Congregation of the children of Israel came together at Shiloh: for they set vp the * Tabernacle of the Congregation there, after the land was subiect vnto them.

a For they had now remoued it from Gilgal, and set it vp in Shiloh.

2 Now there remained among the children of Israel seuen tribes, to whom [b] they had not diuided their inheritance.

b As Eleazar, Ioshua, and the heads of the tribes had done to Iudah, Ephraim, and halfe of Manasseh.

3 Therefore Ioshua said vnto the children of Israel, How long are yee so slacke to enter and possesse the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath giuen you?

4 Giue from among you for euery tribe three men, that I may send them, and that they may rise, and walke through the land, and distribute it according to [c] their inheritance, and returne to me.

c That is, into seuen portions, to euery tribe one.

5 And that they may diuide it vnto them into seuen parts, (Iudah shall abide in his coast at the South, and the house of Ioseph shall [d] stand in their coasts at the North)

d For these had their inheritance already appointed.

6 Ye shall describe the land therefore into seuen partes, and shall bring them hither to me, and I wil cast lots for you here before the * Lord our God.

e Before the ark of the Lord.

7 But the Leuites shall haue no part among you: for the [f] Priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance: also Gad and Reuben and halfe the tribe of Manasseh haue receiued their inheritance beyond Iorden Eastward, which Moses the seruant of the Lord gaue them.

f That is, the sacrifices and offerings, Chap.13. 14.

8 ¶ Then the men arose, and went their way: and Ioshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Depart, and goe

goe through the land, and describe it, and returne to mee, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

9 So the men departed, & passed through the land, and described it by cities into seuen parts in a booke, and returned to Ioshua into the campe at Shiloh.

10 ¶ Then Ioshua [h] cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord, and there Ioshua diuided the land vnto the children of Israel, according to their portions:

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Beniamin came foorth according to their families, and the coast of their lot lay [i] betweene the children of Iudah, and the children of Ioseph.

12 And their coast on the Northside was from Iorden, and the border went vp to the side of Iericho on the North part, and went vp through the mountaines Westward, and the endes thereof are in the wildernesse of Beth-auen:

13 And this border goeth along from thence to Luz, euen to the South side of Luz (the same is [k] Beth-el) and this border descendeth to Atroth-addar, neere the mount, that lieth on the South side of Beth-horon the nether.

14 So the border turneth, and compasseth the corner of the sea Southward, from the mount that lyeth before Beth-horon Southward: and the endes thereof are at Kiriath-baal (which is Kiriath-iearim) a citie of the children of Iudah: this is the West quarter.

15 And the Southquarter is from the end of Kiriath-iearim, and this border goeth out ‖ Westward, and commeth to the fountaine of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And this border descendeth at the end of the mountaine, that lyeth before the valley of Ben-hinnom, which is in the valley of the ‖ Giants Northward, and descendeth into the valley of Hinnom by the side of ‖ Iebus Southward, and goeth downe to Enrogel,

17 And compasseth from the North, and goeth forth to [l] En-shemesh, and stretcheth to Geliloth, which is toward the going vp vnto Adummim, and goeth downe to the [m] stone of Bohan the sonne of Reuben.

18 So it goeth along to the side ouer against the plaine Northward, and goeth downe into the plaine.

19 After, this border goeth along to the side of Beth-hoglah Northward: and the endes thereof, that is, of the border, reach to the point of the salt Sea Northward, and to the [n] end of Iorden Southward, this is the South coast.

20 Also Iorden is the border of it on the East side: this is the inheritance of the children of Beniamin by the coastes thereof round about according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Beniamin according to their families, are Iericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, & Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Auim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar, Ammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba: twelue cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, & Chephirah, & Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Iebusi (which is [o] Ierusalem) Gibeath, and Kiriath: fourteene cities with their villages: this is the inheritance of the children of Beniamin according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The portion of Symeon, 10 Of Zebulun, 17 Of Issachar, 24 Of Asher, 32 Of Naphtali, 40 Of Dan. 49 The possession of Ioshua.

AND the second lot came out to Simeon, euen for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was in the [a] mids of the inheritance of the children of Iudah.

2 Now they had in their inheritance, Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazar-shual, & Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen: thirteene cities with their villages.

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan: foure cities with their villages.

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities, vnto Baalathbeer, and ‖ Ramath Southward: this is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Iudah came the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Iudah was too [b] much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within their inheritance.

10 ¶ Also the third lot arose for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the coastes of their inheritance came to Sarid,

11 And their border goeth vp [c] Westward, euen to Maralah, & reacheth to Dabbasheth, and meeteth with the riuer that lyeth before Iokneam,

12 And turneth from Sarid Eastward toward the sunne rising vnto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and goeth out to Daberah, and ascendeth to Iaphia,

13 And from thence goeth along Eastward toward the Sunne rising to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth forth to Rimmon, and turneth to Neah,

14 And this border compasseth it on the North side to Hannathon, & the endes thereof are in the valley of Iiphtah-el,

15 And Kattah, and Nahallal, & Shimron, and Idalah, and [d] Beth-lehem: twelue cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families: that is, these cities and their villages.

17 ¶ The fourth lot came out to Issachar, euen for the children of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their coast was Izreelah, & Chesulloth,

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g By writing the names of euery countrey and city.

h That euery one should be content with Gods appointment.

i Their inheritance bordered vpon Iudah and Ioseph.

k Which was in the tribe of Ephraim: another Beth-el was in the tribe of Beniamin.

‖ *Or, to the Sea.*

‖ *Or, Rephaim.* ‖ *Or, Ierusalem.*

l Which is in the tribe of Ephraim.

m To the very strait, where the riuer runneth into the salt Sea.

n Which was not wholly in the tribe of Beniamin, but part of it was also in the tribe of Iudah.

a According to Iaakobs prophesie, that hee should be scattered among the other tribes, Gen 49 7.

‖ *Or, Ramath-negeb.*

b But this large portion was giuen them by Gods prouidence to declare their increase in time to come.

c Meaning, toward the great Sea.

d There was another Beth-lehem in the tribe of Iudah.

sulloth, and Shunem,
19 And Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath,
20 And Rabbith, & Kishion, and Abez,
21 And Remeth, and e En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.
22 And this coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, & Beth-shemesh, & the endes of their coast reach to Jorden: sixteene cities with their villages.
23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar, according to their families: that is, the cities and their villages.
24 ¶ Also the fift lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher, according to their families.
25 And their coast was Helcath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,
26 And Alammelech, and Amad, & Misheal, and came to Carmel Westward, and to Shihor Libnath,
27 And turneth toward the sunne rising to Beth-dagon, and f commeth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iiphtah-el, toward the North side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out on the left side of Cabul,
28 And to Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, unto great Zidon.
29 Then the coast turneth to Ramah and to the strong citie of g Zor, and this border turneth to Hosah, and the endes thereof are at the Sea from Hebel to Achzib,
30 Ummah also and Aphek, and Rehob: two and twentie cities with their villages.
31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher, according to their families: that is, these cities and their villages.
32 ¶ The sixt lot came out to the children of Naphtali, euen to the children of Naphtali according to their families.
33 And their coast was from h Heleph, and from Allon in Zaanannim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, euen to Lakum, and the endes thereof are at Jorden.
34 So this coast turneth Westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the South side, and goeth to Asher on the West side, and to Judah ‖ by Jorden toward the Sunne rising.
35 And the strong cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and i Cinnereth,
36 And Adamah, and Ramah, & Hazor,
37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, & En-hazor,
38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anah, and Beth-shemesh: nineteene cities with their villages.
39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families: that is, the cities and their villages.
40 ¶ The seuenth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.
41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,
42 And Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Ithlah,
43 And Elon, and Timnathah, and Ekron,
44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalah,
45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, & Gath-rimmon,
46 And Me-iarkon, and Rakkon, with the border that lieth before k Japho.
47 But the coasts of the children of Dan fell out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went vp to l fight against Lehem, and tooke it, & smote it with the edge of the sworde, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lehem, * Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families: that is, these cities and their villages.
49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land by the coasts thereof, then the children of Israel gaue an inheritance vnto Joshua the sonne of Nun among them.
50 According to the worde of the Lord they gaue him the citie which he asked, euen * Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the citie and dwelt therein.
51 * These are the heritages which Eleazar the Priest, and Joshua the sonne of Nun and the chiefe fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel diuided by lot in Shiloh before the Lord at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation: so they made an end of dividing the countrey.

e There was an other citie of this name in the tribe of Iudah: for vnder diuers tribes certaines cities had al one name, and were distincted by the tribe onely.

f Ioyneth to the tribe of Zebulun, which lay more Eastward.

g Which was Tyrus, a strong city in the sea.

h These cities were in the countrey of Zaanannim.

‖ Or, euen vnto Jorden.

i Of the which the lake of Genezareth had his name.

k Called Ioppe.

l According as Iaakob had prophesied, Gen. 49. 17. Iudg. 18. 29.

CHAP. XX.

2 The Lord commandeth Ioshua to appoint cities of refuge. 3 The vse thereof. 7 And their names.

THe Lorde also spake vnto Joshua, saying,
2 Speake to the children of Israel, and say, * Appoint you cities of refuge, whereof I spake vnto you by the hand of Moses,
3 That the slayer that killeth any person a by ignorance, and vnwittingly, may flee thither, and they shall be your refuge from the auenger of blood.
4 And he that doth flee vnto one of those cities, shall stand at the entring of the gate of the citie, and shall shew his cause ‖ to the Elders of the citie: and they shal receiue him into the city vnto them, and giue him a place that he may dwell with them.
5 And if the b auenger of blood pursue after him, they shall not deliuer the slayer into his hand, because he smote his neighbour ignorantly, neither hated her him before time:
6 But he shall dwell in that city vntil he stand before the Congregation in c iudgement, * or vntill the death of the hie Priest that shall be in those dayes: then shall the slayer returne, and come vnto his owne city, and vnto his owne house, euen vnto the citie from whence he fled.
7 ¶ Then they appointed Kedesh in Galil in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, & Kiriath-arba, (which is Hebron) in the mountaine of Judah.
8 And on the other side Jorden toward Jericho Eastward, they appointed * Bezer in the wildernesse vpon the plaine, out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead,

Exod. 21. 13. num. 35. 6, 11, 14. deut. 19. 2.

a Ar vnwares, and bearing him no grudge.

‖ Ebr. in the eares of the Elders.

b That is, the neereft kinsman of him that is slaine.

c Till his cause were proued. *Numb. 35. 25.*

‖ Or, Galile.

Deut. 4. 43. 1. chron. 6. 78.

Gilead, out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, out of the [d] tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger, that soiourned among them, that whosoeuer killed any person ignorantly, might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the auenger of blood, vntill he stood before the [e] Congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

The cities giuen to the Leuites, 41 in number eight and forty. 44 The Lord according to his promise gaue the children of Israel rest.

THen came the ‖ principall fathers of the Leuites vnto Eleazar the Priest, and vnto Iosh̃ua the sonne of Nun, and vnto the chiefe fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel,

2 And spake vnto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, [a] The Lord commanded [b] by the hand of Moses, to giue vs cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattell.

3 So the children of Israel gaue vnto the Leuites, out of their inheritance at the commaundement of the Lorde these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the [b] Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the Priest, which were of the Leuites, had by lot, out of the tribe of Iudah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Beniamin [c] thirteene cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath, had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, tenne cities.

6 Also the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteene cities.

7 The children of Merari according to their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelue cities.

8 So the children of Israel gaue by lot vnto the Leuites these cities with their suburbs, as the Lord had commaunded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gaue out of the tribe of the children of Iudah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here named.

10 And they were the children of [d] Aarõ beeing of the families of the Kohathites, and of the sonnes of Leui, (for theirs was the first lot.)

11 So they gaue them Kiriath-arba of the father of Anak (which is Hebron) in the mountaine of Iudah, with the suburbs of the same round about it.

12 (But the land of the citie, and the villages thereof, gaue they to [e] Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh to be his possession)

13 ¶ Thus they gaue to the [e] children of Aaron the Priest, a citie of refuge for the slayer, euen Hebron with her suburbs, and Libnah with her suburbs,

14 And Iattir with her suburbes, and Eshtemoa and her suburbs,

15 And Holon with her suburbs, [f] Debir with her suburbs,

16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Iuttah with her suburbs, Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Beniamin they gaue Gibeon with her [f] suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs: foure cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron Priests, were thirteene cities with their suburbs.

20 ¶ But to the families of the children of Kohath of the Leuites, [g] which were the rest of the children of Kohath (for the cities of their lot were out of ỹ tribe of Ephraim)

21 They gaue them the citie of refuge for the slayer, [h] Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, and Gezer with her suburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs: foure cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteked with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

24 Aialon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: foure cities.

25 And out of the [i] halfe tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: two cities.

26 All the cities for the other families of the children of Kohath were tenne with their suburbs.

27 ¶ Also vnto the children of Gershon of the families of the Leuites, they gaue out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, the citie of refuge for the slayer, [k] Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Beeshterah with her suburbs: two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Daberth with her suburbs,

29 Iarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs: foure cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

31 Helcah with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: foure cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, the citie of refuge for the slayer, Kedesh in Galil with her suburbs, [g] Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs: three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families, were thirteene cities with their suburbs.

34 ¶ Also vnto the families of ỹ children of Merari the [l] rest of the Leuites, they gaue out of the tribe of Zebulun, Iokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,

35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs: foure cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, [m] Bezer with her suburbs, and Iahazah with her suburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: foure cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad they gaue for

[d] Out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh beyond Iorden.

[e] Before the Iudges.

‖ *Or, the chiefe of the fathers.*

Numb. 35.2.

[a] By Moses, by whose ministerie God shewed his power.

[b] He meaneth them that were Priests: for some were but Leuites.

[c] Euery tribe gaue moe or fewer cities, according as their inheritance was great or little, Num. 35.8.

[d] For Aaron came of Kohath, and therfore the Priests office remained in that family.

Chap. 14. 14. 1. chron. 6. 56.

[e] That is, the Priest of the family of the Kohathites, of whom Aaron was chiefe.

[f] The suburbs were a thousand cubits from the wall of the cities round about, Num. 35.4.

[g] That were not Priests.

[h] Hebron and Shechem were the two cities of refuge vnder the Koathites.

[i] Which dwelt in Canaan.

[k] Golan and Kedesh were the cities of refuge vnder the Gershonites.

‖ *Or, Galile.*

[l] They are here called the rest, because they are last numbred, and Merari was the yongest brother, Gen. 46.11.

[m] Bezer and Ramoth were the cities of refuge vnder the Merarites and beyond Iorden, Chap. 20.8.

Reuben & Gad rent to their possession.

for a citie of refuge for the slayer, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbes, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

39 Heshbon with her suburbs, and Iazer with her suburbs: foure cities in all.

40 So all the cities of the children of Merari, according to their families (which were the rest of the families of the Leuites) were by their lot twelue cities.

41 And all the cities of the Leuites [n] within the possession of the children of Israel, were eight and forty with their suburbs.

42 These cities lay euery one seuerally with their suburbes round about them: so were all these cities.

43 ¶ So the Lorde gaue vnto Israel all the land, which he had sworne to giue vnto their fathers: and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 Also the Lord gaue them rest round about, according to all that hee had sworne vnto their fathers: and there stoode not a man of all their enemies before them: for the Lord deliuered all their enemies into their hand.

45 * There failed nothing of all the good things which the Lord had sayd vnto the house of Israel, but all came to passe.

n Thus according to Iaakobs prophesie, they were scattered thorowout the countrey, which God vsed to this ende, that his people might be instructed in the true religion by them.

Chap.23.14,15.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Reuben, Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh are sent againe to their possessions. 10 They build an altar for a memorial. 15 The Israelites reproue them. 21 They answere for defence of the same.

THen [a] Ioshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh,

2 And sayd vnto them, Ye haue kept all that Moses the seruaunt of the Lord [b] commanded you, and haue obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye haue not forsaken your brethren this long season vnto this day, but haue diligently kept the commandement of the Lord your God.

4 And now the Lord hath giuen rest vnto your brethren as he promised them: therefore now returne ye and goe to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the seruant of the Lord * hath giuen you beyond Iorden.

5 But take diligent heed, to do the commandement and Law, which Moses the seruant of the Lord commaunded you: that is, *that ye [c] loue the Lord your God, and walk in all his wayes, and keepe his commandements, and cleaue vnto him, and serue him with all your heart, and with all your soule.

6 So Ioshua [d] blessed them, & sent them away, and they went vnto their tents.

7 ¶ Nowe vnto one halfe of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had giuen a possession in Bashan: and vnto the other halfe thereof gaue Ioshua among their brethren on this side Iorden Westward: therefore when Ioshua sent them away to their tents, and blessed them,

8 Thus he spake vnto them, saying, Returne with much riches vnto your tents, and with a great multitude of cattell, with siluer and with golde, with brasse and with yron, and with great abundance of rayment: diuide the spoile of your enemies with your [e] brethren.

9 ¶ So the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel from Shiloh (which is in the lande of Canaan) to goe vnto the countrey of Gilead to the land of their possession, which they had obteined, according to the worde of the Lorde by the hande of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came vnto the [‡] borders of Iorden (which are in the lande of Canaan) then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, built [f] there an altar by Iorden, a great altar to see to.

11 ¶ When the children of Israel heard say, Beholde, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, haue built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan vpon the borders of Iorden at the passage of the children of Israel:

12 When the children of Israel heard it, then the whole Congregation of the children of Israel gathered them together at Shiloh, to goe vp to [g] warre against them.

13 Then the children of Israel sent vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest,

14 And with him tenne princes, of euery chiefe house a prince, according to all the tribes of Israel: for euery one was chiefe of their fathers houshold among the ‖ thousands of Israel.

15 ¶ So they went vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh, vnto the land of Gilead, and spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith [h] the whole Congregation of the Lord, What transgression is this that ye haue transgressed against the God of Israel, to turne away this day from the Lord, in that yee haue built you an altar for to rebell this day against the Lord?

17 Haue we too little for the wickednesse * of Peor, whereof we are not [i] cleansed vnto this day, though a plague came vpon the Congregation of the Lord?

18 Ye also are turned away this day from the Lord: and seeing ye rebell to day against the Lord, euen to morrow he will be wroth with all the Congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be [k] vncleane, come ye ouer vnto the land of the possession of the Lord, wherein the Lords Tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among vs: but [l] rebell not against the Lord, nor rebell not against vs in building you an altar, beside the altar of the Lord our God.

20 Did not Achan the sonne of Zerah trespasse grieuously in the execrable thing, and wrath fell on * all the Congregation of Israel? and this man alone [m] perished not in his wickednesse.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben & the children

a Which remained at home, & went not to the warre, Numb. 31 27. 1. Sam. 30. 24.

‡ *Ebr. Gelilah, which countrey also was called Canaan, because the Amorites dwelling there, were called Canaanites.*

f That is, beyond Iorden: for sometime the whole countrey on both sides of Iorden is meant by Canaan.

g Such now was their zeale, that they would rather lose their liues, then suffer the true religion to be changed or corrupted.

‖ *Or, multitude.*

h Not onely of the princes, but also of the common peole. *Numb.* 25. 4.

i Meaning, God is not fully pacified, forasmuch as no punishment can be sufficient for such wickednesse and idolatry.

k In your iudgement.

l To vse any other seruice then God hath appointed, is to rebell against God, 1. Sam. 15. 23. *Chap.* 7. 15.

m Signifying, that if many suffred for one mans fault, for the fault of many, all should suffer.

Numb.32.33. chap.13.8.

Deut.10.12.

c He sheweth wherein consisteth the fulfilling of the Law.

d He commended them to God, and prayed for them.

childzen of Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh answered, and layd vnto the heads ouer the thousands of Israel,

22 The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, he knoweth, & Israel himselfe shall know: if by rebellion, or by transgression against the Lord we haue done it, saue thou vs not this day.

23 If wee haue built vs an altar to returne away from the Lord, either to offer thereon burnt offering, or meate offering, or to offer peace offrings thereon, let the Lord [n] himselfe require it:

24 And if wee haue not rather done it for feare of this thing, saying, In time to come your childzen might say vnto our childzen, What haue yee to doe with the Lord God of Israel?

25 For the Lord hath made Iordan a border betweene vs and you, yee childzen of Reuben and of Gad: therefore yee haue no part in the Lorde: so shall your childzen make our childzen [o] cease from fearing the Lord.

26 Therefore we sayd, We will now goe about to make vs an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice,

27 But it shall be a [*] witnesse betweene vs and you, and betweene our generations after vs, to execute the seruice of the Lorde before him in our burnt offerings, and in our sacrifices, and in our peace offerings, and that your childzen should not say to our childzen in time to come, Ye haue no part in the Lord.

28 Therefore sayd we, If so be that they should so say to vs or to our [p] generations in time to come, then will we answere, Behold the fashion of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, but it is a witnesse betweene vs and you.

29 God forbid, that we should rebell against the Lord, and turne this day away from the Lord to build an altar for burnt offering, or for meate offering, or for sacrifice, saue the altar of the Lord our God, that is before his Tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the Priest, and the Princes of the Congregation, and heads ouer the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the wordes that the childzen of Reuben, and the childzen of Gad, and the childzen of Manasseh spake, ‡ they were well content.

31 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest said vnto the childzen of Reuben and to the childzen of Gad, and to the childzen of Manasseh, This day wee perceiue that the Lord is [q] among vs, because ye haue not done this trespasse against the Lorde: now yee [r] haue deliuered the childzen of Israel out of the hand of the Lord.

32 ¶ Then Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest with the Princes returned from the childzen of Reuben, and from the childzen of Gad, out of the lande of Gilead, vnto the lande of Canaan, to the childzen of Israel, and brought them answere.

33 And the saying pleased the childzen of Israel: and the childzen of Israel ‖ blessed God, and ‡ minded not to go against them in battel, for to destroy the land, wherein the childzen of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 Then the childzen of Reuben, and the childzen of Gad called the altar ‖ Ed: for it shalbe a witnesse betweene vs, that the Lord is God.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Iosuha exhorteth the people, 7 That they ioyne not themselues to the Gentiles, 7 That they name not their idoles. 14 The promise, if they feare God, 15 And threatnings if they forsake him.

AND a long season after that the Lorde had giuen rest vnto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Iosuha was olde and ‡ stricken in age,

2 Then Iosuha called al Israel, and their Elders, and their heads, and their Iudges, and their officers, and said vnto them, I am old, and stricken in age.

3 Also ye haue seen all that the Lord your God hath done vnto all these nations [a] before you, how the Lorde your God himselfe hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I haue ‖ diuided vnto you by lot, these nations that remaine, to be an inheritance according to your tribes, from Iorden, with all the nations that I haue destroyed, euen vnto the great Sea ‡ Westward.

5 And the Lord your God shall expell [b] them before you, and cast them out of your sight, and yee shall possesse their land as the Lord your God hath sayd vnto you.

6 Be ye therefore of a valiant courage, to obserue and doe all that is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, [*] that ye turne not therefrom to the right hand nor to the left,

7 Neither company with these nations: that is, with them which are [c] left with you, neither [*] make mention of the name of their gods, [d] nor cause to sweare by them, neither serue them nor bow vnto them:

8 But sticke fast vnto the Lord your God, as ye haue done vnto this day.

9 For the Lord hath cast out before you great nations and mighty, and no man hath stood before your face hitherto.

10 [*] One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God he fighteth for you as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heede therefore vnto your ‡ selues, that ye loue the Lord your God.

12 Els, if ye goe backe, and cleaue vnto the rest of these nations: that is, of them that remaine with you, and shal ‖ make mariages with them, and I goe vnto them, and they to you,

13 Know yee for certaine, that the Lord your God will cast out no more of these nations from before you: [*] but they shall bee a snare and destruction vnto you, and a whip on your sides, and thornes in your [e] eyes, vntill yee perish out of this good land, which the Lord your God hath giuen you.

14 And behold, this day doe I [f] enter into the way of all the world, and yee know in all

n Let him punish vs.

o Or, to turne backe from the true God.

Gen. 31. 48. chap. 24. 27. verse 34.

p They signifie a wonderfull care that they bare toward their posteritie, that they might liue in the true seruice of God.

‡ Ebr. it was good in their eyes.

q By preseruing vs and gouerning vs.

r Whom if yee had offended, he would haue punished with you.

‖ Or, praysed. ‡ Ebr. said.

‖ Or, witnesse.

‡ Ebr. common ye: ye yeares.

a Your eyes bearing witnesse.

‖ Or, ouerthrowen these nations.

‡ Ebr. at the sun set.

b Which yet remaine and are not ouercome, as Chap. 13. 2.

Deut 5. 32. and 28. 14.

c And not yet subdued.

Psal. 16. 4.

d Let not the Iudges admit an othe, which any shall sweare by their idoles.

Leuit. 26. 8. deut. 32. 30.

‡ Ebr soules.

‖ Or, be of their affinitie.

Or, haue conuersation with them.

Exod. 23. 33. num. 33. 55. deut. 7. 16.

e Meaning, they shall be a continuall griefe vnto you, and so the cause of your destruction.

f I die according to the course of nature.

all your † hearts and in all your soules, that * nothing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised you, but all are come to passe vnto you: nothing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore as all † good things are come vpon you which the Lord your God promised you, so shall the Lord bring vpon you euery † euill thing, vntill hee haue destroyed you out of this good land, which the Lorde your God hath giuen you.

16 When yee shall [b] transgresse the couenant of the Lord your God, which hee commanded you, and shall goe and serue other gods, and bowe your selues to them, then shall the wrath of the Lord ware hote against you, and yee shall perish quickely out of the good land which he hath giuen you.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 Iosh. rehearseth Gods benefites, 14 and exhorteth the people to feare God. 25 The league renued betweene God and the people. 29 Iosh. dieth. 32 The bones of Ioseph are buried. 33 Eleazar dieth.

AND Iosh. assembled againe all the [a] tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called the Elders of Israel, and their heads, and their Iudges, and their officers, & they presented themselues before [b] God.

2 Then Iosh. said vnto all the people, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, * Your Fathers dwelt beyond the [c] flood in olde time, euen Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor, and serued other gods.

3 And I tooke your father Abraham from beyond the flood, and brought him thorow all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seede, and * gaue him Isaak.

4 And I gaue vnto Isaak * Iaakob and Esau: and I gaue vnto * Esau mount Seir, to possesse it: but * Iaakob and his children went downe into Egypt.

5 * I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt: and when I had so done among them, I brought you out.

6 So I * brought your Fathers out of Egypt: and ye came vnto the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with charets and horsemen vnto * the red Sea.

7 Then they cried vnto the Lord, and he put † a darkenesse betweene you and the Egyptians, and brought the Sea vpon them, and couered them: so your eyes haue seene what I haue done in Egypt: also ye dwelt in the wildernesse [d] a long season.

8 After, I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt beyond Iorden, * and they fought with you: but I gaue them into your hand, and yee possessed their countrey, and I destroyed them out of your sight.

9 * Also Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab arose and warred against Israel, and sent to call Balaam the sonne of Beor, for to curse you,

10 But I would not heare Balaam: therefore he blessed you, and I deliuered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went ouer Iorden, and came vnto Iericho, & the * men of Iericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, and I deliuered them into your hand.

12 And I sent * hornets before you, which cast them out before you, euen the two kings of the Amorites, and not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I haue giuen you a land, wherein yee did not labour, and cities, which yee built not, and yee dwell in them, and eate of the vineyards and Oliue trees, which yee planted not.

14 Now therefore † feare the Lord, and serue him in vprightnesse and in truth, and put away the gods, which your Fathers serued beyond the flood and in Egypt, and serue ye the Lord.

15 And & if it seeme euill vnto you to serue the Lord, chuse yee this day whom yee will serue, whether the gods which your Fathers serued (that were beyond the flood) or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land yee dwell: † but I and my house will serue the Lord.

16 Then the people answered and sayd, God forbid, that we should forsake the Lord, to serue other gods.

17 For the Lord our God, he brought vs and our Fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and hee did those great miracles in our sight, and preserued vs in all the way that we went, and among all the people through whome wee came.

18 And the Lord did cast out before vs all the people, euen the Amorites, which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serue the Lord, [h] for he is our God.

19 And Iosh. sayd vnto the people, Ye cannot serue the Lord: for he is an holy God: he is a ielous God: he will not pardon your iniquitie nor your sinnes.

20 If ye forsake the Lord & serue strange gods, * then hee will returne and bring euill vpon you, and consume you, after that hee hath done you good.

21 And the people said vnto Iosh. Nay, but we will serue the Lord.

22 And Iosh. said vnto the people, Yee are witnesses † against your selues, that ye haue chosen you the Lord to serue him: and they sayd, We are witnesses.

23 Then put away now, sayd hee, the strange [k] gods which are among you, and bowe your hearts vnto the Lord God of Israel.

24 And the people said vnto Iosh. The Lord our God will wee serue, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Iosh. † made a couenant with the people the same day, and gaue them an ordinance and law in Shechem.

26 And Iosh. wrote these words in the booke of the law of God, and tooke a great stone, & pitched it there vnder an † Oke that was in the Sanctuary of the Lord.

27 And Iosh. said vnto all the people, Behold,

g Most certainly *Chap.21.45.*

‖ *Or, promises.*

‖ *Or, threatnings, as Chap.23.16.*

h He sheweth that do euill can come vnto man except he offend God by disobedience.

a That is, the nine tribes and the halfe.

b Before the Arke, which was brought to Shechem, when they went to bury Iosephs bones. *Gen.11.31. iudeth 5 6.7.*

c Euphrates in Mesopotamia, Gen 11.26. *Gen 21.2. Gen.25.26. Gen.36.8. Gen 46.6. Exod.3.10.*

Exod 12 37.

Exod.14.9.

‖ *Or, a cloude.*

d Euen fortie yeeres.

Num 21.29.

Num.22.5. deut.23.4.

e Because it was the chiefe citie, vnder it he conteineth all the countrey: else they of the citie fought not. *Exod 23.28. deut.7.20. chap.11.20.*

f This is the true vse of Gods benefits, to learne thereby to feare and serue him with an vpright conscience.

† *Ebr. if it be euil in your sight.*

g This teacheth vs, that if all the world would go from God, yet euery one of vs particularly is bound to cleaue vnto him.

h How much more are wee bound to serue God in Christ, by whom we haue receiued the redemption of our soules? *Chap.23.15.*

i If you doe the contrary, your owne mouthes shall condemne you.

k Out of your hearts, and otherwise.

l By ioining God and the people together: also in repeateth the promises and threatnings out of the Law.

‖ *Or, elme.*

Chap. 23. 27. m Rather then mans dissimulation should not be punished, the dumbe creatures shalbe for vengeance.

Behold, this stone shall be a witnesse vnto vs: for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which hee spake with vs: it shall bee therefore a witnesse against you, lest yee denie your God.

28 Then Iosh̃ua let the people depart euery man vnto his inheritance.

29 And after these things, Iosh̃ua the sonne of Nun, the seruant of the Lord, died, being an hundreth and ten yeeres old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the North side of mount Gaash.

31 And Israel serued the Lord all the dayes of Iosh̃ua, and all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Iosh̃ua, and which had knowen all the workes of the Lord that hee had done for Israel.

Anak slain

Gene. 50. 25. exod. 13. 19.

32 And the bones of Ioseph, which the children of Israel brought out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem in a parcel of ground which Iaakob brought of the sonnes of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundreth pieces of siluer, and the children of Ioseph had them in their inheritance.

Gene. 33. 19.

33 Also Eleazar the sonne of Aaron died, whom they buried in the ‡ hill of Phinehas his sonne, which was giuen him in mount Ephraim.

‡ Ebr. Gibeah Phinehas.

The booke of Iudges.

THE ARGVMENT.

Albeit there is nothing that more prouoketh Gods wrath, then mans ingratitude, yet there is nothing so displeasant and hainous that can turne backe Gods loue from his Church. For now when the Israelites were entred into the land of Canaan, and saw the trueth of Gods promise performed, in stead of acknowleging his great benefits, and giuing thankes for the same, they fell to most horrible obliuion of Gods graces, contrarie to their solemne promise made vnto Iosh̃ua, and so prouoked his vengeance (as much as in them stood) to their vtter destruction. Whereof as they had most euident signes by the mutabilitie of their state: (for hee suffered them to bee most cruelly vexed and tormented by tyrants: hee pulled them from libertie, and cast them into slauerie, to the intent they might feele their owne miseries, and so call vnto him and bee deliuered) so to shew that his mercies endure for euer, he raised vp from time to time such as should deliuer them, and assure them of his fauour and grace, if they would turne to him by true repentance. And these deliuerers the Scripture calleth Iudges, because they were executers of Gods iudgements, not chosen of the people, nor by succession, but raised vp as it seemed best to God for the gouernance of his people. They were fourteene in number besides Iosh̃ua, and gouerned from Iosh̃ua vnto Saul the first king of Israel. Iosh̃ua and these vnto the time of Saul, ruled 377. yeeres. In this booke are many notable points declared, but two especially: first, the battell that the Church of God hath for the maintenance of true Religion against idolatrie and superstition: next, what great danger that common wealth is in, when as God giueth not a Magistrate to retaine his people in pureneſſe of Religion and his true seruice.

CHAP. I.

1 *After Iosh̃ua was dead, Iudah was constituted captaine.* 6 *Adoni-bezek is taken.* 14 *The request of Achsah.* 16 *The children of Keni.* 28 *The Canaanites are made tributaries, but not destroyed.*

AFter that Iosh̃ua was dead, the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall goe vp for vs against the Canaanites, to fight first against them?

a By the iudgement of Vrim: reade Exod. 28. 30. num. 27. 21. 1. Sam. 28. 6.

b Who shall be our captaine?

2 And the Lord said, Iudah shall goe vp: behold, I haue giuen the land into his hand.

3 And Iudah said vnto Simeon his brother, Come vp with mee into my lot, that wee may fight against the Canaanites: and I likewise will goe with thee into thy lot: so Simeon went with him.

c For the tribe of Simeon had their inheritance within the tribe of Iudah, Iosh. 19. 1.

4 Then Iudah went vp, and the Lord deliuered the Canaanites & the Perizzites into their hands, and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

Or, the Lord of Bezek.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

d This was Gods iust iudgement, as the tyrant himselfe confesseth, that as he had done, so did he receiue, Leuit. 24. 19, 20.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and d cut off the thumbes of his hands and of his feete.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Seuentie kings hauing the thumbes of their hands and of their feete cut off, gathered bread vnder my table: as I haue done, so God hath rewarded me, so they brought him to Ierusalem, and there he died.

8 (Nowe the children of Iudah had fought against Ierusalem, and had taken it and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and had set the e citie on fire.)

e Which was afterward built againe and possessed by the Iebusites, 2. Sam. 5. 6.

9 Afterward also the children of Iudah went downe to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountaine, and toward the South, and in the lowe countrey.

10 And Iudah went against the Canaanites, that dwelt in Hebron, which Hebron before time was called Kirtath-arba: and they slew f Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

Iosh. 15. 14.

f These three were giants, and the children of Anak.

11 And from thence he went to the inhabitants of Debir, and the name of Debir in olde time was Kirtath-sepher.

12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, euen to him will I giue Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, Calebs yonger brother tooke it, to whom hee gaue Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And when she came to him, she mooued him to aske of her father a fielde, & she lighted off her asse, and Caleb said vnto her, What wilt thou?

g Reade Iosh. 15. 18.

15 And

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15 And thee answered him, Giue mee a blessing: for thou hast giuen mee a South country, giue me also springs of water: and Caleb gaue her the springs aboue, and the springs beneath.

16 ¶ And the children of h Reni Moses father in law went vp out of the citie of the palme trees with the children of Iudah into the wildernesse of Iudah, that lieth in the South of Arad, and went and dwelt among the people.

17 But Iudah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and vtterly destroyed it, and called the name of the citie * Hormah.

18 Also Iudah tooke i Azzah with the coastes thereof, and Askelon with the coastes thereof, and Ekron with the coastes thereof.

19 And the Lord was with Iudah, and he possessed the mountaines: for he could not driue out the inhabitants of the valleys, because they had charets of yron.

20 And they gaue Hebron vnto Caleb, as * Moses had said, and he expelled thence the three sonnes of Anak.

21 But the children of Beniamin did not cast out the Iebusites, that k inhabited Ierusalem: therefore the Iebusites dwell with the children of Beniamin in Ierusalem vnto this day.

22 ¶ They also that were of the house of Ioseph, went vp to Bethel, and the Lord was with them.

23 And the house of Ioseph caused to view Beth-el (and the name of the citie before time was * Luz)

24 And the spies saw a man come out of the citie, and they said vnto him, Shew vs, we pray thee, the way into the citie, * and we will shew thee mercie.

25 And when hee had shewed them the way into the citie, they smote the citie with the edge of the sword, but they let the man and all his houshold depart.

26 Then the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a citie, and called the name thereof Luz, which is the name thereof vnto this day.

27 ¶ * Neither did Manasseh destroy Beth-shean with her townes, nor Taanach with her townes, nor the inhabitants of Dor with her townes, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam, with her townes, neither the inhabitants of Megiddo with her townes: l but the Canaanites dwelled still in that land.

28 Nevertheles when Israel was strong, they put the Canaanites to tribute, and expelled them not wholly.

29 ¶ * Likewise Ephraim expelled not the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 ¶ Neither did m Zebulun expel the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol, but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Asher cast out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob.

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites the inhabitants of the land: for they did not driue them n out.

33 ¶ Neither did Naphtali driue out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath, but dwelt among the Canaanites the inhabitants of the land: neuertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, and of Beth-anath became tributaries vnto them.

34 And the Amorites ‖ droue the children of Dan into the mountaine: for they suffered them not to come downe to the valley.

35 And the Amorites ‖ dwelt still in mount Heres in Aialon, and in Shaalbim, and when the o hand of Iosephs family preuailed, they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites was from Maaleh-akrabbim, euen from p Selah and vpward.

CHAP. II.

1 The Angel rebuketh the people, because they had made peace with the Canaanites. 11 The Israelites fell to idolatrie after Ioshuas death. 14 They are deliuered into the enemies hands. 16 God deliuereth them by Iudges. 21 Why God suffered idolaters to remaine among them.

AND an Angel of the Lord came vp from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to goe vp out of Egypt, and haue brought you vnto the land which I had sworne vnto your fathers, and said, I will neuer breake my couenant with you.

2 * Ye also shall make no couenant with the inhabitants of this land: but shall breake downe their altars: but yee haue not obeyed my voice. Why haue ye done this?

3 Wherefore, I said also, I will not cast them out before you, but they shall bee * as thornes vnto your sides, and their gods shall be your ‖ destruction.

4 And when the Angel of the Lord spake these words vnto all the children of Israel, the people lift vp their voice, and wept.

5 Therefore they called the name of that place, ‖ Bochim, and offered sacrifices there vnto the Lord.

6 ¶ Now when Ioshua had q sent the people away, the children of Israel went euery man into his inheritance to possesse the land.

7 And the people had serued the Lord all the dayes of Ioshua, and all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Ioshua, which had seene all the great r workes of the Lord that he did for Israel.

8 But Ioshua the sonne of Nun the seruant of the Lord died, when he was an hundreth and ten yeeres olde.

9 And they buried him in the coastes of his inheritance, in s Timnath-heres in mount Ephraim, on the North side of mount Gaash.

10 And so all that generation was gathered vnto their fathers, and another generation arose after them, which neither knew the Lord, nor yet the workes which he had done for Israel.

11 ¶ Then the children of Israel did wickedly in the sight of the Lord, and serued * Baalim,

12 And

Num. 21.3.
i These cities and others were afterward possessed of the Philistims, 1. Sam. 6. 17.

Num. 14.24. Ios. 14.13. and 15.14.
k For after that the tribe of Iudah had burnt it, they built it againe.

Gene. 28.19.

Ios. 2.14.

Ios. 17.11.

l Wherefore God permitted the Canaanites to dwell still in the land, reade Chap. 3.4. Ios. 16.10.

m That is, the tribe of Zebulun, as is also to be vnderstood of the rest.

n But made them pay tribute as the other did.

‖ Or, afflicted them.

‖ Or, would dwell
o Meaning, when hee was stronger then they.

p Which was a citie in Arabia, or as some reade, from the rocke.

a That is, messenger or prophet, as some thinke, Phinehas.

Deut. 7.2.

Deut. 12.3.

Ios. 23.13.

‖ Or, snare.

‖ Or, weeping.

b After that he had diuided to euery man his portion by lot, Ios. 24.28.

c Meaning, the wonders and miracles.

d Heres by turning the letters backward, is Sereh, as Ios. 24. 30.

e That is, all maner of idoles.

12 And forsooke the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, euen the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed vnto them, and prouoked the Lord to anger.

13 So they forsooke the Lord, and serued * Baal, and f Ashtaroth.

14 And the wrath of the Lord was hote against Israel, and hee deliuered them into the hands of spoylers, that spoiled them, and hee * solde them into the hands of their enemies round about them, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 ‖ Whithersoeuer they went out, the h hand of the Lord was sore against them, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworne vnto them: so he punished them sore.

16 ¶ Notwithstanding, the Lord raysed vp ‖ Iudges, which ‡ deliuered them out of the hands of their oppressours.

17 But yet they would not obey their Iudges: for they went a whoring after other gods, and worshipped them, and turned quickly out of the i way, wherein their fathers walked, obeying the commandements of the Lord: they did so.

18 And when the Lord had raised them vp Iudges, the Lord was with the Iudge, and deliuered them out of the hand of their enemies all the dayes of the Iudge, (for the Lord ‡ had compassion of their groanings, h because of them that oppressed them and tormented them)

19 Yet * when the Iudge was dead, they returned, and ‡ did worse then their fathers, in following other gods, to serue them and worship them: they ceased not from their owne inuentions, nor from their rebellious way.

20 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he said, Because this people hath transgressed my couenant, which I commanded their fathers, and hath not obeyed my voice,

21 Therefore will I no more cast out before them any of the l nations, which Iosh̃ua left when he died,

22 That through them I may m proue Israel, whether they will keepe the way of the Lord, to walke therein, as their fathers kept it, or not.

23 So the Lord left those nations, and drowe them not out immediatly, neither deliuered them into the hand of Ioshua.

CHAP. III.

1 The Canaanites were left to trie Israel. 9 Othniel deliuereth Israel. 21 Ehud killeth king Eglon. 31 Shamgar killeth the Philistims.

THese now are the nations which the Lord left, that hee might proue Israel by them (euen as many of Israel as had not knowen all the a warres of Canaan,

2 Onely to make the generations of the children of Israel to knowe, and to teach them warre, which doubtlesse their predecessours knew b not)

3 Fiue princes of the Philistims, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hiuites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon vntill one come to Hamath.

4 And these remained to proue Israel by them, to wit, whether they would obey the commandements of the Lord, which hee commaunded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites,

6 And they tooke c their daughters to be their wiues, and gaue their daughters to their sonnes, and serued their gods.

7 ¶ So the children of Israel did wickedly in the sight of the Lord, and forgate the Lord their God, and serued Baalim, and d Asheroth.

8 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and hee solde them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim King of ‖ Aram-naharaim, and the children of Israel serued Chushan-rishathaim eight yeeres.

9 ¶ And when the children of Israel cried vnto the Lord, the Lord stirred vp a sauiour to the children of Israel, and he saued them, euen Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, Calebs yonger brother.

10 And the * spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and he iudged Israel, and went out to warre: and the Lord deliuered Chushan-rishathaim King of ‖ Aram into his hand, and his hand preuailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

11 So the land had rest e fortie yeeres, and Othniel the sonne of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ Then the children of Israel againe committed wickednesse in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord ‡ strengthened Eglon King of Moab against Israel, because they had committed wickednesse before the Lord.

13 And hee gathered vnto him the children of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and they possessed the citie of palme trees.

14 So the children of Israel serued Eglon King of Moab eighteene yeeres.

15 But when the children of Israel cried vnto the Lord, the Lord stirred them vp a sauiour, Ehud the sonne of Gera, the sonne of ‖ Iemini, a man ‖ lame of his right hand: and the children of Israel sent a present by him vnto Eglon King of Moab.

16 And Ehud ‖ made him a dagger with two edges, of a cubit length, and he did gird it vnder his raiment vpon his right thigh,

17 And he presented the gift vnto Eglon King of Moab (and Eglon was a very fat man)

18 And when hee had now presented the present, hee sent away the people that bare the present,

19 But he turned againe from the h quarries, that were by Gilgal, and said, I haue a secret errand vnto thee, O King. Who said, Keepe i silence: and all that stood about him, went out from him.

20 Then Ehud came vnto him, (and he sate alone in a Summer parler, which hee had) and Ehud sayde, I haue a message

Chap 10.6.
f These were idols, which had the forme of an ewe or sheepe among the Sidonians.
Psal.44.12.
Isa.50.1.
g In all their enterprises.
h The vengeance.
‖ Or, Magistrates,
‡ Ebr. sawed.
i Meaning, from the true religion.
‡ Ebr. repented.
k Seeing their cruelties.
Chap.3.12.
‡ Ebr. corrupt themselues.
l As the Hiuites, Iebusites, Amorites, &c.
m So that both outward enemies and false Prophets are but a triall to proue our faith, Deut. 13.3. and chap. 3.1.
Which were atchieued by the hand of God, and not by the power of man.
b For they trusted in God, and he fought for them.
c Contrarie to Gods commandement, Deu. 7.3
d Trees or woods erected for idolatrie.
‖ Or, Mesopotamia.
e He was stirred vp by the Spirit of the Lord.
‖ Or, Syria.
f That is, 32. vnder Iosh̃ua, and eight vnder Othniel.
g So that the enemies of Gods people haue no power ouer them, but by Gods appointment.
‖ Or, Beniamite.
‖ Or, left handed.
‖ Or, caused a dagger to be made.
h Or, as some reade, from the places of idoles.
i Till all be departed.

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vnto thee from God. Then hee arose out of his throne,

21 And Ehud put foorth his left hand, and tooke the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly,

22 So that the haft went in after the blade, and the fat closed about the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly, but the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud gate him out into the ‖porch, and shut the doores of the parlour vpon him, and locked them.

‖Or, hall.

24 And when he was gone out, his seruants came: who seeing that the doores of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely ‡ hee doeth his easement in his Sommer chamber.

‡Ebr. he couereth his feete.

25 And they taried till they were ashamed: and seeing he opened not the doores of the parlour, they tooke the key, and opened them, and behold, their lord was fallen dead on the earth.

26 So Ehud escaped while they taried, and was passed the quarries, and escaped vnto Seirath.

27 And when he came home, hee ‖ blew a trumpet in mount Ephraim, and the children of Israel went downe with him from the mountaine, and he went before them.

‖Or, caused the trumpet to be blowen, Numb. 10.2, 3.

28 Then said he vnto them, Follow me: for the Lord hath deliuered your enemies, euen Moab into your hand. So they went downe after him, and tooke the passages of Iorden toward Moab, and suffered not a man to passe ouer.

29 And they slew of the Moabites the same time about ten thousand men, all ‖ fat men, and all were warriers, and there escaped not a man.

‖Or, strong and bigge bodied. ‡Ebr. bumbled, k Meaning, the Israelites.

30 So Moab was ‡ subdued that day vnder the hand of Israel: and the k land had rest fourescore yeeres.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the sonne of Anath, which slewe of the Philistims fiue hundreth men with an oxe l goad, and he also deliuered Israel.

l So that it is not the number, nor the meanes that God regardeth, when he will get the victorie.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Israel sinne, and are giuen into the hands of Iabin.* 4 *Deborah iudgeth Israel, and exhorteth Barak to deliuer the people.* 15 *Sisera fleeth,* 17 *and is killed by Iael.*

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And the children of Israel ‡ beganne againe to doe wickedly in the sight of the Lord when Ehud was dead.

‡Ebr. added, or continued to doe euill.

2 And the Lord sold them into the hand of a Iabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor, whose chiefe captaine was called Sisera, which dwelt in b Harosheth of the Gentiles.

a There was an other Iabin, whom Iosh. killed, and burnt his citie Hazor, Iosh 11, 13.

b That is, in a wood or strong place.

3 Then the children of Israel cried vnto the Lord: (for he had nine hundreth charets of yron, and twentie yeeres he had vexed the children of Israel very sore.)

4 ¶ And at that time Deborah a prophetesse, the wife of Lapidoth c iudged Israel.

c By the spirit of prophesie, resoluing of controuersies, and declaring the will of God.

5 And she dwelt vnder a palme tree, betweene Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim, and the children of Israel came vp to her for iudgement.

6 Then she sent and called Barak the sonne of Abinoam out of Kedesh of Naphtali, and said vnto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel d commanded, saying, Goe and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun?

d And reuealed vnto me by the spirit of prophesie. *Psal.* 83 9, 10.

7 And I will draw vnto thee to the riuer Kishon Sisera, the captaine of Iabins armie with his charets, and his multitude, and will deliuer him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said vnto her, e If thou wilt goe with mee, I will goe: but if thou wilt not goe with me, I will not goe.

e Fearing his owne weakenesse and his enemies power, he desireth the Prophetesse to goe with him to assure him of Gods will from time to time.

9 Then shee answered, I will surely goe with thee, but this iourney that thou takest, shall not bee for thine honour: for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

‖Or, he led after him 10000. men.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ‖ hee went vp on his feete with ten thousand men, and Deborah went vp with him.

11 (Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the ‖ children of f Hobab the father in law of Moses, was departed from the ‡ Kenites, and pitched his tent g vntill the plaine of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh)

‖Or, posteritie. *Numb.* 10.29. ‡Ebr. from Kain. f Meaning, that he possessed a great part of that countrey.

12 Then they shewed Sisera, that Barak the sonne of Abinoam was gone vp to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera called for all his charets, euen nine hundreth charets of yron, ‖ all the people that were with him from Harosheth of the Gentiles, vnto the riuer Kishon.

‖Or, all the host.

14 Then Deborah said vnto Barak, h Vp: for this is the day that the Lord hath deliuered Sisera into thine hand, Is not the Lord gone out before thee: so Barak went downe from mount Tabor, and tenne thousand men after him.

g Shee still encourageth him to this enterprise by assuring him of Gods fauour and aide.

15 And the Lord destroyed Sisera and all his charets, and all his host with the edge of the sword before Barak, so that Sisera lighted downe off his caret, and fled away on his feete.

16 But i Barak pursued after the charets, and after the host vnto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell vpon the edge of the sword: there was not a man left.

Psal. 83.10.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feete to the tent of Iael the wife of k Heber the Kenite: (for peace was betweene Iabin the king of Hazor, and betweene the house of Heber the Kenite)

h Whose ancesters were strangers, but worshipped the true God, and therefore were ioyned with Israel.

18 And Iael went out to meete Sisera, and said vnto him, Turne in, my lord, turne in to me: feare not. And when hee had turned in vnto her into her tent, shee couered him with a ‖ mantle.

‖Or, blanket.

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me, I pray thee, a little water to drinke: for I am thirstie. And she opened l a bottle of milke, and gaue him drinke, and couered him.

Chap. 5.25.

20 Againe, hee said vnto her, Stand in the doore of the tent, and when any man doth come and enquire of thee, saying, Is any man here? thou shalt say, Nay.

i To wit, Sisera.

21 Then Iael Hebers wife tooke a m nayle of the tent, and tooke an hammer in her hand, and went softly vnto him, and smote the

k That is, the sonne or stike, whereby it was fastened to the ground.

the naile into his temples, and fastened it into the ground, (for he was fast asleepe, and wearie) and so he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued after Sisera, Iael came out to meete him, and sayd vnto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest: and when hee came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay [l] dead, and the naile in his temples.

23 So God brought downe Iabin the king of Canaan that day before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel [t] prospered, and preuailed against Iabin the king of Canaan, vntill they had destroyed Iabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

1 *The song and thanksgiuing of Deborah and Barak, after the victory.*

THen sang Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam the same day, saying,

2 Prayse ye the Lord for the auenging of Israel, and for the [a] people that offered themselues willingly.

3 Heare, ye kings, hearken ye princes: I, euen I will sing vnto the Lord: I will sing prayse vnto the Lord God of Israel.

4 Lord, [*] when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou departedst out of the field of [*] Edom, the earth trembled, and the heauens rained, the cloudes also dropped water.

5 [*] The mountaines melted before the Lorde, [*] as did that Sinai before the Lorde God of Israel.

6 In the dayes of [*] Shamgar the sonne of Anath, in the dayes of [*] Iael the high wayes were [b] vnoccupied, and the trauellers walked through by-wayes.

7 The townes were not inhabited: they decayed, I say, in Israel, vntill I Deborah came vp, which rose vp a [c] mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods: then was warre in the gates. Was there a [d] shield or speare seene among fourtie thousand of Israel?

9 Mine heart is set on the gouernours of Israel, and on them that are willing among the people: prayse ye the Lord.

10 Speake ye that ride on [e] white asses, ye that dwell [f] by Middin, and that walke by the way.

11 For the noyse of the archers appailed among the [g] drawers of water: there shall they rehearse the righteousnesse of the Lord, his righteousnesse of his townes in Israel: then did the people of the Lord goe downe to the gates.

12 Vp Deborah, vp, arise, & sing a song: arise Barak, and lead [h] thy captiuitie captiue, thou sonne of Abinoam.

13 For they that remaine, haue dominion ouer the mighty of the people: the Lorde hath giuen mee dominion ouer the strong.

14 Of Ephraim [i] their root arose against Amalek: and after thee, Ben-iamin shall fight against thy people, O Amalek: of Machir came rulers, and of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the [k] writer.

15 And the Princes of Issachar were with Deborah, and [l] Issachar, and also Barak: he was set on his feete in the valley: for the diuisions of Reuben were great [m] thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepefolds, to heare the bleatings of the flockes? for the diuisions of Reuben were great thoughts of heart.

17 [n] Gilead abode beyond Iorden: and why doth Dan remaine in ships? Asher sate on the sea shore, and tarried in his [o] decayed places.

18 But the people of Zebulun and Naphtali haue ieoparded their liues vnto the death in the hie places of the field.

19 The Kings came and fought: then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the water of Megiddo: they receiued no gaine of [p] money.

20 They fought from heauen, euen the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

21 The riuer Kison [q] swept them away, that ancient riuer the riuer Kison. O my soule, thou hast marched valiantly.

22 Then were the horse hookes broken with the ost beating together of their mighty men.

23 Curse ye [r] Meroz: (sayd the Angel of the Lord) curse the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to helpe the Lord, to help the Lord against the mighty.

24 Iael the wife of Heber the Kenite shal be blessed aboue other women: blessed shall she be aboue women dwelling in tents.

25 He asked water, & she gaue him milke: she brought forth [s] butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the naile, and her right hand to the workmans hammer: with the hammer smote she Sisera: she smote off his head, after she had wounded and pierced his temples.

27 He bowed him downe at her feete, hee fell downe, I lay still: at her feete he bowed him downe, and fell: and when he had sunke downe, he lay there [t] dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the latteise, Why is his charet so long a comming? why tarie the [‖] wheeles of his charets?

29 Her wise Ladies answered her: Yea, [t] shee answered her selfe with her owne words,

30 Haue they not gotten, and they diuide the spoile? euery man hath a maide or two, Sisera hath a prayse of diuers coloured garments, a prayse of sundry colours made of needle worke: of diuers colours of needle worke on both sides, [u] for the chiefe of the spoyle.

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but they that loue him, shall be as the [x] sunne when he ariseth in his might. And the land had rest fourty yeeres.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Israel is oppressed of the Midianites for their wickednesse.* 14 *Gideon is sent to be their deliuerer.* 37 *He asketh a signe.*

AFterward the children of Israel committed wickednesse in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gaue them into the hands of Midian seuen yeres.

2 And the hande of Midian preuailed

[l] So he saw that a woman had the honour, as Deborah prophesied.

[t] *Ebr. went and was strong.*

[a] To wit, the two tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Deut.4.11.
Deut.2.1.

Psal 97.5.
Exod.19.18.

Chap.3.31.
Chap.4.18.

[b] For feare of the enemies.

[c] Miraculously stirred vp of God to pitie them and deliuer them.

[d] They had no heart to resist their enemies.

[e] Ye Gouernors.

[f] As in danger of your enemies.

[g] For now you may draw water, without feare of your enemies.

[h] To wit, them that kept thy people in captiuitie.

[i] Iosh. 24. Iosua first fought against Amalek, & Saul destroyed him.

[k] Euen the learned did helpe to fight.

[l] Euen the whole tribe.

[m] They marueiled that they came not ouer Iorden to helpe them.

[n] She reproueth all them that came not to help their brethren in their necessitie.

[o] Either by beating of the sea, or by mining.

[p] They wan nothing, but lost al.

[q] As a besome doeth the filth of the house.

[r] It was a citie neere Tabor where they fought.

[s] Some reade, churned milke in a great cup.

[t] *Ebr. destroyed.*

[‖] *Or, feete.*

[t] That is, shee comforted her selfe.

[u] Because hee was chiefe of the army.

[x] Shall grow dayly more and more in Gods fauour.

against Israel, and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them dens in the mountaines, and caues, and strong holds.

3 When Israel had sowen, then came vp the Midianites, the Amalekites, & they of the ‖ East, came vpon them,

4 And camped by them, and destroyed the fruit of the earth, euen till thou come vnto [b] Azzah, and left no food for Israel, neither sheepe, nor ore, nor asse.

5 For they went vp, and their cattel, and came with their tentes as grashoppers in multitude: so that they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it.

6 So was Israel exceedingly impouerished by the Midianites: therfore the [c] children of Israel cried vnto the Lord.

7 ¶ And when the children of Israel cried vnto the Lord because of the Midianites,

8 The Lord sent vnto the children of Israel a Prophet, who sayd vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I haue brought you vp from Egypt, and haue brought you out of the house of bondage,

9 And I haue deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and haue cast them out before you, and giuen you their land.

10 And I said vnto you, I am the Lorde your God: * feare not the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but you haue not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And the Angel of the Lord came, and sate vnder the oke which was in Ophrah, that pertained vnto Joash the father of the Ezrites, and his sonne Gideon threshed wheate by the winepresse, ‖ to hide it from the Midianites.

12 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him, and sayd vnto him, The Lord is with thee, thou valiant man.

13 To whom Gideon answered, [d] Ah my Lord, if the Lord be with vs, why then is all this come vpon vs? and where be all his miracles which our fathers tolde vs of, and sayd, Did not the Lorde bring vs out of Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken vs, and deliuered vs into the hand of the Midianites.

14 And the [e] Lord looked vpon him, and sayd, Goe in this thy [f] might, and thou shalt saue Israel out of the handes of the Midianites: haue not I sent thee?

15 And he answered him, Ah my Lorde, whereby shall I saue Israel? beholde, my ‖ father is poore in Manasseh, and I am the least in my fathers house.

16 Then the Lord sayd vnto him, I will therefore be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he answered him, I pray thee, if I haue found fauour in thy sight, then shew me a signe, that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, vntill I come vnto thee, and bring mine offering, and lay it before thee. And he sayd, I will tarie vntill thou come againe.

19 ¶ Then Gideon went in, and made ready a kidde, and vnleauened bread of an [h] Ephah of floure, and put the flesh in a basket, and put the broth in a pot, and brought it out vnto him vnder the oke, and presented it.

20 And the Angel of God said vnto him, Take the flesh & the vnleauened bread, and lay them vpon the stone, and powre out the broth: and he did so.

21 ¶ Then the Angel of the Lord put forth the ende of the staffe that hee helde in his hand, and touched the flesh and the vnleauened bread: and there arose vp fire [i] out of the stone, and consumed the flesh and the vnleauened bread: so the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceiued that it was an Angel of the Lorde, Gideon then sayde, Alas, my Lord God: * for because I haue seene an Angel of the Lord face to face, I shall die.

23 And the Lord sayd vnto him, Peace be vnto thee: feare not, thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon made an altar there vnto the Lord, and called it, ‖ Jehouah shalom: vnto this day it is in Ophrah, of the father of the Ezrites.

25 ¶ And the same night the Lord sayd vnto him, Take thy fathers yong bullocke, and another bullocke [k] of seuen yeeres olde, and destroy the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut downe the groue that is by it,

26 And build an altar vnto the Lord thy God vpon the top of this rocke, in a plaine place: and take the second bullocke, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the [l] groue, which thou shalt cut downe.

27 Then Gideon tooke tenne men of his seruants, and did as the Lord bade him: but because he feared to doe it by day for his fathers houshold, and the men of the citie, hee did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the citie arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken, and the groue cut downe that was by it, and the [m] second bullocke offered vpon the altar that was made.

29 Therefore they sayd one to another, Who hath done this thing? and when they inquired and asked, they sayd, Gideon the sonne of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie sayd vnto Joash, Bring out thy sonne, that hee may die: for he hath destroyed the altar of Baal, and hath also cut downe the groue that was by it.

31 And Joash sayd vnto all that stood by him, Will ye plead Baals cause? or will yee saue him? [n] he that will contend for him, let him die yer the morning. If he be God, let him plead for himselfe against him that hath cast downe his altar.

32 And in that day was Gideon called Jerubbaal, that is, Let Baal pleade for himselfe, because hee hath broken downe his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites, and they of the East, were gathered together, and went and pitched in the valley of Jzreel.

34 But the spirit of the Lord [q] came vpon Gideon

a For feare of the Midianites, they fled into the dennes of the mountaines.

‖ *Or, of Kedem.*

b Euen almost the whole countrey.

c This is the end of Gods punishments, to call his to repentance, that they may seeke for helpe of him.

* *Exod.* 20. 5. *Deut.* 5. 9. *2. King.* 17. 35, 38 *Ierem.* 10. 1.

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‖ *Or, to prepare his flight.*

d This came not of distrust, but of weakenesse of faith, which is in the most perfect: for no man in this life can haue a perfect faith: yet the children of God haue a true faith, whereby they be iustified.

e That is, Christ appearing in visible forme.

f Which I haue giuen thee.

‖ *Or, family.*

g So that we see how the flesh is enemie vnto Gods vocation, which cannot be perswaded without signes.

h Of Ephah reade Exod. 16. 36.

i By the power of God onely, as in the sacrifice of Helias, 1. King. 18. 38.

* *Exod.* 33. 20. *chap.* 13. 22.

‖ *Or, the Lord of peace.*

k That is, as the Chalde text writeth, fed seuen yeeres.

l Which grewe about Baals altar

m Meaning, the fat bull, which was kept to be offered vnto Baal.

n Thus we ought to iustifie them, that are zealous of Gods cause, though all the multitude be against vs.

q *Ebr clad Gideon.*

Gideon, * and he blew a trumpet, and ° Abi-ezer was toyned with him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, which also was toyned with him, and hee sent messengers vnto Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali, and they came vp to meet them.

36 Then Gideon sayde vnto God, p If thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast sayd,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wooll in the threshing place: if the dewe come on the fleece onely, and it be dry vpon all the earth, then shall I bee sure that thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast sayd.

38 And so it was: for he arose vp early on the morow, & thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dewe out of the fleece, and filled a boule of water.

39 Againe Gideon sayde vnto God, Bee not angry with me, that * I may speake once more: let me proue once againe, I pray thee, with the fleece: let it now be dry onely vpon the fleece, & let dewe be vpon all the ground.

40 And God did so that same night: for it was q dry vpon the fleece onely, and there was dewe on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The Lord commandeth Gideon to send away a great part of his company.* 22 *The Midianites are discomfited by a wonderous sort.* 25 *Oreb and Zeeb are slaine.*

Then * Jerubbaal (who is Gideon) rose vp early, and all the people that were with him, and pitched beside ‡ the well of Harod, so that the host of the Midianites was on the Northside of them in the valley by the hill of ‡ Moreh.

2 And the Lord sayd vnto Gideon, The people that are with thee, are too many for me to giue the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel make their * vaunt against mee, and say, Mine hand hath saued me.

3 Now therefore proclaime in the audience of the people, and say, * Who so is timorous or fearefull, let him returne, and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people which were at mount Gilead, two and twentie thousand: so ten thousand remained.

4 And the Lord sayd vnto Gideon, The people are yet too many: bring them downe vnto the water, and I wil b try them for thee there: and of whom I say vnto thee, This man shall goe with thee, the same shall goe with thee: and of whomsoeuer I say vnto thee, This man shall not goe with thee, the same shall not goe.

5 So he brought downe the people vnto the water. And the Lord sayd vnto Gideon, As many as lap the water with their tongues, as a dogge lappeth, them put by themselues, and euery one that shall bowe downe his knees to c drinke, put apart.

6 And the number of them that lapped by putting their hands to their mouthes, were three hundreth men: but all the remnant of the people kneeled downe vpon their knees to drinke water.

7 Then the Lord sayd vnto Gideon, By these three hundred men that lapped, will I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other d people goe euery man vnto his place.

8 So the people tooke vitailes ‡ with them, and their trumpets: and hee sent all the rest of Israel, euery man vnto his tent, ‖ and retained the three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in a valley.

9 And the same night the Lord said vnto him, Arise, e get thee down vnto the host: for I haue deliuered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou feare to goe downe, then go thou, and Phurah thy seruant, downe to the host,

11 And thou shalt hearken what they say, and so shall thine handes bee strong to goe downe vnto the host. Then went he down and Phurah his seruant vnto the outside of the souldiers that were in the host.

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and all they * of the East, lay in the valley like grashoppers in multitude, and their camels were without number, as the sand which is by the sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, a man told a dreame vnto his neighbour, and sayd, Behold, I dreamed a dreame, and loe, a f cake of barley bread tumbled from about into the host of Midian, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and ouerturned it, that the tent fell downe.

14 And his fellow answered, & said, This is nothing els saue the sword of Gideon the sonne of Joash a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God deliuered Midian and all the host.

15 When Gideon heard the dreame told, and the interpretation of the same, he g worshipped, and returned vnto the host of Israel, and sayde, Vp: for the Lord hath deliuered into your hand the host of Midian.

16 And he diuided the three hundred men into three bands, & gaue euery man a trumpet in his hand with empte pitchers, and ‖ lampes h within the pitchers.

17 And he said vnto them, Looke on me, and doe likewise, when I come to the side of the host, euen as I doe, so doe you.

18 When I blow with a trumpet and all that are with me, blow ye with trumpets also on euery side of the host, and say, i For the Lord, and for Gideon.

19 So Gideon & the hundred men that were with him, came vnto the outside of the host, in the beginning of the middle watch, and they raised vp the watchmen, and they blew with their trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew with trumpets and brake their pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withall: and they cried, The k sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood, euery man in his place round about the host: and all the host ‖ ran and cryed, and fled.

Num. 10. 9. chap. 3. 27.
° The family of Abiezer, where of he was.

p This request proceeded not of infidelitie, but that he might be confirmed in his vocation.

Gene. 18. 32.
q Whereby he was assured that it was a miracle of God.

Chap. 8 35.

‡ Ebr. En-harod.

‡ Eb. Hammoreh.

a God will not that any creature deprive him of his glory. Deu. 20 8. 1. mac. 3. 56.

b I will giue thee a proofe to know them, that shall goe with thee.

c Let them depart, as vnmeet for this enterprise.

Midianites dreame.

d That is, the one and thirtie thousand, and seuen hundred, looke verse 3. and 6.

‡ Ebr in their hands.

‖ Or, encouraged.

e Thus the Lord by diuers meanes doeth strengthen him that he faine not in so great an enterprise.

Chap. 6 33.

f Some reade, a trembling noise of barley bread, meaning that one of no reputation should make their great armie to tremble.

g Or, gaue God thanks, as it is in the Chalde text.

‖ Or, firebrands.

h These weake meanes God vsed to signifie that the whole victory came of him.

i That is the victorie shalbe the Lords, and Gideons his seruant.

k Shall destroy the enemies.

‖ Or, broke their aray.

Isai 9.4.
1 The Lord caused the Midianites to kill one another.

Ephraims pride. Gideons Humilitie

m Meaning, the passages or the foords, that they should not escape.
Psal. 83. 11. isa. 10. 26.
n These places had their names of the acts that were done there.

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22 And the three hundred blewe with trumpets, and the * Lord set euery mans sword vpon his 1 neighbour, and vpon all the hoste: so the hoste fled to Beth-hashittah in Zererah, and to the border of Abel-meholah, vnto Tabbath.

23 Then the men of Israel being gathered together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all ‖Manasseh, pursued after the Midianites.

24 And Gideon sent messengers vnto all mount Ephraim, saying, Come downe against the Midianites, and take before them the m waters vnto Beth-barah, and Jorden. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together, and tooke the waters vnto Beth-barah and Jorden.

25 And they tooke * two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb, and slew Oreb vpon the rocke Oreb, and slew Zeeb at n the winepresse of Zeeb, and pursued the Midianites, and brought the heads of Oreb ‡ Zeeb to Gideon beyond Jorden.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Ephraim murmureth against Gideon, 2 Who appeaseth them. 4 He passeth the Iorden. 16 He reuengeth himselfe on them of Succoth & Penuel. 27 Hee maketh an Ephod, which was the cause of idolatry. 30 Of Gideons sonnes and of his death.

THen the men of Ephraim said vnto him, 1 Why hast thou serued vs thus, that thou calledst vs not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? and they chode with him sharply.

2 To whom he said, What haue I now done in comparion of b you? is not c the gleaning of grapes of Ephraim better then the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God hath deliuered into your handes the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to doe in comparison of you? and when hee had thus spoken, then their spirits abated toward him.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jorden to passe ouer, hee, ‡ the three hundred men that were with him, wearie, yet pursuing them.

5 And he sayd vnto the men of Succoth, Giue, I pray you, d mozels of bread vnto the people ‡ that follow mee (for they be wearie) that I may follow after Zebah and Zalmunna, Kings of Midian.

6 And the princes of Succoth sayd, Are the e handes of Zeba and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that we should giue bread vnto thine armie?

7 Gideon then said, Therefore when the Lorde hath deliuered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, I will ‖ teare your flesh with thornes of the wildernesse and with briers.

8 ¶ And hee went vp thence to Penuel, and spake vnto them likewise, and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth answered.

9 And he sayd also vnto the men of Penuel, ‖When I come againe f in peace, I will breake downe this tower.

10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hostes with them, about fifteene thousand, all that were left of all the hostes of them of the East: for there was slaine an hundred and twentie thousande men, that drew swords.

11 ¶ And Gideon went thorow them that dwelt in h Tabernacles on the Eastside of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the hoste: for the hoste was carelesse.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, hee followed after them, and tooke the two Kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the hoste.

13 ¶ So Gideon the sonne of Joash returned from battel, i the Sunne being yet high,

14 And tooke a seruant of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he ‖ wrote to him the princes of Succoth, and the Elders thereof, euen seuentie and seuen men.

15 And hee came vnto the men of Succoth, and sayd, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, by whom ye vpbraided me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in thine handes, that we should giue bread vnto thy weary men?

16 Then he tooke the Elders of the citie, and thornes of the wildernesse, and briers, and ‡ did teare the men of Succoth with them.

17 Also hee brake downe the tower of * Penuel, and slew the men of the citie.

18 ¶ Then sayd he vnto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they, whom yee slew at Tabor? and they answered, ‖ As thou art, so were they: euery one was like the children of a King.

19 And he sayd, They were my brethren, euen my k mothers children: as the Lord liueth, if ye had saued their liues, I would not slay you.

20 Then hee sayd vnto Jether his first borne sonne, Vp, and slay them: but the boy drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet yong.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall vpon vs: for l as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and tooke away the ornaments, that were on their camels neckes.

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel sayd vnto Gideon, Reigne thou ouer vs, both thou, and thy sonne, and thy m sonnes sonne: for thou hast deliuered vs out of the hande of Midian.

23 And Gideon sayd vnto them, I will not reigne ouer you, neither shall my childe reigne ouer you, but the Lord shall reigne ouer you.

24 Againe Gideon sayd vnto them, n I would desire a request of you, that you would giue me euery man the eareringes of his prey (for they had golden eareringes, because they were Ishmaelites)

25 And they answered, Wee will giue them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein euery man the eareringes of his praye.

26 And the weight of the golden eareringes that he required, was a thousand and seuen hundred shekels of gold, beside collars, ‖ and iewels, and purple rayment that was on the Kings of Midian, and beside the chaines that were about their camels necks.

27 And

a They began to cauil, because he had the glory of the victorie.

b Which haue slaine two princes, Oreb and Zeeb.

c This last act of the whole tribe, is more famous, then the whole enterprise of one man of one familie.

d Or, some small portion.
‡ *Ebr. that are at my feet.*

e Because thou hast ouercome an handful, thinkest thou to haue ouercome the whole?
‡ *Ebr beate in pieces.*

f Hauing gotten the victory.

g A citie Eastward beyond Iorden.

h He went by the wildernesse where the Arabians dwelt in tents.

i Some reade, before the Sunne rose vp.
‖ *Or, described.*

‡ *Ebr. brake in pieces, as one thresheth corne. 1. Kng. 12. 25.*

‖ *Or, they were like vnto thee.*

k We came all out of one belly, therefore I will be reuenged.

l Meaning, that they would be rid out of their paine at once, or els to haue a valiant man to put them to death.
‖ *Or, collers.*
m That is, thy posterity.

n His intent was to shew himselfe thankful for this victory by restoring of Religion, which, because it was not according as God had commanded, turned to their destruction.
‖ *Or, sweet balles.*

o That is, such things as perteined to the vse of the Tabernacle. Of Ephod, looke more, Exod. 28. 4, 6. and 1. Sam. 2. 18. and 2 Sam. 6. 14. & chap. 17. 6.

27 And Gideon made an o Ephod thereof, and put it in Ophrah his citie: and all Israel went a whoring there after it, which was the destruction of Gideon & his house.

28 Thus was Midian brought lowe before the children of Israel, so that they lift vp their heads no more: and the countrey was in quietnesse fourtie yeeres in the dayes of Gideon.

29 ¶ Then Ierubbaal the sonne of Ioash went, and dwelt in his owne house.

30 And Gideon had seuentie sonnes ‡ begotten of his body: for he had many wiues.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, bare him a sonne also, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 So Gideon the sonne of Ioash died in a good age, and hee was buried in the sepulchre of Ioash his father in Ophrah, of the p father of the Izrites.

33 But when Gideon was dead, the children of Israel turned away, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made q Baalberith their god,

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the Lord their God, which had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies on euery side.

35 Neither r shewed they mercie on the house of Ierubbaal, or Gideon, according to all the goodnesse which he had shewed vnto Israel.

‡ Eb. which came out of his thigh.

p Which citie belonged to the family of the Ezrites.

q That is, Baal, to whom they had bound themselues by couenant.

r They were vnmindful of God, and vnkind toward him, by whom they had receiued so great a benefit.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Abimelech vsurpeth the kingdome, and putteth his brethren to death.* 7 *Iotham proposeth a parable.* 23 *Hatred betweene Abimelech and the Shechemites.* 26 *Gaal conspireth against him, and is ouercome.* 53 *Abimelech is wounded to death by a woman.*

THen Abimelech the sonne of Ierubbaal went to Shechem vnto his s mothers brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family, and house of his mothers father, saying,

2 Say, I pray you in the audience of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, that all the sonnes of Ierubbaal, which are seuentie persons, reigne ouer you, either that one reigne ouer you? Remember also, that I am your t bone, and your flesh.

3 Then his mothers brethren spake of him in the audience of all the men of Shechem, all these words: and their hearts were mooued to follow Abimelech: for they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gaue him seuentie pieces of siluer out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired ‖ vaine and light fellowes, which followed him.

5 And he went vnto his fathers house at Ophrah, and u slew his brethren the sonnes of Ierubbaal, about seuenty persons vpon one stone: yet Iotham the yongest sonne of Ierubbaal was left: for he hid himselfe.

6 ¶ And all the men of Shechem gathered together with all the house of x Millo, and came and made Abimelech king in the plaine, where the stone was erected in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to Iotham, hee went and stoode in the toppe of mount Gerizim, and lift vp his voyce, and cryed, and said vnto them, Hearken vnto me, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken vnto you.

8 ¶ The trees went foorth to anoynt a King ouer them, and sayde vnto the oliue tree, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the oliue tree sayde vnto them, Should I leaue my fatnesse, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to aduance me aboue the trees?

10 Then the trees said to the figge tree, Come thou, and be king ouer vs.

11 But the figge tree answered them, Should I forsake my sweetenesse, and my good fruit, and go to aduance me aboue the trees?

12 Then sayd the trees vnto the vine, Come thou, and be king ouer vs.

13 But the vine sayd vnto them, Should I leaue my wine, whereby I cheare God and man, and go to aduance me aboue the trees?

14 Then said al the trees vnto the bramble, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

15 And the bramble sayd vnto the trees, If ye will indeed anoynt me king ouer you, come, and put your trust vnder my shadow: and if not, the y fire shall come out of the bramble, and consume the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Nowe therefore, if ye doe truely and vncorruptly to make Abimelech King, and if yee haue dealt well with Ierubbaal and with his house, and haue done vnto him according to the deseruing of his hands,

17 (For my father fought for you, and ‡ aduentured his life, and deliuered you out of the hands of Midian.

18 And yee are risen vp against my fathers house this day, and haue slain his children about seuentie persons vpon one stone, and haue made Abimelech the sonne of his maid-seruant, king ouer the men of Shechem, because he is your brother)

19 If ye then haue dealt truely and purely with Ierubbaal, and with his house this day, then z reioyce yee with Abimelech, and let him reioyce with you.

20 But if not, let a fire come out from Abimelech, and consume the men of Shechem and the house of Millo: and let a fire come foorth from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and consume Abimelech.

21 And Iotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there for feare of Abimelech his brother.

22 So Abimelech reigned three yeere ouer Israel.

23 But God b sent an euill spirite betweene Abimelech, and the men of Shechem: and the men of Shechem brake their promise to Abimelech,

24 That the cruelty toward the seuentie sonnes of Ierubbaal and their blood might come and bee layde vpon Abimelech their brother, which had slaine them, and vpon the men of Shechem, which had ayded him to kill his brethren.

a To practise with his kinsfolks for the attaining of the kingdome.

b Of your Kinred by my mothers side.

‖ Or, idle fellowes and vagabonds.

c Thus tyrants to establish their vsurped power, spare not the innocent blood, 2. King 10. 7. 2. chro. 21. 4.

d Which was as the towne house or common hall which he calleth the tower of Shechem, ver. 49.

e By this parable he declareth, that those that are not ambitious, are most worthy of honour, & that the ambitious abuse their honor both to their own destruction and others.

‖ Or, thistle, or bryer.

f Abimelech shal destroy the nobles of Shechem.

‡ Ebr. he cast his life farre from him.

g That he is your king, and you his subiects.

h Because the people consented with the king in shedding innocent blood, therfore God destroyeth both the one and the other.

25 So the men of Shechem set men in waite for him in the tops of the mountains: who robbed all that passed that way by the: and it was told Abimelech.

26 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed came with his brethren, and they went to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

i Before they were afraid of Abimelechs power, and durst not goe out of the citie.

27 Therefore they i went out into the fielde, and gathered in their grapes, and troade them, and made merry, and went into the house of their gods, and did eat & drinke, and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed sayde, Who is Abimelech? and who is Shechem, that we should serue him? Is hee not the sonne of Jerubbaal? and Zebul is his officer? Serue rather the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should wee serue him?

29 Now would God this people were vnder mine hand: then would I put away Abimelech. And he said to k Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

k Braggingly, as though he had bene present, or to his captaine Zebul.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the citie heard the words of Gaal the sonne of Ebed, his wrath was kindled.

31 Therefore he sent messengers vnto Abimelech ‡ priuily, saying, Behold, Gaal the sonne of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem, and beholde, they fortifie the city against thee.

‡ Eb. craftily.

32 Now therefore arise by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in waite in the field.

33 And rise earely in the morning assoon as the sun is vp, and assault the citie: and when hee and the people that is with him, shall come out against thee, do to him ‡ what thou canst.

‡ Ebr. what thine hand can finde.

34 ¶ So Abimelech rose vp, and all the people that were with him by night: and they lay in wait against Shechem in foure bands.

35 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed went out, and stoode in the entring of the gate of the citie: And Abimelech rose vp, and the folke that were with him, from lying in waite.

36 And when Gaal sawe the people, he sayd to Zebul, Behold, there come people downe from the tops of the mountaines: and Zebul sayd vnto him, The l shadowe of the mountaines seeme men vnto thee.

l Thou art afraid of a shadow.

37 And Gaal spake againe, and said, See there come folke downe ‡ by the middle of the land, and another band commeth by the way of the plaine of m Meonenim.

‡ Ebr. by the nauil.

[Or, charmers.

38 Then sayd Zebul vnto him, Where is nowe thy mouth, that sayd, Who is Abimelech, that we should serue him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Goe out nowe, I pray thee, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal m went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

m As their captaine.

40 But Abimelech pursued him, and he fled before him, & many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 ¶ And on the morow, the people went out into the field: which was tolde Abimelech.

43 And he tooke the n people, and diuided them into three bands, and layd waite in the fieldes, and looked, and beholde, the people were come out of the citie, and he rose vp against them, and smote them.

n Which were of his company.

44 And Abimelech, and the bands that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and the two other bands ran vpon al the people that were in the field, and slew them.

45 And when Abimelech had fought against the city all that day, he tooke the city, and slew the people that was therein, and destroyed the city, and o sowed salt in it.

o That it should be vnfruitful and neuer serue to any vse

46 ¶ And when all the men of the towre of Shechem heard it, they entred into an hold of the house of the god p Berith.

p That is, of Baal-berith, as Chap. 8. 33.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gate him vp to mount Zalmon, hee and all the people that were with him: and Abimelech tooke axes with him, and cut downe boughs of trees, and tooke them and bare them on his shoulder, and layd vnto the folke that were with him, What ye haue seene me doe, make haste, and doe like me.

49 Then all the people also cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the holde, and set the hold on fire with them: so all the men of the towre of Shechem q died also, about a thousand men and women.

q Meaning that all were destroyed, as well they in the tower, as the other.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Tebez, and besieged Tebez, and tooke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the citie, and thither fled all the men and women, and all the chiefe of the citie, and shut it to them, and went vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came vnto the towre and fought against it, and went hard vnto the doore of the tower, to set it on fire.

53 But a certaine woman r cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head, & brake his braine pan.

2. Sam. 11. 21.

54 Then Abimelech called hastily his page that bare his harneys, and sayd vnto him, Draw thy sword and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his page r thrust him thorow, and he died.

r Thus God by such miserable death taketh vengeance on tyrants, euen in this life.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed euery man vnto his owne place.

56 Thus God rendred the wickednes of Abimelech, which he did vnto his father, in slaying his seuenty brethren,

57 Also all the wickednesse of the men of Shechem did God bring vpon their heads. So vpon them came the s curse of Jotham the sonne of Jerubbaal.

s For making a tyrant their king.

CHAP. X.

2 *Tola dieth.* 5 *Iair also dieth.* 7 *The Israelites are punished for their sinnes.* 10 *They cry vnto God,* 16 *and he hath pitie on them.*

After

AFter Abimelech there arose to defend Israel, Tola, the sonne of Puah, the sonne of ‖Dodo, a man of Issachar, which dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he iudged Israel three and twentie yere, & died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after hun arose Iair a Gileadite, and iudged Israel two and twentie yeere.

4 And he had thirtie sonnes that a rode on thirtie asse colts, and they had thirtie cities, which are called ‖Hauoth-iair vnto this day, and are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Iair died, and was buried in Kamon.

6 ¶ And the children of Israel wrought wickednesse againe in the sight of the Lord, and serued Baalim and Ashtaroth, and the gods of ‖Aram, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistims, and forsooke the Lord, and serued not him.

7 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he ‖sold them into the hands of the Philistims, and into the hands of the children of Ammon:

8 Which from that yeere vexed and oppressed the children of Israel eighteen yeres, b euen all the children of Israel that were beyond Iorden, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreouer, the children of Ammon went ouer Iorden to fight against Iudah, and against Beniamin, and against the house of Ephraim: so that Israel was sore tormented.

10 Then the children of Israel c cried vnto the Lord, saying, ¶We haue sinned against thee, euen because wee haue forsaken our owne God, and haue serued Baalim.

11 And the Lord d sayd vnto the children of Israel, Did not I deliuer you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistims?

12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites did oppresse you, and ye cryed to mee, and I saued you out of their hands.

13 Yet ye e haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: wherefore I will deliuer you no more.

14 Goe, and crie vnto the gods which ye haue chosen: let them saue you in the time of your tribulation.

15 And the children of Israel sayd vnto the Lord, ¶We haue sinned: doe thou vnto vs whatsoeuer please thee: onely wee pray thee to deliuer vs f this day.

16 Then they put away the strange gods from among them, and g serued the Lorde: and ‖his soule was grieued for the misery of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon gathered themselues together, and pitched in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselues, and pitched in ‖Mizpeh.

18 And the people and princes of Gilead sayd one to another, ¶Whosoeuer will begin the battell against the children of Ammon, the same shall be h head ouer all the inhabitance of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.

1 Iphtah being chased away by his brethren, was after made captaine ouer Israel. 30 He maketh a rash vow, 32 Hee vanquisheth the Ammonites, 39 and sacrificeth his daughter according to his vow.

THen Gilead begate Iphtah, and Iphtah the Gileadite was ‡ a valiant man, but the sonne of an ‖ harlot.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sonnes, and when the womans children were come to age, they thrust out Iphtah, and sayd vnto him, Thou shalt not inherite in our fathers house: for thou art the sonne of a ‖ strange woman.

3 Then Iphtah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of b Tob: and there gathered idle fellowes to Iphtah, & c went out with him.

4 ¶ And in processe of time the children of Ammon made warre with Israel.

5 And when the children of Ammon fought with Israel, d the Elders of Gilead went to fet Iphtah out of the land of Tob.

6 And they sayd vnto Iphtah, e Come and bee our Captaine, that wee may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 Iphtah then answered the Elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and f expell me out of my fathers house? how then come you vnto me now in time of your tribulation?

8 Then the Elders of Gilead sayd vnto Iphtah, Therefore wee turne againe to thee now, that thou mayest goe with vs, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Iphtah sayd vnto the Elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home againe to fight against the children of Ammon, & the Lord giue them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the Elders of Gilead sayde to Iphtah, The Lord ‡ be witnesse betweene vs, if we doe not according to thy words.

11 Then Iphtah went with the Elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captaine ouer them: and Iphtah rehearsed all his wordes before the Lorde in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ Then Iphtah sent messengers vnto the King of the children of Ammon, saying, ¶What hast thou to doe with mee, that thou art come against me, to fight in my land?

13 And the King of the children of Ammon answered vnto the messengers of Iphtah, * Because Israel tooke my land, when they came vp from Egypt, from Arnon vnto Jabbok, and vnto Iorden: now therefore restore those lands ‡ quietly.

14 Yet Iphtah sent messengers againe vnto the king of the children of Ammon,

15 And sayd vnto him, Thus saith Iphtah, * Israel tooke not the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon.

16 But when Israel came vp from Egypt, and walked through the wildernesse vnto the redde Sea, then they came to Kadesh.

17 * And Israel sent messengers vnto the King

‖Or, his vncle.

‖Or, gouerned.

a Signifying they were men of authoritie.

‖Or, the townes of Iair, as Deut. 3. 14.

Chap. 2. 11. and 3. 7. and 4. 1. and 6. 1. and 13. 1.

Chap 2. 13.

‖Or, Syria.

‖Or, deliuered.

b As the Reubenites, Gadites, & halfe the tribe of Manasseh.

c They prayed to the Lord, and confessed their sinnes.

d By stirring them vp some Prophet, as Chap. 6. 8.

Deut. 32. 15. ierem. 2. 13.

e That is, from this present danger.

f This is true repentance, to put away the euil, & to serue God aright.

‖Or, he pitied.

Chap. 11. 6.

‡ Ebr a man of mighty force.

‖Or, vnruler.

a That is, of an harlot, as verse 1.

b Where the gouernour of the countrey was called Tob.

c Ioyned with him, as some thinke, against his brethren.

d Or, ambassadours, sent for that purpose.

e Men oft times are constrained to desire helpe of them, whom before they haue refused.

f Oft times those things, which men reiect, God chuseth to doe great enterprises by.

‡ Ebr. be the hearer.

Num 21. 13.

‡ Ebr. in peace.

Deut. 2. 9.

Num. 20. 14, 20.

King of Edom, saying, Let me I pray thee, goe thorow thy land: but the king of Edom would not consent: and also they sent vnto the king of Moab, but he would not: therefore Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went thorow the wildernesse, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the East side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, * and came not within the coast of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

Num. 21. 13. and 22. 24.

19 Also Israel * sent messengers vnto Sihon, King of the Amorites, the King of Heshbon, and Israel sayde vnto him, Let vs passe, we pray thee, by thy land vnto our ‖ place.

Deut. 2. 26.

‖ *Or, countrey.*

20 But Sihon g consented not to Israel that he should goe thorow his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought with Israel.

g He trusted them not to goe thorow his countrey.

21 And the Lord God of Israel gaue Sihon g all his folke into the hands of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey:

22 And they possessed * all the coast of the Amorites, from Arnon vnto Jabbok, and from the wildernesse euen vnto Jorden.

Deut. 2. 36.

23 Now therefore the Lord God of Israel hath cast out the Amorites before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possesse it?

24 ‖ Couldest not thou possesse that which Chemoth thy god giueth thee to possesse? So whomsoeuer the Lord our h God driueth out before vs, them will we possesse.

h For we ought more to beleeue and obey God, then thou thine idoles.

25 * And art thou now farre better then Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab? did hee not striue with Israel, and fight against them,

Numb. 22. 2. Deut. 23. 4. Iosh. 24. 9.

26 ‖ When Israel dwelt in Heshbon and in her townes, and in Aroer and in her townes, and in all the cities that are by the coastes of Arnon, three hundreth yeeres? why did yee not then recouer i them in that space?

i Meaning, their townes.

27 Wherefore, I haue not offended thee: but thou doest mee wrong to warre against me. The Lord the Iudge k be iudge this day betweene the children of Israel, and the children of Ammon.

k To punish the offender.

28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not vnto the wordes of Iphtah, which he had sent him.

29 ¶ Then the l Spirit of the Lord came vpon Iphtah, and hee passed ouer to Gilead and to Manasseh, and came to Mizpeh in Gilead, g from Mizpeh in Gilead hee went vnto the children of Ammon.

l That is, the spirit of strength and zeale.

30 And Iphtah m vowed a vowe vnto the Lord, and sayd, If thou shalt deliuer the children of Ammon into mine hands,

m As the Apostle commendeth Iphtah for his worthy enterprise in delivering the people, Heb. 11. 32. so by his rash vow and wicked performance of the same, his victory was defaced: and here we see that the sinnes of the godly do not vtterly extinguish their faith.

31 Then that thing that commeth out of the doores of mine house to meete me, when I come home in peace from the children of Ammon, shall be the Lords, and I will offer it for a burnt offering.

32 And so Iphtah went vnto the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord deliuered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, euen till thou come to Minnith, twentie cities, and so forth to ‖ Abel of the vineyards, with an exceeding great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were humbled before the children of Israel.

‖ *Or, the plaine.*

34 ¶ Now when Iphtah came to Mizpeh vnto his house, beholde, his daughter came out to meete him with * timbrels and daunces, which was his onely childe: he had none other sonne, nor daughter.

n According to the maner after the victory.

35 And when hee saw her, hee * rent his clothes, and sayd, Alas my daughter, thou hast brought me lowe, and art of them that trouble mee: for I haue opened my mouth vnto the Lord, and cannot goe backe.

o Being ouercome with blind zeale, & not considering whether the vowe was lawfull or no.

36 And she sayd vnto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth vnto the Lord, doe with me as thou hast promised, seeing that the Lorde hath auenged thee of thine enemies the children of Ammon.

37 Also she said vnto her father, Doe this much for me: suffer me two moneths, that I may go to the mountaines, and p bewaile my virginitie, I and my fellowes.

p For it was counted as a shame in Israel, to die without children, and therefore they reioyced to be married.

38 And he sayd, Goe: and he sent her away two moneths: so shee went with her companions, and lamented her virginitie vpon the mountaines.

39 And after the ende of two moneths, shee turned againe vnto her father, who did with her according to his vowe which hee had vowed, and shee had knowen no man. And it was a custome in Israel:

40 The daughters of Israel went yeere by yeere to lament the daughter of Iphtah the Gileadite, foure dayes in a yeere.

CHAP. XII.

6 Iphtah killeth two and forty thousand Ephraimites. 8 After Iphtah succeedeth Ibzan, 11 Elon, 13 and Abdon.

A Nd the men of Ephraim gathered themselues together, and went * Northward, and said vnto Iphtah, Wherefore wentest thou to fight against the children of Ammon, and diddest not call vs b to goe with thee? wee will therefore burne thine house vpon thee with fire.

a After they had passed Iorden.

b Thus ambition enuieth Gods worke in others, as they did also against Gideon, Chap. 8. 1.

2 And Iphtah said vnto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon, and when I called you, yee deliuered me not out of their hands.

3 So when I saw that yee deliuered me not, c I put my life in mine hands, and went vpon the children of Ammon: so the Lord deliuered them into mine hands. Wherefore then are yee come vpon me now to fight against me?

c That is, I ventured my life, and when mans helpe failed, I put my trust onely in God.

4 Then Iphtah gathered all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Yee Gileadites are runnagates of Ephraim d among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

d Ye ranne from vs, and chose Gilead, and now in respect of vs, ye are nothing.

5 Also the Gileadites tooke the passages of Jorden before the Ephraimites, and when the Ephraimites that were escaped, sayd, Let mee passe, then the men of Gilead sayde vnto him, Art thou an Ephraimite?

e Which signifieth the fall of waters, or an eare of corne.

phraimite, if he say, Nay,

6 Then sayd they vnto him, Say now *Shibboleth: and he sayd, Sibboleth: for he could not so pronounce: then they tooke him, and slew him at the passages of Iordem: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites two and fourtie thousand.

7 And Iphtah iudged Israel six yeeres: then died Iphtah the Gileadite, & was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

f Some thinke that this was Boaz the husband of Ruth.

8 ¶ After him f Ibzan of Beth-lehem, iudged Israel,

9 Who had thirtie sonnes and thirtie daughters, which he sent out, & tooke in thirtie daughters from abroad for his sonnes, and he iudged Israel seuen yeeres.

10 Then Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 ¶ And after him iudged Israel Elon, a Zebulonite, and he iudged Israel ten yeere.

12 Then Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aialon in the country of Zebulun.

13 ¶ And after him Abdon the sonne of Hillel the Pirathonite iudged Israel,

14 And he had fourtie sonnes & thirty * nephewes that rode on seuentie asse colts: and he iudged Israel eight yeeres.

15 Then died Abdon the sonne of Hillel the Pirathonite, & was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

4 Ebr. sonnes sonnes. ‖ Or, her fole colts.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Israel for their wickednes is oppressed of the Philistims. 3 The Angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 16 The Angel commandeth him to sacrifice vnto the Lord. 24 The birth of Samson.

BVt the children of Israel continued to commit * wickednesse in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord deliuered them into the hands of the Philistims fourtie yeere.

Chap. 2. 11. & 3. 7 & 4. 1. & 6. 1. and 10. 6.

2 ¶ Then there was a man in Zorah of the kamily of the Danites, named Manoah, whose wife was * barren, and bare not.

a Signifying, that their deliuerance came onely of God, and not by mans power. Num. 6. 2, 3.

3 And the Angel of the Lorde appeared vnto the woman, and sayd vnto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceiue, and beare a sonne.

4 And now therefore beware * that thou drinke no wine nor strong drinke, neither eat any vncleane thing.

5 For lo, thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne, and no rasour shall * come on his head: for the childe shalbe a b Nazarite vnto God from his birth: and he shal beginne to saue Israel out of the hands of the Philistims.

1. Sam. 1. 11. b Meaning, he should be separated from the world, and dedicated to God.

6 ¶ Then the wife came, & told her husband, saying, A man of God came vnto me, and the fashion of him was like the fashion of an Angel of God, exceeding * fearefull, but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

c If flesh be not able to abide the sight of an angel, how much lesse the presence of God?

7 But he sayd vnto me, Behold, thou shalt conceiue & beare a sonne, & now thou shalt drinke no wine nor strong drinke, neither eate any vncleane thing: for the childe shalbe a Nazarite to God from his birth to the day of his death.

d He sheweth himselfe ready to obey Gods wil, & therefore desireth to know further.

8 Then Manoah d prayed to the Lord, and sayd, I pray thee, my Lord, let the man of God, whom thou sentest, come again now vnto vs, and teach vs what we shall do vnto the childe when he is borne.

9 And God heard the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again vnto the wife, as she sate in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 ¶ And the wife made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said vnto him, Beholde, the man hath appeared vnto me, that came vnto me * to day.

e It seemeth the angel appeared vnto her twise in one day

11 And Manoah arose, & went after his wife, and came to the man, & said vnto him, Art thou the man that spakest vnto the woman? and he said, Yea.

f He called him man, because he so seemed, but he was Christ the eternal word, which at his time appointed became man.

12 Then Manoah said, Now let thy saying come to passe: but how shal we order the childe, and do vnto him?

13 And the Angel of the Lord sayd vnto Manoah, The woman must beware of all that I sayd vnto her.

14 She may eat of nothing that commeth of the vine tree: thee shall not drinke wine nor strong drinke, nor eate any * vncleane thing: let her obserue all that I haue commanded her.

g Any thing forbidden by the Law.

15 Manoah then sayde vnto the Angel of the Lorde, I pray thee, let vs retaine thee, vntill we haue made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the Angel of the Lord sayd vnto Manoah, Though thou make me abide, I will not eat of thy bread, & if thou wilt make a burnt offering, offer it vnto the * Lorde: for Manoah knew not that it was an Angel of the Lord.

h Shewing that he sought not his own honour, but Gods, whose messenger hee was.

17 Againe Manoah sayd vnto the Angel of the Lord, What is thy name, that when thy saying is come to passe, we may honour thee?

‖ Or, marueilous.

18 And the Angel of the Lord sayd vnto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, which is * secret?

19 Then Manoah tooke a kidde with a meat offering, and offred it vpon a stone vnto the Lord: and the Angel did * wondrously, whiles Manoah and his wife looked on.

i God sent fire from heauen to consume their sacrifice, to confirme their faith in his promise.

20 For when the flame came vp toward heauen from the altar, the Angel of the Lord ascended vp in the flame of the altar, & Manoah and his wife beheld it, and fell on their faces vnto the ground.

21 (So the Angel of the Lord did no more appeare vnto Manoah and his wife.) Then Manoah knew that it was an Angel of the Lord.

22 And Manoah sayde vnto his wife, * We shall surely die, because we haue seene God.

Exod. 33. 20. chap. 6. 22.

23 But his wife sayde vnto him, If the Lord would kill vs, he would not haue receiued a k burnt offering and a meat offering of our hands, neither would he haue shewed vs all these things, nor would now haue told vs any such.

k These graces that we haue receiued of God, & his accepting of our obedience, are sure tokens of his loue toward vs, so that nothing can hurt vs.

24 ¶ And the wife bare a sonne, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to ‖ strengthen him in the host of Dan, betweene Zorah and Eshtaol.

‖ Or to come vpon him at diuers times.

CHAP.

Samsons mariage and riddle.

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CHAP. XIIII.

2 Samson desireth to haue a wife of the Philistims. 6 He killeth a lion. 12 He propoundeth a riddle. 19 He killeth thirtie. 20 His wife forsaketh him, and taketh another.

NOw Samson went down to Timnath, and sawe a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistims,

2 And hee came vp ‖ told his father and his mother, and sayd, I haue seene a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistims: now therefore ‖ giue me her to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother sayde vnto him, Is there [a] neuer a wife among the daughters of thy brethren, ‖ among all my people, that thou muste goe to take a wife of the vncircumcised Philistims? And Samson sayd vnto his father, Giue me her, for she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it came of the Lord, that hee should seeke an occasion against the [b] Philistims: for at that time the Philistims reigned ouer Israel.

5 ¶ Then went Samson and his father and his mother downe to Timnath, ‖ came to the vineyards of Timnath: and beholde, a yong lion roared vpon him.

6 And the spirit of the Lord [c] came vpon him, and he tare him, as one should haue rent a kid, and had nothing in his hand, neither told he his father nor his mother what he had done.

7 And he went downe, and talked with the woman, which was beautiful in the eyes of Samson.

8 ¶ And within a few dayes, when he returned ‖ to receiue her, hee went aside to see the carkeis of the lion: and beholde, there was a swarme of bees, and honie in the body of the lyon.

9 And he tooke thereof in his hands, and went eating, and came to his father and to his mother, and gaue vnto them, and they did eate: but he tolde not them, that he had taken the hony out of the body of the lion.

10 So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samson made there a [d] feast: for so vsed the yong men to doe.

11 And when they [e] saw him, they brought thirtie companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson sayd vnto them, I will now put forth a riddle vnto you: and if you can declare it me within seuen dayes of the feast, and finde it out, I will giue you thirty sheets, and thirty [f] change of garments.

13 But if ye can not declare it mee, then shall ye giue mee thirtie sheetes and thirtie change of garments. And they answered him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may heare it.

14 And he sayd vnto them, Out of the eater came meate, and out of the strong came sweetnes: and they could not in three dayes expound the riddle.

15 And when the seuenth day was come, they sayd vnto Samsons wife, Entise thine husband, that he may declare vs the riddle, least wee burne thee and thy fathers house with fire. Haue ye called vs to ‖ [g] spoile vs? is it not so?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and sayd, Surely thou hatest me, and louest me not: for thou hast put forth a riddle vnto the [h] children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said vnto her, Behold, I haue not told it my father, nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 Then Samsons wife wept before him [i] seuen dayes while their feast lasted: and when the seuenth day came, he told her, because shee was importunate vpon him: so shee tolde the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the citie said vnto him the seuenth day before the sun went downe, What is sweeter then hony? and what is stronger then a lion? Then sayd hee vnto them, [k] If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and he went downe [l] to Ashkelon, and slew thirtie men of them, and spoyled them, and gaue change of garments vnto them which expounded the riddle: and his wrath was kindled, and he went vp to his fathers house.

20 Then Samsons wife was giuen to his companion, whom he had vsed as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

4 Samson tieth firebrands to the foxe tailes. 6 The Philistims burne his father in law & his wife. 15 With the iawbone of an asse he killeth a thousand men. 19 Out of a great tooth in the iaw, God gaue him water.

BUt within a while after, in the time of wheate harueſt, Samson visited his wife with a kid, saying, I will [a] goe in to my wife into the chamber: but her father would not suffer him to goe in.

2 And her father sayde, I thought that thou hadst hated her: therefore gaue I her to thy companion. Is not her yonger sister fairer then she? take her, I pray thee, in stead of the other.

3 Then Samson sayd vnto them, Now am I more [b] blameles then the Philistims: therefore will I doe them displeasure.

4 ¶ And Samson went out, and tooke three hundred foxes, ‖ tooke firebrands, and turned them taile to taile, ‖ put a firebrand in the mids betweene two tailes.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he sent them out into the standing corne of the Philistims, and burnt vp both the [c] ricks and the standing corne with the vineyards and olives.

6 Then the Philistims sayd, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson the sonne in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and giuen her to his companion. Then the Philistims came vp, and [d] burnt her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said vnto them, Though yee haue done this, yet will I be auenged of you, and then I will cease.

8 So he smote them ‖ hip and thigh with a mighty

‖ For, take her to his wife.

a Though his parents did iustly reproue him, yet it appeareth that this was the secret worke of the Lord, verſ. 4.

b To fight against them for the deliuerance of Israel.

c Whereby hee had strength and boldnesse.

d Meaning, when he was maried.

e That is, her parents or friends.

f To weare at feasts, or solemne dayes.

g Or, drew nere: for it was the fourth day.

‖ Or, to impouerish vs.

h Vnto them which are of my nation.

i Or to the seuenth day, beginning at the fourth.

k If ye had not vsed the helpe of my wife.

l Which was one of the fiue chiefe cities of the Philistims.

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a That is, I will vse her as my wife.

b For through his father in lawes occasion, he was mooued againe to take vengeance of the Philistims.

c Or, that which was reaped and gathered.

d Or, the citizes of Timnath.

e So the wicked punish not vice for loue of Iustice, but for feare of danger, which els might come to them.

‖ Or, horsmen and footemen.

a mighty plague: then hee went and dwelt in the top of the rocke Etam.

‖ Or, ſampled.

9 ¶ Then the Philiſtims came vp, and pitched in Iudah, and ‖ were ſpread abroad in Lehi.

10 And the men of Iudah ſayd, Why are yee come vp vnto vs? and they anſwered, To f binde Samſon are we come vp, and to doe to him, as he hath done to vs.

f And ſo being our priſoner, to puniſh him.

11 Then three thouſand men of Iudah went to the top of the rocke Etam, and ſayd to Samſon, Knoweſt thou not that the Philiſtims are rulers ouer vs? g Wherefore then haſt thou done thus vnto vs? And hee anſwered them, As they did vnto me, ſo haue I done vnto them.

g Sith was their groſſe ignorance, that they iudged Gods great benefit to be a plague vnto them.

12 Againe they ſayd vnto him, We are come to binde thee, and to deliuer thee into the hand of the Philiſtims. And Samſon ſayd vnto them, Sweare vnto me, that yee will not fall vpon mee your ſelues.

13 And they anſwered him, ſaying, No, but we will bind thee, and h deliuer thee vnto their hand, but wee will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cordes, and brought him from the rocke.

h Thus they had rather betray their brother then vſe the meanes that God had giuen for their deliuerance

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philiſtims ſhouted againſt him, and the Spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and the cordes that were vpon his armes, became as flaxe that was burnt with fire: for the bandes looſed from his hands.

15 And hee found a i newe iawbone of an aſſe, and put forth his hand, and caught it, and ſlew a thouſand men therewith.

i That is, of an aſſe lately ſlaine.

16 Then Samſon ſayd, With the iaw of an aſſe haue I ſlaine a thouſand men.

17 And when he had left ſpeaking, he caſt away the iawbone out of his hand, and called that place, ‖ Ramath-Lehi.

‖ Or, the lifting vp of the iaw.

18 And hee was ſore athirſt, and k called on the Lorde, and ſayd, Thou haſt giuen this great deliuerance into the hand of thy ſeruant: and now ſhall I die for thirſt, and fall into the hands of the vncircumciſed?

k Whereby appeareth that he did theſe things in faith, and ſo with a true zeale to glorifie God and deliuer his countrey.

19 Then God brake the cheeketooth, that was in the iaw, and water came therout: and when he had dronke, his Spirit came againe, and he was reuiued: wherefore the name thereof is called ‖ En-hakkore, which is in Lehi vnto this day.

‖ Or, the fountaine of him that prayed

20 And hee iudged Iſrael in the dayes of the Philiſtims twenty yeeres.

CHAP. XVI.

3 *Samſon carieth away the gates of Azzah.* 18 *He was deceiued by Delilah.* 30 *He pulleth downe the houſe vpon the Philiſtims, and dieth with them.*

THen went Samſon to a Azzah, and ſawe there ‖ an harlot, and b went in vnto her.

a One of the fiue chiefe cities of the Philiſtims.

‖ Or, vvaiter.

b That is, hee lodged with her.

2 And it was tolde to the Azzahites, Samſon is come hither. And they went about and layd waite for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, ſaying, Abide ‖ till the morning early, and we ſhall kill him.

‖ Or, to the light of the morning.

3 And Samſon ſlept till midnight, and arroſe at midnight, and tooke the doores of the gates of the citie, and the two poſtes, and lift them away with the barres, and put them vpon his ſhoulders, and caried them vp to the top of the mountaine that is before Hebron.

4 ¶ And after this hee loued a woman by the ‖ riuer of Sorek, whoſe name was Delilah:

‖ Or, plaine.

5 Vnto whom came the Princes of the Philiſtims, and ſayd vnto her, Entiſe him, and ſee wherein his great ſtrength lieth, and by what meane we may ouercome him, that we may bind him, and puniſh him, and euery one of vs ſhall giue thee eleuen hundreth c ſhekels of ſiluer.

c Of the value of a ſhekel, reade Gen. 23. 15.

6 ¶ And Delilah ſayd to Samſon, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great ſtrength lieth, and wherewith thou mighteſt be bound to doe thee hurt.

7 Samſon then anſwered vnto her, If they bind me with ‖ ſeuen greene cordes, that were neuer dried, then ſhall I be weake, and be as another man.

‖ Or, new withs.

8 And the Princes of the Philiſtims brought her ſeuen greene cordes that were not drie, and ſhe bound him therewith.

9 (And ſhe had d men lying in wait with her in the chamber) Then ſhe ſaid vnto him, The Philiſtims bee vpon thee, Samſon. And he brake the cordes, as a threed of towe is broken, when e it feeleth fire: ſo his ſtrength was not knowen.

d Certaine Philiſtims in a ſecret chamber.

e Whē fire commeth neere it,

10 ¶ After Delilah ſayd vnto Samſon, See, thou haſt mocked me, and told me lyes. I pray thee now, f tell mee wherewith thou mighteſt be bound.

f Though her falſhood tended to make him looſe his life, yet his affection ſo blinded him that he could not beware.

11 Then he anſwered her, If they binde mee with newe ropes that neuer were occupied, then ſhall I be weake, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore tooke newe ropes, and bound him therewith, and ſayd vnto him, The Philiſtims bee vpon thee, Samſon: (and men lay in waite in the chamber) and hee brake them from his armes, as a threede.

13 ¶ Afterward Delilah ſayd to Samſon, Hitherto thou haſt beguiled me, and told mee lyes: tell mee, how thou mighteſt bee bound. g And he ſayd vnto her, If thou plattedſt ſeuen lockes of mine head with the threeds of the woofe.

g It is impoſſible if we giue place to our wicked affections, but at length we ſhalbe deſtroyed.

14 And ſhe faſtened it with a pinne, and ſayde vnto him, The Philiſtims bee vpon thee, Samſon. And he awoke out of his ſleep and went away with the ‖ pin of the webbe and the woofe.

‖ Or, beame.

15 Againe ſhe ſayd vnto him, How canſt thou ſay, h I loue thee, when thine heart is not with me? Thou haſt mocked mee theſe three times, and haſt not told mee wherein thy great ſtrength lieth.

h For this Samſon vſed to ſay, I loue thee.

16 And becauſe ſhee was importunate vpon him with her wordes continually, and vexed him, his ſoule was pained vnto the death.

17 Therefore hee told her all his i heart, and ſayd vnto her, There neuer came raſor vpon mine head: for I am a Nazarite vnto G O D from my mothers wombe: therefore

i Thus his immoderate affections toward a wicked woman cauſed him to loſe Gods excellent gifts, and become ſlaue vnto them, whom he ſhould haue ruled.

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therefore if I be shauen, my strength will go from me, and I shalbe weake, and be like all other men.

18 And when Delilah sawe that hee had told her all his heart, she sent, and called for the Princes of the Philistims, saying, Come vp once againe: for hee hath shewed mee all his heart. Then the Princes of the Philistims came vp vnto her, and brought the money in their hands.

19 And shee made him sleepe vpon her knees, and she called a man, and made him to shaue off the seuen lockes of his head, and she began to vexe him, and his strength was [k] gone from him.

20 Then she sayd, The Philistims be vpon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleepe, and thought, I will goe out now as at other times, and shake my selfe, but hee knew not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 Therefore the Philistims tooke him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Azzah, and bound him with fetters: and he did grind in the prison house.

22 And the haire of his head began to [l] grow againe after it was shauen.

23 Then the Princes of the Philistims gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice vnto Dagon their god, and to reioyce: for they sayd, Our God hath deliuered Samson our enemie into our hands.

24 Also when the people sawe him, they praised their god: for they sayd, Our god hath deliuered into our handes our enemie and destroyer of our countrey, which hath slaine many of vs.

25 And when their hearts were merrie, they sayd, Call Samson, that he may make vs pastime. So they called Samson out of the prison house, and hee [m] was a laughing stocke vnto them, and they set him betweene the pillars.

26 Then Samson sayd vnto the seruant that led him by the hand, Leade mee, that I may touch the pillars that the house standeth vpon, and that I may leane to them.

27 (Now the house was full of men and women, and there were all the Princes of the Philistims: also vpon the roofe were about three thousand men and women that beheld while Samson ‖ played.)

28 Then Samson called vnto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, I pray thee, thinke vpon me: O God, I beseech thee, strengthen me at this time onely, that I may bee ‡ at once [n] auenged of the Philistims for my two eyes.

29 And Samson layd hold on the two middle pillars whereupon the house stoode, and on which it was borne vp, on the one with his right hand, and on the other with his left.

30 Then sayd Samson, [o] Let me lose my life with the Philistims: and he bowed him with all his might, and the house fell vpon the Princes, and vpon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were moe then they which hee had slaine in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father came downe and tooke him, and brought him vp and buried him betweene Zorah and Eshtaol, in the sepulchre of Manoah his father: now he had iudged Israel twenty yeeres.

k Not for the losse of his haire, but for the contempt of the ordinance of God, which was the cause that God departed from him.

l Yet had he not his strength againe, till he had called vpon God, and reconciled himselfe.

m Thus by Gods iust iudgements they are made slaue. to infidels which neglect their vocation, in defending the faithfull.

‖ Or, was mocked.

‡ Ebr. take one vengeance.

n According to my vocation, which is to execute Gods iudgements vpon the wicked.

o He speaketh not this of despaire, but humbling himselfe for neglecting his office and the offence thereby giuen.

CHAP. XVII.

3 Michahs mother according to her vow made her sonne two idols. 5 He made his sonne a Priest for his idoles. 10 And after he hired a Leuite.

THere [a] was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Michah,

2 And he sayd vnto his mother, The eleuen hundreth shekels of siluer that were taken from thee, for the which thou curseds, and spakedst it, euen in mine hearing, behold, the siluer is with me, I tooke it. Then his mother sayd, Blessed be my sonne of the Lord.

3 And when he had restored the eleuen hundred shekels of siluer to his mother, his mother said, I had dedicate the siluer to the Lord of mine hand for my sonne, to make [b] a grauen and molten image. Now therfore I will giue it thee againe.

4 And when he had restored the money vnto his mother, his mother tooke two hundreth shekels of siluer, and gaue them to the founder, which made thereof a grauen and molten image, and it was in the house of Michah.

5 And this man Michah had an house of gods, and made an * Ephod, and * Teraphim, and ‡ consecrated one of his sonnes, who was his Priest.

6 * In those dayes there was no * King in Israel, but euery man did that, which was good in his owne eyes.

7 ¶ There was also a young man out of Beth-lehem Iudah, [f] of the familie of Iudah, who was a Leuite, and sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the citie, euen out of Beth-lehem Iudah, to dwell where he could finde a place: and as he iourneyed, hee came to mount Ephraim to the house of Michah.

9 And Michah sayd vnto him, Whence commest thou? And the Leuite answered him, [g] I come from Beth-lehem Iudah, and goe to dwell where I may find a place.

10 Then Michah sayd vnto him, Dwell with mee, and bee vnto mee a father and a Priest, and I will giue thee tenne shekels of siluer by yeere, and a suite of apparell, and thy meate and drinke. So the Leuite went in.

11 And the Leuite was [h] content to dwell with the man, and the yong man was vnto him as one of his owne sonnes.

12 And Michah consecrated the Leuite, and the yong man was his Priest, and was in the house of Michah.

13 Then said Michah, Now I know that the Lord will bee [i] good vnto mee, seeing I haue a Leuite to my Priest.

The Maner of Leuon Ebron

a Some thinke this history was in the time of Othniel, or as Iosephus writeth, immediatly after Ioshua.

b Contrary to the commandement of God, & true religion practised vnder Ioshua, they forsooke the Lord and fell to idolatry. *Chap. 8. 27.*

c He would serue both God and idoles. *Gen. 31. 19. hose. 3. 4.*

d By Teraphim some vnderstand certaine idoles, hauing the likenesse of a man, but others vnderstand thereby all maner of things and instruments belonging vnto those who sought for any answere at Gods hands, as Chap. 18. 5, 6.

‡ Ebr. filled the hand of one. *Chap. 21. 25.*

e For where there is no Magistrate fearing God, there can be no true religion, nor order.

f Which Bethlehem was in the tribe of Iudah.

g For in those dayes the seruice of God was corrupt in all estates, and the Leuites were forsooke the true worshipping of God for to maintaine his owne bellie.

h Not considering that hee not looked vnto.

i Thus the idolaters perswade themselues of Gods fauour, when indeed he doth detest them.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The children of Dan send men to search the land. 11 Then come the sixe hundreth and take the gods and the Priest of Michah away. 27 They destroy Laish. 28 They build it againe, 30 and set vp idolatrie.

IN thase dayes there was no King in Israel, and at the same time the tribe of Dan sought them an inheritance to dwell in: for vnto that time all their inheritance had not fallen vnto them among the tribes of Israel.

2 Therefore the children of Dan sent of their family, sixe men out of their coastes, euen men expert in warre, out of Zorah and Eshtaol, to viewe the land, and search it out, and said vnto them, [b] Goe, and search out the land. Then they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Michah, and lodged there.

3 When they were in the house of Michah, they knewe the [c] voice of the yong man the Leuite: and being turned in thither, they said vnto him, Who brought thee hither? or what makest thou in this place: and what hast thou to doe here?

4 And hee answered them, Thus and thus dealeth Michah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his Priest.

5 Againe they said vnto him, Aske counsell now of God, that wee may know whether the way which we goe, shall be prosperous.

6 And the Priest said vnto them, [d] Goe in peace: for the Lord guideth your way which yee goe.

7 Then the fiue men departed and came to Laish, and sawe the people that were therein, which dwelt carelesse, after the maner of the Zidonians, quiet and sure, because no man [e] made any trouble in the land, or [f] inuaded any dominion: also they were farre from the Zidonians, and had no businesse with other men.

8 So they came againe vnto their brethren, to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren sayde vnto them, What haue yee done?

9 And they answered, Arise, that wee may goe vp against them: for we haue seene the land, and surely it is very good, and doe ye sit still? be not slouthfull to goe and enter to possesse the land:

10 (If yee will goe, yee shall come vnto a carelesse people, and the countrey is large) for God hath giuen it into your hand. It is a place which doeth lacke nothing that is in the world.

11 Then there departed thence of the family of the Danites, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, sixe hundreth men appointed with instruments of warre.

12 And they went vp, and pitched in Kiriath-iearim in Iudah: wherefore they called that place, [||] Mahaneh Dan vnto this day: And it is behinde Kiriath-iearim.

13 And they went thence vnto mount Ephraim, and came to the house of Michah.

14 Then answered the fiue men, that went to spie out the countrey of Laish, and said vnto their brethren, [g] Knowe yee not, that there is in these houses an Ephod, and Teraphim, and a grauen and a molten image? Now therefore consider what yee haue to doe.

15 And they turned thitherward and came to the house of the young man the Leuite, euen vnto the house of Michah, and saluted him peaceably.

16 And the sixe hundred men appointed with their weapons of warre, which were of the children of Dan, stoode by the entring of the gate.

17 Then the fiue men that went to spie out the land, went in thither, and tooke the grauen image and the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: and the Priest stood in the entring of the gate with the sixe hundreth men that were appointed with weapons of warre.

18 And the other went into Michahs house, and fet the grauen image, the Ephod and the Teraphim, and the molten image. Then sayde the Priest vnto them, What doe yee?

19 And they answered him, Hold thy peace: lay thine hand vpon thy mouth, and come with vs to bee our father and Priest. Whether is it better that thou shouldest bee a Priest vnto the house of one man, or that thou shouldest bee a Priest vnto a tribe and to a family in Israel?

20 And the Priests heart was glad, and hee tooke the Ephod and the Teraphim, and the grauen image, and went among the [h] people.

21 And they turned and departed, and put the children, and the cattell, and the substance before them.

22 When they were farre off from the house of Michah, the men that were in the houses neere to Michahs house, gathered together, [i] and pursued after the children of Dan,

23 And cried vnto the children of Dan: who turned their faces, and said vnto Michah, What aileth thee that thou makest an outcrie?

24 And he said, Ye haue taken away my [k] gods, which I made, and the Priest, and goe your wayes: and what haue I more? how then say yee vnto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said vnto him, Let not thy voice bee heard among vs, lest [l] angrie fellowes runne vpon thee, and thou lose thy life with the liues of thine household.

26 So the children of Dan went their wayes: and when Michah sawe that they were too strong for him, he turned and went backe vnto his house.

27 And they tooke the [m] things which Michah had made, and the Priest which he had, and came vnto Laish, vnto a quiet people and without mistrust, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the citie with fire:

28 And there was none to [||] helpe, because Laish was farre from Zidon, and they had no businesse with other men: also it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob. After, they built the citie, and dwelt therein,

29 And called the name of the citie Dan, after the name of Dan their father, which was

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a Meaning, no ordinarie magistrate to punish vice according to Gods word.

b For the portion which Iosh. gaue them, was not sufficient for all their tribe.

c They knew him by his speech that hee was a stranger there.

d Thus God graunteth the idolaters sometime their requests to their destruction that delight in errours. ‡ *He made them ashamed.*

e Lose yee this good occasion through your slouthfulnesse?

Or, the tents of Dan.

f Because they before had had good successe, they would that their brethren should be encouraged by hearing the same tidings.

g So superstition blinded them, that they thoght Gods power was in these idoles, and that they should haue good successe by them, though by violence and robberie they did take them away.

h With the sixe hundred men.

i Suspecting them that did pursue them.

k This declareth what opinion the Idolaters haue of their idoles. ‡ *Ebr. Who haue their heart bitter.*

l Meaning, the idoles, as vers. 18

||Or, deliuer them.

m Which after was called Cesarea Philippi. *Iosh. 19. 47.*

was borne vnto Israel: howbeit the name of the citie was Laish at the beginning.

30 Then the children of Dan set them vp the * grauen image: and Ionathan the sonne of Gershom, the sonne of Manasseh, and his sonnes were the Priests in the tribe of the Danites vntill the day of the * captiuitie of the land.

31 So they set them vp the grauen image, which Michah had made, all the while the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *A Leuites wife being an harlot, forsooke her husband, and he tooke her againe.* 25 *At Gibeah shee was most villanously abused to the death.* 29 *The Leuite cutteth her in pieces, and sendeth her to the twelue tribes.*

ALso in those dayes, * when there was no king in Israel, a certaine Leuite dwelt on the side of mount Ephraim, and tooke to wife a * concubine out of Beth-lehem Iudah,

2 And his concubine played the whore ‡ there, and went away from him vnto her fathers house to Beth-lehem Iudah, and there continued the space of foure moneths.

3 And her husband arose and went after her, to speake ‡ friendly vnto her, and to bring her againe: hee had also his seruaunt with him, and a couple of asses: and shee brought him vnto her fathers house: and when the yong womans father saw him, hee reioyced ‖ of his comming.

4 And his father in lawe, the yong womans father retained him: and hee abode with him three dayes: so they did eate and drinke, and lodged there.

5 ¶ And when the fourth day came, they arose earely in the morning, and ‡ he prepared to depart: then the yong womans father said vnto his sonne in lawe, ‖ Comfort thine heart with a morsell of bread, and then goe your way.

6 So they sate downe, and did eate and drinke both of them together. And the a yong womans father said vnto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarie all night, and let thine heart be merie.

7 And when the man rose vp to depart, his father in law ‖ was earnest: therefore he returned, and lodged there.

8 And hee arose vp earely the fift day to depart, and the yong womans father said, b Comfort thine heart, I pray thee: and they taried vntill after midday, and they both did eate.

9 Afterward when the man arose to depart with his concubine and his seruant, his father in law, the yong womans father said vnto him, Behold now, the day ‡ draweth toward euen: I pray you, tarie all night: behold, ‖ the sunne goeth to rest: lodge heere, that thine heart may bee merie, and to morrow get you earely vpon your way, and goe to thy c tent.

10 But the man would not tarie, but arose and departed, and came ouer against Iebus, (which is Ierusalem) and his two asses laden, ‡ his concubine were with him.

11 When they were neere to Iebus, the day ‖ was sore spent, and the seruaunt said vnto his master, Come I pray thee, and let vs turne into this citie of the Iebusites, and lodge all night there.

12 And his master answered him, d Wee will not turne into the citie of strangers that are not of the children of Israel, but we will goe forth to Gibeah.

13 And he said vnto his seruant, Come, and let vs draw neere to one of these places, that we may lodge in Gibeah or in Ramah.

14 So they went forward vpon their way, and the sunne went downe vpon them neere to Gibeah, which is in Beniamin.

15 ¶ Then they turned thither to goe in, and lodge in Gibeah: and when he came, he sate him downe in a streete of the citie: for there was no man that tooke them into his house to lodging.

16 And behold, there came an olde man from his worke out of the field at euen, and the man was of mount Ephraim, but dwelt in Gibeah: and the men of the place were the children of e Iemini.

17 And when he had lift vp his eyes, hee saw a ‖ wayfaring man in the streetes of the citie: then this old man said, Whither goest thou, and whence camest thou?

18 And he answered him, Wee came from Beth-lehem Iudah, vnto the side of mount Ephraim: from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem Iudah, and goe nowe to the f house of the Lord: and no man receiueth me to house,

19 Although we haue straw and prouender for our asses, and also bread and wine for mee and thine handmaide, and for the boy that is with thy seruant: wee lacke nothing.

20 And the olde man said, ‖ Peace bee with thee: as for all that thou lackest, shalt thou finde with mee: onely abide not in the streete all night.

21 ¶ So hee brought him into his house, and gaue fodder vnto the asses: and they washed their feete, and did eate and drinke.

22 And as they were making their hearts merie, behold, the men of the citie, ‡ wicked men, beset the house round about, and smote at the doore, and spake to this olde man, the master of the house, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thy house, that we may know him.

23 And *this man the master of the house went out vnto them, and said vnto them, Nay, my brethren, doe not so wickedly, I pray you: seeing that this man is come into mine house, doe not this villanie.

24 Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine: them will I bring out now, h and humble them, and doe with them what seemeth you good: but to this man doe not this villanie.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: therefore the man tooke his concubine, and brought her out vnto them: and they knew her, and abused her all the night vnto the morning: and when the day beganne to spring, they let her goe.

26 So the woman came in the dawning of the day, and i fell downe at the doore of the mans house where her lord was, till

n Thus in stead of giuing glorie to God, they attribute the victorie to their idoles, and honoured them therefore.

o That is, till the Arke was taken, 1. Sam 5.1.

29 March Lesson Euening

Chap. 17.6. and 18.1.

Gene. 25.6.

‡ *Ebr. besides him to wit, with others.*

‡ *Ebr. to her heart*

‖ *Or, at his meeting.*

‡ *Ebr. rose vp.*

‖ *Or strengthen.*

a That is, his concubines father.

‖ *Or, compelled him.*

b Meaning that he should refresh himselfe with meate, as verse 5.

‡ *Ebr. is weake.*

‖ *Or, the day lodgeth.*

c To wit, to the towne or citie where he dwelt.

‖ *Or, went downe.*

d Though in these dayes there were most horrible corruptions, yet very necessity could not compel them to haue to doe with them, that professed not the true God.

‖ *Or, gathered them.*

e That is, of the tribe of Beniamin.

‖ *Or, a man walking.*

f To Shiloh, or Mizpeh, where the Arke was.

‖ *Or, be of good comfort.*

‡ *Ebr men of Belial: that is, giuen to all wickednes.*

g To the intent they might breake it. *Gene. 19.6.*

h That is, abuse them, as Gene. 19.8.

i She fell downe dead, as vers. 27.

the light day.

27 And her ‖ lord arose in the morning, and opened the doores of the house, and went out to goe his way, and behold, the woman his concubine was ‖ dead at the doore of the house, and her hands lay vpon the threshold.

28 And hee said vnto her, Vp and let vs goe: but thee answered not. Then hee tooke her vp vpon the asse, and the man rose vp, and went vnto his [k] place.

29 And when hee was come to his house, he tooke a knife, and laide hand on his concubine, and diuided her in peices with her bones into twelue partes, and sent her throw all quarters of Israel.

30 And all that saw it, said, There was no [l] such thing done or seene since the time that the children of Israel came vp from the land of Egypt vnto this day: consider the matter, consult and giue sentence.

‖ Or, husband.

‖ Or, fallen.

k Meaning, home vnto mount Ephraim.

l For this was like the sinne of Sodome, for the which God rained downe fire and brimstone from heauen.

CHAP. XX.

1 The Israelites assemble in Mizpeh, to whom the Leuite declareth his wrong. 13 They sent for them that did the villanie. 25 The Israelites are twise ouercome, 46 and at length get the victory.

Hose. 10. 9.

THen [a] all the children of Israel went out, and the Congregation was gathered together as [a] one man, from Dan to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, vnto the [b] Lord in Mizpeh.

2 And the ‖ chiefe of all the people, and all the tribes of Israel assembled in the Congregation of the people of God foure hundreth thousand footmen that [c] drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Beniamin heard that the children of Israel were gone vp to Mizpeh) Then the children of Israel [d] said, How is this wickednesse committed?

4 And the same Leuite, the womans husband that was slaine, answered, and said, I came vnto Gibeah that is in Beniamin with my concubine to lodge,

5 And the ‖ men of Gibeah arose against mee, and beset the house round about vpon me by night, thinking to haue slaine me, and haue forced my concubine that shee is dead.

6 Then I tooke my concubine, and cut her in peices, and sent [e] her throwout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they haue committed abomination and villanie in Israel.

7 Behold, yee are all children of Israel: giue your aduise, and counsell herein.

8 Then all the people arose as one man, saying, There shall not a man of vs goe to his tent, neither any turne into his [f] house.

9 But now this is that thing which we will doe to Gibeah: wee will goe vp by lot against it,

10 And we will take ten men of the hundreth throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundreth of the thousand, and a thousand of ten thousand to bring [g] vitaile for the people, that they may doe (when they come to Gibeah of Beniamin) according to all the villanie, that it hath done in Israel.

11 ¶ So all the men of Israel were gathered against the citie, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men throw all the [h] tribe of Beniamin, saying, What wickednesse is this that is committed among you?

13 Now therefore deliuer vs those wicked men which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away euill from Israel: but the children of Beniamin [i] would not obey the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 But the children of Beniamin gathered themselues together out of the cities vnto Gibeah, to come out and fight against the children of Israel.

15 ¶ And the children of Beniamin were numbred at that time out of the cities fiue and twenty thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seuen hundreth chosen men.

16 Of all this people were seuen hundreth chosen men, being [m] left handed: all these could sling stones at an haire breadth, and not faile.

17 ¶ Also the men of Israel, beside Beniamin, were numbred foure hundreth thousand men that drewe sword, euen all men of warre.

18 And the children of Israel arose, and went vp [k] to the house of God, and asked of God, saying, Which of vs shall goe vp first to fight against the children of Beniamin? And the Lord said, Iudah shall bee first.

19 Then the children of Israel arose vp early, and camped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battell against Beniamin, and the men of Israel put themselues in aray to fight against them beside Gibeah.

21 And the children of Beniamin came out of Gibeah, and slew down to the ground of the Israelites that day ‖ two and twentie thousand men.

22 And the people, the men of Israel plucked vp their hearts, and set their battell againe in aray in the place where they put them in aray the first day.

23 (For the children of Israel had gone vp and wept before the Lord vnto the euening, and had asked of the Lord, saying, Shall I goe againe to battell against the children of Beniamin my brethren? And the Lord said, Goe vp against them)

24 ¶ Then the children of Israel came neere against the children of Beniamin the second day.

25 Also the second day Beniamin came forth to meete them out of Gibeah, and slew downe to the ground of the children of Israel againe eighteene thousand men: ‡ all they could handle the sword.

26 Then all the children of Israel went vp, and all the people came also vnto the house of God, and wept and sate there before the Lord, and fasted that day vnto the euening, and offered burnt offrings and peace offrings before the Lord.

27 And the children of Israel asked the Lord (for [m] there was the Arke of the Couenant of God in those dayes.

28 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar,

h That is, euery family of the tribe.

i Because they would not suffer the wicked to be punished, they declared themselues to maintaine them in their euill, and therefore were al iustly punished.

Chap. 3. 15.

k That is, to the Arke which was in Shiloh: some thinke, in Mizpeh, as verse 1.

l This God permitted, because the Israelites partly trusted too much in their strength, and partly God would by this meanes punish their sinnes.

‡ Ebr. All they drawing the sword.

m To wit, in Shiloh.

the sonne of Aaron * stoode before it at that time) saying, Shall I yet goe any more to battel against the children of Beniamin my brethren, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Goe vp: for to morrow I will deliuer them into your hand.

29 And Israel set men to lie in waite round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went vp against the children of Beniamin the third day, and put themselues in aray against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 Then the children of Beniamin comming out against the people, were ° drawen from the citie: and they began to smite of the people and kill as at other times, euen vp the wayes in the field (whereof one goeth vp to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah) vpon a thirtie men of Israel.

32 (For the children of Beniamin said, They are fallen before vs, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let vs flee and plucke them away from the citie vnto the high p wayes)

33 And all the men of Israel rose vp out of their places, and put themselues in aray at Baal-tamar: & the men that lay in waite of the Israelites, came forth of their place, euen out of the medowes of Gibeah,

34 And they came ouer against Gibeah, ten thousand chosen men of all Israel, and the battell was sore: for they knew not that the ⁊ euill was neere them.

35 ¶ And the Lord smote Beniamin before Israel, and the children of Israel destroyed of the Beniamites the same day fiue and twentie thousand & an hundreth men: all they could handle the sword.

36 So the children of Beniamin saw that they were striken downe: for the men of Israel ˢ gaue place to the Beniamites, because they trusted to the men that lay in waite, which they had laide beside Gibeah.

37 And they that lay in wait hasted, and brake forth toward Gibeah, and they embushment ‖ drew themselues along, & smote all the citie with the edge of the sword.

38 Also the men of Israel had appointed a certaine time with the embushments, that they should make a great flame, and smoke rise vp out of the citie.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battell, Beniamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirtie persons: for they said, Surely they are striken downe before vs, as in the first battell.

40 But when the flame began to arise out of the citie, as a pillar of smoke, the Beniamites looked backe, and behold, the flame of the citie began to ascend vp to heauen.

41 Then the men of Israel turned ᵗ againe, and the men of Beniamin were astonied: for they saw that euill was neere vnto them.

42 Therefore they fled before the men of Israel vnto the way of the wildernesse, but the battell ouertooke them: also they which came out of the cities, slewe them ᵘ among them.

43 Thus they compassed the Beniamites about, and ‖ chased them at ease, and ouerran them, euen ouer against Gibeah on the Eastside:

44 And there were slaine of Beniamin eighteene thousand men, which were al men of warre.

45 And they turned and fled to the wildernesse vnto the rocke of Rimmon: and the Israelites ˣ slained of them by the way fiue thousand men, and pursued after them vnto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all that were slaine that day of Beniamin, were ʸ fiue and twentie thousand men that drewe sword, which were all men of warre:

47 * But fiue hundreth men turned and fled to the wildernesse vnto the rocke of Rimmon, and abode in the rocke of Rimmon foure moneths.

48 Then the men of Israel returned vnto the children of Beniamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword from the men of the citie vnto the beasts, and al that came to hand: also they set on fire all the ᶻ cities that they could come by.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The Israelites sweare that they will not marrie their daughters to the Beniamites.* 10 *They slay them of Iabesh Gilead, and gaue their virgins to the Beniamites.* 21 *The Beniamites take the daughters of Shiloh.*

MOreouer, the men of Israel ª sware in Mizpeh, saying, None of vs shall giue his daughter vnto the Beniamites to wife.

2 And the people came vnto the house of God, and abode there till euen before God, and lifted vp their voyces, and wept with great lamentation,

3 And said, O Lord God of Israel, why is this come to passe in Israel, that this day one tribe of Israel should want?

4 ¶ And on the morrow the people arose vp and made there an ᵇ Altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 Then the children of Israel said, Who is her among all the tribes of Israel, that came not vp with the Congregation vnto the Lord? for they had made a great oth concerning him that came not vp to the Lord to Mizpeh, saying, Let him die the death.

6 And the children of Israel were sore for Beniamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall wee doe for wiues to them that remaine, seeing wee haue swoorne by the Lord, that wee will not giue them of our daughters to wiues?

8 Also they said, Is there any of the tribes of Israel that ᶜ came not vp to Mizpeth to the Lord? and beholde, there came none of Iabesh Gilead vnto the hoste, and to the Congregation.

9 For when the people were viewed, behold, none of the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead were there.

10 Therefore the Congregation sent thither twelue thousand men of the ♯most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Goe, and smite the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, both women and children.

11 * And

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n Or, serued in the Priests office at those dayes: for the Iewes write, that he liued three hundreth yeeres.

o By the policie of the children of Israel.

p Meaning, crosse wayes or pathes to diuers places.

q They knew not that Gods iudgement was at hand to destroy them.

r Retired to draw them after.

‖ *Or, made a long sound with a trumpet.*

s For they were waxen hardie by the two former victories.

t And withstood their enemies.

u For they were compassed in on euery side.

‖ *Or, droue them from their rest.*

x They slew them by one and one, as they were scattered abroad.

y Besides eleuen hundreth that had bene slaine in the former battels. *Chap. 21. 13.*

z If they belonged to the Beniamites,

a This oath came of rashnesse, and not of iudgement: for after they brake it, in shewing secretly the meanes to marrie with certaine of their daughters.

b According to their custome, when they would consult with the Lord.

c Or, repented that they had destroyed their brethren, as appeareth verse 15.

d Condemning them to be fautors of vice, which wold not put their hand to punish it.

♯ *Ebr. children of strength.*

Numb. 31.17.

11 *And this is it that ye shall do: ye shal vtterly destroy all the males and all the women that haue lien by men.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead foure hundreth maides, virgins that had knowen no man by lying with any male: and they brought them vnto the hoste to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 ¶ Then the whole Congregation sent and spake with the children of Beniamin that were in the rocke of Rimmon, and called ‖ peaceably vnto them:

14 And Beniamin came againe at that time, and they gaue them wiues which they had saued aliue of the women of Jabesh Gilead: but they had not so ynow for them.

15 And the people were sory for Beniamin, because the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Therefore the elders of the Congregation sayd, How shall wee doe for wiues to the remnant? for the women of Beniamin are destroyed.

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Beniamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit we may not giue them wiues of our daughters: for the children of Israel had sworne, saying, Cursed be he that giueth a wife to Beniamin.

19 Therefore they said, Behold, there is a feast of the Lord euery yeere in Shiloh in a place, which is on the [b] south side of Bethel, and on the East side of the way that goeth vp from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the South of Lebonah.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Beniamin, saying, Goe, and lie in waite in the vineyards.

21 And when ye see that the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you euery man a wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and goe into the land of Beniamin.

22 And [i] when their fathers or their brethren come vnto vs to complaine, we will say vnto them, Haue pitie on them for our sakes, because we reserued not to each man his wife in the warre, and because yee haue not giuen vnto them hitherto, ye haue sinned.

23 And the children of Beniamin did so, and tooke wiues of them that danced according to their [k] number: which they tooke and went away, and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 So the children of Israel departed thence at that time, euery man to his tribe, and to his familie, and went out from thence euery man to his inheritance.

25 *In those dayes there was no king in Israel, but euery man did that which was good in his eyes.

*Chap. 17.6. and 18.1. and 19.1.

a To wit, about foure moneths after the discomfiture, Chap. 20.47.

‖ Or, friendly.

f For there lacked two hundreth.

g Beniamin must bee reserued to haue the twelfth portion in the inheritance of Iakob.

h He describeth the place where the maydes vsed yeerely to dance, as the manner then was, and to sing Psalmes and songs of Gods workes among them.

i Though they thought hereby to perswade men that they kept their othe, yet before God it was broken.

k Meaning, two hundreth.

The Booke of Ruth.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis booke is intituled after the name of Ruth: which is the principall person spoken of in this treatise. Wherein also figuratiuely is set foorth the state of the Church which is subiect to manifold afflictions, and yet at length God giueth good and ioyfull issue: teaching vs to abide with patience till God deliuer vs out of troubles. Herein also is described how Iesus Christ, who according to the flesh ought to come of Dauid, proceeded of Ruth, of whom the Lord Iesus did vouchsafe to come, notwithstanding she was a Moabite of base condition, and a stranger from the people of God: declaring vnto vs therby that the Gentiles should be sanctified by him, and ioyned with his people, and that there should be but one sheepefold, and one sheepherd. And it seemeth that this historie appertaineth to the time of the Iudges.

CHAP. I.

Elimelech goeth with his wife and children into the land of Moab. 3 He and his sonnes die. 19 Naomi and Ruth come to Beth-lehem.

IN the time ‖ the Iudges ruled, there was a dearth in the [a] land, and a man of Beth-lehem [b] Iudah went for to sojourne in the countrey of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi: and the names of his two sonnes, Mahlon, and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem Iudah: and when they came into the land of Moab, they continued there.

3 Then Elimelech the husband of Naomi died, and she remained with her two sonnes,

4 Which tooke them wiues of the [c] Moabites: the ones name was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten yeeres.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both twaine: so the woman was left destitute of her two sonnes, and of her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in lawe, and returned from the countrey of Moab: for she had heard say in the countrey of Moab, that the Lord had [d] visited his people, and giuen them bread.

7 Wherefore she departed out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her, and they went on their way to returne vnto the land of Iudah.

8 Then Naomi said vnto her two daughters in lawe, Goe, returne each of you vnto her owne mothers house: the Lorde shewe fauour vnto you, as ye haue done with the dead, and with me.

9 The Lorde graunt you that you may finde [e] rest, either of you in the house of her husband. And when shee kissed them, they lift vp their voice and wept.

10 And they sayd vnto her, Surely wee will returne with thee vnto thy people.

11 But Naomi said, Turne againe, my daughters: for what cause will yee goe with mee? are there any moe sonnes in my

Ruth 1.

a In the land of Canaan.

b In the tribe of Iudah, which was also called Beth-lehem Ephrathah, because there was another citie so called in the tribe of Zebulun.

c By this wonderfull prouidence of God, Ruth became one of Gods household, of whom Christ came.

‖ Or, iudged.

d By sending them plenty againe.

e Hereby it appeareth that Naomi by dwelling among idolaters was waxen cold in the true zeale of God, which rather hath respect to the ease of the body, then to the comfort of the soule.

my wombe, that they may bee your husbands?

12 Turne againe, my daughters: goe your way: for I am too olde to haue an husband. If I should say, I haue hope, and if I had an husband this night: yea, if I had borne sonnes,

13 Would ye tarie for them, till they were of age? would ye be deferred for them from taking of husbands? nay my daughters: for it grieueth mee ‖ much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.

14 Then they lift vp their voice and wept againe, and Orpah [f] kissed her mother in law, but Ruth abode still with her.

15 And Naomi said, Beholde, thy sister in law is gone backe vnto her people and vnto her gods: [g] returne thou after thy sister in lawe.

16 And Ruth answered, Intreat me not to leaue thee, nor to depart from thee: for whither thou goest, I will goe: and where thou dwellest, I will dwell: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

17 Where thou diest, wil I die, and there wil I be buried: the Lord doe so to mee and more also, if ought but death depart thee and mee.

18 ¶ When shee sawe that shee was stedfastly minded to goe with her, she left speaking vnto her.

19 So they went both vntill they came to Beth-lehem: and when they were come to Beth-lehem, it was [h] noysed of them through all the citie, and they sayd, Is not this Naomi?

20 And she answered them, Call me not ‖ Naomi, but call mee [i] Mara: for the Almighty hath giuen me much bitternesse.

21 I went out full, and the Lorde hath caused mee to returne empty: why call yee me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath humbled me, and the Almighty hath brought me vnto aduersitie?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitesse her daughter in lawe with her, when she came out of the countrey of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of [k] barley harueste.

CHAP. II.

1 *Ruth gathereth corne in the fields of Boaz.*
3 *The gentlenesse of Boaz toward her.*

THen Naomis husband had a kinsman, one of great [a] power of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitesse sayd vnto Naomi, I pray thee let me goe to the fielde, and [b] gather eares of corne after him, in whose sight I find fauour. And she said vnto her, Goe my daughter.

3 ¶ And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and it came to passe, that shee met with the portion of the field of Boaz, who was of the familie of Elimelech.

4 And beholde, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and sayd vnto the reapers, The Lord bee with you: and they answered him, The Lord blesse thee.

5 Then said Boaz vnto his seruant that was appointed ouer the reapers, Whose maid is this?

6 And the seruant that was appointed ouer the reapers, answered and sayd, It is the Moabitish maide, that came with Naomi out of the countrey of Moab:

7 And she said vnto vs, I pray you, let me gleane and gather after the reapers ‖among the sheaues: so she came, and hath continued from that time in the morning vnto nowe, saue that she taried a little in the house.

8 ¶ Then sayd Boaz vnto Ruth, Hearest thou my daughter? goe to none other fielde to gather, neither goe from hence: but abide here by my maydens.

9 [c] Let thine eyes be on the field that they doe reape, and goe thou after the maydens. Haue I not charged the seruants, that they touch thee not? Moreouer, when thou art athirst, goe vnto the vessels, and drinke of that which the seruants haue drawen.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground, and said vnto him, How haue I found fauour in thine eyes, that thou shouldest know mee, seeing I am [d] a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered, and said vnto her, All is told and shewed mee that thou hast done vnto thy mother in law, since the death of thine husband, and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land where thou wast borne, and art come vnto a people which thou knewest not in time past.

12 The Lord recompence thy worke, and a full reward be giuen thee of the Lord God of Israel, vnder whose [e] wings thou art come to trust.

13 Then she sayd, Let me find fauour in thy sight, my lord: for thou hast comforted me, and spoken comfortably vnto thy mayd, though I be not like to one of thy maydes.

14 And Boaz sayd vnto her, At the meale time come thou hither, and eate of the bread, and dip thy morsell in the vineger. And shee sate beside the reapers, and hee reached her parched corne: and she did eate, and was sufficed, and [f] left thereof.

15 ¶ And when she arose to gleane, Boaz commanded his seruants, saying, Let her gather among the sheaues, and doe not rebuke her.

16 Also let fall some of the sheaues for her, and let it lie, that she may gather it vp, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field vntill euening, and she threshed that she had gathered, and it was about an [g] Ephah of barley.

18 ¶ And shee tooke it vp, and went into the citie, and her mother in lawe sawe what shee had gathered: Also shee [h] tooke foorth, and gaue to her that which she had reserued when she was sufficed.

19 Then her mother in lawe sayd vnto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be hee, that knew thee. And shee shewed her mother in law, with whom she had wrought, and sayd, The mans name with whom I wrought to day, is Boaz.

20 And Naomi said vnto her daughter in law,

‖Or, more then you.

f When shee tooke leaue and departed.

g No perswasions can preuaile to turne them backe from God, whom he hath chosen to be his.

h Whereby appeareth that she was of a great familie, and of good reputation.

‖Or, beautifull.

‖Or, bitter.

i Which was in the moneth Nisan, that containeth part of March, and part of April.

28 Nisan
1 Lebonah
Euen

k Both for vertue, authority and riches.

b This her humility declareth her great affection toward her mother in lawe, forasmuch as she spareth no paine-full diligence to get both their liuings.

‖Or, certaine handfuls.

c That is, take heede in what field they doe reape.

d Euen of the Moabites, which are enemies to Gods people.

e Signifying, that she shall neuer want any thing if shee put her trust in God, and liue vnder his protection.

f Which shee brought home to her mother in law.

Exod. 16. 36.

g To wit, of her bagge, as in the Chalde text.

law, Blessed bee he of the Lord: for he ceaseth not to doe good to the liuing and to the b dead. Againe Naomi sayd vnto her, The man is neere vnto vs, and of our affinitie.

21 And Ruth the Moabitesse sayd, Yee sayd also certainely vnto me, Thou shalt be with my seruants, vntill they haue ended all mine haruest.

22 And Naomi answered vnto Ruth her daughter in law, It is best, my daughter, that thou goe out with his maides, that they ‖meet thee not in another field.

23 Then shee kept her by the maydes of Boaz, to gather vnto the end of barley haruest, and of wheate haruest, and ‖dwelt with her mother in law.

h To my husband and children when they were aliue, and now to vs.

‖Or, fall vpon thee.

‖Or, returned to her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

1 *Naomi giueth Ruth counsell.* 8 *She sleepeth at Boaz feete.* 12 *He acknowledgeth himselfe to be her kinseman.*

AFterward Naomi her mother in lawe sayd vnto her, My daughter, shall not I seeke a rest for thee, that thou maiest prosper?

2 Now also is not Boaz our kinseman, with whose maydes thou wast? behold, hee winnoweth barley to night in the ‖ flooze.

3 Wash thy selfe therefore, and anoynt thee, and put thy rayment vpon thee, and get thee downe to the flooze: let not the b man know of thee, vntil he haue left eating and drinking.

4 And when hee shall sleepe, marke the place where hee layeth him downe, and goe and vncouer the place of his feete, and lay thee downe, and he shall tell thee what thou shalt doe.

5 And shee answered her, All that thou biddest me, I will doe.

6 ¶ So he went downe vnto the flooze, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunken, and c cheared his heart, he went to lie downe at the ende of the heape of corne, and shee came softly, and vncouered the place of his feet, and lay downe.

8 And at midnight the man was afraid ‖ and caught hold: and loe, a woman lay at his feet.

9 Then he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmayde: spread therefore the wing of thy garment ouer thine handmayd: for thou art the kinseman.

10 Then sayd hee, Blessed be thou of the Lord my daughter: thou hast d shewed more goodnesse in the latter ende, then at the beginning, in as much as thou followedst not yong men, were they poore or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, feare not: I wil doe to thee all that thou requirest: for all the citie of my people doeth know, that thou art a vertuous woman.

12 And now, it is true, that I am thy kinsman, howbeit there is a kinsman neerer then I.

13 Tary to night, and when morning is come, if hee e will doe the duetie of a kinseman vnto thee, well, let him doe the kinsmans duetie: but if he will not do the kinsmans part, then will I doe the duetie of a kinseman, as the Lord liueth: sleepe vntill the morning.

c That is, had refreshed himselfe among his seruants.

‖Or, turned himselfe from one side to another.

d Thou shewest thy selfe from time to time more vertuous.

e If he will take thee to be his wife by the title of affinitie, according to Gods law, Deut 25.5.

14 ¶ And shee lay at his feete vntill the morning: & she arose before one could know another: for he said, Let no man know, that a woman came into the flooze.

15 Also he sayd, Bring the ‖ sheete that thou hast vpon thee, and hold it. And when he held it, he measured sixe measures of barley and layd them on her, and she went into the citie.

16 And when shee came to her mother in law, she said, f Who art thou, my daughter? And shee told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And sayd, These sixe measures of barley gaue he me: for he said to me, Thou shalt not come emptie vnto thy mother in law.

18 Then sayd she, My daughter, sit still, vntil thou know how the thing will fall: for the man will not be in rest, vntill he haue finished the matter this same day.

‖ Or, mantle.

f Perceiuing by her comming home, that he had not taken her to his wife, she was astonied.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Boaz speaketh to Ruths next kinseman touching her marriage.* 7 *The ancient custome in Israel.* 10 *Boaz marrieth Ruth, of whom he begetteth Obed.* 18 *The generation of Pharez.*

THen went Boaz vp to the a gate, and sate there, and behold, the kinseman of whom Boaz had spoken, came by: and he said, b Ho, such one, come, sit downe here. And he turned, and sate downe.

2 Then he tooke ten men of the Elders of the city, and sayd, Sit ye downe here. And they sate downe.

3 And he sayd vnto the kinseman, Naomi, that is come againe out of the countrey of Moab, will sell a parcell of land, which was our brother Elimelechs.

4 And I thought to aduertise thee, saying, Buy it before the ‖ assistants, and before the Elders of my people. If thou wilt redeeme it, redeeme it: but if thou wilt not redeeme it, tell mee: for I know that there is none c besides thee to redeeme it, and I am after thee. Then hee answered, I will redeeme it.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must also buy it of Ruth the Moabitesse the wife of the dead, to stirre vp the name of the dead vpon his d inheritance.

6 And the kinseman answered, I cannot redeeme it, lest I destroy mine owne inheritance: redeeme my right to thee, for I cannot redeeme it.

7 Now this was the manner before time in Israel, concerning redeeming and changing, for to stablish all things: a man did plucke off his shooe, & gaue it his neighbour, and this was a sure e witnesse in Israel.

8 Therefore the kinseman said to Boaz, Buy it for thee: and he drew off his shooe.

9 And Boaz sayd vnto the Elders, and vnto all the people, Yee are witnesses this day, that I haue bought all that was Elimelechs, and all that was Chilions and Mahlons, of the hand of Naomi.

10 And moreouer, Ruth the Moabitesse

a Which was the place of iudgement.

b The Ebrewes here vse two wordes which haue no proper signification, but serue to note a certaine person, as we say, Ho, syrra, or, ho, such a one.

‖ Or, inhabitants.

c For thou art the next of the kinne.

d That his inheritance might beare his name that is dead.

e That he had resigned his right, Deu. 25.9.

The wife of Mahlon haue I bought to be my wife, to stirre vp the name of the dead vpon his inheritance, and that the name of the dead bee not put out from among his brethren, and from the gate of his f place: yee are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the Elders said, We are witnesses: the Lorde make the wife that commeth into thine house, like Rahel and like Leah, which twaine did build the house of Israel: and that thou mayest doe worthily in g Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem,

12 And that thine house be like the house of Pharez (* whom Thamar bare vnto Iudah) of the seede which the Lord shall giue thee of this yong woman.

13 ¶ So Boaz tooke Ruth, & she was his wife: & when he went in vnto her, the Lord gaue, that she conceiued, and bare a sonne.

14 And the women sayde vnto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, and h his name shalbe continued in Israel.

15 And this shall bring thy life againe, and cherish thine olde age: for thy daughter in law which loueth thee, hath borne vnto him, and shee is better to thee then i seuen sonnes.

16 And Naomi tooke the childe, and layd it in her lap, and became a nurse vnto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gaue it a name, saying, There is a childe borne to Naomi, and called the name thereof Obed: the same was the father of Ishai, the father of Dauid.

18 ¶ These now are the generations of * k Pharez: Pharez begate Hesron,

19 And Hesron begate Ram, and Ram begate Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begate Nahshon, and Nahshon begate Salmah,

21 And Salmon begate Boaz, and Boaz begate Obed,

22 And Obed begate Ishai, and Ishai begate Dauid.

f Or, of the citie where he remained.

g Ephrathah and Beth-lehem are both one. *Gene.38.29.*

h He shal leaue a continual posteritie.

i Meaning many sonnes.

1.Chron.2.4. matth.1.3.

k This genealogie is brought in, to prooue that Dauid by succession came of the house of Iudah.

¶ The first booke of Samuel.

THE ARGVMENT.

According as God had ordeined, Deut. 17. 14. that when the Israelites should bee in the land of Canaan, hee would appoint them a King: so here in this first booke of Samuel is declared the state of this people vnder their first king Saul, who not content with that order, which God had for a time appointed for the gouernment of his Church, demanded a King, to the intent they might be as other nations, and in a greater assurance as they thought: not because they might the better thereby serue God, as being vnder the safegard of him, which did represent Iesus Christ the true deliuerer: therefore he gaue them a tyrant and an hypocrite to rule ouer them, that they might learne that the person of a King is not sufficient to defend them, except God by his power preserue and keepe them. And therefore he punisheth the ingratitude of his people, and sendeth them continual warres both at home and abroad. And because Saul, whom of nothing God had preferred to the honour of a King, did not acknowledge Gods mercy toward him, but rather disobeyed the word of God, and was not zealous of his glory, he was by the voyce of God put downe from his state, and Dauid the true figure of Messiah placed in his stead, whose patience, modestie, constancie, persecution by open enemies, fained friends, and dissembling flatterers, are left to the Church and to euery member of the same, as a paterne and example to behold their state and vocation.

CHAP. I.

1 *The genealogie of Elkanah father of Samuel.* 2 *He two wiues.* 5 *Hannah was barren and prayed to the Lord.* 15 *Her answere to Eli.* 20 *Samuel is borne.* 24 *Shee doeth dedicate him to the Lord.*

THere was a man of one of the two * Ramathaim Zophim, of mount Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah, the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Elihu, the sonne of Tohu, the sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And hee had two wiues: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 * And this man went vp out of his city euery yeere, to worship and to sacrifice vnto the Lord of hosts in b Shiloh, where were the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas Priests of the Lord.

4 And on a day, when Elkanah sacrificed, he gaue to Peninnah his wife and to all her sonnes and daughters portions,

5 But vnto Hannah hee gaue a worthy c portion: for hee loued Hannah, and the Lord had made her barren.

6 ¶ And her aduersarie vexed her sore, forasmuch as she vpbraided her, because the Lord had made her barren.

7 (And so did he yeere by yeere) and as oft as shee went vp to the house of the Lord, thus shee vexed her, that shee wept and did not eate.

8 Then sayde Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thine heart troubled? am not I better to thee then tenne d sonnes?

9 So Hannah rose vp after that they had eaten and dronke in Shiloh (and Eli the Priest sate vpon a stoole by one of the postes of the * Temple of the Lord.)

10 And shee was troubled in her minde, and prayed vnto the Lord, and wept sore:

11 Also shee vowed a vow, and sayd, O Lorde of hostes, if thou wilt looke on the trouble of thine handmayde, and remember mee, and not forget thine handmaide, but giue vnto thine handmayd a manchild, then I will giue him vnto the Lord all the dayes of his life, and there shall no rasor come vpon his head.

12 And

a There were two Ramaths, so that in this citie in mount Ephraim were Zophims that is, the learned men and Prophets.

Deut.16.16.

b For the Arke was there at that time.

c Some reade a portion with an heauie cheere.

d Let this suffice thee, that I loue thee no lesse, then if thou hadst many children.

e That is, of the house, where the Arke was.

Numb.6.5. iudg.13.5.

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12 And as she continued praying before the Lord, Eli marked her mouth.

13 For Hannah spake in her heart: her lips did moue onely, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had beene dronken.

14 And Eli said vnto her, How long wilt thou be dronken? Put away thy dronkennesse from thee.

‡ Ebr. ly wine.

15 Then Hannah answered & sayd, Nay, my lord, but I am a woman ‡ troubled in spirit: I haue drunk neither wine nor strong drinke, but haue * powred out my soule before the Lord.

‡ Ebr. of an hard spirit. Psal. 42. 5.

16 Count not thine handmaide ‡ for a wicked woman: for of the abundance of my complaint and griefe haue I spoken hitherto.

‡ Eb. for a daughter of Belial.

17 Then Eli answered, and said, Goe in peace, and the God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 She said againe, Let thine handmaid finde f grace in thy sight: so the woman went her way, and did eate, and looked no more sad.

f That is, pray vnto the Lord for me.

19 ¶ Then they rose vp early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah. Now Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lorde g remembred her.

g According to her petition.

20 For in processe of time Hannah conceiued and bare a sonne, and shee called his name Samuel, Because, said she, I haue asked him of the Lord.

21 ¶ So the man h Elkanah and all his house went vp to offer vnto the Lorde the yeerely sacrifice, and his vowe:

h This Elkanah was a Leuite, 1. Chro. 6. 27. and as some write, once a yere they accustomed to appeare before the Lord with their families.

22 But Hannah went not vp: for she said vnto her husband, I will tarie vntill the child be waned, then I wil bring him that he may appeare before the Lord, and there abide for euer.

23 And Elkanah her husband sayd vnto her, Do what seemeth thee best: tarie vntil thou haue waned him: onely the Lord accomplish his i word. So the woman abode, and gaue her sonne sucke vntill shee wained him.

i Because her prayer tooke effect, therefore it was called the Lords promise. Exod. 16. 36.

24 ¶ And when she had weined him, she tooke him with her with three bullockes and an * Ephah of floure, and a bottell of wine, and brought him vnto the house of the Lord in Shiloh, and the child was ‡ yong.

‡ Ebr. a child.

25 And they slew a bullocke, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And shee sayde, Oh my lorde, as thy k soule liueth, my lord, I am the woman that stood with thee here praying vnto the Lord.

k That is, most certainely.

27 I prayed for this child, & the Lord hath giuen me my desire which I asked of him.

‡ Ebr. lent.

28 Therefore also I haue ‡ giuen him vnto the Lord: as long as he liueth he shall be giuen vnto the Lord: and he l worshipped the Lord there.

l Meaning, Eli gaue thankes to God for her.

CHAP. II.

1 The song of Hannah. 12 The sonnes of Eli wicked. 13 The new custome of the Priests. 18 Samuel ministreth before the Lord. 20 Eli blesseth Elkanah and his wife. 23 Eli reproueth his sons. 27 God sendeth a Prophet to Eli. 31 Eli is menaced for not chastising his children.

AND Hannah a prayed, and sayd, My heart reioyceth in the Lord, mine b horne is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is c enlarged ouer mine enemies, because I reioyce in thy saluation.

a After that she had obteined a sonne by prayer, she gaue thanks.

b I haue recouered strength and glory by the benefite of the Lord.

c I can answere them that reproue my barrennesse.

2 There is none holy as the Lord: yea, there is none besides thee, and there is no god like our God.

3 Speake no more so arrogantly proudly: let not arrogancie come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him enterprises are established.

d In that ye condemne my barrennesse, ye shew your pride against God.

4 The bow and the mighty men are broken, and the weake haue girded themselues with strength.

5 They that were full, are hired for e bread, and the hungry are no more hired, so that the barren hath borne seuen: and she that hath many children, is feeble.

e They sell their labours for necessary foode.

6 * The Lord killeth and maketh aliue: bringeth downe to the graue and raiseth vp.

‖ Or, many. Deut. 32. 39. Wisd. 16. 13. 1. Sam. 2. 6. Psal. 113. 7.

7 The Lord maketh poore and maketh rich: bringeth low, and exalteth.

8 * He raiseth vp the poore out of the dust, and lifteth vp the beggar from the dung hill to set them among f princes, and to make them inherite the seate of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the g Lords, and he hath set the world vpon them.

f He preferreth to honour, and putteth downe according to his own will, though mans iudgement be contrary.

g Therefore he may dispose all things according to his will. Chap. 7. 10.

9 He will keepe the feete of his Saints, and the wicked shall keepe silence in darkenesse: for in his owne might shall no man be strong.

10 The Lords aduersaries shall be destroyed, and out of heauen shall he * thunder vpon them: the Lord shall iudge the endes of the world, and shall giue power vnto his h King, and exalt the horne of his anointed.

h She grounded her prayer on Iesus Christ which was to come.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house, and the childe did minister vnto the Lord i before Eli the Priest.

i In all that Eli commaded him.

12 ¶ Now the sonnes of Eli were wicked men, and k knew not the Lord.

k That is, they neglected his ordinance. ‖ Or, soune.

13 For the Priestes custome toward the people was this: when any man offered sacrifice, the Priests boy came, while the flesh was seething, and a flesh hooke with three teeth in his hand,

l Transgressing the order appointed in the Law, Leuit. 7. 31. for their bellies sake.

14 And thrust it into the kettle, or into the caldron, or into the pan, or into the pot: l all that the flesh hooke brought vp, the Priest tooke for himselfe: thus they did vnto all the Israelites, that came thither to Shiloh.

15 Yea, before they burnt the m fatte, the Priestes boy came and sayd to the man that offered, Giue me flesh to roste for the Priest: for he will not haue sodden flesh of thee, but rawe.

m Which was commanded first to haue beene offered to God. ‖ Or, Lawe.

16 And if any man sayd vnto him, Let them burne the fatte according to the ‖ custome, then take as much as thine heart n desireth: then he would answere, No, but thou shalt giue it now: and if thou wilt not, I will take it by force.

n Not passing for their owne profite, so that God might be serued aright.

17 Therefore the sinne of the yoong men was very great before the Lorde: for men o abhorred the offring of the Lord.

o Seeing the horrible abuse thereof. Exod. 28. 4.

18 ¶ Now Samuel being a yong childe ministred before the Lord, girded with a linnen * Ephod.

19 And his mother made him a litle coat, and

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and brought it to him from yeere to yeere, when thee came vp with her husband to offer the yeerely sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and sayd, The Lord giue thee seede of this woman, for the petition that she asked of the Lord: and they departed vnto their place.

21 And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceiued, and bare three sonnes, and two daughters. And the childe Samuel grew before the Lord.

22 ¶ So Eli was very olde, and heard all that his sonnes did vnto all Israel, and how they lay with the women that assembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

23 And he sayd vnto them, Why doe yee such things? for of all this people I heare euill reports of you.

24 Doe no more my sonnes: for it is no good report that I heare, which is, that yee make the Lords people to q trespasse.

25 If one man sinne against another, the Iudge shall iudge it: but if a man sinne against the Lord, who will pleade for him? Notwithstanding they obeyed not the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them.

26 ¶ (Now the child Samuel profited and grewe, and was in fauour both with the Lord, and also with men)

27 And there came a man of God vnto Eli, and sayd vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did not I plainely appeare vnto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs house?

28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my Priest, to offer vpon mine altar, and to burne incense, and to weare an Ephod before mee, * and I gaue vnto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel.

29 Wherefore haue you t kicked against my sacrifice and mine offring, which I commanded in my Tabernacle, and honourest thy children aboue me, to make your selues fat of the first frutes of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the Lorde God of Israel sayeth, I sayd that thine house and the house of thy father should walke before mee for euer: but now the Lord saith, u It shall not be so: for them that honour mee, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall bee despised.

31 Behold, the dayes come, that I will cut off thine x arme, and the arme of thy fathers house, that there shall not be an olde man in thine house.

32 And thou y shalt see thine enemie in the habitation of the Lord in all things wherewith God shall blesse Israel, and there shall not be an old man in thine house for euer.

33 Neuertheless, I wil not destroy euery one of thine from mine altar, to make thine eyes to faile, and to make thine heart sorowfull: and all the multitude of thine house shall die ‖ when they be men.

34 And this shall bee a signe vnto thee, that shall come vpon thy two sonnes Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die both.

35 And I will stirre mee vp a z faithfull Priest, that shall do according to mine heart, and according to my mind: and I wil build him a sure house, and hee shall walke before mine anoynted for euer.

36 And al that are left in thine house shall come and a bowe downe to him for a piece of siluer, and a morsell of bread, and shall say, Appoynt me, I pray thee, to one of the Priests offices, that I may eate a morsell of bread.

CHAP. III.

1. *There was no manifest vision in the time of Eli.* 4. *The Lord calleth Samuel three times,* 11. *And sheweth what shall come vpon Eli and his house.* 18. *The same declareth Samuel to Eli.*

NOw the childe Samuel ministred vnto the Lord a before Eli: and the worde of the Lord was b precious in those dayes: for there was no manifest vision.

2 And at that time, as Eli lay in his c place, his eyes began to waxe dimme that he could not see.

3 And yer the d light of God went out, Samuel slept in the Temple of the Lorde, where the Arke of God was.

4 Then the Lord e called Samuel: and he layd, Here I am.

5 And he ranne vnto Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou calledst me. But he sayd, I called thee not: goe againe and sleepe. And he went and slept.

6 And the Lord called once againe, Samuel. And Samuel arose, and went to Eli, and said, I am here: for thou diddest call me. And he answered, I called thee not, my sonne: goe againe and sleepe.

7 Thus did Samuel, before hee knewe f the Lord, and before the word of the Lord was reuealed vnto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel againe the third time: and he arose, & went to Eli, and sayd, I am here: for thou hast called me. Then Eli perceiued that the Lord had called the childe.

9 Therefore Eli sayd vnto Samuel, Go and sleepe: and if hee call thee, then say, Speake Lord, for thy seruant heareth. So Samuel went, and slept in his place.

10 ¶ And the Lord came and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speake, for thy seruant heareth.

11 ¶ Then the Lorde sayd to Samuel, Beholde, I will doe a thing in Israel, wherof whosoeuer shall heare, his two g eares shall h tingle.

12 In that day I will rayse vp against Eli all things which I haue spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 And I haue told him that I wil iudge his house for euer, for the iniquitie which hee knoweth, because his sonnes ran into a slander, and he stayed them not.

14 Now therefore I haue sworne vnto the house of Eli, that the wickednesse of Elies house, shall not be purged with sacrifice

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p Which was (as the Ebrewes write) after their trauel, whē they came to be purified, reade Exod. 38.8. Ieuit. 12.6.

q Because they contemne their duetie to God, verse 17.

r So that to obey good admonitions is Gods mercie, and to disobey them is his iust iudgement for sinne.

s To wit, Aaron

Leuit 10.14.

t Why haue you contemned my sacrifices, and as it were, trode them vnder foote?

u Gods promises are onely effectuall to such as he giueth constancie vnto, to feare and obey him.

x Thy power and authoritie.

y Thy posteritie shall see the glorie of the chiefe Priest translated to another who they shall enuy. 1 King. 2 27.

‖ Or, when they come to mans age

z Meaning, Zadok, who succeeded Abiathar, and was the figure of Christ.

a That is, shall be inferiour vnto him.

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a The Chalde text readeth, whiles Eli liued.

b Because there were very few Prophets to declare it.

c In the Court next to the Tabernacle.

d That is, the lampes which burnt in the night.

e Iosephus writeth that Samuel was twelue yeere olde, when the Lord appeared to him.

f By vision.

g Such was the corruption of those times, that the chiefe Priest was become dul and negligent to vnderstand the Lords appearing

2. King. 21. 12.

h God declareth what sudden feare shall come vpon men, when they shall heare that the Arke is taken, and also see Elies house destroyed.

i Meaning, that his posteritie should neuer enioy the chiefe Priests office.

no; offering] for euer.

15 Afterward Samuel slept vntill the morning, and opened the doores of the house of the Lord, and Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 ¶ Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel my sonne. And he answered, Here I am.

17 Then he said, What is it, that the Lord said vnto thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me. God k doe so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me, of all that he said vnto thee.

18 So Samuel told him euery whit, and hid nothing from him. Then he said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and let none of his wordes ‖ fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew ‖ that faithfull Samuel was the Lords Prophet.

21 And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord reuealed himselfe to Samuel in Shiloh by ‡ his word.

k God punish thee after this and that sort, except thou tell me trueth, Ruth 1.17.

‖ The Lord accomplished whatsoeuer he had said.

‖ Or, that Samuel was the faithfull Prophet of the Lord.

‡ Ebr. by the word of the Lord.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Israel is ouercome by the Philistims. 4 They doe fet the Arke, wherefore the Philistims doe feare. 10 The Arke of the Lord is taken. 11 Eli and his children die. 16 The death of the wife of Phinehas the sonne of Eli.

AND Samuel spake vnto all Israel: † And Israel went out against the Philistims to battell, and pitched beside ‖ Eben-ezer: and the Philistims pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistims put themselues in aray against Israel: and when they ioyned the battell, Israel was smitten downe before the Philistims: who slew of the armie in the field about foure thousand men.

3 So when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israel sayde, a Wherefore hath the Lord smitten vs this day before the Philistims? let vs bring the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord out of Shiloh vnto vs, that when it commeth among vs, it may saue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

4 Then the people sent to Shiloh and brought from thence the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord of hostes, who b dwelleth betweene the Cherubims: and there were the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas with the Arke of the Couenant of God.

5 And when the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord came into the hoste, all Israel shouted a mighty shoute, so that the earth rang againe.

6 And when the Philistims heard the noyse of the shoute, they sayd, What meaneth the sound of this mighty shoute in the hoste of the Hebrewes? and they vnderstood, that the Arke of the Lord was come into the hoste.

7 And the Philistims were afrayd, and sayd, God is come into the hoste: therefore said they, c Woe vnto vs: for it hath not bene so heretofore.

8 Woe vnto vs, who shall deliuer vs out of the hande of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the d wildernesse.

9 Be strong and play the men, O Philistims, that ye be not seruants vnto the Ebrewes, * as they haue serued you: be valiant therefore, and fight.

10 And the Philistims fought, and Israel was smitten downe, and fled euery man into his tent: and there was an exceeding great slaughter: for there fel of Israel e thirtie thousand footemen.

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas died.

12 And there ranne a man of Beniamin out of the armie, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes f rent, and earth vpon his head.

13 And when he came, loe, Eli sate vpon a seate by the way side, waiting: for his heart g feared for the Arke of God: and when the man came into the citie to tell it, all the citie cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he sayd, What meaneth this noyse of the tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 ¶ (Now Eli was fourescore and eighteene yeere old, and * his eyes were dimme that he could not see)

16 And the man sayd vnto Eli, I came from the armie, and I fled this day out of the hoste: and he sayd, What thing is done, my sonne?

17 Then the messenger answered, and said, Israel is fled before the Philistims, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among the people: and moreouer thy two sonnes, Hophni and Phinehas h are dead, and the Arke of God is taken.

18 ¶ And when he had made mention of the Arke of God, Eli fell from his seate backward by the side of the gate, and his necke was broken, and he died: for he was an old man and heauy: and he had ‖ iudged Israel fortie yeeres.

19 And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with child neere ‖ her trauell: and when she heard the report that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she i bowed her selfe, and trauailed: for her paines came vpon her.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stood about her, sayd vnto her, Feare not: for thou hast borne a sonne: but she answered not, nor regarded it.

21 And she named the childe ‖ Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel, because the Arke of God was taken, and because of her father in lawe and her husband.

22 She sayd againe, k The glory is departed from Israel: for the Arke of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

2 The Philistims bring the Arke into the house of Dagon, which idole fell downe before it. 6 The men of Ashdod are plagued. 8 The Arke is caried into Gath, and after to Ekron.

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a For it may seeme that this warre was vndertaken by Samuels commandement.

b For he vsed to appeare to the Israelites, betweene the Cherubims ouer the Arke of the couenant, Exod. 25.17.

c Before wee fought against men, and now God is come to fight against vs.

d For in the red Sea in the wildernes the Egyptians were destroyed, which was the last of all his plagues. Iudg. 13.1.

e Dauid alluding to this place, Psal 78.63.

f In token of sorow and mourning.

g Lest it should be taken of the enemies.

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h According as God had afore sayd.

‖ Or, gouerned.

‖ Or, to cry out.

i And settled her body toward her trauell.

‖ Or, no glory, or where is the glory?

k Shee vttered her great sorow by repeating her wordes.

THen the Philistims tooke the Arke of God, and caried it from Eben-ezer vnto [a] Ashdod,

2 Euen the Philistims tooke the Arke of God, and brought it into the house of [b] Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod rose the next day in the morning, behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face on the ground before the Arke of the Lord, and they tooke vp Dagon, and set him in his place againe.

4 Also they rose vp early in the morning the next day, and behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face on the ground before the Arke of the Lord, and the head of Dagon, and the two palmes of his hands were cut off vpon the threshold: onely the stumpe of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore the priests of Dagon, and all that come into Dagons house [c] tread not on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, vnto this day.

6 But the hand of the Lord was heauie vpon them of Ashdod, and destroyed them, and smote them with * emerods, both Ashdod, and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw this, they sayd, Let not the Arke of the God of Israel abide with vs: for his hand is sore vpon vs, and vpon Dagon our god.

8 Therefore they sent & gathered all the princes of the Philistims vnto them, and sayd, [d] What shall we doe with the Arke of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israel bee caried about vnto Gath: and they caried the Arke of the God of Israel about.

9 And when they had caried it about, the hand of the Lord was against the citie with a very great destruction, and he smote the men of the city both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 ¶ Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekron: and assoone as the Arke of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cryed out, saying, They haue brought the Arke of the God of Israel to vs, to slay vs & our people.

11 Therefore they sent, and gathered together all the princes of the Philistims, and sayd, Send [e] away the Arke of the God of Israel, and let it returne to his owne place, that it slay vs not and our people: for there was a destruction and death throughout all the city, and the hand of God was very sore there.

12 And the men that died not, were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 The time that the Arke was with the Philistims which they sent againe with a gift. 12 It commeth to Beth-shemesh. 17 The Philistims offer golden emerods. 19 The men of Beth-shemesh are striken for looking into the Arke.

AND the Arke of the Lord was in the countrey of the Philistims [a] seuen moneths.

2 And the Philistims called the Priests and the soothsayers, saying, What shall we doe with the Arke of the Lord? tel vs wherewith we shall send it home againe.

3 And they said, If you send away the Arke of the God of Israel, send it not away emptie, but giue vnto it a [b] sinne offering: then shall ye be healed, and it shall be known to you, why his hand departeth not from you.

4 Then said they, What shal be the sinne offering, which we shall giue vnto it? And they answered, Fiue golden emerods and fiue golden mise, according to the number of the princes of the Philistims: for one plague was on you all, and on your princes.

5 Wherefore ye shal make the similitudes of your emerods, and the similitudes of your mise that destroy the land: so ye shall giue glory vnto the God of Israel, that he may take his hand from you, and from your [c] gods, and from your land.

6 Wherefore then should you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let them goe, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on whom there hath come no yoke: and tie the kine to the cart, and bring the calues home from them.

8 Then take the Arke of the Lord, and set it vpon the cart, and put the [d] iewels of golde which ye giue it for a sinne offering, in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may goe.

9 And take heede, if it goe vp by the way of his owne coast to Beth-shemesh, it is he that did vs this great euill: but if not, we shall know then, that it is not his hand that smote vs, but it was a [f] chance that happened vs.

10 And the men did so: for they tooke two kine that gaue milke, and tied them to the cart, and shut the calues at home.

11 So they let the Arke of the Lord vpon the cart, and the coffer with the mise of gold, and with the similitudes of their emerods.

12 And the kine went the straight way to Beth-shemesh, and kept one path, and lowed as they went, & turned neither to the right hand nor to the left: also the princes of the Philistims went after them, vnto the borders of Beth-shemesh.

13 Now they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheate haruest in the valley, and they lift vp their eyes, and spied the Arke, and reioyced when they saw it.

14 ¶ And the cart came into the field of Iohua a Beth-shemite, and stood still there. There was also a great stone, and [h] they claue the wood of the cart, and offered the kine for a burnt offering vnto the Lord.

15 And the Leuites tooke down the Arke of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the iewels of gold were, & put them on the great stone, and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offering, and sacrificed sacrifices that same day vnto the Lord.

16 And when the fiue princes of the Philistims had seene it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 ¶ So

[a] Which was one of the fiue principall cities of the Philistims,

[b] Which was their chiefe idol, & as some write, from the nauill downeward was like a fish, and vpward like a man.

[c] Thus in stead of acknowledging the true God by this miracle, they fall to a further superstition. *Psal.78.66.*

[d] Though they had felt Gods power and were afraid thereof, yet they would further trie him, which thing God turned to their destruction, and his glory.

[e] The wicked, when they feele the hand of God, grudge and reiect him, where the godly humble themselues and cry for mercy.

[a] They thought by continuance of time the plague would haue ceased, and so would haue kept the Arke still.

[b] The idolaters confesse there is a true God, who punisheth sinne iustly.

[c] This is Gods iudgement vpon the idolaters, tha knowing the true God, they worship him not aright. *Exod.12.31.*

[d] Meaning, the golden emerods and the golden mise.

[e] The God of Israel.

[f] The wicked attribute almost all things to fortune & chance, where as indeede there is nothing done without Gods prouidence and decree.

[g] For the triall of the matter.

[h] To wit, the men of Beth-shemesh, which were Israelites.

17 So these are the golden emerodes which the Philistims gaue for a sinne offering to the Lord: for i Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, and for Ekron one,

i These were the fiue principal cities of the Philistims, which were not all conquered vnto the time of Dauid. *Or, the plaint, or lamentation.*

18 And golden mise, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistims, belonging to the fiue princes, both of walled towns, and of townes vnwalled, vnto the great stone of ‖ Abel, whereon they set the Arke of the Lord: which stone remaineth vnto this day in the field of Iosua the Beth-shemite.

19 And he smote of the men of Beth-shemeth, because they k had looked in the Arke of the Lord: he slew euen among the people fiftie thousand men, and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had slaine the people with so great a slaughter.

k For it was not lawfull to any either to touch or to see it, saue only to Aaron and his sonnes, Num. 4. 15, 20.

20 Wherefore the men of Beth-shemesh sayd, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shal he go from vs?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-iearim, saying, The Philistims haue brought againe the Arke of the Lord: come ye downe, and take it vp to you.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Arke is brought to Kiriath-iearim. 3 Samuel exhorteth the people to forsake their sinnes, and turne to the Lord. 10 The Philistims fight against Israel, and are ouercome. 16 Samuel iudgeth Israel.

THen the men of a Kiriath-iearim came, and tooke vp the Arke of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill: and they sanctified Eleazar his sonne, to keepe the Arke of the Lord.

a A citie in the tribe of Iudah, called also Kiriath-baal, Iosh. 15. 60.

2 (For while the Arke abode in Kiriath-iearim, the time was long, for it was twentie yeres) and all the house of Israel lamented b after the Lord.

b Lamented for their sinnes, and followed the Lord. *Iosh. 24. 15, 23. Iudg. 2. 13. Deut. 6. 4 matt. 4. 10. Iudg. 3. 12, 13.*

3 Then Samuel spake vnto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye be come againe vnto the Lorde with all your heart, * put away the strange gods from among you, and * Ashtaroth, and direct your hearts vnto the Lord, and serue him * onely, and he shall deliuer you out of the hand of the Philistims.

c For Shiloh was now desolate, because the Philistims had taken thence the Arke.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away * Baalim and Ashtaroth, and serued the Lord onely.

5 And Samuel sayd, Gather all Israel to c Mizpeh, and I will pray for you vnto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and d drew water, and powred it out before the Lord, and fasted the same day, and said there, We haue sinned against the Lord And Samuel iudged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

d The Chalde text hath, that they drew water out of their heart: that is, wept abundantly for their sinnes.

7 When the Philistims heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the princes of the Philistims went vp against Israel: and when the children of Israel heard that, they were afraid of the Philistims.

8 And the children of Israel sayd to Samuel, Cease not to e crie vnto the Lord our God for vs, that hee may saue vs out of the hand of the Philistims.

e Signifying, that in the prayers of the godly there ought to be a vehement zeale.

9 Then Samuel took a sucking lambe, and offered it altogether for a burnt offring vnto the Lord, and Samuel cryed vnto the Lord for Israel, and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuel offered the burnt offering, the Philistims came to fight against Israel: but the Lord f thundred with a great thunder that day vpon the Philistims, and scattered them: so they were slaine before Israel.

f According to the prophecie of Hannah Samuels mother, chap. 2. 10.

11 And the men of Israel went from Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistims, and smote them vntil they came vnder Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel tooke a stone, and pitched it betweene Mizpeh and g Shen, and called the name thereof Eben-ezer, and hee sayd, Hitherto hath the Lord holpen vs.

g Which was a great rocke ouer against Mizpeh.

13 So the Philistims were brought vnder, and they came no more againe into the coasts of Israel, and the hande of the Lord was against the Philistims all the dayes of Samuel.

14 Also the cities which the Philistims had taken from Israel, were restored to Israel, from Ekron euen vnto Gath: and Israel deliuered the coasts of the same out of the hands of the Philistims: and there was peace betweene Israel and the h Amorites.

h Meaning, the Philistims.

15 And Samuel iudged Israel all the dayes of his life,

16 And went about yere by yere to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and iudged Israel in all those places.

17 Afterward hee returned to Ramah: for there was his house, and there he iudged Israel: also hee built an i altar there vnto the Lord.

i Which was not contrary to the Law: for as yet a certaine place was not appointed.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Samuel maketh his sonnes Iudges ouer Israel, who follow not his steps. 5 The Israelites aske a King. 11 Samuel declareth in what state they should be vnder the King. 19 Notwithstanding they aske one still, and the Lord willeth Samuel to graunt vnto them.

WHen Samuel was now become olde, hee a made his sonnes Iudges ouer Israel.

a Because he was not able to beare the charge

2 (And the name of his eldest sonne was b Ioel, and the name of the second Abiah) euen Iudges in Beer-sheba.

b Who was also called Vashni, 1. Chro. 6. 28. *Deut. 16. 19.*

3 And his sonnes walked not in his wayes, but turned aside after lucre, and * tooke rewards, and peruerted the iudgement.

4 Wherefore all the Elders of Israel gathered them together, and came to Samuel vnto c Ramah,

c For there his house was, Chap. 7. 17. *Hos. 13. 10. Acts 13. 21.*

5 And sayd vnto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sonnes walke not in thy wayes: * make vs now a king to iudge vs like all nations.

d Because they were not content with the order that God had appointed, but would be gouerned as were the Gentiles.

6 But the thing d displeased Samuel, when they said, Giue vs a king to iudge vs: and Samuel prayed vnto the Lord.

7 And the Lord sayde vnto Samuel, Heare the voyce of the people in all that they shall say vnto thee: for they haue not cast thee

The King described by Samuel

thee away, but they haue cast mee away, that I should not reigne ouer them.

8 As they haue euer done since I brought them out of Egypt euen vnto this day, (and haue forsaken mee, and serued other gods) euen so do they vnto thee.

9 Nowe therefore hearken vnto their voyce: howbeit yet e testifie vnto them, and shew them the maner of the king that shall reigne ouer them.

10 ¶ So Samuel tolde all the wordes of the Lord vnto the people that asked a king of him.

11 And he sayd, This shall be the f maner of the king that shall reigne ouer you: hee will take your sonnes, and appoint them to his charets, and to be his horsemen, and some shall run before his charet.

12 Also he will make them his captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer fifties, and to eare his ground, and to reape his harueſt, and to make instruments of warre, and the things that serue for his charets.

13 He will take also your daughters, and make them Apothecaries, and Cookes, and Bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyardes, and your best Oliue trees, and giue them to his seruants.

15 And he wil take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyardes, and giue it to his ‖ eunuches, and to his seruants.

16 And hee will take your men seruants, and your maide seruants, and the chiefe of your yong men, and your asses, and put them to his worke.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheepe, and ye shalbe his seruants.

18 And ye shal cry out at that day, because of your king, whom yee haue chosen you, and the Lord will not g heare you at that day.

19 But the people would not heare the voice of Samuel, but did say, Nay, but there shalbe a king ouer vs.

20 And we also will be like all other nations, and our king shall iudge vs, and go out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 Therefore when Samuel heard al the words of the people, he rehearsed them in the eares of the Lord.

22 And the Lord said to Samuel, ‖ Hearken vnto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel sayd vnto the men of Israel, Get euery man vnto his citie.

CHAP. IX.

3 Saul seeking his fathers asses, by the counsel of his seruant goeth to Samuel 9 The Prophets called Seers. 15 The Lord reuealeth to Samuel Sauls comming, commanding him to anoynt him king. 22 Samuel bringeth Saul to the feast.

THere was nowe a man of Beniamin, a mightie in power, named b Kish, the sonne of Abiel, the sonne of Zeror, the sonne of Bechorath, the sonne of Aphiah, the sonne of a man of Iemini.

2 And hee had a sonne called Saul, a c goodly yoong man and a faire: so that among the children of Israel there was none godlier then he: from the shoulders vpward he was hier then any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Sauls father were lost: therefore Kish sayd to Saul his sonne: Take now one of the seruants with thee, and arise, go, and d seeke the asses.

4 So hee passed thorow mount Ephraim, and went thorow the land of Shalishah, but they found them not. Then they went thorow the land of Shalim, and there they were not: hee went also thorow the land of Ieminí, but they found them not.

5 When they came to the land of e Zuph, Saul sayd vnto his seruant that was with him, Come and let vs returne, lest my father leaue the care of asses, and take thought for vs.

6 And he sayd vnto him, Behold now, in this citie is a man of God, and hee is an honourable man: all that hee sayeth, commeth to passe: let vs now goe thither, if so be that hee can shew vs what way wee may goe.

7 Then sayd Saul to his seruant, Well then, let vs goe: but what shal we bring vnto the man? For the ‖ bread is spent in our vessels, and there is no present to bring to the man of God: what haue we?

8 And the seruant answered Saul againe, and sayde, Behold, I haue found about me the fourth part of a f shekel of siluer: that will I giue the man of God, to tell vs our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to seeke an answere of God, thus hee spake, Come, and let vs goe to the g Seer: for he that is called now a Prophet, was in the olde time called a Seer)

10 Then sayd Saul to his seruant, Well sayd, come, let vs goe: so they went into the city where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as they were going vp the high way to the city, they found maides that came out to draw water, and sayd vnto them, Is there here a Seer?

12 And they answered them, and sayd, Yea: loe, he is before you: make haste now, for he came this day to the citie: for there is an h offering of the people this day in the high place.

13 When yee shall come into the citie, yee shall finde him straightway, yer he come vp to the high place to eate: for the people will not eat vntill he come, because he wil i bleſſe the sacrifice: and then eate they that be bidden to the feast: now therefore goe vp: for euen now shall ye finde him.

14 Then they went vp into the city, and when they were come into the middes of the city, Samuel came out against them to goe vp to the high place.

15 ¶ k But y Lord had reuealed to Samuel secretly (a day before Saul came) saying,

16 To morow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Beniamin: him shalt thou anoint to be gouernour ouer my people Israel, that he may l saue my people out of the hands of the Philistins: for I haue looked vpon my people, and their cry is come vnto me.

17 When Samuel therefore saw Saul, the Lord answered him, See, this is the man whom I spake to thee of, hee shall rule my people.

18 Then

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a That is, both valiant and rich. *Chap. 14. 51. 1 chro. 8. 33.*

b So it might seeme that God approued their request in appoynting out such a person.

e To proue if they wil forsake their wicked purpose.

f Not that kings haue this authority by their office, but that such as reigne in Gods wrath, should vsurpe this ouer their brethren, contrary to the law, Deut. 17. 20

‖ *Or, chiefe officers.*

g Because ye repent not for your sinnes, but because ye smart for your afflictions, wherinto ye cast your selues willingly.

‖ *Or, grant their request.*

a That is, both valiant and rich. *Chap. 14. 51. 1 chro. 8. 33.*

b So it might seeme that God approued their request in appoynting out such a person.

c All these circumstances were meanes to serue vnto Gods prouidence, whereby Saul (though not approued of God) was made king.

d Where was Ramath Zophim the citie of Samuel.

‖ *Or, victuals.*

e Which is about fiue pence, reade Gene 23. 15.

f So called, because he foresaw things to come.

g That is, a feast after the offring, which should be kept in an high place of the city appointed for that vse.

h That is, giue thanks, & distribute the meate according to their custome.

Chap. 15. 1. acts 13. 21.

‡ *Ebr. in his eare.*

i Notwithstanding their wickednes, yet God was euer mindfull of his inheritance.

18 Then went Saul to Samuel in the middes of the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the Seers house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and sayd, I am the Seer: goe vp before me vnto the high place: for yee shall eate with mee to day: and to morrow I will let thee goe, and will tell thee all that is in thine [k] heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three dayes agoe, care not for them: for they are found: and on [l] whom is set all the desire of Israel? is it not vpon thee and on all thy fathers house?

21 ¶ But Saul answered, and said, Am not I the sonne of Jemini, of the smallest tribe of Israel? and my family is the least of all the families of the tribe of Beniamin. Wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuel tooke Saul and his seruant, and brought him into the [m] chamber, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden: which were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel sayd vnto the cooke, Bring forth the portion which I gaue thee, and whereof I said vnto thee, Keepe it with thee.

24 And the cooke tooke vp the shoulder, and that which was [n] vpon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel sayd, Behold, that which is left, set it before thee and eate: for hitherto hath it been kept for thee, saying, Also I [o] haue called the people. So Saul did eate with Samuel that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high place into the citie, hee communed with Saul vpon the top of the house.

26 And when they arose early about the spring of the day, Samuel called Saul to the [p] toppe of the house, saying, Vp, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out, both he, and Samuel.

27 And when they were come downe to the end of the citie, Samuel sayd to Saul, Bid the seruant go before vs, (and he went) but stand thou still now, that I may shewe thee [q] the word of God.

CHAP. X.

1 Saul is anointed King by Samuel. 9 God changeth Sauls heart, and he prophesieth. 17 Samuel assembleth the people, and sheweth them their sinnes. 21 Saul is chosen King by lot. 25 Samuel writeth the Kings office.

THen Samuel tooke a viale of [a] oyle, and powred it vpon his head, and kissed him, and sayd, Hath not the Lord anointed thee to be gouernour ouer his inheritance?

2 When thou shalt depart from me this day, thou shalt finde two men by [b] Rahels sepulchre in the border of Beniamin, euen at Zelzah, and they will say vnto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seeke, are found: and loe, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I doe for my sonne?

3 Then shalt thou goe forth from thence, and shalt come vnto the [†] plaine of Tabor, and there shall meete thee three men going vp to God to Beth-el: one carying three kiddes, and another carying three loaues of bread, and another carying a bottell of wine:

4 And they will aske thee [‡] if all be well, and will giue thee the two loaues of bread, which thou shalt receiue of their hands.

5 After that shalt thou come to the [c] hill of God, where is the garisons of the Philistims: and when thou art come thither to the citie, thou shalt meete a company of Prophets comming downe from the high place with a viole, and a timbrel, and a pipe, and an harpe before them, and they shall prophesie.

6 Then the spirit of the Lord will come vpon thee, and thou shalt prophesie with them, and shalt bee turned into another man.

7 Therefore when these signes shal come vnto thee, doe as occasion shall serue: for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt goe downe before mee to Gilgal: and I also will come downe vnto thee to offer burnt offrings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace. * Tarie for mee seuen dayes, till I come to thee, and shewe thee what thou shalt doe.

9 And when he had turned his [‡] backe to goe from Samuel, God gaue him another [d] heart: and all those tokens came to passe that same day.

10 ¶ And when they came thither to the hill, behold, the company of the Prophets mette him, and the Spirite of God came vpon him, and hee [‖] prophelied among them.

11 Therefore all the people that knewe him before, when they saw that he prophesied among the Prophets, sayd each to other, What is come vnto the sonne of Kish? [e] Is Saul also among the Prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered, and sayd, But who is their [f] father? therefore it was a prouerbe, Is Saul also among the Prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophecying, he came to the hie place.

14 And Sauls vncle sayd vnto him, and to his seruant, Whither went yee? And hee sayd, To seeke the asses: and when wee saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls vncle said, Tel me, I pray thee, what Samuel sayd vnto you.

16 Then Saul sayd to his vncle, He told vs plainely that the asses were found: but concerning the kingdome whereof Samuel spake, told he him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel assembled the people vnto the Lord in Mizpeh.

18 And he sayd vnto the children of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I haue brought Israel out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hands of all kingdomes that troubled you.

19 But yee haue this day cast away your God, who onely deliuereth you out of all your aduersities and tribulations: and yee sayd vnto him, No, but appoint a King ouer vs. Now therefore stand yee before the Lorde according to your tribes, and according

k Meaning, all that thou desirest to know.

l Whom doth Israel desire to be their king but thee?

m Where the feast was.

n That is, the shoulder with the brest, which the Priest had for his familie in all peace offrings, Leuit. 10.14

o That both by the assembling of the people, and by the meat prepared for thee, thou mightest vnderstand that I knew of thy comming.

p To speak with him secretly: for the houses were flat aboue.

q Gods commandement as concerning thee.

a In the Lawe this anointing signified the gifts of the holy Ghost, which were necessary for them that should rule. *Gen.* 35.20.

b Samuel confirmeth him by these signes that God hath appointed him King.

‖ *Or, she.*

‡ *Ebr. of peace.*

c Which was an high place in the citie Kiriath-iearim, where the Arke was, Chap. 7.1.

Easter even.

Chap. 13.8.

‡ *Ebr. shoulder.*

d He gaue him such vertues, as were meete for a King.

‖ *Or, sang prayses.*

Chap. 19.14.

e Meaning, that prophesie commeth not by succession, but is giuen to whom it pleaseth God.

f Noting thereby him that from low degree commeth suddenly to honour.

g Both to declare vnto them their fault in asking a King, and also to shew Gods sentence therein.

according to your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had gathered together all the tribes of Israel, the tribe of Beniamin was [h] taken.

21 Afterward hee assembled the tribe of Beniamin according to their families, and the family of Matri was taken. So Saul the sonne of Kish was taken, and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they asked the Lord againe, if that man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold, hee [i] hath hid himselfe among the stuffe.

23 And they ranne, and brought him thence: and when he stoode among the people, hee was higher then any of the people from the shoulders vpward.

24 And Samuel sayd to all the people, See ye not him, whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him, among all the people? And all the people shouted and sayd, [‡] God saue the king.

25 Then Samuel tolde the people [k] the duette of the kingdome, and wrote it in a booke, and layd it vp before the Lord, and Samuel sent all the people away euery man to his houle.

26 Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there followed him a band of men, whose heart God had touched.

27 But the wicked men said, How shall he saue vs? So they despised him, & brought him no presents: but he [l] held his tongue.

h That is, by casting of lot.

i As though he were vnworthy and vnwilling.

‡ Ebr. let the king liue.

k As it is written in Deut. chap. 17. 15. &c.

l Both to auoid sedition, and also to winne them by patience.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Nahash the Ammonite warreth against Iabesh Gilead, who asked helpe of the Israelites.* 6 *Saul promiseth helpe.* 11 *The Ammonites are slaine.* 14 *The kingdome is renewed.*

THen Nahash the Ammonite [a] came vp, and besieged Iabesh Gilead: and all the men of Iabesh sayd vnto Nahash, Make a couenant with vs, and wee will be thy seruants.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a couenant with you, that I may thrust out all your [b] right eyes, and bring that shame vpon all Israel.

3 To whom the Elders of Iabesh sayd, Giue vs seuen dayes respite, that we may send messengers vnto all the coasts of Israel: and then if no man deliuer vs, wee will come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told these tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift vp their voices and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came following the cattell out of the fielde, and Saul sayde, What aileth this people, that they weepe? and they told him the tidings of the men of Iabesh.

6 Then the spirit of God [c] came vpon Saul, when he heard these tidings, and hee was exceeding angry,

7 And tooke a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coastes of Israel by the handes of messengers, saying, Whosoeuer commeth not forth after Saul, and after [d] Samuel, so shall his oxen be serued. And the feare of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out: with one consent.

8 And when he numbred them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundreth thousand men: and the men of Iudah thirty thousand.

9 Then [e] they sayd vnto the messengers that came, So say vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, To morrow by then the Sunne bee hote, ye shall haue helpe. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Iabesh, which were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Iabesh said, To morrow we will come out vnto [f] you, and yee shall doe with vs all that pleaseth you.

11 ¶ And when the morrow was come, Saul put the people in three bandes, and they came in vpon the hoste in the morning watch, and slewe the Ammonites vntill the heate of the day: and they that remained, were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 Then the people said vnto Samuel, [g] Who is hee that said, Shall Saul reigne ouer vs? bring those men that wee may slay them.

13 But Saul sayd, There shall no man [h] die this day: for to day the Lord hath saued Israel.

14 ¶ Then said Samuel vnto the people, Come, that wee may goe to Gilgal, and renew the kingdome there.

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and made Saul king there before the Lord in Gilgal: and there they offered [i] peace offerings before the Lord: and there Saul and all the men of Israel reioyced exceedingly.

a After that Saul was chosen king: for feare of who they asked a king, as chap. 12. 12.

b This declareth that the more neere that tyrants are to their destruction, the more cruell they are.

c God gaue him the spirit of strength and courage to goe against this tyrant.

d He addeth Samuel, because Saul was not yet approued of all.

‡ Ebr. as one man.

e Meaning, Saul and Samuel.

f That is, to the Ammonites, dissembling that they had hope of aide.

g By this victory the Lord won the hearts of the people to Saul.

h By shewing mercie hee thought to ouercome their malice.

i In signe of thankesgiuing for the victory.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Samuel declaring to the people his integritie, reproueth their ingratitude.* 19 *God by miracle causeth the people to confesse their sinne.* 20 *Samuel exhorteth the people to follow the Lord.*

SAmuel then sayd vnto all Israel, Behold, I haue [a] hearkened vnto your voice in all that ye sayd vnto me, and haue appointed a king ouer you.

2 Now therefore behold, your king walketh [b] before you, and I am olde, and gray headed, and behold, my sonnes are with you: and I haue walked before you from my childhood vnto this day.

3 Behold, here I am: [*] beare record of mee before the Lord and before his Anointed. [c] Whose oxe haue I taken? or whose asse haue I taken? or whome haue I done wrong to? or whome haue I hurt? or of whose hand haue I receiued any bribe, to blinde mine eyes therewith, and I will restore it you?

4 Then they said, Thou hast done vs no wrong, nor hast hurt vs, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And he said vnto them, The Lord is witnesse against you, and his [d] Anointed is witnesse this day, that ye haue found nought in mine hands. And they answered, Hee is witnesse.

6 Then Samuel said vnto the people, It is the Lord that [‖] made Moses and Aaron, and

a I haue granted your petition.

b To gouerne you in peace and warre.

* Ecclus. 46. 19.

c God would that this confession should bea paterne for all them that haue any charge or office.

d Your king who is anointed by the commandement of the Lord.

‖ Or, exalted.

and that brought your fathers out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord, according to all the righteousnesse of the Lord, which he shewed to you and to your fathers.

8 *After that Iaakob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cryed vnto the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, which brought your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 *And when they forgate the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera e captaine of the hoste of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistims, and into the hand of the King of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried vnto the Lord, and said, We haue sinned, because we haue forsaken the Lord, and haue serued Baalim and Ashtaroth. Now therefore deliuer vs out of the hands of our enemies, and we will serue thee.

11 Therefore the Lord sent Ierubbaal, and f Bedan, and * Iphtah, and * Samuel, and deliuered you out of the hands of your enemies on euery side, and yee dwelled safe.

12 Notwithstanding, when you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said vnto me, g No, but a king shall reigne ouer vs: when yet the Lord your God was your king.

13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye haue chosen, and whom yee haue desired: loe therefore, the Lord hath set a king ouer you.

14 If yee will feare the Lord, and serue him, and heare his voice, and not disobey the word of the Lord, both ye, and the king that reigneth ouer you, shall h follow the Lord your God.

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but disobey the Lords mouth, then shall the hand of the Lord be vpon you, and on your i fathers.

16 Now also stand & see this great thing, which the Lord will doe before your eyes.

17 Is it not now wheat haruest? I will call vnto the Lord, and he shal send thunder and raine, that ye may perceiue and see, how that your wickednesse is k great, which yee haue done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king.

18 Then Samuel called vnto the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and raine the same day: and all the people feared the Lord and Samuel exceedingly.

19 And all the people said vnto Samuel, Pray for thy seruaunts vnto the Lord thy God, that wee die not: for we haue sinned in asking vs a king, beside l all our other sinnes.

20 ¶ And Samuel said vnto the people, Feare not: (yee haue in deede done all this wickednesse, m yet depart not from following the Lord, but serue the Lord with all your heart,

21 Neither turne yee backe: for that should be after vaine things, which cannot profit you, nor deliuer you, for they are but vanitie.)

22 For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great names sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you * his people.

23 Moreouer God forbid, that I should sinne against the Lord, and cease praying for you, but I will shew you the good and right way.

24 Therefore feare you the Lord, and serue him in the truth with all your * hearts, and consider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if yee doe wickedly, yee shall perish, both yee and your king.

CHAP. XIII.

3 The Philistims are smitten of Saul and Ionathan. 13 Saul being disobedient to Gods commandement, is shewed of Samuel that hee shall not reigne. 19 The great slauerie wherein the Philistims kept the Israelites.

SAul now had beene king * one yeere, and he reigned b two yeres ouer Israel.

2 Then Saul chose him three thousand of Israel: and two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Ionathan in Gibeah of Beniamin: and the rest of the people he sent euery one to his tent.

3 And Ionathan smote the garrison of the Philistims that was in the * hill: and it came to the Philistims eares: and Saul blew the c trumpet throwout all the land, saying, Heare, O ye Ebrewes.

4 And all Israel heard say, Saul hath destroyed a garrison of the Philistims: wherefore Israel was had in abomination with the Philistims: and the people gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ The Philistims also gathered themselues together to fight with Israel, thirtie thousand charets, and sixe thousand horsemen: for the people was like the sand which is by the sea side in multitude, and came vp and pitched in Michmash Eastward from * Bethauen.

6 And when the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were in distresse) the people hid themselues in caues and in holds, and in rockes, and in towers, and in pits.

7 And some of the Ebrewes went ouer Iorden vnto the land of d Gad and Gilead, and Saul was yet in Gilgal, and all the people for feare followed him.

8 And he tarried seuen dayes, according vnto the time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, therefore the people were e scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings: and he offered a burnt offering.

10 And assoone as hee had made an ende of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came: and Saul went forth to meete him, to ‡ salute him.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? then Saul said, Because I saw that the people was f scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistims gathered themselues together to Michmash,

12 Therefore said I, The Philistims will come downe now vpon me to Gilgal, and

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for Genesites.

Gene. 46. 5, 6.

Exod. 4 16.

Judg. 4. 2.

e Captaine of Iabins host king of Hazor.

f That is, Samson, Iudg. 13. 25. Iudg. 11. 1. Chap. 4. 1.

g Leaning God to seeke helpe of man, Chap. 8. 5.

h Ye shall bee preserued as they that follow the Lords will.

i Meaning, the gouernours.

k In that yee haue forsaken him, who hath all power in his hand, for a mortall man.

l Not onely at other times, but now chiefly.

m He sheweth that there is no sinne so great, but it shall bee forgiuen, if the sinner turne againe to God.

n Of his free mercie, and not of your merits, and therefore he will not forsake you.

o Vnfeinedly, and without hypocrisie.

a While these things were done.

b Before hee tooke vpon him the state of a king.

c Of Kiriath-iearim where the Arke was, Chap. 10 5.

d That euery one should prepare themselues to warre.

e Which was also called Beth-el, in the tribe of Beniamin.

f Where the two tribes and the halfe remained.

g Thinking that the absence of the Prophet was a signe, that they should lose the victorie.

‡ Ebr. blesse him.

h Though these causes seeme sufficient in mans iudgement: yet because they had not the word of God, they turned to his destruction.

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Samuel reproueth Saul.

and I haue not made supplication vnto the Lord. I was bolde therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandement of the Lord thy i God, which he commanded thee: for the Lord had now stablished thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer.

14 But now thy kingdome shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a k man after his owne heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to bee gouernour ouer his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord had commanded thee.

15 ¶ And Samuel arose, and gate him vp from Gilgal in l Gibeah of Beniamin: and Saul numbred the people that were found with him, about sixe hundreth men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his sonne, and the people that were found with them, had their abiding in Gibeah of Beniamin: but the Philistims pitched in Michmash.

17 And there came out of the hoste of the Philistims m three bandes to destroy, one band turned vnto the way of Ophrah vnto the land of Shual,

18 And another band turned toward the way of Beth-horon, and the n third band turned toward the way of the coast that looketh toward the valley of Zeboim, toward the wildernesse.

19 Then there was no smith found throwout all the land of Israel: for the Philistims said, Lest the Ebrewes make them swords or speares.

20 Wherefore all the Israelites went downe to the Philistims, to sharpen euery man his share, his mattocke, and his axe, and his weeding hooke.

21 Yet they had a file for the shares, and for the mattocks, and for the pitchforks, and for the axes, and for to sharpen the goads.

22 So when the day of battel was come, there was neither o sword nor speare found in the hands of any of the people that were with Saul and with Jonathan: but only with Saul and Jonathan his sonne was there found.

23 And the garrison of the Philistims came out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIIII.

14 Ionathan and his armour bearer put the Philistims to flight. 24 Saul bindeth the people by an oath, not to eat till euening. 32 The people eate with the blood. 38 Saul would put Ionathan to death. 45 The people deliuer him.

THen on a day Jonathan the sonne of Saul said vnto the yong man that bare his armour, p Come, and let vs goe ouer toward the Philistims garrison, that is yonder on the other side, but hee told not his father:

2 And Saul taried in the border of Gibeah vnder a pomegranate tree, which was in Migron, and the people that were with him, were about sixe hundreth men.

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Ahitub, * Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eli, was the Lords Priest in Shiloh, and ware an Ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 ¶ Now in the way whereby Jonathan sought to goe ouer to the Philistims garrison, there was a ‖ sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharpe rocke on the other side: the name of the one was called Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The one rocke stretched from the North toward Michmash, and the other was from the South toward Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer vnto the garrison of these q vncircumcised: it may bee that the Lord will worke with vs: for it is ‖ not hard to the Lord * to saue with many, or with few.

7 And he that bare his armour, said vnto him, Doe all that is in thine heart: goe where it pleaseth thee: behold, r I am with thee as thine heart desireth.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we goe ouer vnto those men, and will shew our selues vnto them.

9 s If they say on this wise to vs, Tarie vntill we come to you, then we will stand stil in our place, and not goe vp to them.

10 But if they say, Come vp vnto vs, then we will goe vp: for t the Lord hath deliuered them into our hand: and this shalbe a signe vnto vs.

11 So they both shewed themselues vnto the garrison of the Philistims: and the Philistims said, See, the Ebrewes come out of the u holes wherin they had hid themselues.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armour bearer, and said, Come vp to vs: for wee will shew you a thing. Then Jonathan said vnto his armour bearer, Come vp after mee: for the Lord hath deliuered them into the hand of Israel.

13 So Jonathan went vp vpon x his hands and vpon his feete, and his armour bearer after him: and some fell before Jonathan, and his armour bearer slew others after him.

14 So the y first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour bearer made, was about twentie men, as it were within halfe an acre of land which two oxen plowe.

15 And there was a feare in the hoste, and in the field, and among all the people: the garrison also, and they that went out to spoyle, were afraide themselues: and the earth z trembled: for it was striken with feare by God.

16 ¶ Then the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Beniamin saw: and behold, the multitude was discomfited, and smitten as they went.

17 Therefore said Saul vnto the people that were with him, Search now and see, who is gone from vs. And when they had numbred, behold, Jonathan and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said vnto Ahiah, Bring hither the Arke of God (for the Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israel.)

19 ¶ And while Saul talked vnto the priest, the

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1 Who willed thee to obey him and rest vpon the words spoken by his Prophet.

k That is, Dauid.

l And went to his citie Ramah.

[Or, the destroyers to wit, the captaine came out with three bands.

m So that to mans iudgement these three armies would haue ouerrunne the whole country.

n To declare that the victorie onely came of God, and not by their force.

Saul and Ionathan.

a By this example God would declare to Israel that the victorie did not consist in multitude or armour, but onely came of his grace.

Coap. 4. 21.

[Or, like a rowle.

b To wit, the Philistims.

[Or, none can let the Lord. 2. Chron. 14. 11.

c I will follow thee withersoeuer thou goest.

d This he spake by the spirit of prophesie, for as much as hereby God gaue him assurance of the victorie. 1. Mac. 4. 30.

e Thus they spake contemptuously, and by derision.

f That is, hee crept vp, or went vp with al haste.

g The second was when they slew one another, and the third when the Israelites chased them.

h In that the insensible creatures tremble for feare of Gods iudgement, it declareth how terrible his vengeance shall bee against his enemies.

the noyse that was in the hoste of the Philistims, spread further abroad, and increased: therefore Saul saide vnto the Priest, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul was assembled with all the people that were with him, and they came to the battell: and beholde, every mans sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreouer, the Hebrewes that were with the Philistims before time, and were come with them into all parts of the hoste, euen they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Also the men of Israel which had hid themselues in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistims were fled, they followed after them in the battell.

23 And so the Lord saued Israel that day: and the battell continued to Beth-auen.

24 ¶ And at that time the men of Israel were pressed with hunger: for Saul charged the people with an othe, saying, Cursed bee the man that eateth f foode till night, that I may be auenged of mine enemies: so none of the people tasted any sustinance.

25 And all they of the lande came to a wood, where hony lay vpon the ground.

26 And the people came into the wood, and beheld, the hony dropped, g no man moued his hande to his mouth: for the people feared the h othe.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oth: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod, that was in his hande, and dipt it in an hony combe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eies receiued light.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father made the people to sweare, saying, Cursed bee the man that eateth sustenance this day: and the people were faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath i troubled the land: see now how mine eyes are made cleare, because I haue tasted a litle of this hony:

30 How much more, if the people had eaten to day of the spoyle of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a greater slaughter among the Philistims?

31 ¶ And they smote the Philistims that day, from Michmath to Aialon, k the people were exceeding faint.

32 So the people turned to the spoile, and tooke sheepe, and oxen, and calues, and slew them on the ground, and the people did eate them l with the blood.

33 Then men told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sinne against the Lord, in that they eate with the blood. And he sayd, Ye haue trespassed: m roule a great stone vnto me this day.

34 Againe Saul said, Go abroad among the people, and bid them bring me euery man his oxe, and euery man his sheepe, and slay them here, and eate, and sinne not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And the people brought euery man his oxe in his hand that night, and slew them there.

35 Then Saul made an Altar vnto the Lord: and that was the first Altar that he made vnto the Lord.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let vs goe downe after the Philistims by night, and spoyle them vntill the morning shine, and let vs not leaue a man of them. And they said, Doe whatsoeuer thou thinkest best. Then said the Priest, Let vs n draw neere hither vnto God.

37 So Saul asked of God, saying, Shall I goe downe after the Philistims: wilt thou deliuer them into the hands of Israel? But he answered him not at that time.

38 ¶ And Saul said, o All ye chiefe of the people, come yee hither, and know, and see by whom this sinne is done this day.

39 For as the Lord liueth, which saueth Israel, though it bee done by Jonathan my sonne, he shall die the death. But none of all the people answered him.

40 Then he said vnto all Israel, Be yee on one side, and I and Jonathan my sonne will be on the other side. And the people said vnto Saul, Doe what thou thinkest best.

41 Then Saul said vnto the Lord God of Israel, Giue a perfect lot. And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast lot betweene me and Jonathan my sonne. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell mee what thou hast done. And Jonathan tolde him and said, I tasted a little honie with the ende of my rod, that was in mine hand, and lo, I must die.

44 Againe Saul answered, God doe so and more also, vnlesse thou die the death, Jonathan.

45 And the people said vnto Saul, p Shal Jonathan die, who hath so mightily deliuered Israel? God forbid. As the Lord liueth, there shall not one haire of his head fall to the ground: for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people deliuered Jonathan that he died not.

46 Then Saul came vp from the Philistims: and the Philistims went to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saul held the kingdome ouer Israel, and fought against all his enemies on euery side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistims: and whithersoeuer he went, he q handled them as wicked men.

48 He gathered also an hoste, and smote r Amalek, and deliuered Israel out of the hands of them that spoyled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters, the elder was called Merab, and the younger was named s Michal.

50 And the name of Sauls wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of his chiefe captaine was t Abner the sonne of Ner, Sauls vncle.

51 And

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j Let the Ephod alone: for I haue no leasure now to aske counsell of God, Numb. 17.27. *Iudg.* 7.21,22. 2 *Chron.* 20.23.

k Though before for feare of the Philistims they declared themselues as enemies to their brethren.

l Such was his hypocrisie and arrogancie, that he thought to attribute so his policie, that which God had giuen by the hand of Ionathan.

f *Ebr. bread.*

m That is, the punishment, if they brake their oath.

g Which were dinme before for wearinesse and hunger.

h *Or, sweare.*

i By making this cruell law.

Leuit. 7.26, *and* 19.26. *Deut.* 12.16.

l That the blood of the beasts that shalbe slaine, may be pressed out vpon it.

Iudg. 20.2.

Ebr. corners.

r Cause the lot to fal on him that hath broken the oath: but he doth not consider his presumption in commanding the same oath.

s The people thought it their duetie to rescue him, who of ignorance had but broken a rash law, and by whom they had receiued so great a benefite.

Or, ouercome them.

t As the Lord had commanded Deut. 25.17.

u Called also Abinadab, Chap. 31.2.

x Which was the wife of Dauid, Chap. 18.27.

y Whom Ioab the captaine of Dauid slew, 2 Sam. 3.27.

51 And Kish was Sauls father: and Ner the father of Abner was the soune of Abiel.

52 And there was stre warre against the Philistims all the dayes of Saul: & whom soeuer Saul sawe to bee a stroug man, and meete for the warre, he tooke him vnto him.

CHAP. XV.

3 Saul is commanded to slay Amalek. 9 Hee spareth Agag and the best things. 19 Samuel reproueth him. 28 Saul is rejected of the Lord, and his kingdome giuen to another. 33 Samuel heweth Agag in pieces.

AFterward Samuel sayde vnto Saul, a The Lord sent mee to annoynt thee King ouer his people, ouer Israel: now therefore b obey the voice of the wordes of the Lord.

2 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, I remember what Amalek did to Israel, c how they laide waite for them in the way, as they came vp from Egypt.

3 Now therefore goe, and smite Amalek, and destroy yee all that perteineth vnto them, and haue no compassion on them, but d slay both man and woman, both infant and suckling, both oxe, and sheepe, both camell and asse.

4 ¶ And Saul assembled the people, and ‖numbred them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a citie of Amalek, and ‖set watch at the riuer.

6 And Saul said vnto the e Kenites, Goe, depart, and get you downe from among the Amalekites, least I destroy you with them: for yee shewed f mercie to all the children of Israel, when they came vp from Egypt: and the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So Saul smote the Amalekites from Hauilah as thou commest to Shur, that is before Egypt,

8 And tooke Agag the King of the Amalekites aliue, and destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the better sheepe, and the oxen, and the fat beastes, and the lambes, and all that was good, and they would not destroy them: but euery thing that was vile and nought worth, that they destroyed.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord vnto Samuel, saying,

11 g I repenteth mee that I haue made Saul king: for hee is turned from me, and hath not performed my Commandements. And Samuel was mooued, and cried vnto the Lord all night.

12 And when Samuel arose earely to meete Saul in the morning, one tolde Samuel, saying, Saul is gone to Carmel: and behold, hee hath made him there a place, from whence hee returned, and departed, and is gone downe to Gilgal.

13 ¶ Then Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said vnto him, Blessed bee thou of the Lord, I haue fulfilled the h Commaundement of the Lord.

14 But Samuel said, What meaneth then the bleating of the sheep in mine eares, and the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saul answered, They haue brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheepe, and of the oxen, to sacrifice them vnto the Lord thy God, and the remnant haue wee destroyed.

16 Against Samuel said to Saul, Let me tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 Then Samuel said, Whereas thou wast i little in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel? for the Lord anoynted thee King ouer Israel,

18 And the Lord sent thee on a iourney, and said, Goe, and destroy those sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntill thou destroy them.

19 Now wherefore hast thou not obeyed the voice of the Lord, but hast turned to the pray, and hast done wickedly in the sight of the Lord?

20 And Saul said to Samuel, Yea, I k haue obeyed the voice of the Lord, and haue gone the way which the Lord sent me, and haue brought Agag the King of Amalek, and haue destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people tooke of the spoyle, sheepe & oxen, and the chiefest of the things which should haue beene destroyed, to offer vnto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as when the voice of the Lord is obeyed? behold, l to obey is better then sacrifice, and to hearken is better then the fat of rammes.

23 For m rebellion is as the sinne of witchcraft, and transgression is wickednesse and idolatrie. Because thou hast cast away the word of the Lord, therefore hee hath cast away thee from being King.

24 Then Saul said vnto Samuel, I haue sinned: for I haue transgressed the commandement of the Lord, and thy words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, take away my n sinne, and turne againe with mee, that I may worship the Lord.

26 But Samuel said vnto Saul, I will not returne with thee: for thou hast cast away the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath cast away thee, that thou shalt not bee King ouer Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned himselfe to goe away, he caught the lap of his coat, and it rent.

28 Then Samuel said vnto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdome of Israel from thee this day, & hath giuen it to thy o neighbour, that is better then thou.

29 For in deede the p strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for hee is not a man that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned: but honour mee, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turne againe with mee, that I may worship the Lord thy God.

31 ¶ So

Amalekites smitten

2 As Samuel had forewarned, Chap 8. 11.

Samuel taketh Agag in pieces

Chap 9. 16.

a Because hee hath preferred thee to this honour, thou art bound to obey him.

b That this might be an example of Gods vengeance against them that deale cruelly with his people.

‖Or, knew their number by the lambes which they brought

‖Or, fought in the valley.

c Which were the posteritie of Iethro Moses father in law.

d For Iethro came to visite them, and gaue them good counsell, Exod 18 19.

Samuel lamenteth Saul before the Lord repenteth

e God in his eternall counsell neuer changeth nor repenteth as verse 29. though he seemeth to vs to repent, when any thing goeth contrarie to his temporall election.

f This is the nature of hypocrites, to be impudent against the truth, to condemne others, and iustifie themselues,

Parashath Pachoer Vers. 34

g Meaning, of base condition, as Chap. 9. 21.

h He standeth most impudently in his owne defence both against God and his owne conscience.

Eccles. 4 17. hose. 6 6. 7. matth. 9. 13. and 12. 7.

i God hateth nothing more then the disobedience of his commandement, though the intent seeme neuer so good to man.

k This was not true repentance, but dissimulation, fearing the losse of his kingdome.

l That is, to Dauid.

m Meaning, God, who maintaineth and preferreth his.

31 ¶ So Samuel turned againe after Saul, and Saul worshipped the Lord.

32 Then sayd Samuel, Bring ye vnto me to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came vnto him ‖ pleasantly, and Agag sayd, Surely the bitternesse of death is passed.

33 And Samuel sayd, As thy sword hath made women childelesse, so shall thy mother bee childelesse among other women. And Samuel hewed Agag in peeces before the Lord in Gilgal.

34 ¶ So Samuel departed to o Ramah, and Saul went vp to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to p see Saul vntill the day of his death: but Samuel mourned for Saul, and the Lord repented that he made Saul king ouer Israel.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Samuel is reproued of God, & is sent to anoint Dauid.* 7 *God iudgeth the heart.* 13 *The Spirit of the Lord commeth vpon Dauid.* 14 *The wicked spirit is sent vpon Saul.* 19 *Saul sendeth for Dauid.*

THe Lord then sayd vnto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourne for Saul, seeing I haue cast him away from reigning ouer Israel? fill thine horne with oyle, and come, I will send thee to Ishai the Bethlehemite: for I haue prouided me a King among his sonnes.

2 And Samuel sayd, How can I goe? for if Saul shall heare it, he will kill me. Then the Lord answered, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come b to doe sacrifice to the Lord.

3 And call Ishai to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt doe, and thou shalt anoint vnto me him whom I name vnto thee.

4 So Samuel did that the Lord bade him, and came to Beth-lehem. ¶ the Elders of the towne were astonied at his comming, and sayd, Comme'st thou peaceably?

5 And he answered, Yea: I am come to doe sacrifice vnto the Lord: sanctifie your selues, and come with mee to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Ishai and his sonnes, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And when they were come, hee looked on Eliab, and sayd, Surely the Lords d anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord sayde vnto Samuel, Looke not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature, because I haue refused him: for God seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord beholdeth the e heart.

8 Then Ishai called Abinadab, ¶ made him come before Samuel. And hee sayd, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

9 Then Ishai made Shammah come. And he sayd, Neither yet hath the Lord chosen him.

10 Againe Ishai made his seuen sonnes to come before Samuel: ¶ Samuel said vnto Ishai, The Lord hath chosen none of these.

11 Finally, Samuel sayde vnto Ishai, ‡ Are there no more children but these? And he sayd, There remaineth yet a little one behinde, that feedeth the sheepe. Then Samuel sayd vnto Ishai, f Send and fet him: for we will not sit downe till hee bee come hither.

12 And he sent and brought him in: and hee was ruddie, and of a good countenance, and comely visage. And the Lord sayd, Arise, and anoint him, for this is he.

13 Then Samuel tooke the horne of oyle, and anointed him in the middes of his brethren. And the g Spirit of the Lord ‖ came vpon Dauid from that day forward: then Samuel rose vp, and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an h euill spirit sent of the Lord vexed him.

15 And Sauls seruants sayd vnto him, Behold now, the euill spirit of God vexeth thee.

16 Let our lord therefore command thy seruants, that are before thee, to seeke a man, that is a cunning player vpon the harpe: that when the euill spirit of God commeth vpon thee, hee may play with his hand, and thou mayest be eased.

17 Saul then sayd vnto his seruants, Prouide me a man, I pray you, that can play well, and bring him to mee.

18 Then answered one of his seruants, and sayd, behold, I haue seene a i sonne of Ishai, a Bethlehemite, that can play, and is strong, valiant, and a man of warre, and wise in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers vnto Ishai, and sayd, Send mee Dauid thy sonne, which is with the sheepe.

20 And Ishai tooke an asse laden with bread, and a flagon of wine, and a kid, and sent them by the hand of Dauid his sonne vnto Saul.

21 And Dauid came to Saul, and ‖ stood before him: and he loued him very well, and he was his armour bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Ishai, saying, Let Dauid now remaine with mee: for hee hath found fauour in my sight.

23 And so when the euill spirit of God came vpon Saul, Dauid tooke an harpe and played with his hand, and Saul was k refreshed, and was eased: for the euill spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The Philistims make warre against Israel.* 10 *Goliath defieth Israel.* 17 *Dauid is sent to his brethren.* 34 *The strength and boldnes of Dauid.* 47 *The Lord saueth not by sword nor speare.* 50 *Dauid killeth Goliath, and the Philistims flee.*

NOw the Philistims gathered their armies to battell, and came together to Shochoh, which is in Iudah, and pitched betweene Shochoh and Azekah, ‖ in the coast of Dammim.

2 And Saul, and the men of Israel assembled, and pitched in the valley ‖ of Elah, and put themselues in battell aray to meete the Philistims.

3 And the Philistims stood on a mountaine on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountaine on the other side: so a valley was betweene them.

‖Or, in bondage.

a He suspected nothing lesse then death, or as some write, he passed not for death. *Exod. 17. 11. num. 14. 45.*

o Where his house was.

p Though Saul came where Samuel was, Chap. 19. 22.

q As verse 11.

a Signifying, that we ought not to shew our selues more pitifull then God, nor to lament them whom he casteth out. ‖ *Heb. an oliue hand.*

b That is, to make a peace offering, which might be done though the Arke was not there.

c Fearing, lest some grieuous crime had been committed, because the Prophet was not wont to come thither.

d Thinking that Eliab had been appointed of God to be made King.

1. *Chron. 28. 9. ver. 11. 20. and, 17 10. and 20. 12. psal. 7. 10.*

‡Heb. are the children ended?

1. *Sam 7 8. psal. 78. 71. and 89. 21*

Act. 7. 46. and 13 22.

‖Or, prospered.

e The wicked spirits are at Gods commandement to execute his will against the wicked.

f Though Dauid was now anointed king by the Prophet, yet God would exercise him in sundry sorts before he had the vse of his kingdome.

‖Or, serued him.

g God would that Saul should receiue this benefit as at Dauids hand, that his condemnation might bee the more euident for his cruell hate toward him.

‖Or, in Ephesdammim.

‖Or, of the oke.

a Betweene the two campes.

4 ¶ Then came a man betweene them a both out of the tents of the Philistims, named Goliath of Gath: his height was fiue cubites and an hand breadth,

5 And had an helmet of braſſe vpon his head, and a ‖ habergandine vpon him: and the weight of his habergandine was fiue thouſand b ſhekels of braſſe.

6 And he had ‖ bootes of braſſe vpon his legs, and a ſhield of braſſe vpon his ſhoulders.

7 And the ſtaſt of his ſpeare was like a weauers beame: and his ſpeare head weyed fiue hundreth ſhekels of yron: and one bearing a ſhield went before him.

8 And he ſtood, and cried againſt the hoſt of Iſrael, and ſayd vnto them, Why are yee come to ſet your battell in aray? am not I a Philiſtim, and you ſeruants to Saul? chooſe you a man for you, and let him come downe to mee.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and ‡ kill me, then will wee bee your ſeruants: but if I ouercome him, and kill him, then ſhall yee be our ſeruants, and ſerue vs.

10 Alſo the Philiſtim ſayde, I defie the hoſte of Iſrael this day: giue me a man that we may fight ‖ together.

11 When Saul and all Iſrael heard thoſe wordes of the Philiſtim, they were diſcouraged, and greatly afrayd.

12 ¶ Now this Dauid was the * ſonne of an Ephrathite of Beth-lehem Iudah, named Iſhai, which had eight ſonnes: and ‖ this man was taken for an olde man in the dayes of Saul.

13 And the three eldeſt ſonnes of Iſhai went and followed Saul to the battell: and the names of his three ſonnes that went to battell, were Eliab the Eldeſt, and the next Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 So Dauid was the leaſt: and the three eldeſt went after Saul.

15 Dauid alſo c went, but hee returned from Saul to feede his fathers sheepe in Beth-lehem.

16 And the Philiſtim drewe neere in the morning and euening, and continued fourtie dayes.

17 And Iſhai ſayd vnto Dauid his ſonne, d Take now for thy brethren an Ephah of this parched corne, and theſe ten cakes, and runne to the hoſte to thy brethren.

18 Alſo carie theſe ten freſh cheeſes vnto the captaine, and looke howe thy brethren fare, and receiue their e pledge.

19 (Then Saul and they, and all the men of Iſrael were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philiſtims)

20 ¶ So Dauid roſe vp early in the morning, and left the ſheepe with a keeper, and tooke and went as Iſhai had commanded him, and came within the compaſſe of the hoſte: and the hoſte went out in aray, and ſhouted in the battell.

21 For Iſrael and the Philiſtims had put themſelues in aray, armie againſt armie.

22 And Dauid left the things which hee bare, vnder the hands of the keeper of the ‡ cariage, and ranne into the hoſte, and came and aſked his brethren ‡ how they did.

23 And as he talked with them, beholde, the champion, the Philiſtim of Gath, Goliath by name, came vp out of the armie of the Philiſtims, and ſpake ſuch wordes, and Dauid heard them.

24 And all the men of Iſrael, when they ſaw the man, ran away from him, and were ſore afrayd.

25 For euery man of Iſrael ſayd, Haue you not ſeen this man that commeth vp? ſureley to reuile Iſrael is he come vp: and to him that ſmiteth him will the king giue great riches, and will giue him his * daughter, yea, and make his fathers houſe ‖ free in Iſrael.

26 Then Dauid ſpake to the men that ſtoode with him, and ſayde, What ſhalbe done to the man that killeth this Philiſtim, and taketh away the reproch from Iſrael? for who is this vncircumciſed Philiſtim, that hee ſhould reuile the hoſte of the liuing God?

27 And the people anſwered him after this maner, ſaying, Thus ſhall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliab his eldeſt brother heard when he ſpake vnto the men: and Eliabs wrath was very angry with Dauid, and ſayd, Why cameſt thou downe hither? and with whome haſt thou left thoſe few ſheepe in the wildernes? I know thy pride and the malice of thine heart, that thou art come downe to ſee the battell.

29 Then Dauid ſayd, What haue I now done? is there not a cauſe?

30 And hee departed from him vnto the preſence of another, and ſpake of the ſame maner, and the people anſwered him according to the former wordes.

31 ¶ And they that heard the wordes which Dauid ſpake, rehearſed them before Saul, which cauſed him to be brought.

32 So Dauid ſayd to Saul, Let no mans heart faile him, becauſe of him: thy ſeruant will goe and fight with this Philiſtim.

33 And Saul ſayd to Dauid, Thou art not k able to goe againſt this Philiſtim to fight with him: for thou art a boy, and hee is a man of warre from his youth.

34 And Dauid anſwered vnto Saul, Thy ſeruant kept his fathers sheepe, and there came a l lion, and tooke vp a beare, and tooke a sheepe out of the flocke,

35 And I went out after him and ſmote him, & tooke it out of his mouth: and when hee arole againſt mee, I caught him by the beard, and ſmote him, and ſlew him.

36 So thy ſeruant ſlew both the lyon, and the beare: therefore this vncircumciſed Philiſtim ſhall be as one of them, ſeeing he hath railed on the hoſte of the liuing God.

37 ¶ Moreouer Dauid ſayd, The Lord that deliuered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the beare, hee will deliuer mee out of the hand of this Philiſtim. Then Saul ſayd vnto Dauid, m Goe, and the Lord be with thee.

38 And Saul put his raiment vpon Dauid, & put an helmet of braſſe vpon his head, and put a habergandine vpon him.

39 Then girded Dauid his ſword vpon his raiment, and ‖ began to go: for he neuer proued

‖ Or, coat of plate.

b That is, 156 lib. 4 ounces, after halfe an ounce the shekel: and 600 shekels weight amounteth to 138 lib. 3 quarters.

‖ Or, greaues.

‡ Ebr. ſmite me.

‖ Or, hand to hand

* Chap. 16. 1.

‖ Or, he was counted among them that bare office.

c To serue Saul, as chap. 16. 19.

d Though Ishai meant one thing, yet Gods prouidence directed Dauid to another end.

e If they haue layd any thing to gage for their neceſſitie, redeeme it out.

‡ Ebr. veſſels.

‡ Ebr. of peace.

‖ Or, valleyes.

f As are aboue rehearſed, verſe 8. 9.

Ioſh. 15. 16.

g From taxes and paymens.

h This diſhonor that he doth to Iſrael.

i For his father ſending was a iuſt occaſion, alſo he felt himſelfe inwardly moued by Gods ſpirit.

k Here Satan proueth Dauids faith, by the infidelity of Saul.

l Dauid by the experience that he hath had in time paſt of Gods helpe, nothing doubteth to ouercome this danger, ſeeing he was zealous for Gods honour.

m For by theſe examples he ſaw that the power of God was with him.

‖ Or, aſſayed.

proued it: and Dauid said vnto Saul, I can not go with these: for I am not accustomed. Wherefore Dauid put them off him.

n To the intent that by these weake meanes God might only be knowen to be the authour of this victory.

40 Then toke he his n staffe in his hand, and chose him fiue smoothe stones out of a brooke, and put them in his sheepheards bag or scrip, and his sling was in his hand, and he drew neere to the Philistim.

41 ¶ And the Philistim came and drew neere vnto Dauid, & the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 Now when the Philistim looked about and saw Dauid, he disdained him: for he was but yong, ruddie, & of a comely face.

43 And the Philistim sayd vnto Dauid, Am I a dog, that thou comest to mee with staues? And the Philistim o curled Dauid by his gods.

o He sware by his gods, that he would destroy him.

44 And the Philistim sayde to Dauid, Come to me, and I will giue thy flesh vnto the foules of the heauen, and to the beasts of the field.

45 ¶ Then Dauid said to the Philistim, Thou comest to mee with a sworde, and with a speare, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the Name of the Lorde of hostes, the God of the hoste of Israel, whom thou hast railed vpon.

46 This p day shall the Lorde close thee in mine hand, and I shal smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I will giue the carkeises of the host of the Philistims this day vnto the foules of the heauen, & to the beasts of the earth, that all the world may knowe that Israel hath a God,

p Dauid being assured both of his cause and of his calling, prophesieth of the destruction of the Philistims.

47 And that all this assembly may know, that the Lorde saueth not with sworde nor with speare: (for the battel is the Lords) and he will giue you into our hands.

48 And when the Philistim arose to come and drawe neere vnto Dauid, Dauid q hasted and ran to fight against the Philistim.

q Being moued with a feruent zeale to be reuenged vpon this blasphemer of Gods Name.

49 And Dauid put his hand in his bag, and tooke out a stone, and slang it, & smote the Philistim in his forehead, that the stone sticked in his forehead, and he fell groueling to the earth.

Eccluſ. 47 4. 1. mac. 4 30.

50 So Dauid * ouercame the Philistim, with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistim, and slewe him, when Dauid had no sword in his hand.

51 Then Dauid ran, and stood vpon the Philistim, and tooke his sword, and drew it out of his sheath, and slew him, and cut off his head therwith. So when the Philistims sawe, that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and Iudah arose, and shouted, & followed after the Philistims, vntil they came to the ‖ valley, and vnto the gates of Ekron: and the Philistims fell downe wounded by the way of Shaaraim, euen to Gath and to Ekron.

‖ Or, Gai the city.

53 And the children of Israel returned from pursuing the Philistims, and spoyled their tents.

54 And Dauid tooke the head of the Philistim, and brought it to Ierusalem, and put his armour in his r tent.

r Or, house at Bethlehem.

55 ¶ When Saul saw Dauid goe forth against the Philistim, hee sayd vnto Abner the captain of his host, Abner, s whose sonne is this yong man? And Abner answered, As thy soule liueth, O King, I cannot tell.

s That is, of what family and tribe is he? or els he had forgotten Dauid, albeit he had receiued so great a benefite by him.

56 Then the King sayde, Enquire thou whose sonne this yong man is.

57 And when Dauid was returned from the slaughter of the Philistim, then Abner tooke him, & brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistim in his hand.

58 And Saul sayd to him, Whose sonne art thou, thou yong man? And Dauid answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Ishai the Bethlehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The amitie of Ionathan and Dauid. 8 Saul enuieth Dauid for the praise that the women gaue him. 11 Saul would haue slaine Dauid. 17 He promiseth him Merab to wife, but giueth him Michal. 27 Dauid deliuereth to Saul two hundreth foreskins of the Philistims. 29 Saul feareth Dauid, seeing that the Lord is with him.

AND when hee had made an end of speaking vnto Saul, the a soule of Ionathan was knit with the soule of Dauid, and Ionathan loued him, as his owne soule.

a His affection was fully bent toward him.

2 And Saul tooke him that day, & would not let him returne to his fathers house.

3 Then Ionathan & Dauid made a couenant: for he loued him as his owne soule.

4 And Ionathan put off the robe that was vpon him, and gaue it Dauid, and his garments euen to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And Dauid went out whithersoeuer Saul sent him, & behaued himselfe b wisely: so that Saul set him ouer the men of warre, and hee was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants.

b That is, he prospered in all his doings.

6 ¶ When they came again, and Dauid returned from the slaughter of the c Philistim, the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing & dancing to meet King Saul, with timbrels, with instruments of ioy, and with rebecks.

c To wit, Goliath.

7 And the women ‡ sang by course in their play, and sayd, * Saul hath slaine his thousand, and Dauid his ten thousand.

‡ *Ebr. answered playing. Chap. 21. 11. and 29. 5. ecclus. 47. 6, 7.*

8 Therefore Saul was exceeding wroth, and the saying displeased him, and hee sayd, They haue ascribed vnto Dauid ten thousand, and to mee they haue ascribed but a thousand, and what can he haue more saue the kingdome?

9 Wherefore Saul d had an eye on Dauid from that day forward.

d Because he bare him enuie and hatred.

10 ¶ And on the morrow the euill spirit of God came vpon Saul, and he e prophesied in the mids of the house: and Dauid played with his hande like as at other times, and there was a speare in Sauls hand.

e That is, spake as a man beside himselfe: for so the people abused this word, when they could not vnderstand.

11 And Saul tooke the speare and sayd, I wil smite Dauid through to the wall. But Dauid auoyded twise out of his presence.

12 And Saul was afrayd of Dauid, because the Lorde was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul put him from him, and made him a Captaine ouer a thousand,

and he went f out and in before the people.

14 And Dauid behaued himselfe wisely in all his wayes: for the Lord was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that hee was very wise, he was afrayd of him.

16 For all Israel and Iudah loued Dauid, because he went out and in before them.

17 ¶ Then Saul sayd to Dauid, Behold mine eldest daughter Merab, her I wil giue thee to wife: onely bee a valiant sonne vnto me, and g fight the Lords battels: for Saul thought, Mine hand shall not be vpon him, but the hand of the Philistims shall be vpon him.

18 And Dauid answered Saul, What am I? and what is my life, or the familie of my father in Israel, that I should be sonne in law to the King?

19 Howbeit when Merab Sauls daughter should haue bene giuen to Dauid, h she was giuen to Adriel a Meholathite to wife.

20 ¶ Then Michal Sauls daughter loued Dauid: and they shewed Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 Therefore Saul sayd, I will giue him her, that she may be a i snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistims may bee against him. Wherefore Saul said to Dauid, Thou shalt this day be my sonne in law in the one of the twaine.

22 And Saul commanded his seruants, Speake with Dauid secretly, and say, Behold, the King hath a fauour to thee, and all his seruants loue thee: be now therefore the Kings sonne in law.

23 And Sauls seruants spake these words in the eares of Dauid. And Dauid sayd, k Seemeth it to you a light thing to bee a Kings sonne in law, seeing that I am a poore man and of small reputation?

24 And then Sauls seruaunts brought him word againe, saying, Such words spake Dauid.

25 And Saul said, This wise shall ye say to Dauid, The King desireth no dowrie, but an hundreth foreskins of the Philistims, to be auenged of the Kings enemies: for Saul thought to make Dauid fall into the hands of the Philistims.

26 And when his seruants tolde Dauid these words, it pleased Dauid well to be the l Kings sonne in law: and the dayes were not expired.

27 Afterward Dauid arose with his men, and went and slewe of the Philistims two hundreth men: and Dauid brought their foreskins, and m they gaue them wholly to the King, that he might be the Kings sonne in law: therefore Saul gaue him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 Then Saul saw, and vnderstood that the Lord was with Dauid, and that Michal the daughter of Saul loued him.

29 Then Saul was more and more n afrayd of Dauid, and Saul became alway Dauids enemie.

30 And when the princes of the Philistims went forth, at their going forth o Dauid behaued himselfe more wisely then all the seruants of Saul, so that his name was much set by.

f Meaning, he was captaine ouer the people.

g Fight against them that warre against Gods people.

h By whom he had fiue sonnes, which Dauid put to death at the request of the Gibeonites, 2. Sam. 21. 8.

i So his hypocrisie appeareth: for vnder pretence of fauour he sought his destruction.

k Meaning, that he was not able to endow his wife with riches.

l Because he thought himself able to compasse the Kings request.

m Meaning, Dauid and his souldiers.

n To be depriued of his kingdome.

o That is, Dauid had better successe against the Philistims, then Sauls men.

Thus do Whils Book Worn 118.

CHAP. XIX.

2 *Ionathan declareth to Dauid the wicked purpose of Saul.* 11 *Michal his wife saueth him.* 18 *Dauid commeth to Samuel.* 23 *The spirit of prophecie commeth on Saul.*

THen Saul spake to Ionathan his sonne, and to all his seruants, that they should a kil Dauid: but Ionathan Sauls sonne had a great fauour to Dauid.

2 And Ionathan tolde Dauid, saying, Saul my father goeth about to slay thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heede vnto thy selfe vnto the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thy selfe.

3 And I will goe out, and stand by my father in the field where b thou art, and will commune with my father of thee, and I will see what he saith, and will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Ionathan spake good of Dauid vnto Saul his father, & sayde vnto him, Let not the King sinne against his seruant, against Dauid: for hee hath not sinned against thee, but his workes haue bene to thee very good.

5 For hee ‡ did * put his life in danger, and slewe the Philistim, and the Lorde wrought a great saluation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and thou reioycedst: wherefore then wilt thou sinne against innocent blood, and slay Dauid without a cause?

6 Then Saul hearkened vnto the voice of Ionathan, and Saul c sware, As the Lord liueth, he shall not die.

7 So Ionathan called Dauid, and Ionathan shewed him all those words, and Ionathan brought Dauid to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 ¶ Againe the warre began, and Dauid went out, and fought with the Philistims, and slew them with a great slaughter, and they fled from him.

9 ¶ And the euill spirit of the Lord was vpon Saul, as hee sate in his house hauing his speare in his hand, and Dauid * played with his hand.

10 And Saul intended to smite Dauid to the wall with the speare: but hee turned aside out of Sauls presence, and he smote the speare against the wall: but Dauid fled, and escaped the same night.

11 Saul also sent messengers vnto Dauids house to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Dauids wife told it him, saying, If thou saue not thy selfe this night, to morow thou shalt be slaine.

12 So Michal let Dauid downe thorow a windowe: and hee went, and fled, and escaped.

13 Then Michal tooke an image, & layed it in the bed, and put a pillow stuffed with goats haire vnder the head of it, and couered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take Dauid, she sayd, He is sicke.

15 And Saul sent the messengers againe to see Dauid, saying, Bring him to me in the f bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, beholde, an image was in the bed, with a pillow of goats haire vnder the head of it.

17 And Saul sayd vnto Michal, Why hast

a Before Saul sought Dauids life secretly, but now his hypocrisie bursteth forth to open crueltie.

b That I may giue thee warning what to do.

‡ *Ebr. He put his soule in his hand.* *Iudg.* 12. 3. *chap.* 28. 21. *psal.* 119. 109.

c Whatsoeuer he pretended outwardly, yet his heart was ful of malice.

d He played as his harpe to mitigate the rage of the euill spirit, as Chap. 16. 23.

e Thus God moued both the sonne & daughter of this tyrant to saueur Dauid against their father.

f Behold, how the tyrant to accomplish their rage, neither regard othe, nor friendship, God nor man,

Dauid Lefs morn

haſt thou mocked me ſo, and ſent away mine enemie, that he is eſcaped? And Michal anſwered Saul, He ſaid vnto me, Let mee goe, or els I will kill thee.

18 ¶ So Dauid fled, and eſcaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him al that Saul had done to him: and hee and Samuel went and dwelt in g Naioth.

19 But one told Saul, ſaying, Beholde, Dauid is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul ſent meſſengers to take Dauid: and when they ſaw a company of Prophets propheſying, and Samuel ſtanding h as appoynted ouer them, the Spirit of God fell vpon the meſſengers of Saul and they alſo i prophelied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he ſent other meſſengers, and they prophelied likewiſe: again Saul ſent the third meſſengers and they propheſied alſo.

22 Then went hee himſelfe to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu, and he aſked, and ſayd, Where are Samuel and Dauid? and one ſaid, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he k went thither, euen to Naioth in Ramah, and the Spirit of God came vpon him alſo, and he went propheſying vntill he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he ſtript off l his clothes, and hee propheſied alſo before Samuel, and fell m downe naked all that day and all that night: therefore they ſay, * Is Saul alſo among the Prophets?

CHAP. XX.

1 Ionathan comforteth Dauid. 3 They renue their league. 33 Saul would haue killed Ionathan. 38 Ionathan aduertiſeth Dauid by three arrowes, of his fathers furie.

AND Dauid a fledde from Naioth in Ramah, and came and ſayde before Ionathan, What haue I done? what is mine iniquitie? and what ſinne haue I committed before thy father, that he ſeeketh my life?

2 And hee ſayde vnto him, God forbid, thou ſhalt not die: behold, my father wil do nothing great nor ſmall, but he willtshewe it me: and why ſhould my father hide this thing from me? he will not do it.

3 And Dauid ware againe, & ſaid, Thy father knoweth that I haue found grace in thine eyes: therefore he thinketh, Ionathan ſhall not know it, leaſt hee be ſory: but indeed, as the Lord liueth, and as thy ſoule liueth, there is but a b ſtep betweene mee and death.

4 Then ſaide Ionathan vnto Dauid, Whatſoeuer thy ſoule ‡ requireth, that I will do vnto thee.

5 And Dauid ſayd vnto Ionathan, Beholde, to morow is the c firſt day of the moneth, & I ſhould ſit with the king at meate: but let mee goe, that I may hide my ſelfe in the fields vnto the third day at euen.

6 If thy father make mention of mee, then ſay, Dauid aſked leaue of mee, that he might go to Beth-lehem to his owne citie: for there is a d yeerely ſacrifice for all that familie.

7 And if he ſay thus, It is well, thy ſeruant ſhall haue peace: but if he be angry, be ſure that wickednes is concluded of him.

8 So ſhalt thou ſhew mercie vnto thy ſeruant: * for thou haſt ioyned thy ſeruant into a couenant of the Lord with thee, and if there bee in me iniquitie, ſlay thou mee: for why ſhouldeſt thou bring me to thy father?

9 ¶ And Ionathan anſwered, God keep that from thee: for if I knew that wickednelle were e concluded of my father to come vpon thee, would not I tell thee?

10 Then ſaid Dauid to Ionathan, Who ſhall tell me? how ſhall I know, if thy father anſwere thee cruelly?

11 And Ionathan ſaid to Dauid, Come and let vs goe out into the fielde: and they twaine went out into the field.

12 Then Ionathan ſayd to Dauid, O Lord God of Iſrael, when I haue groped my fathers minde to morowe at this time, or within this three dayes, and if it bee well with Dauid, and I then ſend not vnto thee, and ſhew it thee,

13 The Lord f doe ſo and much more vnto Ionathan: but if my father haue mind to doe thee euill, I will ſhew thee alſo, and ſend thee away, that thou mayeſt goe in peace: and the Lord be with thee as he hath bene with my father.

14 Likewiſe I require not whyles I liue: for I doubt not but thou wilt ſhew mee the mercy of the Lord, h that I die not.

15 But I require that thou cut not off thy mercie from mine houſe for euer: no, not when the Lord hath deſtroyed the enemies of Dauid, euery one from the earth.

16 So Ionathan made a bond with the houſe of Dauid, ſaying, Let the Lord require it at the hands of Dauids enemies.

17 And againe ſware vnto Dauid, becauſe he loued him (for hee loued him as his owne ſoule.)

18 Then ſaid Ionathan to him, To morow is y firſt day of the moneth: & thou ſhalt be i looked for: for thy place ſhall be emptie,

19 Therfore thou ſhalt hide thy ſelfe three dayes, then thou ſhalt go downe quickly and come to the place where thou diddeſt hide thy ſelfe, when this matter was in hand, and ſhalt remaine by the ſtone ‡ Ezel.

20 And I will ſhoot three arrowes on the ſide therof, as though I ſhot at a marke.

21 And after I will ſend a boy, ſaying, Go ſeeke the arrowes. If I ſay vnto the boy, See, the arrowes are on this ſide thee, bring them, and come thou: for it is ‡ well with thee and no hurt, as the Lord liueth.

22 But if I ſay thus vnto the boy, Behold, the arrowes are beyond thee, goe thy way: for the i Lord hath ſent thee away.

23 As touching the thing which thou and I haue ſpoken of, beholde, the Lord bee betweene thee and me for euer.

24 ¶ So Dauid hid himſelfe in the field: and when the firſt day of the moneth came, the king ſate to eate meate.

25 And the king ſate, as at other times vpon his ſeate, euen vpon his ſeate by the wall: and Ionathan aroſe, & Abner ſate by Sauls ſide, but Dauids place was emptie.

g Naioth was a ſchoole where the word of God was ſtudied, neere to Ramah.

h Being their chiefe inſtructer.

i Changed their minds and prayſed God.

k With a minde to perſecute them.

l His kingly apparell.

m He humbled himſelfe as other did.

Chap. 10. 11.

a For Saul was ſtayed, and propheſied a day and a night by Gods prouidece, ‡ Dauid might haue time to eſcape, ‡*Ebr. reuealeth it in mine eare.*

b I am in great danger of death.

‡*Ebr ſaith.*

c At what time there ſhould be a ſolemne ſacrifice, Num. 28. 11 to the which they added peace offerings and feaſts,

d Reade Chap. 1. 21.

Chap. 18. 3. and 23. 18.

e That he were fully determined.

f If thy father do fauour me,

g The Lord puniſh me moſt grieuouſly.

h I know that if thou wereſt now preferred to the kingdome, thou wouldeſt not deſtroy mee, but ſhew thy ſelfe friendly to my poſteritie.

‡*Or, mentioned.*

‡*Ebr. of the way-becauſe it ſerued as a ſigne to ſhew the way to them that paſſed by.*

‡*Ebr. peace.*

i The Lord is the author of thy departure.

26 And Saul said nothing that day: for he thought, Some thing hath befallen him, though he were k cleane, or els because he was not purified.

27 But on the morow which was the second day of the moneth, Dauids place was emptie againe: and Saul sayd vnto Ionathan his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of l Ishai to meate, neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Ionathan answered vnto Saul, Dauid required of mee, that hee might go to Beth-lehem.

29 For hee sayd, Let me goe, I pray thee: for our family offereth m a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother hath sent for me: therefore now if I haue founde fauour in thine eyes, let mee goe, I pray thee, and see my n brethren: this is the cause that he commeth not vnto the kings table.

30 Then was Saul angry with Ionathan, and said vnto him, Thou o sonne of the wicked rebellious woman, doe not I know, that thou hast chosen the sonne of Ishai to thy confusion, and to the confusion & shame of thy mother?

31 For as long as the sonne of Ishai liueth vpon the earth, thou shalt not bee stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fet him vnto me, for he ‡shall surely die.

32 And Ionathan answered vnto Saul his father, and sayde vnto him, Wherefore shall he p die? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a speare at him to hitte him, whereby Ionathan knewe that it was determined of his father to slay Dauid.

34 ¶ So Ionathan arose from the table in a great anger, and did eate no meate the second day of the moneth: for hee was sorie for Dauid, and because his father had reuiled him.

35 On the nexte morning therefore Ionathan went out into the fielde, q at the time appointed with Dauid, and a litle boy with him.

36 And hee sayde vnto his boy, Runne now, seeke the arrowes which I shoote: and as the boy ran, hee shot an arrowe beyond him.

37 And when the boy was come to the place where the arrowe was that Ionathan had shotte, Ionathan cryed after the boy, and sayde, Is not the arrowe beyond thee?

38 And Ionathan cryed after the boy, r Make speede, haste, and stand not still: and Ionathans boy gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his master.

39 But the boy knew nothing: only Ionathan and Dauid knew the matter.

40 Then Ionathan gaue his ‡ bow and arrowes vnto the boy that was with him, and sayd vnto him, Goe, carie them into the citie.

41 ¶ Assoone as the boy was gone, Dauid arose out of a place that was toward the s South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe three times: and they kissed one another, and wept both twaine till Dauid exceeded.

42 Therefore Ionathan sayd to Dauid, Goe in peace: that which we haue t sworne both of vs in the Name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be betweene me and thee, and betweene my seede and betweene thy seede, let it stand for euer.

43 And he arose and departed, and Ionathan went into the citie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid fleeth to Nob to Ahimelech the Priest. 6 Hee geteth of him the shewbread to satisfie his hunger. 7 Doeg Sauls seruant was present. 10 Dauid fleeth to King Achish, 13 And there faineth himselfe mad.

THen came Dauid to a Nob, to Ahimelech the Priest, & Ahimelech was afeard at the meeting of Dauid, and sayd vnto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And Dauid sayde to Ahimelech the Priest, The b King hath commanded me a certaine thing, & hath said vnto me, Let no man know whereabout I send thee, & what I haue commaunded thee: and I haue appointed my seruants to such and such places.

3 Now therefore if thou hast ought vnder thine hand, giue me fiue cakes of bread, or what commeth to hand.

4 And the Priest answered Dauid, and sayde, There is no common bread vnder mine hand, but here is *hallowed bread, if the yong men haue kept themselues, at least from c women.

5 Dauid then answered the Priest, and sayde vnto him, Certainely women haue bene separate from vs these two or three dayes since I came out: and the d vessels of the yong men were holy, though the way were prophane, and how much more then shall euery one e be sanctified this day in the vessell?

6 So the Priest gaue him halowed bread: for there was no bread there, saue the shewbread that was taken from before the Lord, to put hote bread there, the day that it was taken away.

7 (And there was the same day one of the seruaunts of Saul f abiding before the Lord, named Doeg the Edomite, the ‖ chiefest of Sauls heardmen)

8 And Dauid sayd vnto Ahimelech, Is there not here vnder thine hand a speare or a swoorde? For I haue neither brought my sword nor my harneis with mee, because the kings businesse requred haste.

9 And the Priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistim, whome thou slewest in the * valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapt in a cloth behind the g Ephod: if thou wilt take that to thee, take it: for there is none other saue that here: And Dauid said, There is none to that, giue it me.

10 And Dauid arose, & fled the same day from the h presence of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 And the seruants of Achish sayd vnto him, Is not this Dauid the * King of the lande? did they not sing vnto him in daunces, saying, *Saul hath slaine his thousand,

k Yet he might haue some businesse to let him.

l Thus he speaketh contemptuously of Dauid

m That is, a peace offering.

n Meaning, all his kinsfolke,

o Thou art euer contrary vnto me as thy mother is.

‡ *Ebr. sonne of death.*

p For it were too great tyranny to put one to death and not to shew the cause why.

q For this was the third day, as it was agreed vpon, verse 5.

r By these words he admonished Dauid what he ought to doe.

‡ *Ebr. instruments.*

s It seemeth that he had shot on the Northside of the stone, lest the boy should haue espied Dauid.

t Which othe he calleth in the eight verse, the couenant of the Lord.

a Where the Arke then was, to aske counsell of the Lord.

b These infirmities that we see in the Saints of God, teach vs that none hath his iustice in himselfe: but receiueth it of Gods mercie.

Exod. 25. 30. leuit. 24. 5. matth. 12. 3, 4.

c If they haue not companied with their wiues

d That is, their bodies.

e Shall be more carefull to keepe his vessell holy, when he shall haue eaten of this holy foode?

f Tarying to worship before the Arke.

‖ *Or, master of them that kept Sauls castell.*

Chap. 17. 2.

g Behinde that place, where the hie Priests garment lay.

h That is, out of Sauls dominion.

Chap. 17. 9. Chap 18. 7. and 29. 5. eccles 47. 6.

land, and Dauid his ten thouſand?

12 And Dauid ‡ conſidered theſe words and was ſore afraid of Achiſh the King of Gath.

13 And he changed his behauiour before them, and fained himſelfe madde in their hands, and i ſcrabled on the doores of the gate, and let his ſpittle fall downe vpon his beard.

14 Then ſayd Achiſh vnto his ſeruants, Loe, ye ſee the man is beſide himſelfe, wherefore haue ye brought him to me?

15 Haue I neede of madde men, that yee haue brought this fellow to play the madde man in my preſence? k ſhall hee come into mine houſe?

‡ Ebr. put theſe words in his heart.

i By making markes & toyes.

k Is he meete to be in a kings houſe?

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Dauid hideth himſelfe in a caue.* 2 *Many that were in trouble came vnto him.* 9 *Doeg accuſeth Ahimelech.* 18 *Saul cauſeth the Prieſts to be ſlaine.* 20 *Abiathar eſcapeth.*

DAuid therefore departed thence, and ſaued himſelfe in the caue of a Adullam: and when his brethren and all his fathers houſe heard it, they went downe thither to him.

2 And there gathered vnto him all men that were in trouble, and all men that were in debt, & all thoſe that were vexed in mind, and hee was their ‖ prince, and there were with him about foure hundred men.

3 ¶ And Dauid went thence to Mizpeh in b Moab, and ſaid vnto the king of Moab, I pray thee, let my father and my mother come and abide with you, till I know what God will doe for me.

4 And he c brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the while that Dauid was in the d holde.

5 And the Prophet Gad ſayd vnto Dauid, Abide not in the holde, but depart and goe into the land of Iudah. Then Dauid departed and came into the foreſt of Hareth.

6 ¶ And Saul heard that Dauid was e diſcouered, and the men that were with him, and Saul remained in Gibeah vnder a tree in Ramah, hauing his ſpeare in his hand, and all his ſeruants ſtood about him.

7 And Saul ſaid vnto his ſeruants that ſtood about him, Heare now ye ſonnes f of Iemini, will the ſonne of Iſhai giue euery one of you fieldes and vineyardes? will he make you all captaines ouer thouſands, and captaines ouer hundreths:

8 That all yee haue conſpired againſt me, and there is none that telleth mee that my ſonne hath made a couenant with the ſonne of Iſhai? and there is none of you that is ſory for mee, or ſheweth mee, that my g ſonne hath ſtirred vp my ſeruant to lie in waite againſt mee, as appeareth this day.

9 ¶ Then anſwered Doeg the Edomite (who was appointed ouer the ſeruants of Saul) and ſaid, I ſaw the ſonne of Iſhai when hee came to Nob, to Ahimelech the ſonne of Ahitub.

10 Who aſked counſell of the Lord for him, and gaue him victuals, and hee gaue him alſo the ſworde of Goliath the Philiſtim.

11 Then the king ſent to call Ahimelech the Prieſt, the ſonne of Ahitub, and all his fathers houſe, to wit, h the Prieſts that were in Nob: and they came all to the king.

12 And Saul ſaid, Heare now thou ſonne of Ahitub. And he anſwered, Here I am, my lord.

13 Then Saul ſayd vnto him, Why haue ye conſpired againſt me, thou and the ſonne of Iſhai, in that thou haſt giuen him vitaile, and a ſword, and haſt aſked counſell of God for him, that he ſhould riſe againſt me, and lie in wait as appeareth this day?

14 ¶ And Ahimelech anſwered the king, and ſayd, Who is ſo faithfull among all thy ſeruants as Dauid, beeing alſo the Kings ſonne in law, and goeth at thy commaundement, and is honourable in thine houſe?

15 i Haue I this day firſt begun to aſke counſell of God for him? be it farre from me, let not the King impute any thing vnto his ſeruant, nor to all the houſe of my father: for thy ſeruant knew nothing of all this, leſſe, nor more.

16 Then the King ſaid, Thou ſhalt ſurely die, Ahimelech, thou and all thy fathers houſe.

17 And the King ſayd vnto the ‖ ſergeants that ſtood about him, Turne, and ſlay the Prieſts of the Lord, becauſe their hand alſo is with Dauid, and becauſe they knew when he fled, and ſhewed it not to me. But the ſeruants of the King k would not moue their hands to fall vpon the Prieſtes of the Lord.

18 Then the King ſayd to Doeg, Turne thou and fall vpon the Prieſts. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and ranne vpon the Prieſts, and ſlew that ſame day foureſcore and fiue perſons that did weare a linnen Ephod.

19 Alſo Nob the citie of the Prieſtes ſmote he with the edge of the ſword, both man and woman, both childe and ſuckling, both oxe and aſſe, and ſheepe with the edge of the ſword.

20 But one of the ſonnes of Ahimelech the ſonne of Ahitub, (whoſe name was Abiathar) l eſcaped and fled after Dauid.

21 And Abiathar ſhewed Dauid, that Saul had ſlaine the Lords Prieſts.

22 And Dauid ſayd vnto Abiathar, I knew it the ſame day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would tell Saul. I am the cauſe of the death of all the perſons of thy fathers houſe.

23 Abide thou with me and feare not: for ‖ he that ſeeketh my life, ſhall ſeeke thy life alſo: for with me thou ſhalt be in ſafegard.

a Which was in the tribe of Iudah, and neere to Beth-lehem.

‖ Or, captaine.

b For there was another ſo called in Iudah.

c For he feared the rage of Saul againſt his houſe.

d That is, in Mizpeh, which was a ſtrong holde.

e That a great bruit went on him.

f Ye that are of my tribe and linage.

g Hereby hee would perſwade them that this conſpiracie was moſt horrible, where the ſonne conſpired againſt the father, and the ſeruant againſt his maſter.

h Which were the remnant of the houſe of Eli, whoſe houſe God threatned to puniſh.

i Haue I not at other times alſo when hee had great affaires, conſulted with the Lord for him?

‖ Or, footemen.

k For they knew that they ought not to obey the wicked commandement of the king in ſlaying the innocents.

l This was Gods prouidence, who according to his promiſe, preſerued ſome of the houſe of Eli, Chap. 2. 33.

‖ Or, he that taketh thy life, ſhall take mine alſo.

CHAP. XXIII.

5 *Dauid chaſeth the Philiſtims from Keilah.* 13 *Dauid departeth from Keilah, and remaineth in the wilderneſs of Ziph.* 16 *Ionathan comforteth Dauid.* 28 *Sauls enterpriſe is broken in purſuing Dauid.*

Then

a Which was a citie in the tribe of Iudah, Ios. 15.44.

Then they tolde Dauid, saying, Behold, the Philistims fight against a Keilah, and spoyle the barnes.

2 Therefore Dauid asked counsell of the Lord, saying, Shall I goe and smite these Philistims? And the Lord answered Dauid, Goe and smite the Philistims, and saue Keilah.

b That is, in the mids of Iudah, much more, whē we come to the borders against our enemies.

3 And Dauids men said vnto him, See, wee bee afraid here in b Iudah, how much more if we come to Keilah against the hoste of the Philistims?

4 Then Dauid asked counsell of † Lord againe. And the Lord answered him, and sayd, Arise, goe downe to Keilah: for I will deliuer the Philistims into thine hand.

5 ¶ So Dauid and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistims, and brought away their cattell, and smote them with a great slaughter: Thus Dauid saued the inhabitants of Keilah.

Chap. 22 20.

6 (And when Abiathar the sonne of Abimelech * fled to Dauid to Keilah, he brought an c Ephod ‡ with him.)

c By Gods prouidence the Ephod was preserued and kept with Dauid the true King.

‡ Ebr. in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was tolde Saul that Dauid was come to Keilah, and Saul sayd, God hath deliuered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, seeing he is come into a citie that hath gates and barres.

8 Then Saul called all the people together to warre, for to goe downe to Keilah, and to besiege Dauid and his men.

9 ¶ And Dauid hauing knowledge that Saul imagined mischiefe against him, sayd to Abiathar the Priest, d Bring the Ephod.

d To consult with the Lord by Vrim and Thummim.

10 Then sayd Dauid, O Lord God of Israel, thy seruant hath heard, that Saul is about to come to Keilah to destroy the citie for my sake.

11 Will the lords of Keilah deliuer mee vp into his hande? and will Saul come downe as thy seruant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy seruant. And the Lord sayde, Hee will come downe.

‡ Or, gouernours.

12 Then sayd Dauid, Will the ‖ lords of Keilah deliuer mee vp, and the men that are with mee, into the hande of Saul? And the Lord sayd, They will deliuer thee vp.

‖ Or, to and fro, as hauing no certain place to goe to.

13 ¶ Then Dauid and his men, which were about sixe hundreth, arose, and departed out of Keilah, and went ‖ whither they could. And it was tolde Saul, that Dauid was fled from Keilah, and he left off his iourney.

‖ Or, strong places.

14 And Dauid abode in the wildernesse in ‖ holdes, and remained in a mountaine in the wildernesse of Ziph. And Saul sought him euery day, but God e deliuered him not into his hand.

e No power nor policie can preuaile against Gods children but when he appointeth the time.

15 And Dauid saw that Saul was come out for to seeke his life: and Dauid was in the wildernesse of Ziph in the wood.

‡ Ebr. his hand.

16 ¶ And Ionathan f Sauls sonne arose and went to Dauid into the wood, and comforted ‡ him in God,

f Ionathan assureth Dauid, that God wil accomplish his promise, and that his father striueth against his owne conscience.

17 And sayd vnto him, Feare not: for the hand of Saul my father shal not finde thee, and thou shalt be g King ouer Israel, and I shall bee next vnto thee: and also Saul my father knoweth it.

g The Lord recompense this friendship.

18 So they twaine made a couenant before the Lord: and Dauid did remaine in the wood: but Ionathan went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came vp the Ziphims to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doeth not Dauid hide himselfe by vs in holdes, in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah which is on the right side ‖ of Iesimon?

‖ Or, of the wildernesse.

20 Now therefore, O King, come downe according to all that thine heart can desire, and our part shall bee to deliuer him into the kings hands.

21 Then Saul said, h Be ye blessed of the Lord: for ye haue had compassion on me.

h In your countrey of Ziph, which is in Iudah.

22 Goe, I pray you, and prepare yet better: know and see his place where he haunteth, and who hath seene him there: for it is sayd to me, He is subtile and crafty.

23 See therefore, and know all the secret places where he hideth himselfe, and come yee againe to me with the certaintie, and I will goe with you: and if he be in the i land, I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Iudah.

i Which was also in the tribe of Iudah, Ios. 15 55.

24 Then they arose and went to Ziph before Saul, but Dauid and his men were in the wildernesse of Maon, in the plaine on the right hand of Iesimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seeke him, and they tolde Dauid: wherefore he came downe vnto a rocke, and abode in the wildernesse of k Maon. And when Saul heard that, hee followed after Dauid in the wildernesse of Maon.

k Thus the Lord can pull backe the bridle of the tyrants, and deliuer his out of the lyons mouth.

26 And Saul and his men went on the one side of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on the other side of the mountaine: and Dauid made haste to get from the presence of Saul: for Saul and his men compassed Dauid and his men round about, to take them.

27 But there came a l messenger to Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistims haue inuaded the land.

l That is, the stone of diuision, because there they diuided themselues one from another.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing Dauid, and went against the Philistims. Therefore they called that place, m Sela-hammahlekoth.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Dauid hid in a caue spareth Saul. 10 Hee sheweth Saul his innocencie. 18 Saul acknowledgeth his fault. 22 He causeth Dauid to sweare vnto him to be fauourable vnto his.

AND Dauid went thence, and dwelt in a holdes at En-gedi.

a That is, in strong places, which were defenced by nature.

2 When Saul was returned from the Philistims, they tolde him, saying, Behold, Dauid is in the wildernesse of b En-gedi.

b A citie of Iudah, Ios. 15.62.

3 Then Saul tooke three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seeke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes among the wilde goates.

4 And he came to the sheepe coates by the way where there was a caue, and Saul went in ‡ to doe his easement: and Dauid and his men sate in the ‡ inwarde

‡ Ebr. to couer his feete.

‡ Ebr. in the sides.

parts

parts of the caue.

5 And the men of Dauid said vnto him, See, the day is [c] come, whereof the Lorde sayd vnto thee, Behold, I will deliuer thine enemie into thine hand, and thou shalt doe to him as it shal seeme good to thee. Then Dauid arose, and cut off the lap of Sauls garment priuily.

6 And afterward Dauid [d] was touched in his heart, because he had cut off the lappe which was on Sauls garment.

7 And he sayd vnto his men, The Lord keepe me from doing that thing vnto my master the Lords anoynted, to lay mine hand vpon him: for he is the anointed of the Lord.

8 So Dauid ouercame his seruaunts with these words, and suffered them not to arise against Saul: So Saul rose vp out of the caue, and went away.

9 ¶ Dauid also arose afterward, & went out of the caue, and cried after Saul, saying, O my lord the King. And when Saul looked behind him, Dauid enclined his face to the earth, and bowed himselfe.

10 And Dauid said to Saul, [e] Wherefore giuest thou an eare to mens words, that say, Behold, Dauid seeketh euill against thee?

11 Behold, this day thine eyes haue seene, that the Lord had deliuered thee this day into mine hand in the caue, & some bade me kil thee, but I had compassion on thee, and said, I will not lay mine hand on my master: for he is the Lords Anointed.

12 Moreouer my father, behold: behold, I say, the lap of thy garment in mine hand: for when I cut off the lappe of thy garment, I killed thee not. Understand and see, that there is neither euill nor wickednesse in me, neither haue I sinned against thee, yet thou huntest after my soule to take it.

13 The Lord be iudge betweene thee and me, and the Lord auenge me of thee, and let not mine hand be vpon thee.

14 According as the old ‖ prouerbe saith, Wickednesse proceedeth from the wicked, but mine hand be not vpon thee.

15 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom doest thou pursue? after a dead dog, and after a flea?

16 The Lord therefore be iudge, & iudge betweene thee and me, and see, and plead my cause, and ‡ deliuer me out of thine hand.

17 When Dauid had made an ende of speaking these words to Saul, Saul sayd, Is this thy voyce, my soune Dauid? And Saul lift vp his voyce, and wept,

18 And sayd to Dauid, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rendred me good, and I haue rendred thee euill.

19 And thou hast shewed this day, that thou hast deale well with me: forasmuch as when the Lorde had closed mee in thine hands, thou killedst me not.

20 For who shall finde his enemie, and let him depart ‡ free? wherefore the Lorde render thee good for that thou hast done vnto me this day.

21 For now beholde, I know that thou shalt be king, & that the kingdome of Israel shalbe stablished in thine hand.

22 Sweare now therefore vnto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not destroy my seed after mee, and that thou wilt not abolish my name out of my fathers house.

23 So Dauid sware vnto Saul, & Saul went home: but Dauid and his men went vp vnto the hold.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuel dieth. 3 Nabal and Abigail. 38 The Lord killeth Nabal. 43 Abigail and Ahinoam Dauids wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

Then * Samuel died, and all Israel assembled, and mourned for him, and buried him in his owne house at Ramah. And Dauid arose and went downe to the wildernesse of Paran.

2 Now in [b] Maon was a man, who had his possession in Carmel, and the man was exceeding mightie, and had three thousand sheepe, and a thousand goates: and he was shearing his sheepe in Carmel.

3 The name also of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail, and shee was a woman of singular wisedome & beautifull, but the man was churlish and euil conditioned, and was of the familie of Caleb.

4 And Dauid heard in the wildernesse, that Nabal did sheare his sheepe.

5 Therefore Dauid sent ten yong men, and Dauid said vnto the yong men, Goe vp to Carmel, and goe to Nabal, and aske him in my name ‡ how he doeth.

6 And thus shal you say [c] ‡ for salutation, Both thou and thine house, and all that thou hast, be in peace, wealth and prosperitie.

7 Behold, I haue heard, that thou hast shearers: now thy shepheards were with vs, and wee did them no hurt, neither did they misse any thing all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Aske thy seruants, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let these yong men find fauour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good season) giue, I pray thee, whatsoeuer [d] commeth to thine hand vnto thy seruants, and to thy sonne Dauid.

9 ¶ And when Dauids yong men came, they told Nabal all these words in the name of Dauid, and held their peace.

10 Then Nabal answered Dauids seruants, and sayd, Who is Dauid? And who is the [e] sonne of Ishai? there be many seruants now adayes, that breake away euery man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I haue killed for my shearers, and giue it vnto men, whom I know not whence they be?

12 ¶ So Dauids seruants turned their way, and went againe, and came, and tolde him all those things.

13 And Dauid sayd vnto his men, Gird euery man his sword about him. And they girded euery man his sword: Dauid also girded his sword. And about foure hundreth men went vp after Dauid, and two hundreth abode by the ‡ carriage.

14 Now one of the seruants tolde Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, Dauid sent

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[c] Here we see how ready wee are to hasten Gods promise, if the occasion serue neuer so little.

[d] For seeing it was his owne priuate cause, he repented that he had touched his enemie.

[e] Contrary to the false report of them that said, Dauid was Sauls enemie, he proueth himselfe to be his friend.

‖ *Or, the prouerbe of an ancient man.*

‡ *Ebr. iudge.*

[f] Though he was a most cruel enemie to Dauid, yet by his great gentlenesse his conscience compelled him to yeeld.

‡ *Eb. a good way.*

[g] Though this tyrant saw and confessed the fauour of God toward Dauid, yet he ceaseth not to persecute him against his owne conscience.

Chap 28.3. ecclus 46.13.20.

[a] That is, among his owne kinred.

[b] Maon & Carmel were cities in the tribe of Iudah. Carmel the mountaine was in Galile.

‡ *Ebr. of peace.*

[c] Some reade, so mayest thou line in prosperity the next yeere, both thou, &c.

‡ *Ebr. for life.*

[d] Whatsoeuer thou hast ready for vs.

[e] Thus the couetous wretches in stead of relieuing the necessitie of Gods children, vse to reuile their persons, and condemne their cause.

‡ *Ebr. vessell.*

sent messengers out of the wildernesse to salute our maister, and he ‡ railed on them.

15 Notwithstanding the men were very good † vnto vs, and we had no displeasure, neither missed we any thing as long as we were conuersant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were as a wall vnto vs both by night and by day, al the while we were with them keeping sheepe.

17 Now therefore take heed, and see what thou shalt doe: for euil ‡ will surely come vpon our master, and vpon all his familie: for he is so wicked that a man cannot speake to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, ‡ tooke two hundred ‡ cakes, and two bottels of wine, and fiue sheepe ready dressed, and fiue measures of parched corne, and an hundred ‖ traules of raisins, and two hundred of figs, and laded them on asses.

19 Then she sayd vnto her seruants, Goe ye before me: behold, I will come after you: yet she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And as she rode on her asse, she came downe by a secret place of the mountaine, and behold, Dauid and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 And Dauid said, In deed I haue kept all in vaine that this fellow had in the wildernesse, so that nothing was missed of all that perteined vnto him: for he hath requited me euill for good.

22 So and more also doe God vnto the enemies of Dauid: for surely I will not leaue of al that he hath, by the dawning of the day, any that [b] pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Abigail saw Dauid, she hasted, and lighted off her asse, and fell before Dauid on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Oh, my lord, I haue committed the iniquitie, and I pray thee, let thine handmayd speake † to thee, and heare thou the wordes of thine handmayd.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this wicked man Nabal: for as his name is, so is he: ‖ Nabal is his name, ‡ follie is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the yong men of my lord whom thou sentest.

26 Now therefore my lord, as the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth (the Lord, I say, that hath withholden thee from coming to shedde blood, and that † thine hand should not saue thee) so now thine enemies shall be as Nabal, and they that intend to do my lord euill.

27 And now this ‖ blessing which thine handmaid hath brought vnto my lord, let it be giuen vnto the yong men, that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgiue the trespasse of thine handmaid: for the Lord wil make my lord a [k] sure house, because my lord fighteth the battels of the Lord, and none euill hath bene found in thee † in all thy life.

29 Yet [l] a man hath risen vp to persecute thee, and to seeke thy soule, but the soule of my lord shall be bound in the [m] bundle of life with the Lorde thy God: and the soule of thine enemies shal God cast out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And when the Lord shall haue don to my lord all the good that hee hath promised thee, ‡ shal haue made thee ruler ouer Israel,

31 Then shal it be no griefe vnto thee, nor offence of minde vnto my Lord, that he hath not shed blood causeles, nor that my lorde hath [n] not preserued himselfe: and when the Lord shall haue dealt well with my lord, remember thine handmaid.

32 Then Dauid said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me.

33 And blessed be thy counsell, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from comming to shed blood, [o] and that mine hand hath not saued me.

34 For indeed, as the Lord God of Israel liueth, [p] who hath kept me backe from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and met me, surely there had not bene left vnto Nabal, by the dawning of the day, any that pisseth against the wall.

35 Then Dauid receiued of her hand that which she had brought him, and sayd to her, Goe vp in peace to thine house: behold, I haue heard thy voice, and haue ‡ granted thy petition.

36 ¶ So Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he made a feast in his house, like the feast of a king, and Nabals heart was merry within him, for he was very dronken: wherefore she told him [q] nothing, neither lesse nor more, vntill the morning arose.

37 Then in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, his wife tolde him those wordes, and his heart died within him, and he was like a [r] stone.

38 And about ten dayes after, the Lord smote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ Now when Dauid heard, that Nabal was dead, he sayd, Blessed be the Lord that hath ‖ iudged the cause of my rebuke of the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his seruant from euil: for the Lord hath recompensed the wickednesse of Nabal vpon his owne head. Also Dauid sent to commune with Abigail to [s] take her to his wife.

40 And when the seruantes of Dauid were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake vnto her, saying, Dauid sent vs to thee, to take thee to his wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed her selfe on her face to the earth, and sayd, Behold, let thine handmaid bee a seruant to wash the feete of the seruants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, ‡ rode vpon an asse, and her fiue maides † followed her, and shee went after the messengers of Dauid, and was his wife.

43 Dauid also tooke Ahinoam of [t] Jzreel, and they were both his wiues.

44 Now Saul had giuen * Michal his daughter, Dauids wife, to Phalti the sonne of Laish, which was of [t] Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Dauid was discouered to Saul by the Ziphims.* 12 *Dauid taketh away Sauls speare, and a pot of water that stoode at his head.* 21 *Saul confesseth his sinne.*

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‡ *Ebr. drone them away.*

f When we kept our sheepe in the wildernesse of Paran.

‡ *Ebr. is accomplished.*

‡ *Ebr. bread.*

‖ *Or, clusters.*

g Because she knew his crooked nature, that he would rather haue perished, then consented to her enterprise.

h Meaning by this prouerbe, that he would destroy both small & great.

‡ *Ebr. in thine eares.*

‖ *Or, fiole.*

i That is, that thou shouldest not be reuenged of thine enemie.

‖ *Or, present.*

‡ *Ebr. walke at the feete.*

k Confirme his kingdome to his posteritie.

‡ *Ebr. from thy dayes.*

l To wit, Saul.

m God shal preserue thee long in his seruice, &c. destroy thine enemies.

n That he hath not auenged himselef, which things would haue tormented his conscience.

o Read vers. 16.

p He attributeth it to the Lordes mercie, and not to himselfe that he was stayed.

‡ *Ebr. received thy face.*

q For he had no reason, either to consider, or to giue thanks for this great benefit of deliuerance.

r For feare of the great danger.

‖ *Or, reuenged.*

s For he had experience of her great godlinesse, wisedome, and humilitie.

‡ *Ebr. were at her feete.*

Iosh. 15. 56.

2. Sam. 3. 14, 15.

t Which was a place bordering on the countrey of the Moabites.

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1 Lesson
Even

Chap. 23. 19. ‖Or, in Gibeah. ‖Or, the wildernesse.

1 AGaine the Ziphims came vnto Saul to Gibeah, saying, ‖ Doth not Dauid hide himselfe ‖ in the hill of Hachilah before ‖ Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went downe to the wildernesse of Ziph, having three thousand a chosen men of Israel with him, for to seeke Dauid in the wildernesse of Ziph.

a That is, of the most skilful and valiant souldiers.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon by the way side. Now Dauid abode in the wildernesse, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wildernesse.

‖Or, to a certaine place.

4 (For Dauid had sent out spies, and vnderstood that Saul was come ‖ in very deede)

Chap. 14. 50. and 17. 55.

5 Then Dauid arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched, and when Dauid beheld the place where Saul lay, and * Abner the sonne of Ner which was his chiefe captaine (for Saul lay in the fort, and the people pitched round about him)

b Who was a stranger and not an Israelite. c Who afterward was Dauids chiefe captaine.

6 Then spake Dauid and said to Ahimelech the b Hittite, and to Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah, brother to c Joab, saying, Who will goe downe with me to Saul to the host? Then Abishai sayd, I will goe downe with thee.

7 So Dauid and Abishai came downe to the people by night: and beholde, Saul lay sleeping within the fort, and his speare did sticke in the ground at his ‖ head: and Abner and the people lay round about him.

‖Or, bolster.

8 ¶ Then sayd Abishai to Dauid, God hath closed thine enemie into thine hande this day: now therefore, I pray thee, let mee smite him once with a speare to the earth, and I will * not smite him againe.

d Meaning, hee would make him sure at one stroke.

9 And Dauid sayd to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can lay his hand * on the Lords Anointed, and be guiltlesse?

e To wit, in his owne priuate cause: for Iehu slew two kings at Gods appointment, 2. King. 9. 24.

10 Moreouer Dauid sayd, As the Lord liueth, either the Lord shall smite him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall descend into battell, and perish.

11 The Lord keepe me from laying mine hand vpon the Lordes Anointed: but, I pray thee, take now the speare that is at his head, and the pot of water, and let vs goe hence.

12 So Dauid tooke the speare & the pot of water from Sauls head, and they gate them away, and no man saw it, nor marked it, neither did any awake, but they were all asleepe: for a the Lord had sent a dead sleepe vpon them.

‖Ebr. the heauie sleepe of the Lord was fallen vpon them.

13 Then Dauid went into the other side, and stood on the top of the hill afarre off, a great space being betweene them.

14 And Dauid cried to the people, and to Abner the sonne of Ner, saying, ‖ Hearest thou not Abner? Then Abner answered, and sayd, Who art thou that criest to the King?

‖Ebr. Answerest.

15 ¶ And Dauid said to Abner, Art not thou a ‖ man? and who is like thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the King? for there came one of the folke in to destroy the King thy lord.

f Esteemed most valiant and meete to saue the King?

16 This is not well done of thee: as the Lord liueth, ye are ‖ worthy to die, because yee haue not kept your master the Lords anointed: and nowe see where the Kings speare is, and the pot of water that was at his head.

‖Ebr. sonnes of death.

17 And Saul knew Dauids voyce, and sayd, Is this thy voice, e my sonne Dauid? and Dauid sayd, It is my voyce, my lorde, O King.

g Hereby it appeareth, that the hypocrite persecuted Dauid against his owne conscience, and contrary to his promise.

18 And hee sayd, Wherefore doeth my lord thus persecute his seruant? for what haue I done? or what euill is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I beseech thee, let my lord the King heare the wordes of his seruant. If the Lord haue stirred thee vp against mee, * let him smell the sauour of a sacrifice: but if the children of men haue done it, cursed bee they before the Lord: for they haue cast mee out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serue other ‖ gods.

h Let his anger towards vs, be pacified by a sacrifice.

‖ As much as lay in them, they compelled him to idolatry, because they forced him to flee to the idolaters.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the king of Israel is come out to seeke a flea, as one would hunt a partridge in the mountaines.

21 Then sayd Saul, I haue sinned: come againe, my sonne Dauid: for I will doe thee no more harme, because my soule was ‖ precious in thine eyes this day: beholde, I haue done foolishly, and haue erred exceedingly.

‖ Precious, that is, dearely beloued.

22 Then Dauid answered, and said, Behold the Kings speare, let one of the young men come ouer and fet it.

23 And let the Lord reward euery man according to his ‖ righteousnesse and faithfulnesse: for the Lord had deliuered thee into mine handes this day, but I would not lay mine hand vpon the Lordes Anointed.

‖ Thus he protesteth his innocencie towards Saul, not defending his iustice in the sight of God, is whose presence none is righteous, Psal. 143. & 130. 3.

24 And beholde, like as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life bee set by in the eyes of the Lord, that hee may deliuer me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul sayd to Dauid, Blessed art thou my sonne Dauid: for thou shalt doe great things, and also preuaile. So Dauid went his way, and Saul returned to his ‖ place.

‖ To Gibeah of Beniamin.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Dauid fleeth to Achish king of Gath, who giueth him Ziklag. 8 Dauid destroyeth certaine of the Philistims. 10 Achish is deceiued by Dauid.

AND Dauid sayd in his heart, I shall nowe * perish one day by the hande of Saul: is it not better for me that I saue my selfe in the land of the Philistims, and that Saul may haue no hope of me to seeke me any more in all the coastes of Israel, and so I escape out of his hand?

a Dauid distrusteth Gods protection, and therefore fleeth vnto the idolaters, who were enemies to Gods people.

2 Dauid therefore arose, and hee, and the sixe hundreth men that were with him, went vnto Achish the sonne of Maoch king of Gath.

3 And Dauid dwelt with Achish, at

b Thus God by his prouidence to fauour his in

changeth the enemies hearts, and maketh them theb necessitie.

Gath,

Gath, hee, and his men, every man with his houshold, Dauid with his two wiues, Ahinoam the Iezreelite, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

4 And it was tolde Saul that Dauid was fled to Gath: so hee sought no more for him.

5 And Dauid sayd vnto Achish, If I haue nowe found grace in thine eyes, c let them giue mee a place in some other citie of the countrey, that I may dwell there: for why should thy seruant dwell in the head citie of the kingdome with thee?

6 Then Achish gaue him Ziklag that same day: therefore Ziklag pertaineth vnto the Kings of Iudah vnto this day.

7 ¶ And ‡ the time that Dauid dwelt in the countrey of the Philistims, was foure moneths and certaine dayes.

8 Then Dauid and his men went vp, and inuaded the d Geshurites, and the Girzites, and the Amalekites: for they inhabited the land from the beginning, from the way, as thou goest to Shur, euen vnto the land of Egypt.

9 And Dauid smote the land, and left neither man nor woman aliue, and tooke sheepe, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and apparell, and returned and came to Achish.

10 And Achish sayd, ‖ Where haue yee beene a roming this day? And Dauid answered, Against the South of Iudah, and against the South of the e Ierahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites.

11 And Dauid saued neither man nor woman aliue to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on vs, and say, So did Dauid, and so will bee his maner all the while that he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistims.

12 And Achish beleeued Dauid, saying, ‖ he hath made his people of Israel vtterly to abhorre him: therefore he shall be my seruant for euer.

c Let thine officers appoint me a place.

‡ *Ebr. the number of the dayes.*

d These are the wicked Canaanites, whom God had appointed to be destroyed.

‖ *Or, against whom.*

e Which were a familie of the tribe of Iudah, 1. Chron. 2. 9.

‖ *Or, he doth surely abhorre his people.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Dauid hath the chiefe charge promised about Achish.* 8 *Saul consulteth with a witch, and shee causeth him to speake with Samuel,* 18 *who declareth his ruine.*

NOw at that time the Philistims assembled their bandes † armie to fight with Israel: therefore Achish said to Dauid, Be sure, thou shalt goe out with mee to the battell, thou, and thy men.

2 And Dauid sayde to Achish, Surely thou shalt knowe what thy seruant can doe. And Achish sayd to Dauid, Surely I will make thee keeper of mine head for euer.

3 (* Samuel was then dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah his owne citie: and Saul had b put away the sorcerers, and the soothsayers out of the land.

4 Then the Philistims assembled themselues, and came, and pitched in Shunem, and Saul assembled all Israel, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the hoste of the Philistims, he was afraid, and his heart was sore astonied.

6 Therefore Saul asked counsell of the Lord, and the Lord answered him not, neither by dreames, nor by c Urim, nor yet by Prophets.

7 ¶ Then sayd Saul vnto his seruants, Seeke mee a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may goe to her, and aske of her. And his seruants sayde to him, Behold, there is a woman at En-dor that hath a familiar spirit.

8 Then Saul d changed himselfe and put on other rayment, and hee went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and hee sayd, I pray thee, conjecture vnto me by the familiar spirit, and bring mee him vp whome I shall name vnto thee.

9 And the woman sayde vnto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath destroyed the sorcerers, and the soothsayers out of the land: wherefore then seekest thou to take me in a snare to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the Lorde, saying, As the Lord liueth, no † harme shall come to thee for this thing.

11 Then sayd the woman, ‖ Whom shall I bring vp vnto thee? And hee answered, Bring me vp e Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice, and the woman spake to Saul, saying, ‖ Why hast thou deceiued me? for thou art Saul.

13 And the King sayd vnto her, Bee not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman sayd vnto Saul, I sawe ‖ gods ascending vp out of the earth.

14 Then he said vnto her, What fashion is he of? And shee answered, An olde man commeth vp layed in a mantle: and Saul knew that it was f Samuel, and hee enclined his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe.

15 ¶ And Samuel sayd to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted mee, to bring mee vp? Then Saul answered, I am in great distresse: for the Philistims make warre against mee, and God is departed from mee, and answereth me no more, neither † by Prophets, neither by dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that thou mayest tell mee what I shall doe.

16 Then sayd Samuel, Wherefore then doest thou aske of mee, seeing the Lorde is gone from thee, and is thine enemie?

17 Euen the Lord hath done to † him, as hee spake * by mine ‖ hand: for the Lord will rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and giue it thy neighbour Dauid.

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voyce of the Lorde, nor executedst his fierce wrath vpon the Amalekites, therefore hath the Lorde done this vnto thee this day.

19 Moreouer the Lord will deliuer Israel with thee into the hands of the Philistims: h and to morow shalt thou and thy sonnes be with mee, and the Lord shall giue

c Meaning, the hie Priest, Exod. 28. 30.

d He seeketh not to God in his misery, but is led by Satan to vnlawful means, which in his conscience he condemneth.

‖ *Or, punishment.*

e Hee speaketh according to his grosse ignorance, not considering the state of the saints after this life, and how Satan hath no power ouer them.

‖ *Or, an excellent person.*

f To his imagination, albeit it was Satan, who to blind his eyes tooke vpon him the forme of Samuel, as he can doe of an Angel of light.

† *Ebr. by the hand of Prophets.*

a Albeit it was a great griefe to Dauid to fight against the people of God, yet such was his infirmitie, he durst not denie him. *Chap.* 25. 1.

b According to the commandement of God, Exod. 22. 18. deut. 18. 10, 11.

a That is, to Dauid. *Chap.* 15. 28.

‖ *Or, ministery.*

h Ye shalbe dead. Chap. 30. 6.

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gaue the hoste of Israel into the hands of the Philistims.

20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraide, because of the words of Samuel, so that there was no strength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 Then the woman came vnto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said vnto him, See, thine handmaide hath obeyed thy voice, and [k] I haue put my soule in mine hand, and haue obeyed thy wordes which thou saidest vnto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also vnto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsell of bread before thee, that thou mayest eat, and get thee strength, and goe on thy iourney.

23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat: but his seruants & the woman together compelled him, and he obeyed their voice: so hee arose from the earth, and sate on the bed.

24 Now the woman had a fat calfe in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and tooke floure, and kneaded it, and baked of it [l] vnleauened bread.

25 Then shee brought them before Saul, and before his seruants: and when they had eaten, they stood vp, and went away the same night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The Princes of the Philistims cause Dauid to be sent backe from the battell against Israel because they distrusted him.*

NOw the Philistims were gathered together with all their armies in Aphek: and the Israelites pitched ‖ by the fountaine, which is in Jezreel.

2 And the ‖ princes of the Philistims went forth by [a] hundreds, and thousands, but Dauid & his men came behind with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistims, What doe these Ebrewes heere? And Achish said vnto the princes of the Philistims, Is not this Dauid the seruaunt of Saul the king of Israel, who hath bene with me these dayes, [b] or these yeeres, and I haue found nothing in him, since he ‡ dwelt with me vnto this day?

4 But the princes of the Philistims were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philistims said vnto him, [c] Send this fellow backe, that her may goe againe to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not goe downe with vs to battell, least that in the battell hee be an aduersarie to vs: for wherewith should hee obteine the fauour of his master? should it not bee with the [d] heads of these men?

5 Is not this Dauid of whom they sang in dances, saying, [e] Saul slew his thousand, and Dauid his ten thousand?

6 ¶ Then Achish called Dauid, and said vnto him, As the Lord liueth, thou hast bene vpright and good in my sight, when thou [f] wentest out and in with me in the host, neither haue I found euill with thee since thou camest to me vnto this day, but ‡ the princes doe not fauour thee.

7 Wherefore now returne, and goe in peace, that thou displeasest not the princes of the Philistims.

8 ¶ And Dauid said vnto Achish, But what haue I done? and what hast thou found in thy seruant as long as I haue bene with thee vnto this day, that I may [g] not goe and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 Achish then answered, and sayde to Dauid, I know thou pleasest me, as an Angel of God: but the Princes of the Philistims haue said, Let him not goe vp with vs to battell.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in the morning with thy [h] masters seruaunts that are come with thee: and when ye be vp early, assoone as ye haue light, depart.

11 So Dauid and his men rose vp earely to depart in the morning, and to returne into the land of the Philistims: and the Philistims went vp to Jzreel.

CHAP. XXX.

2 *The Amalekites burne Ziklag.* 3 *Dauids two wiues are taken prisoners.* 6 *The people would stone him.* 8 *He asketh counsel of the Lord, & pursuing his enemies, recouereth the pray.* 24 *He diuideth it equally,* 26 *And sendeth part to his friends.*

BVt when Dauid and his men were come to Ziklag [a] the third day, the Amalekites had inuaded vpon the South, euen vnto Ziklag, and had [b] smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire,

2 And had taken the women that were therein, prisoners, both small and great, and slew not a man, but caried them away, and went their waies.

3 ¶ So Dauid and his men came to the citie, and behold, it was burnt with fire, and their [c] wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken prisoners.

4 Then Dauid and the people that was with him, lift vp their voyces and wept, vntill they could weepe no more.

5 Dauids two wiues were taken prisoners also, Ahinoam the Jzreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And Dauid was in great sorrow: for the people [d] intended to stone him, because the hearts of all the people were vexed euery man for his sonnes and for his daughters: but Dauid comforted himselfe in the Lord his God.

7 ¶ And Dauid said to Abiathar the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring me the Ephod. And Abiathar brought the Ephod to Dauid.

8 Then Dauid asked counsell at the Lord, saying, Shall I follow after this company? shall I ouertake them? And hee answered him, Follow: for thou shalt surely ouertake them, and [e] recouer all.

9 ¶ So Dauid and the fiue hundred men that were with him, went, and came to the riuer Besor, where a part of them abode.

10 But Dauid and foure hundred men followed (for two hundred abode behinde, being too wearie to go ouer the riuer Besor)

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to Dauid, and gaue him [f] bread, and hee did eate, and they gaue him water to drinke.

12 Also they gaue him a few figges, and two

i The wicked when they heare Gods iudgments, tremble and despaire, but cannot seeke for mercie by repentance.

k Thaue ventured my life.

l Because it required haste.

Or, in Ain.

‖ Or, captaines, a According to their bands, or enignes.

b Meaning, a long time, that is, foure moneths and certaine dayes, Chap. 29.7.

‡ Ebr. fell, as Gene. 25.18. 1 Chron. 12.19.

c Would not Saul receiue him to fauour, if hee could betray vs? Chap. 28.7 and 30.11.

d That is, waste consultant with thee.

‡ Ebr. thou art not good in the eyes of the princes.

e This dissimulation cannot be excused: for it grieued him to goe against the people of God.

f With them that fled vnto thee from Saul.

1 Sam. 1 Sept. euen

a After that he departed from Achish.

b That is, destroyed the citie.

c For these only remained in the citie, when the men were gone to warre,

d Thus we see, that in troubles and aduersitie we doe not consider Gods prouidence but like raging beasts forget both our owne duetie, and contemne Gods appointment ouer vs.

e Though God seeme to leaue vs for a time, yet if we trust in him, we shall be sure to finde comfort.

f God by his prouidence both prouided for the necessitie of this poore stranger, and made him a guide to Dauid, to accomplish his enterprise.

two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came to him againe: for he had eaten no bread, nor dronke any water in three dayes, and three nights.

13 ¶ And Dauid said vnto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And hee said, I am a young man of Egypt, and seruant to an Amalekite: and my master left mee three dayes agoe, because I fell sicke.

14 We rowed vpon the South of Chereth, and vpon the coast belonging to Iudah, and vpon the South of Caleb, and we burnt Ziklag with fire.

15 And Dauid said vnto him, Canst thou bring me to this companie? and he said, g Sweare vnto mee by God, that thou wilt neither kill mee, nor deliuer mee into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee to this companie.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him thither, behold, they lay scattered abroad vpon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great pray that they had taken out of the land of the Philistims, and out of the land of Iudah.

17 And Dauid smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening of the next morow, so that there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundred yong men, which rode vpon camels, and fled.

18 And Dauid recouered all that the Amalekites had taken: also Dauid relcued his two wiues.

19 And they lacked nothing, small or great, sonne or daughter, or of the spoyle of all that they had taken away: Dauid recouered them all.

20 Dauid also tooke all the sheepe, and the oxen, and they drane them before his cattell, and said, This is Dauids k pray.

21 ¶ And Dauid came to the two hundred men that were too wearie for to follow Dauid: whom they had made also to abide at the riuer Besor: and they came to meete Dauid, and to meete the people that were with him: so when Dauid came neere to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the euill and wicked of the men that went with Dauid, and said, Because they went not with vs, therefore will we giue them none of the pray that wee haue recouered, saue to euery man his l wife and his children: therefore let them carie them away and depart.

23 Then said Dauid, Ye shall not doe so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath giuen vs, who hath preserued vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our hands.

24 For who will obey you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth downe to the battell, so shall his part be that tarieth by the stuffe: they shall part alike.

25 m So from that day forward he made it a statute & a law in Israel, vntill this day.

26 ¶ When Dauid therefore came to Ziklag, hee sent of the pray vnto the Elders of Iudah, and to his friends, saying, See, there is a blessing for you of the spoyle of the enemies of the Lord.

27 He sent to them of Beth-el, & to them of South Ramoth, and to them of Iattir,

28 And to them of Aroer, and to them of Siphmoth, and to them of Eshtemoa,

29 And to them of Rachal, and to them of the cities of the Ierahmeelites, & to them of the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them of Hormah, and to them of Chor-ashan, and to them of Athach,

31 And to them of Hebron, and n to all the places where Dauid and his men had haunted.

g For othes were in all ages had in most reuerence euen among the heathen.

h The wicked in their pompe and pleasures consider not the iudgement of God, which is then at hand to smite them.

i Some reade, and vnto the morow of the two *euenings*: that is, three dayes.

k Which the Amalekites had taken of others, and Dauid from them besides the goods of Ziklag.

l Vnder these are comprehended the cattell and goods, which appertained to euery man.

m Some referre these words to Dauid, that he alleaged an old custome and law, as if it were written, It is both now, and hath beene euer.

n Shewing his selfe mindfull of their benefites towards him.

CHAP. XXXI.

4 Saul killeth himselfe. 6 His children are slaine in the battell. 22 The men of Jabesh tooke downe his body which was hanged on the wall.

NOw the * Philistims fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled away from the Philistims, and they fell downe ‖ wounded in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistims pressed sore vpon Saul and his sonnes, & slew Ionathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Sauls sonnes.

3 And when the battel went sore against Saul, the archers and bowmen ‡ hit him, and he was sore ‖ wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul vnto his armour bearer, a Draw out thy sword, and thrust mee thorow therewith, least the vncircumcised come and thrust me thorow and mocke mee: but his armour bearer would not, for hee was sore afraide. Therefore Saul tooke a sword, and fell vpon it.

5 And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, hee fell likewise vpon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sonnes, and his armour bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the b valley, and they on the other side c Iorden sawe that the men of Israel were put to flight, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead, then they left the cities, and ran away: and the Philistims came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And on the morow, when the Philistims were come to spoyle them that were slaine, they found Saul and his three sonnes lying in mount Gilboa,

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped him out of his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistims on euery side, that they should d publish it in the Temple of their idoles and among the people.

10 And they laide vp his armour in the house of Ashtaroth, but they hanged vp his body on the wall of Beth-shan.

11 ¶ When the inhabitants of e Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistims had done to Saul,

12 Then they arose (as many as were strong men) and went all night, and tooke the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes from the wal of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

13 And tooke their bones, and f buried them vnder a tree at Jabesh, and f fasted seuen dayes.

* 1. Chron. 10. 1.

‖ Or, slaine.

‡ Ebr. found him.

‖ Or, afraid.

a So we see that his cruel life hath a desperate end, as is commonly seene in them, that persecute the children of God.

b Neere to Gilboa.

c The tribes of Reuben and Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh.

d In token of victorie and triumph.

e Whom he had deliuered from their enemies, Chap. 11. 11.

Iere. 34. 5.
2. Sam. 2. 4.

f According to the custome of the mourners.

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The second booke of Samuel.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis booke and the former beare the title of Samuel, because they conteine the conception, nativitie, and the whole course of his life, and also the liues and acts of two Kings, to wit, of Saul and Dauid, whom he anoynted and consecrated Kings by the ordinance of God. And as the first booke conteineth those things, which God brought to passe among this people vnder the gouernement of Samuel and Saul: so this second booke declareth the noble acts of Dauid after the death of Saul, when he began to reigne, vnto the end of his kingdome: and how the same by him was wonderfully augmented: also his great troubles and dangers, which he susteined both within his house and without: what horrible and dangerous insurrections, vprores, and treasons were wrought against him, partly by false counsellers, fained friends, and flatterers, and partly by some of his owne children, and people: and how by Gods assistance he ouercame all difficulties, and enioyed his kingdome in rest and peace. In the person of Dauid the Scripture setteth forth Christ Iesus, the chiefe King, who came of Dauid according to the flesh, and was persecuted on euery side with outward and inward enemies, as well in his owne person, as in his members, but at length he ouercommeth all his enemies, and giueth his Church victorie against all power both spirituall and temporall: and so reigneth with them, King for euermore.

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CHAP. I.

4 It was told Dauid of Sauls death. 15 He causeth him to bee slaine that brought the tidings. 19 He lamenteth the death of Saul and Ionathan.

AFter the death of Saul, when Dauid was returned from the * slaughter of the Amalekites, and had beene two dayes in Ziklag.

2 Behold, a man came the third day out of the hoste from Saul with his * clothes rent, and earth vpon his head: and when hee came to Dauid, hee fell to the earth, and did obeysance.

3 Then Dauid said vnto him, Whence commest thou? And hee said vnto him, Out of the hoste of Israel I am escaped.

4 And Dauid said vnto him, What is done? I pray thee, tell mee. Then hee sayde, That the people is fled from the battell, and many of the people are ouerthrowen, and dead, and also Saul and Ionathan his sonne are dead.

5 And Dauid said vnto the young man that tolde it him, How knowest thou that Saul and Ionathan his sonne be dead?

6 Then the yong man that told him, answered, * As I came to mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned vpon his speare, and lo, the chaeets and ‖ horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked backe, he saw me, and called mee. And I answered, Here am I.

8 And he said vnto mee, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an * Amalekite.

9 Then hee said vnto mee, I pray thee, † come vpon me, and slay mee: for anguish is come vpon me, because my life is yet whole in mee.

10 So I † came vpon him, and slew him: and because I was sure that he could not liue, after that he was fallen: I tooke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and brought them hither vnto my lord.

11 Then Dauid tooke hold on his clothes, * and rent them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntill euen, for Saul and for Ionathan his sonne, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel, because they were slaine with the sword.

13 ¶ * Afterward Dauid said vnto the young man that tolde it him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the sonne of a stranger an Amalekite.

14 And Dauid said vnto him, * Howe wast thou not afraid, to put forth thine hand to destroy the Anoynted of the Lord?

15 Then Dauid called one of his young men, and said, Goe neere, and fall vpon him. And he smote him that he died.

16 Then said Dauid vnto him, † Thy blood bee vpon thine owne head: for thine owne mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I haue slaine the Lords anoynted.

17 ¶ Then Dauid mourned with this lamentation ouer Saul and ouer Ionathan his sonne.

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Iudah to † shoote, as it is written in the booke of ‖ Iasher)

19 O noble Israel, * hee is slaine vpon thy high places: how are the mightie ouerthrowen!

20 * Tell it not to Gath, nor publish it in the streetes of Askelon, least the daughters of the Philistims reioyce, lest the daughters of the vncircumcised triumph.

21 Yee mountaines of Gilboa, vpon you be neither dew nor raine, nor * be there fields of offrings: for there the shield of the mightie is cast downe, the shield of Saul, as though he had not beene anoynted with oyle.

22 The bowe of Ionathan neuer turned back, neither did the sword of Saul returne empty from the blood of the slaine, and from the fat of the mightie.

23 Saul and Ionathan were louely and pleasant in their liues, and in their deathes they were not * diuided: they were swifter then eagles, they were stronger then lyons.

24 Yee daughters of Israel, weepe for Saul, which clothed you in scarlet, † with pleasure, and hanged ornaments of gold vpon your apparell.

25 How were the mightie slaine in the midst of the battell? O Ionathan, thou wast slaine in thine hie places.

26 Woe is mee for thee, my brother Ionathan:

O

1 Sam. 30. 17.

a Seeming to lament the ouerthrow of the people of Israel.

b As I fled in the chase.

‖ Or, captaines.

c He was an Amalekite borne, but renounced his country, and ioyned with the Israelites.

† Ebr. stand vpon.

d I am sorie, because I am yet aliue.

† Ebr. I stood vpon him.

Chap. 3. 31. and 13. 31.

e After the lamentation he examined him againe.

Psal. 105. 15.

f Thou art iustly punished for thy fault.

g That they might be able to match their enemies the Philistims in that art. Ios. 10. 13.

‖ Or, righteous.

h Meaning, Saul. Micah. 1. 10.

i Let their fertile fields be barren, and bring forth no fruit to offer to the Lord.

k They died both together in Gilboa.

l As rich garments and costly iewels.

nathan: very kinde hast thou bene vnto me: thy loue to me was wonderfull, passing the loue of [m] women: how are the mightie ouerthrowen, and the weapons of warre destroyed?

m Either toward their husbands, or their children

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CHAP. II.

4 Dauid is anoynted King in Hebron. 9 Abner maketh Ish-bosheth king ouer Israel. 15 The battell of the seruants of Dauid and Ish-bosheth. 32 The buriall of Asahel.

AFter this, Dauid [a] asked counsell of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe vp into any of the cities of Iudah? And the LORD said vnto him, Goe vp. And Dauid said, Whither shall I goe? Hee then answered, Vnto [b] Hebron.

a By the meanes of the Priest, as 1. Sam. 23. 2. and 2 Sam. 5. 19

b Which citie was also called Kiriath-arba, Iosh. 14. 15.

2 So Dauid went vp thither and his two wiues also, Ahinoam the Izreelite, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

3 And Dauid brought vp the men that were with [c] him, euery man with his household, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

c In the time of his persecution.

4 ¶ Then the men of Iudah came, and there they anoynted Dauid King ouer the house of Iudah. And they tolde Dauid, saying, [*] that the men of Iabesh Gilead buried Saul.

*1. Sam. 31. 13

5 And Dauid sent messengers vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, and said vnto them, Blessed are yee of the LORD, that yee haue shewed such kindnesse vnto your lord Saul, that you haue buried him.

6 Therefore now the LORD shew mercie and [d] trueth vnto you: and I will recompense you this benefite, because ye haue done this thing.

d According to his promise, which is to recompense them that are merciful

7 Therefore nowe let your handes bee strong, and be you valiant: albeit your master Saul be dead, yet neuertheles the house of Iudah hath anointed me king ouer them.

8 ¶ But Abner the sonne of Ner, that was captaine of Sauls hoste, tooke Ish-bosheth the soune of Saul, and brought him to Mahanaim,

e So that you shall not want a captaine and a defender.

9 And made him king ouer Gilead, and ouer the Ahurites, and ouer Izreel, and ouer Ephraim, and ouer Beniamin, and ouer [f] all Israel.

f Ouer the eleuen tribes.

10 Ish-bosheth Sauls sonne was fortie yeere olde when he began to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned two yere: but the house of Iudah followed Dauid.

11 (And the time which Dauid reigned in Hebron ouer the house of Iudah, was seuen yeere and sixe monethes.)

12 ¶ And Abner the sonne of Ner, and the seruants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul went out of Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, and the seruants of Dauid went out and met one another by the poole of Gibeon: and they sate downe, the one on the one side of the poole, and the other on the other side of the poole.

14 Then Abner sayde to Ioab, Let the yong men now arise, and [h] play before vs. And Ioab said, Let them arise.

h Let vs see how they can handle their weapons.

15 Then there arose, & went out twelue of Beniamin by number, which pertained to Ish-bosheth the sonne of Saul, and twelue of the seruants of Dauid.

16 And euery one caught [i] his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellowes side, so they fell downe together: wherefore the place was called ‖ Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

i Meaning, his aduersarie.

‖ Or, the field of strong men.

17 And the battel was exceeding sore that same day: for Abner and the men of Israel [k] fell before the seruants of Dauid.

18 And there were three sonnes of Zeruiah there, Ioab, and Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel was as light on foote as a wilde roe.

k After that these foure and twentie were slaine.

19 And Asahel followed after Abner, and in going he turned neither to the right hand nor to the left from Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behinde him and said, Art thou Asahel? And hee answered, Yea.

21 Then Abner said, Turne thee either to the right hand, or to the left, & take one of the yong men, and take thee his ‖ weapons: and Asahel would not depart from him.

‖ Or, spoyle.

22 And Abner said to Asahel, Depart from me: [l] wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? How then should I bee able to hold vp my face to Ioab thy brother?

l Why doest thou prouoke me to kill thee?

23 And when hee would not depart, Abner with the hinder ende of the speare smote him vnder the fift [m] rib, that the speare came out behind him: and he fell downe there, and died in his place. And as many as came to the place where Asahel fell downe and died, stood still.

m Some reade, in those parts, whereas the liuely parts lie: as the heart, the lunges, the liuer, the milt, and the gall.

24 Ioab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the Sunne went downe, when they were come to the hill Ammah, that lyeth before Giah, by the way of the wildernesse of Gibeon.

25 And the children of Beniamin gathered themselues together after Abner, and were on an heape, and stoode on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Ioab, and said, Shall the [n] sword deuoure for euer? knowest thou not, that it will be bitternesse in the latter ende? how long then shalt it bee, or thou bid the people returne from following their brethren?

n Shall we not make an end of murthering?

27 And Ioab said, As God liueth, if thou hadst not [o] spoken, surely euen in the morning the people had departed euery one back from his brother.

o If thou hadst not prouoked them to battell, as verse 14.

28 ¶ So Ioab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night thorow the ‖ plaine, and went ouer Iordan, and passed thorow all Bithron till they came to ‖ Mahanaim.

‖ Or, wildernesse.

‖ Or, to the tent.

30 Ioab also returned backe from Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauids seruants nine and twentie men, and Asahel.

31 But the seruants of Dauid had smitten of Beniamin, and of Abners men, so that three [p] hundreth and threescore men died.

p Thus God would confirme Dauid in his kingdome by the destruction of his aduersaries.

32 And they tooke vp Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem: and Ioab and his men went all night, and when they came to Hebron, the day arose.

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CHAP. III.

1 *Long warre betweene the houses of Saul and Dauid.* 2 *The children of Dauid in Hebron.* 12 *Abner turneth to Dauid.* 27 *Ioab killeth him.*

THere was then a long warre betweene the house of Saul and the house of Dauid: but Dauid waxed stronger, & the house of Saul waxed weaker.

2 ¶ And vnto Dauid were children borne in Hebron: and his eldest sonne was Amnon of Ahinoam the Iezreelite.

3 And his second was Chileab of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite: and the third, Absalom the sonne of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur.

4 And the fourth, Adonijah, the sonne of Haggith: and the fift, Shephatiah, the sonne of Abital.

5 And the sixt, Ithream by Eglah Dauids wife: these were borne to Dauid in Hebron.

6 ¶ Now while there was warre betweene the house of Saul and the house of Dauid, Abner made all his power for the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine named Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And Ish-bosheth sayd to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in to my fathers concubine?

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the wordes of Ish-bosheth, and sayd, Am I a dogs head, which against Iudah doe shew mercie this day vnto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren and to his neighbours, and haue not deliuered thee into the hand of Dauid, that thou chargest me this day with a fault concerning this woman?

9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except as the Lord hath sworne to Dauid, euen so I doe to him.

10 To remoue the kingdome from the house of Saul, that the throne of Dauid may bee established ouer Israel, and ouer Iudah, euen from Dan to Beer-sheba.

11 And he durst no more answere to Abner: for he feared him.

12 ¶ Then Abner sent messengers to Dauid, on his behalfe, saying, Whose is the land? who should also say, Make couenant with me, and behold, mine hand shalbe with thee, to bring all Israel vnto thee.

13 Who sayd, Well, I will make a couenant with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, that thou see not my face, except thou bring Michal Sauls daughter when thou commest to see me.

14 ¶ Then Dauid sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Sauls sonne, saying, Deliuer me my wife Michal, which I married to me for an hundreth foreskins of the Philistims.

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, & tooke her from her husband Phaltiel the sonne of Laish.

16 And her husband went with her, and came weeping behind her vnto Bahurim: then sayd Abner vnto him, Go, and returne. So he returned.

17 ¶ And Abner had communication with the Elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for Dauid in times past, that he might be your King.

18 Nowe then doe it: for the Lord hath spoken of Dauid, saying, By the hand of my seruant Dauid I will saue my people Israel out of the hands of the Philistims, and out of the hands of all their enemies.

19 Also Abner spake to Beniamin, and afterward Abner went to speake with Dauid in Hebron, concerning al that Israel was content with, and the whole house of Beniamin.

20 So Abner came to Dauid to Hebron, hauing twenty men with him, and Dauid made a feast vnto Abner, and to the men that were with him.

21 Then Abner sayd vnto Dauid, I will rise vp, and goe gather all Israel vnto my lord the king, that they may make a couenant with thee, and that thou mayest reigne ouer all that thine heart desireth. Then Dauid let Abner depart, who went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the seruants of Dauid and Ioab came from the campe, and brought a great pray with them (but Abner was not with Dauid in Hebron: for he had sent him away, and he departed in peace)

23 When Ioab and all the host that was with him, were come, men told Ioab, saying, Abner the sonne of Ner came to the King, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Ioab came to the King, & sayd, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came vnto thee, why hast thou sent him away, and he is departed?

25 Thou knowest Abner the sonne of Ner: for he came to deceiue thee, & to know thy outgoing and ingoing, and to know all that thou doest.

26 ¶ And when Ioab was gone out from Dauid, hee sent messengers after Abner, which brought him againe from the well of Sirah vnknowing to Dauid.

27 And when Abner was come againe to Hebron, Ioab tooke him aside in the gate to speake with him peaceably, and smote him vnder the fift rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 ¶ And when afterward it came to Dauids eare, hee sayd, I and my kingdome are guiltlesse before the Lorde for euer, concerning the blood of Abner the sonne of Ner.

29 Let the blood fall on the head of Ioab, and on all his fathers house, that the house of Ioab bee neuer without some that haue running issues, or leper, or that leaneth on a staffe, or that doth fall on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 (So Ioab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slaine their brother Asahel at Gibeon in battel)

31 And Dauid sayd to Ioab, and to all the people that were with him, Rent your clothes, and put on sackecloth, and mourne before Abner: and king Dauid himselfe followed the beere.

32 And when they had buried Abner in Hebron, the King lift vp his voyce, and wept beside the sepulchre of Abner, and

2 That is, without intermission enduring two yeres, which was the whole reigne of Ish-bosheth.

b Who is called also Daniel, 1. Chron. 3. 2.

c Within seuen yeeres and sixe moneths.

d Doest thou esteeme me no more then a dog, for all my seruice done to thy fathers house?

e We see how the wicked cannot abide to be admonished of their faults, but seeke their displeasure which goe about to bring them from their wickednes.

Or, secretly.

1. *Sam.* 18. 25, 27.

1. *Sam.* 25. 44.

f Rather for malice that he bare toward Ish-bosheth, then for loue he bare to Dauid.

Ebr. in the eares of Beniamin.

g Who chalenged the kingdome, because of their father Saul.

Or, without harme.

h From warre against the Philistims.

i Here appeareth the malicious mind of Ioab, who would haue had the king to slay Abner for his priuate grudge.

1. *King.* 2. 5.

Or, secretly.

Chap. 2. 23.

k The Lord knoweth that I did not consent to his death.

l Abishai is said to slay him with Ioab, because he consented to the murther.

m Meaning, before the corps.

all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented ouer Abner, and sayd, Died Abner as a [n] foole dieth?

34 Thine handes were not bounde, nor thy feete tyed in fetters of braſſe: but as a man falleth before wicked men, ſo dydſt thou fall. And all the people wept againe for him.

35 Afterward all the people came to cauſe Dauid eate [o] meat while it was yet day, but Dauid ſware, ſaying, So do God to me and more alſo, if I taſte bread or ought elſe, till the ſunne be downe.

36 And all the people knew it, & it [p] pleaſed them: as whatſoeuer the king did, pleaſed all the people.

37 For all the people and all Iſrael vnderſtood that day, how that it was not the kings deed that Abner the ſon of Ner was ſlaine.

38 And the king ſaid vnto his ſeruants, Knowe yee not, that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Iſrael?

39 And I am this day weake and newly anointed king: and theſe men the ſonnes of Zeruiah be too ‖ hard for mee: the Lord reward the doer of euill according to his wickednesſe.

CHAP. IIII.

5 Baanah and Rechab ſlay Iſh-boſheth the ſonne of Saul, 12 Dauid commandeth them to be ſlaine.

AND when Sauls [a] ſonne heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, then his handes were [b] feeble, and all Iſrael was afraid.

2 And Sauls ſonne had two men that were captaines of bandes: the one called Baanah, and the other called Rechab, the ſonnes of Rimmon a Beerothite of the children of Beniamin. (for [c] Beeroth was reckoned to Beniamin,

3 Becauſe the Beerothites [d] fled to Gittaim, and ſoiourned there vnto this day)

4 And Ionathan Sauls ſonne had a ſon that was lame on his feete: he was fiue yere old when the tidings came of Saul and Ionathan out of Iſrael: then his nurſe tooke him, and fled away. And as ſhe made haſte to flee, the child fell, and began to halt, and his name was Mephibosheth.

5 And the ſonnes of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah went and came in the heat of the day to the houſe of Iſh-boſheth (who ſlept on a bed at noone)

6 And behold, Rechab and Baanah his brother came into the middes of the houſe, as they [e] would haue wheat, and they [f] ſmote him vnder the fift rib, and fled.

7 For when they came into the houſe, he ſlept on his bed in his bed chamber, and they ſmote him, and ſlew him, and beheaded him, and tooke his head, and gate them away thorow the ‖ plaine all the night.

8 And they brought the head of Iſh-boſheth vnto Dauid to Hebron, and ſayd to the king, Behold the head of Iſh-boſheth Sauls ſonne thine enemie, who ſought after thy life: and the Lord hath auenged my lord the king this day of Saul and of his ſeed.

9 Then Dauid anſwered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the ſonnes of Rimmon the Beerothite, and ſayd vnto them, As the Lord liueth, who hath deliuered my ſoule out of all aduerſitie,

10 [g] When one told me, and ſayd, that Saul was dead, (thinking to haue brought good tidings) I tooke him, and ſlew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would haue giuen him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more when wicked men haue ſlaine a righteous perſon in his owne houſe, and vpon his bed? ſhall I not now therefore require his bloud at your hand, and take you from the earth?

12 Then Dauid commanded his yong men, and they ſlewe them, and cut off their handes and their feete, and hanged them by ouer the poole in Hebron: but they tooke the head of Iſh-boſheth, and buried it in the ſepulchre of [h] Abner in Hebron.

CHAP. V.

3 Dauid is made king ouer all Iſrael. 7 He taketh the fort of Zion. 19 He aſketh counſell of the Lord, 20 and ouercometh the Philiſtims twiſe.

THen came all the tribes of Iſrael to Dauid vnto Hebron, and ſaid thus, Behold, we are thy [a] bones and thy fleſh.

2 And in time paſt when Saul was our king, thou leddeſt Iſrael in and out: and the Lord hath ſayd to thee, Thou ſhalt feed my people Iſrael, and thou ſhalt bee a captaine ouer Iſrael.

3 So all the Elders of Iſrael came to the King to Hebron: and king Dauid made a couenant with them in Hebron [b] before the Lord: and they anointed Dauid king ouer Iſrael.

4 ¶ Dauid was thirtie yeere olde when he began to reigne: and hee reigned forty yeere.

5 In Hebron he reigned ouer Iudah ſeuen yeere, and ſixe moneths: and in Ieruſalem he reigned thirtie and three yeeres ouer all Iſrael and Iudah.

6 ¶ The king alſo and his men went to Ieruſalem vnto the Iebuſites, the inhabitants of the lande: who ſpake vnto Dauid, ſaying, Except thou take away the [c] blinde and the lame, thou ſhalt not come in hither: thinking that Dauid could not come thither.

7 But Dauid tooke the fort of Zion: this is the citie of Dauid.

8 Now Dauid had ſayd the ſame day, Whoſoeuer ſmiteth the Iebuſites, and getteth vp to the gutters, and ſmiteth the lame and blinde, which Dauids ſoule hateth, I will preſerre him: [d] therefore they ſayd, The blinde and the lame ſhall not come into that houſe.

9 So Dauid dwelt in that fort, & called it the citie of Dauid, and Dauid built round about it, from [e] Millo, and inward.

10 And Dauid proſpered and grew: for the Lord God of hoſtes was with him.

11 ¶ Hiram alſo king of [f] Tyrus ſent meſſengers to Dauid, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and maſons for walles: and they

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n He declareth that Abner died not as a wretch or vile perſon, but as a valiant man might doe, being traiterouſly deceiued by the wicked.

o According to their cuſtome, which was to banquet at burials.

p It is expedient ſometimes not only to conceiue inward ſorow, but alſo that it may appeare to others, to the intent that they may be ſatisfied. ‖ *Or, cruel.*

a That is, Iſh-boſheth.

b Meaning, that he was diſcouraged.

c The citie Beeroth was in the tribe of Beniamin, Ioſh. 18. 25

d After the death of Saul, for feare of the Philiſtims.

e They diſguiſed themſelues as merchāts, which came to buy wheate.

f There is nothing ſo vile and dāgerous, which the wicked will not enterpriſe in hope of lucre and fauour. ‖ *Or, wildernesſe.*

g Forāſmuch as neither the example of him that ſlew Saul, nor duety to their maſter, nor the innocencie of the perſon, nor reuerence of the place nor time did moue them they deſerued moſt grieuous puniſhment. *Chap 3. 32.*

h *Chap. 1. 15.*

a We are of thy kinred, and moſt neere ioyned vnto thee. *Pſal. 78. 71.*

b That is, taking the Lord to witnes: for the Arke was as yet in Abinadabs houſe. *Chap. 2. 11.*

c The children of God called idoles blinde and lame guids: therefore the Iebuſites meant, that they ſhould proue that their gods were neither blind nor lame. *1. Chron. 11. 6.*

d The idoles ſhould enter no more into that place.

e Hee built from the towne houſe round about to his owne houſe, 1. Chro. 11. 8. ‡ *Ebr. Zor.*

1. *Chron. 11. 1.*

and they built Dauid an house.

12 Then Dauid knew that the Lord had ſtabliſhed him King ouer Iſrael, and that he had exalted his kingdome for his people Iſraels ſake.

1.Chron.3.9. 13 And Dauid tooke him moe * concubines and wiues out of Ieruſalem, after hee was come from Hebron, and moe ſonnes and daughters were borne to Dauid.

1.Chron.3.5. 14 *And theſe be the names of the ſonnes that were borne vnto him in Ieruſalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Salomon,

15 And Ibhar, and Elihua, and Nepheg, and Iaphia,

16 And Elishama, e Eliada, e Eliphelet.

1.Chron.14.8. and 11.16. 17 ¶ * But when the Philiſtims heard that they had anoynted Dauid King ouer Iſrael, all the Philiſtims came vp to ſeeke Dauid: and when Dauid heard, hee went downe to a fort.

18 But the Philiſtims came and ſpread themſelues in the valley of Rephaim.

f By Abiathar the Priest. 19 Then Dauid f asked counſell of the Lord, ſaying, Shall I go vp to the Philiſtims? wilt thou deliuer them into mine hands? And the Lord answered Dauid, Go vp: for I will doubtleſſe deliuer the Philiſtims into thine hands.

Iſa.28.21. ‖ Or, the plaine of diuiſions, 1.Chron.14.11. 20 ¶ * Then came Dauid to Baal-perazim, and ſmote them there, and ſayd, The Lorde hath diuided mine enemies aſunder before mee, as waters be diuided aſunder: therefore hee called the name of that place, ‖ Baal-perazim.

g Meaning, the valley of giants, which Dauid called Baal-perazim, because of his victorie. 21 And there they left their images, and Dauid and his men * burnt them.

22 Againe the Philiſtims came vp, and ſpred themſelues in the valley of g Rephaim.

23 And when Dauid aſked counſel of the Lord, he answered, Thou ſhalt not goe vp, but turne about behinde them, and come vpon them ouer against the mulberie trees.

24 And when thou heareſt the noyſe of one going in the tops of the mulberie trees, then remoue: for then ſhall the Lord goe out before thee, to ſmite the hoſte of the Philiſtims.

25 Then Dauid did ſo as the Lorde had commanded him, and ſmote the Philiſtims from Geba vntill thou come to h Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

3 The Arke is brought forth of the houſe of Abinadab. 7 Vzza is ſtricken and dieth. 14 Dauid danceth before it, 16 And is therefore deſpiſed of his wife Michal.

AGaine Dauid gathered together all the ‖ choſen men of Iſrael, euen thirtie thouſand.

h Which was in the tribe of Beniamin, but the Philiſtims did poſſeſſe it.

17 Azael 1 Ebron Moro —

‖ Or, chiefe.

2 And Dauid arose and went with all the people that were with him a from Baale of Iudah to bring vp from thence the Arke of God, whose name is called by the Name of the Lord of hoſtes, that dwelleth vpon it betweene the Cherubims.

1.Chro 13.6. a This was a citie in Iudah called also Kiriath-iearim, Ioshua 15.9.

3 And they put the Arke of God vpon a new cart, and brought it out of the houſe of Abinadab, that was in b Gibeah. And Vzzah and Ahio the ſonnes of Abinadab did driue the new cart.

b Which was an hie place of the citie of Baale.

4 And when they brought the Arke of God out of the houſe of Abinadab, that was at Gibeah, Ahio went before the Arke.

1.Sam.7.2.

5 And Dauid and all the houſe of Iſrael c played before the Lord on all inſtruments made of firre, and on harpes, and on Pſalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

c Praised God and sang Psalms.

6 ¶ * And when they came to Nachons threshing flooze, Vzzah put his hand to the Arke of God, and held it: for the oxen did shake it.

1.Chro.13.10.

7 And the Lord was very wroth with Vzzah, and God d smote him in the same place for his fault, and there hee died by the Arke of God.

d Here we see what danger it is to follow good intentions, or to doe any thing in Gods seruice without his expreſſe word.

8 And Dauid was displeased, because the Lord had ‖ smitten Vzzah: and he called the name of the place, ‖ Perez Vzzah vntill this day.

‖ Ebr. made a breach.

‖ Or, the diuiſion of Vzzah.

9 Therefore Dauid that day feared the Lord, and sayd, How shall the Arke of the Lord come to me?

10 So Dauid would not bring the Arke of the Lord vnto him into the city of Dauid, but Dauid caried it into the houſe of Obed-edom e a Gittite.

e Who was a Leuite, and had dwelt in Gittaim, 1.Ch.15.21.

11 And the Arke of the Lorde continued in the houſe of Obed-edom the Gittite three moneths, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 ¶ And one tolde king Dauid, saying, * The Lord hath blessed the houſe of Obed-edom, & all that he hath, because of the Arke of God: therefore Dauid went and f brought the Arke of God from the houſe of Obed-edom into the citie of Dauid with gladneſſe.

1.Chron.15.25. f Meaning, he caused the Leuites to beare it, according to the Law.

13 And when they that bare the Arke of the Lord, had gone ſixe paces, hee offered an oxe, and a fat beaſt.

14 And Dauid daunced before the Lord with all his might, and was girded with a linnen g Ephod.

g With a garment like to the Priests garment.

15 So Dauid and all the houſe of Iſrael, brought the Arke of the Lord with ſhowting, and ſound of trumpet.

16 And as the Arke of the Lord came into the citie of Dauid, Michal Sauls daughter looked thorow a window, and ſaw King Dauid leape, and dance before the Lord, and ſhe h deſpiſed him in her heart.

h The worldlings are not able to comprehend the motions that moue the children of God to praiſe God by all maner of means.

17 And when they had brought in the Arke of the Lord, they ſet it in his place in the midſt of the Tabernacle that Dauid had pitched for it: then Dauid offred burnt offrings and peace offerings before the Lord.

1.Chron.16.2.

18 And aſſoone as Dauid had made an end of offering burnt offrings and peace offrings, he * bleſſed the people in the Name of the Lord of hoſtes,

Hemmenee per ho Ber s. Iha

19 And gaue among all the people, euen among the whole multitude of Iſrael, as well to the women as men, to euery one a cake of bread, and a piece of fleſh, and a bottel of wine: ſo all the people departed euery one to his houſe.

20 ¶ Then Dauid returned to i bleſſe his houſe, and Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meete Dauid, and ſayd, O how glorious was the King of Iſrael this day, which was vncouered to day in the eyes of the maydens of his ſeruaunts,

i That is, to pray for his houſe, as he had done for the people.

‖ Or, vaine man.

as a ‖ foole vncouereth himselfe!

21 Then Dauid sayd vnto Michal, * It was before the Lord, which chose me rather then thy father, and all his house, and commanded me to be ruler ouer the people of the Lord, euen ouer Israel: and therefore will I play before the Lord,

22 And will yet bee more vile then thus, and will be low in mine owne sight, and of the very same mayde seruants, which thou hast spoken of, shall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had [l] no childe vnto the day of her death.

k It was for no worldly affection, but onely for that zeale that I bare to Gods glory.

l Which was a punishment, because she mocked the seruant of God.

CHAP. VII.

a Dauid would build God an house, but is forbidden by the Prophet Nathan. 8 God poureth Dauid in mindе of his benefits. 12 He promiseth continuance of his kingdome and posterity.

1. Chron. 17. 2.

AFterward * when the King sate in his house, and the Lord had giuen him rest round about from all his enemies,

2 The King said vnto Nathan the Prophet, Behold, now I dwell in an house of cedar trees, and the Arke of God remaineth within [a] the curtaines.

3 Then Nathan said vnto the King, Go, and doe all that is in thine heart: for the Lord is with thee.

4 ¶ And the same night the word of the Lord came vnto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my seruant Dauid, Thus sayth the Lord, [b] Shalt thou build mee an house for my dwelling?

6 For I haue dwelt in no house since the time that I brought the children of Israel out of Egypt vnto this day, but haue walked in a tent and tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I haue walked with all the children of Israel, spake I one [c] word with any of the tribes of Israel when I commaunded the Iudges to feede my people Israel? or sayd I, Why build ye not me an house of cedar trees?

8 Now therefore so say vnto my seruant Dauid, Thus saith the Lord of hostes, * I tooke thee from the sheepecoat following the sheepe, that thou mightest bee ruler ouer my people, ouer Israel.

9 And I was with thee whereseuer thou hast walked, ‖ haue destroyed all thine enemies out of thy sight, and haue made thee a [d] great Name, like vnto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 (Also I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant it, that they may dwell in a place of their owne, and moue [e] no more, neither shall wicked people trouble them any more as before time,

11 And since the time that I set Iudges ouer my people of Israel) ‖ I will giue thee rest from all thine enemies: also the Lord telleth thee, that he will make thee an house.

12 * And when thy dayes bee fulfilled, thou shalt sleepe with thy fathers, and I wil set vp thy seede after thee, which shall proceede out of thy body, and will stablish his kingdome.

13 * He shal build an house for my Name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdome for euer.

14 * I will be his father, and he shall be my sonne: and if he sinne, I wil chastise him with the [f] rod of men, and with the plagues of the children of men.

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I tooke it from Saul, whom I haue put away before thee.

16 And thine house shalbe stablished and thy kingdome for euer before thee, euen thy throne shalbe stablished for euer.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, Nathan spake thus vnto Dauid.

18 ¶ Then king Dauid went in, and sate before the Lord, and sayde, Who am I, O Lord God, & what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God, therefore hast thou spoken also of thy seruants house for a great while: but ‡ doeth this appertaine to [h] man, O Lord God?

20 And what can Dauid say more vnto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy seruant.

21 For thy words sake, and according to thine owne heart hast thou done all these great things, to make them knowen vnto thy seruant.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

23 * And what one people in the earth is like thy people, like Israel? whose God went and redeemed them to himselfe, that they might be his people, and that he might make him a name, and doe for [i] you great things, and terrible for thy [k] land, O Lord, euen for thy people, whom thou redeemedst to thee out of Egypt, from the [l] nations, and their gods?

24 For thou hast [m] ordeined to thy selfe thy people Israel to bee thy people for euer: and thou Lord art become their God.

25 Now therefore, O Lorde God, confirme for euer the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy seruant and his house, and doe as thou hast sayd.

26 And let thy Name bee magnified for euer by them that shall say, The Lorde of hostes is the God ouer Israel: and let the [n] house of thy seruant Dauid bee stablished before thee.

27 For thou, O Lord of hostes, God of Israel, hast reuealed vnto thy seruant, saying, I wil build thee an house: therefore hath thy seruaunt ‡ bene bold to pray this prayer vnto thee.

28 Therefore now, O Lord God, (for thou art God, and thy words be true, & thou hast told this goodnesse vnto thy seruant)

29 Therefore now let it please thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may continue for euer before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast * spoken it: and let the house of thy seruant be blessed for euer with thy blessing.

Hebr. 1. 5.

Psal. 89. 31. 32.

f That is, gently as fathers vse to chastise their children.

g This was begun in Salomon, as a figure, but accomplished in Christ.

‡ *Ebr. Is this the law of man?*

h Commeth not this rather of thy free mercie, then of any worthines that can be in man?

Deut. 4. 7.

i O Israel.

k And inheritance, which is Israel.

l From the Egyptians and their idoles.

m He sheweth that Gods free election is the onely cause, why the Israelites were chosen to be his people.

n This prayer is most effectuall, when we chiefly seeke Gods glory, and the accomplishment of his promise.

‡ *Ebr. found his heart disposed.*

• Therefore I firmely beleeue it shall come to passe.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Dauid ouercommeth the Philistims and other strange nations, and maketh them tributaries to Israel.

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1. Chron. 18. 1. Psal. 60. 2. Or, Methegammah.

a So that they payed no more tribute.

b He slew two parts, as it pleased him, and reserued the third.

‖ Or, inlarge. ‡ Ebr. Perath.

‖ Or, brought the horses of the charets.

‖ Or, the Syrians, ‖ Or, of Damascus that is, which dwelt neere Damascus.

c In that part of Syria where Damascus was.

d They payed yeerely tribute.

e For the vse of the Temple.

‖ Or, Antiochia.

† Ebr. to aske peace. ‡ Ebr. blesse him.

f For seeing Dauid victorious, he was glad to intreat of peace. † Ebr. in his hand

‖ Or, Syria, or Coelosyria.

‖ Or, in Ge-melah ‖ Or, in all his enterprises.

g He gaue iudgment in controuersies, and was mercifull toward the people.

‖ Or, writer of chronicles.

‖ Or, was ouer the Cherethites.

h The Cherethites and Pelethites were as the kings gard, and had charge of his person.

AFter * this now, Dauid smote the Philistims, and subdued them, and Dauid tooke the bridle of bondage out of the hand of the Philistims.

2 And hee smote Moab, and measured them with a cord, and cast them downe to the ground: hee measured them with b two cordes to put them to death, and with one full cord to keepe them aliue: so became the Moabites Dauids seruants, and brought gifts.

3 ¶ Dauid smote also Hadadezer † son of Rehob king of Zobah as he went to ‖ recouer his border at the riuer ‡ Euphrates.

4 And Dauid tooke of them a thousand and seuen hundreth horsemen, and twentie thousand footmen, and Dauid ‖ destroyed all the charets, but he reserued an hundreth charets of them.

5 ¶ Then came the Aramites of Dammesek to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, but Dauid slewe of the Aramites two and twenty thousand men.

6 And Dauid put a garison in c Aram of Dammesek: and the Aramites became seruants to Dauid, d and brought gifts. And the LORD saued Dauid whersoeuer he went.

7 And Dauid tooke the shields of golde that belonged to the seruants of Hadadezer, and brought them to e Ierusalem.

8 And out of Betai, and Berothai (cities of Hadadezer) king Dauid brought exceeding much brasse.

9 ¶ Then Toi king of ‖ Hamath heard how Dauid had smitten all the hoste of Hadadezer:

10 Therefore Toi sent Ioram his sonne vnto king Dauid † to salute him, ‡ to † reioice with him, because hee had fought against Hadadezer, and beaten him (for Hadadezer had warre with Toi) who brought † with him vessels of siluer, and vessels of golde, and vessels of brasse.

11 And king Dauid did dedicate them vnto the LORD with the siluer and golde that he had dedicate of all the nations, which he had subdued:

12 Of ‖ Aram and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistims, and of Amalek, and of the spoyle of Hadadezer the sonne of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 So Dauid gate a name after that he returned, and had slaine of the Aramites in the ‖ valley of salt eighteene thousand men.

14 And he put a garison in Edom: throwout all Edom put he souldiers, ‡ al they of Edom became Dauids seruants: and the LORD kept Dauid ‖ whithersoeuer he went.

15 Thus Dauid reigned ouer all Israel, and executed s iudgement and Iustice vnto all his people.

16 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah was ouer the hoste, and Iosaphat the sonne of Ahilud was ‖ recorder.

17 And Zadok the sonne of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the sonne of Abiathar were the Priests, and Seraiah the Scribe.

18 And Benaiahu the sonne of Iehoiada and the h Cherethites and Pelethites and Dauids sonnes were chiefe rulers.

CHAP. IX.

1 Dauid restoreth all the land of Saul to Mephibosheth the sonne of Ionathan. 10 Hee appointeth Ziba to see to the profits of his lands.

AND Dauid said, Is there yet any man left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him mercie for * Ionathans sake?

2 And there was of the household of Saul a seruant whose name was Ziba, and when they had called him vnto Dauid, the king said vnto him, Art thou Ziba? and hee said, I thy seruant am he.

3 Then the king said, Remaineth there yet none of the house of Saul, on whom I may shew the b mercy of God? Ziba then answered the king, Ionathan hath yet a sonne * lame of his feete.

4 Then the king said vnto him, Where is he? and Ziba said vnto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the sonne of Ammiel of Lo-debar.

5 ¶ Then king Dauid sent, and tooke him out of the house of Machir the sonne of * Ammiel of Lo-debar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth the sonne of Ionathan, the sonne of Saul was come vnto Dauid, he fell on his face, and did reuerence. And Dauid said, Mephibosheth? and he answered, Behold thy seruant.

7 Then Dauid said vnto him, Feare not: for I will surely shew thee kindnesse for Ionathan thy fathers sake, and will restore thee all the ‖ fieldes of Saul thy father, and thou shalt eate bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himselfe, ‡ sayd, What is thy seruant, that thou shouldest looke vpon such d a dead dogge as I am?

9 Then the king called Ziba Saul seruant, and sayd vnto him, I haue giuen vnto thy masters ‖ sonne all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore and e thy sonnes and thy seruants shall till the lande for him, and bring in, that thy masters sonne may haue food to eate. And Mephibosheth thy masters sonne shall eate bread alway at my table (now Ziba had fifteene sonnes, and twenty seruants)

11 Then sayd Ziba vnto the king, According to all that my lorde the king hath commanded his seruant, so shall thy seruant doe, † that Mephibosheth may eate at my table, as one of the kings sonnes.

12 Mephibosheth also had a yong sonne named Micha, and all that dwelled in the house of Ziba, were seruants vnto Mephibosheth.

13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Ierusalem: for he did eate continually at the kings table, and was lame on both his feete.

CHAP. X.

4 The messengers of Dauid are villenously intreated of the king of Ammon. 7 Ioab is sent against the Ammonites.

AFter this, the * King of the children of Ammon died, ‡ Hanun his sonne reigned in his stead.

1. Chron. 19. 2.

2 Then sayd Dauid, I will shew kindnesse vnto Hanun the sonne of Nahash, as his father shewed kindnesse vnto me. And Dauid sent his seruants to comfort him for his father. So Dauids seruants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon sayd vnto Hanun their lord, ‡ Thinkest thou that Dauid doeth honour thy father, that hee hath sent comforters to thee? hath not Dauid rather sent his seruants vnto thee, [b] to search the citie, and to spie it out, and to ouerthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hanun tooke Dauids seruants, & shaued off the halfe of their beard, and cut off their garments in the middle, euen to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 ¶ When it was told vnto Dauid, hee sent to meete them (for the men were exceedingly ashamed) and the king sayd, Tary at Jericho, vntill your beards be growen, then returne.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they [c] stanke in the sight of Dauid, the children of Ammon sent & hired the ‖ Aramites of the house of Rehob, and the Aramites of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelue thousand men.

7 And when Dauid heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the hoste of the strong men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put their army in aray at the entring in of the gate: and the Aramites of [d] Zoba, and of Rehob, and of Ish-tob, and of Maacah, were by themselues in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the battell was against him before and behind, hee chose of all the choise of Israel, and put them in aray against the Aramites.

10 And the rest of the people he delinered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in aray against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Aramites be stronger then I, thou shalt helpe me, and if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, I will come and succour thee.

12 Be strong & let vs be valiant for [e] our people, and for the cities of our God, and let the Lord do that which is good in his eyes.

13 Then Joab, and the people that was with him, ioyned in battell with the Aramites, who fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Aramites fled, they fled also before Abishai, and entred into the citie: so Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And when the Aramites saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered them together.

16 And ‖ Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Aramites that were beyond the ‖ Riuer: and they came to Helam, and Shobach the captaine of the hoste of Hadarezer went before them.

17 When it was shewed Dauid, then he gathered [f] all Israel together, and passed ouer Jorden, and came to Helam: and the Aramites set themselues in aray against Dauid, and fought with him:

18 And the Aramites fled before Israel: and Dauid destroyed [g] seuen hundreth charets of the Aramites, and fourtie thousande horsemen, and smote Shobach the captaine of his hoste, who died there.

19 And when all the kings, that were seruants to Hadarezer, saw that they fell before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and serued them. And the Aramites feared to helpe the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

1 The citie Rabbah is besieged. 4 Dauid commiteth adultetie. 17 Vriah is slaine. 27 Dauid marrieth Bath-sheba.

AND when the yeere was [a] expired in the time when kings go forth to battell, Dauid sent Joab, and his seruants with him, and all Israel, who destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah: but Dauid remained in Jerusalem.

2 ¶ And when it was euentide, Dauid arose out of his [b] bed, and walked vpon the roofe of the kings palace: and from the roofe he saw a woman washing her selfe: and the woman was very beautiful to looke vpon.

3 And Dauid sent and enquired what woman it was: and one sayd, Is not this Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam, wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 Then Dauid sent messengers, and tooke her away: and shee came vnto him, and he lay with her: (now she was [c] purified from her vncleannesse) and she returned vnto her house.

5 And the woman conceiued: therefore she sent and [d] told Dauid, and sayd, I am with childe.

6 ¶ Then Dauid sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to Dauid.

7 And when Uriah came vnto him, Dauid demanded him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the warre prospered.

8 Afterward Dauid said to Uriah, [e] Go downe to thine house, and wash thy feet. So Uriah departed out of the kings palace, and the king sent a present after him.

9 But Uriah slept at the doore of the kings palace with all the seruants of his lord, and went not downe to his house.

10 Then they told Dauid, saying, Uriah went not downe to his house: and Dauid sayd vnto Uriah, Commest thou not from thy iourney? why didst thou not goe downe to thine house?

11 Then Uriah answered Dauid, [f] The Arke and Israel, and Judah dwell in tents: and my lord Joab and the seruants of my lord abide in the open fields: shall I then go into mine house to eate and drinke, and lie with my wife? by thy life, and by the life of thy soule, I will not doe this thing.

12 Then Dauid said to Uriah, Tary yet this day, and to morrow I will send thee away. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 Then Dauid called him, & he did eate and

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a The children of God are not vnmindfull of a benefit receiued.

‡ *Eb. in thine eyes doth Dauid?*

b Their arrogant malice would not suffer them to see the simplicitie of Dauids heart: therefore their counsell turned to the destruction of their countrey.

c That they had deserued Dauids displeasure, for the iniurie done to his ambassadours.

‖ *Or, Syrians.*

d These were diuers parts of the countrey of Syria, whereby appeareth that the Syrians serued, where they might haue entertainment, as now the Switzers doe.

e Here is declared wherefore warre ought to be vndertaken: for the defence of true religion & Gods people.

‖ *Or, Hadadezer.*

‖ *Or, Euphrates.*

f Meaning, the greatest part.

g Which were the chiefest and most principall: for in all he destroyed 7000. as 1. Chron. 19. 18. or, the souldiers which were in 700. charets.

19. April 1 Esd. 1. 1.

a The yere following about the spring time. 1. Chron. 20. 1.

b Whereupon he vsed to rest at afternoone, as was read of Ishbosheth, Chap. 4. 7.

c Who was not an Israelite borne, but conuerted to the true religion. *Leuit. 15. 19. and 18. 19.*

d Fearing lest she should bee stoned according to the Law.

e Dauid thought that if Vriah lay with his wife, his fault might be cloked.

f Hereby God would touch Dauids conscience, that seeing the fidelitie and religion of his seruant, he would declare himselfe so forgetfull of God, and so iniurious to his seruant.

and drinke before him, and hee made him
g drunke: and at euen hee went out to lie on
his couch with the seruants of his lord, but
went not downe to his house.

14 And on the morrow Dauid wrote a
letter to Ioab, and sent it by the hand of
Uriah.

15 And he wrote thus in the letter, Put
ye Uriah in the forefront of the strength of
the battell, and recule yee backe from him,
that he may be smitten, and die.

16 ¶ So when Ioab besieged the citie,
hee assigned Uriah vnto a place, where he
knew that strong men were.

17 And the men of the citie came out, and
fought with Ioab: and there fell of the peo-
ple of the seruants of Dauid, and Uriah the
Hittite also died.

18 Then Ioab sent and tolde Dauid all
the things concerning the warre.

19 ¶ And he charged the messenger, say-
ing, When thou hast made an end of telling
all the matters of the warre vnto the king,

20 ‖ And if the kings anger arise, so that
he say vnto thee, Wherefore approched yee
vnto the citie to fight? knew ye not that
they would hurle from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech sonne of i Je-
rubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of
a milstone vpon him from the wall, and hee
died in Thebez? Why went yee nigh the
wall? Then say thou, Thy seruant Uriah
the Hittite is also dead.

22 ¶ So the messenger went, and came
and shewed Dauid all that Ioab had sent
him for.

23 And the messenger sayd vnto Dauid,
Certainly the men preuailed against vs, and
came out vnto vs into the field, but we pur-
sued them vnto the entring of the gate.

24 But the shooters shot from the wall
against thy seruants, and some of the Kings
seruants bee dead: and thy seruant Uriah
the Hittite is also dead.

25 Then Dauid said vnto the messenger,
k Thus shalt thou say vnto Ioab, Let not
this thing trouble thee: for the sworde de-
noureth one as well as an other: make
the battell more strong against the citie, and
destroy it, and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard
that her husband Uriah was dead, shee
mourned for her husband.

27 So when the mourning was past,
Dauid sent and tooke her into his house,
and shee became his wife, and bare him a
sonne: but the thing that Dauid had done,
displeased the Lord.

CHAP. XII.

*1 Dauid reproued by Nathan confesseth his
sinne. 18 The child conceiued in adultery, dieth.
24 Salomon is borne. 26 Rabbah is taken. 31 The
citizens are grieuously punished.*

THen the Lord sent Nathan vnto Da-
uid, who came to him, and sayde vnto
him, There were two men in one citie, the
one rich and the other poore.

2 The rich man had exceeding many
sheepe and oxen:

3 But the poore had none at all saue one
litle sheepe which he had bought, and nou-
rished vp: and it grewe vp with him, and
with his children also, and did eate of his
owne morsels, and dranke of his owne cup,
and slept in his bosom, and was vnto him as
his daughter.

4 Now there came a ‖ stranger vnto the
rich man, who ‖ refused to take of his owne
sheepe, and of his owne oxen to dresse for
the stranger that was come vnto him, but
tooke the poore mans sheepe, and dressed it
for the man that was come to him.

5 Then * Dauid was exceeding wroth
with the man, and sayd to Nathan, As the
Lord liueth, the man that hath done this
thing, ‡ shall surely die.

6 And he shall restore the lambe * foure-
folde, because hee did this thing, and had no
pitie therfor.

7 Then Nathan said vnto Dauid, Thou
art the man. Thus sayth the Lord God of
Israel, * I anointed thee king ouer Israel,
and deliuered thee out of the hand of Saul,

8 And gaue thee thy lords b house, and
thy lords c wiues into thy bosome, and gaue
thee the house of Israel, and of Iudah, and
would moreouer (if that had bene too little)
haue giuen thee d such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the com-
mandement of the Lord, to doe euill in his
sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite
with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be
thy wife, and hast slaine him with the sword
of the e children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall neuer
depart from thine house, because thou hast
despised me, and taken the wife of Uriah the
Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus sayth the Lord, Behold, I will
raise vp euill against thee out of thine owne
house, and will * take thy wiues before thine
eyes, and giue them vnto thy neighbour,
and he shal lie with thy wiues in the light of
this f sunne.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will
doe this thing before all Israel, and before
the sunne.

13 Then Dauid sayd vnto Nathan, * I
haue sinned against the Lord. And Nathan
sayd vnto Dauid, The Lord also hath g put
away thy sinne, thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deede thou
hast caused the enemies of the Lord to h blas-
pheme, the child that is borne vnto thee, shal
surely die.

15 ¶ So Nathan departed vnto his
house: and the Lord strooke the childe that
Uriahs wife bare vnto Dauid, and it was
sicke.

16 Dauid therefore besought God for the
childe, and fasted and i went in, and lay all
night vpon the earth.

17 Then the Elders of his house arose to
come vnto him, and to cause him to rise from
the ground: but he would not, neither did he
eate k meate with them.

18 So on the seuenth day the child died:
and the seruants of Dauid feared to tell
him that the childe was dead: for they
sayde, Behold, while the childe was aliue,
we spake vnto him, and hee would not
hearken vnto our voyce: how then shall we

g He made him drinke more liberally then he was wont to do, thinking thereby he would haue lien by his wife.

‡ *Ebr. saying.*

h Except God continually vphold vs with his mighty spirit, the most perfect fall headlong into all vice and abomination.

‖ *Or, thou shalt doe thus, &c.*

i Meaning, Gideon, Iudg. 9. 52, 53.

‡ *Ebr. were against them.*

k He dissembleth with the messenger, to the intent that neither his cruel commandement, nor Ioabs wicked obedience might be espied.

‡ *Ebr. so and so.*

‡ *Ebr. was euill in the eyes of the Lord.*

a Because Dauid lay now drowned in sinne, the louing mercy of God, which suffereth not his to perish, waketh his conscience by this similitude, & bringeth him to repentance.

‖ *Or, wayfaring man.*

‖ *Or, spared.*

‡ *Ebr. the anger of Dauid was kindled.*

‡ *Ebr. is the childe of death.*

Exod. 22. 1.

1. *Sam. 16. 13.*

b For Dauid succeeded Saul in his kingdome.

c The Iewes vnderstand this of Eglah & Michal, or of Rizpah and Michal.

d That is, greater things then these: for Gods loue and benefits increase toward his if by their ingratitude they stay him not.

e Thou hast most cruelly giuen him into the hands of Gods enemies. *Deut. 28 30.*

chap. 16. 22.

f Meaning, openly, as at noone dayes.

Eccles. 47. 11.

g For the Lord seeketh but that the sinner would turne to him.

h In saying, that the Lord hath appointed a wicked man to reign ouer his people.

i To wit, to his priuy chamber.

k Thinking by his instant prayer that God would haue restored his childe, but God had otherwise determined.

‡ *Ebr. and he will do himselfe euil.*

were say vnto him, The childe is dead, ‡ to vexe him more?

19 But when Dauid saw that his seruants whispered, Dauid perceiued that the child was dead: therefore Dauid sayd vnto his seruants, Is the childe dead? And they sayd, He is dead.

20 Then Dauid [l] arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himselfe, and changed his apparell, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped, and afterward came to his owne house, and bade that they should set bread before him, and he did eate.

21 Then sayde [m] his seruants vnto him, What thing is this, that thou hast done? thou diddest fast and weepe for the childe, while it was aliue, but when the childe was dead, thou didst rise vp, and eate meate.

22 And he sayd, While the child was yet aliue, I fasted, and wept: for I sayd, Who can tell whether God wil haue mercy on me, that the child may liue?

23 But now being dead, wherefore should I now fast? [n] Can I bring him againe any more? I shall goe to him, but he shall not returne to me.

24 ¶ And Dauid comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in vnto her, and lay with her, * and shee bare a sonne, and [o] hee called his name Salomon: also the Lord loued him.

25 For the Lord had sent by ‡ Nathan the [p] Prophet: therefore [q] * hee called his name Jedidiah, because the Lord loued him.

26 ¶ Then Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and tooke the ‖ citie of the kingdome.

27 Therefore Joab sent messengers to Dauid, saying, I haue fought against Rabbah, and haue taken the citie of [r] waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and besiege the citie, that thou mayest take it, lest ‡ the victorie be attributed to me.

29 So Dauid gathered all the people together, and went against Rabbah, and besieged it, and tooke it.

30 * And hee tooke their kings crowne from his head, (which weighed a [s] talent of golde, with precious stones) and it was set on Dauids head: and hee brought away the spoyle of the citie in exceeding great abundance.

31 And hee caried away the people that was therein, and put them vnder [t] sawes and vnder yron harrowes, and vnder axes of yron, and cast them into the tile kilne: euen thus did hee with all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then Dauid and all the people returned vnto Jerusalem.

CHAP. XIII.

14 Amnon Dauids sonne defileth his sister Tamar. 19 Tamar is comforted by her brother Absalom. 29 Absalom therefore killeth Amnon.

NOw after this so it was, that Absalom the sonne of Dauid hauing a faire sister, whose name was [a] Tamar, Amnon the sonne of Dauid loued her.

2 And Amnon was so sore vexed that he fell sicke for his sister Tamar: for shee was a [b] virgine, and it seemed hard to Amnon to doe any thing vnto her.

3 But Amnon had a friend called Jonadab, the sonne of Shimeah Dauids brother: and Jonadab was a very subtill man.

4 Who said vnto him, Why art thou the Kings sonne so leane from day to day? wilt thou not tell mee? Then Amnon answered him, I loue Tamar my brother Absaloms sister.

5 And Jonadab sayde vnto him, [c] Lie downe on thy bed, and make thy selfe sicke: and when thy father shall come to see thee, say vnto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and giue mee meate, and let her dresse meate in my sight, that I may see it, and eate it of her hand.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay downe, and made himselfe sicke: and when the King came to see him, Amnon sayd vnto the King, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make mee a couple of [d] cakes in my sight, that I may receiue meate at her hand.

7 Then Dauid sent home to Tamar, saying, Goe now to thy brother Amnons house, and dresse him meate.

8 ¶ So Tamar went to her brother Amnons house, and he lay downe: and she tooke ‖ floure and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And shee tooke a panne, and [e] powred them out before him, but he would not eate. Then Amnon sayd, Cause ye euery man to goe out from [f] mee: so euery man went out from him.

10 Then Amnon sayde vnto Tamar, Bring the meate into the chamber, that I may eate of thine hand. And Tamar tooke the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had set them before him to eate, he tooke her, and sayd vnto her, Come, lie with me, my sister.

12 But she answered him, Nay, my brother, doe not force mee: for no such thing [g] ought to bee done in Israel: commit not this folly.

13 And I, ‖ whither shall I cause my shame to goe? and thou shalt be as one of the fooles in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, speake to the king, for he will not denie me vnto thee.

14 Howbeit, he would not hearken vnto her voyce, but being stronger then she, forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith hee hated her, was greater then the loue, wherewith hee had loued her: and Amnon sayd vnto her, Vp, get thee hence.

16 And she answered him, ‖ There is no cause: this euill (to put me away) is greater then the other that thou diddest vnto me: but he would not heare her.

17 But called his ‖ seruant that serued him, and sayd, Put this woman now out from me, and locke the doore after her.

18 (And shee had a garment of [h] diuers colours vpon her: for with such garments were the Kings daughters that were

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1 Shewing that our lamentations ought not to be excessiue, but moderate: and that we must praise God in all his doings.

m As they which considered not that God granteth many things to the sobs and teares of the faithfull.

n By this consideration he appeased his sorow.

Matth. 1.6.

o To wit, the Lord, 1 Chron. 22.9.

‡ Ebr. by the hand of.

p To call him Salomon.

q Meaning, Dauid. *2. Chron 22.9.*

‖ Or, the chiefe citie.

r That is, the chiefe citie, and where all the conduits are, is as good as taken.

‡ Ebr. my name be called vpon it. 2. Chron. 12.2.

s That is, three-score pound after the weight of the common talent.

t Signifying, that as they were malicious enemies of God, so he put them to cruell death.

2 Sam. 1 Esp. exod.

a Tamar was Absalomsister: both by father and mother, and Amnons onely by father.

b And therefore kept in her fathers house, as virgins were accustomed.

c Here we see that there is no enterprise so wicked, that can lacke counsell to further it.

d Meaning, some delicate & daintie meate.

‖ Or, paste.

e That is, the serued them on a dish.

f For the wicked are ashamed to doe that before men, which they are not afraid to commit in the sight of God.

Leuit. 18.9.

‖ Or, how shall I put away my shame?

g As a lewd and a wicked person.

‖ Or, for this cause.

‖ Or, boy.

h For that which was of diuers colours or pieces in those dayes, was had in greatest estimation, Gen. 37.3. iudg. 5.30.

were virgines apparelled.) Then his ſeruant brought her out, and locked the doore after her.

19 And Tamar put aſhes on her head, & rent the garment of diuers colours which was on her, and layd her hand on her head, and went her way crying.

20 And Abſalom her brother ſayd vnto her, hath Amnon thy brother bin with thee? Now yet be ‖ ſtill, my ſiſter: hee is thy brother: let not this thing grieue thine heart. So Tamar remained deſolate in her brother Abſaloms houſe.

21 ¶ But when King Dauid heard all theſe things, he was very wroth.

22 And Abſalom ſayd vnto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Abſalom hated Amnon, becauſe he had forced his ſiſter Tamar.

23 ¶ And after the time of two yeeres, Abſalom had ſheepe-ſhearers in ‖ Baal-hazor, which is beſide Ephraim, and ᵏ Abſalom called all the kings ſonnes.

24 And Abſalom came to the king, and ſayd, Behold now, thy ſeruant hath ſheepe-ſhearers: I pray thee, that the king with his ſeruants would go with thy ſeruant.

25 But the king anſwered Abſalom, Nay my ſonne, I pray thee, let vs not goe all, leſt we be chargeable vnto thee. Yet Abſalom laye ſore vpon him: howbeit her would not goe, but ‡ thanked him.

26 Then ſayd Abſalom, But, I pray thee, ſhall not my brother ˡ Amnon goe with vs? And the king anſwered him, Why ſhould he go with thee?

27 But Abſalom was inſtant vpon him, and he ſent Amnon with him, and all the kings children.

28 ¶ Now had Abſalom commanded his ſeruants, ſaying, Marke now when Amnons heart is merry with wine, and when I ſay vnto you, Smite Amnon, kill him, feare not, for haue not ᵐ I commanded you? be bolde therefore, and play the men.

29 And the ſeruants of Abſalom did vnto Amnon as Abſalom had commanded: and all the kings ſonnes arooſe, and euery man gate vp vpon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And while they were in the way, tidings came to Dauid, ſaying, Abſalom hath ſlaine all the kings ſonnes, and there is none of them left.

31 Then the king aroſe, and tare his garments, and lay on the ᵖ ground, and all his ſeruants ſtood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab the ſonne of Shimeah Dauids brother anſwered, and ſaid, Let not my lorde ſuppoſe that they haue ſlaine al the yong men the kings ſonnes: for Amnon only is dead, ‡ becauſe Abſalom had reported ſo ſince he forced his ſiſter Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king ‖ take the thing ſo grieuously, to thinke that all the kings ſonnes are dead: ‖ for Amnon onely is dead.

34 ¶ Then Abſalom fled: and the yong man that kept the watch, lift vp his eies, & looked, and beholde, there came much people by the way of the hill ſide ‖ behind him.

35 And Jonadab ſayd vnto the king, Behold, the kings ſonnes come: as thy ſeruant ſayd, ‖ ſaw it.

36 And aſſoone as hee left ſpeaking, behold, the kings ſonnes came, and lift vp their voyces, and wept: and the king alſo and all his ſeruants wept exceedingly ſore.

37 But Abſalom fled away, and went to ᵖ Talmai the ſonne of Ammihur king of Geſhur: and Dauid mourned for his ſonne euery day.

38 So Abſalom fled, and went to Geſhur, and was there three yeeres.

39 And king Dauid ‖ deſired to go forth vnto Abſalom, becauſe he was pacified concerning Amnon, ſeeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 Abſalom is reconciled to his father by the ſubtilne of Joab. 24 Abſalom may not ſee the kings face. 25 The beautie of Abſalom. 30 He cauſeth Joabs corne to be burnt, & is brought to his fathers preſence.

NOw Joab the ſonne of Zeruiah perceiued that the kings ª heart was toward Abſalom,

2 And Joab ſent to Tekoah, & brought thence a ‖ ſubtill woman, and ſayd vnto her, I pray thee, faine thy ſelfe to mourne, and now put on mourning apparell, and ᵇ anoynt not thy ſelfe with oyle: but be as a woman that had now long time mourned for the dead,

3 And come to the king, and ſpeake on this maner vnto him (for Joab ‡ taught her what he ſhould ſay.)

4 ¶ Then the woman of Tekoah ſpake vnto the king, and fell downe on her face to the ground, and did obeyſance, and ſayde, ‡ Helpe, O king.

5 Then the king ſayd vnto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, I am indeed a ᵃ widow, and mine huſband is dead:

6 And thine hand maid had two ᶜ ſonnes, and they two ſtroue together in the fielde: (and there was none to part them) ſo the one ſmote the other, and ſlew him.

7 And beholde, the whole familie is riſen againſt thine handmaid, and they ſaid, Deliuer him that ſmote his brother, that wee may kill him for the ᵈ ſoule of his brother whom hee ſlew, that wee may deſtroy the heire alſo: ſo they ſhall quench my ſparkle which is left, and ſhall not leaue to mine huſband neither name nor poſteritie vpon the earth.

8 And the king ſayde vnto the woman, Goe to thine houſe, and I will giue a charge for thee.

9 Then the woman of Tekoah ſayd vnto the king, My lord, O king, the ᵉ trespaſſe be on mee, and on my fathers houſe, and the king and his throne be ‖ guiltleſſe.

10 And the king ſayd, Bring him to me that ſpeaketh againſt thee, and he ſhal touch thee no more.

11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the king ᶠ remember the Lorde thy God, that thou wouldeſt not ſuffer many reuengers of blood to deſtroy, leſt they ſlay my ſonne. And hee anſwered, As the Lord liueth, there ſhall not one haire of thy ſonne fall to the earth.

12 Then

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i For though he conceiued ſudden vengeance in his heart, yet he diſſembled it till occaſion ſerued, and comforted his ſiſter.

‖ Or, in the plaine of Hazor.

k To wit, to a banket, thinking thereby to fulfill his wicked purpoſe.

‡ Ebr. bleſſed. l Pretending to the king, that Amnon was moſt deare vnto him.

m Such is the pride of the wicked maſters, that in al their wicked commandements they thinke to be obeyed.

n Lamenting, as hee that felt the wrath of God vpon his houſe, Chap. 12. 10.

‡ Ebr. becauſe it was put in Abſalomes mouth. ‖ Or, take it to heart. ‖ Or, but.

‖ Or, one after another.

o That onely Amnon is dead.

p For Maachah his mother was the daughter of this Talmai, Chap. 3. 3. ‖ Or, ceaſed.

a That the king ſauoured him.

‖ Or, wiſe.

b In token of mourning: for they vſed anoynting to ſeeme chearefull.

‡ Ebr. put words in her mouth.

‡ Ebr. ſaue.

‡ Ebr. a widow woman.

c Vnder this parable ſhe deſcribeth the death of Amnon by Abſalom.

d Becauſe hee hath ſlaine his brother, he ought to be ſlaine according to the law, Gen. 9. 6. Exod. 21. 12.

e As touching the breach of the law, which puniſheth blood, let me beare the blame.

‖ Or, innocent.

f Sweare that they ſhall not reuenge the blood which are many in number.

12 Then the woman sayd, I pray thee, let thine handmaid speake a word to my lord the King. And he sayd, Say on.

13 Then the woman sayde, ¶Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? or why doeth the king, as one which is faultie, speake this thing, that he will not bring againe his banished?

14 For we must needes die, and we are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot bee gathered vp againe: neither doeth God ‖spare any person, yet doeth hee appoint meanes, not to cast out from him, him that is expelled.

15 Nowe therefore that I am come to speake of this thing vnto my lord the king, the cause is, that the people haue made mee afrayde: therefore thine handmayde sayde, Now will I speake vnto the king: it may be that the king will performe the request of his handmayd.

16 For the king will heare, to deliuer his handmayd out of the hand of the man that would destroy mee, and also my sonne from the inheritance of God.

17 Therefore thine handmaid sayd, The word of my lorde the king shall nowe bee ‡comfortable: for my lord the king is euen as an [k] Angel of God in hearing of good and bad: therefore the Lord thy God bee with thee.

18 Then the king answered, and sayd vnto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall aske thee. And the woman sayd, Let my lord the king now speake.

19 And the king sayd, Is not [l] the hand of Joab with thee in all this? Then the woman answered, and said, As thy soule liueth, my lord the king, I will not turne to the right hand nor to the left, from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for euen thy seruaunt Joab bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid.

20 For to the intent that I should [m] change the fourme of speech, thy seruant Joab hath done this thing: but ‖my lord is wise according to the wisedome of an Angel of God, to vnderstand all things that are in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king said vnto Joab, Behold now, I haue [n] done this thing: go then, and bring the yong man Absalom againe.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himselfe, and ‡thanked the king: Then Joab sayd, This day thy seruant knoweth, that I haue found grace in thy sight, my lord the king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his seruant.

23 ¶ And Joab arose, and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king sayde, Let him [o] turne to his owne house, and not see my face. So Absalom turned to his owne house, and saw not the kings face.

25 Nowe in all Israel there was none to be so much praysed for beautie as Absalom: from the sole of the foote euen to the top of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for at euery yeeres end he polled it: because it was too heauie for him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the haire of his head at two hundred [p] shekels by the kings weight.

27 And Absalom had three sonnes, & one daughter named Tamar, which was a faire woman to looke vpon.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt the space of two yeeres in Jerusalem, and saw not the kings face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab to send him to the king, but he would not come to him: and when he sent againe, he would not come.

30 Therefore he sayd vnto his seruants, Behold, Joab hath a ‖ field by my place, and hath barley thereon: goe, and set it on fire: and Absaloms seruants set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom, vnto his house, and sayd vnto him, ¶Wherefore haue thy seruants burnt my field with fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent for thee, saying, Come thou hither, and I will send thee to the king for to say, ¶Wherefore am I come from Geshur? It had bene better for mee to haue bene there still: now therefore let me see the kings face: and [r] if there be any trespasse in me, let him kill me.

33 Then Joab came to the king, and tolde him: and he called for Absalom, who came to the king, and bowed himselfe to the ground on his face before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

CHAP. XV.

2 The practises of Absalom to aspire to the kingdome. 14 David and his flee. 31 Davids prayer. 34 Hushai is sent to Absalom to dissemble his counsell.

AFter this, Absalom ‡prepared him charets and horses, and fifty men to [a] runne before him.

2 And Absalom rose vp early, and stood hard by the entring in of the gate: and euery man that had any ‖matter, and came to the king for iudgement, him did Absalom call vnto him, and sayd, Of what citie art thou? And he answered, Thy seruant is of one of the [b] tribes of Israel.

3 Then Absalom said vnto him, See, thy matters be good and righteous, but there is no man deputed of the king to heare thee.

4 Absalom sayd moreouer, [c] Oh that I were made iudge in the lande, that euery man which hath any matter or controuersie, might come to mee, that I might doe him iustice.

5 And when any man came neere to him, and did him obeysance, hee put foorth his hand, and tooke him, and kissed him.

6 And on this maner did Absalom to all Israel, that came to the king for iudgement: so Absalom [d] stale the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And after [e] fortie yeeres, Absalom sayd vnto the king, I pray thee, let me goe to Hebron, and render my vow which I haue vowed vnto the Lord.

8 For thy seruant vowed a vow when I remained at Geshur, in Aram, saying, If the Lord shall bring me againe in deede to

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g Why doest thou giue contrary sentence in thy sonne Absalom?

‖Or, accept.

h God hath prouided wayes (as sanctuaries) to saue them oft times, whom man iudgeth worthy death.

i For I thought they would kil this mine heire.

‡Ebr. rest.

k Is of great wisedome to discerne right from wrong.

l Hast thou not done this by the counsel of Ioab?

m By speaking rather in a parable then plainly.

‖Or, none can hide ought from the king.

n I haue granted thy request.

‡Ebr. blessed.

Couering thereby his affection, and shewing some part of iustice to please the people

p Which weighed sixe pound foure ounces, after halfe an ounce the shekel.

‖Or, possession.

q The wicked are impatient in their affections and spare no vnlawful meanes to compasse them.

r If I haue offended by reuenging my sisters dishonour: thus the wicked iustifie themselues in their euill.

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‡Ebr. made him.

a Which were as a guard to set forth his estate.

‖Or, controuersie.

b That is, noting of what citie or place he was.

c Thus by slander, flatterie and faire promises, the wicked seeke preferment.

d By intising them from his father to himself.

e Counting from the time that the Israelites had asked a king of Samuel.

f By offering a peace offering, which was lawfull to doe in any place.

to Ierusalem, I will f serue the Lord.

9 And the King sayd vnto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ Then Absalom sent spies throwout all the tribes of Israel, saying, Assoone as yee heare the sound of the trumpet, yee shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 ¶ And with Absalom went two hundreth men out of Ierusalem, that were g called: & they went in their simplicitie, knowing nothing.

12 Also Absalom sent for Ahitophel the Gilonite Dauids counseller, from his citie Giloh, while he offered sacrifices: and the treason was great: for the people increased still with Absalom.

13 Then came a messenger to Dauid, saying, the hearts of the men of Israel are turned after Absalom.

14 Then Dauid said vnto all his seruants that were with him at Ierusalem, Vp, and let vs flee: for we shall not escape from h Absalom: make speede to depart, lest hee come suddenly and take vs, and bring euill vpon vs, and smite the citie with the edge of the sword.

15 And the Kings seruants sayde vnto him, Beholde, thy seruants are ready to doe according to all that my lord the King shall i appoint.

16 So the King departed and all his houshold ‡ after him, and the king left tenne concubines to keepe the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and taried in a ‖place farre off.

18 And all his seruants went about him, and all the k Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, euen sixe hundreth men which were come after him from Gath, went before the king.

19 Then said the king to l Ittai, the Gittite, Wherefore commest thou also with vs? Returne and abide with the king, for thou art a stranger: depart thou therefore to thy place.

20 Thou camest yesterday, and should I cause thee to wander to day and go with vs? I will goe whither I can: therefore returne thou, and cary againe thy ‖ brethren: mercie and ‖ trueth be with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the King, and sayd, As the Lord liueth, and as my lord the king liueth, in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, euen there surely will thy seruant be.

22 Then Dauid said to Ittai, Come, and goe forward. And Ittai the Gittite went, and all his men, and all the children that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voyce, and ○ all the people went forwarde, but the king passed ouer the brooke Kidron: and all the people went ouer toward the way of the wildernesse.

24 ¶ And loe, Zadok also was there, and all the Leuites with him, p bearing the Arke of the Couenant of God, and they set downe the Arke of God, and Abiathar went ○ vp vntill the people were all come out of the citie.

25 Then said the king vnto Zadok, Cary the Arke of God againe into the citie: if I shall finde fauour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me againe, and shew me both it, and the ‖ Tabernacle thereof.

26 But if he thus say, I haue no delight in thee, beholde, r here am I, let him doe to me as seemeth good in his eyes.

27 The king said againe vnto Zadok the Priest, Art not thou a ‖ Seer? returne into the citie in peace, and your two sonnes with you: to wit, Ahimaaz thy sonne, and Ionathan the sonne of Abiathar.

28 Behold, I will tarie in the fordes of the wildernesse vntill there come some word from you to be told me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar caried the Arke of God againe to Ierusalem, and they caried there.

30 And Dauid went vp the mount of Olives, and wept as he went vp, and had his head ‖ couered, and went barefooted: and all the people that was with him, had euery man his head couered, and as they went vp, they wept.

31 Then one tolde Dauid, saying, Ahithophel is one of them that haue conspired with Absalom: And Dauid said, O Lord, I pray thee, turne the ‖ counsell of Ahitophel into foolishnesse.

32 ¶ Then Dauid came to the top of the mount where he worshipped God, and beholde, Hushai the Archite came against him with his coat torne, and hauing earth vpon his head.

33 Vnto whom Dauid said, If thou goe with me, thou shalt be a burthen vnto me.

34 But if thou returne to the citie, and say vnto Absalom, I will bee thy ‖ seruant, O king, (as I haue bene in times past thy fathers seruant, so will I now be thy seruant) then thou mayest bring me the counsel of Ahitophel to nought.

35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the Priestes? therefore whatsoeuer thou shalt heare out of the kings house, thou shalt shew to Zadok and Abiathar the Priests.

36 Behold, there are with them their two sonnes: Ahimaaz Zadoks sonne, and Ionathan Abiathars sonne: by them also shall yee send me euery thing that ye can heare.

37 So Hushai Dauids friend went into the citie: and Absalom came into Ierusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The infidelity of Ziba.* 5 *Shimei curseth Dauid.* 19 *Hushai commeth to Absalom.* 21 *The counsell of Ahithophel for the concubines.*

WHen Dauid was a little past the ‖ top of the hill, behold, Ziba the seruant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and vpon them two hundreth cakes of bread, and an hundreth bunches of raisins, and an hundreth of ‖ dried figs, and a bottell of wine.

2 And the king said vnto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba sayde, They be ‖ asses for the kings houshold to ride on, and bread and dried figges for the young men to eate, and wine that the faint may drinke in the wildernesse.

3 And

g Which was the charge of the Cohathites, Num. 4.4.

h Whose heart he saw that Satan had so possessed, that hee would leaue no mischiefe vnattempted.

i Ebr. chuse.

k Ebr. at his foote.

l Or. hous.

m To wit, from Ierusalem.

n These were as the kings gard, or as some write, his counsellers.

o Who as some write, was the kings sonne of Gath.

p Meaning, them of his family.

q God requite thee thy friendship and fidelity.

r To wit, the sixe hundreth men.

s To stand by the Arke.

t Or, his Tabernacle.

u The faithfull in all their afflictions shew themselues obedient to Gods will.

x Sam. 9.9.

y Or went and increased.

z With ashes and dust in the signe of sorow.

a The counsel of the crafty worldlings doeth more harme then the open force of the enemie.

b Though Hushai dissembled here at the kings request, yet may we not vse this example to excuse our dissimulation.

c Which was the hil of Oliues, Chap. 15.30.

d Or, figge cakes.

e Commonly there are no viler traitours then they which vnder pretence of friendship accuse others.

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3 And the King sayd, But where is thy masters sonne? Then Ziba answered the king, Beholde, hee remaineth in Ierusalem: for he sayd, This day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdome of my father.

4 Then sayd the king to Ziba, Beholde, thine are all that pertained vnto Mephibosheth. And Ziba sayd, ‡ I beseech thee, let me find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

‡Ebr. I worship.

5 ¶ And when king Dauid came to c Bahurim, beholde, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, named Shimei the sonne of Gera: and he came out and cursed.

c Which was a citie in the tribe of Beniamin.

6 And he cast stones at Dauid, and at all the seruants of king Dauid: and all the people, and all the men of warre were on his d right hand, and on his left.

d That is, round about him.

7 And thus sayd Shimei when hee cursed, Come forth, come forth thou ‡ murtherer and e wicked man.

‡Ebr. man of blood.

‡Ebr man of Belial.

8 The Lord hath brought vpon thee all the e blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned: and the Lord hath deliuered thy kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy sonne: and behold, thou art taken in thy wickednesse, because thou art a murtherer.

e Reproching him as though by his meanes Ish-bosheth and Abner were slaine.

1. Sam. 24. 15. and chap. 3. 8.

9 Then sayd Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah vnto the king, Why doeth this * dead dogge curse my lord the king? let me goe, I pray thee, and take away his head.

10 ¶ But the king said, What haue I to doe with you, ye sonnes of Zeruiah? for hee curseth, euen because the Lord hath f bidden him curse Dauid: Who dare then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

f Dauid felt that this was ‡ iudgement of God for his sinnes, and therefore humbleth himselfe, to his rod.

11 And Dauid sayd to Abishai, and to all his seruants, Behold, my sonne, which came out of mine owne bowels, seeketh my life: then how much more now may this sonne of Iemini? Suffer him to curse: for the Lord hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord will looke on ‖ mine affliction, and g doe me good for his cursing this day.

‖Or, my teares.

g Meaning, that the Lord will send comfort to his when they are oppressed.

13 And as Dauid and his men went by the way, Shimei went by the side of the mountaine ouer against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones against him, and cast dust.

14 Then came the king and all the people that were with him, weary, and refreshed themselues h there.

h To wit, at Bahurim.

15 ¶ And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel came to Ierusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And when Hushai the Archite Dauids friend was come vp vnto Absalom, Hushai said vnto Absalom, ‡ God saue the king, God saue the king.

‡Ebr. let the king liue.

17 Then Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindnesse to thy i friend? Why wentest thou not with thy friend?

i Meaning, Dauid.

18 Hushai then answered vnto Absalom, Nay, but whome the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel chuse, his will I be, and with him will I dwell.

19 And ‡ moreouer vnto whome shall I doe seruice? not to his sonne? As I serued before thy father, so will I before thee.

‡Ebr. the second time.

20 ¶ Then sake Absalom to Ahithophel, Giue counsel what we shall not.

21 And Ahithophel k said vnto Absalom, Goe in to thy fathers concubines, which hee hath left to keepe the house: and when all Israel shall heare that thou art abhorred of thy father, the hands of al that are with thee, shalbe strong.

k Suspecting the change of the kingdom, and to his owne ouerthrow, he giueth such counsell, as might most hinder his fathers reconciliation: and also declare to the people that Absalom was in highest authoritie.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent vpon the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his fathers concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel which hee counselled in those dayes, was like as one had asked l counsel at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with Dauid and with Absalom.

l It was so esteemed for the successe thereof.

CHAP. XVII.

7 Ahithophels counsel is ouerthrowen by Hushai. 14 The Lord had so ordeined. 19 The Priests sonnes are hid in the well. 22 Dauid goeth ouer Iorden. 23 Ahithophel hangeth himselfe. 27 They bring vitailes to Dauid.

MOreouer Ahithophel sayd to Absalom, Let me chuse out now twelue thousand men, and I will vp and follow after Dauid this night,

2 And I will come vpon him: for he is weary, and weake handed: so I will feare him, and all the people that are with him, shall flee, and I will smite the king onely,

3 And I will bring againe all the people vnto thee, and when all shall returne, (the man whom thou seekest, being slaine) all the people shalbe in peace.

4 And the saying ‡ pleased Absalom wel, and all the Elders of Israel.

‡Ebr. was right in the eyes of Absalom.

5 Then sayd Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let vs heare likewise ‡ what he sayth.

‡Ebr. what is in his mouth.

6 So when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spake vnto him, saying, Ahithophel hath ‖ spoken thus: shall we do after his saying, or no? tell thou.

‖Or, giuen such counsell.

7 Hushai then answered vnto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath giuen, is not m good at this time.

c Hushai sheweth himself faithfull to Dauid, in that he reproueth this wicked counsel and purpose.

8 For, sayd Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be strong men, and are chafed in minde, as a beare robbed of her whelpes in the field: also thy father is a valiant warriour, and wil not ‖ lodge with the people.

‖Or, tary all night.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some caue, or in some place: and though some of them bee ouerthrowen at the first, yet the people shall heare, and say, The people that follow Absalom, ‡ be ouerthrowen.

‡Ebr. haue a breach or rout.

10 Then he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lyon, shall ‡ shrinke and faint: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is valiant, and they which bee with him stout men.

‡Ebr. melt.

11 Therefore my counsell is, that all Israel be gathered vnto thee, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, as the sand of the Sea in number, and that thou go to battel, in thine owne person.

12 So shall wee come vpon him in some place, where wee shall finde him, and ‖ wee will vpon him, as the dewe falleth on the ground:

‖Or, we will come against him.

ground: and of all the men that are with him, we will not leaue him one.

13 Moreouer, if he be gotten into a citie, then shall all the men of Israel bring ropes to that citie, and we will draw it into the riuer, vntill there be not one small stone found there.

14 ¶ Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsell of Hushai the Archite is better then the counsell of Ahithophel: for the Lorde had [l] determined to destroy the [a] good counsell of Ahithophel, that the Lord might [b] bring euill vpon Absalom.

15 Then said Hushai vnto Zadok and to Abiathar the Priests, Ot this and that maner did Ahithophel and the Elders of Israel counsel Absalom: and thus and thus haue I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and shew Dauid, saying, Tarie not this night in the fields of the wildernesse, but rather get thee [f] ouer, least the king be deuoured, and all the people that are with him.

17 ¶ Nowe Jonathan and Ahimaaz abode by [g] En-rogel: (for they might not be seene to come into the citie) and a maide went, and told them, and they went and shewed king Dauid.

18 Neuertheless a yong man saw them, and told it to Absalom: therefore they both departed quickly, and came to a mans house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, into the which they went downe.

19 And [h] the wife tooke and spread a couering ouer the welles mouth, and spread ground corne therron, that the thing should not be knowen.

20 And when Absaloms seruants came to the wife into the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman answered them, They bee gone ouer the [i] brooke of water. And when they had sought them, and could not finde them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And assoone as they were departed, the other came out of the well, and went and told king Dauid, and said vnto him, Up, and get you quickely ouer the water: for thus hath Ahithophel giuen against you.

22 Then Dauid arose, and all the people that were with him, and they went ouer Jordan, vntill the morning of the day, so that there lacked not one of them, that was not come ouer Jordan.

23 ¶ Now when Ahithophel saw not his counsell was not followed, hee sadled his asse, and arose, & hee went home vnto his citie, and put his household in order, and [k] hanged himselfe, and died, and was buried in his fathers graue.

24 ¶ Then Dauid came to Mahanaim And Absalom passed ouer Jordan, he, and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom made Amasa captaine of the hoste in the stead of Joab: which Amasa was a mans sonne named Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of [m] Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joabs mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And when Dauid was come to Mahanaim, Shobi the sonne of Nahash out of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the sonne of Ammiel out of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite out of Rogel

28 Brought beds and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheate, and barley, and flowre, and parched corne, and beanes, and lentiles, and parched corne,

29 And they brought honie, and butter, and sheepe, and cheese of kine for Dauid and for the people that were with him, to eate: for they said, The people is hungrie, and wearie, and thirstie in the wildernesse.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Dauid diuideth his armie into three parts. 9 Absalom is hanged, slaine, and cast into a pit. 33 Dauid lamenteth the death of Absalom.

THen Dauid [a] numbred the people that were with him, and set ouer them captaines of thousands, and captaines of hundreths.

2 And Dauid sent foorth the third part of the people vnder the hand of Joab, and the third part vnder the hand of Abishai Joabs brother the sonne of Zeruiah: and the other third part vnder the hand of Ittai the Gittite: and the king said vnto the people, I will goe with you my selfe also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not goe foorth: for if we flee away, they will not regard vs, neither will they passe for vs, though halfe of vs were slaine: but thou [b] art now worth ten thousand of vs: therefore now it is better that thou succour vs out of the citie.

4 Then the king said vnto them, What seemeth you best, that will I doe. So the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreths, and by thousands.

5 And the king commaunded Joab and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, Entreate the yong man Absalom gently for my sake: and all the people heard when the king gaue all the captaines charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field to meete Israel, and the battell was in the [c] wood of Ephraim:

7 Where the people of Israel were slaine before the seruants of Dauid: so there was a great slaughter that day, euen of twentie thousand.

8 ¶ For the battell was scattered ouer all the countrey: and the wood deuoured much more people that day, then did the sword.

9 ¶ Now Absalom met the seruants of Dauid, and Absalom rode vpon a mule, and the mule came vnder a great thicke oke, and his head caught hold of the oke, and he was taken vp [l] betweene the heauen and the earth: and the mule that was vnder him, went away.

10 And one that saw it, tolde Joab, saying, Behold, I sawe Absalom hanged in an oke.

11 Then Joab sayd vnto the man that tolde

[l] Or, commaunded.
[d] That counsell which seemed good at the first to Absalom, verse 4.
[e] For by the counsell of Hushai he went to the battel where he was destroyed
[f] That is, ouer Iorden.
[g] Or, the well of Rogel.
[h] Meaning, the message from their fathers.
[i] Thus God sendeth succour to his in their greatest dangers.
[j] The Chalde text readeth, Now they haue passed the Iorden,
[k] To wit, to pursue thee with all haste.
[l] They trauelled all night and by morning had all their companie passed ouer.
[m] Gods iust vengeance euen in this life is powred on them which are enemies, traitours, or persecuters of his Church.
[n] Who was also called Ithai David father.

[a] God sheweth himselfe most liberall to his when they seeme to be vtterly destitute.

23 Amil 1 Lesson Mom.

[a] For certaine of the Reubenites, Gadites, and of the halfe tribe, could not beare the insolencie of the sonne against the father, and therefore ioyned with Dauid.

[b] Signifying, that a good gouernour ought to be so deare vnto his people, that they will rather lose their liues, then that ought should come vnto him.

[c] So called, because the Ephraimites, (as some say) fled their cattell beyond Iorden in this wood

[l] This is a terrible example of Gods vengeance against them that are rebels or disobedient to their parents.

tolde him. And hast thou indeed seene? why then diddest thou not there smite him to the ground, and I would haue giuen thee ten *shekels of siluer, and a girdle?

*Gene.23.15.

12 Then the man sayde vnto Ioab, Though I should ‡receiue a thousand shekels of siluer in mine hand, yet would I not lay mine hand vpon the kings sonne: for in our hearing the king charged thee, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, Beware lest any touch the yong man Absalom.

‡Ebr. weigh vpon mine hand.

13 If I had done it, it had bene ‡ the danger of my life: for nothing can bee hid from the King: yea, thou thy selfe wouldest haue beene against me.

‡Ebr. a lie against my soule.

14 Then said Ioab, I will not thus tarie with thee. And hee tooke three darts in his hand, and thrust them ‡ through Absalom, while hee was yet aliue in the midst of the oke.

‡Ebr. int he heart of Absolom.

15 And ten seruants that bare Ioabs armour, compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 Then Ioab ᵈ blewe the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Ioab held backe the people.

d For he had pitie of the people which was seduced by Absaloms flatterie.

17 And they tooke Absalom, and cast him into a great ᵉ pit in the wood, and layed a mightie great heape of stones vpon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

e Thus God turned his vaine glory to shame.

18 Now Absalom in his life time had taken and reared him vp a pillar, which is in the *kings dale: for he said, I haue no ᶠ sonne to keepe my name in remembrance. And hee called the pillar for his owne name, and it is called vnto this day, Absaloms place.

*Gene.14.17.

f It seemeth that God had punished him in taking away his children, Chap. 14.27.

19 ¶ Then said Ahimaaz the sonne of Zadok, I pray thee, let me runne, and beare the king tidings, that the Lord hath ‡ deliuered him out of the hand of his enemies.

‡Ebr. iudged.

20 And Ioab sayde vnto him, Thou ᵍ shalt not be the messenger to day, but thou shalt beare tidings another time, but to day thou shalt beare none: for the kings sonne is dead.

g For Ioab bare a good affection to Ahimaaz, and doubted how Dauid would take the report of Absaloms death.

21 Then said Ioab to Cushi, Goe, tell the king what thou hast seene. And Cushi bowed himselfe vnto Ioab, and ranne.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the sonne of Zadok againe to Ioab, What I pray thee, if I also runne after Cushi? And Ioab said, Wherefore now wilt thou runne, my sonne, seeing thou hast no tidings to bring?

23 Yet what if I runne? Then hee said vnto him, Run. So Ahimaaz ranne by the way of the plaine, and ouerwent Cushi.

24 Now Dauid sate betweene the two ʰ gates. And the watchman went to the top of the gate vpon the wall, and lift vp his eyes, and saw, and behold, a man came running alone.

h He sate in the gate of the citie of Mahanaim.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, ‡ he bringeth tidings. And hee came apace, and drew neere.

‡Ebr. tidings are in his mouth.

26 And the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called vnto the porter, and said, Behold, another man runneth alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, ‡ Mee thinketh the running of the formost is like the running of Ahimaaz the sonne of Zadok. Then the king said, He is a ⁱ good man, and commeth with good tidings.

‡Ebr. I see the running.

i He had experience of his fidelitie, Chap. 17.21.

28 And Ahimaaz called and said vnto the king, Peace bee with thee: and hee fell downe to the earth vpon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, who hath ‖ shut vp the men that lift vp their hands against my lord the king.

‖Or, deliuered vp

29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Ioab sent the kings ᵏ seruant, and me thy seruaunt, I sawe a great tumult, but I knew not what.

k To wit, Cushi who was an Ethiopian.

30 And the king said vnto him, Turne aside, and stand here: so he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And behold, Cushi came, and Cushi said, ‡ Tidings my lord the king: for the Lord hath deliuered thee this day out of the hand of all that rose against thee.

‡Ebr tidings is brought.

32 Then the king said vnto Cushi, Is the yong man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that yong man is.

33 And the king was ˡ mooued, and went vp to the chamber ouer the gate, and wept: and as hee went, thus hee said, O my sonne Absalom, my sonne, my sonne Absalom: would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my sonne, my sonne.

l Because hee considered both the iudgement of God against his sinne, and could not otherwise hide his fatherly affection toward his sonne.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Ioab encourageth the king.* 8 *Dauid is restored.* 23 *Shimei is pardoned.* 24 *Mephibosheth meeteth the king.* 39 *Barzillai departeth.* 41 *Israel striueth with Iudah.*

AND it was told Ioab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 Therefore the ‡ victorie of that day was turned into mourning to all the people: for the people heard say that day, The king sorroweth for his sonne.

‡Ebr. saluation or deliuerance.

3 And the people went that day into the citie ‖ secretly, as people confounded bee themselues when they flee in battell.

‖Or, by stealth.

4 So the king ᵐ hid his face, and the king cried with a ‡ loude voice, O my sonne Absalom, Absalom my sonne, my sonne.

m As they doe that mourne.

‡Ebr. with a voice.

5 ¶ Then Ioab came into the house to the king, and said, Then hast shamed this day the faces of all thy seruants, which this day haue saued thy life, and the liues of thy sonnes and of thy daughters, and the liues of thy wiues, and the liues of thy concubines,

n At Mahanaim.

6 In that thou louest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends: for thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither thy ‡ princes nor seruants: therefore this day I perceiue that if Absalom had liued, and we all had died this day, that then it would haue ᵒ pleased thee well.

‡Or, captaines.

o Ebr. beene right in thine eyes.

7 Now therefore vp, come out, and speake ᵖ comfortably vnto thy seruants: for I sweare by the Lord, Except thou come out, there will not tarie one man with thee this

p Ebr. to the heart of thy seruants.

this night: and that will be worse vnto thee, then all the euill that fell on thee from thy youth hitherto.

8 Then the King arose, and sate in the c gate: and they told vnto all the people saying, Behold, the King doeth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the King: for Israel had fled euery man to his tent.

9 ¶ Then all the people were at d strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The King saued vs out of the hand of our enemies, and he deliuered vs out of the hand of the Philistims, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom, whom wee anointed ouer vs, is dead in battell: therefore why are ye so slow to bring the King againe?

11 But King Dauid sent to Zadok, and to Abiathar the e Priests, saying, Speake vnto the Elders of Iudah, and say, Why are yee behinde to bring the King againe to his house? (for the saying of all Israel is come vnto the King, euen to his house)

12 Ye are my brethren: my bones and my flesh are yee: wherefore then are yee the last that bring the King againe?

13 Also say ye to Amasa, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God doe so to me & more also, if thou be not captaine of the host to me for euer in the f roome of Ioab.

14 So hee bowed the heartes of all the men of Iudah, as of one man: therefore they sent to the King, saying, Returne thou with all thy seruants.

15 ¶ So the King returned, and came to Iorden. And Iudah came to Gilgal, for to goe to meete the King, and to conduct him ouer Iorden.

16 ¶ And g Shimei the sonne of Gera the sonne of Iemini, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came downe with the men of Iudah to meete King Dauid,

17 And a thousand men of Beniamin with him, and h Ziba the seruant of the house of Saul, and his fifteene sonnes and twentie seruants with him: and they went ouer Iorden before the King.

18 And there went ouer a boate to carie ouer the Kings houshold, and to doe him pleasure. Then Shimei the sonne of Gera fell before the King, when he was come ouer Iorden,

19 And said vnto the King, Let not my lord impute * wicked nesse vnto mee, nor remember the thing that thy seruant did * wickedly when my lord the King departed out of Ierusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy seruant doeth know, that I haue done amisse: therefore behold, I am the first this day of all the house of i Ioseph, that am come to go downe to meete my lord the King.

21 But Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah answered, and said, Shall not Shimei die for this, because hee cursed the Lords anointed?

22 And Dauid said, What haue I to doe with you, ye sonnes of Zeruiah, that this day yee should bee aduersaries vnto mee? Shall there any man die this day in Israel? for doe not I know, that I am this day King ouer Israel?

23 Therefore the King said vnto Shimei, Thou shalt not k die: and the King sware vnto him.

24 ¶ And Mephibosheth the sonne of Saul came downe to meete the King, and had neither washed his feete, nor dressed his beard, nor washed is clothes from the time the King departed, vntill hee returned in peace.

25 And when l hee was come to Ierusalem, and met the King, the King said vnto him, Wherefore wentest thou not with mee, Mephibosheth?

26 And hee answered, My lord the king, my seruant deceiued me: for thy seruant said, I would haue mine asse saddled to ride thereon, for to goe with the King, because thy seruant is lame.

27 And he hath * accused thy seruant vnto my lord the King: but my lord the King is as an m Angel of God: doe therefore thy pleasure.

28 For all my fathers house were * but dead men before my lord the King, yet didst thou set thy seruant among them that did eate at thine owne table: what right therefore haue I yet to crie any more vnto the King?

29 And the King sayde vnto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I haue sayde, Thou, and Ziba diuide the o lands.

30 And Mephibosheth sayde vnto the King, Yea, let him take all, seeing my lord the King is come home in peace.

31 ¶ Then Barzillai the Gileadite came downe from Rogelim, and went ouer Iorden with the King, to conduct him ouer Iorden.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, euen fourescore yeere olde, and he had prouided the King of sustenance, while hee lay at Mahanaim: for he was a man of very great substance.

33 And the King said vnto Barzillai, Come ouer with mee, and I will feede thee with me in Ierusalem.

34 And Barzillai said vnto the King, ‡How long haue I to liue, that I should goe vp with the King to Ierusalem?

35 I am this day fourescore yeere old: and can I discerne betweene good or euill? Hath thy seruant any taste in that I eat, or in that I drinke? Can I heare any more the voyce of singing men and women? wherefore then should thy seruant bee any more a p burden vnto my lord the King?

36 Thy seruant will goe a little way ouer Iorden with the King, and why will the King recompence it with such a reward?

37 I pray thee, let thy seruant turne back againe, that I may die in mine owne citie, and bee buried in the graue of my father and of my mother: but behold thy seruaunt q Chimham, let him goe with my lord the King, and doe to him what shall please thee.

38 And the King answered, Chimham shall goe with me, and I will doe to him that thou shalt be content with: and whatsoeuer

c Where the most resort of the people haunted.

d Euery one blamed another, and stroue who should first bring him home.

e That they should reproue the negligence of the Elders, seeing the people were so forward.

f By this policie Dauid thought that by winning of the captaine, he should haue the hearts of all the people.

g Who had before reuiled him, Chap. 16, 13.

Chap. 16, 2.

Chap. 16, 15.

h For in his aduersitie he was the most cruell enemie, and now in his prosperitie seeketh by flatterie to creepe into fauour.

i By Ioseph he meaneth Ephraim, Manasseh, and Beniamin (whereof he was) because these three were vnder one standerd, Numb. 2, 18.

k By my hands or during my life, as read, 1. King. 2, 8, 9.

l When Mephibosheth being at Ierusalem had met the King.

Chap. 16, 3.

m Able for his wisedome to iudge in all matters.

n Worthy to die for Sauls cruelties towards thee.

o Dauid did euill in taking his lands from him before he knew the cause, but much worse, that knowing the trueth he did not restore them.

‡ Ebr. how many dayes are the yeares of my life?

p He thought it not meete to receiue benefits of him, to whom he was not able to doe seruice againe.

q My sonne.

thou shalt ‖ require of me, that I will doe for thee.

39 So all the people went ouer Iorden: and the King passed ouer: and the King kissed Barzillai, and ‖ blessed him, and hee returned vnto his owne place.

40 ¶ Then the King went to [r] Gilgal, and Chimham went with him, and all the people of Iudah conducted the King, and also halfe the people of [f] Israel.

41 And beholde, all the men of Israel came to the King, and said vnto the King, Why haue our brethren the men of Iudah stollen thee away, and haue brought the King and his houshold, and all Dauids men with him ouer [r] Iorden?

42 And all the men of Iudah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is neere of kinne to vs: and wherefore now be ye angrie for this matter? haue wee eaten of the Kings cost, or haue we taken any bribes?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Iudah, and said, We haue ten parts in the King, and haue also more right to Dauid then yee, Why then did yee despise vs, ‖ that our aduise should not be first had in retoring our King? And the words of the men of Iudah were fiercer then the words of the men of Israel.

‖ Or, haue not wee first spoken to bring home the king? vers. 11.

CHAP. XX.

1 Sheba raiseth Israel against Dauid. 10 Ioab killeth Amasa treacherously. 22 The head of Sheba is deliuered to Ioab. 23 Dauids chiefe officers.

THen there was come [a] thither a wicked man, (named Sheba the son of Bichri, a man of Iemini) and he blew the trumpet, and said, We haue no part in [b] Dauid, neither haue wee inheritance in the sonne [c] of Ishai: euery man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So euery man of Israel went from Dauid, and followed Sheba the sonne of Bichri: but the men of Iudah claue fast vnto their King, from [d] Iorden euen to Ierusalem.

3 ¶ When Dauid then came to his house to Ierusalem, the king tooke the ten women his * concubines, that he had left behind him to keepe the house, and put them in warde, and fed them, but lay no more with them: but they were enclosed vnto the day of their death, liuing in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the King to [e] Amasa, Assemble mee the men of Iudah within three dayes, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble Iudah, but he tarried longer then the time which he had appointed him.

6 Then Dauid said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the sonne of Bichri doe vs more harme then did Absalom: take thou therefore thy [f] lords seruants, and follow after him, least hee get him walled cities, and escape vs.

7 And there went out after him Ioabs men, and the * Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mightie men: and they departed out of Ierusalem, to follow after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone, which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them, and Ioabs [g] garment, that he had put on, was girded vnto him, and vpon it was a sword girded, which hanged on his loynes in the sheath, and as hee went, it vsed to fall out.

9 And Ioab said to Amasa, Art thou in [‡] health my brother? And Ioab tooke Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kisse him.

10 But Amasa tooke no heed to the sword that was in Ioabs hand: for therewith hee smote him in the fifth ribbe, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and [‡] smote him not the second time: so he died. Then Ioab and Abishai his brother followed after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

11 And one of Ioabs men [h] stood by him, and said, He that fauoureth Ioab, ‡ hee that is of Dauids part, let him goe after Ioab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the mids of the way: and when the man sawe that all the people stood still, he remoued Amasa out of the way into the field, and cast a cloth vpon him, because he saw that euery one that came by, stood still.

13 ¶ When hee was remoued out of the way, euery man went after Ioab, to follow after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

14 And hee went thorow all the tribes of Israel vnto Abel, and [i] Bethmaachah and all places of Berim: and they gathered together, and went also after him.

15 So they came, and besieged him in Abel, neere to Bethmaachah: and they cast vp a mount against the citie, and the people that was with Ioab, [k] destroyed and cast downe the wall.

16 Then cried a wise woman out of the citie, Heare, heare, I pray you, say vnto Ioab, Come thou hither, that I may speake with thee.

17 And when he came neere vnto her, the woman said, Art thou Ioab? And hee answered, Yea. And she said to him, Heare the words of thine handmaide. And he answered, I doe heare.

18 Then she spake thus, [l] They spake in the olde time, saying, They should aske of Abel. And so they haue continued.

19 I am [m] one of them, that are peaceable and faithfull in Israel: and thou goest about to destroy a citie, and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou deuoure the inheritance of the Lord?

20 And Ioab answered, and said, God forbid, God forbid it mee, that I should deuoure or destroy it.

21 The [n] matter is not so, but a man of mount Ephraim (Sheba the sonne of Bichri by name) hath lift vp his hand against the King, euen against Dauid: deliuer vs him onely, and I will depart from the citie. And the woman said vnto Ioab, Beholde, his head shall bee throwen to thee ouer the wall.

22 Then the woman went vnto all the people with her wisedome, and they cut off the head of Sheba the sonne of Bichri, and cast it to Ioab: then hee blewe the trumpet, and ‡ they retired from the citie, euery

[r] Or, bade him farewell.
[r] Where the tribe of Iudah taried to receiue him.
[f] Which had taken part with the King.
[r] Toward Ierusalem.
[a] Where the ten tribes contended against Iudah.
[b] As they of Iudah say.
[c] He thought by speaking contemptuously of the King, to stir the people rather to sedition, or else by causing Israel to depart, thought that they of Iudah would haue lesse esteemed him.
[d] From Gilgal, which was neere Iorden. *Chap. 16. 22.*
[e] Who was his chiefe captaine in Ioabs roome, Chap. 19. 13.
[f] Either them which had beene vnder Ioab, or Dauids men, *Chap. 8. 18.*
[g] Which was his coat that he vsed to weare in the warres.
‡ *Ebr. peace.*
‡ *Ebr. doubled not his stroke.*
[h] He stood by Amasa at Ioabs appointment.
[i] Vnto the citie Abel, which was neere to Bethmaachah.
[k] That is, he went about to ouerthrow it.
[l] She sheweth that the old custome was not to destroy a citie, before peace was offered, Deut. 20. 10, 11.
[m] She speaketh in the name of the citie.
[n] Hearing his fault told him, he gaue place to reason, and required only him that was author of the treason.
‡ *Ebr they were scattered.*

every man to his tent: and Ioab returned to Ierusalem vnto the King.

23 ¶ Then Ioab was ouer all the hoste of Israel, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada ouer the Cherethites and ouer the Pelethites,

24 And Adoram ouer the tribute, and Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud the recorder,

25 And Sheia was scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar the Priests.

26 And also Ira the Iairite was a chiefe about Dauid.

Chap. 3 16.

a Either in dignitie, or familiaritie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Three deare yeeres. 9 The vengeance of the sonnes of Saul lighteth on his seuen sonnes, which are hanged. 15 Foure great battels which Dauid had against the Philistims.

THen there was a famine in the dayes of Dauid three yeeres † together: and Dauid † asked counsel of the Lord. And the Lord answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the a Gibeonites.

2 Then the king called the Gibeonites, and said vnto them, (nowe the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but a remnant of the Amorites, vnto whome the children of Israel had sworne: but Saul sought to slay them for his zeale toward the children of Israel and Iudah)

3 And Dauid sayd vnto the Gibeonites, b What shall I doe for you, and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that yee may blesse the inheritance of the Lord?

4 The Gibeonites then answered him, c We will haue no siluer nor gold of Saul, nor of his house, neither for vs shalt thou kill e any man in Israel. And he said, What yee shall say, that will I doe for you.

5 Then they answered the King, The man that consumed vs, and that imagined euil against vs so that we are destroyed from remaining in any coast of Israel,

6 Let seuen men of his d sonnes be deliuered vnto vs, and wee will hang them vp e vnto the Lorde in Gibeah of Saul, the Lords chosen. And the king said, I will giue them.

7 But the king had compassion on Mephibosheth the sonne of Ionathan the sonne of Saul, because of the f Lords othe, that was betweene them, euen betweene Dauid and Ionathan the sonne of Saul.

8 But the king tooke the two sonnes of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom shee bare vnto Saul, euen Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the fiue sonnes of g Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the sonne of Barzillai the Meholathite.

9 And he deliuered them vnto the hands of the Gibeonites, which hanged them in the mountaine before the Lord: so they † died all seuen together, and they were slaine in the time of haruest: in the † first dayes, and in the beginning of Barley haruest.

10 Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah tooke h sackecloth and hanged it vp for her vpon the rocke, from the beginning of haruest, vntill i water dropped vpon them from the heauen, and suffered neither the birds of the aire to † light on them by day, nor beasts of the field by night.

11 ¶ And it was told Dauid what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah the concubine of Saul had done.

12 And Dauid went and tooke the bones of Saul & the bones of Ionathan his sonne from the citizens of Iabeth Gilead, which had stollen them from the streete of Bethshan, where the Philistims had * hanged them, when the Philistims had slaine Saul in Gilboa.

13 So hee brought thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Ionathan his sonne, and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and of Ionathan his sonne buried they in the countrey of Beniamin in Zelah, in the graue of Kish his father: and when they had performed all that the king had commaunded, God was then k appeased with the land.

15 ¶ Againe the Philistims had warre with Israel: and Dauid went downe, and his seruants with him, and they fought against the Philistims, and Dauid fainted.

16 Then Ishi-benob which was of the sons of l Haraphah (the head of whose speare weyed three hundreth m shekels of braße) euen hee being girded with a newe sworde, thought to haue slaine Dauid.

17 But Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistim, and killed him. Then Dauids men sware vnto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with vs to battell, lest thou quench the n light of Israel.

18 ¶ And after this also there was a battell with the Philistims at o Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slewe Saph, which was one of the sonnes of Haraphah.

19 And there was yet another battell in Gob with the Philistims, where Elhanah the sonne of Iaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite slew p Goliah the Gittite, the staffe of whose speare was like a weauers beame.

20 Afterward there was also a battel in Gath, where was a man of a great stature, and had on euery hand sixe fingers, and on euery foote sixe toes, foure and twenty in number: who was also the sonne of Haraphah.

21 And when hee reuiled Israel, Ionathan the son of * Shima the brother of Dauid slew him.

22 These foure were borne to Haraphah in Gath, and died by the hand of Dauid and by the hand of his seruants.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid after his victories prayseth God. 8 The anger of God toward the wicked. 44 He prophesieth of the reuelation of the Iewes, and vocation of the Gentiles.

AND Dauid spake the words of this song vnto the Lord, what time the Lord had deliuered him out of the hands of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

2 And he said, * The Lord is my b rocke and my fortresse, and hee that deliuereth mee.

Dauids Victories

1 Sam. 31. 10.

k For where the Magistrate sufferreth faults vnpunished, there the plague of God lieth vpon the land.

l That is, of the race of Giants.

m Which amount to nine pound three quarters.

n For the glory and wealth of the countrey standeth in the preseruation of the godly Magistrate.

o Called Gezer, and Saph is called Sippai, 1. Chron. 20. 4.

p That is, Lahmi the brother of Goliah, whom Dauid slew, 1. Chro. 20. 5.

1. Sam. 16. 9.

a In token of the wonderfull benefits, that he receiued of God.

b By the diuersitie of these comfortable names, he sheweth how his faith was strengthened in all penitations.

3 God is my ſtrength, in him will I truſt: my ſhield, and the horne of my ſaluation, my hie tower and my refuge: my Sauiour, thou haſt ſaued me from violence.

4 I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be prayſed: ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine enemies.

5 For the [e] pangues of death haue compaſſed me: the floods of vngodlineſſe haue made me afraid.

6 The ſorrowes of the graue compaſſed me about: the ſnares of death ouertooke me.

7 But in my tribulation did I call vpon the Lorde, and crie to my God, and hee did heare my voyce out of his Temple, and my cry did enter into his eares.

8 Then the earth trembled and quaked: the foundations of the heauens moued, and ſhooke, becauſe he was angry.

9 There went a ſmoke out at his noſtrels, and conſuming [e] fire out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.

10 He bowed the heauens alſo and came downe, and darkeneſſe was vnder his feet.

11 And hee rode vpon a Cherub and did flie, and he was ſeene vpon the wings of the winde.

12 And he made darkeneſſe a tabernacle round about him, euen the gatherings of waters, and the clouds of the aire.

13 At the brightneſſe of his preſence [h] the coles of fire were kindled.

14 The Lord thundred from heauen, and the moſt hie gaue his voyce.

15 Hee ſhot arrowes alſo, and ſcattered them: to wit, lightning and deſtroyed them.

16 The [i] chanels alſo of the ſea appeared, euen the foundations of the world were diſcouered by the rebuking of the Lorde, and at the blaſt of the breath of his noſtrels.

17 He ſent from aboue, and tooke me: he drew me out of many waters.

18 He deliuered me from my ſtrong enemie, and from them that hated me: for they were too ſtrong for me.

19 They [k] preuented me in the day of my calamitie, but the Lord was my ſtay,

20 And brought me forth into a large place: he deliuered me, becauſe he fauoured me.

21 The Lord rewarded me according to my [l] righteouſneſſe: according to the pureneſſe of mine hands he recompenſed me.

22 For I kept the wayes of the Lord, and did not [m] wickedly againſt my God.

23 For all his lawes were before me, and his ſtatutes: I did not depart therefrom.

24 I was vpright alſo toward him, and haue kept me from my wickednеſſe.

25 Therefore the Lord did reward me according to my righteouſnes, according to my pureneſſe before his eyes.

26 With the godly thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe godly: with the vpright man thou wilt ſhew thy ſelfe vpright.

27 With the pure thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe pure, and with the [n] froward thou wilt ſhew thy ſelfe froward.

28 Thus thou wilt ſaue the poore people: but thine eyes are vpon the hautie to humble them.

29 Surely thou art my light, O Lorde: and the Lord will lighten my darkeneſſe.

30 For by thee haue I broken through an hoſte, and by my God haue I leaped ouer a wall.

31 The way of God is [o] vncorrupt: the word of the Lord is tried in the fire: hee is a ſhield to all that truſt in him.

32 For who is God beſides the Lord? and who is mightie, ſaue our God?

33 God is my ſtrength in battel, and maketh my way vpright.

34 He maketh my feet like [p] hindes feete, and ſetteth me vpon mine hie places.

35 He teacheth mine handes to fight, ſo that a bow of braſſe is broken with mine armes.

36 Thou haſt alſo giuen me the ſhield of thy ſaluation, and thy louing kindneſſe hath cauſed me to increaſe.

37 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteps vnder me, and mine heeles haue not ſlid.

38 I haue purſued mine enemies and deſtroyed them, and haue not turned againe vntill I had conſumed them.

39 Yea, I haue conſumed them and thruſt them through, and they ſhal not ariſe, but ſhall fall vnder my feete.

40 For thou haſt girded me with power to battell, and them that roſe againſt me, haſt thou ſubdued vnder me.

41 And thou haſt giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might deſtroy them that hate me.

42 They looked about, but there was none to ſaue them, euen vnto the [q] Lord, but he anſwered them not.

43 Then did I beate them as ſmall as the duſt of the earth: I did tread them flat as the clay of the ſtreet, and did ſpread them abroad.

44 Thou haſt alſo deliuered mee from the contentions of my [r] people: thou haſt preſerued me to bee the head ouer nations: the people which I knew not, do ſerue me.

45 Strangers [ſ] ſhall bee in ſubiection to me: aſſoone as they heare, they ſhal obey me.

46 Strangers ſhall ſhrinke away, and feare in their priuie chambers.

47 Let the Lord liue, [t] and bleſſed be my ſtrength: and God, euen the force of my ſaluation be exalted.

48 It is God that giueth me power to reuenge me, and ſubdue the people vnder me,

49 And reſcueth me from mine enemies: (thou alſo haſt lift me vp ſtó them that roſe againſt me, thou haſt deliuered me from the cruell man.

50 Therefore I wil praiſe thee, O Lord, among the [u] nations, and will ſing vnto thy Name)

51 Hee is the tower of ſaluation for his king, and ſheweth mercy to his anointed, euen to Dauid, and to his ſeed [x] for euer.

CHAP. XXIII.

The laſt words of Dauid. 6 The wicked ſhalbe plucked vp as thornes. 8 The names and facts of his mightie men. 15 He deſired water and would not drinke it.

THeſe alſo bee the [a] laſt wordes of Dauid. Dauid the ſonne of Iſhai ſayeth, euen the man who was ſet vp on hie, the

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Or, take Gods anger.

e As Dauid (who was the figure of Chriſt) was by Gods power deliuered from all dãgers: ſo Chriſt and his Church ſhall ouercome moſt grieuous dangers, tyranny and death.

d That is, clouds and vapours.

e Lightning and thundring.

f So it ſeemeth when the aire is darke.

g To flie in a moment thorow the world.

h By this deſcriptiõ of a tempeſt, he declareth the power of God againſt his enemies.

i He alludeth to the miracle of the red ſea.

k I was ſo beſet, that all meanes ſeemed to faile.

l Toward Saul, and mine enemies.

m I attempted nothing without his commandement.

n Their wickednеſſe is cauſe that thou ſeemeſt to forget thy wonted mercie.

o The maner that God vſeth to ſuccour his, neuer faileth.

p He vſeth extraordinary meanes to make me win moſt ſtrong holds.

‖ Or, ſteele.

q He acknowledgeth that God was the author of his victories, who gaue him ſtrength.

r The wicked in their neceſſitie are compelled to flee to God, but it is too late.

ſ Meaning, of the Iewes, who compared againſt me.

ſ Not willingly obeying me, but diſſemblingly.

t Let him ſhew his power, that he is the gouernour of all the world.

Rom. 15. 9.

Chap. 7. 13.

26 Aprill

u Which he ſpake after that he had made the Pſalms.

x For euer.

the Anoynted of the God of Iaakob, and the ſweet ſinger of Iſrael ſaith,

2 The Spirit of the Lord ſpake by mee, and his word was in my b tongue.

3 The God of Iſrael ſpake to mee, the ſtrength of Iſrael ſayd, Thou ſhalt beare rule ouer men, being iuſt, and ruling in the feare of God.

4 Euen as the morning light when the Sunne riſeth, the morning, I ſay, without cloudes, ſo ſhall mine houſe be, and not as the c graſſe of the earth is by the bright raine.

5 For ſo ſhall not mine houſe bee with God: for he hath made with mee an euerlaſting couenant, perfect in all points, & ſure: therefore all mine health and whole deſire is, that he will not make it d grow ſo.

6 But the wicked ſhall bee euery one as thornes thruſt away, becauſe they cannot bee taken with hands.

7 But the man that ſhall touch them, muſt be defended with yron, or with the ſhaft of a ſpeare: and they ſhall be burnt with fire in the ſame place.

8 ¶ Theſe bee the names of the mightie men whom Dauid had. Bee that ſate in the ſeate of e wiſedome, being chiefe of the princes, was Adino of Ezni, he ſlew eight hundred at one time.

9 And after him was f Eleazar the ſonne of Dodo, the ſonne of Ahohi, one of the three worthies with Dauid, when they ‖ defied the Philiſtims gathered there to battell, when the men of Iſrael were g gone vp.

10 He aroſe and ſmote the Philiſtims vntill his hand was weary, & his hand ſ claue vnto the ſworde: and the Lord gaue great victory the ſame day, and the people returned after him onely to ſpoyle.

11 After him was * Shammah the ſonne of Age the Hararite: for the Philiſtims aſſembled at a towne, where was a piece of a field full of lentiles, and the people fled from the Philiſtims.

12 But hee ſtood in the mids of the field, and defended it, and ſlew the Philiſtims: ſo the Lord gaue h great victory.

13 ¶ Afterward three of the thirtie captaines went downe, and came to Dauid in the harueſt time vnto the caue of Adullam, and the hoſte of the Philiſtims pitched in the valley of ‖ Rephaim.

14 And Dauid was then in an holde, and the gariſon of the Philiſtims was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And Dauid i longed, and ſayd, Oh that one would giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate.

16 Then the three mightie brake into the hoſte of the Philiſtims, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and tooke and brought it to Dauid, who would not drinke thereof, but k powred it for an offering vnto the Lord,

17 And ſayd, O Lord, bee it farre from mee, that I ſhould doe this. Is not this the blood of the men that went in ieopardie of their liues? therefore he would not drinke it. Theſe things did theſe three mightie men.

18 ¶ * And Abiſhai the brother of Ioab, the ſonne of Zerniah, was chiefe among the three, and hee lifted vp his ſpeare againſt three hundreth, & ſlew them, and he had the name among the three.

19 For he was moſt excellent of the three, and was their captaine, but he attained not vnto the firſt three.

20 And Benaiah the ſonne of Iehoiada the ſonne of ‖ a valiant man, which had done many actes, and was of Kabzeel, ſlewe two ſtrong men of Moab: hee went downe alſo, and ſlewe a lyon in the mids of a pit in the time of ſnow.

21 And hee ſlew an Egyptian a ‖ man of great ſtature, & the Egyptian had a ſpeare in his hand: but he went downe to him with a ſtaffe, and pluckt the ſpeare out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlewe him with his owne ſpeare.

22 Theſe things did Benaiah the ſonne of Iehoiada, and had the name among the three worthies.

23 He was honourable among m thirtie, but he attained not vnto the firſt three: and Dauid made him of his counſell.

24 ¶ * Aſahel the brother of Ioab was one of the thirtie: Elhanan the ſonne of Dodo of Beth-lehem:

25 Shammah the Harodite: Elika the Harodite:

26 Helez the * ‖ Paltite: Ira the ſonne of Ikkeſh the Tekoite:

27 Abiezer the Anethothite: * Mebunnai the Huſathite,

28 Zalmon an Ahohite: Maharai the Netophathite:

29 Heled the ſonne of Baanah a Netophathite: Ittai the ſonne of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Beniamin:

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite: Hiddai of the riuer Gaaſh:

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite: Azmaueth the Barhumite:

32 Eliahaba o Shaalbonite: of the ſonnes of Iaſhen, Ionathan:

33 Shammah the Hararite: Ahiam the ſonne of Sharar the Hararite:

34 Eliphelet the ſonne of Ahaſbai the ſonne of Maachathi: Eliam the ſonne of Ahithophel the Gilonite:

35 Hezrai the Carmelite: Paarai the Arbite:

36 Igal the ſonne of Nathan of Zobah: Bani the Gadite:

37 Zelek the Ammonite: Naharai the Beerothite, the armour bearer of Ioab the ſonne of Zeruiah:

38 Ira the Ithrite: Gareb the Ithrite:

39 Uriiah the Hittite, ſthirty & ſeuē in all.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Dauid cauſeth the people to be numbred. 10 He repenteth, & chuſeth to fall into Gods hands. 15 Seuentie thouſand periſh with the peſtilence.

AND the wrath of the Lord was * againe kindled againſt Dauid, and he b mooued Dauid againſt them, in that he ſayd, Goe, number Iſrael and Iudah.

2 For the king ſaid to Ioab the captaine of the hoſte, which was with him, Goe ſpeedily nowe thorow all the tribes of Iſrael, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, and

b Meaning, he ſpake nothing but by the motion of Gods Spirit.

c Which groweth quickly, and fadeth ſoone.

d But that my kingdome may continue for euer according to his promiſe.

e As one of the Kings counſel.

1. Chron. 11. 12.

‖ Or, aſſailed with danger of their liues.

f Meaning, fled from the battel.

g By a crampe which came of wearineſſe and ſtraining.

1. Chron. 11. 27.

h Who hath neither reſpect to many, nor few, when he will ſhew his power.

‖ Or, Giants.

i Being ouercome with wearineſſe and thirſt.

k Brideling his affection, and alſo deſiring God not to be offended for that raſh enterpriſe.

1. Chron. 11. 20.

l Which was big as a weauers beame, 1. Chro. 11. 23.

m He was more valiant then the 30. that follow, and not ſo valiant as the ſixe before.

Chap. 2. 18.

1. Chron. 11. 27.

‖ Or, Pelonita.

n Diuers of theſe had two names, as appeareth, 1. Chr. 11. and alſo many more are there mentioned.

o Theſe came to Dauid, & helped to reſtore him to his kingdome.

a Before they were plagued with famine, Chap. 21. 1.

b The Lord permitted Satan, as 1. Chro. 21. 1.

number ye the people, that I may know the c number of the people.

3 And Ioab sayde vnto the King, The Lord thy God increase the people an hundred fold moe then they be, and that the eyes of my lorde the King may see it: but why doth my lord the King delire this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the kings word preuailed against Ioab and against the captaines of the hoste: therefore Ioab and the captaines of the hoste went out from the presence of the King, to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed ouer Iorden, & pitched in Aroer at the right side of the citie that is in the middes of the ‖ valley of Gad and toward Jazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to ‖ Tahtim-hodshi, so they came to Dan Jaan, and so about to Zidon,

7 And came to the fortresse of ‖ Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hiuites and of the Canaanites, and went toward the South of Iudah, euen to Beer-sheba.

8 ¶ So when they had gone about all the land, they returned to Ierusalem at the end of nine moneths and twentie dayes.

9 ¶ And Ioab deliuered the number and summe of the people vnto the King: and there were in Israel d eight hundred thousand strong men that drew swordes, and the men of Iudah were e fiue hundred thousand men.

10 Then Dauids heart smote him, after that hee had numbred the people; and Dauid sayd vnto the Lord, I haue sinned exceedingly in that I haue done: therefore now, Lorde, I beseech thee, take away the trespasse of thy seruaunt: for I haue done very foolishly.

11 ¶ And when Dauid was vp in the morning, the word of the Lord came vnto the Prophet Gad Dauids f Seer, saying,

12 Goe, and say vnto Dauid, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things, chuse thee which of them I shall doe vnto thee.

13 So Gad came to Dauid, and shewed him, and said vnto him, Wilt thou that g seuen yeeres famine come vpon thee in thy land, or wilt thou flee three moneths before thine enemies, they following thee, or that there bee three dayes pestilence in thy land? now aduise thee, and see, what answere I shall giue to him that sent me.

14 ¶ And Dauid sayde vnto Gad, I am in a wonderfull straite: let vs fall now into the hand of the Lord, (for his mercies are great) and let mee not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the Lord sent a pestilence in Israel, from the morning, euen to the time appointed: and there died of the people from h Dan, euen to Beer-sheba seuenty thousand men.

16 And when the Angel stretched out his hand vpon Ierusalem to destroy it, the Lord * repented of the euill, and said to the Angel that destroyed the people, It is sufficient, i hold now thine hand. And the Angel of the Lord was by the threshing place of Araunah the Iebusite.

17 And Dauid spake vnto the Lorde, (when he saw the Angel that smote the people) and sayd, Behold, I haue sinned, yea, I haue done wickedly: but these sheepe, what haue they k done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, be against mee and against my fathers house.

18 ¶ So Gad came the same day to Dauid, and sayd vnto him, Goe vp, reare an altar vnto the Lord in the threshing floore of Araunah the Iebusite.

19 And Dauid (according to ỳ saying of Gad) went vp, as the Lord had commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, & saw the King and his seruants comming toward him, and Araunah went out, and bowed himselfe before the King on his face to the ground,

21 And l Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the King come to his seruaunt? Then Dauid answered, To buy the threshing floore of thee, for to build an Altar vnto the Lorde, that the plague may cease from the people.

22 Then Araunah sayde vnto Dauid, Let my lorde the King take and offer what seemeth him good in his eyes: beholde the oxen for the burnt offering, and charets, and the instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 (All these things did Araunah m as a King giue vnto the King, and Araunah said vnto the King, The Lord thy God be fauourable vnto thee.)

24 Then the King sayd vnto Araunah, Not so, but I will buy it of thee at a price, and will not offer burnt offering vnto the Lord my God, of that which doth cost me nothing. So Dauid bought ỳ threshing floore, and the oxen for n fifte shekels of siluer.

25 And Dauid built there an Altar vnto the Lorde, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and the Lord was appeased toward the land, and the plague ceased from Israel.

c Because he did this to trie his power, and so to trust therein, it offended God, els it was lawfull to number the people, Exo. 30. 12. Num. 1. 2.

‖ Or, riuer.

‖ Or, to the nether land newly inhabited.

‖ Or, Zor.

d According to Ioabs count: for in all there were eleuen hundred thousand, 1. Chr. 21. 5.

e Concluding vnder them the Beniamites: for els they had but foure hundred and seuentie thousand, 1. Chron. 21. 5.

f Whom God had appointed for Dauid and his time.

g For three yeeres of famine were past for the Gibeonites matter: this was the fourth yeere, to the which should haue bene added other three yeres more, 1. Chron. 21. 12.

h From the one side of the countrey to the other. 1. Sam. 15. 11.

i The Lord spared this place, because he had chosen it to build his temple there.

k Dauid saw not the iust cause why God plagued the people, and therefore he offereth himselfe to Gods corrections, as the only cause of this euill.

l Called also Ornan, 1. Chro. 21. 20.

m That is, abundantly, for as some write, he was king of Ierusalem before Dauid wan the tower.

n Some write, that euery tribe gaue 50 which make 600. or that afterward he bought as much as came to 550. shekels, 1. Chro. 21. 25.

¶ The first booke of the Kings.

THE ARGVMENT.

BEcause the children of God should looke for no continuall rest and quietnesse in this world, the holy Ghost setteth before our eyes in this booke, the v worke and change of things, which came to the people of Israel from the death of Dauid, Salomon, and the rest of the Kings, vnto the death of Ahab, declaring how that flourishing kingdomes, except they bee preserued by Gods protection, (who then fauoureth them when his Word is truely set foorth, vertue esteemed, viced punished, and concord maintaind) fall to decay and come to nought: as appeareth by the diuiding of the kingdome vnder Roboam and Ieroboam, which before were but all one people, and now by the iust punishment of God were made two, whereof Iudah & Beniamin clue to Roboam: and this was called the

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the kingdom of Iudah, and the other ten tribes held with Ieroboam, and this was called the kingdome of Israel. The king of Iudah had his throne in Ierusalem, and the king of Israel in Samaria, after it was built by Amri Ahabs father. And because our Sauiour Christ according to the flesh should come of the stocke of Dauid, the genealogie of the kings of Iudah is here described, from Salomon to Ioram the sonne of Iosaphat, who reigned ouer Iudah in Ierusalem, as Ahab did ouer Israel in Samaria.

CHAP. I.

3 Abishag keepeth Dauid in his extreme age. 5 Adonijah vsurpeth the kingdome. 30 Salomon is anointed king. 50 Adonijah fleeth to the altar.

NOw when king Dauid was a old, & stricken in yeeres, they couered him with clothes, but no b heat came vnto him.

2 Wherefore his seruants said vnto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a yong virgin, and let her ‖ stand before the king, and cherish him: and let her lie in thy bosome, that my lord the king may get heate.

3 So they sought for a faire yong maide throughout all the coastes of Israel, & found one Abishag c Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the mayde was exceeding faire, and cherished the king, and ministred to him, but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the sonne of Haggith exalted himselfe, saying, I will be king. And he gate him charets and horsemen, and d fifty men to runne before him.

6 And his father would not displease him from his ‡ childhood, to say, Why hast thou done so? and hee was a very goodly man, and his mother bare him next after Absalom.

7 And ‡ hee tooke counsell of Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, & of Abiathar the Priest, and they e helped forward Adonijah.

8 But Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the men of might which were with Dauid, were not with Adonijah.

9 Then Adonijah sacrificed sheep, and oxen, and fat cattell by the stone of Zoheleth which is by ‖ En-rogel, and called all his brethren the kings sonnes, and all the men of Iudah the kings seruants.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah and the f mightie men, and Salomon his brother he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake vnto Bathsheba the mother of Salomon, saying, Hast thou not heard, that Adonijah the sonne g of Haggith doeth raigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, and I will now giue thee counsell, how to saue thine owne h life, and the life of thy sonne Salomon.

13 Goe, and get thee in vnto king Dauid, and say vnto him, Diddest thou not my lord, O King, sweare vnto thine handmayd, saying, Assuredly Salomon thy sonne shall reigne after mee, and he shall sit vpon my throne? Why is then Adonijah king?

14 Beholde, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and h confirme thy words.

15 ¶ So Bath-sheba went in vnto the king into the chamber, and the king was very olde. And Abishag the Shunammite ministred vnto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed and made obeysance vnto the king. And the king said, What is thy matter?

17 And he answered him, My lord, thou swearest by the Lorde thy God vnto thine handmaide, saying, Assuredly Salomon thy sonne shall reigne after mee, and hee shall sit vpon my throne.

18 And beholde, nowe is Adonijah king, and now my lord, O king, thou knowest it not.

19 And hee hath offered many oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe, and hath called all the sonnes of the king, and Abiathar the Priest, and Ioab the captaine of the hoste: but Salomon thy seruant hath hee not bidden.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, knowest that the eyes of all Israel are on thee, that thou shouldest tell them, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 For else when my lord the king shall sleepe with his fathers, I and my sonne Salomon shalbe k reputed ‡ vile.

22 And loe, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan also the Prophet came in.

23 And they tolde the king, saying, Beholde, Nathan the Prophet. And when he was come in to the king, he made obeysance before the king vpon his face l to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne?

25 For hee is gone downe this day, and hath slaine many oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe, and hath called all the kings sonnes, and the captaines of the hoste, and Abiathar the Priest: and behold, they eate and drinke before him, and say, ‡ God saue king Adonijah.

26 But mee thy seruaunt, and Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and thy seruaunt Salomon hath hee not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lorde the king, and thou hast not shewed it vnto thy m seruant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king Dauid answered, and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And shee came into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, saying, As the Lord liueth, who hath redeemed my soule out of all aduersitie,

30 That as I n sware vnto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Salomon thy sonne shall reigne after mee, and hee shall sit vpon my throne in my place, so will I certainely doe this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed her face to

a He was about 70. yeere olde, 2. Sam. 5. 4.

b For his naturall heate was worn away with trauels.

‖ Or, serue him.

c Which citie was in the tribe of Issachar, as Iosh. 19. 18.

d Reade 2. Sam. 15. 1.

‡ Ebr. layes.

‖ Ebr. his words were with Ioab.

e They tooke his part and followed him.

‖ Or, the fountaine.

f As the Cherethites and Pelethites.

2. Sam. 3. 4.

g For Adonijah will destroy thee and thy sonne if he reigne.

h By declaring such things, as may further the same.

i The king being worne with age, could not attend to the affaires of the realme, and also Adonijah had many flatterers, which kept it from the king.

k And so put to death as wicked transgressors.

‡ Ebr. sinners.

l Acknowledging him to be the true & worthy king appointed of God as the figure of his Christ.

‡ Ebr. let the king Adonijah liue.

m Meaning, that he ought in such affaires to enterprise nothing except he had consulted with the Lord.

n Moued by the spirit of God so to doe, because he foresaw that Salomon should be the figure of Christ.

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the earth, and did reuerence vnto the King, and layd, God saue my Lord King Dauid for euer.

32 ¶ And King Dauid layd, Call me Zadok the Priest, Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada. And they came before the King.

33 Then the king layd vnto them, Take with you the o seruaunts of your lord, and cause Salomon my sonne to ride vpon mine owne mule, and cary him downe to Gihon.

34 And let Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet anoynt him there King ouer Israel, and blow yee the trumpet, and say, God saue King Salomon.

35 Then come vp after him, that he may come and sit vpon my throne: and hee shall be king in my stead: for I haue ‡appointed him to bee prince ouer Israel, and ouer Iudah.

36 Then Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada answered the king, and sayd, So be it, and the Lord God of my lord the king ‡ratifie it.

37 As the Lord hath bene with my lord the king, so be he with Salomon, and exalt his throne aboue the throne of my lord king Dauid.

38 So Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went downe, and caused Salomon to ride vpon king Dauids mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the Priest tooke an horne of p oyle out of the Tabernacle, and anoynted Salomon: and they blew the trumpet, and all the people sayd, God saue king Salomon.

40 And all the people came vp after him, and the people piped with pipes, and reioyced with great ioy, so that the earth ‡rang with the sound of them.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the ghests that were with him, heard it: (and they had made an ende of eating) and when Ioab heard the sound of the trumpet, hee sayde, ‖What meaneth this noyse and vproare in the citie?

42 And as he yet spake, beholde, Ionathan the sonne of Abiathar the Priest came: and Adonijah sayde, Come in: for thou art ‡a worthy man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Ionathan answered, and said to Adonijah, Verely our lord king Dauid hath made Salomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they haue caused him to ride vpon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet haue anointed him king in Gihon: and they are gone vp from thence with ioy, and the citie is mooued: this is the noise that ye haue heard.

46 And Salomon also sitteth on the throne of the kingdome.

47 And moreouer the kings seruaunts came to ‡blesse our lord king Dauid, saying, God make the name of Salomon more famous then thy name, and exalt his throne aboue thy throne: therefore the king worshipped vpon the bed.

48 And thus sayd the king also, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who hath made one to sit on my throne this day, euen in my sight.

49 Then all the ghests that were with Adonijah, were afraide, and rose vp, and went euery man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah fearing the presence of Salomon, arose, and went, and tooke hold on the hornes of the ‡altar.

51 And one told Salomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah doeth feare king Salomon: for lo, he hath caught hold on the hornes of the altar, saying, Let king Salomon sweare vnto me this day, that hee will not slay his seruant with the sword.

52 Then Salomon sayd, If he will shew himselfe a worthy man, there shall not an haire of him fall to the earth, but if wickednesse be found in him, he shall die.

53 Then king Salomon sent, and they brought him from the altar, and he came & did obeysance vnto king Salomon. And Salomon said vnto him, Go to thine house.

o Meaning, the kings seruants, and such as were of his gard.

‡Ebr. commanded.

‡Ebr. say so.

p Wherewith they accustomed to anoynt the Priests and the holy instruments Exod. 30.23.

‡Ebr. brake.

‡Ebr. a man of power.

q He praised Ionatha, thinking to haue heard comfortable newes, but God wrought things contrary to his expectation, and so did beate downe his pride.

r To salute him and to pray, and praise God for him.

s He gaue God thanks for the good successe.

t Which Dauid his father had built in the floore of Aranah, as 2. Sam. 24.25.

CHAP. II.

1 Dauid exhorteth Salomon, and giueth charge as concerning Ioab, Barzillai, and Shimei. 10 The death of Dauid. 17 Adonijah asketh Abishag to wife. 25 Hee is slaine. 35 Zadok was placed in Abiathars roome.

THen the dayes of Dauid drewe neere that he should die, and he charged Salomon his sonne, saying,

2 I go the a way of all the earth: be strong therefore, and shew thy selfe a man,

3 And take heede to the b charge of the Lord thy God, to walke in his wayes, and keep his statutes and his commandements, and his iudgements, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Lawe of Moses, that thou mayest ‖prosper in all that thou doest, and in euery thing whereunto thou turnest thee,

4 That the Lord may confirm his word which hee spake vnto mee, saying, If thy sonnes take heede to their way, that they walke before mee in c trueth with all their hearts, and with all their soules, *‡ thou shalt not (sayd he) want one of thy posterity vpon the throne of Israel.

5 Thou knowest also what Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captaines of the hosts of Israel, vnto *Abner the sonne of Ner, and vnto *Amasa the sonne of Iether whom he slew, and d shed blood of battell in peace, and put the blood of warre vpon his girdle that was about his loines, and in his shooes that were on his feet.

6 Doe therefore according to thy wisedome, and let thou not his hoare head goe downe to the graue in peace.

7 But shewe kindnesse vnto the sonnes of *Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among them that eate at thy table: for

a I am ready to die, as all men must.

b He sheweth how hard a thing it is to gouerne, and that none can doe it wel, except he obey God. *Deut. 29.9. Iosh. 1.7.*

‖Or, do wisely.

c And without hypocrisie. *2. Sam. 7.12.*

‡Ebr. a man shall not be cut off to thee from off the throne. *2. Sam. 3.27. 2. Sam. 20.10.*

d He shed his blood in time of peace, as if there had bene warre.

e He put the bloody sword into his sheath. *2. Sam. 19.31.*

f That is, they dealt mercifully with me.

so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy brother.

1.Sam 16.5.

8 ¶ And behold, with thee * is Shimei the sonne of Gera, the sonne of Iemini, of Bahurim, which cursed me with an horrible curse in the day when I went to ‖ Mahanaim: but hee came downe to meete mee at Iorden, and I sware to him by the Lorde, saying, * I will not slay thee with the sword.

2.Sam.19.23.

9 But thou shalt not count him innocent: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to doe vnto him: therefore thou shalt cause his hoare head to go downe to the graue with ‡ blood.

g Let him be punished with death: looke verse 46.

10 So * Dauid slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Dauid.

Actes 2.29. and 13.36. 2.Sam 5.4. and 1.Chro.29.26,27. 1.Chron.29.23.

11 And the dayes which Dauid * reigned vpon Israel were fortie yeeres: seuen yeeres reigned he in Hebron, and thirtie and three yeeres reigned he in Ierusalem.

12 ¶ * Then sate Salomon vpon the throne of Dauid his father, and his kingdome was stablished mightily.

13 And Adoniiah the sonne of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Salomon: and she said, ‖ Commest thou peaceably? And he said, Yea.

h For she feared left he would worke treason against the king.

14 He said moreouer, I haue a suite vnto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 Then he said, Thou knowest that the kingdome was mine, and that all Israel set ‖ their faces on mee, that I should reigne: howbeit the kingdome is turned away, and is my brothers: for it came to him by the Lord.

i In signe of their fauour and consent.

16 Now therefore I aske thee one request, ‡ refuse me not. And she said vnto him, Say on.

‡ Ebr. cause not my face to turne away.

17 And he said, Speake, I pray thee, vnto Salomon the King, (for hee will not say thee nay) that he giue me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well, I will speake for thee vnto the king.

19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went vnto king Salomon, to speake vnto him for Adoniiah: and the king rose to meete her, and ‖ bowed himselfe vnto her, and sate downe on his throne: and hee caused a seate to bee set for the kings mother, and she sate at his right hand.

k In token of reuerence, and that others by his example might haue her in greater honour.

20 Then she said, I desire a small request of thee, say me not nay. Then the king said vnto her, Aske on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

21 She said then, Let Abishag the Shunammite be giuen to Adoniiah thy brother to wife.

22 But King Salomon answered and said vnto his mother, And why doest thou aske Abishag the Shunammite for Adoniiah? Aske for him the ‖ kingdome also: for he is mine elder brother, and hath for him both Abiathar the Priest, and Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah.

l Meaning, that if he should haue granted Abishag, which was so deare to his father, he would afterward haue aspired to the kingdome.

23 Then King Salomon sware by the Lord, saying, God doe so to me and more also, if Adoniiah hath not spoken this word against his owne life.

24 Now therefore as the Lord liueth, who hath established mee, and set me on the throne of Dauid my father, who also hath made me an house, as he * promised, Adoniiah shall surely die this day.

2.Sam.7.12, 13.

25 And king Salomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and hee ‖ smote him that he died.

‖ Or, fell vpon him,

26 ¶ Then the king said vnto Abiathar the Priest, Goe to Anathoth vnto thine owne fields: for thou art ‡ worthy of death: but I will not this day kill thee, because thou ‖ barest the Arke of the Lord God before Dauid my father, and because thou hast suffered in all, wherein my father hath bene afflicted.

‖ Or, possessions. ‡ Ebr. a man of death.

27 So Salomon cast out Abiathar from being Priest vnto the Lord, that he might * fulfill the words of the Lord, which he spake against the house of Eli in Shiloh.

m When he fled before Absalom, 2.Sam.15.24.

1.Sam.2 31,35.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Ioab: (for Ioab had ‖ turned after Adoniiah, but he turned not after Absalom) and Ioab fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, ‡ caught hold on the hornes of the altar.

n He tooke Adonijahs part when he would haue vsurped the kingdom, Chap. 1.7.

29 And it was told king Salomon, that Ioab was fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, and behold, he is by the * altar. Then Salomon sent Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, saying, Goe, fall vpon him.

o Thinking to be saued by the holinesse of the place.

30 And Benaiah came to the Tabernacle of the Lord, ‡ said vnto him, Thus saith the king, Come out. And he said, Nay, but I will die here. Then Benaiah brought the king word againe, saying, Thus said Ioab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said vnto him, Doe as he hath said, and ‖ smite him, and bury him, that thou mayest take away the blood, which Ioab shed causelesse, from me and from the house of my father.

p For it was lawfull to take the wilful murtherer from the altar, Exod 21.14.

32 And the Lorde shall bring his blood vpon his owne head: for hee smote two men more righteous and better then he, and slew them with the sword, and my father Dauid knew not: to wit, * Abner the sonne of Ner, captaine of the hoste of Israel, and * Amasa the sonne of Iether, captaine of the hoste of Iudah.

2.Sam.3.27. 2.Sam.20.10.

33 Their blood shall therefore returne vpon the ‖ head of Ioab, and on the head of his seede for euer: but vpon Dauid, and vpon his seede, and vpon his house, and vpon his throne shall there be peace for euer from the Lord.

q Ioab shall be iustly punished for the blood that he hath cruelly shed.

34 So Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada went vp, and smote him, and slew him, and he was buried in his owne house in the wildernesse.

35 And the king put Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada in his roome ouer the hoste: and the king set Zadok the * Priest in the roome of Abiathar.

r And so tooke the office of the hie Priest from the house of Eli, and restored it to the house of Phinehas,

36 ¶ Afterward the king sent, and called Shimei, and said vnto him, Build thee an house in Ierusalem, and dwell there, and depart not thence any whither.

37 For that day that thou goest out, and passest ouer the riuer of Kidron, know assuredly, that thou shalt die the death: thy blood shall be vpon thine owne head.

38 And Shimei said vnto the king, The thing

thing is good: as my lorde the King hath sayd, so will thy seruant doe. So Shimei dwelt in Ierusalem many dayes.

39 And after three yeeres two of the [e] seruants of Shimei fled away vnto Achish sonne of Maachah king of Gath: and they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy seruants be in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, & sadled his asse, and went to Gath to Achish, to seeke his seruants: and [t] Shimei went and brought his seruants from Gath.

41 And it was told Salomon that Shimei had gone from Ierusalem to Gath, and was come againe.

42 And the king sent and called Shimei, and sayd vnto him, Did I not make thee to sweare by the Lord, and protested vnto thee, saying, That day that thou goest out, and walkest any whither, know assuredly, that thou shalt die the death? And thou saydest vnto me, The thing is good, that I haue heard.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the othe of the Lord, and the commandement wherewith I charged thee?

44 The king said also to Shimei, [u] Thou knowest all the wickednes whereunto thine heart is priuie, that thou didst to Dauid my father: the Lorde therefore shall bring thy wickednes vpon thine owne head.

45 And let king Salomon bee blessed, and the throne of Dauid stablished before the Lord for euer.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada: who went out and smote him that he died. And the [x] kingdome was [x] stablished in the hand of Salomon.

CHAP. III.

1 Salomon taketh Pharaohs daughter to wife. 5 The Lord appeareth to him and giueth him wisdome. 17 The pleading of the two harlots, and Salomons sentence therein.

SAlomon [*] then made affinitie with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tooke Pharaohs daughter, and brought her into the [a] citie of Dauid, vntill hee had made an ende of building his owne house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Ierusalem round about.

2 Onely the people sacrificed in [b] the hie places, because there was no house built vnto the Name of the Lorde, vntill those dayes.

3 And Salomon loued the Lorde, walking in the ordinances of Dauid his [c] father: onely he sacrificed and offered incense in the hie places.

4 And the king went to [d] Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the chiefe high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Salomon offer vpon that altar.

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Salomon in a dreame by night: and God sayd, Aske what I shall giue thee.

6 And Salomon said, Thou hast shewed vnto thy seruant Dauid my father great mercie, ‖ when hee walked before thee in trueth, and in righteousnesse, and in vprightenesse of heart with thee: and thou hast [e] kept for him this great mercy, and hast giuen him a sonne, to sit on his throne, as appeareth this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy seruant king in steade of Dauid my father: and I am but a yong childe, and know not how to goe [f] out and in.

8 And thy seruant is in the midst of thy people, which thou hast chosen, euen a great people, which cannot be tolde, nor numbred for multitude.

9 [*] Giue therefore vnto thy seruant an vnderstanding heart to iudge thy people, that I may discerne between good and bad: for who is able to iudge this thy [g] mightie people?

10 And this pleased the Lord well, that Salomon had desired this thing.

11 And God said vnto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thy selfe long life, neither hast asked riches for thy selfe, nor hast asked the life of thine [h] enemies, but hast asked for thy selfe vnderstanding to heare iudgement,

12 Behold, I haue done according to thy words: loe, I haue giuen thee a wise and an vnderstanding heart, so that there hath beene none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall arise the like vnto thee.

13 And I haue also [*] giuen thee that, which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour, so that among the kings there shall be none like vnto thee all thy dayes.

14 And if thou wilt walke in my wayes, to keepe mine ordinances, and my commandements, [x] as thy father Dauid did walke, I will prolong thy dayes.

15 And when Salomon awoke, behold, it was [i] a dreame, and hee came to Ierusalem, and stoode before the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and offred burnt offrings, and made peace offerings, and made a feast to all his seruants.

16 ¶ Then came two ‖harlots vnto the king, and [k] stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was deliuered of a childe with her in the house.

18 And the third day after that I was deliuered, this woman was deliuered also: and wee were in the house together: no stranger was with vs in the house, saue wee twaine.

19 And this womans sonne died in the night: for she ouerlay him.

20 And she arose at midnight, and [l] tooke my sonne from my side, while thine handmaid slept, and layd him in her bosome, and layd her dead sonne in my bosome.

21 And when I rose in the morning to giue my sonne sucke, behold, hee was dead: and when I had well considered him in the morning, behold, it was not my sonne, whom I had borne.

22 Then the other woman sayde, Nay, but my sonne liueth, and thy sonne is dead: againe the sayd, No, but thy sonne is dead, and mine aliue: thus they spake before the King.

23 Then

f Thus God appointeth the wayes & meanes to bring his iust iudgements vpon the wicked.

t His couetous minde moued him rather to venture his life, then to lose his worldly profite, which he had by his seruants.

u For though thou wouldest denie, yet thine owne conscience would accuse thee for reuiling & doing wrong to my father, 2. Sam. 16. 5. 2. Chron. 1. 1.

x Because all his enemies were destroyed.

Chap. 7. 8.

a Which was Beth-lehem.

b Where altars were appointed before the Temple was built, to offer vnto the Lord.

c For his father had commanded him to obey the Lord, and walke in his wayes, Chap. 2. 3.

d For there the Tabernacle was, 2. Chron. 1. 3.

‖Or, as he walked

e Thou hast performed thy promise.

f That is, to behaue my selfe in executing this charge of ruling.

2. Chron. 1 10. ‖Or, obedient.

g Which are so many in number.

h That is, that thine enemies should die.

Matth. 6. 33. mis. 7. 11. ‖Or, hath beene none.

Chap. 15. 5.

i He knew that God had appeared vnto him in a dreame.

‖Or, vitailers.

k By this example it appeareth that God kept promise with Salomon in granting him wisedome.

l She stale the quicke childe away, because she might both auoid the shame and punishment.

23 Then sayd the king, She sayth, This that liueth is my sonne, and the dead is thy sonne: and the other saith, Nay, but the dead is thy sonne, and the liuing is my sonne.

24 Then the king sayd, m Bring mee a sword: and they brought out a sword before the king.

25 And the king sayd, Diuide yee the liuing childe in twayne, and giue the one halfe to the one, and the other halfe to the other.

26 Then spake the woman, whose the liuing childe was, vnto the king, for her compassion was kindled toward her sonne, and shee sayd, O my lorde, giue her the liuing childe, and ▪ slay him not: but the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but diuide it.

27 Then the king answered, and sayd, Giue her the liuing childe, and slay him not: this is his mother.

28 And all Israel heard the iudgement which the king had iudged, and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisedome of God was in him to doe iustice.

m Except God giue Iudges vnderstanding, the impudencie of the trespasser shall ouerthrow the iust cause of the innocent.

n Her motherly affection herein appeareth, that she had rather endure the rigour of the law, then see her child cruelly slaine.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The princes & rulers vnder Salomon. 22 The purueyance for his victuals. 26 The number of his horses. 32 His bookes and writings.

AND king Salomon was king ouer all Israel.

2 And these were a his princes, b Azariah the sonne of Zadok the Priest,

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah the sonnes of Shisha, scribes, Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud, recorder,

4 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada was ouer the host, and Zadok and c Abiathar Priests.

5 And Azariah the sonne of Nathan was ouer the officers, ‖ Zabud the sonne of Nathan the Priest was the kings friend.

6 And Ahishar was ouer the household: and * Adoniram the sonne of Abda was ouer the tribute.

7 ¶ And Salomon had twelue officers ouer all Israel, which prouided victuals for the king and his household: each man had a moneth in the yeere to prouide victuals.

8 And these are their names: the sonne of Hur in mount Ephraim.

9 The sonne of Dekar in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon and Beth-hanan:

10 The sonne of Hesed in Aruboth, to whom pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.

11 The sonne of Abinadab in all the region of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Salomon to wife.

12 Baana the sonne of Ahilud in Taanach, and Megiddo, and in all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Iezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, euen till beyond ouer against Iokmeam:

13 The sonne of Geber in Ramoth Gilead, and his were the townes of d Iair, the sonne of Manasseh, which are in Gilead, and vnder him was the region of Argob, which is in Bashan: threescore great cities with walles and barres of brasse.

a That is, his chiefe officers.

b He was the sonne of Achimaas, and Zadoks nephew.

c Not Abiathar, whom Salomon had put from his office, Chap. 2. 27. but another of that name. *Chap. 5. 14.*

‖ *Or, Elon, in Beth-anan.*

‖ *Or, to the plaine.*

d Which townes bare Iairs name, because he tooke them of the Canaanites, Num. 32. 41.

14 ¶ Ahinadab the sonne of Iddo had to Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaaz in Naphtali, e he took Basmath the daughter of Salomon to wife:

16 Baanah the sonne of Hushai in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Iehoshaphat the sonne of Paruah in f Issachar:

18 Shimei the sonne of Elah in Beniamin:

19 Geber the sonne of Uri in the country of Gilead, the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan, and was officer alone in the land.

20 Iudah and Israel were many, as the sand of the sea in number, f eating, drinking, and making mery.

21 * And Salomon reigned ouer all kingdomes, from the g River vnto the land of the Philistims, and vnto the border of Egypt, and they brought presents, and serued Salomon all the dayes of his life.

22 And Salomons victuals for one day, were thirty ‡ measures of fine floure, and threescore measures of meale:

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen of the pastures, & an hundreth sheepe, beside harts, and bucks, and bugles, and fat fowle.

24 For he ruled in all the region on the other side of the riuer, from Tiphsah euen vnto ‖ Azzah, ouer all the h kings on the other side the riuer: and he had peace round about him on euery side.

25 And Iudah and Israel dwelt without feare, euery man vnder his vine, and vnder his fig tree, from i Dan euen to Beer-sheba, all the dayes of Salomon.

26 ¶ And Salomon had * fourty thousand stalles of horses for his charets, and twelue thousand horsemen.

27 And these officers prouided victual for king Salomon, and for all that came to king Salomons table, euery man his moneth, and they suffered to lacke nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses & mules brought they vnto the place where the officers were, euery man according to his charge.

29 ¶ * And God gaue Salomon wisedome and vnderstanding exceeding much, and k a large heart, euen as the sand that is on the sea shore.

30 And Salomons wisedome excelled the wisedom of all the children of the l East, and all the wisedome of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser then any man: yea, then were Ethan the Ezrahite, then Heman, then Chalcol, then Darda the sonnes of Mahol: and he was famous thorowout all nations round about.

32 And Salomon spake three thousand m Prouerbs: and his songs were a thousand and fiue.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon, euen vnto the ▪ hyssope that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts and of fowles, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to heare the wisedom of Salomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisedome.

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e Sulomon obserued not the diuision that Iosua made, but diuided it, as might best serue for his purpose.

f They liued in all peace and securitie.

Eccles 47. 15.

g Which is Euphrates.

‡ *Ebr. Corim.*

‖ *Or, Gaza.*

h For they were all tributaries vnto him.

i Thorowout all Israel.

2. Chron. 9. 25.

Eccles. 47. 14, 15, 16.

k Meaning great vnderstanding, and able to comprehend all things.

l To wit, the philosophers, and astronomers which were iudged most wise.

m Which for the most part are thought to haue perished in the captiuitie of Babylon.

n From the hiest to the lowest.

CHAP. V.

1 *Hiram sendeth to Salomon, and Salomon to him, purposing to build the house of God.* 6 *Hee prepareth stuffe for the building.* 13 *The number of the workemen.*

AND Hiram king of ‖ Tyrus sent his seruants vnto Salomon, (for he had heard that they had anoynted him king in the roome of his father) because Hiram had euer loued Dauid.

‖ Or, Tyr.

2 * Also Salomon sent to Hiram, saying,

2. Chron. 2. 3.

3 Thou knowest that Dauid my father could not build an house vnto the Name of the Lorde his God, for the warres which were about him on euery side, vntill the Lord had put ‖ them vnder the soles of his feete.

‖ Or, his enemies.

4 But now the Lord my God hath giuen mee a rest on euery side, so that there is neither aduersarie nor euill to resist.

a He declareth that he was bound to set forth Gods glory, forasmuch as the Lord had sent him rest and peace.

5 And beholde, I purpose to build an house vnto the Name of the Lord my God, * as the Lord spake vnto Dauid my father, saying, Thy sonne, whom I will set vpon thy throne for thee, he shal build an house vnto my Name.

2. Sam. 7. 13. 1. Chro. 22. 10.

6 Now therefore commaund, that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my seruants shalbe with thy seruants, and vnto thee will I giue the b hire for thy seruants, according vnto all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there are none among vs, that can hew timber like vnto the Sidonians.

b This was his equitie, that he would not receiue a benefit without some recompense.

7 ¶ And when c Hiram heard the words of Salomon, hee reioyced greatly, and sayd, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath giuen vnto Dauid a wise sonne ouer this mightie people.

c In Hiram is prefigurate the vocation of the Gentiles, who should helpe to build the spirituall Temple.

8 And Hiram sent to Salomon, saying, I haue considered the things, for the which thou sentest vnto mee, and will accomplish all thy desire, concerning the cedar trees and firre trees.

9 My seruants shall bring them downe from Lebanon to the sea: and I will conuey them by sea ‖ in rafts vnto the place that thou shalt shewe mee, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receiue them: now thou shalt doe me a pleasure to minister foode for d my familie.

‖ Or, flotes.

d While my seruants are occupied about thy businesse.

10 So Hiram gaue Salomon cedar trees, and firre trees, euen his full desire.

11 And Salomon gaue Hiram twentie thousand ‡measures of wheat for food to his houshold, and twentie measures of beaten oyle. Thus much gaue Salomon to Hiram yeere by yeere.

‡ Ebr. Corum. ‖ Or, pure.

12 ¶ And the Lord gaue Salomon wisedome as he * promised him. And there was peace betweene Hiram and Salomon, and they e two made a couenant.

Chap. 3. 12.

e As touching the furniture of wood and victuals.

13 ¶ And king Salomon raised a summe out of all Israel, and the summe was thirtie thousand men:

14 Whom he sent to Lebanon, ten thousand a moneth by course: they were a moneth in Lebanon, and two months at home. And * Adoniram was ouer the summe.

Chap. 4. 6.

15 And Salomon had seuentie thousand that bare burdens, and fourescore thousand masons in the mountaine,

16 Besides the princes whom Salomon appointed ouer the worke, euen three thousand and three hundred, which ruled the people that wrought in the worke.

17 And the king commanded them, and they brought great stones and costly stones to make the foundation of the house, euen hewed stones.

18 And Salomons workemen and the workemen of Hiram, & the f malons hewed and prepared timber and stones for the building of the house.

‖ Or, masters of the worke.

f The Ebrewe word is, Giolim, which some say were excellent masons.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The building of the Temple, and the forme thereof.* 12 *The promise of the Lord to Salomon.*

AND in the foure hundred and fourescore yeere (after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt) and in the fourth yeere of the reigne of Salomon ouer Israel, in the moneth a Zif (which is the second moneth) he built the b house of the Lord.

a Which moneth conteineth part of April, and part of May.

b Whereby is meant the temple and the oracle.

2 And the house which king Salomon built for the Lorde, was threescore cubites long, and twenty broad, & thirty cubites hie.

3 And the c porch before the Temple of the house was twenty cubits long according to the breadth of the house, and ten cubites broad before the house.

c Or the court where the people prayed, which was before the place where the altar of burnt offerings stood.

4 And in the house he made windowes, ‖ broad without, and narrow within.

‖ Or, to open and to shut.

5 And by the wall of the house hee made ‖ galleries round about, euen by the walles of the house round about the Temple and d the oracle, and made chambers round about.

‖ Or, lofts.

6 The nethermost gallery was fiue cubites broad, and the middlemost sixe cubites broad, and the third seuen cubites broad, for hee made e rests round about without the house, that the beames should not be fastened in the walles of the house.

d Whence God spake betweene the Cherubims, called also the most holy place.

e Which were certaine stones comming out of the wall as stayes for the beames to rest vpon.

7 And when the house was built, it was built of stone, perfect before it was brought, so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any toole of iron heard in the house while it was in building.

8 The doore of the middle ‖ chamber was in the right side of the house, and men went vp with winding staires into the middlemost, & out of the middlemost into the third.

‖ Or, gallerie.

9 So he built the f house and finished it, and sieled the house, being vaunted, with sieling of cedar trees.

f In Exodus it is called the Tabernacle: and the Temple is there called the Sanctuary, and the oracle the most holy place.

10 And he built the galleries vpon all the wall of the house of fiue cubites height, and they were ioyned to the house with beames of cedar.

11 And the word of the Lord came to Salomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou buildest, if thou wilt walke in mine ordinances, and execute my iudgements, and keepe all my commandements, to walke in them, then will I performe vnto thee my promise, * which I promised to Dauid thy father.

2. Sam. 7. 13.

13 And I will g dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

g According as he promised vnto Moses, Exod. 25. 22.

14 So Salomon built the house, and finished it,

15 And

15 And built the walles of the house within, with boordes of cedar tree from the pauement of the house vnto [b] the walles of the ceiling, and within he couered them with wood, and couered the floore of the house with plankes of firre.

16 And hee built twenty cubits in the sides of the house with boordes of Cedar, from the floore to the walles, and he prepared a place within it for the oracle, euen the most holy place.

17 But the [c] house, that is, the temple before it, was fourty cubits long.

18 And the Cedar of the house within was carued with ‖ knops, and grauen with flowres: all was Cedar, so that no stone was seene.

19 ¶ Also he prepared the place of the oracle in the midst of the [k] house within, to set the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord there.

20 And the place of the oracle within was twenty cubites long, and twentie cubites broad, and twenty cubits hie, and he couered it with pure gold, and couered the altar with Cedar.

21 So Salomon couered the house within with pure gold: and he ‡ shut the place of the oracle with chaines of golde, and couered it with gold.

22 And hee ouerlayed all the house with gold, vntill all the house was made perfect. Also hee couered the [l] whole altar that was before the oracle, with gold.

23 And within the oracle hee made two Cherubims of [i] oline tree, ten cubits hie.

24 The wing also of the one Cherub was fiue cubits, and the wing of the other Cherub was fiue cubites: from the vttermost part of one of his wings vnto the vttermost part of the other of his wings, were tenne cubites.

25 Also the other Cherub was of tenne cubites: both the Cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 For the height of the one Cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other Cherub.

27 And hee put the Cherubims within the inner house, [*] and the Cherubims stretched out their wings, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other Cherub touched the other wall: and their other wings touched one another in the middest of the house.

28 And hee [m] ouerlayed the Cherubims with gold.

29 And hee carued all the walles of the house round about with grauen figures of Cherubims and of palme trees, and grauen flowres within and without.

30 And the floore of the house he couered with gold within and without.

31 And in the entring of the oracle hee made two doores of oline tree: and the vpper post and side postes were fiue square.

32 The two doores also were of oline tree, and he graued them with grauing of Cherubims & palme trees, and grauen flowres, and couered them with golde, and layde [n] thin golde vpon the Cherubims and vpon the palme trees.

33 And so made hee for the doore of the Temple postes of oline tree foure square.

34 But the two doores were of firre tree, the two sides of the one doore were ‖ round, and the two sides of the other doore were round.

35 And hee graued Cherubims, & palme trees, and carued flowres, and couered the carued worke with gold finely wrought.

36 ¶ And he built the [o] court within with three rowes of hewed stone, and one rowe of beames of cedar.

37 In the fourth yeere was the foundation of the house of the Lord layd in the moneth of Zif:

38 And in the eleuenth yeere in the moneth of [p] Bul, (which is the eight moneth) he finished the house with all the furniture thereof, and in euery point: so was hee seuen yeere in building it.

CHAP. VII.

1 The building of the houses of Salomon. 15 The excellent workemanship of Hiram in the pieces which he made for the Temple.

BVt Salomon was building his owne house [*] thirteene yeeres, and [-] finished all his house.

2 Hee built also an house [b] called the forrest of Lebanon, an hundreth cubites long, and fiftie cubites broade, and thirtie cubites hie vpon foure rowes of Cedar pillars, and Cedar beames were layde vpon the pillars.

3 And it was couered aboue with Cedar vpon the beames, that lay on the fortie and fiue pillars, fifteene in a rowe.

4 And the windowes were in three rowes, and window was [c] against window in three ranks.

5 And all the doores, and the side postes with the windowes were foure square, and window was ouer against window in three ranks.

6 And hee made a porch of pillars fiftie cubites long, and thirtie cubites broade, and the porch was before [d] them, euen before them were thirty pillars.

7 ¶ Then hee made a porch [e] for the throne, where he iudged, euen a porch of iudgement, and it was sieled with Cedar from pauement to pauement.

8 And in his house, where he dwelt, was another hall more inward then the porche, which was of the same worke. Also Salomon made an house for Pharaohs daughter (whom he had taken to wife) like vnto this porch.

9 All these were ‖ of costly stones, hewed by measure, and sawed with sawes within and without, from the foundation vnto [f] the stones of an ‖ hand breadth, and on the outside to the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, and great stones, euen of stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 [g] Aboue also were costly stones, squared by rule, and boords of Cedar.

12 ¶ And the great court round about was with three rowes of hewed stones, and a rowe of Cedar beames: [h] so was it to the inner

h Meaning, vnto the roofe, which was also sieled.

‡ For when he spake of the house in the first verse, he meant both the oracle and the Temple.

‖ Or, wild cucumers.

k That is, in the most inward place of the house.

‡ Ebr. he drewe thorow chaines of gold before.

l Meaning, the altar of incense, Exod. 30. 1.

‖ Or, pine tree.

Exod. 25. 20.

m For the other, which Moses made of beaten gold, were taken away with the other iewels by their enemies, whom God permitted diuers times to ouercome them for their great sins.

n So that the fashion of the carued worke might still appeare.

‖ Or, folding.

o Where the priests were, and was thus called in respect of the great court which is called, Acts 3. 1 1. the porch of Salomon, where the people vsed to pray.

p Which conteineth part of October, & part of Nouember.

Chap. 9. 10.

a After he had built the Temple.

b For the beauty of the place and great abundance of cedar trees that went to the building thereof it was compared to mount Lebanon in Syria: this house he vsed in summer for pleasure and recreation.

c There were as many, and like proportion on the one side as on the other, and at euery end euen three in a rowe one aboue another.

d Before the pillars of the house.

e For his house which was at Ierusalem.

Chap. 3. 1.

‖ Or, precious.

f Which were rests and stayes for the beames to lie vpon.

‖ Or, spanne.

g From the foundation vpward.

h As the Lords house was built, so was this only the great court of Salomons house, was vncouered.

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inner court of the house of the Lord, and to the porch of the house.

13 ¶ Then king Salomon sent, and fet one Hiram out of ‖ Tyrus.

14 He was a widowes sonne of the tribe of Naphtali, his father being a man of Tyrus, and wrought in brasse: hee was full of wisedome, and vnderstanding, and knowledge to worke all maner of worke in brasse: who came to king Salomon, and wrought all his worke.

15 For he cast two pillars of brasse: the height of a pillar was eightéene cubits, and a threed of twelue cubites did compasse ‡ either of the pillars.

16 And hee made two ‖ chapiters of molten brasse to set on the tops of the pillars: the height of one of the chapiters was fiue cubits, and the height of the other chapiter was fiue cubites.

17 He made grates like networke, and ‖ wreathen worke like chaines for the chapiters that were on the toppe of the pillars, euen seuen for the one chapiter, and seuen for the other chapiter.

18 So he made the pillars and two rowes of pomegranates round about in the one grate to couer the chapiters that were vpon the toppe. And thus did hee for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that were on the toppe of the pillars were after k lilie worke in the porch, foure cubits.

20 And the chapiters vpon the two pillars had also aboue, ‖ ouer against the bellie ‖ within the networke pomegranates: for two hundreth pomegranates were in the two rankes about vpon ‡ either of the chapiters.

21 And he set vp the pillars in the l porch of the Temple. And when he had set vp the right pillar, hee called the name thereof m Jachin: and when hee had set vp the left pillar, he called the name thereof n Boaz.

22 And vpon the toppe of the pillars was worke of lilies: so was the worke made fit for the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made a molten o sea ten cubites wide from brimme to brimme, round in compasse, and fiue cubites hie, and a line of thirtie cubites did compasse it about.

24 And vnder the brimme of it were knoppes like wilde cucumers compassing it round about, tenne in one cubite, compassing the sea * round about: and the two rowes of knoppes were cast, when it was molten.

25 It stood on twelue bulles, three looking toward the North, and three toward the Weast, and three toward the South, and three toward the East: and the sea stoode aboue vpon them, and all the hinder parts were inward.

26 It was ‖ an hand breadth thicke, and the brimme thereof was like the worke of the brimme of a cuppe with floures of lilies: it conteined two thousand p Baths.

27 ¶ And he made tenne bases of brasse, one base was foure cubites long, and foure cubites broad, and three cubites hie.

28 ¶ And the worke of the bases was on this maner, they had borders, and the borders were betweene the ledges:

29 And on the borders that were betweene the ledges, were lions, bulles and Cherubins: and vpon the ledges there was a base aboue: and beneath the lyons and bulles, were additions made of thinne worke.

30 And euery base had foure brasen wheeles, and plates of brasse: and the foure corners had ‡ vndersetters: vnder the caldron were vndersetters molten at the side of euery addition.

31 And q the mouth of it was within the chapiter and aboue to measure by the cubite: for the mouth thereof was round made like a base, and it was a cubite and halfe a cubite: and also vpon the mouth thereof were grauen works, whose borders were foure square, and not round.

32 And vnder the borders were foure wheeles, and the axletrees of the wheeles ioyned to the base: and the height of a wheele was a cubite and halfe a cubite.

33 And the fashion of the wheeles was like the fashion of a charet wheele, their axletrees, and their naues and their ‖ felloes, and their spokes were all moulten.

34 And foure vndersetters were vpon the foure corners of one base: and the vndersetters thereof were of the base it selfe.

35 And in the toppe of the base was a round r compasse of halfe a cubite hie round about: and vpon the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

36 And vpon the tables of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof hee did graue Cherubims, lyons, and palme trees on the side of euery one, and additions round about.

37 Thus made he the ten bases, they had all one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 ¶ Then made he s tenne caldrons of brasse, one caldron conteined fortie baths: and euery caldron was foure cubits, one caldron was vpon one base throughout the ten bases.

39 And he set the bases, fiue on the right side of the house, and fiue on the left side of the house. And hee set the sea on the right side of the t house Eastward toward the South.

40 ¶ And Hiram made caldrons, and besoms, and basins: and Hiram finished all the worke that hee made to king Salomon for the house of the Lord:

41 To wit, two pillars and two bowles of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars, and two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapiters which were vpon the top of the pillars,

42 And foure hundreth pomegranates for the two grates, euen two rowes of pomegranates for euery grate to couer the two bowles of the chapiters that were vpon the pillars.

43 And the ten bases, and tenne caldrons vpon the bases.

44 And the sea, and twelue bulles vnder the sea.

45 And

‖ Or, Zor.

i Thus whē God wil haue his glory set foorth, he raiseth vp men, & giueth them excellent gifts for the accomplishment of the same, Exod 31.2,3.

‡ Ebr. the second.

‖ Or, pummels.

‖ Or, cordes like chaines.

k As was seene commonly wrought in costly porches.

‖ Or, round about the middes.

‖ Or, beyond.

‡ Ebr. the second.

l Which was in the inner court betweene the Temple and the oracle.

m That is, he will stablish, to wit, his promise toward this house.

n That is, in strength: meaning the power thereof shal continue.

o So called for the hugeneese of the vessell. 2. Chron. 4.3.

‖ Or, a spanne.

p Bath and Ephah seeme to be both one measure Ezek 45.11. euery Bath conteined about tenne pottels.

q The mouth of the great base or frame entred into the chapiter or pillar that bare vp the caldron.

‡ Ebr. shoulders.

‖ Or, rings.

r Which was called the pillar, chapiter, or small base wherein the caldron stood.

s To keepe waters for the vse of the sacrifices.

t To wit, of the Temple or Sanctuary.

45 And pottes, and beloms, and balons: and all these vessels, which [u]Hiram made to King Salomon for the house of the Lord, were of shining brasse.

46 In the plaine of Iorden did the King cast them in [‖] clay betweene Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Salomon left to weigh all the vessels because of the exceeding abundance, neither could the weight of the brasse bee counted.

48 So Salomon made all the vessels, that perteined vnto the house of the Lord, the [x] golden altar, and the golden table, whereon the shewbread was,

49 And the candlesticks, fiue at the right side, and fiue at the left, before the oracle of pure gold, and the flowers, and the lampes, and the snuffers of gold.

50 And the bowles, [y] and the hookes, and the balons, and the spoones, and the ashpannes of pure golde, and the hinges of golde for the doores of the house within, euen for the most holy place, and for the doores of the house, to wit, of the Temple.

51 So was finished all the worke that King Salomon made for the house of the Lord, and Salomon brought in the things which [a]Dauid his father had dedicated: the siluer and the gold, and the vessels, and laide them among the treasures of the house of the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

4 The Arke is borne into the Temple. 10 A cloud filleth the Temple. 14 The King blesseth the people.

THen [*] king Salomon assembled the Elders of Israel, euen all the heads of the tribes, the chiefe fathers of the children of Israel vnto him in Ierusalem, for to [a] bring vp the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord from the citie of Dauid, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled vnto king Salomon at the feast in the moneth of [b] Ethanim, which is the seuenth moneth.

3 And al the Elders of Israel came, and the Priests tooke the Arke.

4 They bare the Arke of the Lord, and they bare the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle: those did the Priests and Leuites bring vp,

5 And king Salomon and all the Congregation of Israel, that were assembled vnto him, were with him before the Arke, offering sheepe and beeues, which could not bee told, nor numbred for multitude.

6 So the [c] Priests brought the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord vnto his place, into the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, euen vnder the wings of the Cherubims.

7 For the Cherubims stretched out their wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, and the bars thereof aboue.

8 And they [d] drew out the barres, that the ends of the barres might appeare out of the Sanctuarie before the oracle, but they were not seene without: and there they are vnto this day.

9 Nothing was in the Arke [*] saue the two tables of stone which Moses had put there at Horeb where the Lord made a couenant with the children of Israel, when hee brought them out of the land of Egypt.

10 And when the Priests were come out of the Sanctuarie, the [e] cloud filled the house of the Lord.

11 So that the Priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud: for the glorie of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

12 Then spake Salomon, The Lord [*] said, that hee would dwell in the darke cloud.

13 I haue built thee an house to dwell in, an habitation for thee to abide in [f] for euer.

14 ¶ And the king turned his face, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel: for all the Congregation of Israel stood there.

15 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who spake with his mouth vnto Dauid my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no citie of all the tribes of Israel, to build an house that my Name might be there: but I haue chosen [*] Dauid to be ouer my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of Dauid my father to build an house to the Name of the Lord God of Israel.

18 And the Lord said vnto Dauid my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house vnto my Name, thou diddest well, that thou wast so minded:

19 Neuertheless, thou shalt not build the house, but thy sonne, that shall come out of thy loynes, hee shall build the house vnto my Name.

20 And the Lord hath [+] made good his word that hee spake: and I am risen vp in the roome of Dauid my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and haue built the house for the Name of the Lord God of Israel.

21 And I haue prepared therein a place for the Arke, wherein is the [g] Couenant of the Lord which hee made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Then Salomon stoode before [*] the altar of the Lord in the sight of all the Congregation of Israel, and stretched out his hands toward heauen,

23 And said, [*] O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneath, thou that keepest couenant & mercy with thy seruants that walke before thee with [h] all their heart,

24 Thou that hast kept with thy seruant Dauid my father, that thou hast promised him: for thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as appeareth this day.

25 Therefore nowe, Lord God of Israel, keepe with thy seruant Dauid my father that thou hast promised him, saying, [*] Thou shalt not want a man in my sight to sit vpon the throne of Israel: so that

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[u] By this name also Hiram the king of Tyrus was called.

[‖] Or, thicke earth.

[x] This was done according to the forme that the Lord prescribed vnto Moses in Exodus.

[y] Some take this for some instrument of musike.

2. *Chron.* 5. 1.

1. *Chron.* 5. 2.

[*] *Ebr. Salomon.*

[a] For Dauid brought it from Obed-edom, and placed it in the Tabernacle which he had made for it, 2. Sam. 6. 17.

[b] Conteining part of September, and part of October, in the which moneth they held three solemne feasts, Numb. 29. 1.

[c] That is, the Kohathites, Numb. 4. 5.

[d] They drew them onely out so farre as they might be seene: for they might not pull them altogether out, Exod. 25. 15.

[e] For it is like that the enemies, when they had the Arke in their hands, tooke away the rod of Aaron, and the pot with Man. *Exod.* 40. 34.

2. *Chron.* 6. 1.

[f] He spake according to the tenor of Gods promise, which was conditionally, that they should serue him aright.

2. *Sam.* 7. 8.

[+] *Ebr. confirmed.*

[g] The two tables wherein the articles of the couenant were written. 2. *Chron.* 6. 13.

2. *Mac.* 2. 8.

[h] Vnfainedly, and without all hypocrisie.

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that thy children take heed to their way, that they walke before mee, as thou hast walked in my sight.

26 And now, O God of Israel, I pray thee, let thy word bee verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant Dauid my father.

i He is rauished with the admiration of Gods mercies, who being incomprehensible & Lord ouer all, will become familiar with men.

27 i Is it true indeed that God will dwell on the earth? behold, the heauens, and the heauens of heauens are not able to conteine thee: how much more vnable is this house that I haue built?

28 But haue thou respect vnto the prayer of thy seruant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to heare the crie and prayer which thy seruant prayeth before thee this day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house, night and day, euen toward the place whereof thou hast said, *My Name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken vnto the prayer which thy seruant prayeth in this place.

*Deut. 12.11.

30 Heare thou therefore the supplication of thy seruaunt, and of thy people Israel, which pray in this place, and heare thou ‖in the place of thine habitation, euen in heauen, and when thou hearest, haue mercie.

‖Or, From.

31 ¶ When a man shall trespasse against his neighbour, and k lay vpon him an oth to cause him to sweare, ‡ the sweare shall come before thine altar in this house,

k To wit, the iudge or neighbour.

‡ Ebr. the othe.

32 Then heare thou in heauen, and l doe and iudge thy seruants, that thou condemne the wicked to bring his way vpon his head, and iustifie the righteous, to giue him according to his righteousnes.

l That is, make it knowen.

33 ¶ When thy people Israel shall be ouerthrowen before the enemie, because they haue sinned against thee, and turne againe to thee, and m confesse thy Name, and pray and make supplication vnto thee in this house,

m Acknowledge thy iust iudgement, and praise thee.

34 Then heare thou in heauen, and be mercifull vnto the sinne of thy people Israel, and bring them againe vnto the land which thou gauest vnto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heauen shalbe n shut vp, and there shall be no raine, because they haue sinned against thee, and shal pray in this place, and confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou doest afflict them,

n So that there be a drought to destroy the fruits of the land.

36 Then heare thou in heauen, and pardon the sinne of thy seruants, and of thy people Israel (when thou hast taught them the good way wherin they may walke) and giue raine vpon the land that thou hast giuen to thy people to inherit.

37 ¶ When there shall bee famine in the land, when there shall bee pestilence, when there shall be blasting, mildew, grashopper, or caterpiller, when their enemy shal besiege them in the ‡ cities of their lande, or any plague, or any sickenesse,

‡ Ebr. in the land of their gates.

38 Then what prayer and supplication soeuer shall be made of any man or of all thy people Israel, when euery one shal know the plague, in his owne o heart, and stretch forth his hands in this house,

o For such are most meete to receiue Gods mercies.

39 Heare thou then in heauen, in thy dwelling place, and bee mercifull, and doe, and giue euery man according to all his waies, as thou knowest his heart (for thou onely knowest the hearts of all the children of men)

40 That they may feare thee as long as they liue in the land, which thou gauest vnto our fathers.

41 Moreouer, as touching the p stranger that is not of thy people Israel, who shall come out of a farre country for thy Names sake,

p He meaneth such as should be turned from their idolatrie to serue the true God.

42 (When they shall heare of thy great Name, and of thy mightie hand, and of thy stretched out arme) and shall come and pray in this house,

43 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth for vnto thee: that all the people of the earth may know thy Name, and feare thee, as doe thy people Israel: and that they may know that thy q Name is called vpon in this house which I haue built.

q That is the the true religion wherewith thou wilt be worshipped. *Dan. 6, 10.*

44 ¶ When thy people shall goe out to battell against their enemie by the way that thou shalt send them, and shall pray vnto the Lord, *toward the way of the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I haue built for thy Name,

45 Heare thou then in heauen their prayer and their supplication, and ‖ iudge their cause.

‖ Or, maintaine their right. *2. Chron. 6. 36. Eccle. 7. 22. 1. Ioh. 1, 8, 10.*

46 If they sinne against thee (* for there is no man that sinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliuer them vnto the enemies, so that they carie them away prisoners vnto the land of the enemies, either farre or neere,

47 Yet ‖ if they turne againe vnto their heart in the land (to the which they bee caried away captiues) and returne and pray vnto thee r in the land of them that caried them away captiues, saying, Wee haue sinned, wee haue transgressed and done wickedly,

‖ Or, if they repent.

r Though the Temple was the chiefe place of prayer, yet he secludeth not them, that being let with necessitie call vpon him in other places.

48 If they turne againe vnto thee with all their heart, and with all their soule in the land of their enemies, which led them away captiues, and pray vnto thee toward s the way of their land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers, and toward the citie which thou hast chosen, and the house which I haue built for thy Name,

s As Daniel did, Dan. 6. 10.

49 Then heare thou their prayer & their supplication in heauen thy dwelling place, and ‖ iudge their cause,

‖ Or, auenge their wrong.

50 And be mercifull vnto thy people that haue sinned against thee, and vnto all their iniquities (wherein they haue transgressed against thee) and cause that they, which led them away captiues, may t haue pitie and compassion on them:

t He vnderstood by faith, that God, of enemies would make friends vnto them that did conuert vnto him.

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out of Egypt from the midst of the yron fornace.

52 Let thine eyes be open vnto the prayer of thy seruant, and vnto the prayer of thy people Israel, to hearken vnto them in all that they call for vnto thee.

53 For thou diddest separate them to thee from among all people of the earth for an inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy seruaunt, when thou broughtest our

Exod 19.6.

u Salomon is a figure of Christ, who continually is the Mediator betweene God and his Church.

our fathers * out of Egypt, O Lord God.

54 And when Salomon had made an end of praying all this * prayer and supplication vnto the Lord, hee arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees, & stretching of his hands to heauen,

55 And stood and blessed all the Congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed bee the Lord that hath giuen rest vnto his people Israel, according to all that hee promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise which hee promised by the hand of Moses his seruant.

57 The Lord our God be with vs, as he was with our fathers, that hee forsake vs not, neither leaue vs,

x He concludeth that man of himselfe is enemie vnto God, and that all obedience to his law proceedeth of his meere mercie.

58 That he may * bowe our hearts vnto him, that wee may walke in all his wayes, and keepe his commaundements, and his statutes, and his lawes, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And these my words, which I haue prayed before the Lord, bee neere vnto the Lord our God day and night, that hee defend the cause of his seruant, and the cause of his people Israel ‡ alway as the matter requireth,

‡ Heb. the thing of a day in his day.

60 That all the people of the earth may know, that the Lord is God, and none other.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfit with the Lord our God to walke in his statutes, and to keepe his commaundements, as this day.

2. Chron. 7.4.

62 ¶ * Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifice before the Lord.

63 And Salomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which hee offered vnto the Lord, to wit, two and twentie thousand beeues, and an hundreth and twentie thousand sheepe: so the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the y house of the Lord.

y Before the oracle, where the Arke was.

64 The same day did the King hallowe the middle of the court, that was before the house of the Lord: for there hee made burnt offerings, and the meate offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the * brasen altar that was before the Lord, was too little to receiue the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

2. Chron. 7.7.

65 And Salomon made at that time a feast, and all Israel with him, a very great Congregation, euen from the entring in of z Hamath vnto the riuer of Egypt, before the Lord our God, a seuen dayes and seuen dayes, euen fourteene dayes.

z That is, from North to South: meaning, all the countrey.

66 And the eight day hee sent the people away: and they b thanked the king, and went vnto their tents ioyous and with glad heart, because of all the goodnesse that the Lord had done for Dauid his seruant, and for Israel his people.

a Seuen dayes for the dedication, and seuen for the feast.

b Heb. blessed.

CHAP. IX.

2 The Lord appeareth the second time to Salomon. 11 Salomon giueth cities to Hiram. 20 The Canaanites become tributaries. 28 Hee sendeth foorth a nauie for golde.

2. Chron. 7.11.

WHen * Salomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the Kings palace, and all that Salomon desired and minded to doe,

2 Then the Lord appeared vnto Salomon the second time, as he * appeared vnto him at Gibeon.

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3 And the Lord said vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I haue hallowed this house (which thou hast built) to * put my name there for euer, and mine eyes, & mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Chap. 8.29. Deut. 12.11.

4 And * if thou wilt walke before me (as Dauid thy father walked in pureneſſe of heart, and in righteousneſſe) to doe according to all that I haue commaunded thee, and keepe my statutes, and my iudgements,

a If thou walke in my feare, and withdraw thy selfe from the common manor of men, which follow their sensualitie.

5 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer, as I promised to Dauid thy father, saying, * Thou shalt not want a man vpon the throne of Israel.

1. Sam. 7.12. 1. Chron. 22.10.

6 But if ye and your children turne away from me, and will * not keepe my commandements, and my statutes, (which I haue set before you) but go and serue other gods, and worship them,

b God declareth that disobedience against him is the cause of his displeasure, and so of all miserie. Iere. 7.14.

7 Then will I cut off Israel from the land, which I haue giuen them, and the house which I haue hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel shall be a c prouerbe, and a common talke among all people.

c The world shall make of you a mocking stocke for the vile contempt and abusing of Gods most liberall benefits. Deut. 29.24. Iere. 22.8.

8 Euen this high house shall be so: euery one that passeth by it, shall bee astonied, and shall hisse, and they shall say, * Why hath the Lord done thus vnto this land and to this house?

9 And they shall answere, Because they forsooke the Lord their God, which brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken hold vpon other gods, and haue worshipped them, and serued them, therefore hath the Lord brought vpon them all this euill.

10 * And at the ende of twentie yeeres, when Salomon had builded the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the Kings palace,

2. Chron. 8.1.

11 (For the which Hiram the king of Tyrus had brought to Salomon timber of cedar, and firre trees, and golde, and whatsoeuer hee desired) then King Salomon gaue to Hiram twentie cities in the land of ‖ Galil.

‖ Or, Zor.

‖ Or, Galila.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyrus to see the cities which Salomon had giuen him, and they pleased him not,

13 Therefore hee said, What cities are these which thou hast giuen me my brother? And he called them the land of ‖ Cabul vnto this day.

‖ Or, dirtie, or barren.

14 And Hiram had sent the King d fiue scoze * talents of golde.

d For his tribute toward the building.

e The common talent was about threescore pound weight.

15 ¶ And this is the cause of the tribute why King Salomon raised tribute, to wit, to builde the house of the Lorde, and his owne house, and ‖ Millo, and the wall of Ierusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

f Millo was as the towne house or place of assembly, which was open aboue.

16 Pharaoh King of Egypt had come vp, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire,

and slew the Canaanites that dwelt in the citie, and gaue it for a present vnto his daughter Salomons wife.

17 (Therefore Salomon built Gezer and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath and Tamor in the wildernesse of the land,

g Cities for his munitions of warre.

19 And all the cities g of store, that Salomon had, euen cities for charets, and cities for horsemen, and all that Salomon desired and would build in Ierusalem, and in Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion.)

h These were as bondmen, and paied what was required, either labour or money

20 All the people that were h left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hiuites, and Iebusites, which were not of the children of Israel:

21 To wit, their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able to destroy, those did Salomon make tributaries to this day.

Leuit.25.39.

22 But of the children of Israel did Salomon * make no bondmen: but they were men of warre and his seruaunts, and his princes, and his captaines, and rulers of his charets, and his horsemen.

i The ouerseers of Salomons workes were diuided into three parts: the first conteined 3300. the second 300. and the thirde 250. which were Israelites: so here are conteined the two last parts, which make 550 looke more, 2. Chron 8 10.

23 These were the princes of the officers, that were ouer Salomons worke: euen i fiue hundreth and fiftie, and they ruled the people that wrought in the worke.

24 ¶ And Pharaohs daughter came vp from the city of Dauid vnto the house which Salomon had built for her: then did hee build Millo.

25 And thrise a yeere did Salomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings vpon the altar which he built vnto the Lord: and hee burnt incense vpon the altar, that was before the Lord, when hee had finished the house.

26 ¶ Also king Salomon made an naue of ships in Ezeon-geber, which is beside Eloth, and the brinke of the red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent with the naue his seruaunts, that were Mariners, and had knowledge of the sea, with the seruaunts of Salomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fet from thence k foure hundreth and twentie talents of gold, and brought it to king Salomon.

k In the 2. Chap. 8, 18 is made mention of 30. more, which seeme to haue beene employed for their charges

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CHAP. X.

1 The Queene of Saba commeth to heare the wisedome of Salomon. 13 His royall throne. 23 His power and magnificence.

AND the * Queene of a Sheba hearing the fame of Salomon (concerning the Name of the Lord) came to proue him with hard questions.

2.Chron.9.1. matth.12.42. Luke 11.31.

a Iosephus saith that shee was Queene of Ethiopia, and that Sheba was the name of the chiefe citie of Meroe, which is an Iland of Nilus

2 And shee came to Ierusalem with a very great traine, and Camels that bare sweete odours, and golde exceeding much, and precious stones: and when she came to Salomon, and communed with him of all that was in her heart.

b That is, the whole order, and trade of his house.

3 And Salomon declared vnto her all her questions: nothing was hid from the king, which he expounded not vnto her.

4 Then the Queene of Sheba sawe all Salomons wisedome, and the house that he had built,

5 And the b meate of his table, and the sitting of his seruaunts, and the order of his ministers, and their apparell, and his drinking vessels, and his burnt offrings, that hee offered in the house of the Lord, and ‡ there was greatly astonied.

‡ Ebr. *there was no more spirit in her.*

6 And shee said vnto the king, It was a true word that I heard in mine owne land of thy sayings, and of thy wisedome.

7 Howbeit I beleeued not this report, til I came, and had seene it with mine eyes: but loe, the one halfe was not tolde me: for thou hast more wisedome and prosperitie, then I haue heard by report.

8 Happie are thy men, happie are these thy seruants, which stand euer before thee, and heare thy c wisedome.

c But much more happie are they which heare the wisedome of God reueiled in his word.

9 Blessed bee the Lord thy God, which d loued thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel, because the Lord loued Israel for euer, and made thee king, to doe e equitie and righteousnesse.

d It is a chiefe signe of Gods fauour, when godly and wise rulers sit in the throne of iustice.

e This is the cause why kings are appointed. *2.Chron 9.10.*

10 And shee gaue the king sixe score talents of golde, and of sweete odours exceeding much, and precious stones. There came no more such abundance of sweete odours as the Queene of Sheba gaue to king Salomon.

11 The naue also of Hiram (that caried gold from Ophir) brought likewise great plentie of * Almuggim trees from Ophir and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the Almuggim trees, pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the kings palace, and made harpes and psalteries for singers. There came no more such Almuggim trees, nor were any more seene vnto this day.

13 And king Salomon gaue vnto the Queene of Sheba, whatsoeuer shee would aske, besides that, which Salomon gaue her ‡ of his kingly liberalitie: so shee returned and went to her owne countrey, both shee, and her seruants.

‡ Ebr. *by the hand of the king.*

14 ¶ Also the weight of golde, that came to Salomon in one yere, was sixe hundreth, threescore and sixe * talents of gold,

Exod.25.39.

15 Besides that hee had of merchant men and of the merchandises of them that solde spices, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the princes of the f countrey.

f To wit, of Arabia, which for the great abundance of all things was called happie. *Chap.7.2.*

16 And king Salomon made two hundreth targets of beaten golde, sixe hundreth shekels of gold went to a target:

17 And three hundreth shields of beaten gold, three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the * house of the wood of Lebanon.

18 ¶ Then the king made a great throne of Iuorie, and couered it with the best gold.

19 And the throne had sixe steps, ‡ the top of the throne was round behind, ‡ there were g stayes on either side on the place of the throne, ‡ two lions standing by the stayes.

g As the chaire bowes, or places to leane vpon.

20 And there stood twelue lions on the sixe steps on either side: there was not the like made in any kingdome.

21 And all king Salomons drinking vessels were of golde, and all the vessels of the house of the wood of Lebanon were of pure golde, none were of siluer: for it was nothing

nothing esteemed in the dayes of Salomon.

22 For the King had on the sea the naule of Tarshish with the naule of Hiram: once in three yeere came the naule of Tarshish, and brought gold and siluer, yuorie, and apes, and peacockes.

23 So King Salomon exceeded all the kings of the earth both in riches and in wisdome.

24 And all the world sought to see Salomon, to heare his wisedome, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armour, and sweete odours, horses and mules, from yeere to yeere.

26 Then Salomon gathered together * charets and horsemen: and hee had a thousand and foure hundreth charets, & twelue thousand horsemen, whom he placed in the charet cities, & with the king at Ierusalem.

27 And the king ‖ gaue siluer in Ierusalem as stones, and gaue cedars as the wilde figge trees that growe aboundantly in the plaine.

28 Also Salomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and fine linnen: ‖ the kings merchants receiued the linnen for a price.

29 There came vp and went out of Egypt some charet worth fiue hundreth shekels of siluer: that is, one horse, an hundreth and fiftie, and thus they brought horses to all the kings of the Hittites, and to the kings of Aram by their ‡ meanes.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Salomon hath a thousand wiues and concubines, which bring him to idolatry.* 14 *His God raiseth vp aduersaries against him.* 43 *He dieth.*

BVt King Salomon loued * many * outlandish women: both the daughter of Pharaoh, and the women of Moab, Ammon, Edom, Zidon and Heth,

2 Of the nations, whereof the Lord had sayd vnto the children of Israel, * Goe not ye in to them, nor let them come in to you: for surely they wil turne your hearts after their gods. To them, I say, did Salomon ioyne in loue.

3 And he had seuen hundred wiues, that were ‖ princesses, and three hundreth [b] concubines, and his wiues turned away his heart.

4 For when Salomon was olde, his wiues turned his heart after other gods, so that his heart was not [c] perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of Dauid his father.

5 For Salomon followed * Ashtaroth the god of the Zidonians, and [d] Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 So Salomon wrought wickednes in the sight of the Lord, but continued not to follow the Lord, as did Dauid his father.

7 Then did Salomon build an hie place for Chemosh the [e] abomination of Moab, in the mountaine that is ouer against Ierusalem, and vnto Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And so did hee for all his outlandish wiues, which burnt incense and offered vnto their gods.

9 Therefore the Lord was angry with Salomon, because he had turned his heart from the Lord God of Israel, * which had appeared vnto him twise,

10 And had giuen him a * charge concerning this thing, that he should not follow other gods: but hee kept not that which the Lord had commanded him.

11 Wherefore the Lord sayd vnto Salomon, For asmuch as [f] this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my couenant, and my statutes (which I commanded thee) * I will surely rent the kingdome from thee, and will giue it to thy seruant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy dayes I will not doe it, because of Dauid thy father, but I will rent it out of the hande of thy sonne:

13 Howbeit I will not rent all the kingdome, but will giue one tribe to thy sonne, because of Dauid my seruant, and because of Ierusalem which I haue chosen.

14 ¶ Then the Lord stirred vp an aduersary vnto Salomon, euen Hadad the Edomite, of the kings [h] seede, which was in Edom.

15 * For when Dauid was in Edom, and Ioab the captaine of the hoste had smitten all the males in Edom, and was gone vp to burie the [i] slaine,

16 (For sixe moneths did Ioab remaine there, and all Israel, till he had destroyed all the males in Edom)

17 Then this Hadad [k] fled and certaine other Edomites of his fathers seruants with him, to goe into Egypt, Hadad being yet a little childe.

18 And they arose out of Midian, & came to Paran, and tooke men with them out of Paran, and came to Egypt vnto Pharaoh king of Egypt, which gaue him an house, and appointed him vitailes, and gaue him land.

19 So Hadad [l] found great fauour in the sight of Pharaoh, and he gaue him to wife the sister of his owne wife, euen the sister of Tahpenes the Queene.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubah his sonne, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaohs house: and Genubah was in Pharaohs house among the sonnes of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt, that Dauid slept with his fathers, and that Ioab the captaine of the hoste was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may goe to mine owne countrey.

22 But Pharaoh sayd vnto him, What hast thou lacked with mee, that thou wouldest thus goe to thine owne countrey? And he answered, Nothing, but in any wise let me goe.

23 ¶ * And God stirred him vp another aduersary, Rezon the sonne of Eliadah, which [m] fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men vnto him, and had been captaine ouer the company, when Dauid slewe them. And they went to Damascus, and dwelt there, * and they made him king in Damascus.

h By Tharshish is meant Cilicia, which was abundant in varietie of precious things.

2. Chron. 1. 14.

‖ Or, he made siluer as plenteous as stones.

‖ Or, for the company of the kings merchants did receiue a number as a price.

‡ Ebr. hands.

Deut. 17. 17. eccles. 47. 19.

a Which were idolaters.

Exod. 34. 16.

‖ Or, Queenes.

b To whom appertained no dowrie.

c He serued not God with a pure heart.

Iudg. 2. 13.

d Who was also called Molech, verse 7. reade 2. King. 23. 10.

e Thus the scripture termeth whatsoeuer man doeth reuerence & serue as God.

f That thou hast forsaken me and worshipped idols. Chap. 12. 15.

g Because the tribes of Iudah and Beniamin had their possessions mixed, they are here taken as one tribe.

h Of the king of Edoms stocke. 2. Sam. 8. 14.

i Of the Edomites.

k Thus God reserued this idolater to bee a scourge to punish his peoples sinnes.

l God brought him to honour, that his power might be more able to compasse his enterprises against Salomons house.

2. Sam. 8. 3.

m When Dauid had discomfited Hadadezar and his armie.

n To wit, the men, whom he had gathered vnto him.

25 Therefore was he an aduersary to Israel all the dayes of Salomon: besides the euill that Hadad did, he also abhorred Israel, and reigned ouer Aram.

2.Chron.13.6.

26 ¶ * And Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat an Ephrathite of Zereda Salomons seruant (whose mother was called Zeruah a widow) lift vp his hand against the king.

27 And this was the cause that he lift vp his hand against the King, When Salomon built Millo, hee repaired the broken places of the citie of Dauid his father.

28 And this man Ieroboam was a man of strength and courage, and Salomon seeing that the young man was meete for the worke, he made him o ouerseer of all the labour of the house of Ioseph.

o He was ouerseer of Salomons workes for the tribe of Ephraim and Manasseh.

29 And at that time, when Ieroboam went out of Ierusalem, the Prophet Ahiah the Shilonite found him in the way, hauing a new garment on him, and they two were alone in the field.

30 Then Ahiah caught the newe garment that was on him, & p rent it in twelue pieces,

p By these visible signes the Prophets would more deeply print their message into their hearts, to whom they were sent.

31 And sayd to Ieroboam, Take vnto thee ten pieces: for thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I will rent the kingdome out of the hands of Salomon, and will giue ten tribes to thee.

32 But he shall haue one tribe for my seruant Dauids sake, and for Ierusalem the citie, which I haue chosen out of all the tribes of Israel,

33 Because they haue forsaken mee, and haue worshipped Ashtaroth the god of the Zidonians, and Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and haue not walked in my wayes (to doe right in mine eyes, and my statutes, and my lawes) as did Dauid his father.

‖Or, to doe that that pleaseth me.

34 But I will not take the whole kingdome out of his hand: for I will make him Prince all his life long for Dauid my seruants sake, whome I haue chosen, and who kept my commandements and my statutes.

Chap.12.15.

35 * But I will take the kingdome out of his sonnes hand, and will giue it vnto thee, euen the ten tribes.

36 And vnto his sonne will I giue one tribe, that Dauid my seruant may haue a q light alway before me in Ierusalem the citie which I haue chosen me, to put my Name there.

q Hee hath respect vnto the Messiah, which should bee the bright starre that should shine thorow all the world.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reigne, ‡ euen as thine heart desireth, and shalt be king ouer Israel.

‡Ebr. in all that thy soule.

38 And if thou hearken vnto all that I commaund thee, and wilt walke in my wayes, and doe right in my sight to keepe my statutes and my commaundements, as Dauid my seruant did, then will I be with thee, and builde thee a sure house, as I built vnto Dauid, and will giue Israel vnto thee.

r For this idolatrie that Salomō hath committed.

39 And I will for r this, afflict the seed of Dauid, but not for euer.

s For the whole spirituall kingdome was restored in Messiah.

40 ¶ Salomon sought therefore to kill Ieroboam, and Ieroboam arose, and fled into Egypt vnto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt vntill the death of Salomon.

41 And the rest of the wordes of Salomon, and all that he did, and his wisedome, are they not written in the t booke of the acts of Salomon?

t Which booke as is thought, was lost in their captiuie.

2.Chron.9.30.

42 The time that Salomon reigned in Ierusalem ouer all Israel, was * fourtie yeeres.

43 And Salomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Dauid his father: and Rehoboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

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CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam succeedeth Salomon. 3 He refuseth the counsel of the Ancient. 20 Ieroboam reigneth ouer Israel. 21 God commandeth Rehoboam not to fight. 28 Ieroboam maketh golden calues.

2.Chron.10.1.

And * Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem, to make him king.

Chap.11.40.

2 And when Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat heard of it (who was yet in Egypt, whither Ieroboam had fled from king Salomon, and ‖ dwelt in Egypt)

‖Or, returned from Egypt.

3 Then they sent and called him: and Ieroboam and all the Congregation of Israel came, & spake vnto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our * yoke grieuous: nowe therefore make thou the grieuous seruitude of thy father, and his sore yoke which he put vpon vs, a lighter, and we will serue thee.

Chap.4.7.

a Oppresse vs not with so great charges, which we are not able to sustaine.

5 And he said vnto them, Depart yet for three dayes, then come againe to me. And the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboam tooke counsell with the old men that ‖ had stood before Salomon his father, while he yet liued, & sayd, What counsell giue ye, that I may make an answere to this people?

‖Or, had been of his ancient counsellers.

7 And they spake vnto him, saying, If thou be a b seruant vnto this people this day, and serue them, & answere them, and speake kind words to them, they will be thy seruants for euer.

b They shewed him that there was no way to win the peoples hearts, but to grant them their iust petition.

8 But hee forsooke the counsell that the old men had giuen him, and asked counsell of the yong men, that had been brought vp with him, and waited on him.

9 And he sayd vnto them, c What counsell giue yee, that we may answere this people, which haue spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke, which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

c There is nothing harder for them that are in authority, then to bridle their affections, and follow good counsell.

10 Then the yong men that were brought vp with him, spake vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say vnto this people, that haue spoken vnto thee, and sayd, Thy father hath made our yoke heauie, but make thou it lighter vnto vs: euen thus shalt thou say vnto them, My ‖ least part shalbe d bigger then my fathers loines.

‖Or, little finger.

d I am much more able to keep you in subiection then my father was.

11 Now where as my father did burden you with a grieuous yoke, I will yet make your yoke heauier: my father hath chastised you with rods, but I will correct you with ‖ scourges.

‖Or, scorpions.

e The people declare their obedience in this, that they would attempt nothing before the King had giuen them iust occasion.

12 ¶ Then Ieroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the King had * appointed, saying, Come to mee againe

me againe the third day.

13 And the King answered the people sharpely, and left the old mens counsell that they gaue him,

14 And spake to them after the counsell of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke grieuous, and I will make your yoke moze grieuous: my father hath chastised you with roddes, but I will correct you with scourges.

15 And the king hearkened not vnto the people: for it was the ordinance of the Lord, that hee might performe his saying, which the Lord had spoken by * Ahiah the Shilonite vnto Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king regarded them not, the people answered the King thus, saying, (What portion haue wee in ‖ Dauid? we haue none inheritance in the sonne of Ishai. To your tents, O Israel: now see to thine owne house, Dauid. So Israel departed vnto their tents.

17 Howbeit ouer the children of Israel, which dwelt in the cities of Iudah, did Rehoboam reigne still.

18 ¶ Now the King Rehoboam sent Adoram the receiuer of the tribute, and all Israel stoned him to death: then King Rehoboam ‡ made speed to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ierusalem.

19 And Israel rebelled against the house § of Dauid vnto this day.

20 ¶ And when all Israel had heard that Ieroboam was come againe, they sent and called him vnto the assembly, and made him King ouer all Israel: none followed the house of Dauid, but the tribe of Iudah * onely.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Ierusalem, he ᵇ gathered all the house of Iudah with the tribe of Beniamin, an hundreth and fourescoze thousand of chosen men (which were good warriours) to fight against the house of Israel, and to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboam the sonne of Salomon.

22 * But the woꝛde of God came vnto Shemaiah the ⁱ man of God, saying,

23 Speake vnto Rehoboam the sonne of Salomon King of Iudah, and vnto all the house of Iudah and Beniamin, and the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the ᵏ Lord, Ye shall not go vp, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: returne euery man to his house: for this thing is done by mee. They obeyed therefore the woꝛd of the Lord, and returned, and departed, according to the woꝛd of the Lord.

25 ¶ Then Ieroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and went from thence, and built Penuel.

26 And Ieroboam thought ˡ in his heart, Now shall the kingdome returne to the house of Dauid.

27 If this people go vp, and doe sacrifice in the house of the Lord ˡ at Ierusalem, then shall the heart of this people turne againe vnto their lord, euen to Rehoboam King of Iudah: so shall they kill me and goe againe to Rehoboam King of Iudah.

28 Whereupon the King tooke counsell, and made two calues of golde, and sayd vnto them, ᵐ It is too much for you to goe vp to Ierusalem: beholde, O Israel, thy gods, which brought thee vp out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other set he in Dan.

30 And this thing turned to sinne: for the people went (because of the one) euen to Dan.

31 Also hee made an ⁿ house of hie places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sonnes of Leui.

32 And Ieroboam made a feast the ° fifteenth day of the eight moneth, like vnto the feast that is in Iudah, and offered on the altar. So did he in Beth-el, and offred vnto the calues that hee had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the hie places, which he had made.

33 And he offered vpon the altar, which he had made in Beth-el, the fifteenth day of the eight moneth (euen in the moneth which he had forged of his owne heart) and made a solemne feast vnto the children of Israel: and he went vp to the altar, to burne incense.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ieroboam is reprehended of the Prophet. 4 His hand driueth vp. 15 The Proph. is seduced. 24 And is killed of a lyon. 33 The obstinacie of Ieroboam.

AND beholde, there came ᵃ a man of God out of Iudah (by the commandement of the Lord) vnto ᵇ Beth-el, and Ieroboam stood by the altar to offer incense.

2 And he cryed against the altar by the commandement of the Lord, and sayd, O altar, altar, thus sayth the Lord, Beholde, a childe shall be borne vnto the house of Dauid, * Iosiah by name, and vpon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burne incense vpon thee, and they shal burne mens bones vpon thee.

3 And he gaue a signe the same time, saying, This is the ᶜ signe, that the Lord hath spoken, Behold, the altar shall rent, and the ashes that are vpon it, shall ‖ fall out.

4 And when the king had heard the saying of the man of God, which he had cryed against the altar in Beth-el, Ieroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, ᵈ Lay hold on him: but his hand which he put foorth against him, dried vp, and he could not pull it in againe to him.

5 The altar also claue asunder, and the ashes fell out from the altar, according to the signe which the man of God had giuen by the ‡ commandement of the Lord.

6 Then the king answered, and said vnto the man of God, I ° beseech thee, pray vnto the Lord thy God, and make intercession for mee, that mine hand may be restored vnto mee. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the Kings hand was restored, and became as it was afore.

7 Then the King sayd vnto the man of God, Come home with me, that thou mayest ‖ dine, and I will giue thee a reward.

8 But the man of God sayd vnto the

Or, the Lord was the cause. Chap.11.11.

f Though their cause were good, yet it is most hard for the people to bridle their affections, as these vile words declare.

‡ *Ebr. strengthened himselfe.*

g By the iust iudgement of God for Salomons sinnes.

Chap.11.13.

h For as yet he perceiued not that the Lord had so appointed it.

2.Chro.11.2.

i That is, the Prophet.

k Who of his iust iudgement will punish the trespasser, and of his mercie spare the innocent people.

l He feared lest his people should haue by this meanes bene entised to rebel against him.

m So craftie are the carnall persuasions of princes, when they will make a religion to serue to their appetite.

n That is, a temple where altars were built for idolatrie.

o Because hee would the more binde the peoples deuotion to his idolatry, he made a new holy day, besides those that the Lord had appointed in the Law.

a That is, a Prophet.

b Not that that was called Luz in Beniamin, but another of that name.

2.King.23.17.

c By this signe ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me.

‖ *Or, be powred out.*

d The wicked rage against the Prophets of God when they declare them Gods iudgements.

‡ *Ebr. mouth.*

e Though the wicked humble themselues for a time when they feele Gods iudgements, yet after, they returne to their old malice, and declare that they are but vile hypocrites.

‖ *Or, take sustenance.*

King, if thou wouldest giue me halfe thine house, I would not goe in with thee, neither would I eate bread nor drinke water in this place.

9 For so ‖ was it charged me by the word of the Lorde, saying, f Eate no bread nor drinke water, nor turne againe by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ And an old Prophet dwelt in Beth-el, and his sonnes came, and tolde him all the workes that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el, and the words which he had spoken vnto the King, told they their father.

12 And their father sayde vnto them, ‡What way went he? and his sonnes ‡ shewed him what way the man of God went, which came from Iudah.

13 And he sayd vnto his sonnes, Saddle me the asse. Who sadled him the asse, and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting vnder an oke: and he sayd vnto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Iudah? And he sayd, ‡ Yea.

15 Then he sayd vnto him, g Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 But he answered, I may not returne with thee, nor goe in with thee, neither will I eate bread, nor drinke water with thee in this place.

17 For it was charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Thou shalt eate no bread nor drinke water there, nor turne againe to go by the way that thou wentest.

18 And he sayd vnto him, I am a Prophet also as thou art, and an h Angel spake vnto mee by the word of the Lorde, saying, Bring him againe with thee into thine house, that hee may eate bread and drinke water: but he lyed vnto him.

19 So he went againe with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drunke water.

20 And as they sate at the table, the word of the Lord came vnto the Prophet, that brought him againe.

21 And hee cryed vnto the man of God that came from Iudah, saying, Thus sayth the Lord, i Because thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commaundement which the Lord thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest backe againe, and hast eaten bread and drunke water in the place (whereof he did say vnto thee, Thou shalt eate no bread nor drinke any water) thy carkeis shall not come into the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And when he had eaten bread, and drunke, he sadled him the asse, to wit, to the Prophet whom he had brought againe.

24 And when he was gone, a k lyon met him by the way, and slew him, and his body was cast in the way, and the asse stoode thereby: the lyon stood by the corps also.

25 And beholde, men that passed by, saw the carkeis cast in the way, and the lyon standing by the corps: and they came and tolde it in the towne where the olde Prophet dwelt.

26 And when the Prophet, that brought him backe againe from the way, heard thereof, he sayd, It is the man of God, who hath bene disobedient vnto the commaundement of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath deliuered him vnto the Lyon, which hath rent him and slaine him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake vnto him.

27 ¶ And he spake to his sonnes, saying, Saddle me the asse, and they sadled him.

28 And he went and found his body cast in the way, and the asse and the Lion stood by the corps, and the Lyon had l not eaten the body, nor torne the asse.

29 And the Prophet tooke vp the body of the man of God, and layed it vpon the asse, and brought it againe, and the olde Prophet came to the citie, to lament and burie him.

30 And hee layed his body in his m owne graue, and they lamented ouer him, saying, Alas, my brother.

31 And when he had buried him, he spake to his sonnes, saying, When I am dead, burie ye mee also in the sepulchre, wherein the man of God is buried: lay my bones beside his bones.

32 For that thing which he cryed by the word of the Lord against the altar that is in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the hie places, which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to passe.

33 Howbeit, after this, Ieroboam n conuerted not from his wicked way, but turned againe, and made of the lowest of the people Priestes of the hie places. Who would, might ‡ consecrate himselfe, and be of the Priests of the hie places.

34 And this thing turned to sinne vnto the house of Ieroboam, euen to roote it out, and destroy it from the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Ieroboam sendeth his wife disguised to Ahijah the Prophet, who declareth vnto him the destruction of his house. 22 Iudah is punished by Shishak.

AT that time Abijah the sonne of Ieroboam fell sicke.

2 And Ieroboam sayde vnto his wife, Up, I pray thee, and a disguise thy selfe, that they know not that thou art the wife of Ieroboam, and goe to Shiloh: for there is Ahijah the Prophet, which told mee * that I should be King ouer this people,

3 And take ‡ with b thee ten loaues and ‖ cracknels, and a bottell of hony, and goe to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the yong man.

4 And Ieroboams wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah: but Ahijah could not see, for his ‡ sight was decayed for his age.

5 Then the Lord sayd vnto Ahijah, Beholde, the wife of Ieroboam commeth to aske a thing of thee for her sonne, for hee is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou say vnto her: for when she commeth in, she shall faine herselfe to be c another.

6 Therefore when Ahijah heard the sound of

f Seeing he had the expresse word of God, he ought not to haue declined therefrom, neither for the perswasion of man nor Angel.

‡ Ebr. looked.

‡ Ebr. I am.

g This he did of a simple minde, thinking it his duety to declare friendship to a Prophet.

h His fault is here double: first in that that he sufferath not the Prophet to obey Gods expresse commandement: and next, that he faineth to haue a reuelation to the contrary.

i God would reproue his folly by him who was the occasion to bring him into error.

k By this feareful example God setteth foorth, how dangerous a thing it is for men to behaue themselues coldly, or deceitfully in their charge whereunto God hath called them.

‖ Or, he charged me: to wit, an Angel.

l To declare that this was onely the iudgement of God: for if the Lyon had done it for hunger, he would also haue deuoured the body.

m Which he had prepared for himselfe.

n So the wicked profite not by Gods threatnings, but goe backeward and become worse and worse, 2. Tim. 3. 13.

‡ Ebr. fil his hand.

a His owne conscience bare him witnesse that the Prophet of God would not satisfie his affections which was a wicked man. Chap. 11. 31.

‡ Ebr. in thine hand.

b According to the custome when they went to aske counsell of Prophets, 1. Sam 9. 7.

‖ Or, wafers.

‡ Ebr eyes stood.

c Then the wife of Ieroboam,

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of her feete as shee came in at the dooze, he sayd, Come in, thou d wife of Ieroboam: why fainest thou thus thy selfe to bee another? I am sent to thee with heauy tidings.

7 Go, tell Ieroboam, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Forasmuch as I haue exalted e thee from among the people, and haue made thee prince ouer my people Israel,

8 And haue rent the kingdome away from the house of Dauid, and haue giuen it thee, and thou hast not bene as my seruaunt Dauid which kept my commaundements, and followed me with all his heart, and did onely that which was right in mine eyes,

9 But hast done euil aboue all that were before thee, (for thou hast gone f made thee other gods, and molten images, to prouoke me, and hast cast me behinde thy backe)

10 Therefore beholde, I will bring euill vpon the house of Ieroboam, and will cut off from Ieroboam him that g pisseth against the wall, as well him that h is shut vp, as him that is left in Israel, and will sweepe away the remnant of the house of Ieroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it be all gone.

11 The dogs shall eat him of Ieroboams stocke that dieth in the citie, and the foules of the ayre shall eate him that dieth in the field: i for the Lord hath sayd it.

12 Vp therefore, and get thee to thine house: for when thy feete enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourne for him, and burie him: for he only of Ieroboam shal come to the graue, because in him there is found k some goodnesse toward the Lorde God of Israel in the house of Ieroboam.

14 Moreouer, the Lord shall stirre him vp a King ouer Israel, which shall destroy the house of Ieroboam in that day: l what? yea, euen now.

15 For the Lord shall smite Israel, as when a reede is shaken in the water, and he shall weede Israel out of this good lande, which he gaue to their fathers, and shal scatter them beyond the m Riuer, because they haue made them groues, prouoking the Lord to anger.

16 And he shall giue Israel vp, because of the sinnes of Ieroboam who did sinne, and n made Israel to sinne.

17 ¶ And Ieroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah, and when she came to the threshold of the house, the yong man died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel lamented him, according to the word of the Lord which he spake by the hand of his seruant Ahiah the Prophet.

19 And the rest of Ieroboams acts, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

20 And the dayes which Ieroboam reigned, were two and twenty yeere: o he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his sonne reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ Also Rehoboam the sonne of Salomon reigned in Iudah. Rehoboam was one and fortie yere old, when he began to reign, and reigned seuenteene yeere in Ierusalem, the citie, which the Lord did chuse out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his Name there: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonite.

22 And Iudah wrought wickednesse in the sight of the Lorde: and they prouoked him more with their sinnes, which they had committed, p then all that which their fathers had done.

23 For they also made them hie places, and images, and groues on euery hie hill, and vnder euery greene tree.

24 There were also Sodomites q in the land, they did according to all the abominations of the nations, which the Lorde had cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ And in the fift yere of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem,

26 And tooke the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the Kings house, and tooke away all: also he caried away all the shieldes of golde which r Salomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made for them brasen shieldes, and committed them vnto the handes of the chiefe of the garde, which waited at the dooze of the kings house.

28 And when the King went into the house of the Lorde, the gard bare them, and brought them againe into the gard chamber.

29 And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in s the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

30 And there was warre betwixt Rehoboam and Ieroboam t continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dauid: his mothers name was Naamah an u Ammonite. And Abiam his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

1 Abiam reigneth ouer Iudah. 9 Asa succeedeth in his roome. 16 The battell betweene Asa and Baasha. 24 Iehoshaphat succeedeth Asa. 25 Nadab succeedeth Ieroboam. 28 Baasha killeth Nadab.

AND in the eighteenth yeere of King v Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, reigned Abiam ouer Iudah.

2 Three yeere reigned he in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Maachah the daughter of w Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sinnes of his father, which her had done before him: and his heart was not perfit with the Lord his God as the heart of Dauid his father.

4 But for Dauids sake did the Lord his God giue him a x light in Ierusalem, and set vp his sonne after him, and established Ierusalem,

5 Because Dauid did that, which was right in the sight of the Lorde, and turned from nothing that he commanded him, all the dayes of his life, y saue only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was warre betweene Rehoboam

d For God oft times discloseth vnto his, the craft and subtilty of the wicked.

e Which was but a seruant.

f To wit, two calues.

Chap. 21. 21. 2. King. 9. 8.

g Euery male euen to the dogs. 1. Sam 25. 22.

h As well him that is in the strong hold, as him that is abroad.

i They shal lacke the honour of buriall in token of Gods malediction.

k In the mids of the wicked, God hath some on whom he doth bestow his mercies.

l The Lord will begin to destroy it out of hand.

m Meaning, Euphrates.

n The people shall not be excused, when they doe euill at the commandement of their gouernours.

o The Lord smote him that he died, 2. Chro. 13. 20.

p And died before Ieroboam, about foure yeeres.

Or, besides all that their fathers had done by their sinnes.

q Where idolatrie reigneth, all horrible vices are committed, til at length Gods iust iudgment destroy them vtterly.

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r Which bookes were called the bookes of Shemaiah and Iddo the Prophets, 2. Chro. 12. 15.

s That is, all the dayes of Rehoboams life.

t Whose idolatrie Rehoboam her sonne followed.

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2. Chro. 11. 22.

u Some thinke that this was Absalom Salomons sonne,

b Meaning, a sonne to reigne ouer Iudah.

2. Sam. 11. 4. and 13. 9.

boam and Ieroboam as long as he liued.

7 The rest also of the actes of Abiiam, and all that hee did, are they not written in the * booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah? there was also warre betweene Abiiam and Ieroboam.

8 And Abiiam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of Dauid: and Asa his sonne reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ * And in the twenty yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, reigned Asa ouer Iudah.

10 Hee reigned in Ierusalem one and fortie yeere, and his * mothers name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did right in the eyes of the Lord, as did Dauid his father.

12 And hee tooke away the Sodomites out of the land, and put away all the idoles that his fathers had made.

13 And hee * put downe * Maachah his mother also from her estate, because she had made an idole in a grout: and Asa destroyed her idoles, and burnt them by the brooke Kidron.

14 But they put not downe the hie places. Neuertheless, Asas heart was * vpright with the Lord all his dayes.

15 Also hee brought in the holy vessels of his father, and the things that hee had dedicated vnto the house of the Lord, siluer, and gold, and vessels.

16 ¶ And there was warre betweene Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their dayes.

17 Then Baasha king of Israel went vp against Iudah, and built * Ramah, to that hee would let none goe out or in to Asa king of Iudah.

18 Then Asa tooke all the siluer and the golde that was left in the treasures of the house of the Lorde, and the treasures of the kings house, and deliuered them into the hands of his seruaunts, and King Asa sent them to * Ben-hadad the sonne of Tabrimon, the sonne of Hezion king of ‖ Aram that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 There is a couenant betweene me and thee, and betweene my father and thy father: beholde, I haue sent vnto thee a present of siluer and golde: come, breake thy couenant with Baasha king of Israel, that hee may * depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened vnto king Asa, and sent the captaines of the hostes, which hee had, against the cities of Israel, and smote Iion, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And when Baasha heard thereof, he left building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa ‖ assembled all Iudah, ‡ none excepted, and they tooke the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had built, and king Asa built with them Geba of Beniamin and Mizpah.

23 And the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah? but in his old age hee was diseased in his * feete.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his * father. And Iehoshaphat his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the sonne of Ieroboam began to reigne ouer Israel the second yeere of Asa king of Iudah, and reigned ouer Israel two yeere.

26 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lorde, walking in the way of his father, and in his sinne wherewith he made Israel to sinne.

27 And Baasha the sonne of Ahiah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha slew him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistims: for Nadab and all Israel layed siege to Gibbethon.

28 Euen in the third yeere of Asa King of Iudah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And when hee was King, he * smote all the house of Ieroboam, he left none aliue to Ieroboam, vntill hee had destroyed him, according to the * word of the Lord which hee spake by his seruant Ahiah the Shilonite,

30 Because of the sinnes of Ieroboam which hee committed, and wherewith hee made Israel to sinne, by his * prouocation, wherewith hee prouoked the Lorde God of Israel.

31 And the residue of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32 And there was warre betweene Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their dayes.

33 In the third yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Baasha the sonne of Ahiah to reigne ouer all Israel in * Tirzah, and reigned foure and twenty yeeres.

34 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lorde, walking in the way of Ieroboam, and in his sinne, wherewith he made Israel to sinne.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of Baasha, 6 Elah, 9 Zimri, 16 Omri, 31 Ahab marieth Iezebel. 34 Iericho is built againe.

THen the word of the Lord came to Iehu the sonne of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 * Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee captaine ouer my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Ieroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sinne, to prouoke me with their sinnes,

3 Behold, I will take away the posteritie of Baasha, and the posterity of his house, and will make * thine house like the * house of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat.

4 * He that dieth of Baashas stocke in the citie, him shall the dogs eate: and that man of him which dieth in the fields, shall the foules of the ayre eate.

5 And the rest of the acts of Baasha and what hee did, and his ‖ power, are they not written in the booke of the * Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was

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2. *Chro.* 13. 3.

2. *Chro.* 14. 1.

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c That is, his grandmother, as Dauid is oft times called father of them, whose grandfather he was.

d Neither kinred nor authority ought to be regarded, when they blaspheme God and become idolaters, but must be punished 2. *Chro.* 15. 16.

e For in that that he suffered them to worship God in other places then hee had appointed, it came of ignorance and not of malice.

f Of the same purpose that Ieroboam did, because the people should not go vp to Ierusalem, lest they should follow Asa. 2. *Chro.* 16. 2.

‖ *Or, Syria.*

g And vexe me no longer.

‖ *Or, made a proclamation.*

‡ *Ebr. none innocent.*

h He had the gout, and put his trust rather in Phisitians then in the Lord, 2 Chro. 16. 12.

i His great grandfather.

k So God stirred vp one tyrant to punish the wickednesse of another. *Chap.* 14. 10.

l By causing the people to commit idolatry with his calues, and so prouoking God to anger.

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m Which was the place where the kings of Israel remained.

n Vide Ioseph. lib. 8. cap. 12.

a Thus spake Iehu to Baasha in the name of the Lord.

b Meaning the house of Baasha. *Chap.* 15. 29. *Chap.* 14. 11.

‖ *Or, valiantnesse* 2. *Chro.* 16. 1.

was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his sonne reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hande of Jehu the sonne of Hanani the Prophet, came the word of the Lord to Baasha, & to his house, that he should bee like the house of Jeroboam, euen for all the wickednesse that he did in the sight of the Lorde, in prouoking him with the worke of his hands, and because he killed him.

c That is, the Prophet did his message.

d Meaning Nadab Ieroboams sonne.

8 ¶ In the sixe and twenty yere of Asa king of Judah began Elah the sonne of Baasha to reign ouer Israel in Tirzah, & reigned two yeere.

9 And his seruaunt Zimri, captaine of halfe his charets, conspired against him, as hee was in Tirzah, drinking till hee was dronken in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

e The Chalde text hath thus, Drinking till he was drunken in the temple of Arza the idole by his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri came and smote him, and killed him in the seuen and twentie yeere of Asa king of Judah, & reigned in his stead.

11 ¶ And when he was king, and sate on his throne, he slew all the house of Baasha, not leauing therof one to pisse against a wall, neither of his kinsfolkes, nor of his friends.

12 So did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the Prophet,

13 For all the sinnes of Baasha, and sinnes of Elah his sonne, which they sinned, and made Israel to sinne, and prouoked the Lord God of Israel with their vanities.

f Both Hanani his father and he were Prophets.

14 And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the seuen and twentie yeere of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reigne seuen dayes in Tirzah, and the people was then in campe g against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistims.

g The siege had continued from the time of Nadab Ieroboams sonne.

16 And the people of the hoste heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slaine the King. Wherefore all Israel made Omri the captaine of the hoste, king ouer Israel that same day, euen in the hoste.

17 Then Omri went vp from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged h Tirzah.

h Where Zimri kept himselfe in holde.

18 And when Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the palace of the Kings house, and ‡ burnt himselfe, and the Kings house with fire, and so died,

‡ Ebr. burnt the kings house vpon him.

19 For his sinnes which he sinned, in doing that which is euill in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sinnes which he did, causing Israel to sinne.

20 And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that hee wrought, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

i That is, the people which were not at the siege of Gibbethon: for there they had chosen Omri.

21 Then were i people of Israel diuided into two parts: for i halfe the people followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath to make him king, and the other halfe followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri, preuailed against the people that followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the one and thirtie yeere of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned twelue yeere. Sixe yeere reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the mountaine ‖ Samaria of one Shemer for two talents of siluer, and built in the mountaine, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer lorde of the mountaine, Samaria.

‖ Or, Shomeron.

25 But Omri did euill in the eyes of the Lord, and did k worse then all that were before him.

k For such is the nature of idolatry, that the superstition therof doth dayly increase, and the elder it is, the more abominable it is before God and his Church.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, and in his sinnes wherewith hee made Israel to sinne, in prouoking the Lord God of Israel with their vanities.

27 And the rest of the acts of Omri that he did, and the strength that he shewed, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in l Samaria: and Ahab his sonne reigned in his stead.

l He was the first king that was buried in Samaria, after that the kings house was burnt in Tirzah.

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29 Now Ahab the sonne of Omri began to reigne ouer Israel, in the eight and thirty yeere of Asa king of Judah: and Ahab the sonne of Omri reigned ouer Israel in Samaria two and twenty yeere.

30 And Ahab the sonne of Omri did worse in the sight of the Lord then all that were before him.

31 For was it a light thing for him to walke in the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, except he tooke Iezebel also the daughter of Eth-baal king of the Zidonians to m wife, and went and serued Baal, and worshipped him?

m By whose meanes he fell to all wicked and strange idolatry, and cruell persecution.

32 Also he reared vp an altar to Baal in the house of Baal which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a groue, and Ahab proceeded, and did prouoke the Lord God of Israel more then all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his dayes did Hiel the Bethelite build n Jericho: hee layde the foundation therof in Abiram his eldest sonne, and set vp the gates therof in his yongest sonne Segub, according to the worde of the Lord which hee spake ‡ by Joshua the sonne of Nun.

n Reade Iosh. 6, 26.

‡ Ebr. by the hand of Iosua.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Elijah forewarneth of the famine to come.* 4 *He is fed of rauens.* 9 *He is sent to Zarephath, where he restoreth his hostesse sonne to life.*

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AND Elijah the Tishbite one of the inhabitants of Gilead sayde vnto Ahab, a As the Lorde God of Israel liueth, before whom a I stand, there shall be neither dewe nor raine these yeeres, but b according to my worde.

Eccles 48.3. Iam. 5.16, 17.

a That is, whom I serue.

b But as I shall declare it by Gods reuelation.

2 ¶ And the word of the Lord came vnto him, saying,

3 Get hence, and turne thee Eastward, and hide thy selfe in the ‖ riuer Cherith, that is ouer against Jorden.

‖ Or, brooke.

4 And thou shalt drinke of the riuer: and I

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c To strengthen his faith against persecution, God promiseth to feed him miraculously.

I haue commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So hee went and did according vnto the word of the Lord: for hee went, and remained by the riuer Cherith that is ouer against Iorden.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the euening, and he dranke of the riuer.

7 And after a while the riuer dried vp, because there fell no raine vpon the earth.

d As the troubles of the Saints of God are many, so his mercy is euer at hand to deliuer them. *Luke 4.25,26.*

8 ¶ And the d word of the Lord came vnto him, saying,

9 * Vp, and get thee to Zarephath, which is in Zidon, and remaine there: beholde, I haue commanded a widow there to sustaine thee.

e All this was to strengthen the faith of Elijah, to the intent that he should looke vpon nothing worldly, but only trust on Gods prouidence.

10 So he arose, and went to Zarephath: and when hee came to the gate of the citie, beholde, the widow was there e gathering sticks: and he called her, and sayd, Bring me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessell, that I may drinke.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and sayd, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsell of bread in thine hand.

12 And she sayd, As the Lord thy God liueth, I haue not a cake, but euen an handfull of meale in a barrell, and a little oyle in a cruse: and beholde, I am gathering * a fewe sticks for to goe in, and dresse it for me and my sonne, that wee may eate it, and f die.

* *Or, two.*

f For there is no hope of any more sustenance.

13 And Elijah sayd vnto her, Feare not, come, doe as thou hast sayde, but make mee thereof a little cake first of all, & bring it vnto me, and afterward make for thee and thy sonne.

g God receiueth no benefit for the vse of his, but he promiseth a most ample recompense for the same.

14 For thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, g The meale in the barrell shall not be wasted, neither shall the oyle in the cruse be diminished, vnto the time that the Lorde send raine vpon the earth.

15 So she went, and did as Elijah sayd, and she did eate: so did he and her house h for a certaine time.

h That is, till he had raine & food on the earth.

16 The barrell of the meale wasted not, nor the oyle was spent out of the cruse, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of Elijah.

17 ¶ And after these things, the sonne of the wife of the house fell sicke, and his sicknesse was so sore, ‖ that there was no i breath left in him.

‖ *Or, that he died.*

i God would try whether she had learned by his mercifull prouidence to make him her only stay and comfort.

18 And she said vnto Elijah, What haue I to doe with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come vnto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my sonne?

k He was afrayd lest Gods Name should haue bene blasphemed and his ministers cõtemned, except he should haue continued his mercies, as he had begun them, specially while he there remained.

19 And hee sayd vnto her, Giue mee thy sonne: and hee tooke him out of her bosome, and carried him vp into a chamber, where hee abode, and layed him vpon his owne bed.

20 Then hee called vnto the Lord, and sayd, O Lord my God, hast thou k punished also this widow, with whom I sojourne, by killing her sonne?

21 And hee stretched himselfe vpon the childe three times, and called vnto the Lord, and sayd, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this childes soule come vnto him againe.

22 Then the Lord heard the voyce of Elijah, & the soule of the childe came vnto him againe, and he reuiued.

23 And Elijah tooke the child, & brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and deliuered him vnto his mother, and Elijah sayd, Behold, thy sonne liueth.

24 And the woman sayde vnto Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is true.

l I So hard a thing it is to depend vpon God, except we be confirmed by miracles.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Elijah is sent to Ahab. 13 Obadiah hideth an hundreth Prophets. 40 Elijah killeth all Baals prophets. 45 He obteineth raine.

AFter many dayes, the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the * third yeere, saying, Goe, shew thy selfe vnto Ahab, and I will send raine vpon the earth.

* After that he departed from the riuer Cherith.

2 And Elijah went to shew himselfe vnto Ahab, and there was a great famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah the gouernour of his house: (& Obadiah * feared God greatly:

* God had begun to worke his feare in his heart, but had not yet brought him to that knowledge which is also requisite for the godly: that is, to professe his Name openly.

4 For when Jezebel destroyed the Prophets of the Lord, Obadiah tooke an hundreth Prophets, and hid them by fifties in a caue, and fed them with bread and water)

5 And Ahab said vnto Obadiah, Goe into the lande, vnto all the fountaines of water, and vnto all the riuers, if so be that wee may finde grasse to saue the horses and the mules aliue, lest wee destroy the lande of the beasts.

6 And so they diuided the land betweene them to walke thorow it. Ahab went one way by himselfe, & Obadiah went another way by himselfe.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, beholde, Elijah * met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and sayd, Art not thou my lord Elijah?

* Gods prouidence ouer his.

c God pitieth oft times the wicked for the godlies sake, and causeth Elijah to meete with Obadiah, that the benefit might be knowen to be granted for Gods childrens sake.

8 And he answered him, Yea, goe tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What haue I sinned, that thou wouldest deliuer thy seruant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the Lorde thy God liueth, there is no nation or kingdome, whither my lorde hath not sent to seeke thee: and when they sayd, He is not heere, he tooke an othe of the kingdome and nation, if they had not found thee.

11 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12 And when I am gone from thee, the Spirit of the Lord shall cary thee into some place that I doe not know: so when I come and tell Ahab, if hee cannot finde thee, then will he kill me: but I thy seruant * feare the Lord from my youth.

* I am none of the wicked persecuters, that thou shouldest procure vnto mee such displeasure, but serue God, and fauour his children.

13 Was it not told my lord, what I did when Jezebel slewe the Prophets of the Lorde, how I hid an hundreth men of the Lords Prophets by fifties in a caue, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold,

Behold, Eliah is here, that he may slay me.

15 And Eliah sayde, As the Lord of hostes liueth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew e my selfe vnto him this day.

16 ¶ So Obadiah went to meete Ahab, and told him: f Ahab went to meete Eliah.

17 And when Ahab saw Eliah, Ahab sayd vnto him, Art thou hee that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I haue not troubled Israel, but g thou, and thy fathers house, in that yee haue forsaken the commaundements of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel vnto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal foure hundreth and fiftie, and the prophets of the groues foure hundreth, which eat at Iezebels table.

20 ¶ So Ahab sent vnto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together vnto mount Carmel.

21 And Eliah came vnto all the people, and sayd, How long h halt ye betweene two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal bee he, then goe after him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then sayd Eliah vnto the people, I onely remaine a Prophet of the Lord: but Baals prophets are foure hundreth and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore giue vs two bullockes, and let them chuse the one, and cut him in peeces, and lay him on the wood, but put no fire vnder, and I will prepare the other bullocke, and lay him on the wood, and will put no fire vnder.

24 Then call ye on the name of your god, and I wil call on the name of the Lord: and then the God that answereth i by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered, and sayd, It is well spoken.

25 And Eliah sayd vnto the prophets of Baal, Chuse you a bullocke, and prepare him first (for yee are many) and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire vnder.

26 So they tooke the one bullocke, that was giuen them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal, from morning to noone, saying, O Baal, heare vs: but there was no voyce, nor any to answere: and they k leapt vpon the altar that was made.

27 And at noone Eliah mocked them, and sayd, Cry loud: for he is a l gode: either he talketh, or pursueth his enemies, or is in his iourney, or it may bee that hee sleepeth and must be m awaked.

28 And they cryed loude, and cut themselues as their maner was, with knifes and lancets till the blood gushed out vpon them.

29 And when midday was paste, and they had prophesied vntill the offering of the euening sacrifice, there was neither voyce, nor one to answere, nor any that regarded.

30 And Eliah sayd vnto all the people, Come to mee. And all the people came to him, and hee repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken downe.

31 And Eliah tooke twelue stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sonnes of Iaakob, (vnto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, n Israel shall be thy name.)

Gen. 32.28. 2.king. 17.34.

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the Name of the Lorde: and hee made a ditch round about the altar, as great as would conteine two ‡ measures of seede.

‡*Ebr. Sata, which some thinke conteine about three pottles, & a third part a piece.*

33 And hee put the wood in order, and hewed the bullocke in pieces, and layd him on the wood,

34 And sayd, Fill foure barrels with water, and powre it on the burnt offering and on the wood. Againe he sayd, Do so againe. And they did so the second time. And hee sayd, Doe it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar: o he filled the ditch with water also.

36 And when they should offer the euening sacrifice, Eliah the Prophet came, and sayd, Lord God of Abraham, Isaak and of Israel, let it be knowen this day, that thou art the God of Israel, and that I am thy seruant, p that I haue done all these things at thy commandement.

37 Heare me, O Lord, heare me, and let this people knowe that thou art the Lorde God, and that thou hast turned their heart againe q at the last.

38 Then the fire of the Lord fel, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked vp the water that was in the ditch.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces, and sayd, The Lorde is God, the Lord is God.

40 And Eliah said vnto them, Take the prophets of Baal, let not r a man of them escape. And they tooke them, s Eliah brought them to the brooke Kishon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ And Eliah sayd vnto Ahab, Get thee vp, eat and drinke, for there is a sound of much raine.

42 So Ahab went vp to eate, t to drinke, and Eliah went vp to the top of Carmel: and he crowched vnto the earth, and put his face betweene his knees,

43 And sayd to his seruant, Goe vp now and looke toward the way of the Sea. And he went vp, and looked, and sayd, There is nothing. Againe he sayd, Goe againe v seuen times.

44 And at the seuenth time he sayd, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea like a mans hand. Then he said, Vp, and say vnto Ahab, Make ready thy charet, and get thee downe that the raine stay thee not.

45 And ‖ in the meane while the heauen was blacke with cloudes & winde, and there was a great raine. Then Ahab went vp and came to Iezrel.

46 And the hand of the Lord was on Eliah, and he girded vp his loynes, and ranne before Ahab till he came to Iezrel.

CHAP. XIX.

5 Eliah fleeing from Iezebel, is nourished by the Angel of God. 13 Hee is commanded to anoynt Hazael, Iehu, and Elisha.

Now

e By my presence I will declare that thou hast told him the trueth.

f The true ministers of God, ought not onely not to suffer the trueth to be vniustly slandered, but to reproue boldly the wicked slanderers without respect of person.

g Be constant in religion, and make it not as a thing indifferent whether ye follow God or Baal, or whether yee serue God wholy or in part, Zeph. 1.5.

h By sending downe fire from heauen to burne the sacrifice.

i As men rauished with some strange spirit.

k You esteeme him as a god.

l He mocketh their beastly madnes, which thinke that by any instance or suite, the dead & vile idoles can helpe their worshippers in their necessities.

m Hereby he declared the excellent power of God, who contrary to nature could make the fire burne euen in the water, to the intent they should haue none occasion to doubt, that he is the onely God.

n Though God suffer his to run in blindnesse and error for a time, yet at the length he calleth them home to him by some notorious signe and worke.

o He commanded them that as they were truely perswaded to confesse the onely God: so they would serue him with all their power, and destroy the idolaters his enemies.

p As Gods spirit moued him to pray, so was he strengthened by the same, that he did not faint, but continued still till he had obteined.

‖ *Or, here and there.*

q Hee was so strengthened with Gods spirit, that he ran faster then the charet was able to run.

NOw Ahab tolde Iezebel all that Eliiah had done, and how he had slaine all the a prophets with the sword.

2 Then Iezebel sent a messenger vnto Eliiah, saying, b The gods doe so to me and more also, if I make not thy life like one of their liues by to morow this time.

3 ¶ When he sawe that, he arose, and went ‖ for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which is in Iudah, & left his seruant there.

4 But he went a dayes iourney into the wilderness, and came and sate downe vnder a Iuniper tree, and desired that hee might die, and sayd, It is now ynough, O Lord, c take my soule, for I am no better then my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept vnder the Iuniper tree, behold now, an Angel touched him, and sayd vnto him, Vp and eate.

6 And when hee looked about, behold, there was a cake baken on the coales, and a pot of water at his head: so he did eate and drinke, and returned and slept.

7 And the Angel of the Lord came againe the second time, and touched him, and sayd, Vp and eate: for thou d hast a great iourney.

8 ¶ Then hee arose, and did eate and drinke, and walked in the strength of that meat fourtie dayes and fourtie nights, vnto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And there he entred into a caue, and lodged there: and behold, the Lord spake to him, and sayd vnto him, What doest thou here, Eliiah?

10 And he answered, I haue e bene very ielous for the Lord God of hostes: for the children of Israel haue forsaken thy couenant, broken downe thine altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sword, * and I onely am left, and they seeke my life to take it away.

11 And he sayd, Come out, and stand vpon the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lorde went by, and a mightie strong winde rent the mountaines, and brake the rockes before the Lord: but the Lord was f not in the wind: and after the wind, came an earthquake: but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake came fire: but the Lorde was not in the fire: and after the fire, came a still and soft voyce.

13 And when Eliiah heard it, he couered his face with his mantel, and went out, and stoode in the entring in of the caue: and behold, there came a voyce vnto him, and sayd, What doest thou here, Eliiah?

14 And hee answered, I haue bene very ielous for the Lord God of hoste, g because the children of Israel haue forsaken thy couenant, cast downe thine altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sworde, and I onely am left, and they seeke my life to take it away.

15 And the Lord sayd vnto him, Goe, returne by the wildernesse vnto Damascus, and when thou comest there, anoynt Hazael King ouer ‖ Aram.

16 And Iehu the sonne of Nimshi shalt thou anoynt King ouer Israel: and Elisha the sonne of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be Prophet in thy roome.

17 And * him that escapeth from the sword of Hazael, shall Iehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Iehu, shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet will * I leaue seuen thousand in Israel, euen h all the knees that haue not bowed vnto Baal, and euery mouth that hath not kissed him.

19 ¶ So hee departed thence, and found Elisha the sonne of Shaphat who was plowing with twelue yoke of oxen before him, and was with the twelfth: and Eliiah went towards him, and cast his mantel vpon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ranne after Eliiah, and sayd, i Let me, I pray thee, kisse my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. Who answered him, Goe, returne: for what haue I done to thee?

21 And when he went backe againe from him, he tooke a couple of oxen, & slew them, and sod their flesh with the k instruments of the oxen, and gaue vnto the people, and they did eat: then he arose and went after Eliiah, and ministred vnto him.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Samaria is besieged.* 13 *The Lord promiseth the victory to Ahab by a Prophet.* 31 *The King of Israel made peace with Ben-hadad, and is reproued therefore by the Prophet.*

THen Ben-hadad the King of ‖ Aram assembled all his armie, and two and thirtie * Kings with him, with horses and chariots, and went vp and besieged ‖ Samaria, and fought against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the citie,

3 And sayd vnto him, Thus sayth Ben-hadad, Thy siluer and thy gold is mine: also thy women and thy faire children are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered, and sayd, My lord king, according to thy saying, b I am thine, and all that I haue.

5 And when the messengers came againe, they sayd, Thus commandeth Ben-hadad, and sayth, When I shall send vnto thee, and commaund, thou shalt deliuer mee thy siluer and thy gold, and thy women, and thy children,

6 * Dieu I will send my seruants vnto thee by to morow this time: and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy seruants: and whatsoeuer is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall take it in their hands, and bring it away.

7 Then the king of Israel sent for all the Elders of the land, and sayd, Take heede, I pray you, and see how he seeketh mischiefe: for he sent vnto me for my wiues, and for my children, and for my siluer, and for my gold, and I denied him not.

8 And all the Elders, and all the people sayd to him, Hearken * not vnto him, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said vnto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lorde the King, All

a To wit, of Baal.
b Though the wicked rage against Gods children, yet he holdeth them backe that they cannot execute their malice.
‖ *Or, whether his mind led him.*
c So hard a thing it is to bridle our impatiencie in affliction, that the Saints could not ouercome the same.
d He declareth that except God had nourished him miraculously, it had not bene possible for him to haue gone this iourney.
e He complaineth that the more zealous that he shewed himself to maintaine Gods glory, the more cruelly was he persecuted. *Rom.* 11. 3.
f For the nature of man is not able to come nere vnto God, if he should appeare in strength & full maiestie, and therefore of his mercy he submitteth himselfe to our capacity.
g We ought not to depend on the multitude in maintaining Gods glory, but because our dutie so requireth, we ought to doe it.
‖ *Or, Syria.*

2. *King.* 9. 1. 3. *Eccles.* 48. 8.
Rom 11. 4.
h He declareth that wicked dissemblers and idolaters are not his.
i Though this naturall affection is not to be contemned, yet it ought not to moue vs when God calleth vs to serue him.
k He would not stay til wood was brought, so great was his desire to follow his vocation.

‖ *Or, Syria.*
a That is, gouernours and rulers of prouinces.
‖ *Or, Shomeron.*
b I am content to obey and pay tribute.
c He would not accept his answere, except he did out of hand deliuer whatsoeuer he should aske: for hee sought an occasion how to make warre against him.
d They thought it their duties rather to venture their liues, then to grant to that thing which was not lawfull, onely to satisfie the lust of a tyrant.

All that thou didſt ſend for to thy ſeruant at the firſt time, that I will doe, but this thing I may not doe. And the meſſengers departed, and brought him an anſwere.

10 And Ben-hadad ſent vnto him, and ſayd, The gods doe ſo to me, and more alſo, if the * duſt of Samaria be enough to all the people that follow mee, for euery man an handfull.

11 And the king of Iſrael anſwered, and ſayd, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth his harneſſe, boaſt himſelfe, as he that † putteth it off.

12 And when hee heard that tidings, as hee was with the kings drinking in the pauilions, hee ſayd vnto his ſeruants, ‖Bring forth your engines, and they ſet them againſt the citie.

13 ¶ And behold, there came a Prophet vnto Ahab king of Iſrael, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Haſt thou ſeene all this great multitude? beholde, I will deliuer it into thine hand this day, that thou mayeſt know, § that I am the Lord.

14 And Ahab ſayd, By whom? And hee ſaid, Thus ſayth the Lorde, By the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces. Hee ſayd againe, Who ſhall order the battell? And hee anſwered, Thou.

15 ¶ Then hee numbred the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces, and they were two hundreth two and thirtie: and after them he numbred the whole people of all the children of Iſrael, euen ſeuen thouſand.

16 And they went out at noone: but Ben-hadad did drinke till he was drunken in the tents, both hee, and the Kings: for two and thirtie kings helped him.

17 So the * ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces went out firſt: and Ben-hadad ſent out, and they ſhewed him, ſaying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And hee ſayd, Whether they be come out for peace, take them aliue: or whether they be come out to fight, take them yet aliue.

19 So they came out of the citie, to wit, the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces, and the hoſt which followed them.

20 And they ſlew euery one his † enemie: and the ‖ Aramites fled, and Iſrael purſued them: but Ben-hadad the king of Aram eſcaped on a horſe with his † horſemen.

21 And the king of Iſrael went out, and ſmote the horſes and charets, & with a great ſlaughter ſlue he the Aramites.

22 (For there had come a Prophet to the king of Iſrael, and had ſaid vnto him, Goe, be of good courage, and conſider and take heede what thou doeſt: for when the yeere is gone about, the king of Aram will come vp againſt thee.)

23 ¶ Then the ſeruants of the king of Aramiaid vnto him, Their † gods are gods of the mountaines, and therefore they ouercame vs: but let vs fight againſt them in the plaine, and doubtleſſe we ſhall ouercome them.

24 And this doe, Take the kings away, euery one out of his place, and place captaines for them,

25 And number thy ſelfe an armie, like the armie that thou haſt loſt, with ſuch horſes, & ſuch charets, and we will fight againſt them in the plaine, and doubtleſſe wee ſhall ouercome them: and hee hearkened vnto their voice, and did ſo.

26 And after the yeere was gone about, Ben-hadad numbred the Aramites, & went vp to Aphek to fight againſt Iſrael.

27 And the children of Iſrael were numbred, and were all aſſembled and went againſt them, and the children of Iſrael pitched before them, like two little flockes of kids: but the Aramites filled the country.

28 And there came a man of God, and ſpake vnto the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe the Aramites haue ſaid, The Lorde is the God of the mountaines, and not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliuer all this great multitude into thine hand, and yee ſhall know that ᵐ I am the Lord.

29 And they pitched one ouer againſt the other ſeuen dayes, and in the ſeuenth day the battell was ioyned: and the children of Iſrael ſlew of the Aramites an hundreth thouſand footemen in one day.

30 But the reſt fled to Aphek into the citie: and there fell a wall vpon ſeuen & twenty thouſand men that were left: and Ben-hadad fled into the citie, and came † into a ſecret chamber.

31 ¶ And his ſeruants ſaid vnto him, Behold now, we haue heard ſay, that the kings of the houſe of Iſrael are merciful kings: we pray thee, let vs put ſackecloth about our ⁿ loines, and ropes about our heads, and goe out to the king of Iſrael: it may be that hee will ſaue thy life.

32 Then they girded ſackecloth about their loines, and put ropes about their heads, and came to the king of Iſrael, and ſayd, Thy ſeruant Ben-hadad ſayth, I pray thee, let mee liue: and he ſayd, Is he yet aliue? hee is my brother.

33 Now the men tooke diligent heede ‖ if they could catch any thing of him, and made haſte, and ſayd, Thy brother ° Ben-hadad. And he ſayd, Go bring him. So Ben-hadad came out vnto him, and hee cauſed him to come vp vnto the charet.

34 And Ben-hadad ſayd vnto him, The cities which my father tooke from thy father, I will reſtore, and thou ſhalt make ſtreetes for thee in ᵖ Damaſcus, as my father did in Samaria. Then ſayd Ahab, I will let thee goe with this couenant. So he made a couenant with him, and let him goe.

35 ¶ Then a certaine man of the ‖ children of the Prophets ſayd vnto his neighbour by the commaundement of the Lorde, ᵠ Smite me, I pray thee. But the man refuſed to ſmite him.

36 Then ſayd he vnto him, Becauſe thou haſt not obeyed the voyce of the Lorde, behold, aſſoone as thou art departed from mee, a Lion ſhall ʳ ſlay thee. So when he was departed from him, a Lion found him, and ſlew him.

37 Then

* Much leſſe ſhal there be found any pray that is worth anything, when they ſhall be ſo many.

† Boaſt not before the victory be gotten.

‖ Or, put your ſelues in order.

§ Before, God went about with ſignes and miracles to pull Ahab from his impietie, and now againe with wonderfull victories.

* That is, yong men trained in the ſeruice of Princes.

† Ebr. men.

‖ Or, Syrians.

† With them that were appointed for the preſeruation of his perſon.

† Thus the wicked blaſpheme God in their fury, whom notwithſtanding he ſuffereth not vnpuniſhed.

1 All they which were in the battel of the former yeere, verſe 15.

m Who am of like power in the valley, as I am on the hils, and can aſwell deſtroy a multitude with few, as with many. 27000

† Ebr. from chamber to chamber.

n In ſigne of ſubmiſſion, and that we haue deſerued death if he wil puniſh vs with rigour.

‖ Or, and caught it of him.

o He is aliue.

p Thou ſhalt appoint in my chiefe city what thou wilt, and I will obey thee.

‖ Or, of the diſciples.

q By this externall ſigne, hee would more liuely touch the kings heart.

r Becauſe thou haſt tranſgreſſed the commandement of the Lord

37 Then her found another man, & sayd, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, and in the smiting woonded him.

38 So the Prophet departed, and waited for the King by the way, and disguised himselfe with ashes vpon his face.

39 And when the King came by, he cried vnto the king, and sayd, [f] Thy seruant went into the mids of the battell: & behold, there went away a man, whom another man brought vnto me, and said, Keepe this man: if he be lost, and want, thy life shall goe for his life, or els thou shalt pay a talent of siluer.

40 And as thy seruant had here and there to doe, he was gone: and the King of Israel sayd vnto him, So shall thy iudgement be: thou hast giuen sentence.

41 And he hasted, and tooke the ashes away from his face: and the king of Israel knew him that he was of the Prophets:

42 And he sayd vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, [g] Because thou hast let goe out of thine hands a man whom I appointed to die, thy life shall goe for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the King of Israel went to his house heauy and in displeasure, and came to ‖ Samaria.

f By this parable he maketh Ahab condemne himselfe, who made a couenant with Gods enemie, & let him escape, whom God had appointed to be slaine.

Chap. 22.38.

‖ Or, Shomeron.

CHAP. XXI.

8 Iezebel commandeth to kill Naboth, for the vineyard that he refused to sell to Ahab. 19 Eliah reproueth Ahab, and he repenteth.

AFter ‖ these things Naboth the Iezreelite had a vineyard in Iezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake vnto Naboth, saying, [a] Giue mee thy vineyard, that I may make me a garden of herbes thereof, because it is neere by mine house: and I will giue thee for it a better vineyard then it is: or if it please thee, I will giue thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord keepe me from giuing the inheritance of my fathers vnto thee.

4 Then Ahab came into his house heauie and in displeasure, because of the worde which Naboth the Iezreelite had spoken vnto him: for he had sayd, I will not giue thee the inheritance of my fathers, and hee [b] lay vpon his bed and turned his face, and would eate no bread.

5 Then Iezebel his wife came to him, and sayd vnto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said vnto her, Because I spake vnto Naboth the Iezreelite, and sayd vnto him, Giue mee thy vineyard for money, or if it please thee, I will giue thee another vineyard for it: but he answered, I will not giue thee my vineyard.

7 Then Iezebel his wife said vnto him, [c] Doest thou now gouerne the kingdome of Israel? vp, eate bread, and [1] bee of good cheere. I will giue thee the vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahabs name, and sealed them with his seale, and sent the letters vnto the Elders, & to the nobles that were in his citie dwelling with Naboth.

9 And shee wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaime a [d] fast, and set Naboth among the chiefe of the people,

10 And set two wicked men before him, and let them witnesse against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the King: then cary him out, and stone him that he may die.

11 And the [e] men of his city, euen the Elders and gouernours, which dwelt in his citie, did as Iezebel had sent vnto them: as it was written in the letters, which shee had sent vnto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth among the chiefe of the people,

13 And there came two wicked men, and sate before him: and the wicked men witnessed against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the King. Then they caried him away out of the citie, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Iezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned and is dead.

15 ¶ And when Iezebel heard that Naboth was stoned and was dead, Iezebel said to Ahab, [f] Vp, and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite, which he refused to giue thee for money: for Naboth is not aliue, but is dead.

16 And when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he arose to goe downe to the vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came vnto Eliiah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, goe downe to meete Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: loe, hee is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone downe to take possession of it.

19 Therefore shalt thou say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, [g] Hast thou killed, and also gotten possession? And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, [h] In the place where dogges licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogges licke euen thy blood also.

20 And Ahab sayd to Eliiah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemie? And he answered, I haue found thee: for thou hast sold thy selfe to worke wickednesse in the sight of the Lord.

21 [*] Behold, I will bring euill vpon thee, and will take away thy posteritie, and will cut off from Ahab him that [*] pisseth against the wall, & well him that is [*] shut vp, as him that is left in Israel,

22 And I will make thine house like the house of [*] Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, and like the house of [*] Baasha the sonne of Ahiiah, for the prouocation wherewith thou hast prouoked, and made Israel to sinne.

23 And also of Iezebel spake the Lorde, saying, [*] The dogs shall eate Iezebel by the ‖ wall of Iezreel.

24 The dogges shall eate him of Ahabs stocke, that dieth in the citie: and him that dieth in the fields, shall the foules of the aire eate.

25 (But

a Though Ahabs tyranny be condemned by the holy Spirit, yet he was not so rigorous that hee would take from another man his right without ful recompense.

b Thus the wicked consider not what is iust and lawfull, but fret inwardly, when they cannot haue their inordinate appetites satisfied

c As though she said, Thou knowest not what it is to reigne. Command, and intreat not.

1 *Ebr. let thine heart be merrie.*

d For then they vsed to enquire of mens faults: for none could fast truely that were notorious sinners.

e Thus ye world-lings contrary to Gods commandement, who willeth not to consent to the shedding of innocent blood, obey rather the wicked commandements of Princes, then the iust lawes of God.

f *Ebr. loose,*

f This example of most trous cruelty the holy Ghost leaueth to vs, to the intent that wee should abhor all tyrannie, and specially in them whom nature and kind should move to be pitiful and inclined to mercie.

g Doest thou thinke to haue any aduantage by murthering of an innocent?

h This was fulfilled in Ioram his sonne, as 2. king. 9.25, 26.

Chap. 14.10, 2 *king.* 9.8. 1. *Sam.* 25.22. *Chap.* 14.10.

Chap 15 29. *Chap.* 16.3.

2. *King.* 9.33.36.

‖ *Or, fortresse, or possession.*

25 (But there was none like Ahab, who did i sell himselfe, to worke wickednes in the sight of the Lord, whom Iezebel his wife prouoked.

26 For hee did exceeding abominably in following idoles, according to all that the Amorites did, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.)

27 Now when Ahab heard those words, hee rent his clothes, and put sackcloth vpon *him, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went k softly.

28 And the word of the Lord came to Eliiah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab is humbled before me? because hee submitteth himselfe before mee, I will not bring that euill in his dayes, but in his l sonnes dayes will I bring euill vpon his house.

CHAP. XXII. *The Euen.*

1 Iehoshaphat and Ahab fight against the king of Syria. 15 Michaiah foreweth the king what shal be the successe of their enterprise. 24 Zedkiah the false prophet smiteth him. 34 Ahab is slaine. 40 Ahaziah his sonne succeedeth. 41 The reigne of Iehoshaphat, 50 And Ioram his sonne.

AND a they continued b three yeeres without warre betweene Aram and Israel.

2 And in the third yeere did Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah c come downe to the king of Israel.

3 (Then the king of Israel said vnto his seruants, Know yee not that d Ramoth Gilead was ours? and we stay, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Aram?)

4 And hee said vnto Iehoshaphat, e Wilt thou goe with me to battel against Ramoth Gilead? And Iehoshaphat said vnto the king of Israel, f I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and mine horses as thine horses.

5 Then Iehoshaphat said vnto the king of Israel, g Aske counsell, I pray thee, of the Lord to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the h prophets vpon a foure hundreth men, and said vnto them, Shal I go against Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall I let it alone? And they said, Goe vp: for the Lord shall deliuer it into the hands of the king.

7 And Iehoshaphat said, Is there here neuer a Prophet of the i Lord more, that we might inquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, There is yet one man (Michaiah the sonne of Imlah) by whom wee may aske counsell of the Lord, but I k hate him: for hee doth not prophesie good vnto me, but euill. And Iehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the King of Israel called an l Eunuch, and said, Call quickly Michaiah the sonne of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah sate either of them on his throne in their m apparell in the voide place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zidkiah the sonne of Chenaanah made him n hornes of iron, & said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Aramites, vntill thou hast consumed them.

12 And all the Prophets prophesied so, saying, Goe vp to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliuer it into the kings hand.

13 ¶ And the messenger that was gone to call Michaiah, spake vnto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the Prophets declare good vnto the king with o one ‖ accord: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, bee like the word of one of them, and speake thou good.

14 And Michaiah said, As the Lord liueth, whatsoeuer the Lord saith vnto mee, that will I speake.

15 ¶ So hee came to the king, and the king said vnto him, Michaiah, shall we goe against Ramoth Gilead to battel, or shal we leaue off? and hee answered him, p Goe vp, and prosper: and the Lord shal deliuer it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said vnto him, How oft shal I charge thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the Name of the Lord?

17 Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered vpon the mountains, as sheepe that had no shepheard. And the Lord said, q These haue no master, let euery man returne vnto his house in peace.

18 (And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, Did I not tel thee, that he would prophesie no good vnto me, but euill?)

19 Againe he said, Heare thou therefore the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sit on his throne, and all the r host of heauen stood about him on his right hand, and on his left hand.

20 And the Lord said, Who shall ‖ entise Ahab that hee may goe and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And one said on this maner, and another said on that maner.

21 Then there came foorth a spirit, and s stood before the Lord, and said, I will entise him. And the Lord said vnto him, Wherewith?

22 And he said, I will goe out, and bee a t false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. Then hee said, Thou shalt entise him, and shalt also preuaile: goe foorth, and doe so.

23 Now therefore behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy Prophets, and the Lord hath appointed euill against thee.

24 Then Zidkiah the sonne of Chenaanah came neere, and smote Michaiah on the cheeke, and sayde, u Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me, to speake vnto thee?

25 And Michaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see

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i By the wicked counsell of his wife, he became a vile idolater and cruell murtherer, as one that gaue himselfe wholly to serue sinne.

*Ebr. his flesh.

k In token of mourning, or as some read, barefooted.

l Meaning, in Iorams time, 2 King. 9. 26.

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2 Chron. 18. 1, 2.

a Ben-hadad the king of Syria and Ahab made a peace, which indured three yeeres.

b To see and visite him.

c The kings of Syria kept Ramoth before this league was made by Ben-hadad: therefore he thought not himselfe bound thereby to restore it.

d I am ready to ioyne and goe with thee, and al mine is at thy commandement.

e He seemed that he would not goe to the warre, except God approoued it, yet when Michaiah counselled the contrary, he would not obey.

f Meaning, the false prophets, which were flatterers, and serued for lucre, whom Iezebel had assembled and kept after the death of those whom Elias slewe.

g Iehoshaphat did not acknowledge the false prophets to be Gods ministers, but did contemne them.

h Whereby wee see that the wicked cannot abide to heare the trueth, but hate the Prophets of God and molest them.

i Reade Gene. 37. 36.

m In their kingly apparell.

l The true Prophets of God were accustomed to vse signes for the confirmation of their doctrine, Isa. 20. 2. Iere 7. 2 wherein the false prophets did imitate them, thinking thereby to make their doctrine more commendable.

m This is the common argument of the wicked, who thinke that none should speake against a thing, if the greater part approoue it, be they neuer so vngodly.

*Ebr. mouth.

n He speaketh this in derision, because the king attributed so much to the false prophets, meaning that by experience hee should trie that they were but flatterers.

o It is better they returne home, then to be punished and scattered, because they take warre in hand without Gods counsell and approbation.

p Meaning, his Angels.

‖ *Or, perswade and deceiue.*

q Here we see that though the deuill be euer ready to bring vs to destruction, yet he hath no further power then God giueth him.

r I will cause all his prophets to tell lies

2. Chron. 18. 23.

s Thus the wicked would seeme in the fauour of God, but they, and that God hath giuen his graces to none to much as to them.

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see in that day, when thou shalt goe from chamber to chamber to hide thee.

26 And the King of Israel said, Take Michaiah, and carie him vnto Amon the gouernour of the citie, and vnto Joash the kings sonne,

27 And say, Thus saith the King, Put this man in the prison house, and feede him with t bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, vntill I returne in peace.

28 And Michaiah said, If thou returne in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by mee. And he said, Hearken all ye people.

29 So the King of Israel, and Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah went vp to Ramoth Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Iehoshaphat, I will change mine apparell and will enter into the battell, but put thou on thine apparel. And the king of Israel changed himselfe, and went into the battell.

31 And the king of Aram commaunded his two and thirtie captaines ouer his charets, saying, Fight neither with small, nor great, saue onely against the king of Israel.

32 And when the captaines of the charets saw Iehoshaphat, they said, Surely it is the king of Israel, and they turned to fight against him: and Iehoshaphat x cried.

33 And when the captains of the charets saw that he was not the king of Israel, they turned backe from him.

34 Then a certaine man drewe a bowe ‖ mightily, and smote the king of Israel betweene the ioints of his brigandine. Wherefore hee said vnto his charet man, Turne thine hand and carie me out of the hoste: for I am ‡ hurt.

35 And the battel encreased that day, and the y king stood still in his charet against the Aramites, and died at euen: and the blood ranne out of the wound into the mids of the charet.

36 And there went a Proclamation throwout the z hoste about the going downe of the sunne, saying, Euery man to his citie, and euery man to his owne countrey.

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the charet in the poole of Samaria, and the dogs licked vp his blood (and ‖ they washed his armour) according * vnto the word of the Lord which he spake.

39 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ahab, and all that hee did, and the Iuorie house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ * And Iehoshaphat the sonne of Asa began to reigne vpon Iudah in the fourth yeere of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Iehoshaphat was fiue and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned fiue and twentie yeere in Ierusalem. And his mothers name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And hee walked in all the wayes of Asa his father, and declined not therefrom, but did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. Neuertheless * the hie places were not taken away: for the people offered still and burnt incense in the hie places.

44 And Iehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehoshaphat and his worthy deeds that he did, and his battels which hee fought, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

46 And the Sodomites, which remained in the dayes of his father Asa, hee put cleane out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: the b Deputie was king.

48 Iehoshaphat made ships of * Tharshish to saile to d Ophir for golde, but they went not, for the ships were broken at Ezion Gaber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab vnto Iehoshaphat, Let my seruants go with thy seruants in the ships. But Iehoshaphat would not.

50 And Iehoshaphat did sleepe with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father, and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, the seuententh yeere of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, and reigned two yeeres ouer Israel.

52 But hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

53 For hee serued Baal and worshipped him, and prouoked the Lord God of Israel vnto wrath, ‖ according vnto all that his father had done.

t Let him be pined away with hunger, and be fed with a small portion of bread and water.

u That when ye shall see these things come to passe, yee may giue God the glory, and know that I am his true Prophet.

x That is, to the Lord for helpe.

‖ *Or, in his simplicitie, and ignorantly.*

† *Eb. and between the brigandine.*

‡ *Ebr sicke.*

y To wit, Ahab king of Israel.

z Of the Israelites.

‖ *Or, the harlots washed it. Chap. 21. 19.*

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2. *Chron.* 20. 31.

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a Meaning, that he was led with an errour, thinking that they might still sacrifice to the Lord in those places, as well as they did before the Temple was built.

b In the time of this king, Idumea was subiect to Iudah, and was gouerned by whom they of Iudah appointed.

c By Tharshish the Scripture meaneth Cilicia and all the sea called Mediterraneum.

d Iosephus writeth that Ophir is in Iudia, where the Egyptians and Arabians traffike for gold.

‖ *Or, in all points as his father did.*

The second booke of the Kings.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis second booke containeth the actes of the kings of Iudah and Israel: to wit, of Israel, from the death of Ahab vnto the last king Hoshea, who was imprisoned by the king of Assyria, and his citie Samaria taken, and the ten tribes by the iust plague of God for their idolatrie and disobedience to God, led into captiuitie. And also of Iudah, from the reigne of Iehoram sonne of Iehoshaphat vnto Zedechia, who for contemning the Lords commaundement by his Prophets, and neglecting his sundrie admonitions by famine and other meanes, was taken by his enemies, and sawe his sonnes most cruelly slaine before his face, and his owne eyes put out, as the Lord had declared to him before by his Prophet Ieremie: and also by the iust vengeance of God for contempt of his Word Ierusalem was destroyed, the Temple burnt, and hee and all his

his people were led away captiues into Babylon. In this booke are notable examples of Gods fauour toward those rulers and people which obey his Prophets, and embrace his words: and contrariwise, of his plagues toward those common weales which neglect his ministers, and doe not obey his commaundements.

CHAP. 1.

2 Ahaziah by a fall falleth sicke, and consulteth with Baal-zebub. 3 He is reproued of Eliah. 10 The captaines ouer fifties were sent to Eliah, whereof two were burnt with fire from heauen by his prayer. 17 Ahaziah dieth, and Iehoram his brother succeedeth him.

THen Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell throw the lattesse windowe in his vpper chamber, which was in Samaria, so hee was sicke: then he sent messengers, to whom hee said, Goe and inquire of [b] Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, if I shall recouer of this my disease.

3 Then the Angel of the Lord said to Eliah the Tishbite, Arise, and goe vp to meete the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say vnto them, [c] Is it not because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Wherefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from the bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt die the death. So Eliah departed.

5 And the messengers returned vnto him, to whom he said, Why are ye now returned?

6 And they answered him, There came a man and met vs, and said vnto vs, Go and returne vnto the King which sent you, and say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, [d] Is it not because there is no God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore thou shalt not come downe from the bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt die the death.

7 And hee said vnto them, What maner of man was hee which came and met you, and told you these words?

8 And they said vnto him, Hee was an [e] hairie man, and girded with a girdle of lether about his loynes. Then said hee, It is Eliah the Tishbite.

9 Therefore the king sent vnto him a captaine ouer fiftie with his fiftie men, who went vp vnto him, for behold, hee sate on the top [f] of a mountaine, and he said vnto him, O man of God, the King hath commanded that thou come downe.

10 But Eliah answered, and said to the captaine ouer the fiftie, If that I bee a man of God, let fire come downe from the heauen, and deuoure thee and thy fifty. So fire came downe from the heauen, and deuoured him and his fiftie.

11 Againe also hee sent vnto him another captaine ouer fiftie, with his fiftie. And who spake, and said vnto him, [h] O man of God, thus the King commandeth, Come downe quickly.

12 But Eliah answered, and said vnto them, If I bee a man of God, let fire come downe from the heauen, and deuoure thee and thy fifty. So fire came downe from the heauen, and deuoured him and his fiftie.

13 Yet againe he sent the third captaine ouer fiftie with his fiftie. And the third captaine ouer fiftie went vp, and came, and fell on his knees before Eliah, and besought him, and said vnto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my [i] life and the life of these thy fiftie seruants be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire downe from the heauen and deuoured the two former captaines ouer fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto Eliah, Goe downe with him, be not [k] afraid of his presence. So he arose, and went down with him vnto the King.

16 And he said vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, (was it not because there was no God in Israel to inquire of his word?) therefore thou shalt not come downe off the bed, on which thou art gone vp, but shalt die the death.

17 So hee died according to the word of the Lord, which Eliah had spoken. And [l] Iehoram beganne to reigne in his stead, in the second yeere of Iehoram the sonne of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, because he had no sonne.

18 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ahaziah, that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

8 Eliah deuideth the waters with his cloke. 11 He is taken vp into heauen. 13 Elisha taketh his cloake and diuideth Iorden. 20 The bitter and venemous waters are healed. 23 The children that mocke Elisha, are rent in pieces with Beares.

AND when the Lord would take vp Eliah into heauen by a whirle winde, Eliah went with Elisha from [a] Gilgal.

2 Then Eliah said to Elisha, Tary here, I pray thee: for the Lord hath sent mee to Beth-el. But Elisha said, As the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. So they came downe to Beth-el.

3 And the [b] children of the Prophets that were at Beth-el, came out to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take thy master from [c] thine head this day? And hee said, Yea, I [d] know it: hold yee your peace.

4 Againe Eliah said vnto him, Elisha, tarie here, I pray thee: for the Lord hath sent me to Iericho. But hee said, As the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. So they came to Iericho.

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1 So that he was punished for his idolatrie after two sorts: for the Moabites, which were wont to pay him tribute, rebelled, and he fell downe at a grate which was vpon his house to giue light beneath.

b The Philistims which dwelt at Ekron, worshipped this idole, which signifieth the God of flies, thinking, that he could preserue them from the biting of flies: or els he was so called, because flies were ingendred in great abundance of the blood of the sacrifices that were offered to that idole.

c He sheweth that idolaters haue not the true God, for else they would seeke to none but to him alone.

d Ignorance is the mother of errour and idolatrie.

e Some thinke that this is meant of his garments which were rough and made of haire.

f To wit, Carmel.

g He declareth what power Gods word hath in the mouth of his seruants, when they threaten Gods iudgements against the wicked.

h He speaketh this in mockerie, and therefore prouoked Gods wrath so much the more.

i Meaning, that God would shew by effect, whether he was a true Prophet or not.

k Which humble my selfe before God and his seruant.

l That is, spare my life, and let me not die as the other two.

m Thus the Lord giueth boldnesse to his, that they feare not the threatnings of tyrants, which otherwise of themselues are afraide to doe Gods message.

n Iehoshaphat going to battell against the Syrians, made his sonne Iehoram King in the 17 yeere of his reigne: and in the 18 yeere, which was the second yeere of his sonne Iehoram the sonne of Ahab reigned in Israel that died, and the

a Which was the place where the children of Israel were circumcised after they came ouer Iorden, and had bene fourtie yeeres in the wildernesse, as Iosh. 5. 9.

b So called, because they are begotten as it were anew by the heauenly doctrine.

c That is, from being any more thine head: for to be as the head, is to be the master, as to bee a scholler.

d For the Lord had reuealed it vnto him.

5 And the children of the Prophets that were at Jericho, came to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take thy master from thine head this day? and hee said, Yea, I know it: hold yee your peace.

6 Moreouer, Eliah said vnto him, Tarie, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Iorden. But hee said, As the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. So they went both together.

7 And fiftie men of the sonnes of the Prophets went, and stood on the other side afarre off, and they two stood by Iorden.

8 ¶ Then Eliah tooke his cloake, and wrapt it together, and smote the [f] waters, and they were diuided hither and thither, and they twaine went ouer on the drie land.

9 Now when they were passed ouer, Eliah said vnto Elisha, Aske what I shall doe for thee before I bee taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, Let thy spirit [g] be double vpon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked an hard thing: yet if thou see mee when I am taken from thee, thou shalt haue it so: and if not, it shall not be.

11 And as they went walking and talking, behold, there appeared a charet of fire, and horses of fire, and did separate them twaine. * So Eliah went vp by a whirlewind into [h] heauen.

12 And Elisha saw it, and hee cried, My father, my father, the charet of Israel, and the horsemen thereof: and hee sawe him no more: and hee tooke his owne clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 ¶ He tooke vp also the cloake of Eliah that fell from him, and returned, and stoode by the banke of Iorden.

14 After he tooke the cloke of Eliah, that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Eliah? And so he also, after he had striken the waters, so that they were diuided this way and that way, went ouer, euen Elisha.

15 And when the children of the Prophets, which were at Jericho, saw him on the other side, they said, [i] The spirite of Eliah doeth rest on Elisha: and they came to meete him, and fell to the ground before him,

16 And said vnto him, Behold now, there bee with thy seruants fiftie strong men: let them goe, we pray thee, and seeke thy [k] master, if so bee the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him vp, and cast him vpon some mountaine, or into some valley. But he said, [l] Ye shall not send.

17 Yet they were instant vpon him, til he was ashamed: wherefore he said, Send. So they sent fiftie men, which sought three dayes, but found him not.

18 Therefore they returned to him, (for he taried at Jericho) and he said vnto them, Did not I say vnto you, Goe not?

19 ¶ And the men of the citie said vnto Elisha, Behold, we pray thee: the situation of this citie is pleasant, as thou, my lorde, seest, but the water is naught, and the ground [§] barren.

20 Then he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And hee went vnto the spring of the waters, and cast there [m] the salt, and sayde, Thus saith the Lord, I haue healed this water: death shall no more come thereof, neither barrennesse to the ground.

22 So the waters were healed vntil this day, according to the word of Elisha which he had spoken.

23 ¶ And he went vp from thence vnto Beth-el. And as he was going vp the way, little children came out of the citie, and mocked him, and said vnto him, Come vp, thou bald head, come vp, thou bald head.

24 And hee turned backe, and looked on them, and [n] cursed them in the name of the Lord. And two beares came out of the forrest, and tare in pieces two and fourtie children of them.

25 So hee went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence hee returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 The reigne of Iehoram. 6 Hee and Iehoshaphat goe to warre against Moab, which rebelled. 13 Elisha reproueth him, 17 and giueth them water. 24 The Moabites are ouercome. 27 Their King sacrificeth his sonne.

NOw Iehoram the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, the [a] eighteenth yeere of Iehoshaphat King of Iudah, and reigned twelue yeeres.

2 And he wrought euil in the sight of the Lord, but not like his father nor like his mother: for hee tooke away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3 Neuertheless, hee cleaued vnto [b] the sinnes of Ieroboam, the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne, & departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ Then [c] Mesha King of Moab had store of sheepe, and rendered vnto the King of Israel an hundreth thousand lambes, and an hundreth thousande rammes with the wooll.

5 But when Ahab was dead, the king of Moab rebelled against the King of Israel.

6 Therefore king Iehoram went out of Samaria the same season, and numbred all Israel.

7 And went, and sent to Iehoshaphat King of Iudah, saying, The King of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me to battell against Moab? and he answered, I will goe vp: for [d] I am, as thou art, my people, as thy people, and mine horses as thine horses.

8 Then sayd he, What way shall we goe vp? And he answered, The way of the wildernesse of Edom.

9 ¶ So went the king of Israel and the king of Iudah, and the [e] king of Edom, and when they had compassed the way seuen dayes, they had no water for the host, nor for the cattell that [‡] followed them.

10 Therefore the King of Israel sayde, Alas, that the Lorde hath called these three Kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.

11 But

e Not onely at Bethel, but at Iericho and other places were there prophets which had schoolers, whom they instructed, and brought vp in the true feare of God.

f To wit, of Iorden.

g Let thy spirit haue double force in me, because of these dangerous times: or let me haue twise so much as the rest of the Prophets: or thy Spirit being diuided into three parts, let mee haue two. *Eccles. 48 9. 1. mac. 2. 58.*

h Thus God hath left a testimonie in all ages (both before the Law, in the Law, and in the time of the Gospel) of our resurrection.

i The spirit of prophesie is giuen to him as it was to Eliiah.

k Meaning Eliiah: for they thought his body had bene cast in some mountaine.

l Because the fact was extraordinarie, they doubted wher he was become, but Elisha was assured that he was taken vp to God

§ Or, killeth the inhabitants.

m Thus God gaue him power euen contrary to nature, to make that water profitable for mans vse which before was hurtfull.

n Perceiuing their malicious heart against the Lord and his word, he desireth God to take vengeance of that iniury done vnto him.

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Ie. Kay. 19. 2. Chr. 20.

a Reade the annotation in the 1. chap. and 17. verse.

b He meaneth to the golden calues that Ieroboam had made.

c This was done after that Dauid had made the Moabites tributaries to his successours.

d Reade 1. King. 22. 4.

e Meaning the viceroy or lieutenant of the King of Iudah, reade 1. King. 22. 47.

‡ Hebr. that were at their feete.

11 But Iehoshaphat sayd, Is there not here a Prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? and one of the king of Israels seruants answered, and sayd, Here is Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, which powred water on the handes of Elijah.

12 Then Iehoshaphat sayd, e The word of the Lord is with him. Therefore the king of Israel, and Iehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went downe to him.

13 And Elisha sayd vnto the king of Israel, f What haue I to doe with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel sayd vnto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.

14 Then Elisha sayd, As the Lord of hosts liueth, in whose sight I stand, if it were not that I regard the presence of Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah, I would g not haue looked toward thee, nor seene thee.

15 But now bring mee a minstrell. And when the minstrell played, the hand of the Lord came vpon him.

16 And hee sayd, Thus sayth the Lord, Make this valley full of diches.

17 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall neither see winde nor see raine, yet the valley shalbe filled with water, that ye may drinke, both ye and your cattell, and your beasts.

18 But this is a h small thing in the sight of the Lord: for he will giue Moab into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite euery strong towne and euery chiefe citie, and shall fell euery faire tree, and shall stop all the fountaines of water, and i marre euery good field with stones.

20 And in the morning when the meate offering was offered, beholde, there came water by the way of Edom: and the country was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come vp to fight against them, they gathered all that was able k to put on harnesse, and vpward, and stood in their border.

22 And they arose early in the morning when the sunne arose vpon the water, and the Moabites sawe the water ouer against them, as red as blood.

23 And they sayd, l This is blood: the kings are surely slaine, and one hath smitten another: now therefore Moab to the spoile.

24 And when they came to the host of Israel, the Israelites arose vp, and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them, but they m inuaded them, and smote Moab.

25 And they destroyed the cities: and on all the good field euery man cast his stone, and filled them, and they stopt all the fountaines of water, & felled all the good trees: onely in q Kir-hareseth left they the stones therof: howbeit they went about it with slings, and smote it.

26 And when the king of Moab sawe that the battell was too sore for him, hee tooke with him seuen hundreth men that drewe the sword to breake through vnto the King of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then hee tooke his eldest sonne, that should haue reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering vpon the wall: so that Israel was sore grieued, and they departed from him, and returned to their country.

CHAP. IIII.

4 God increaseth the oyle to the poore widow by Elisha. 12 He obtaineth for the Shunnamite a son as Gods hand. 18 Who dying, 32 Hee raiseth him vp again. 40 Hee maketh sweete the pottage, 42 And multiplieth the loaues.

NOw one of the wiues of the sonnes of the Prophets cried vnto Elisha, saying, Thy seruant mine husband is dead, & thou knowest that thy seruant did a feare the Lord: and the creditor is come to take my two sonnes to be his b bondmen.

2 Then Elisha said vnto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou at home? And she sayd, Thine handmaid hath nothing at home, saue a c pitcher of oyle.

3 And he said, Goe and borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, empty vessels, and spare not.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the doore vpon thee and vpon thy sonnes, and powre out into d all those vessels, and set aside those that are full.

5 So she departed from him, and shut the doore vpon her, and vpon her sonnes. And they brought her, and she powred out.

6 And when the vessels were full, she sayd vnto her sonne, Bring me yet a vessell. And hee said vnto her, There are no more vessels. And the oyle e ceased.

7 Then she came & told the man of God. And he sayd, Goe, and sell the oyle, and pay them that thou art in debt vnto, and liue thou and thy children of the f rest.

8 ¶ And on a time Elisha came to Shunem, and there a woman of great estimation constrained him to eate bread: and as hee passed by, he turned in thither to eate bread.

9 And shee sayd vnto her husband, Behold, I know now, that this is an holy man of God that passeth by vs continually.

10 Let vs make g him a little chamber, I pray thee, with walles, and let vs set him there a bed, and a table, and a stoole, and a candlesticke, that hee may turne in thither when he commeth to vs.

11 ¶ And on a day he came thither, and turned into the chamber, and lay therein.

12 And sayd to Gehazi his seruant, Call this Shunammite: and when he called her, she stood before him.

13 Then hee sayd vnto him, Say vnto her now, Beholde, thou hast had all this great care for vs, h what wee doe for thee? Is there any thing to bee spoken for thee to the King, or to the Captaine of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine owne people, i

f That is, who was his seruant.

g He is able to instruct vs what is Gods will in this poynt.

h Hee knew that this wicked king would haue but vsed his counsel to serue his turne, and therefore hee disdained to answere him.

i The wicked esteeme not the seruants of God, but when they are driuen by very necessitie and feare of the present danger.

k God suffereth his word to be declared to the wicked because, of the godly that are among them.

l He sing songs to Gods glory, & so stirred vp the Prophets heart to prophesie.

m He will not only miraculously giue you waters, but your enemies also into your hand.

n Though God beleeue his benefits for a time, vpon his enemies, yet he hath his seasons, when he will take them away, to the intent they might see his vengeance, which is prepared against them.

1 Kin. 20. gird how selfe with a girdle.

o The saddest ioy of the wicked is but a preparation to their destruction, which is at hand.

p Meaning, they followed them into the townes.

q Which was one of the principall cities of the Moabites, wherein they left nothing but the walles.

r Some reserue to the king of Edoms son whom they say hee had taken in that skirmish: but rather to his gods to pacifie them, which barbarous cruelty mooued the Moabites hearts of pitie to depart.

a Reade Chap. 2. 1.

b And therefore fell not into debt by vnthriftinesse or prodigality, but by the hand of the Lord.

c Because I am poore and not able to pay.

d Thus God sufferth his many times to bee brought to extreme necessitie, before he succour them, that afterward they may the more praise his mercie.

e The Prophet declareth hereby vnto her, that God neuer faileth to prouide for his seruants, their wiues and children, if they trust in him.

f To augment and increase in the vessels.

g God here did not onely prouide for his seruant, that his debt should be payd, and so kept his doctrine and profession without slander, but also for his wife and children.

h Which should be separate from the rest of the house, that hee might more commodiously giue himselfe to prayer and not vnthankfull for the benefits they receiue.

i Thus the seruants of God are not vnthankfull for the benefits they receiue.

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of the hoste? And she answered, I dwell among mine owne people.

14 Againe he sayd, What is there to be done for her? Then Gehazi answered, In deed she hath no sonne, and her husband is olde.

15 Then sayd he, Call her. And he called her, and shee stood in the doore.

16 And he sayd, * At this time appointed, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a sonne. And she said, Oh my lord, thou man of God, doe not lie vnto thine handmayd.

17 So the woman conceiued, and bare a sonne at that same season, according to the time of life that Elisha had sayd vnto her.

18 ¶ And when the child was growen, it fel on a day, that he went out to his father, and to the reapers.

19 And he sayd to his father, * Mine head, mine head. (who sayd to his seruant, Beare him to his mother.

20 And her tooke him, and brought him to his mother, and hee sate on her knees till noone, and dyed.

21 Then she went vp, and layd him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the doore vpon him and went out.

22 ¶ Then she called to her husband, and sayd, Send with mee, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses: for I will haste to the man of God, and come againe.

23 And he sayd, Wherefore wilt thou goe to him to day? it is neither * newe Moone nor Sabbath day. And she answered, * All shalbe well.

24 Then she saddled an asse, and said to her seruant, Drive, and go forward: stay not for me to get vp except I bid thee.

25 ¶ So shee went, and came vnto the man of God to mount Carmel. And when the man of God saw her ouer against him, he sayd to Gehazi his seruant, Beholde the Shunammite.

26 Runne nowe, I say, to meete her, and say vnto her, Art thou in health? is thine husband in health? and is the child in health? And she answered, * We are in health.

27 And when she came to the man of God vnto the mountaine, shee * caught him by his feete: and Gehazi went to her, to thrust her away: but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soule is * vexed within her, and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told it me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a sonne of my lord? Did I not say, Deceiue me not?

29 Then her sayd to Gehazi, Gird thy loynes, & take my staffe in thine hand, and go thy way: * if thou meete any, salute him not: and if any salute thee, answere him not: and lay my staffe vpon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child sayd, As the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. Therefore hee arose, and followed her.

31 But Gehazi was gone before them, and had layd the staffe vpon the face of the child, but he neither spake nor heard: wherefore he returned to meete him, and told him, saying, The child is not waken.

32 ¶ Then came Elisha into the house, and beholde, the childe was dead, and layd vpon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the doore vpon them twaine, and prayed vnto the Lord.

34 After he went vp, and * lay vpon the childe, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes vpon his eyes, and his handes vpon his handes, and stretched himselfe vpon him, and the flesh of the childe warmed warme.

35 And he went from him, and walked vp and downe in the house, & went vp and stred himselfe vpon him: then the childe neesed * seuen times, and opened his eyes.

36 Then he called Gehazi, and sayd, Call this Shunammite. So he called her, which came in vnto him. And her sayd vnto her, Take thy sonne.

37 And she came and fell at his feete, and bowed her selfe to the ground, and tooke vp her sonne, and went out.

38 Afterward Elisha returned to Gilgal, and a famine was in the * land, and the children of the Prophets dwelt with him. And he sayd vnto his seruant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the children of the Prophets.

39 And one went out into the field, to gather herbs, and found, as it were, a wilde vine, and gathered thereof * wilde gourds his garment full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew it not.

40 So they powred out for the men to eate: and when they had eate of the pottage, they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, * Death is in the pot: and they could not eate thereof.

41 Then he sayd, Bring meale. And hee cast it into the pot, and said, Powre out for the people, that they may eate: and there was nowe euill in the pot.

42 ¶ Then came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruites, euen twenty loaues of barley, and full eares of corne in the huske. And he sayd, Giue vnto the people, that they may eate.

43 And his seruant answered, Howe should I set this before an hundreth men? he sayd againe, Giue it vnto the people, that they may eate: for thus sayeth the Lord, They shall eate, and there * shal remaine.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eate, and left ouer according to the worde of the Lord.

CHAP. V.

1 Naaman the Syrian is healed of his leprosie. 16 Elisha refuseth his gifts. 27 Gehazi is striken with leprosie, because he tooke money, and raiment of Naaman.

NOwe was there one Naaman captaine of the hoste of the king of Aram, a great man and honourable in the sight of his lord, because that by him the Lord had * deliuered the Aramites. Hee also was a mighty man and valiant, but a leper.

2 And the Aramites had gone out by bands,

k I am content with that that God hath sent me, & can want nothing that one can doe for another.

l Which then was a reproch, and therefore he would that his master should pray to God for her that shee might be fruitfull.

Gen. 18, 10.

m His head aked sore, and therefore hee cried thus.

n For at such times the people were wont to resort to the Prophets for doctrine and consolation.

† *Hebr peace.*

‡ *Or, farre off.*

o In token of humility and ioy that she had met with him.

‡ *Ebr. her soule is in bitternesse.*

p Make such speede that nothing may let thee in the way, Luke 10.4.

q The like did Elijah to the widowes sonne at Sarepta, 1 King 17. 21. and Saint Paule, Actes 20. 10. signifying the care that ought to be in them, that beare the worde of God, and are distributers of the spirituall life.

r Meaning often times.

s That is, in the land of Israel.

t Which the Apothecaries call colloquintida, and is most vehement and dangerous in purging.

u They feared that they were poysoned, because of the bitternesse.

x It is not the quantity of bread that satisfieth, but the blessing that God giueth.

a Here appeareth that among the infidels God hath his, and also that the Infidels haue them in estimation, which do good to their countrey.

bands, and had taken a little matde of the land of Israel, and ther ‡ serued Naamans wife.

3 And she said vnto her mistresse, Would God my lorde were were with the ᵇ Prophet that is in Samaria, he would soone deliuer him of his leprosie.

4 And ᶜ her went in, and tolde his lord, saying, Thus and thus saith the maide that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the King of Aram sayd, Goe thy way thither, and I will send a letter vnto the king of Israel. And hee departed, and ᵈ tooke ‡ with him ten talents of siluer, and sixe thousand pieces of gold, and ten change of raunents,

6 And broughte the letter to the King of Israel to this effect, Nowe when this letter is come vnto thee, vnderstand, that I haue sent thee Naaman my seruaunt, that thou mayest heale him of his leprosie.

7 And when the King of Israel had read the letter, he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and giue life, that hee doeth send to me, that I should heale a man from his leprosie? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how hee seeketh a quarell against me.

8 But when Elisha the man of God had heard that the King of Israel had rent his clothes, hee sent vnto the King, saying, ᵉ Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to mee, and hee shall know, that there is a Prophet in Israel.

9 ¶ Then Naaman came with his horses, and with his charets, and stood at the doore of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger vnto him, saying, Goe, and wash thee in Iorden seuen times, and thy flesh shall come againe to thee, and thou shalt be cleansed.

11 But Naaman was ᶠwoth, and went away, and said, Beholde, I thought with my selfe, He will surely come out, and stand, and call on the Name of the Lord his God, and put his hand on the place, and heale the leprosie.

12 Are not Abanah and Pharpar, riuers of Damascus, better then all the waters of Israel? may I not wash mee in them, and bee cleansed? so he turned, and departed in displeasure.

13 But his seruaunts came, and spake vnto him, and said, ᵍ Father, if the Prophet had commaunded thee a great thing, wouldest thou not haue done it? how much rather then when hee saieth to thee, Wash, and be cleane?

14 Then went hee downe and ʰ washed himselfe seuen times in Iorden, according to the saying of the man of God, and his flesh came againe, like vnto the flesh of a little child, and he was cleane.

15 ¶ And he turned againe to the man of God, he, ‖ all his companie, and came and stood before him, and said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the world, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a ‡ reward of thy seruant.

16 But hee said, As the Lord liueth (before whome I stand) I will not receiue it. And hee would haue constrained him to receiue it, ᵏ but he refused.

17 Moreouer, Naaman said, Shall there not bee giuen to thy seruant two mules load of this earth? for thy seruant will henceforth offer neither burnt sacrifice, nor offering vnto any other god, saue vnto the Lord.

18 Herein the Lord be merciful vnto thy seruant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon, to worship there, and leaneth on mine hand, and I bowe my selfe in the house of Rimmon: when I doe bowe downe, I say, in the house of Rimmon, the Lord bee mercifull vnto thy seruant in this point.

19 Vnto whom hee said, ᵏ Goe in peace. So hee departed from him about halfe a dayes iourney of ground.

20 And Gehazi the seruant of Elisha the man of God said, Beholde, my master hath spared this Aramite Naaman, receiuing not those things at his hand that he brought: as the Lorde liueth, I will runne after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed speedily after Naaman. And when Naaman sawe him running after him, ˡ he light down from the charet to meet him, and said, Is all well?

22 And he answered, All is well: my master hath sent me, saying, Behold, there bee come to me, euen now from mount Ephraim two yonng men of the children of the Prophets: giue them, I pray thee, a talent of siluer, and two change of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Pea, take two talents: and hee compelled him, and bound two talents of siluer in two bagges, with two change of garments, and gaue them vnto two of his seruaunts, that they might beare them before him.

24 And when he came to ‖ the towre, he tooke them out of their handes, and laide them in the house, and sent away the men: and ᵐ they departed.

25 ¶ Then he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha saide vnto him, ⁿ Whence commest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy seruant went no whither.

26 But hee said vnto him, ᵒ Went not mine heart with thee when the man turned againe from his charet to meete thee? Is this a time to take money, and to receiue garments, ᵖ and oliues, and vineyards, and sheepe, and oxen, and men seruaunts, and maid seruaunts?

27 The leprosie therefore of Naaman shal cleaue vnto thee, and ᵖ to thy seed for euer. And hee went out from his presence a leper white as snow.

CHAP. VI.

6 Elisha maketh yron to swimme about the water. 8 Hee discloseth the king of Syrias counsell to the king of Israel. 13 Who sending certaine to take him, were kept fast in Samaria. 24 Samaria is besieged and endureth extreme famine.

AND the children of the Prophets said vnto Elisha, Beholde, wee pray thee, the place where wee dwell with thee, is too little for vs.

‡ *Ebr. she was before.*

ᵇ Meaning, Elisha.

ᶜ That is, Naaman tolde it to the king of Syria.

ᵈ To giue this as a present to the Prophet.

‡ *Ebr. in his hand.*

ᵉ The Prophet rebuketh the king, because he did not consider that God was true in his promise, and therefore would not leaue his Church destitute of a Prophet, whose praiers he would heare, and to whom other should haue recourse for comfort.

ᶠ Mans reason murmureth, who it considereth onely the signes and outward things, and hath not regard to the word of God, which is there contained.

ᵍ This declareth that seruants ought to reuerence and loue their masters as children their fathers, & likewise masters toward their seruaunts must be affectioned as toward their children. *Luke 4. 27.*

‡ *Ebr. blessing.*

ʰ So the Lord commandeth that they that receiue freely, should giue also freely.

ⁱ He feeleth his cõscience wounded in being present at idoles seruice, and therefore desireth God to forgiue him, lest others by his example might fall to idolatry: for as for his own part, he confesseth that he wil neuer serue any but the true God.

ᵏ The Prophet did not approue his acte, but after the common manner of speech he biddeth him farewell.

ˡ Declaring thereby what honour and affection he bare to the Prophet his master.

‖ *Or, fortresse, or secret place.*

ᵐ Naamans seruants.

ⁿ Was not I present with thee in spirit?

ᵒ That is, money to buy possessions with: meaning, that it is detestable in the seruants of God to haue couetous mindes.

ᵖ To be an example to all such as by whose couetousnesse Gods word might be slandered.

a Or, a piece of wood fit to build with.
‖ Or, the axe head.
b God wrought this miraculously to confirme the authority of Elisha, to whom he had giuen such abundance of his spirit.
c Meaning, that he would in ambush and take the Israelites at vnwares.
d The wicked conspire nothing so craftily, but God can reuale it to his seruants, and cause their counsell to be disclosed.
e There is nothing so secret that thou canst goe about, but he knoweth it, & discouereth it vnto his king.
f Though it had bene nothing in mans iudgement to haue taken Elisha, yet the wicked euer doubt and thinke they are neuer able to prepare power enough, though it be but against one, or a few.
g For he was assured of Gods helpe, and that millions of Angels camped about the godly to deliuer them. 2. Chro. 32.7.
h That he may beholde howe thou hast prepared an armie to rescue vs.
i Meaning the Syrians his enemies, which came down thinking themselues sure of him.
k Thus he did being led by the Spirit of God, & not because he sought his owne reuengeance, but onely to set forth the glorie of God.

2 Let vs nowe goe to Iorden, that wee may take thence euery man a ª beame, and make vs a place to dwell in. And he answered, Goe.

3 And one said, Vouchsafe, I pray thee, to goe with thy seruants: and he answered, I will goe.

4 So he went with them, and when they came to Iorden, they cut downe wood.

5 And as one was felling of a tree, the ‖ yron fell into the water: then he cried, and said, Alas, master, it was but borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. Then hee cut downe a piece of wood, and cast in thither, and he caused the yron to ᵇ swimme.

7 Then he said, Take it vp to thee. And he stretched out his hand, and tooke it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Aram warred against Israel, and tooke counsell with his seruants, and saide, In ᶜ such and such a place shalbe my campe.

9 Therefore the man of God sent vnto the king of Israel, saying, Beware thou goe not ouer to such a place: for there the Aramites are come downe.

10 So the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God tolde him, and warned him of, ᵈ & saued himselfe from thence, not once, nor twise.

11 And ᵛ heart of the king of Aram was troubled for this thing: therefore hee called his seruants, and said vnto them, Will yee not shew mee, ᵍ which of vs bewrayeth our counsell to the king of Israel?

12 Then one of his seruants said, None, my lord, O King, but Elisha the Prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel, euen the wordes that thou speakest in thy ᵉ priuie chamber.

13 And he said, Goe, and espie where hee is, that I may send and fetch him. And one told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 ¶ So hee sent thither hosses and charets, and a ᶠ mightie hoste: and they came by night, and compassed the citie.

15 And when the seruaunt of the man of God arose earely to goe out, behold, an hoste compassed the citie with hosses and charets. Then his seruant said vnto him, Alas, master, how shall we doe?

16 And hee answered, ª Feare not: ª for they that bee with vs, are mo then they that be with them.

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I beseech thee, open his eyes, ʰ that hee may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the seruaunt, and hee looked, and beholde, the mountaine was full of hosses and charets of fire round about Elisha.

18 So ⁱ they came downe to him: but Elisha prayed vnto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindnesse. And he smote them with blindnesse, according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha saide vnto them, This is not the way, neither is this the citie: follow mee, and I will leade you to the man whom yee seeke. But hee ᵏ led them to Samaria.

20 And when they were come to Samaria, Elisha saide, Lorde, open their eyes, that they may see. And the Lorde opened their eyes, and they sawe, and beholde, they were in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel saide vnto Elisha when he saw them, ˡ My father, shall I smite them, shall I smite them?

22 And hee answered, Thou shalt not smite them: doest thou not smite them that thou hast taken with thy sworde, and with thy bowe? but set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drinke, and go to their master.

23 And hee made great preparation for them: and when they had eaten and dronken, hee sent them away: and they went to their master. So the bands of Aram came ᵐ no more into the land of Israel.

24 But afterward Ben-hadad King of Aram gathered all his hoste, and went vp, and besieged Samaria.

25 So there was a great famine in Samaria: for loe, they besieged it, vntill an asses head was at fourescore pieces of siluer, and the fourth part of a cab of doues ⁿ dung at fiue pieces of siluer.

26 And as the king of Israel was going vpon the wall, there cryed a woman vnto him, saying, Helpe, my lord, O king.

27 And hee said, Seeing the Lord doeth not succour thee, howe shoulde I helpe thee with the ᵒ barne, or with the winepresse?

28 Also the king said vnto her, ¶ What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said vnto mee, Giue thy sonne, that we may eate him to day, and wee will eate my sonne to morow.

29 ª So wee sod my sonne, and did eate him: and I saide to her the day after, Giue thy sonne, that we may eat him, but she hath hid her sonne.

30 And when the King had heard the wordes of the woman, hee rent his clothes, (and as hee went vpon the wall, the people looked, and behold, hee had sackcloth ‖ within ᵖ vpon his flesh)

31 And he said, God doe so to me ª more also, if the head of Elisha the sonne of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

32 (Nowe Elisha sate in his house, and the Elders sate with him) And the king sent a man before him: but before the messenger came to him, he said to the Elders, See yee not howe this ᵠ murtherers sonne hath sent to take away mine head? take heede when the messenger commeth, and shut the doore, and handle him roughly at the doore: is not the sound of his masters feet behind him?

33 While hee yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came downe vnto him, and saide, Beholde, this euill commeth of the Lord: ʳ should I attend on the Lord any longer?

l The wicked vse reuerent & graue words towards the seruants of God, when they thinke to haue any commoditie by them, though in their heart they cannot abide them.
m For this gentle entreatie and the miracle wrought by the Prophet, did more preuaile for common quietnes, then if they had bene ouercome in battel: for they returned no more at that time to fight against Israel, or in that kings dayes.
n The Ebrewes write, that they burned it in the siege for lacke of wood.
o Meaning, any kinde of vitaile, as corne and wine, &c. Deu. 28.53,57.
‖ Or, vnder his clothes.
p Thus hypocrites, when they feele Godsiudgements, thinke to please him with outwarde ceremonies, whom in prosperitie they will not know.
q Meaning, Iehoram Ahabs sonne, who killed the Prophets and caused Naboth to be stoned.
r So the wicked fall into a rage and desperation if they finde not sudden remedie against their afflictions.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Elisha propheseith plentie of vitaile and other things to Samaria.* 6 *The Syrians run away, and haue no man following them.* 17 *The prince that would not beleeue the word of Elisha, is troden to death.*

Then

a The godly are euer assured of Gods helpe in their necessities, but the times & houres are onely reueiled by Gods spirit.

b To whom the King gaue the charge and ouersight of things, as verse 17.

c He mocketh at the Prophets wordes, saying, that if God rayned down corne from heauen, yet this could not come to passe.

d Thy infidelity shall be punished herein, when thou shalt see this miracle, and yet not be partaker thereof.

e For it was commanded in the Law that they should dwell apart, and not among their brethren, Leuit. 13 46.

f Thus God needeth no great preparation to destroy the wicked, though they be neuer so many, for he can scatter them with a smal noise or shaking of a leafe.

g The wicked need no greater enemy then their owne conscience to pursue them.

‖Or, *we shall be punished for our fault.*

h He mistrusted the Prophets words, and therfore could beleeue nothing, as they which are more politike then godly, euer cast more perils then needeth.

THen Elisha sayd, Heare ye the worde of the Lord: thus saith the Lord, a To morrow this time a measure of fine floure shalbe solde for a shekel, & two measures of barley for a shekel in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a prince on whose hand the king b leaned, answered the man of God, and sayd, Though the Lord would make c windowes in the heauen, could this thing come to passe? And he sayd, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not d eate thereof.

3 Nowe there were foure leprous men at the e entring in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit wee here vntill we die?

4 If we say, we will enter into the city, the famine is in the citie, and we shall die there: and if we sit here, we die also. Now therfore come, and let vs fall into the campe of the Aramites, if they saue our liues, we shall liue: and if they kill vs, wee are but dead.

5 So they rose vp in the twilight, to go to the campe of the Aramites: and when they were come to the vtmost part of the campe of the Aramites, loe, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had caused the campe of the Aramites to heare a f noyse of charets, and a noyse of horses, and a noyse of a great armie, so that they sayd one to another, Behold, the king of Israel hath hired against vs the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians to come vpon vs.

7 Wherefore they arose, and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, euen the camp as it was, and g fled for their liues.

8 And when these lepers came to the vtmost part of the campe, they entred into one tent, and did eat & drinke, and caried thence siluer and golde, and raiment, and went and hid it: after they returned, and entred into another tent, and caried thence also, & went and hid it.

9 Then sayd one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace. If we tary till day light, some ‖ mischiefe will come vpon vs. Nowe therefore come, let vs go, and tell the kings household.

10 So they came, and called vnto the porters of the citie, and tolde them, saying, We came to the campe of the Aramites, and loe, there was no man there, neither voyce of man, but horses tyed, and asses tyed: and the tents are as they were.

11 And the porters cryed and declared to the kings house within.

12 Then the king arose in the night, and sayd vnto his seruaunts h I will shewe you now, what the Aramites haue done vnto vs. They know that we are affamished, therefore they are gone out of the campe to hide themselues in the fielde, saying, When they come out of the citie, we shall catch them aliue, and get into the city.

13 And one of his seruaunts answered, & sayd, Let men take now fiue of the horses that remaine and are left in the citie (behold, they are euen as all the i multitude of Israel that are left therein: behold, I say, they are as the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed) and we will send to see.

14 So they took ‖ two charets of horses, and the king sent after the hoste of the Aramites, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them vnto Jorden, and loe, all the way was full of clothes and vessels which the Aramites had cast from them in their haste: and the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 Then the people went out, and spoyled the campe of the Aramites: so a measure of fine floure was at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel k according to the word of the Lord.

17 And the king gaue the Prince (on whose hand he leaned) the charge of the gate and the people l trode vpon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had sayde, which spake it when the King came downe to him.

18 And it came to passe, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley at a shekel, and a measure of fine floure shall be at a shekel, to morrowe about this time in the gate of Samaria.

19 But the prince had answered the man of God, and sayd, Though the Lord would make windowes in the heauen, could it come so to passe? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not eate thereof.

20 And so it came vnto him: for the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he died.

i There are no more left, but they, or the rest are consumed with the famine as the rest of the people.

‖Or, *two horses of the charet, which were accustomed to draw in the charet.*

k Which hee spake by the mouth of Elisha verse 1.

l As the people preassed out of the gate to run to the Syrians tents where they had heard was meat, and great spoyle left.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Elisha prophecieth vnto the Shunammite the dearth of seuen yere.* 12 *He prophesieth to Hazel that he shalbe king of Syria.* 15 *He reigneth after Ben-hadad.* 16 *Iehoram reigneth ouer Iudah.* 20 *Edom falleth from Iudah.* 23 *Ahaziah succeedeth Iehoram.*

THen E Sa spake Elisha vnto the woman, a whose sonne he had restored to life, saying, Vp, and goe, thou and thine houle, and sojourne where thou canst sojourne: for the Lorde hath called for a famine, and it commeth also vpon the land seuen yeeres.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God, and went both thee and her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistims seuen yeeres.

3 ¶ And at the seuen yeeres end, the woman returned out of the lande of the Philistims, and went out b to call vpon the king for her house and for her lande.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the seruant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great actes that Elisha hath done.

5 And as he told c the king, how he had restored one dead to life, behold, the woman whose sonne he had rayled to life, called vpon the king for her house and for her lande. Then Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her sonne, whome Elisha restored to life.

Chap. 4. 35.

a Where thou canst finde a commodious place to dwell, wheras is plenty.

b That is, to complaine on them which had taken her possessions while she was absent.

c Gods wonderfull prouidence appeareth in this, that he caused the king to be desirous to heare of him, whom before he contemned, and also herby prepared an entrance to the poore widowes suite.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she tolde him: so the king appoynted her an Eunuch, saying, Restore thou all that are hers, and all the d fruites of her landes since the day thee left the lande, euen vntill this time.

7 ¶ Then Elisha came to Damascus, & Ben-hadad the King of Aram was sicke, and one tolde him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king sayd vnto Hazael, Take a present in thine hande, and goe meete the man of God, that thou mayest enquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recouer of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meete him, and tooke the present in his hande, and of euery e good thing of Damascus, euen the burden of fortie camels, and came and stood before him, and sayd, Thy sonne Ben-hadad king of Aram hath sent me to thee, saying, Shal I recouer of this disease?

10 And Elisha sayd to him, Goe, and say vnto him, Thou shalt f recouer: howbeit the Lorde hath shewed me, that he shal surely die.

11 And he looked vpon him stedfastly till Hazael was ashamed, and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael sayde, Why weepeth my lorde? And he answered, Because I knowe the euil that thou shalt do vnto the children of Israel: for their strong cities shalt thou set on fire, and their yong men shalt thou slay with the sworde, and shalt dash their infants against the stones, and rent in peeces their women with childe.

13 Then Hazael sayd, What, is thy seruant a dogge, that I should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The Lorde hath shewed me, that thou shalt bee king of Aram.

14 ¶ So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who sayde to him, What sayde Elisha to thee? And he answered, He tolde me that thou shouldest recouer.

15 And on the morow hee tooke a thicke cloth, and dipt it in water, and g spread it on his face, and he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 ¶ * Now in the fifth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel, and of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, i Iehoram the sonne of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah began k to reigne.

17 Hee was two and thirtie yeere olde, when he began to reigne: and he reigned eight yeere in Ierusalem.

18 And hee walked in the wayes of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the l daughter of Ahab was his wife, and he did euill in the sight of the Lord.

19 Yet the Lorde would not destroy Iudah, for Dauid his seruants sake, as *he had promised him to giue him a light and to his children for euer.

20 ¶ In those dayes Edom m rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudah, and made a king ouer themselues.

21 Therefore Ioram went to Zair, and all his charets with him, and hee arose by night, and smote the Edomites which were about him with the Captaines of the charets, and the people fled into their tents.

22 So Edom rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudah vnto this day. Then n Libnah rebelled at that same time.

23 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ioram, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

24 And Ioram slept with his Fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid. And o Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ In the twelfth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah begin to reigne.

26 p Two and twentie yeere olde was Ahaziah when he began to reigne, and hee reigned one yere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And hee walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did euill in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab: for hee was the sonne in law of the house of Ahab.

28 And hee went with Ioram the sonne of Ahab to warre against Hazael king of Aram in q Ramoth Gilead, and the Aramites smote Ioram.

29 And king Ioram returned to be healed in r Iezreel of the woundes which the Aramites had giuen him at Ramah, when hee fought against Hazael king of Aram: and Ahaziah the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah went down to see Ioram the sonne of Ahab in Iezreel, because he was sicke.

CHAP. IX.

6 Iehu is made king of Israel, 24 And killeth Iehoram the King thereof, 27 and Ahaziah, otherwise called Ochosias, the King of Iudah, 33 and causeth Iezebel to be cast downe out of a window, and the dogs did eate her.

THen Elisha the Prophet called one of the children of the Prophets, and sayde vnto him, * s Gird thy loynes, and take this boxe of oyle in thine hande, and get thee to Ramoth Gilead.

2 And when thou commest thither, looke where is Iehu the sonne of Iehoshaphat, the sonne of Nimshi, and goe and make him arise vp from among his brethren, and leade him t to a secret chamber.

3 And take the boxe of oyle, and powre it on his head, and say, Thus saith the Lord, I haue anointed thee for King ouer Israel: then open the doore, and flee without any tarrying.

4 So the seruaunt of the Prophet gate him to Ramoth Gilead.

5 And when he came in, behold, the captaines of the armie were sitting. And hee sayde, I haue a message to thee, O captaine. And Iehu sayd, Vnto which of all vs? And he answered, To thee, O captaine.

6 And he arose, and went into the house, and hee powred the oyle on his head, and sayde vnto him, Thus sayeth the Lorde God of Israel, I haue u anointed thee for

d The king caused that to be iustly restored which was wrongfully holden from her.

e Of al the chiefest and precious things of the countrey.

f Meaning, that he should recouer of this disease: but hee knew that this messenger Hazael should slay him to obteine the kingdome.

g That I should be without all humanity and pitie.

h Vnder pretence to refresh or ease him, he stifled him with this cloth.

2. *Chron.* 21. 4.

i Reade Chap. 1. 17. 3066

k He was confirmed in his kingdome after his fathers death.

l The holy Ghost sheweth hereby what danger it is to ioyne with infidels.

2. *Sam.* 7. 13.

m Which had bin subiect from Dauids time vntill this time of Iehoram.

n This was a citie in Iudah giuen to the Leuites, Iosh 21. 13. and after turned from king Iehoram because of his idolatry. 2. *Chro.* 22. 1.

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o Which is to be vnderstood, that he was made king, when his father reigned, but after his fathers death he was confirmed king, when he was fortie two yeere old, as 2. Chro 22. 2.

p Which was a citie in the tribe of Gad beyond Iorden.

q This is a city belonging to the tribe of Issachar.

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1. *Kin.* 19. 16, 17.

a Prepare thy selfe to goe diligently about thy businesse: for in those countreys they vsed long garments which they tucked vp, when they went about earnest businesse.

† *Eb. from chamber to chamber.*

b This anointing was for Kings, Priests, and Prophets, which were all figures of Messiah, in whom these three offices were accomplished.

for King ouer the people of the Lord, euen ouer Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may auenge the blood of my seruants the Prophets, and the blood of all the seruants of the Lord * of the hand of Iezebel.

1.King.21.15, 25.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall be destroyed: and * I will cut off from Ahab, him that maketh water against the wall, as well him that is shut vp, as him that is left in Israel.

1.King.14.10. and 21.21.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house * of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, and like the house * of Baasha the sonne of Ahiah.

1.King.14.10. and 21.22. 1.King.16.3, 11.

10 And the dogges shall eate Iezebel in the field of Izreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the doore, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Iehu came out to the e seruants of his lord. And one sayd vnto him, Is all well? wherefore came this e madde fellow to thee? And he sayd vnto them, Ye know the man, and what his talke was.

e That is, the rest of the armie, whom he called before his brethren, verse 2.

12 And they sayd, It is false, tell vs it now. Then he sayd, Thus and thus spake hee to mee, saying, Thus sayth the Lord, I haue anoynted thee for King ouer Israel.

13 Then they made haste, and tooke euery man his garment, and put it vnder him on the top of the staires, and blew the trumpet, saying, Iehu is King.

14 So Iehu the sonne of Iehoshaphat the sonne of Nimshi conspired against Ioram, (Now Ioram kept Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael King of Aram.

15 And * king Ioram returned to be healed in Izreel of the wounds, which the Aramites had giuen him, when hee fought with Hazael king of Aram) and Iehu sayd, If it bee your mindes, let no man depart and escape out of the citie, to goe and tell in Izreel.

16 So Iehu gate vp into a charet, and went to Izreel: for Ioram lay there, and * Ahaziah king of Iudah was come downe to see Ioram.

17 And the watchman that stoode in the towre in Izreel, spyed the company of Iehu as he came, and sayd, I see a company. And Iehoram sayd, Take a horseman, and send to meete them, that hee may say, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horsebacke to meete him, and sayd, Thus sayth the King, Is it peace? And Iehu sayde, What hast thou to doe with peace? ‖ turne behind me. And the watchman tolde, saying, The messenger came to them, but hee commeth not againe.

19 Then hee sent out an other on horsebacke, which came to them, and sayd, Thus sayth the king, Is it peace? And Iehu answered, What hast thou to doe with peace? turne behinde me.

20 And the watchman tolde saying, He came to them also, but commeth not againe, and the marching is like the marching of Iehu the sonne of Nimshi: for he marcheth f furiously.

‖ Or, follow me.

f As one that went earnestly about his enterprise.

21 ¶ Then Iehoram said, Make ready: and his charet was made ready. And Iehoram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Iudah went out either of them in his charet against Iehu, and met him in the fielde of Naboth the Izreelite.

22 And when Iehoram saw Iehu, hee sayd, Is it peace, Iehu? and he answered, What s peace, whiles the whoredomes of thy mother Iezebel, and her witcheraires are yet in great number?

23 Then Iehoram turned his hand, and fled, and sayd to Ahaziah, O Ahaziah, there is treason.

24 But Iehu tooke a bowe in his hand, and smote Iehoram betweene the shoulders, that the arrow went thorow his heart: and he fell downe in his charet.

25 Then said Iehu to Bidkar a captaine, Take and cast him in some place of the field of Naboth the Izreelite: for I remember that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the Lord ‖ laid this burden vpon him.

‖ Or, spake this proposition against him.

26 * Surely I haue seene yesterday the blood of Naboth, & the blood of his h sonnes, sayd the Lord, and I will render it thee in this field, saith the Lord: now therefore take and cast him in the fielde, according to the word of the Lord.

1.King.21.29.

27 But when Ahaziah the king of Iudah saw this, hee fled by the way of the garden house: and Iehu pursued after him, and said, Smite him also in the charet: and they smote him in the going vp to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to i Megiddo, and there died.

28 And his seruants carted him in a charet to Ierusalem, & buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the citie of Dauid.

29 ¶ And in the k eleuenth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reigne ouer Iudah.

30 And when Iehu was come to Izreel, Iezebel heard of it, and painted her face, and tyed her head, and l looked out at a window.

31 And as Iehu entred at the gate, shee sayd, Had m Zimri peace, which slew his master?

32 And hee lift vp his eyes to the window, and sayde, Who is on my side, who? Then two or three of her ‖ Eunuches looked vnto him.

33 And hee sayd, Cast her downe: and they cast her downe, n and he sprinkled of her blood vpon the wall, and vpon the horses, and he trode her vnder foote.

34 And when he was come in, he did eate and drinke, and said, Visite now yonder cursed woman and bury her: for she is a o kings daughter.

35 And they went to burie her, but they found no more of her then the tkull, and the feete, and the palmes of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came againe and told

g Meaning, that forasmuch as God is their enemie, because of their sinnes, that he will euer stirre vp some to reuenge his cause.

h By this place it is euident, that Iezebel caused both Naboth and his sonnes to be put to death, that Ahab might enioy his vineyard more quietly: for els his children might haue claimed possession.

i After that he was wounded in Samaria, he fled to Megiddo, which was a citie of Iudah. 3060

k That is, eleuen whole yeeres: for chap. 8. 25. before, when he sayd that he began to reigne the twelfth yeere of Ioram, he taketh part of the yeere for the whole.

l Being of an hautie and cruell nature, shee would still reteine her princely state and dignitie. 3065

m As though she would say, Can any traitour or any that riseth against his superiour, haue good successe? reade 1. King. 16. 10.

‖ Or, chiefe seruants.

n This he did by the motion of the Spirit of God, that her blood should be shed, that had shed the blood of innocents, to be a spectacle and example of Gods iudgements to all tyrants.

o To wit, of

tum.

him. And hee sayde, This is the worde of the Lord, which hee spake ‡ by his seruant Eliiah the Tishbite, saying, *In the fielde of Iezreel shall the dogges eate the flesh of Iezebel.

37 And the carkeis of Iezebel shall bee as dung vpon the ground in the fielde of Iezreel, so that none shall say, p This is Iezebel.

CHAP. X.

6 Iehu causeth the seuentie sonnes of Ahab to be slaine, 14 and after that fortie and two of Ahaziahs brethren. 25 Hee killeth also all the Priests of Baal. 35 After his death his sonne reigneth in his stead.

AHab had now seuentie a sonnes in Samaria. And Iehu wrote letters, ‡ sent to Samaria vnto the rulers of Izreel, and to the Elders, and to the bringers vp of Ahabs children, to this effect.

2 Nowe when this letter commeth to you, (for yee haue with you your masters sonnes, yee haue with you both charets and horses, and a defenced citie, and armour)

3 Consider therefore which of your masters sonnes is best and most meete, and b set him on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and sayd, Behold, two kings could not stand before him, how shall we then stand?

5 And hee that was gouernour of Ahabs house, and hee that ruled the citie, and the Elders, and the bringers vp of the children sent to Iehu, saying, Wee are thy seruants, and will doe all that thou shalt bid vs: wee will make no king: doe what seemeth good to thee.

6 ¶ Then hee wrote another letter to them, saying, If yee be mine, and will obey my voyce, c take the heads of the men that are your masters sonnes, and come to me to Izreel by to morow this time. (Now the kings sonnes, euen seuenty persons, were with the great men of the citie, which brought them vp)

7 And when the letter came to them, they tooke the kings sonnes, and slew the seuenty persons, and laid their heads in baskets, and sent them vnto him to Izreel.

8 ¶ Then there came a messenger, and tolde him, saying, They haue brought the heads of the kings sonnes. And he sayd, Lay them in two heapes at the entring in of the gate vntill the morning.

9 And when it was day, he went out, and stoode and sayd to all the people, Ye be d righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slewe him: but who slewe all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall vnto the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the Lord hath brought to passe the things that hee spake ‡ by his seruant * Eliiah.

11 So Iehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Izreel, and all that were great with him, and his familiars, and his e priests, so that he let none of his remaine.

12 ¶ And hee arose, and departed, and came to Samaria. And as Iehu was in the way by an house where the shepheards did shere,

13 He met with the brethren of Ahaziah King of Iudah, and sayde, ¶Who are yee? And they answered, ¶Wee are the brethren of Ahaziah, and goe downe to salute the children of the King, and the children of the Queene.

14 And he sayde, Take them aliue. And they tooke them aliue, and slew them at the well beside the house where the sheepe are shorne, euen two and fortie men, and hee f left not one of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he meete with Iehonadab the sonne of Rechab comming to meete him, and he ‖ blessed him, and sayd to him, Is thine heart vpright, as mine heart is toward thine? And Iehonadab answered, Yea, doubtlesse. Then giue me thine hand. And when he had giuen him his hand, hee tooke him vp to him into the charet.

16 And he sayd, Come with me, and see the zeale that I haue for the Lord: so they made him ride in his charet.

17 And when hee came to Samaria, he slewe all that remained vnto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake to Eliiah.

18 Then Iehu assembled all the people, and sayd vnto them, Ahab serued h Baal a little, but Iehu shall serue him much more.

19 Now therefore call vnto mee all the prophets of Baal, all his seruants, and all his priestes, and let not a man be lacking: for I haue a great sacrifice for Baal: whosoeuer is lacking, he shall not liue. But Iehu did it by a subtilty to destroy the seruants of Baal.

20 And Iehu sayde, ‡ Proclaime a solemne assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 So Iehu sent vnto all Israel, and all the seruants of Baal came, and there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from end to end.

22 Then hee sayd vnto him that had the charge of the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the seruants of Baal. And he brought them out vestments.

23 And when Iehu went, and Iehonadab the sonne of Rechab into the house of Baal, he sayde vnto the seruants of Baal, Search diligently, and looke, lest there be here with you any of the i seruants of the Lord, but the seruants of Baal onely.

24 And when they went in to make sacrifice and burnt offering, Iehu appointed fourescore men without, and sayd, If any of the men whom I haue brought into your handes, escape, ‖ his soule shall bee for his soule.

25 And when hee had made an ende of the burnt offering, Iehu sayde to the garde, and to the captaines, Goe in, slay them, let not a man come out. And they smote them with the edge of the sword. And the garde,

‡ *Ebr. by the hand of.*
1. *King.* 21. 23.
p Thus Gods iudgements appeare euen in this world against them that suppresse his word and persecute his seruants.
a The Scripture vseth to cal them sons, which are either children, or nephewes.
b He wrote this to prooue them whether they would take his part or no.
c God as a iust iudge punisheth the wicked children of wicked parents vnto the third and fourth generation.
d Ye cannot iustly condemne me for the Kings death, seeing ye haue done the like to his posterity: for the Lord commanded me, and moued you to execute this his iudgement.
‡ *Ebr. by the hand of.*
1. *King.* 21. 29.
e Meaning, which were the idolatrous priests.
f Thus Gods vengeance is vpon them that haue any part or familiaritie with the wicked.
g For he feared God and lamented the wickednesse of those times: therefore Iehu was glad to ioyne with him: of Rechab, reade Ierem. 35. 2.
‖ *Or, prayed God for him.*
h Here Baal is taken for Ashtaroth the idole of the Zidonians, which Iezebel caused to bee worshipped as it is also so vsed, 1. King. 16. 32. and 22. 53.
‡ *Ebr. Sanctifie.*
i Thus God would haue his seruants preserued, and idolaters destroyed: as in his law he giueth expresse commandement, Deut. 13.
‖ *Or, he shall die for him.*

garde, and the Captaines cast them out, and went vnto the k City where was the Temple of Baal.

26 And they brought out the images of the Temple of Baal, and burnt them.

27 And they destroyed the image of Baal, and threw downe the house of Baal, and made a iakes of it vnto this day.

28 So Iehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 But from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat which made Israel to sinne, Iehu departed not from them, neither from the golden calues that were in Beth-el and that were in Dan.

30 ¶ And the Lord sayd vnto Iehu, Because thou hast diligently executed that which was right in mine eyes, and hast done vnto the house of Ahab according to all things that were in mine heart, therfore shal thy l sonnes vnto the fourth generation sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Iehu regarded not to walke in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart: for hee departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam, which made Israel to sinne.

32 In those dayes the Lord beganne ‖ to lothe Israel, and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel,

33 From Iorden Eastward, euen all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and them that were of Manasseh, from Aroer (which is by the riuer Arnon) and Gilead and Bashan.

34 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehu, and all that hee did, and all his valiant deeds, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Iehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Iehoahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Iehu reigned ouer Israel in Samaria, is eight & twenty yeere.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Athaliah putteth to death all the kings sons, except Ioash the son of Ahaziah.* 4 *Ioash is appointed king.* 13 *Iehoiada causeth Athaliah to be slain* 17 *He maketh a couenant betweene God and the people.* 18 *Baal and his Priests are destroyed.*

THen * Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah when she saw that her sonne was dead, she arose, and destroyed all the a kings seed.

2 But Iehosheba the daughter of king Iozam, and sister to Ahaziah b tooke Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the kings sonnes that should be slain, both him and his nurse, keeping them in the c bed chamber, and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slaine.

3 And hee was with her hid in the house of the Lord sixe yeere: & Athaliah did reigne ouer the land.

4 ¶ * And the seuenth yeere d Iehoiada sent and tooke the captaines ouer hundreths with other captaines, and them of the gard, and caused them to come vnto him into the house of the Lorde, and make a couenant with them, and tooke an othe of them in the house of the Lord, & shewed them the kings sonne.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is it that ye must do, The third part of you, that commeth on the Sabbath, shall e ward toward the kings house.

6 And another third part in the gate of f Sur: and another third part in the gate behinde them of the gard: and ye shall keepe watch ‖ in the house of Mashah.

7 And two parts of you, that is, all that g goe out on the Sabbath day, shall keepe the watch of the house of the Lord about the king.

8 And ye shall compasse the king round about euery man with his weapon in his hand, and whosoeuer commeth within the ranges, let him be slaine: be you with the king, as he goeth out and in.

9 ¶ And the captaines of the hundreths did according to al that Iehoiada the Priest commanded, and they tooke euery man his men h entred in to their charge on the i Sabbath, with them that went out of it on the Sabbath, and came to Iehoiada the Priest.

10 And the k Priest gaue to the captains of hundreths the speares and the shields that were king Davids, and were in the house of the Lord.

11 And the garde stoode euery man with his weapon in his hande, from the right side of the house to the left side, about the altar and about the house, round about the king.

12 Then he brought out the l Kings son, and put the crowne vpon him, and gaue him m the testimony, & they made him king: also they anoynted him, & clapt their hands, and sayd, God saue the King.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the running of the people, she came in to the people in the house of the Lord.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a n pillar, as the maner was, and the Princes and the Trumpetters by the king, and all the people of the land reioyced, and blew with trumpets. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and cryed, Treason, treason.

15 But Iehoiada the Priest commanded the captaines of the hundreths that had the rule of the hoste, and sayd vnto them, Haue her ‖ forth of the ranges, and hee that o followeth her, let him die by the sword: for the Priest had sayd, Let her not be slaine in the house of the Lord.

16 Then they layd hands on her, and she went by the way, by the which the horses go to the house of the King, and there was she slaine.

17 And Iehoiada made a couenant betweene the Lord, and the p King and the people, that they should be the Lordes people: likewise betweene the q King and the people.

18 Then all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and destroied it with his altars, and his images brake they down couragiously, and slew Battan the priest of Baal before the r altars: and the s Priest set ‖ gard ouer the house of the Lord.

19 Then

k Which citie was neere to Samaria.

l Thus God approoueth and rewardeth his zeale, in executing Gods iudgement, albeit his wickednes was afterward punished

‖ *Or, to cut them off.*

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2. *Chro.* 22. 10. a Meaning, al the posteritie of Iehoshaphat, to whom the kingdome appertained: thus God vsed the cruelty of this woman to destroy the whole family of Ahab.

b The Lord promised to maintaine the family of Dauid, and not to quench the light therof: therefore he moued the heart of Iehosheba to preserue him.

c Where the Priestes did lie. 2. *Chro.* 23. 1, 3.

d The chiefe Priest, Iehoshebas husband.

e Of the Leuites which had charge of the keeping of the Temple, & kept watch by course.

f That none should come vpon them, while they were crowning the king.

g Called the East gate of the Temple, 2. Chro. 23. 5.

‖ *Or, that none breake his order.*

h Whose charge is ended.

i Reade vers. 5. and 7.

k To wit, Iehoiada.

l That is, Ioash, which had bene kept secret sixe yeeres.

m Meaning, the Law of God, which is his chiefe charge, and whereby only his throne is established.

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n Where the kings place was in the Temple.

‖ *Or, out of the Temple.*

o To take her part.

p That both the king, & the people should maintaine the true worship of God, and destroy all idolatry.

q That he should gouern, and they obey in the feare of God.

r Euen in the place where he had blasphemed God & thought to haue bin holpen by his idole, there God powred his vengeance vpō him.

s To wit, Iehoiada.

17 Ver. to end.

19 Then hee tooke the captaines of hundreds, and the other captaines, and the gard, and all the people of the lande: and they brought the king from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the gard to the kings house: and he sate him downe on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the lande reioyced, and the citie was in quiet: [t] for they had slaine Athaliah with the sword beside the kings house.

21 Seuen yeere olde was Iehoash when he began to reigne.

CHAP. XII.

6 Iehoash maketh prouision for the repairing of the Temple. 16 He stayeth the king of Syria by a present from comming against Ierusalem. 20 He is killed by two of his seruants.

2. *Chron.* 24.1.

IN [*] the seuenth yeere of Iehu, Iehoah began to reigne, and reigned fourtie yeeres in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Iehoash did that which was good in the sight of the Lord all his time that [a] Iehoiada the Priest taught him.

3 But [o] the high places were not taken away: for the people offered yet and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And Iehoash sayd to the Priests, All the siluer of dedicate things that bee brought to the house of the Lord, that is, the money of them that are vnder the [c] count, the money that euery man is set at, and all the money that one offereth willingly, and bringeth into the house of the Lord,

5 Let the Priests take it to them, euery man of his acquaintance: and they shall repaire the [d] broken places of the house, wherelouer any decay is found.

6 ¶ Yet in the three and twentieth yeere of king Iehoash, the Priests had not mended that which was decayed in the temple.

7 Then king Iehoash called for Iehoiada the Priest, and the other Priests, & said vnto them, Why repaire yee not the ruines of the Temple? Nowe therefore [e] receiue no more money of your acquaintance, except yee deliuer it to repaire the ruines of the Temple.

8 So the Priests consented to receiue no more money of the people, neither to repaire the decayed places of the Temple.

9 Then Iehoiada the Priest tooke a chest, & bored an hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the [f] right side, as euery man commeth into the temple of the Lord. And the Priestes that kept the [‖] doore, put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the Lord.

10 And when they saw there was much money in the chest, the Kings secretarie came vp, and the hie Priest, and put it vp after that they had told the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

11 And they gaue the money made ready into the hands of them, [g] that vndertooke the worke, and that had the ouersight of the house of the Lord: and they payed it out to the carpenters, and builders that wrought vpon the house of the Lord,

12 And to the masons and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone, to repaire that was decayed in the house of the Lord, and for all that which was layde out for the reparation of the Temple.

13 Howbeit there was [h] not made for the house of the Lord bowles of siluer, instruments of musicke, basins, trumpets, nor any vessels of gold, or vessels of siluer, of the money that was brought into the house of the Lord.

14 But they gaue it to the workemen, which repaired therewith the house of the Lord.

15 Moreouer, they reckoned not with the men, into whose hands they deliuered that money to bee bestowed on workemen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money of the trespasse offering, and the money of the sinne offrings was not brought into the house of the Lord: for it was the Priests.

17 ¶ Then came vp Hazael king of Aram, and fought against Gath and tooke it: and Hazael set his face to goe vp to Ierusalem.

18 And Iehoash king of Iudah tooke all the [i] hallowed things that Iehoshaphat, and Iehoram, and Ahaziah his fathers kings of Iudah had dedicated, and that hee himselfe had dedicated, and all the golde that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and in the kings house, and sent it to Hazael king of Aram, and hee departed from Ierusalem.

19 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ioash, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

20 ¶ And his seruants arose & wrought treason, and [k] slewe Ioash in the house of [l] Millo, when he came downe to Silla:

21 Euen [‖] Iozachar the sonne of Shimeath, and Iehozabad the sonne of Shomer his seruants smote him, and hee died: and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of Dauid. And Amaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

3 Iehoahaz the sonne of Iehu is deliuered into the hands of the Syrians. 4 He prayeth vnto God and is deliuered. 9 Ioash his sonne reigneth in his stead. 20 Elisha dieth. 24 Hazael dieth.

IN the three and twentieth yeere of Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah king of Iudah, Iehoahaz the sonne of Iehu began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and he reigned seuenteene yeere.

2 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, and followed the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to [a] sinne, and departed not therefrom.

3 And the Lord was angry with Israel, and deliuered them into the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and into the hand of Benhadad the sonne of Hazael all [b] his dayes.

4 And Iehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord heard him: for he saw the trouble of Israel, wherewith the king of Aram troubled them.

5 And the Lorde gaue Israel a [c] deliuerer, so that they came out from vnder the subiection of the Aramites. And the children

t Which by her crueltie and persecution had vexed the whole land before.

15 Marc. 1 Lepso mon

2. *Chron.* 24.1.

a So long as rulers giue eare to the trueministers of God, they prosper.

b So hard a thing it is for themthat are in authoritie, to be brought to the perfit obedience of God.

c That is, the money of redemption, Exod. 30 12. also the monie which the priests valued the vowes at, Leuit. 27.2. and their free liberalitie.

d For the Temple which was built an hundred fiftie and fiue yeeres before, had many things decayed in it, both by the negligence of the kings his predecessors, and also by the wickednes of the idolaters.

e He taketh no them the ordering of the money because of their negligence.

f That is, on the Southside.

‖ *Or, vessell*

g For the king had appoynted other which were meete for that purpose, Chap. 22, 5.

h For these men had onely the charge of the reparation of the Temple, and the rest of the money was brought to the king, who caused these afterward to be made, 2. Chron, 24.14.

i After the death of Iehoiada, Ioash fell to idolatrie: therefore God reiecteth him, and stirreth vp his enemie against him, who he pacified with the treasures of the temple: for God would not be serued with those gifts, seeing the kings heart was wicked.

k Because he had put Zacharie the sonne of Iehoiada to death, 2 Chro 24.25.

l Reade 2 Sam. 5 9. 3107

‖ *Or, Iozabad.*

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15 Marc. 1 Lepso Euen

a By worshipping the calues which Ieroboam did erect in Israel.

b While Iehoahaz liued.

c To wit, Ioash the sonne of Iehoahaz.

d Safely & without danger.
Heb. as yesterday, and before yesterday.
e Wherein they did commit their idolatrie, and which the Lord had commanded to be destroyed, Deut. 16.21.
f That is, Hazael, and Ben-hadad his sonne, as vers 3. Reade of Hazael, chap. 8. 12.
g His chiefe purpose is to describe the kingdome of Iudah, and how God performed his promise made to the house of Dauid: but by the way he sheweth how Israel was afflicted and punished for their great idolatrie, whothough they had now degenerate, yet God both by sending them sundrie Prophets and diuers punishments did call them vnto him againe. 3100
h Thus they vsed to call the Prophets and seruants of God by whom God blessed his people, as chap. 2.12 meaning that by their prayers they did more prosper their countrey, then by force of armes.
i That is, toward Syria, so that he did not onely prophesie with words, but also confirmed him by these signes that he should haue the victory.
k Because hee seemed content to haue victory against the enemies of God for twise or thrise, and had not a zeale to ouercome them continually and to destroy them vtterly.

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children of Israel d dwelt in their tents as e before time.
6 Neuertheless they departed not from the sinnes of the house of Ieroboam which made Israel sinne, but walked in them: euen the f grone also remained still in Samaria)
7 For he had left of the people to Iehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten charets, and ten thousand footmen, because the king f of Aram had destroyed them, and made them like dust beaten to powder.
8 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehoahaz, and all that he did, and his valiant deedes, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?
9 And Iehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Ioash his sonne reigned in his stead.
10 ¶ In the seuen and thirtieth yeere of Ioash king g of Iudah began Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteene yeere,
11 And did euill in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from all the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat that made Israel to sinne, but he walked therein.
12 Concerning the rest of the acts of Ioash, and all that he did, g his valiant deedes, and how he fought against Amaziah king of Iudah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?
13 And Ioash slept with his fathers, and Ieroboam sate vpon his seate: and Ioash was buried in Samaria among the kings of Israel.
14 ¶ When Elisha fell sicke of his sicknesse whereof he died, Ioash the king of Israel came downe vnto him, and wept vpon his face, and sayd, h O my father, my father, the charet of Israel, and the horsemen of the same.
15 Then Elisha said vnto him, Take a bowe and arrowes. And he tooke vnto him bow and arrowes.
16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand vpon the bowe. And he put his hand vpon it. And Elisha put his handes vpon the kings handes.
17 And said, Open the window i Eastward. And when hee had opened it, Elisha sayd, Shoote. And he shot. And he sayd, Behold the arrow of the Lords deliuerance, and the arrow of deliuerance against Aram: for thou shalt smite the Aramites in Aphek, till thou hast consumed them.
18 Againe hee sayd, Take the arrowes. And hee tooke them. And hee sayd vnto the king of Israel, Smite the ground. And the smote thrice, and ceased.
19 Then the man of God was k angry with him, and sayd, Thou shouldest haue smitten fiue or sixe times, so thou shouldest haue smitten Aram, till thou hadst consumed it, where nowe thou shalt smite Aram but thrice.
20 ¶ So Elisha died, and they buried him. And certaine bandes of the Moabites came into the land that yeere.
21 And as they were burying a man, behold, they saw the souldiers: therefore they cast l the man into the sepulchre of Elisha. And when the man was downe, and touched the bones of Elisha, * he reuiued and stood vpon his feete.
22 ¶ But Hazael king of Aram vexed Israel all the dayes of Iehoahaz.
23 Therfore the Lord had mercy on them, and pitied them, and had respect vnto them because of his conenant with Abraham, Isaak, and Iaakob, & would not destroy them, neither cast he them from him as m yet.
24 So Hazael the king of Aram died: and Ben-hadad his sonne reigned in his stead.
25 Then tooke Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz returned, and tooke out of the hand of Ben-hadad the sonne of Hazael the cities which hee had taken away by warre out of the hand of Iehoahaz his father: three times did Ioash beate him, and restored the cities vnto Israel.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 *Amaziah the king of Iudah putteth to death them that slew his father,* 7 *And after smiteth Edom.* 15 *Ioash dieth, and Ieroboam his sonne succeedeth him.* 29 *And after him reigneth Zachariah.*

THe second yeere of Ioash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel reigned * Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah.
2 Hee was fiue and twenty yeere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned nine and twenty yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Iehoaddan of Ierusalem.
3 And he did a vprightly in the sight of the Lord, yet not like Dauid his father, but did according to all that Ioash his father had done.
4 Notwithstanding the hie places were not taken away: for as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense in the hie places.
5 ¶ And when the kingdome was confirmed in his hand, hee slewe his seruants which had * killed the king his father.
6 But the children of those that did slay him, he b slew not, according vnto that that is written in the booke of the Lawe of Moses wherein the Lord commaunded, saying, * The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers: but euery man shall be put to death for his owne sinne.
7 Hee slew also of c Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and tooke the citie of Sela by warre, and called the name thereof Iokthеel vnto this day.
8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz, sonne of Iehu king of Israel, saying, Come, d let vs see one another in the face.
9 Then Iehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Iudah, saying, The thistle that is in Lebanon sent to the e Cedar that is in Lebanon, saying, Giue thy daughter

Eccles. 48.14.
l By this miracle God confirmed the authority of Elisha, whose doctrine in his life they contemned, that at this sight they might returne & imbrace y same doctrine. 3112
m That is, vntill their sinnes were come to a full measure, & there was no more hope of amendement.

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2. Chron. 25.1.
a In the beginning of his reign hee seemed to haue an outward shew of godlinesse, but afterward he became an idolater, and worshipped the idoles of the Idumeans. *Chap. 12.20.*
b Because they neither consented nor were partakers with their fathers in that acte. *Deut. 24.16. ezek. 18.20.*
c For the Idumeans, whom David had brought to subiection, did rebel in the time of Iehoram the sonne of Iehoshaphat. *Or, the tower or rocke, 2. Chron. 25.12.*
d Let vs fight hand to hand & trie it by battel, and not destroy one anothers cities.
e By this parable Iehoash compareth himselfe to a cedar tree, because of his great kingdom ouer ten tribes, and Amaziah to a thistle, because he ruled but ouer two tribes and the wild beasts are Iehoash his souldiers that spoyled the cities of Iudah.

daughter to my sonne to wife: and the wild beast that was in Lebanon, went and trode downe the thistle.

10 Because thou hast smitten Edom, thine heart hath made thee proude: f bragge of glory, and tary at home: why doest thou prouoke to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, and Iudah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not heare: therefore Iehoash king of Israel went vp: and he and Amaziah king of Iudah saw one another in the face at Beth-shemesh which is in Iudah.

12 And Iudah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to their tents.

13 But Iehoash king of Israel tooke Amaziah king of Iudah, the sonne of Iehoash the sonne of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and ‖ came to Ierusalem, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, foure hundreth cubites.

14 And he tooke all the golde and siluer, and all the vessels that were founde in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the Kings house, and the children that were in g hostage, and returned to Samaria.

15 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehoash which he did, and his valiant deedes, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Iudah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Iehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried at Samaria among the kings of Israel: and Ieroboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah, liued after the death of Iehoash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel fifteene yeere.

18 Concerning the rest of the actes of Amaziah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

19 But they h wrought treason against him in Ierusalem, and he fled to i Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Ierusalem with his fathers in the citie of Dauid.

21 Then all the people of Iudah tooke k Azariah which was fifteene yeere old, and made him king for his father Amaziah.

22 He built l Elath, and restored it to Iudah, after that m king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth yeere of Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah, was Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash made king ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned one and fortie yeere.

24 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from all the n sins of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

25 He restored the coast of Israel, from the entring of Hamath, vnto the Sea of the wildernesse, according to the worde of the Lord God of Israel, which he spake ‡ by his seruant Ionah the sonne of Amittai the prophet, which was of Gath Hepher.

26 For the Lord saw the exceeding bitter affliction of Israel, so that there was none ᵐ shut vp, nor any left, neither yet any that could helpe Israel.

27 Yet the Lord had not decreed to put out the name of Israel from vnder the heauen: therefore he preserued them by the hand of Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash.

28 Concerning the rest of the acts of Ieroboam, and all that he did, and his valiant deedes, and how hee fought, and how hee restored Damascus and ᵒ Hamath to Iudah in Israel, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 So Ieroboam slept with his fathers, euen with the kings of Israel, and Zachariah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Azariah the king of Iudah becommeth a leper.* 5 *Of Iotham,* 10 *Shallum,* 14 *Menahem,* 23 *Pekahiah,* 30 *Pekah,* 32 *Iotham,* 38 *and Ahaz.*

IN the ‡ seuen and twentieth yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, began Azariah, sonne of Amaziah king of Iudah to reigne.

2 Sixteene yeere olde was he when hee was made king, and he reigned two and fiftie yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Iecholiah of Ierusalem.

3 And he did ª vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

4 But the hie places were not put away: for the people yet offred, and burned incense in the hie places.

5 And the Lord ᵇ smote the king: and he was a leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt in an house apart, and Iotham the kings sonne gouerned the house, and ᶜ iudged the people of the land.

6 Concerning the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of Dauid, and Iotham his sonne reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the eight and thirtieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, did Zachariah the sonne of Ieroboam reigne ouer Israel in Samaria sixe ᵈ moneths.

9 And did euill in the sight of the Lord, as did his fathers: for he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

10 And Shallum the sonne of Iabesh conspired against him, and smote him in the sight of the people, and ᵉ killed him, and reigned in his stead.

11 Concerning the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the ᵠ worde of the Lord, which hee spake vnto Iehu, saying, Thy sonnes shall sit on the throne of Israel vnto the fourth generation after thee. And it came so to passe.

13 ¶ Shallum the sonne of Iabesh began to reigne in the nine and thirtieth yeere of Vzziah king of Iudah: and he reigned the

f Bragge of thy victory, so that thou tarie at home and annoy me not.

‖ Or, brought him.

g That is, which the Israelites had giuen to them of Iudah for an assurance of peace.

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2. Chron. 25. 27.

h Which citie Roboam built in Iudah for a fortresse, 2 Chro. 11. 9.

i Which is also called Vzziah, 2. Chron. 26. 1.

k Who is also called Elanon or Eloth. 3136

l Because this idolatrie was so vile and almost incredible, that men should forsake the liuing God to worship calues, the worke of mans hands, therefore the Scripture doeth oft times repeate it in the reproch of all idolaters.

‡ Ebr. by the hand of.

m Reade 1. King. 14. 10.

‡ Ebr. had not shut.

n Which was also called Antiochia of Syria, or Riblah.

16. May 1 Passion Even—

‡ Eb. in the twentieth yeere, and seuenth yeere.

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a To long as he gaue eare to Zachariah the Prophet.

b His father and grandfather were slaine by their subiects and seruants, and he, because he would vsurpe the Priests office contrary to Gods ordinance, was smitten immediatly by the hand of God with the leprosie, 2. Chron. 26. 21.

c As viceroy, or deputie to his father.

d Hee was the fourth in descent from Iehu, who reigned according to Gods promise, but in him God began to execute his wrath against the house of Iehu.

e Zachariah was the last in Israel that had the kingdom by succession, saue only Pekahiah the sonne of Menahem, who reigned but two yeeres. Chap. 10. 30.

the space of a moneth in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the sonne of Gadi went vp from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the sonne of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, & reigned in his stead.

15 Concerning the rest of the actes of Shallum, & the treason which hee wrought, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16 ¶ Then Menahem destroyed f Tiphsah, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah, because they opened not to him, and he smote it, and ript vp all their women with child.

17 The nine and thirtieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, began Menahem the sonne of Gadi to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned ten yeeres in Samaria.

18 And he did euill in the sight of the Lord, and departed not all his dayes from the sin of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

19 ¶ Then Pul the king of Ashur came against the g land: and Menahem gaue Pul a thousand h talents of siluer, that his hand might bee with him, and establish the kingdome in his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money in Israel, that all men of substance should giue the king of Ashur fifty shekels of siluer a piece: so the king of Ashur turned and tarried not there in the land.

21 Concerning the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his sonne did reigne in his stead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, began Pekahiah the sonne of Menahem to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned two yeere.

24 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

25 And Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, his captaine conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria in the place of the kings palace with i Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: so hee killed him, and reigned in his stead.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 ¶ In the two and fiftieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah beganne Pekah the sonne of Remaliah to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned twentie yeeres.

28 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, that made Israel to sinne.

29 In the dayes of Pekah king of Israel k came Tiglath Pileser king of Ashur, and tooke Ijon, and Abel, Beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilah, and all the land of Naphtali, and caried them away to Ashur.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah wrought treason against Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead in the twentieth yeere of Iotham the sonne of Vzziah.

31 Concerning the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that hee did, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second yeere of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Iotham sonne of Vzziah king of Iudah to reigne.

33 Fiue and twentie yeere olde was hee, when he began to reigne, and he reigned sixteene yeere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Ierusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And hee did vprightly in the sight of the Lord: hee did according l to all that his father Vzziah had done.

35 But the high places were not put away: for the people yet offered and burnt incense in the high places: he built the highest gate of the house of the Lord.

36 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iotham, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

37 In m those dayes the Lord beganne to send against Iudah Rezin the king of Aram, and n Pekah the sonne of Remaliah.

38 And Iotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father, and Ahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVI.

3 Ahaz king of Iudah consecrateth his sonne in fire. 5 Ierusalem is besieged. 9 Damascus is taken and Rezin slaine. 11 Idolatrie. 19 The death of Ahaz. 20 Hezekiah succeedeth him.

THe seuenteenth yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, a Ahaz the sonne of Iotham king of Iudah began to reigne.

2 Twentie yeere olde was Ahaz, when he began to reigne, and hee reigned sixteene yeere in Ierusalem, and did not vprightly in the sight of the Lord his God, like Dauid his father:

3 But walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his sonne to b goe thorow the fire, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 Also he offred and burnt incense in the hie places, and on the hils, and vnder euery greene tree.

5 * Then Rezin king of Aram, and Pekah sonne of Remaliah king of Israel came vp to Ierusalem to fight: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not ouercome c him.

6 At the same time Rezin king of Aram restored d Elath to Aram, and droue the Iewes from Elath: so the Aramites came to Elath, and dwelt there vnto this day.

7 Then Ahaz sent * messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Ashur, saying, I am thy seruaunt and thy sonne: come vp, and deliuer mee out of the hand of the king

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2. Chron. 27. 1.

§ Or, Azariah. 3189

l He sheweth that his vprightnesse was not such, but that he had many and great faults.

m After the death of Iotham.

n Which slew of Iudah in one day sixescore thousand fighting men, 2. Chro. 28. 6. because they had forsaken the true God. 3210

745 before Christ

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a This was a wicked sonne of a godly father, as of him againe came godly Ezekiah, and of him wicked Manasseh, saue that God in the end shewed him mercy. Thus we see how vncertaine it is to depend on the dignitie of our fathers.

b That is, offred him to Molech, or made him to passe betweene two fires, as the maner of the Gentiles was, Leuit. 18. 21. * deut. 18. 10. *Isa. 7. 1.*

c For the Lord preserued the citie and his people for his promise sake made to Dauid.

d Which citie Azariah had taken from the Aramites, and fortified it, Cha. 14. 22.

e Contrarie to the admonition of the Prophet, Isa. 7. 4.

17 May 1 Leap moon

f Which was a citie of Israel that would not receiue him to be king. 3180

g That is, of Israel.

h In stead of seeking helpe of God, he went about by money to purchase the fauour of this king being an infidel, and therefore God forsooke him, and Pul soone afterward brake promise, destroyed his countrey, and led his people away captive. 3191

i Which were of the same conspiracie.

k For God stirred vp Pul and Tiglath Pileser against Israel for their sinnes, 1. Chron 5. 26.

f Thus he spared not to spoyle the Temple of God to haue succour of men, & would not once list his heart toward God, to desire his helpe, nor yet heare his Prophets counsell.
g We see that there is no prince so wicked, but he shall finde flatterers, and false ministers to serue his turne.
h Either offrings for peace or prosperitie, or of thanksgiuing, as Leuit. 3. 1. or else meaning the morning & euening offering, Exod. 29. 38. num. 28. 3. and thus he contemned the meanes and the altar, which God had commanded by Salomon to serue God after his owne fantasie.
i That is, at the right hand, as men went into the Temple.
k Here he establisheth by commandement his owne wicked proceedings, and doth abolish the commandement and ordinance of God.
l Or, tent, wherin they lay on the Sabbath, which had serued their weeke in the Temple, and so departed home.
m Either to flatter the king of Assyria when he should thus see him change the ordinance of God, or else that the temple might be a refuge for him, if the king should suddenly assaile his house.

king of Aram, and out of the hand of the king of Israel which rise vp against me.
8 And Ahaz tooke the siluer and the gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the kings house, and sent a present vnto the king of Assur.
9 And the king of Assur consented vnto him: and the king of Assur went vp against Damascus, and when hee had taken it, hee carried the people away to Kir, and slew Rezin.
10 And king Ahaz went vnto Damascus to meet Tiglath Pileser king of Assur: and when king Ahaz saw the altar that was at Damascus, he sent to Uriah the Priest the paterne of the altar, and the fashion of it, and all the workmanship thereof.
11 And Uriah the Priest made an altar s in all points like to that which king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so did Uriah the Priest against king Ahaz came from Damascus.
12 So when the King was come from Damascus, the king sawe the altar: and the king drewe neere to the altar, and offered h thereon.
13 And hee burnt his burnt offering, and his meate offering, and powred his drinke offring, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings beside the altar.
14 And set it by the brasen altar which was before the Lord, and brought it in farther before the house betweene the altar and the house of the Lord, and set it on the North side of the altar.
15 And king Ahaz commaunded Uriah the Priest, and said, Upon the great altar set on fire in the morning the burnt offering, and in the euen the meate offering, and the kings burnt offring and his meate offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meate offering, and their drinke offerings: and powre thereby all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice, and the k brasen altar shalbe for me to inquire of God.
16 And Uriah the Priest did according to all that king Ahaz had commanded.
17 And king Ahaz brake the borders of the bases, and tooke the caldrons from off them, and tooke downe the sea from the brasen oxen that were vnder it and put it vpon a pauement of stones.
18 And the l vaile for the Sabbath (that they had made in the house) and the kings entrie without turned he to the house of the Lord, m because of the king of Assur.
19 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ahaz, which hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?
20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid, and Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII

3 Hoshea king of Israel is taken. 4 and he and all his realme brought to be Assyrians. 18 for their idolatrie. 25 Lions destroy the Assyrians that dwelt in Samaria. 29 Euery one worshippeth the God of his nation, 33 contrary to the commandement of God.

IN the twelfth yeere of Ahaz king of Iudah beganne Hoshea the sonne of Elah to reigned in Samaria ouer Israel, and reigned nine yeeres. 3215
2 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, a but not as the kings of Israel, that were before him.
3 And Shalmaneser king of Assur came vp against him, and Hoshea became his seruant, and gaue him presents.
4 And the king of Assur found treason in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present vnto the king of Assur, b as hee had done yeerely: therefore the king of Assur shut him vp, and put him in prison.
5 Then the king of Assur came vp throwout all the land, and went against Samaria, and besieged it three yeeres.
6 ¶ c In the ninth yeere of Hoshea, the king of Assur tooke Samaria, and caried Israel away vnto Assur, and put them in Halah, and in Habor by the riuer of Gozan, and in the cities of d Medes. 3224 726
7 For when the children of Israel e sinned against the Lord their God, which had brought them out of the land of Egypt, from vnder the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and feared other gods,
8 And walked according to the fashions of the heathen, whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel, and after the maners of the kings of Israel, which they vsed,
9 And the children of Israel had done secretly things that were not vpright before the Lord their God, and throwout all their cities had built high places, both from the tower * of the watch, to the defenced citie,
10 And had made them images and groues vpon euery hie hill, and vnder euery greene tree,
11 And there burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen, whom the Lord had taken away before them, and wrought wicked things to anger the Lord.
12 And serued idoles: wherof the Lord had said vnto them, * Ye shall doe no such thing,
13 Notwithstanding the Lord testified to Israel, and to Iudah ‡ by all the Prophets, and by all the Seers, saying, * Turne from your euill wayes, and keepe my commaundements and my statutes, according to all the law, which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my seruants the Prophets.
14 Neuertheless, they would not obey, * but hardned their neckes, like to the necks of their f fathers, that did not beleeue in the Lord their God.
15 And they refused his statutes and his couenant, that hee made with their fathers, and his testimonies (wherewith hee witnessed vnto them) and they followed vanitie, and became vaine, and followed the heathen that were round about them: concerning whome, the Lord had charged them,

a Though he inuented no new idolatry or impietie as others did, yet he sought for helpe at the Egyptians, which God had forbidden.
b For he had payed tribute for the space of eight yeeres.
Chap. 18. 10.
c For at this time the Medes and Persians were subiect to the Assyrians.
d He setteth forth at length the cause of this great plague and perpetuall captiuitie, to admonish all people and nations to cleaue to the Lord God, and onely to worship him for feare of like iudgement.
e Meaning, throwout all their borders.
Deut. 4. 19.
‡ *Ebr. by the hand of.*
Iere 18. 11. and 25. 5. and 35. 15.
Deut. 31. 27.
f So that to alledge the authoritie of our fathers or great antiquitie, except we can proue that they were godly, is but to declare that we are the children of the wicked.

them, that they should not doe like them.

16 Finally, they left all the commandements of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, * euen two calues, and made a grouе, and worshipped all the ſ hoſt of heauen, and ſerued Baal.

17 And they made their ſonnes, and their daughters ᵏ paſſe thorow the fire, and vſed witchcraft and enchantments, yea, ⁱ ſolde themſelues to do euil in the ſight of the Lord to anger him.

18 Therefore the Lord was exceeding wroth with Iſrael, and put them out of his ſight, and none was left but the tribe of Iudah ᵐ onely.

19 Yet Iudah keepe not the commandements of the Lord their God, but walked according to the faſhion of Iſrael, which they vſed.

20 Therefore the Lord caſt off al the ſeed of Iſrael, and afflicted them, and deliuered them into the hands of ſpoylers, vntill he had caſt them out of his ⁿ ſight.

21 ° For he rent off Iſrael from the houſe of Dauid, and they made Ieroboam the ſon of Nebat, King: and Ieroboam drew Iſrael away from following the Lord, and made them ſinne a great ſinne.

22 For the children of Iſrael walked in all the ſinnes of Ieroboam, which he did, and departed not therefrom,

23 Vntill the Lord put Iſrael away out of his ſight, as he had ſaid ᵠ by all his ſeruants the ʳ Prophets, and caried Iſrael away out of their land to Aſſhur vnto this day.

24 And the king of Aſſhur brought folke from Babel, and from ˢ Cuthah, and from Aua, and from Hamath, and from Sepharuaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria in ſtead of the children of Iſrael: ſo they poſſeſſed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 ¶ And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they ᵗ feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord ſent lyons among them, which ſlew them.

26 Wherefore they ſpake to the King of Aſſhur, ſaying, The nations which thou haſt remooued, and placed in the cities of Samaria, knowe not the maner of the God of the land: therefore he hath ſent lyons among them, and beholde, they ſlay them, becauſe they know not the maner of the God of the land.

27 Then the King of Aſſhur commaunded, ſaying, Cary thither one of the Prieſts, whom ye brought thence, and let him go and dwel there, and teach them the maner of the God ᵖ of the countrey.

28 So one of the Prieſts, which they had caried from Samaria, came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they ſhould feare the Lord.

29 Howbeit, euery Nation made their gods, & put them in the houſes of the hie places, which the Samaritans had made euery Nation in their cities, wherein they dwelt.

30 For the men of Babel made ᵠ Succoth-Benoth: the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Aſhima.

31 And the Auims made Nibhaz, and Tartak: and the Sepharuims burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech, and Anammelech the gods of Sepharuaim.

32 Thus they feared the Lord, and appointed out priеſts out of themſelues for the hie places, who prepared for them ſacrifices in the houſes of the hie places.

33 * They ʳ feared the Lord, but ſerued their gods after the maner of the nations whom they caried thence.

34 Vnto this day they doe after the olde maner: they neither feare God, neither doe after their ˢ ordinances, nor after their cuſtomes, nor after the Law, nor after the commandement, which the Lord commanded the children of Iaakob, * whom hee named Iſrael,

35 And with whom the Lord had made a couenant, & charged them, ſaying, * Feare none other gods, nor bowe your ſelues to them, nor ſerue them, nor ſacrifice to them:

36 But feare the Lord which brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power, and a ſtretched out arme: him feare ye, and worſhip him, and ſacrifice to him.

37 Alſo keepe yee diligently the ſtatutes and the ordinances, and the Lawe, and the commaundement, which hee wrote for you, that yee doe them continually, and feare not other gods.

38 And forget not the couenant that I haue made with you, neither feare yee other gods.

39 But feare the Lord your God, and he will deliuer you out of the hands of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they obeyed not, but did after their old cuſtome.

41 So theſe ᵗ Nations feared the Lord, and ſerued their images alſo: ſo did their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, ſo doe they vnto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

4 Hezekiah king of Iudah putteth downe the braſen ſerpent, and deſtroyeth the idoles, 7 And proſpereth. 11 Iſrael is caried away captiue. 30 The blaſphemie of Sancherib.

NOw in the * third yeere of Hoſhea ſonne of Elah the king of Iſrael, Hezekiah the ſonne of Ahaz King of Iudah beganne to reigne.

2 Hee was fiue and twentie yeere olde when hee began to reigne, and reigned nine and twentie yeere in Ieruſalem. His mothers name alſo was Abi the daughter of Zachariah,

3 And hee did ᵃ vprightly in the ſight of the Lord according to all that Dauid his father had done.

4 Hee tooke away the hie places, and brake the images, and cut down the groues, and brake in pieces the * braſen ſerpent that Moſes had made: for vnto thoſe dayes the children of Iſrael did burne incenſe to it, and he called it ᵇ Nehuſhtan.

Lord. 32.8.
1. *King.* 12.28.
ſ That is, the Sun, the Moone and ſtarres, Deut. 4.19.
h Reade Chap. 16.3.
i Reade of this phraſe, 1. King. 21.20, 25.
k No whole tribe was left but Iudah: and they of Beniamin and Leui, which remained, were counted with Iudah.
l Out of the land where he ſhewed the greateſt tokens of his preſence and fauour.
m That is, God cut off the tenne tribes, 1. King. 12.16, 20.
n *Ebr. by the hand of.*
Iere. 25.9.
o Of theſe peoples came the Samaritans, whereof mention is ſo much made in the Goſpel, and with whom the Iewes would haue nothing to doe, Iohn 4.9.
p That is, they ſerued him not: therefore, leaſt they ſhould blaſpheme him, as though there were no God, becauſe he chaſtiſed the Iſraelites, he ſheweth his mighty power among them by this ſtrange puniſhment.
q That is, how to worſhip him: thus the wicked, rather then to looſe their commodities, will change to all religions.
q Meaning, that euery countrey ſerued that idole, which was moſt eſteemed in that place whence they came.

Ezek. 20.39.
Zeph. 1.5.
r That is, they had a certaine knowledge of God, and feared him: becauſe of the puniſhment, but they continued ſtill idolaters, as doe the Papiſts, which worſhip both God and idoles: but this is not to feare God, as appeareth, verſe 34
s He meaneth this by the Iſraelites, to whom God had giuen his commandements.
Gene. 32.28.
1. *king.* 18.31.
Iudg. 6.10.
Iere. 10.2.

t That is, theſe ſtrangers, which were ſent into Samaria by the Aſſyrians.

a Although they of Iudah were giuen to idolatrie and impietie, as they of Iſrael were, yet God for his promiſe ſake, was mercifull vnto the throne of Dauid: and yet by his iudgement toward the other preuo-

ked them to repentance. *Num* 21.8.9 b That is, a piece of braſſe: thus hee called the ſerpent by contempt, which notwithſtanding, was ſet vp by the word of God, and miracles were wrought by it: yet when it was abuſed to idolatry, this good King deſtroyed it, not thinking it worthy to be called a ſerpent, but a piece of braſſe.

5 He trusted in the Lord God of Israel: so that after him was none like him among all the Kings of Iudah, neither were there any such before him.

6 For hee claue to the Lord, and departed not from him, but kept his commandements, which the Lord had commaunded Moses.

7 So the Lord was with him, and hee prospered in all things, which hee tooke in hand: also hee rebelled against the King of Asshur, and serued him not.

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c Reade Chap. 17.9. Chap. 17.3.

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8 Hee smote the Philistims vnto Azzah, and the coastes thereof, c from the watch tower vnto the defenced citie.

9 ¶ *And in the fourth yeere of King Hezekiah, (which was the seuenth yeere of Hoshea sonne of Elah king of Israel) Shalmaneser King of Asshur came vp against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And after three yeeres they tooke it, euen in the sixth yeere of Hezekiah: that is, *the ninth yeere of Hoshea King of Israel was Samaria taken.

Chap. 17.6.

11 Then the King of Asshur did carie away Israel vnto Asshur, and put them in Halah, and in Habor, by the riuer of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 Because they would not obey the voyce of the Lord their God, but transgressed his Couenant: that is, all that Moses the seruant of the Lord had commanded, and would neither obey nor doe them.

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2. Chron. 32.1. Isa. 36.1. ecclus. 48.18,19.

13 ¶ *Moreouer, in the fourteenth yeere of King Hezekiah, Sanherib King of Asshur came vp against all the strong cities of Iudah, and tooke them.

14 Then Hezekiah King of Iudah sent vnto the king of Asshur to Lachish, saying, d I haue offended: depart from me, and what thou layest vpon me, I will beare it. And the King of Asshur appointed vnto Hezekiah King of Iudah three hundreth talents of siluer, and thirtie talents of gold.

d As his zeale was before prayfed, so his weakenesse is here set forth that none should glory in himselfe.

15 Therefore Hezekiah gaue all the siluer that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the Kings house.

16 At the same season did Hezekiah pull off the plates of the doores of the Temple of the Lord, and the pillars (which the said Hezekiah King of Iudah had couered ouer) and gaue them to the King of Asshur.

17 ¶ And the King of Asshur sent e Tartan and Rabsaris, and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great hoste against Ierusalem. And they went vp, and came to Ierusalem, and when they were come vp, they stood by the conduit of the vpper poole, which is by the path of the fullers field,

e After certaine yeeres when Hezekiah ceased to send the tribute appointed by the king of the Assyrians, he sent his captaines and armie against him,

18 And called to the King. Then came out to him Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, which was steward of the house, and Shebnah the chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the ‖ Recorder.

‖Or, writer of Chronicles, or Secretarie.

19 And Rabshakeh said vnto them, Tell yee Hezekiah, I pray you, Thus saith the great King, euen the great King of Asshur, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

‡Ebr. talke of lips.

20 Thou thinkest, Surely I haue ‡ eloquence, but counsell and strength are for the warre. On whom then doest thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Loe, thou trustest now in this broken staffe of reed, to wit, on s Egypt, on which if a man leane, it will goe into his hand, and pearce it: so is Pharaoh King of Egypt vnto all that trust on him.

22 But if yee say vnto me, Wee trust in the Lord our God, is not that hee whose hie places, and whose altars Hezekiah hath h taken away, and hath said to Iudah and Ierusalem, Yee shall worship before this Altar in Ierusalem?

23 Now therefore giue i hostages to my lord the King of Asshur, and I will giue thee two thousand hoses, if thou be able to set riders vpon them.

24 For how canst thou despise any captaine of the least of my masters seruants, and put thy trust on Egypt for charets and horsmen?

25 Am I nowe come vp without the k Lord to this place, to destroy it? the Lord said to me, Goe vp against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Ioah said vnto Rabshakeh, Speake, I pray thee, to thy seruants in the ‖Aramites language, for we vnderstand it, & talke not with vs in the Iewes tongue, in the audience of the people that are on the wall.

‖Or, Syrians. ‡Ebr. the wals of their fiete.

27 But Rabshakeh said vnto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speake these words, and not to the men which sit on the wal, that they may eat their owne doung, and drinke ‡ their owne pisse with you?

28 So Rabshakeh stood and cried with a lowde voyce in the Iewes language, and spake, saying, Heare the words of the great King, of the King of Asshur.

29 Thus saith the King, Let not Hezekiah deceiue you: for hee shall not be able to deliuer you ‖ out of mine hand.

‖Or, by his hand.

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you to trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliuer vs, and this citie shal not be giuen ouer into the hand of the King of Asshur.

31 Hearken not vnto Hezekiah: for thus saith the King of Asshur, Make ‡ appointment with mee, and come out to mee, that euery man may eate of his owne vine, and euery man of his owne figge tree, and drinke euery man of the water of his owne well,

‡Ebr. blessing: meaning the conditions of peace.

32 Till I come, and bring you to a land like your owne land, euen a land of wheate and wine, a land of bread and vineyardes, a land of oliues oyle, and honie, that ye may liue and not die: and obey not Hezekiah, for he deceiueth you, saying, The Lord will deliuer vs.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations deliuered his land out of the hand of the King of Asshur?

34 Where is the god of Hamath, and of Arpad? where is the god of Sepharuaim, Hena and Iuah? how haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

f Thou thinkest that words will serue to perswade thy people, or to moue my master.

g Egypt shal not only not be able to succour thee, but shall be an hurt vnto thee.

h Thus the idolaters thinke that Gods religion is destroyed when superstition and idolatrie are reformed.

i Meaning, that it was best for him to yeeld to the king of Assyria, because his power was so small that he had not meas to furnish two thousand horses.

k The wicked alwayes in their prosperitie flatter themselues that God doth fauour them. Thus he speaketh to feare Hezekiah that by resisting him, he should resist God.

l He maketh himselfe so sure, that he will not grant them truce, except they render themselues to him to be led away captiues.

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35 Who are they among all the gods of the nations, that haue deliuered their lande out of mine hand, that the [m] Lord should deliuer Ierusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the kings commaundement was, saying, Answere yee him not.

37 Then Eliakim, the sonne of Hilkiah, which was steward of the house, and Shebnah the Chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the wordes of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

6 God promiseth by Isaiah victorie to Hezekiah. 33 The Angel of the Lord killeth an hundreth and fourescore and fiue thousand men of the Assyrians. 37 Sanherib is killed of his owne sonnes.

AND [a] when king Hezekiah heard it, hee rent his clothes, and put on sackecloth, and came into the house of the Lord,

2 And sent Eliakim which was the steward of the house, & Shebnah the Chancellor, and the Elders of the Priestes clothed in sackecloth, [a] to Isaiah the Prophet, the sonne of Amoz.

3 And they sayd vnto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of tribulation and of rebuke and blasphemie: for the children are come to [b] the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.

4 It is be the Lord thy God hath heard all the wordes of Rabshakeh, whome the king of Assur his master hath sent to raile on the liuing God, and to reproch him with words which the Lord thy God hath heard, then lift thou vp thy prayer for the [c] remnant that are left.

5 ¶ So the seruants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah sayd vnto them, So shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, wherewith the seruants of the king of Assur haue blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I wil send a blast [d] vpon him, and he shall heare a noyse, and returne to his owne lande: and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his owne land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assur fighting against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 [e] He heard also men say of Tirhakah king of ‖ Ethiopia, [f] Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he therefore departed and sent other messengers vnto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shal ye speake to Hezekiah king of Iudah, and say, Let not thy [g] God deceiue thee in whom thou trustest, saying, Ierusalem shall not bee deliuered into the hand of the king of Assur.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assur haue done to all lands, how they haue destroyed them: and shalt thou be deliuered?

12 Haue the gods of the heathen deliuered them which my fathers haue destroyed? as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden, which were in Thelasar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the citie of Sepharuaim, Hena and Iuah?

14 ¶ So Hezekiah receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went vp into the house of the Lorde, and Hezekiah spred it before the [h] Lord.

15 And Hezekiah [i] prayed before the Lord, and sayd, O Lord God of Israel, which dwellest betweene the Cherubims, thou art very God alone ouer all the kingdomes of the earth: thou hast made the heauen and the earth.

16 Lord, [k] bowe downe thine eare, and heare: Lord open thine eyes and behold, and heare the words of Sanherib, who hath sent to blaspheme the [l] liuing God.

17 Trueth it is, Lord, that the kings of Assur haue destroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And haue set fire on their gods: for they were no gods, but the worke of mans hands, euen wood and stone: therefore they destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech thee, saue thou vs out of his hand, that all the [m] kingdomes of the earth may know, that thou O Lord, art onely God.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the sonne of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus sayth the Lorde God of Israel, I haue heard that which thou hast prayed me, concerning Sanherib king of Assur.

21 This is the word that the Lord hath spoken against him, O [n] virgin, daughter of Zion, he hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorne: O daughter of Ierusalem, he hath shaken his head at thee.

22 Whom hast thou railed on, and whom hast thou blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted vp thine eyes on high? euen [o] against the Holy one of Israel.

23 By thy messengers thou hast railed on the Lord, and sayd, By the multitude of my charets I am come vp to the top of [p] mountaines, by the sides of Lebanon, and will cut downe the hie Cedars thereof, and the faire firre trees thereof, and I will goe into the [p] lodging of his borders, and into the forest of his ‖ Carmel.

24 I haue digged, and dunke the waters of others, and with the plant of my feet haue I dried all the ‖ floods closed in.

25 Hast thou not heard how I haue of old time made it, and haue formed it long ago? [q] and should I now bring it, that it should be destroyed, and layd on ruinous heapes, as cities defenced?

26 Whose [r] inhabitants haue small power and are afraid, and confounded: they are like the grasse of the field, and greene herbe, or grasse on the house tops, or as corne blasted before it be growen.

27 I know thy dwelling, yea, thy going out, and thy comming in, and thy furie against me.

28 And

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m This is an execrable blasphemie against the true God, to make him equal with the idoles of other nations: therefore God did most sharply punish it.

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Isa. 37. 1.

Wednesday 1st Lesson

a To heare some new prophesie, and to haue comfort of him.

b The dangers are so great, that we can neither auenge this blasphemie, nor helpe our selues, no more then a woman in her trauaile.

c Meaning, for Ierusalem, which onely remained of all the cities of Iudah.

d The Lord can with one blast blowe away all the strength of man, and turne it into dust.

e That is, Sanherib.

‖ Or, blacke Moores.

f For the kings of Ethiopia and Egypt ioyned together against the king of Assyria because of his oppression of other countreys.

g The more neere that the wicked are to their destruction, the more they blaspheme.

h Before ‖ Arke of the couenant.

i Hee sheweth what is the true refuge and succour in all dangers, to wit, to flee to the Lord by earnest praier.

k Shew by effect that thou wilt not suffer thy name to be blasphemed.

l By this title he discerneth God from all idoles and false gods.

m He sheweth for what end the faithfull desire of God to be deliuered: to wit, that he may be glorified by their deliuerance.

n Because as yet Ierusalem had not been taken by the enemie, therefore he calleth her virgin.

o God counteth that iniury done to him, and will reuenge it, which is done to any of his Saints.

p Meaning, Ierusalem, which Isaiah calleth the height of his borders, towit, of Iudah, Isa. 37. 24.

‖ Or, pleasant countrey.

‖ Or, the waters of cities besieged.

q He declareth that forasmuch as he is ‖ author and beginning of his Church, hee will neuer suffer it vtterly to be destroyed as other cities and kingdomes.

r Thus he describeth the wicked, which for a time flourish and afterward fade and decay like flowers.

f I wil bridle thy rage, and turne thee to and fro, as pleaseth me. God did not onely promise him the victorie, but grueth him a signe to confirme his faith.

28 And because thou ragest against me, and thy tumult is come vp to mine eares, I will put mine f hooke in thy nostrels, and my bridle in thy lips, and will bring thee backe againe the same way thou camest.

29 And this shall bee a f signe vnto thee, O Hezekiah, Thou shalt eate this yeere, such things as grow of themselues, and the next yeere such as grow without sowing, and the third yeere sowe ye and reape, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

u The Lord will multiply in great nũber that small remnãt of Iudah that is escaped.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudah, shall againe take x roote downeward, and beare fruit vpward.

x The loue that God beareth toward his Church, shall ouercome the counsels and enterprises of men.

31 For out of Ierusalem shall goe a remnant, and some that shal escape out of mount Zion: the x zeale of the Lord of hostes shall doe this.

32 Wherefore, thus sayth the Lord concerning the king of Assur, He shall not enter into this citie, nor shoote an arrow there, nor come before it with shielde, nor cast a mount against it:

33 But hee shall returne the way he came, and shall not come into this citie, sayth the Lord.

34 For I will defend this citie to saue it for mine owne sake, and for Dauid my seruants sake.

Isa.37.36. iob 1. 21. eccluſ.48.24. 1.mac.7.41. 2.mac.8.19.

y This was the iust iudgement of God for his blasphemie, that he should bee slaine before that idole, whom hee preferred to the liuing God, and by them, by whom he ought by nature to haue been defended.

35 ¶ And the same night the Angel of the Lord went out and smote in the campe of Assur an hundreth fourescore and fiue thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, beholde, they were all dead corpses.

36 So Sancherib king of Assur departed, and went his way, and returned, and dwelt at Nineueh.

37 And as hee was in the Temple worshipping Nisroch his god, Adramelech and Sharezer his sonnes y slewe him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his sonne reigned in his stead.

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CHAP. XX.

1 Hezekiah is sicke, and receiueth the signe of his health. 12 He receiueth rewards of Berodach, 13 Sheweth his treasures, and is reprehended of Isaiah. 22 Hee dieth, and Manasseh his sonne reigneth in his stead.

2.Chron.32.24. isa.38.1.

A Bout that time a was Hezekiah sicke vnto death: and the Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amoz came to him, and sayde vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Put thine house in an order: for thou shalt die, and not liue.

a That his mind might not bee troubled.

2 Then he turned his face to the b wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying,

b Meaning, without all hypocrisie.

3 I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now, how I haue walked before thee in trueth, and with a c perfect heart, and haue done that which is good in thy sight: and Hezekiah c wept sore.

c Not so much for his owne death as for feare that idolatrie should be restored, which he had destroyed, and so Gods name bee dishonoured.

4 ¶ And afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle of the court, the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

5 Turne againe, and tell Hezekiah the captaine of my people, Thus sayth the Lord God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy d prayer, and seene thy teares: behold, I haue healed thee, and the third day thou shalt goe vp to the e house of the Lord.

d Because of his vnfained repentance and praier, God turned away his wrath.

e To giue thanks for thy deliuerance.

6 And I will adde vnto thy dayes fifteen yeere, and will deliuer thee and this citie out of the hand of the king of Assur, and will defend this citie for mine owne sake, and for Dauid my seruants sake.

7 Then Isaiah sayd, Take a f lumpe of drye figs. And they tooke it, and laid it on the boyle, and he recouered.

f He declareth that albeit God can heale without other medicines, yet hee sheweth that he will not haue these inferiour meanes contemned.

8 ¶ For Hezekiah had sayd vnto Isaiah, What shall bee the signe that the Lord will heale mee, and that I shall goe vp into the house of the Lord the third day?

Eccluſ.48.24.

9 And Isaiah answered, This signe shalt thou haue of the Lord, that the Lord will doe that hee hath spoken, Wilt thou that the shadow goe forward tenne degrees, or g goe backe ten degrees?

g Let the Sunne go so many degrees backe that the houres may be so many the fewer in the kings diall.

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to passe forward tenne degrees: not so then, but let the shadow h goe backe ten degrees.

h Which diall was set in the top of the staires that Ahaz had made.

Isa 39.1.

11 And Isaiah the Prophet called vnto the Lord, and he brought againe the shadow tenne degrees backe by the degrees wherby it had gone downe in the i diall of Ahaz.

i Mooued with the fauour that God shewed to Hezekiah, and also because hee had declared his selfe enemie to Sancherib his enemy, which was now destroyed.

12 ¶ * The same season Berodach Baladan the sonne of Baladan king of Babel, sent letters and a k present to Hezekiah: for he had heard how that Hezekiah was sicke.

k Being moued with ambition and vaine glory, and also because he seemed to reioyce in the friendshipof him that was Gods enemie and an infidel.

Chap.24.13. and 25.13. ierem 27 19.

13 And Hezekiah heard them, and shewed them all his treasure house, to wit, the siluer and the golde, and the spices, and the pretious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, and in all his l realme, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

l I acknowledgeth Isaiah to be the true Prophet of God, and therefore humbleth himselfe to his word.

14 Then Isaiah the Prophet came vnto king Hezekiah, and sayd vnto him, What sayd these men? and from whence came they to thee? And Hezekiah sayd, They be come from a farre countrey, euen from Babel.

15 Then sayd hee, What haue they seene in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house haue they seene: there is nothing among my treasures, that I haue not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said vnto Hezekiah, Heare the word of the Lord.

17 Behold, the dayes come, that all that is in thine house, and whatsoeuer thy fathers haue layd vp in store vnto this day, m shall be caried into Babel: Nothing shall bee left, sayth the Lord.

m Seeing that God hath shewed me this fauour to grant me quietnesse during my life: for he was afraid lest enemies should haue had occasion to reioice, if the Church had decayed in his time, because he had restored religion.

18 And of thy sonnes that shal proceed out of thee, and which thou shalt beget, shall they take away, and they shalbe eunuches in the palace of the king of Babel.

19 Then Hezekiah said vnto Isaiah, The word of the Lord which thou hast spoken, is good: for, sayd he, Shall it not be good, if n peace and trueth be in my dayes?

n Concerning the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his valiant deedes, and how he made a poole and a conduit, and brought

water into the citie, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

3 King Manasseh restoreth idolatrie, 16 And vseth great cruelties. 18 He dieth, and Amon his sonne succeedeth, 23 Who is killed of his owne seruants. 26 After him reigneth Iosiah.

MAnasseh * was twelue yeere old when he began to reigne, and reigned fiftie and fiue yeere in Ierusalem: his mothers name also was Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord after the abomination of the heathen, whom the* Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For hee went backe and built the high places, * which Hezekiah his father had destroyed: and hee erected vp altars for Baal, and made a groue, as did Ahab King of Israel, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen and serued them.

4 Also he* built altars in the house of the Lord, of the which the Lord sayd, * In Ierusalem will I put my Name.

5 And hee built altars for all the hoste of the heauen in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6 And hee caused his sonnes * to passe thorow the fire, and gaue himselfe to witchcraft and sorcerie, and he vsed them that had familiar spirites, and were soothsayers, and did much euil in the sight of the Lord to anger him.

7 And he set the image of the groue, that he had made in the house, whereof the Lord had sayd to Dauid & to Salomon his sonne, * In this house, and in Ierusalem, which I haue chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my Name for euer.

8 Neither will I make the feete of Israel moue any more out of the land, which I gaue their fathers: so that they wil * obserue and do all that I haue commanded them, and according to all the Law that my seruant Moses commanded them.

9 Yet they obeyed not, but Manasseh led them out of the way, to doe more wickedly then did the heathen people, whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 Therefore the Lorde spake by his seruants the Prophets, saying,

11 * Because that Manasseh king of Iudah hath done such abominations, and hath wrought more wickedly then all that the Amorites (which were before him) did, and hath made Iudah also sinne with his idoles,

12 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I wil bring an euil vpon Ierusalem and Iudah, that who so heareth of it, both his * eares shall * tingle.

13 And I will stretch ouer Ierusalem the line of * Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Ierusalem, as a man wipeth a dish, which hee wipeth, and turneth it vpside downe.

14 And I will forsake the * remnant of mine inheritance, and deliuer them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall be robbed and spoyled of all their aduersaries,

15 Because they haue done euill in my sight, and haue prouoked me to anger, since the time their fathers came out of Egypt, vntill this day.

16 Moreouer Manasseh shed * innocent blood exceeding much, till he replenished Ierusalem from corner to corner, beside his sinne wherewith hee made Iudah to sinne, and to doe euill in the sight of the Lord.

17 Concerning the rest of the actes of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sinne that hee sinned, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his owne house, euen in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his sonne reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ * Amon was two and twenty yeere old, when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned two yeere in Ierusalem: his mothers name also was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Iotbah.

20 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did.

21 For he walked in all the way, that his father walked in, and serued the idoles that his father serued, and worshipped them.

22 And hee forsooke the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the * way of the Lord.

23 And the seruants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the King in his owne house.

24 And the people of the lande slewe all them that had conspired against King Amon, and the people made Iosiah his sonne King in his stead.

25 Concerning the rest of the actes of Amon, which hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

26 And ‖ they buried him in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Iosiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.

4 Iosiah repaireth the Temple. 8 Hilkiah findeth the booke of the Law, and causeth it to be presented to Iosiah, 12 Who sendeth to Huldah the Prophetesse to enquire the Lords will.

IOsiah was * eight yere old when he began to reigne, and hee reigned one and thirtie yeere in Ierusalem. His mothers name also was Iedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And hee did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, and * walked in all the wayes of Dauid his father, and bowed neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 ¶ And in the eighteenth yeere of King Iosiah, the King sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliah, the sonne of Meshullam the chancellor, to the house of the Lord, saying,

4 Go vp to Hilkiah the high Priest, that hee may ‖ summe the siluer which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the * doore haue gathered of the people.

2. Chron. 33. 1.

Deut. 18. 9.

Chap. 18. 4.

Ierem. 32. 34. 2. Sam. 7. 13.

a Reade Chap. 16. 3.

1. King. 8. 29. and 9. 3. chap. 23. 27.

b Therefore seeing they obeyed not 〈commandement of God, they were iustly cast forth of that land, which they had but on condition.

Ierem. 15. 4. 2. Sam 3. 11.

c Meaning, that whosoeuer shall heare of this great plague, shal be astonished.

d As I haue destroyed Samaria, and the house of Ahab, so will I destroy Iudah.

e Meaning, Iudah & Beniamin which were only left of the rest of the tribes.

f The Ebrewes write that hee slew Isaiah the Prophet, who was his father in law.

2. Chron. 33. 20, 21.

g That is, according to his commandements.

‖ Or, he buried him, to wit, Iosiah his sonne. 2. Chron. 34. 1.

a His zeale was prophesied of, & his namementioned by Iaddo the Prophet, more then 300. yeeres before, 1. kin. 13. 2, and being but eight yere old, he sought the God of his father Dauid, 2. Chr. 34. 3.

‖ Or, count, as verse 9.

b Certain of the Priests were appointed to this office, as Chap. 12. 9.

c From the time of Ioash, for the space of 224. yeres the Temple remained without reparation through the negligence of the Priests. This declareth that they that haue a charge and execute it not, ought to haue it taken from them.

d So God prouided him of faithful seruants, seeing he went about so zealously to set forth the worke of God.

e This was the copie that Moses left them, as appeareth, 2. Chro. 32. 14 which either by ỹ negligence of ỹ priests had bene lost, or els by ỹ wickednes of idolatrous kings had bene abolished.

‡ *Ebr. melted.*

f Meaning to some Prophet whō God reuealeth the knowledge of things vnto, as Ier. 21. 1. though at other times they enquired the Lord by Vrim and Thummim

g Or, the house of doctrine, which was neere to the temple, & where the learned assembled to entreat the scriptures, and the doctrine of the Prophets.

h The works of mans hand here signifie all that man muenteth beside the word of God, which are abominable in Gods seruice.

i Meaning, that he did repent, as they that do not repent, are sayd to harden their heart, Psal. 95. 8

5 And let them d deliuer it into the hand of them that doe the worke, and haue the ouersight of the house of the Lord: let them giue it to them that worke in the house of the Lord, to repaire the decayed places of the house:

6 To wit, vnto the artificers and carpenters and maions, and to buy timber, and hewed stone to repaire the houle.

7 Howbeit let no reckoning bee made with them of the money, that is deliuered into their hand: for they deale d faithfully.

8 And Hilkiah the high Priest said vnto Shaphan the chanceller, I haue found the e booke of the Law in the house of the Lord: and Hilkiah gaue the booke to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 So Shaphan the chanceller came to the king, and brought him word againe, and sayd, Thy seruants haue ‡ gathered the money, that was found in the houle, and haue deliuered it vnto the hands of them that doe the worke, & haue the ouerlight of the house of the Lord.

10 Also Shaphan the chanceller shewed the King, saying, Hilkiah the Priest hath deliuered mee a booke. And Shaphan read it before the King.

11 And when ỹ king had heard the words of the booke of the Law, he rent his clothes.

12 Therefore the King commanded Hilkiah the Priest, and Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and Achbor the sonne of Michaiah, and Shaphan the chanceller, and Asahiah the Kings seruant, saying,

13 Go ye and f enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Iudah, concerning the words of this booke that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lorde that is kindled against vs, because our fathers haue not obeyed the wordes of this booke, to doe according vnto all that which is written therein for vs.

14 ¶ So Hilkiah the Priest, & Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah went vnto Huldah the Prophetesse the wife of Shallum, the sonne of Tikuah, the sonne of Harhas keeper of the wardrobe: (and she dwelt in Ierusalem in the g Colledge) and they communed with her.

15 And she answered them, Thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus sayeth the Lorde, Beholde, I will bring euill vpon this place, and on the inhabitants thereof, euen all the wordes of the booke which the King of Iudah hath read,

17 Because they haue forsaken mee, and haue burnt incense vnto other gods, to anger me with all the h workes of their hands: my wrath also shalbe kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the King of Iudah, who sent you to enquire of the Lord, so shall ye say vnto him, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, the wordes that thou hast heard, shall come to passe.

19 But because thine heart did i melt, and thou hast humbled thy selfe before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants of the same, to wit, that it should bee destroyed and accursed, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before mee, I haue also heard it, sayth the Lord.

20 Beholde therefore, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt bee put in thy graue in k peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the euill, which I will bring vpon this place. Thus they brought the King word againe.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Iosiah readeth the Law before the people. 3 He maketh a couenant with the Lord. 4 He putteth downe the idoles after he had killed their Priests. 22 He keepeth Passouer. 24 He destroieth the coniurers. 29 He was killed in Megiddo, 30. And his sonne Iehoahaz reigneth in his stead. 33 After he was taken, his sonne Iehoiakim was made King.

THen the King a sent, and there gathered vnto him all the Elders of Iudah and of Ierusalem.

2 And the King went vp into the house of the Lord, with all the men of Iudah and all the inhabitants of Ierusalem with him, and the Priests and Prophets, and all the people both small and great: and he read in their eares all the wordes of the booke of the Couenant, which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the King stood by the b pillar, and made a c couenant before the Lord, that they should walke after the Lord, and keepe his Commaundements, and his testimonies, and his statutes with all their heart, & with all their soule, that they might accomplish the words of this Couenant written in this booke. And all the people stood to the Couenant.

4 Then the King commanded Hilkiah the high Priest, and the d Priestes of the second order, and the keepers of the dooze, to bring out of the Temple of the Lorde all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the groue, and for all the hoste of heauen, and he burnt them without Ierusalem in the fields of Kedron, and carried e the powder of them into Beth-el.

5 And he put downe the f Chemarims, whom the Kings of Iudah had founded to burne incense in the hie places, and in the cities of Iudah, and about Ierusalem, and also them that burnt incense vnto Baal, to the Sunne and to the Moone, and to the planets, and to all the hoste of heauen.

6 And hee brought out the g grone from the Temple of the Lord without Ierusalem vnto the valley Kedron, and burnt it in the valley Kedron, and stampt it to powder, and cast the dust thereof vpon the h graues of the children of the people.

7 And he brake downe the houses of the Sodomites, that were in the house of the Lord, where the women woue hangings for the grone.

8 Also hee brought all the Priests out of

k Whereupon we may gather that the anger of God is ready against the wicked, when God taketh his seruants out of this world.

2. Chro. 34. 30.

a Because he saw the great plagues of God that were threatned, he knew no more speedy way to auoyde them, then to turne to God by repentance, which cannot come but of faith, and faith by hearing of the word of God.

b Where the King had his place, Chap. 11. 14.

c As Ioshua did, Iosh. 24. 22, 25.

d Meaning them which were next in dignitie to the hie Priest.

e In contempt of that altar, which Ieroboam had there built to sacrifice to his calues.

f Meaning, the Priestes of Baal, which were called Chemarims, either because they ware blacke garments, or els were smoked with burning incense to idoles.

g He remoued the groue which idolaters for deuotion had planted neere vnto the Temple, contrary to the commandement of the Lord, Deuter. 16, 21. or as some reade, the similitude of a groue which was hanged in the temple. h Both in contempt of the idoles, and reproch of them which had worshipped them in their liues.

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the cities of Iudah, & defiled the hie places where the Priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake the hie places of the gates that were in the entring in of the gate of Iosuah the gouernour of the citie, which was at the left hand of the gate of the citie.

9 Neuertheless the Priests of the hie places i came not vp to the altar of the Lord in Ierusalem, saue onely they did eate of the vnleauened bread among their brethren.

10 He defiled also k Topheth, which was in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man should make his sonne or daughter passe through the fire to Molech.

11 Hee put downe also the l horses that the kings of Iudah had giuen to the sunne at the entring in of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nethan-melech the eunuch, which was ruler of the suburbes, and burnt the charets of the sunne with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Iudah had made, and the altars with Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, did the king breake downe, and hasted thence, and cast the dust of them in the m brooke Kedron.

13 Moreouer the king defiled the hie places that were before Ierusalem and on the right hande of the n mount of corruption (which o Salomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the idole of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the idole of the Moabites, and for Milchom the abomination of the children of Ammon)

14 And he brake the images in pieces, & cut down the groues, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Furthermore, p the altar that was at Beth-el, and the hie place made by Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne, both this altar, and also the hie place brake hee downe, and burnt the hie place, and stampt it to powder and burnt the groue.

16 And as Iosiah turned himselfe, hee spied the graues, that were in the mount, and sent and tooke the bones out of the graues, and burnt them vpon the altar, and polluted it, according to the worde of the Lorde that the q man of God proclaimed which cryed the same wordes.

17 Then he said, What title is that which I see? And the men of the citie sayde vnto him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Iudah, and tolde these things that thou hast done to the altar of Beth-el.

18 Then said he, Let him alone: let none remoue his bones. So his bones were saued with the bones of the r Prophet that came from Samaria.

19 Iosiah also tooke away all the houses of the hie places, which were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to anger the Lord, and did to them according to all the factes that he had don in Beth-el.

20 And he sacrificed al the Priests of the hie places, that were there, vpon the altars, and burnt mens bones vpon them, and returned to Ierusalem.

21 ¶ Then the King commanded all the people, saying, * Keepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord your God, * as it is written in the booke of this couenant.

22 And there was no Passeouer holden q like that from the dayes of the Iudges that iudged Israel, nor in all the dayes of the Kings of Israel, and of the Kings of Iudah.

23 And in the eighteenth yeere of King Iosiah was this Passeouer celebrated to the Lord in Ierusalem.

24 Iosiah also tooke away them that had familiar spirits, and the soothsayers, and the images, and the idoles, and all the abominations that were espied in the lande of Iudah and in Ierusalem, to performe the wordes of the * Lawe, which were written in the booke that Hilkiah the Priest founde in the house of the Lord.

25 Like vnto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lorde with all his heart, and with all his soule, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding the Lorde turned not from the s fiercenesse of his great wrath wherewith hee was angry against Iudah, because of all the prouocations wherewith Manasseh had prouoked him.

27 Therefore the Lord sayd, I will put Iudah also out of my sight, as I haue put away Israel, and will cast off this citie Ierusalem, which I haue chosen, and the house whereof I sayde, * My Name shall be there.

28 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iosiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

29 ¶ * In his dayes Pharaoh Nechoh king of Egypt went vp against the king of Assur to the riuer Perath. And king Iosiah t went against him, whom when Pharaoh saw, he slew him at t Megiddo.

30 Then his seruaunts carted him dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Ierusalem, and buried him in his owne sepulchre. And the people of the lande tooke Iehoahaz the sonne of Iosiah, and anoynted him, and made him King in his fathers stead.

31 * Iehoahaz was three and twenty yere old when hee began to reigne, and reigned three moneths in Ierusalem. His mothers name also was Hamutal the daughter of Ieremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his u fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh Nechoh put him in bonds x at Riblah in the lande of Hamath, while hee reigned in Ierusalem, and put the lande to a tribute of an hundreth talents of siluer, and a talent of golde.

34 ¶ And Pharaoh Nechoh made Eliakim the sonne of Iosiah King in stead of Iosiah his father, and turned his name to Iehoiakim, & tooke Iehoahaz away, which

i Because that those which had forsaken the Lord to serue idoles were not meete to minister in the seruice of the Lord for the instruction of others.

k Which was a valley neere to Ierusalem, & signifieth a tabret, because they smote on the tabret while their children were burning, that their cry should not be heard, Leuit. 18.21. where after Iosiah commanded carions to be cast in contempt thereof.

l The idolatrous kings had dedicate horses and charets to the sunne, either to carie the image thereof about as the heathen did, or els to sacrifice them, as a sacrifice most agreeable.

m Or, valley.

n That was the mount of oliues, so called because it was full of idoles.

1 King. 11.7.

o Which Ieroboam had built in Israel, 1. King. 12.28, 29.

p According to the prophesie of Iaddo, 1 King. 13.2.

q Meaning, the Prophet which came after him, and caused him to eate contrary to the commandement of the Lord, which were both two buried in one graue, 1. King. 13.31.

2. Chron. 35.1. 1. esd. 1.1. Exod. 12.3. deut. 16.2.

q For the multitude and zeale of the people with the great preparation.

Leuit 20.27. deut. 18.11.

r Because of the wicked heart of the people, which would not turne vnto him by repentance.

1. King. 8.29. and 9.3. chap. 21.7.

2. Chro. 35.20. 3333 AM 613

s Because he passed thorow his countrey, he feared lest he should haue done him harme, and therfore would haue stayed him, yet he consulted not with the Lord, and therefore was slaine. 3336

2. Chro. 36.1, 3.

t Meaning, the wicked kings before.

u Which was Antiochia in Syria, called also Hamath.

x Or, that he 3336 should not reigne

when he came to Egypt, died there.

35 And Iehoiakim gaue the siluer and the golde to Pharaoh, and taxed the lande to giue the money, according to the commaundement of Pharaoh: he leuied of euery man of the people of the lande, according to his value, siluer and golde to giue vnto Pharaoh Necho.

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36 Iehoiakim was fiue and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem. His mothers name also was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 Iehoiakim made subiect to Nabuchad-nezzar, rebelleth. 3 The cause of his ruine & all Iudahs. 6 Iehoiakim reigneth. 15 He & his people are carried vnto Babylon. 17 Zedekiah is made king.

IN his [a] dayes came Nebuchad-nezzar, king of Babel vp, and Iehoiakim became his seruant three yeere: afterward hee turned, and rebelled against him.

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a In the end of the third yere of his reign, and in the beginning of the fourth, Dan. 1.1.

2 And the Lord sent against him bands of the Caldees, and bands of the Aramites, and bandes of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites, and hee sent them against Iudah, to destroy it, according to the word of the Lorde, which he spake by his seruants the Prophets.

Chap. 20. 17. and 23. 27.

3 Surely by the [b] commaundement of the Lorde came this vpon Iudah, that hee might put them out of his sight for the sinnes of Manasseh, according to all that he did,

b Though God vsed these wicked tyrants to execute his iust iudgements, yet they are not to be excused, because they proceeded of Ambition and malice,

4 And for the innocent blood that hee shed, (for he filled Ierusalem with innocent blood) therefore the Lorde would not pardon it.

5 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

6 So Iehoiakim [c] slept with his fathers, and Iehoiachin his sonne reigned in his stead.

c Not that he was buried with his fathers, but he died in the way, as they led him prisoner toward Babylon, reade Ier. 22. 19.

7 ¶ And the king of Egypt came no more out of his land: for the king of Babel had taken from the riuer of Egypt, vnto the riuer ‖ Perath, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

‖ Or, Euphrates. 3347

8 ¶ Iehoiachin was eighteene yere olde when he began to reign, and reigned in Ierusalem three moneths. His mothers name also was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Ierusalem.

9 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

Dan. 1, 1.

10 [d] In that time came the seruaunts of Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel vp against Ierusalem: so the citie was besieged.

d That is, yeelded himselfe vnto him by the counsell of Ieremie.

11 And Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel came against the citie, and his seruants did besiege it.

12 Then Iehoiachin the king of Iudah [e] came out against the king of Babel, hee, and his mother, and his seruants, and his princes, and his eunuches: and the king of Babel tooke him in the eight yeere [f] of his reigne.

e In the reign of the king of Babylon. *Chap. 20. 17. & Isa. 39. 6.*

13 And he caried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the kings house, and brake all the vessels of golde, which Salomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, as the Lord had said.

14 And hee caried away all Ierusalem, and all the princes, and all the strong men of warre, euen ten thousand into captiuity, and all the workemen, and cunning men: so none remained sauing the poore people of the land.

2. Chron. 36. 10. Ester. 2. 6.

15 [g] And he caried away Iehoiachin into Babel, and the kings mother, and the kings wiues, and his eunuches, and the mightie of the land caried he away into captiuity from Ierusalem to Babel.

16 And all the men of warre, euen seuen thousand, and carpenters, and locksmiths a thousand: all that were strong and apt for warre, did the king of Babel bring to Babel captiues.

17 ¶ [h] And the king of Babel made Mattaniah his vncle king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Iere. 37. 1 and 52. 1.

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18 Zedekiah was one and twentie yeere olde when he began to reigne, and hee reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem. His mothers name also was Hamutal the daughter of Ieremiah of Libnah.

19 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Iehoiakim had done.

20 Therefore certainely the wrath of the Lord was against Ierusalem and Iudah vntil he cast them out of his [i] sight. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babel.

f Out of Ierusalem and Iudah, into Babylon.

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CHAP. XXV.

1 Ierusalem is besieged of Nebuchad-nezzar, and taken. 7 The sonnes of Zedekiah are slaine before his eyes, and after are his owne eyes put out. 21 Iudah is brought to Babylon. 25 Gedaliah is slaine. 27 Iehoiachin is exalted.

AND [a] in the [b] ninth yeere of his reigne, the [b] tenth moneth, and tenth day of the moneth, Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel came, hee, and all his hoste against Ierusalem, and pitched against it, and they built ‖ forts against it round about it.

Iere. 39. 1. and 52. 4.

a That is, of Zedekiah.

b Which the Ebrewes call Tebet, and it conteineth part of December and part of Ianuary.

‖ Or, mount.

2 So the citie was besieged vnto the eleuenth yeere of king Zedekiah.

3 And the ninth day of the moneth the famine was [c] sore in the citie, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

c In so much that the mothers did eate their children, Lament. 4, 10.

4 Then the citie was broken vp, and all the men of warre fled by night, by the way of the [d] gate, which is betweene two walles that was by the kings garden: nowe the Caldees were by the citie round about: and the King went by the way of the wildernesse.

d Which was a posterne doore or some secret gate to issue out at.

5 But the armie of the Caldees pursued after the King, and tooke him in the deserts of Iericho, and all his hoste was scattered from him.

6 Then they tooke the King, and caried him vp to the king of Babel to Riblah, where they [e] gaue iudgement vpon him.

e Or condemned him for his periurie and treson, 2. Chron. 36. 13.

7 And they slewe the sonnes of Zedekiah before

before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in chaines, and carried him to Babel.

f Ieremie writeth chap 52. 12 the tenth day, because the fire continued from the seuenth day to the tenth.

8 ¶ And in the fift moneth, and f seuenth day of the moneth, which was the nineteenth yeere of King Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, came Nebuzar-adan ‖ chiefe steward and seruant of the king of Babel, to Ierusalem,

‖ *Or, captaine of the guard.*

9 And burnt the house of the Lord, and the Kings house, and all the houses of Ierusalem, and all the great houses burnt he with fire.

10 And all the armie of the Caldees that were with the chiefe steward, brake downe the walles of Ierusalem round about.

11 And the rest of the people that were left in the citie, and those that were fled and g fallen to the king of Babel, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan chiefe steward carie away captiue.

g While the siege endured.

12 But the chiefe steward left of the poore of the land to dresse the vines, and to till the land.

13 * Also the pillars of brasse that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brasen Sea that was in the house of the Lord, did the Caldees breake, and caried the brasse of them to Babel.

Chap. 20. 17. iere. 27, 22.

14 The pots h also and the besomes, and the instruments of musicke, and the incense dishes, and all the vessels of brasse that they ministred in, tooke they away.

h Of these reade Exod. 27 3.

15 And the ashe pannes, and the basens, and all that was of gold, and that was of siluer, tooke the chiefe steward away,

16 With the two pillars, one Sea, and the bases, which Salomon had made for the house of the Lord: the brasse of all these vessels was without weight.

17 * The height of the one pillar was eighteene cubites, and the chapiter thereon was brasse, and the height of the chapiter was with networke three cubites, and pomegranates vpon the chapiter round about, all of brasse: and likewise was the second pillar with the networke.

1. King. 7. 15. iere. 52. 21. 2. chro 3. 15.

18 And the chiefe steward tooke Seraiah the chiefe Priest, and Zephaniah the i second Priest, and the three keepers of the doore.

i That is, one appointed to succeede in the high Priests roome, if he were sicke, or els otherwise letted.

19 And out of the citie hee tooke an Eunuch that had the ouerlight of the men of warre, and k fiue men of them that were in the Kings presence, which were found in the citie, and Sopher captaine of the hoste, who mustered the people of the land, & three-score men of the people of the land, that were found in the citie.

k Ieremie maketh mention of seuen, but here he speaketh of them that were the chiefest.

20 And Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward tooke them, and brought them to the king of Babel to Riblah.

21 And the king of Babel smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Iudah was caried away captiue out of his owne land.

22 * Howbeit there remained people in the land of Iudah, whom Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel left, and made Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan ruler ouer them.

Iere. 40 5, 9.

23 Then when all the captaines of the hoste, and their men heard, that the king of Babel had made Gedaliah gouernour, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, to wit, Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and Seraiah the sonne of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Iaazaniah the sonne of Maachathi, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah l sware to them, and to their men, and said vnto them, Feare not to be the seruants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and serue the king of Babel, and ye shall be well.

l That is, he did exhort them in the name of the Lord, according to Ieremies counsell, to submit themselues to Nebuchad-nezzar, seeing it was the reuealed will of the Lord. *Iere. 41. 1.*

25 * But in the seuenth moneth Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah the sonne of Elishama of the Kings seede came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, and he died, and so did hee the Iewes and the Caldees that were with him at Mizpah.

m Contrary to Ieremies counsel, Iere. 40. 41, 42, and 43 chapters.

26 Then all the people both small and great, and the captaines of the armie arose, and came to m Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

27 Notwithstanding in the seuen and thirtieth yeere after * Iehoiachin King of Iudah was caried away, in the twelft moneth and the seuen and twentieth day of the moneth, Euil-merodach king of Babel in the yeere that he began to reigne, did lift vp the head of Iehoiachin King of Iudah out of the prison,

n Thus long was he, his wife, and his children in Babylon, whom Nebuchad-nezzars sonne after his fathers death preferred to honour: thus by Gods prouidence the seede of Dauid was reserued euen vnto Christ.

28 And spake kindely to him, and set his throne aboue the throne of the Kings that were with him in Babel,

29 And changed his prison garments: and hee did continually eate bread before him, all the dayes of his life.

30 And his o portion was a continuall portion giuen him by the King, euery day a certaine, all the dayes of his life.

o Meaning, that he had an ordinary in the court.

The first booke of the ‡ Chronicles, or ‖ Paralipomenon.

‡ *Ebr. words of dayes.*

‖ *Or, of things omitted, to wit, in the bookes of the Kings.*

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Iewes comprehend both these bookes in one, which the Grecians, because of the length, diuide into two: and they are called Chronicles, because they note briefly the histories frō Adam to the returne from their captiuity in Babylon. But these are not those books of Chronicles, which are so often mentioned in the bookes of the Kings of Iudah and Israel, which did at large set forth the story of both the kingdomes, and afterward perished in the captiuitie: but an abridgement of the same, and were gathered by Ezra, as the Iewes write, after their returne from Babylon. This first booke

booke conteineth a briefe rehearsall of the children of Adam vnto Abraham, Izhak, Iaakob and the twelue Patriarkes, chiefly of Iudah and of the reigne of Dauid, because Christ came of him according to the flesh. And therefore it setteth foorth more amply his actes, both concerning ciuill gouernement, and also the administration, and care of things concerning religion, for the good successe whereof he reioyceth, and giueth thankes to the Lord.

CHAP. I.

1 The genealogie of Adam and Noah vntil Abraham, 27 And from Abraham to Esau 35 His children. 43 Kings and Dukes came of him.

ADam, [a] Sheth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Methushelah, Lamech,
4 Noah, [b] Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 ¶ The sonnes of Japheth were Gomer, and Magog, & Madai, and Iauan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
6 And the sonnes of Gomer, Ashchenaz, and ‖ Iphath, and Togarmah.
7 Also the sonnes of Iauan, Elishah, and Tarshishah, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.
8 ¶ The sonnes of Ham were Cush and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the sonnes of Cush, Seba, and Hauilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, & Sabtecha. Also the sonnes of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.
10 And Cush begate [c] Nimrod, who began to be mighty in the earth.
11 And Mizraim begate Ludim and Anamim, Lehabim, and Naphtuhim:
12 Pathrusim also, & Casluhim, of whom came the Philistims, and Caphtorim.
13 Also Canaan begate Zidon his first borne, and Heth,
14 And the Iebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasshite,
15 And the Hiuuite, and the Arkite, and the Simite,
16 And the Aruadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.
17 ¶ [e] The sonnes of Shem were Elam and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and [d] Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.
18 Also Arpachshad begate Shelah, and Shelah begate [e] Eber.
19 Unto Eber also were borne two sons: the name of the one was Peleg: for in his dayes was the earth diuided: and his brothers name was Ioktan.
20 Then Ioktan begate Almodad and Sheleph, and Hazermaueth, and Jerah,
21 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,
22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
23 And Ophir, and Hauilah, and Iobab: all these were the sonnes of Ioktan.
24 [f] Shem, & Arpachshad, Shelah,
25 Eber, Peleg, Rehu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 [g] Abram, which is Abraham.
28 ¶ The sonnes of Abraham were Izhak, and Ishmael.
29 These are their generations. [h] The eldest sonne of Ishmael was Nebaioth, and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, ‖ Hadad, and Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedema: these are the sonnes of Ishmael.
32 ¶ And Keturah Abrahams [k] concubine bare sonnes, Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, & Shuah: and the sonnes of Jokshan, Sheba, and Dedan.
33 And [i] sonnes of Midian were Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, & Abida, and Eldaah: [l] all these are the sonnes of Keturah.
34 [m] And Abraham begate Izhak: the sonnes of Izhak, Esau, and Israel.
35 ¶ The sonnes of Esau were [i] Elphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
36 The sonnes of Elphaz, Teman, and Omar, ‖ Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and [k] Timna, and Amalek.
37 The sonnes of Reuel, Nahath, Zerah, Shamma, and Mizzah.
38 And the sonnes of [l] Seir, Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan,
39 And the sonnes of Lotan, Hori, and Homam, and Timna Lotans sister.
40 The sonnes of Shobal were Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sonnes of Zibeon, Aiah, and Anah.
41 The sonne of Anah was Dishon. And the sonnes of Dishon, Amran, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
42 The sonnes of Ezer were Bilhan, and Zaauan, and Iaakan. The sonnes of Dishon, were Uz, and Aran.
43 ¶ And these were the [m] Kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before a King reigned ouer the children of Israel, to wit, Bela the sonne of Beor, and the name of his citie was Dinhabah.
44 Then Bela died, & Iobab the sonne of Zerah, [n] of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
45 And when Iobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.
46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the sonne of Bedad, which smote Midian in the fielde of Moab, reigned in his stead, and the name of his city was Auith.
47 So Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
48 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the riuer reigned in his stead.
49 And when Shaul was dead, Baalhanan the sonne of Achbor reigned in his stead.
50 And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his stead, and the name of his citie was ‖ Pai, and his wiues name Mehetabel the daughter of Matred the daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadad died also: and there were dukes in Edom, Duke Timna, Duke ‖ Aliah, Duke

a Meaning, that Sheth was Adams sonne, and Enosh Sheths sonne.

b It had bene sufficient to haue named Shem, of whom came Abraham and Dauid, but because the world was restored by these three, mention is also made of Ham & Iapheth. *Gen.* 10.2.

‖ *Or, Riphath.*

‖ *Or, Rodanim.*

c Who first did lift vp himselfe aboue others, Gen. 10.8.

Gene. 10.22. *and* 11.10.

d Ofwhom came the Syrians, and therefore they are called Aramites thorowout all the Scripture.

e Of him came the Hebrewes, which were afterward called Israelites, of Israel, which was Iaakob: and Iewes of Iudah, because of the excellencie of that tribe.

f He repeateth Shem againe, because he would come to the stocke of Abraham.

g Who came of Shem, and of him Shelah. *Gen.* 11.26. *and* 17.5. *and* 21.2. *Gen.* 25.13.

‖ *Or, Hadar.*

h Reade Gen. 25.2.

Gene. 25.4. *Gene.* 21.2.

i These were borne of three diuers mothers, reade Gen 36.4. *Gen.* 36.9.

‖ *Or, Zepho.*

k Which was Eliphas concubine: reade Gen. 36.12.

l He is also called Seir the Horite, which inhabited mount Seir, Gen. 36.20.

m He maketh mention of the Kings that came of Esau, according to Gods promise made to Abraham concerning him, that Kings should come of him. These eight kings reigned one after another in Idumea vnto the time of Dauid, who conquered their countrey.

n Which was the principall citie of the Edomites.

‖ *Or, Pau.*

‖ *Or, Aluah.*

duke Jetheth,
52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,
53 Duke Kenaz, Duke Teman, Duke Mibzar,
54 Duke Magdiel, Duke Iram: these were the Dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

1 *The genealogie of Iudah vnto Ishai the father of Dauid.*

Gen. 29. 32. and 30. 5. and 35. 18.

THese are the sonnes of Israel, * Reuben, Simeon, Leui, and Iudah, Issachar, and Zebulun,
2 Dan, Ioseph, and Beniamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
3 * The sonnes of a Iudah, Er, and Onan, and Shelah. These three were borne to him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanite: but Er the eldest sonne of Iudah was euill in the sight of the Lord, and he slew him.
4 * And Thamar his daughter in law, bare him Pharez, and Zerah: so all the sonnes of Iudah were fiue.
5 * The sonnes of Pharez, Hezron and Hamul.
6 The sonnes also of Zerah were ‖ Zimri, and b Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara, which were fiue in all.
7 And the sonne of Carmi, ‖ c Achar that troubled Israel, transgressing in the thing excommunicate.
8 The sonne also of Ethan, Azariah.
9 And the sonnes of Hezron that were borne vnto him, Ierahmeel, and d Ram and Chelubai.
10 And Ram begate Aminadab, and Aminadab begat Nahshon e prince of the children of Iudah,
11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,
12 And Boaz begate Obed, and Obed begate ‖ Ishai,
13 * And Ishai begate his eldest sonne Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and ‖ Shimma the third,
14 Nathaneel the fourth, Raddai the fift,
15 Ozem the sixt, and Dauid the seuenth.
16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sonnes of Zeruiah, Abishai, and Ioab, and Asahel.
17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Iether an Ishmeelite.
18 ¶ And f Caleb the sonne of Hezron begate Jerioth of Azubah his wife, and her sonnes are these, Jether, and Shobab, and Ardon.
19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb tooke vnto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
20 * And Hur begate Uri, and Uri begate Bezaleel.
21 And afterward came Hezron to the daughter of Machir the father of g Gilead, and tooke her when he was threescore yeere olde, and she bare him Segub.
22 And Segub begate Iair, which had three and twentie cities in the lande of Gilead.
23 And Geshur with Aram tooke the townes of Iairs from them, and Kenath and the townes thereof, euen threescore cities.

All these were the sonnes of Machir, the father of Gilead.
24 And after that Hezron was dead at h Caleb Ephratah, then Abiah Hezrons wife bare him also Ashur the i father of Tekoa.
25 And the sonnes of Ierahmeel the eldest sonne of Hezron were Ram the eldest, then Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem and Ahijah.
26 Also Ierahmeel had another wife named Atarah, which was the mother of Onam.
27 And the sonnes of Ram the eldest sonne of Ierahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin and Ekar.
28 And the sonnes of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. And the sonnes of Shammai, Nadab, and Abishur.
29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was called Abihail, and she bare him Ahban and Molid.
30 The sonnes also of Nadab were Seled and Appaim: but Seled died without children.
31 And the sonne of Appaim was Ishi, and the sonne of Ishi, Sheshan, and the sonne of Sheshan, k Ahlai.
32 And the sonnes of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether, and Jonathan: but Jether died without children.
33 And the sonnes of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sonnes of Jerahmeel.
34 And Sheshan had no sonnes but daughters. And Sheshan had a seruaunt that was an Egyptian, named Jarha.
35 And Sheshan gaue his daughter to Jarha his seruant to wife, and she bare him Attai.
36 And Attai begate Nathan, and Nathan begate Zabad,
37 And Zabad begate Ephlal, and Ephlal begate Obed,
38 And Obed begate Jehu, and Jehu begate Azariah,
39 And Azariah begate Helez, and Helez begate Eleasah,
40 And Eleazah begate Sismai, and Sismai begate Shallum,
41 And Shallum begate Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begate Elishama.
42 Also the sonnes of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his eldest sonne, which was the l father of Ziph: and the sonnes of Mareshah the father of Hebron.
43 And the sonnes of Hebron were Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem and Shema.
44 And Shema begate Raham the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begate Shammai.
45 The sonne also of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Beth-zur.
46 And Ephah a m concubine of Caleb bare Haran and Moza, and Gazez: Haran also begate Gazez.
47 The sonnes of Jahdai were Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.
48 Caleb's concubine Maachah bare Sheber.

g Which was a towne named of the husband and wife, called also Beth-lehem Ephratah.
h Meaning the chiefe & prince.
i Who died whiles his father was aliue, and therfore it is said verse 34 that Sheshan had no sonnes.
k That is, chiefe gouernour or prince of the Ziphims, because the Prince ought to haue a fatherly care and affection toward his people.
l This difference was between the wife and the concubine, that the wife was taken with certaine solemnities of mariage, and her children did inherit: the concubine had no solemnities in mariage, neither did her children inherit, but had a portion of goods or money giuen them.

Gen. 38. 3. & 46. 12. chap. 4. 1.
a Though Iudah was not Iaakobs eldest son, yet he first beginneth at him, because he would come to the genealogie of Dauid, of whom came Christ.
Gen. 38. 29. matth. 1 3. Ruth 4 18.
‖ Or, Zabdi.
b Of these reade 1. King. 4. 31.
‖ Or, Achan. Iosh. 7. 1.
c Whom Saint Matthew calleth Aram, Matt 1. 3.
d That is, chiefe of the familie.
‖ Or, Iesse. 1. Sam. 16. 19. and 17. 12.
‖ Or, Shammah.
e Who was called Chelubai, the sonne of Hezron, verse 9.
Exod. 31. 2.
f Who was prince of mount Gilead, reade Num. 32. 40.
g That is, the Geshurites and Syrians tooke the townes from Iairs children.

Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She bare also Shaaph, the father of Madmannah, and Sheua the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea. And Achsah was Calebs daughter.

Iosh. 15. 17.

50 ¶ These were the sonnes of Caleb the sonne of Hur the eldest sonne of Ephratah, Shobal the father of Kiriath-iearim.

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, and Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-iearim had sonnes, and he ‖ was the ouerseer of halfe Hammenoth.

‖ Or, he that sawe the halfe, because the prince ought to ouersee his subiects.

53 And the families of Kiriath-iearim were the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zarreathites, and the Esthaulites.

54 The sonnes of Salma of Beth-lehem, and the Netophathite, the [n] crownes of the house of Ioab, and ‖ halfe the Manahthites and the Zorites.

n Meaning the chiefe and principall.

‖ Or, the Zorites, the halfe of the Manahthites.

55 And the families of the [o] Scribes dwelling at Iabez, the Tirathites, the Shimmeathites, the Shuchathites, which are the [p] Kenites, that came of Hammath the father of the house of Rechab.

o Which were men learned and expert in the law.

p Reade Numb. 10. 29, and iudg. 1, 16.

CHAP. III.

1 The genealogie of Dauid, and of his posteritie vnto the sonnes of Iosiah.

THese also were the sonnes of [a] Dauid, which were borne vnto him in Hebron: the eldest Amnon of Ahinoam the Iezreelitesse: the second [b] Daniel of Abigail the Carmelitesse:

a He returneth to the genealogy of Dauid, to shew that Christ came of his stocke.

b Which 2. Sam. 3. 3. is called Cheleab, borne of her that was Nabals wife the Carmelite

2 The third Absalom the sonne of Maachah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth Adonijah the sonne of Haggith:

3 The fift Shephatiah of Abital: the sixt Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4 These sixe were borne vnto him in Hebron: and there he reigned seuen yeere and sixe moneths: and in Ierusalem he reigned three and thirty yeere.

5 And these foure were borne vnto him in Ierusalem, Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Salomon of [c] Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel:

c Called also Bathsheba the daughter of Eliam: so they gaue them diuers names.

6 Ibhar also, and [d] Elishama, and Eliphalet,

d Elishama, or Elishua, 2. Sam. 5. 16. and Eliphelet died and Dauid named those sonnes, which were next borne by the same names: in the booke of kings his children are mētioned which were aliue, and here both they that were aliue and dead.

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Iaphia,

8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine in number.

9 These are all the sonnes of Dauid, besides the sonnes of the concubines, and Thamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Salomons sonne was Rehoboam, whose sonne was Abiah, and Asa his sonne, and Iehoshaphat his sonne,

11 And Ioram his sonne, and Ahaziah his sonne, and Ioash his sonne,

12 And Amaziah his sonne, and Azariah his sonne, and Iotham his sonne,

13 And Ahaz his sonne, and Hezekiah his sonne, and Manasseh his sonne,

14 And Amon his sonne, and Iosiah his sonne.

15 ¶ And of the sonnes of Iosiah, the [e] eldest was ‖ Iohanan, the second Iehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum.

e So called, because he was preferred to dignity royal before his brother Iehoiakim, which was the elder.

‖ Or, Iehoahaz, 2. king. 23. 30.

16 And the sonnes of Iehoiakim were Iechoniah his sonne, and Zedekiah his sonne.

17 And the sonnes of Iechoniah, Assir, and Shealtiel his sonne:

18 Malchiram also and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Iecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah:

19 And the sonnes of Pedaiah were [f] Zerubbabel, and Shimmei: and the sonnes of Zerubbabel were Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister,

f Saint Matthew saith that Zorobabel was sonne of Salathiel, meaning that he was his nephewe according to the Ebrew speech: for he was Pedaiahs sonne.

20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, and Iushabhesed, fiue in number.

21 And the sonnes of Hananiah were Pelatiah, and Iesaiah: the sonnes of Rephaiah, the sonnes of Arnan, the sonnes of Obadiah, the sonnes of Shechaniah.

22 And the sonne of Shechaniah was Shemaiah: and the sonnes of Shemaiah were Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

g So that Shemaiah was Shechaniahs naturall sonne, and the other fiue his nephewes, and in all were sixe.

23 And the sonnes of Neariah were Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sonnes of Elioenai were Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Iohanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seuen.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The genealogie of the sonnes of Iudah, 5 of Ashur, 9 of Iabez and his prayer, 11 of Chelub, 24 and Simeon: their habitations, 34 and conquests.

THe [a] sonnes of Iudah were [b] Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

a Meaning, they came of Iudah, as nephewes and kinsemen: for onely Pharez was his naturall sonne. *Gen 38. 29. and 46. 12. chap. 2. 4.*

2 And Reaiah the sonne of Shobal begate Iahath, and Iahath begate Ahumai, and Lahad: these are the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these were of the father of Etam, Iezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi.

4 And Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah: these are the sonnes of Hur the [b] eldest sonne of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.

b The first born of his mother, & not the eldest son of his father.

5 But Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wiues, Heleah, and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haashtari: these were the sonnes of Naarah.

7 And the sonnes of Heleah were Zereth, Izohar, and Ethnan.

8 Also Coz begate Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the sonne of Harum.

9 But Iabez was more honourable then his brethren: and his mother called his name [c] Iabez, saying, Because I bare him in sorow.

c Otherwise called Othniel, Iudg. 1. 13.

10 And Iabez called on the God of Israel, saying, If thou wilt blesse me indeede, and enlarge my coastes, and [d] if thine hand bee with mee, and thou wilt cause me to be deliuered from euill, that I be not hurt. And God graunted the thing that he asked.

d It is to be vnderstood, that then he would accomplish his vow which he made.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah begate Mehir, which was the father of Eshton.

12 And

12 And Ephon begate Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of the city of Nahash: these are the men of Rechah.

13 ¶ And the sonnes of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah, and the sonne of Othniel, Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah. And Seraiah begate Joab the [c] father of the valley of craftsmen: for they were craftesmen.

15 ¶ And the sonnes of Caleb the sonne of [i] Jephunneh were Iru, Elah, and Naam. And the sonne of Elah was Kenaz.

16 And the sonnes of Jehaleel were Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sonnes of Ezrah were Jether and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon, and hee begate Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 Also his [g] wife Jehudiah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah: and these are the sonnes of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, [h] which Mered tooke.

19 And the sonnes of the wife of Hodiah the sister of Naham the father of Keilah were the Garmites, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sonnes of Shimon were Amnon and Rinnah, Ben-hanam and Tilon. And the sonnes of Ishi were Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ * The sonnes of Shelah, the sonne of Judah were Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the households of the that wrought fine linnen in the house of Ashbea.

22 And Jokim and the men of Chozeba and Joash, and Saraph, which had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi Lehem. These also are ancient things.

23 These were potters, [e] dwelt among plants and hedges: [f] there they dwelt with the king for his worke.

24 ¶ * The sonnes of Simeon were Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and [b] Shaul,

25 Whose sonne was Shallum, and his sonne Mibsam, and his sonne Mishma.

26 And the sonnes of Mishma, Hamuel was his sonne, Zacchur his sonne, and Shimei his sonne.

27 And Shimei had sixteene sonnes, and sixe daughters, but his brethren had not many children, neither was all their familie like to the children of Judah in multitude.

28 And they dwelt at [i] Beer-sheba, and at Moladah, and at Hazar-shual,

29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and at Hazar-susim, at Beth-birei, [g] at Shaaraim: these were their cities vnto the reigne of [k] Dauid.

32 And their townes were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashen, fiue cities.

33 And al their towns that were round about these cities vnto Baal. These are their habitations, and the declaration of their genealogie.

34 And Meshobab and Jamlech, and Joshah the sonne of Amaziah,

35 And Joel and Jehu the sonne of Joshibiah, the sonne of Seraiah, the sonne of Asiel,

36 And Elionai, and Jaakobah, and Jehohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the sonne of Shiphei, the sonne of Allon, the sonne of Jedaiah, the sonne of Shimri, the sonne of Shemaiah.

38 These were famous Princes in their families, and increased greatly their fathers houles.

39 And they [l] went to the entring in of Gedor, euen vnto the East side of the valley, to seeke pasture for their sheepe.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and a wide land, both quiet and fruitfull: for they of Ham had dwelt there before.

41 And these described by name, came in the dayes of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the inhabitants that were found there, and destroyed them vtterly vnto this day, and dwelt in their rowme, because there was pasture there for their sheepe.

42 And besides these, fiue hundreth men of the sonnes of Simeon went to mount Seir, and Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Vzziel the sonnes of Ishi were their captaines,

43 And they smote the rest of Amalek that had [m] escaped, and they dwelt there vnto this day.

CHAP. V.

1 The birthright taken from Reuben and giuen to the sonnes of Ioseph. 3 The genealogie of Reuben, 11 and Gad, 23 And of the halfe tribe of Manasseh.

THE sonnes also of Reuben the eldest sonne of Israel (for hee was the eldest, * but had defiled his fathers bed, therefore his birthright was giuen vnto the [a] sonnes of Ioseph the sonne of Israel, so that the genealogie is not reckoned after his birthright.

2 For Judah prevailed aboue his brethren, and of him came [b] the Prince, but the birthright was Iosephs.)

3 * The sonnes of Reuben the eldest son of Israel, were Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.

4 The sonnes of Joel, Shemaiah his sonne, Gog his sonne, and Shimei his sonne,

5 Michah his sonne, Reaiah his sonne, and Baal his sonne,

6 Beerah his sonne, whom Tilgath Pilneeser king of Ashur [c] caried away: he was a Prince of the Reubenites.

7 And when his brethren in their families reckoned the genealogie of their generations, Jeiel and Zechariah were the chiefe,

8 And Bela the sonne of Azaz, the sonne of Shema the sonne of Joel, which dwelt in [d] Aroer, euen vnto Nebo and Baal-meon.

9 Also

The lord of that valley where the Artificers did worke.

[f] Called also Ijon.

[g] Or, she bare, meaning the second wife of Ezra.

[h] Or, of whom he had Mered.

Gen. 38. 2, 3, 5.

[i] Or, of the inhabitants of Lehem.

[e] They were king Dauids gardiners, and serued him in his workes.

Gen. 46. 10. exod. 6. 15.

[b] His sonne Obad is here omitted.

[i] These cities belonged to the tribe of Iudah, Iosh. 19. 1. and were giuen to the tribe of Simeon.

[k] Then Dauid restored them to the tribe of Iudah.

[l] For the tribe of Simeon was so great in number, that in the time of Ezekiah they sought newe dwellings vnto Gedor, which is in the tribe of Dan.

[m] And were not slaine by Saul and Dauid.

Gen. 35. 22. and 49. 4.

[a] Because they were made two tribes, they had a double portion.

[b] That is, he was the chiefest of all the tribes, according to Iaakobs prophesie, Gen. 49. 8. & because Christ should come of him.

Gen. 46. 9. exod. 6. 14. num 26. 5.

[c] To wit, in the time of Vzziah King of Israel, 2 King. 15. 29.

[d] These places were beyond Iorden toward the East in the land giuen to the Reubenites.

9 Also eastward he inhabited vnto the entring in of the wildernesse from the riuer ‖Perath: for they had much cattell in the land of Gilead.

‖Or, Euphrates.

10 And in the dayes of Saul they warred with the * Hagarims, which fell by their hands: and they dwelt in their tents in all the east parts of Gilead.

* The Ishmaelites that came of Hagar Abrahams concubine.

11 And the children of Gad dwelt ouer against them in the land of Bashan, vnto Salchah.

12 Ioel was the chiefest, and Shapham the second, but Iaanai and Shaphat were in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Iorai, and Iacan, and Zia, and Eber, seuen.

14 These are the children of Abihail, the sonne of Huri, the sonne of Iaroah, the sonne of Gilead, the sonne of Michael, the sonne of Ieshishai, the sonne of Iahdo, the sonne of Buz.

15 Ahi the sonne of Abdiel, the sonne of Guni was chiefe of the houshold of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in * Bashan, and in the townes thereof, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, by their borders.

* Both the whole countrey and one peculiar citie were called by this name Bashan.

17 All these were reckoned by genealogies, in the dayes of Iotham king of Iudah, and in the dayes of Ieroboam king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sonnes of Reuben and of Gad, and of halfe the tribe of Manasseh of those that were valiant men, able to beare shield and sword, and to draw a bowe, exercised in warre, were foure and forty thousand seuen hundreth and threescore, that went out to the warre.

19 And they made warre with the Hagarims, with * Ietur, and Naphish, and Nodab.

* These twaine were the sonnes of Ishmael, Gen. 25.15.

20 And they were * holpen against them, and the Hagarims were deliuered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battell, and hee heard them because they trusted in him.

* To wit, by the Lord, that gaue them the victory.

21 And they led away their cattell, euen their camels fifty thousand, and two hundreth and fifty thousand sheepe, and two thousand asses, and of ‡ persons a hundreth thousand,

‡ Ebr. soules of men.

22 For many fell downe wounded, because the warre was of God. And they dwelt in their steads vntill the ‖ captiuitie.

‖ Meaning the captiuitie of the ten tribes vnder Tilgath Pilneeser.

23 And the children of the halfe tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land, from Bashan vnto * Baal Hermon, and Senir, and vnto mount Hermon: for they increased.

* Otherwise called Baal-gad.

24 And these were the heads of the houses of their fathers, euen Epher and Ishi, and Eliel and Azriel, and Ieremiah, and Hodauiah, and Iahdiel, strong men, valiant and famous, heads of the houses of their fathers.

25 But they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land whom God had destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel ‖ stirred vp the spirit of Pul king of Assur, and the spirit of Tilgath Pilneeser king of Assur, and hee caried them away: euen the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, and brought them vnto * Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the riuer of Gozan, vnto this day.

‖ Thus God stirred vp the wicked and vsed them, as instruments to execute his iust iudgement against sinners, although they were led with malice and ambition.

* 2. King. 18. 11.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The genealogie of the sonnes of Leui.* 31 *Their order in the ministerie of the Tabernacle.* 49 *Aaron and his sonnes Priests.* 54. 57 *Their habitations.*

THe sonnes of Leui were Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

2 * And the sonnes of Kohath, Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Vzziel.

* Gen. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16. chap. 23. 12.

3 And the children of Amram, Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And the sonnes of Aaron, * Nadab, and Abihu, and * Eleazar, and Ithamar.

* Leuit. 10. 1. Num. 20. 25.

4 Eleazar begate Phinehas, Phinehas begate Abishua,

5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begate Vzzi,

6 And Vzzi begate Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begate Meraioth,

7 Meraioth begate Amariah, and Amariah begate Ahitub,

8 And Ahitub begate * Zadok, and Zadok begate Ahimaaz,

* Which was the Priest after that Abiathar was deposed according to the prophesie of Eli the Priest, 1. Sam. 2. 32, 35.

9 And Ahimaaz begate Azariah, and Azariah begate Iohanan,

10 And Iohanan begate Azariah (it was he that was * priest in the house that Salomon built in Ierusalem)

* And did valiantly resist king Vzziah, who would haue vsurped the Priests office, 2. Chron. 26. 17, 18.

11 And Azariah begate Amariah, and Amariah begate Ahitub,

12 And Ahitub begate Zadok, and Zadok begate Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begate Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Iehozadak,

15 And * Iehozadak departed, when the Lord caried away into captiuitie Iudah and Ierusalem by the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar.

* That is, he was led into captiuitie with his father Seraiah the hie Priest, 2. King. 25. 18.

16 ¶ The sonnes of Leui were Gershom, Kohath and Merari.

17 And these be the names of the sonnes of Gershom, Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sonnes of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Vzziel.

19 The sonnes of Merari, Mahli, and Mushi: and these are the families of Leui concerning their fathers.

20 Of Gershom, Libni his sonne, Iahath his sonne, Zimmah his sonne,

21 Ioah his sonne, Iddo his sonne, Zerah his sonne, Ieaterai his sonne.

22 The sonnes of Kohath, * Aminadab his sonne, * Korah his sonne, Assir his sonne,

* Who seemeth to be called Izhar, Exod. 6. 21. Num. 15. 1.

23 Elkanah his sonne, and Abiasaph his sonne, and Assir his sonne,

24 Tahath his sonne, Vriel his sonne, Vzziah his sonne, and Shaul his sonne.

25 And the sonnes of Elkanah, Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 Elkanah, the sonnes of Elkanah, Zophai his sonne, and Nahath his sonne,

27 Eliab his sonne, Ieroham his sonne, Elkanah his sonne,

28 And

28 And the ſonnes of Shemuel, the eldeſt • Vathni, then Abiah.

29 ¶ The ſonnes of Merari were Mahli, Libni his ſonne, Shimei his ſonne, Uzzah his ſonne,

30 Shimea his ſonne, Haggiah his ſonne, Aſaiah his ſonne.

31 And theſe be they whom Dauid ſet for to ſing in the houſe of the Lord, after that the Arke had e reſt.

32 And they miniſtred before the Tabernacle, euen the tabernacle of the Congregation with ſinging, vntil Salomon had built the houſe of the Lord in Ieruſalem: then they continued in their office, according to their cuſtome.

33 And theſe miniſtred with their children: of the ſonnes of Kohath, Heman a ſinger, the ſonne of Ioel, the ſonne of Shemuel,

34 The ſonne of Elkanah, the ſonne of Ieroham, the ſonne of Eliel, the ſonne of Toah,

35 The ſonne of Zuph, the ſonne of Elkanah, the ſonne of Mahath, the ſonne of Amaſai,

36 The ſonne of Elkanah, the ſonne of Ioel, the ſonne of Azariah, the ſonne of Zephaniah,

37 The ſonne of Tahath, the ‖ ſonne of Aſſir, the ſonne of Ebiaſaph, the ſonne of Korah,

38 The ſonne of Izhar, the ſonne of Kohath, the ſonne of Leui, the ſonne of Iſrael.

39 And his brother h Aſaph ſtood on his right hand: and Aſaph was the ſonne of Berechiah, the ſonne of Shimea,

40 The ſonne of Michael, the ſonne of Baaſeiah, the ſonne of Malchiah,

41 The ſonne of Ethni, the ſonne of Zerah, the ſonne of Adaiah,

42 The ſonne of Ethan, the ſonne of Zimmah, the ſonne of Shimei,

43 The ſonne of Iahath, the ſonne of Gerſhom, the ſonne of Leui.

44 And their brethren the ſonnes of Merari were on the left hand, euen Ethan the ſonne of Kiſhi, the ſonne of Abdi, the ſonne of Malluch,

45 The ſonne of Haſhabiah, the ſonne of Amaziah, the ſonne of Hilkiah,

46 The ſonne of Amzi, the ſonne of Bani, the ſonne of Shamer,

47 The ſonne of Mahli, the ſonne of Muſhi, the ſonne of Merari, the ſonne of Leui.

48 ¶ And their i brethren the Leuites were k appointed vnto all the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the houſe of God,

49 But Aaron and his ſonnes burnt incenſe vpon the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incenſe, for all that was to doe in the moſt holy place, and to make an atonement for Iſrael, according to all that Moſes the ſeruaunt of God had commaunded.

50 Theſe are alſo the ſonnes of Aaron, Eleazar his ſonne, Phinehas his ſonne, Abiſhua his ſonne,

51 Bukki his ſonne, Uzzi his ſonne, Zerahiah his ſonne,

52 Meraioth his ſonne, Amariah his ſonne, Ahitub his ſonne,

53 Zadok his ſonne, and Ahimaaz his ſonne.

54 ¶ And theſe are the l dwelling places of them throughout their townes and coaſts, euen of the ſonnes of Aaron for the family of the Kohathites, for the m lot was theirs.

55 So they gaue them • Hebron in the land of Iudah, and the ſuburbs therof round about it:

56 But the field of the citie, and the villages thereof they gaue to Caleb the ſonne of Iephunneh.

57 And to the ſonnes of Aaron they gaue the cities of Iudah for n refuge, euen Hebron and Libna with their ſuburbes, and Iattir, and Eſhtemoa with their ſuburbes,

58 And p Hilen with her ſuburbes, and Debir with her ſuburbs,

59 And Aſhan with her ſuburbes, and Beth-ſhemeth with her ſuburbes.

60 ¶ And of the tribe of Beniamin, Geba and her ſuburbes, and q Alemeth with her ſuburbs, and Anathoth with her ſuburbs: all their cities were thirteene cities by their families.

61 And vnto the ſonnes of r Kohath the remnant of the family of the tribe, euen of the halfe tribe of the halfe of Manaſſeh, by lot, ten cities.

62 And to the ſonnes of Gerſhom according to their families out of the tribe of Iſſachar, and out of the tribe of Aſher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manaſſeh in Baſhan, thirteene cities.

63 Unto the ſonnes of Merari according to their families out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, by lot twelue cities.

64 Thus the children of Iſrael gaue to the Leuites cities with their ſuburbs.

65 And they gaue by lot out of the tribe of the children of Iudah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Beniamin, theſe cities, which they called by their names.

66 And they of the families of the ſonnes of Kohath had cities, and their coaſts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 • And they gaue vnto them cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim, and her ſuburbs, and Gezer and her ſuburbs,

68 Iokmeam alſo and her ſuburbes, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs,

69 And Aialon and her ſuburbes, and Gath-rimmon and her ſuburbs,

70 And out of the halfe tribe of Manaſſeh, ‖ Aner and her ſuburbes, and ‖ Bileam and her ſuburbs, for the families of the remnant of the ſonnes of Kohath.

71 Unto the ſonnes ſ of Gerſhom out of the family of the halfe tribe of Manaſſeh Golan in Baſhan, and her ſuburbes, and ‖ Aſhtaroth with her ſuburbs,

72 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar, ‖ Kedeth and her ſuburbes, Dobcrath and her ſuburbs,

73 ‖ Ramoth alſo and her ſuburbes, and ‖ Anem

e Who is alſo called Ioel, 1. Sam. 8.2 and the 33. verſe of this chapter.

f After it was brought to that place where the Temple ſhould be built, and was no more caried to and fro.

g Reade Exod. 37.21.

‖ Or, nephewe.

‖ Or. couſin.

h Meaning, the couſin of Heman verſe 33.

i The Leuites are called the ſingers brethren, becauſe they came of the ſame ſtocke.

k Reade Numb. 44

l Or, cities which were giuen to the Leuites.

m They were firſt appointed and prepared for.

n Which was alſo called Kiriath-arba, Gen. 23.2. Ioſh. 21.11.

o That he that had killed a man might flee therevnto for ſuccour til his cauſe were tried, Deut. 19.2.

p Which Ioſhua calleth Holon, Ioſh. 15.51. and 21.15.

q Or, Almon, Ioſh. 21.18.

r That is, they gaue a portion to the Kohathites, which were the remnant of the tribe of Leui, out of the halfe tribe of Manaſſeh and out of Ephraim, verſe 66.

• Iohſ. 21.21.

‖ Or, Tanach, Ioſh. 21.25

‖ Or, Gath-rimmon.

ſ Who in the firſt verſe is called alſo Gerſhon.

‖ Or, Beeſhterah, Iſa 27 21.

‖ Or, Kiſhon, Ioſh 21 28.

‖ Or, Iarmuth, Ioſh. 21.22.

‖ Anem, with her suburbs,
74 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal and her suburbs, and Abdon and her suburbs,
75 And ‖ Hukok and her suburbes, and Rehob and her suburbs,
76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilea and her suburbs, and ‖ Hammon and her suburbs, and ‖ Kiriathaim and her suburbs.
77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari were giuen out of the tribe of Zebulun, ‖ Rimmon and her suburbs, ‖ Tabor and her suburbs,
78 And on the other side Iordan by Iericho, euen on the East side of Iordan, out of the tribe of Reuben, * Bezer in the wildernesse with her suburbs, and Iahzah with her suburbs,
79 And Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs,
80 And out of the tribe of Gad Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,
81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Iaazer with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The genealogie of Issachar,* 6 *Beniamin,* 13 *Naphtali,* 14 *Manasseh,* 20 *Ephraim,* 30 *and Asher.*

NOw the sonnes of Issachar were Tola and ‖ Puah, * Iashub, and Shimron, foure,
2 And the sonnes of Tola, Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Ieriel, and Iahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads in the houholds of their fathers. Of Tola were valiant men of warre in their generations, * whole number was in the dayes of Dauid two & twentie thousand, and sixe hundreth.
3 And the sonne of Uzzi was Izrahaiah, and the sonnes of Izrahaiah, Michael, and Obadiah, and Ioel, and Isshiah, * fiue men all princes.
4 And with them in their generations after the houholde of their fathers were bands of men of warre for battell, sixe and thirtie thousand: for they had many wiues and children.
5 And their ‖ brethren among all the families of Issachar were valiant men of war, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourescore and seuen thousand.
6 ¶ The sonnes of Beniamin were Bela, and Becher, and * Iediael, * three.
7 And the sonnes of Bela, Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Ierimoth, and Iri, fiue heads of the houholds of their fathers, valiant men of warre, and were reckoned by their genealogies, two and twenty thousand and thirtie and foure.
8 And the sonnes of Becher, Zemirah, and Ioash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Ierimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth: all these were the sonnes of Becher.
9 And they were numbred by their genealogies according to their generations, and the chiefe of the houses of their fathers, valiant men of warre, twentie thousand and two hundreth.
10 And the sonne of Iediael was Bilhan, and the sonnes of Bilhan, Ieush, and Beniamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
11 All these were the sonnes of Iediael, chiefe of the fathers, valiant men of warre, seuenteene thousand & two hundreth, marching in battell aray to the warre.
12 And Shuppim, and Huppim were the sonnes of ‖ Ir, but Hushim was the sonne * of ‖ another.
13 ¶ The sonnes of Naphtali, Iahziel, and Guni, and Iezer, and ‖ Shallum * of the sonnes of Bilhah.
14 The sonne of Manasseh, was Ashriel, whom she bare vnto him, but his concubine of Aram bare Machir the * father of Gilead.
15 And Machir tooke to wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, and the name of their sister was Maachah. And the name of the second sonne was Zelophehad, and Zelophehad had daughters.
16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a sonne, and called his name ‖ Peresh: and the name of his brother was Sheresh: and his sonnes were Ulam and Rakem.
17 And the sonne of Ulam was Bedan. These were the sonnes of Gilead the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh.
18 And * his sister Molecheth bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.
19 And the sonnes of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.
20 ¶ The sonnes also of Ephraim were Shuthelah, and Bered his sonne, and Tahath his sonne, and his sonne Elidah, and Tahath his sonne,
21 And Zabad his sonne, and Shuthelah his sonne, and Ezer, and Elead: and the men of * Gath that were borne in the land, slewe them, because they came down to take away their cattell.
22 Therfore Ephraim their father mourned many dayes, and his ‖ brethren came to comfort him.
23 And when he went in to his wife, shee conceiued, and bare him a sonne, and he called his name Beriah, because affliction was in his house.
24 And his ‖ daughter was Sherah, which built Beth-horon the nether, and the vpper, and Uzzen Sherah.
25 And Rephah was his * sonne, and Resheph, and Telah his sonne, and Tahan his sonne,
26 Laadan his sonne, Ammihud his sonne, Elishama his sonne,
27 Non his sonne, Iehoshua his sonne.
28 And their possessions and their habitations were Beth-el, and the villages thereof, and Eastward Naaran, and Westward Gezer with the villages thereof, Shechem also and the villages thereof, vnto ‖ Azzah, and the villages thereof,
29 And by the places of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her villages, Taanach and her villages, Megiddo and her villages, Dor and her villages. In these dwelt the children of Ioseph the sonne of Israel.
30 ¶ The

Or, Engannim, Ioſh. 21. 29.

Or, Helkah, Ioſh. 21. 31.

Or, Ammothdor, Ioſh. 21. 32.
Or, Kartan, Ioſh. 21. 32.
Or, Iokneam.
Or. Kartah. Ioſh. 21. 34.

Ioſh. 20. 8 and 21. 36.

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Or, Phuuah.
a Who also is called Iob, Gene 46. 13.

b That is, their number was found thus great when Dauid numbred the people, 2. Sam. 24. 1.
c Meaning the foure sonnes, and the father.

Or, kinſmen.

d Called also Ashbel, Gen. 46. 21. Num. 26. 38.
e Which were the chiefe: for els there were seuen in all, as appeareth, Gen. 46. 21

Or, Iri.
f Meaning, that he was not the sonne of Beniamin, but of Dan, Gene. 46. 23.
Or, of Aher.
Or, Shillem, Gene. 46. 24.
g These came of Dan and Naphtali, which were the sonnes of Bilhah, Gene 46. 23, 24, 25. *Numb. 26. 39. 31. Ioſh. 17. 1.*
Or, Iezer, Numb. 26. 30.

h Meaning, the sister of Gilead.

i Which was one of the fiue principal cities of the Philistims, slew the Ephraimites.
Or, kinſfolkes.

Or, niece.

k To wit, of Ephraim.

Or, Addah.

Gen. 46. 17.

30 ¶ The sonnes of Asher were Imnah and Iswah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sonnes of Beriah, Heber, and Malchiel, which is the father of Berzaith.

32 And Heber begate Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shuah their sister.

33 And the sonnes of Japhlet were Pasach, and || Bimhal, and Athuah: these were the children of Japhlet.

34 And the sonnes of Shamer, Ahi, and Rohgah, Iehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sonnes of his brother Helem were Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sonnes of Zophah, Suah, & Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sonnes of Iether, Iephunneh, and Pispa, and Ara.

39 And the sonnes of Ulla, Harah, & Haniel, and Rizia.

40 All these were the children of Aher, the heads of their fathers houses, noble men, valiant men of warre and chiefe Princes, and they were reckoned by their genealogies for warre and for battell to the number of fiue and twentie thousand men.

|| Or, Kimbal.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The sons of Beniamin, 33 And race of Saul.*

BEniamin also begat Bela his eldest son, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

2 Noah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the sonnes of Bela were Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4 And Abishua, and Naaman, & Ahoah,

5 And Gera, & Shephuphan, & Huram.

6 ¶ And these are the sonnes of Ehud: these were the chiefe fathers of those that inhabited Geba: and [b] they were caried away captiues to Monahath.

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he caried them away captiues: and [c] hee begate Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim begate certaine in the countrey of Moab, after he had sent [d] away Hushim and Baara his wiues.

9 Hee begate, I say, of Hodesh his wife, Jobab & Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 And Jeuz and Shachia and Mirma: these were his sonnes, and chiefe fathers.

11 And of Hushim he begate Ahitub and Elpaal.

12 And the sonnes of Elpaal were Eber, and Misham and Shamed (which built Ono, and Lod, and the villages thereof.)

13 And Beriah and Shema (which were the chiefe fathers among the inhabitants of Aialon: they driue away the inhabitants of Gath.)

14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jerimoth.

15 And Sebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sonnes of Beriah,

17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber,

18 And Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sonnes of Elpaal,

19 Jakim also, and Zichri, and Sabdi,

20 And Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel,

21 And || Adaiah and Beraiah, & Shimrath the sonnes of Shimei.

|| Or. Araiah.

22 And Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel,

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothiah,

25 Iphedeiah and Penuel the sonnes of Shashak,

26 And Shamsherai, & Sheheriah, and Athaliah,

27 And Jaareshiah, and Eliah, & Zichri, the sonnes of Ieroham.

28 These were the chiefe [e] fathers according to their generations, euen Princes which dwelt in Ierusalem.

e The chiefe of the tribe of Beniamin that dwelt in Ierusalem. *Chap. 9 35.*

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, & the name of his wife was Maachah.

30 And his eldest sonne was Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.

32 And Mikloth begate Shimeah: these also dwelt with their brethren in Ierusalem, euen by their brethren.

33 And [f] Ner begate Kish, & Kish begate Saul, and Saul begate Jonathan, & Malchishua, and Abinadab, and [g] Eshbaal.

f Who in the 1. Sam. 9. 1. is called Abiel.

g He is also named Ishbosheth, 2. Sam. 2. 8.

34 And the sonne of Jonathan was [h] Merib-baal, and Merib-baal begate Micah.

h He is likewise called Mephibosheth, 2. Sam. 9. 6

35 And the sonnes of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begate Jehoadah, and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaueth, and Zimri, and Zimri begate Moza,

37 And Moza begate Bineah, whose sonne was Raphah, and his sonne Eleasah, and his sonne Azel.

38 And Azel had sixe sons whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: all these were the sonnes of Azel.

39 And the sonnes of Eshek his brother were Ulam his eldest sonne, Jehush the second, and Eliphalet the third.

40 And the sonnes of Ulam were valiant men of warre which shot with the bowe, and had many sonnes and nephewes, an hundreth and fiftie: all these were of the sonnes of Beniamin.

CHAP. IX.

1 *All Israel and Iudah numbred.* 10 *Of the Priests and Leuites,* 11. 18. *And of their offices.*

THus all Israel were numbred by their genealogies: and behold, they are written in the booke of the kings of Israel and of Iudah, and they were [a] caried away to Babel for their transgression.

a Hitherto he hath described their genealogies before they were into captiuitie, and now he describeth their historie after their returne.

2 ¶ And the chiefe inhabitantes that dwelt in their owne possessions, and in their owne cities, euen Israel, the Priests, the Leuites, and the [b] Nethinims.

b Meaning, the Gibeonites, which serued in the Temple, read Iosh. 9. 23.

3 And in Ierusalem dwelt of the children of Iudah, and of the children of Beniamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh.

4 Uthai the sonne of Ammihud, the sonne of Omri, the sonne of Imri, the sonne of Bani, of the children of Pharez, the sonne of Iudah.

5 And of Shiloni, Asaiah the eldest, and his sonnes.

6 And of the ſonnes of Zerah, Jeuel, and their brethren ſixe hundreth and ninetie.

7 And of the ſonnes of Beniamin, Sallu, the ſonne of Meſhullam, the ſonne of Hodauiah, the ſonne of Halenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the ſonne of Ieroham, & Elah the ſonne of Uzzi, the ſonne of Michri, and Meſhullam the ſonne of Shephatiah, the ſonne of Reuel, the ſonne of Ibniiah.

9 And their brethren according to their generations nine hundreth, fiftie and ſixe, al theſe men were ‖ chiefe fathers in the houſeholds of their fathers. ‖Or, *chiefe of the families.*

10 ¶ And of the Prieſts, Jedaiah, and Iehoiarib, and Jachin,

11 And Azariah the ſonne of Hilkiah, the ſonne of Meſhullam, the ſonne of Zadok, the ſonne of Meraioth, the ſonne of Ahitub, the c chiefe of the houſe of God, c That is, he was the hie Priest.

12 And Adaiah the ſonne of Ieroham, the ſonne of Pashhur, the ſonne of Malchiah, and Maasai the ſonne of Adiel, the ſonne of Jahzerah, the ſonne of Meſhullam, the ſonne of Meſhillemith, the ſonne of Immer.

13 And their brethren the chiefe of the houſholdes of their fathers a thouſand ſeuen hundreth and threeſcore valiant men, for the d worke of the ſeruice of the houſe of God. d To ſerue in the Temple, euery one according to his office.

14 ¶ And of the Leuites, Shemaiah the ſonne of Hashub, the ſonne of Azrikam, the ſonne of Hashabiah, of the ſonnes of Merari,

15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the ſonne of Micha, the ſonne of Zichri, the ſonne of Asaph,

16 And Obadiah the ſonne of Shemaiah, the ſonne of Galal, the ſonne of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the ſonne of Asa, the ſonne of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 ¶ And the porters were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, & their brethren: Shallum was the chiefe.

18 For they were porters to this time by companies of the children of Leui vnto the e Kings gate Eaſtward. e So called, becauſe the King came into the Temple thereby, and not the common people.

19 And Shallum the ſonne of Kore the ſonne of Ebiasaph the ſonne of Korah, and his brethren the Korathites (of the houſe of their father) were ouer the worke, and office to keepe the gates of the f Tabernacle: ſo their families were ouer the hoſt of the Lord, keeping the entrie. f Their charge was, that none ſhould enter into thoſe places which were onely appointed for the Prieſts to miniſter in.

20 And Phinehas the ſonne of Eleazar, was their guide, and the Lord was with him.

21 Zechariah the ſonne of Meſhelemiah was the porter of the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

22 All theſe were choſen for porters of the gates, two hundreth and twelue, which were numbred according to their genealogies by their townes. Dauid eſtabliſhed theſe and Samuel the Seer ‖ in their perpetuall office. ‖Or, *for their fidelitie.*

23 So they and their children had the ouerſight of the gates of the houſe of the Lord, euen of the houſe of the Tabernacle by wardes.

24 The porters were in foure quarters, Eaſtward, Weſtward, Northward, and Southward.

25 And their brethren which were in their townes, came at ſeuen dayes from time to time with them. g They ſerued weekely, as Ezr. 4.10.

26 For theſe foure chiefe porters were in perpetuall office, and were of the Leuites, and had charge of the ‖ chambers, and of the treaſures in the houſe of God. ‖Or, *opening the doores.*

27 And they lay round about the houſe of God, becauſe the charge was theirs, and they cauſed it to be open euery morning.

28 And certaine of them had the rule of the miniſtring veſſels: for they brought them in by tale, and brought them out by tale.

29 Some of them alſo were appointed ouer the inſtruments, and ouer all the veſſels of the Sanctuarie, and of the h floure, and the wine, and the oyle, and the incenſe, and the ſweete odours. h Whereof the meate offering was made, Leuit. 2.1.

30 And certaine of the ſonnes of the Prieſts made ointments of ſweete odours.

31 And Mattithiah one of the Leuites which was the eldeſt ſonne of Shallum the Korhite, had the charge of the things that were made in the frying pan.

32 And other of their brethren the ſonnes of Kohath had the ouerlight of the i ſhewbread to prepare it euery Sabbath. *Exod.* 25.30.

33 And theſe are the ſingers, the chiefe fathers of the Leuites, which dwelt in the chambers, k and had none other charge: for they had to doe in that buſineſſe day and night. i But were continually occupied in ſinging praiſes to God.

34 Theſe were the chiefe fathers of the Leuites according to their generations, and the principall which dwelt at Ieruſalem.

35 * And in Gibeon dwelt ‖ the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, and the name of his wife was Maachah. *Chap.* 8.29. ‖Or, *Abigibeon.*

36 And his eldeſt ſonne was Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begate Shimeam: they alſo dwelt with their brethren at Ieruſalem, euen by their brethren.

39 And * Ner begate Kish, and Kish begate Saul, and Saul begate Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. *1. Sam.* 14.51. *chap.* 8.33.

40 And the ſonne of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begate Micah.

41 And the ſonnes of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea.

42 And Ahaz begate l Jarah, and Jarah begate Alemeth, and Azmaueth, and Zimri, and Zimri begate Moza. l Who was alſo called Iehoadah, Chap. 8.36.

43 And Moza begate Binea, whoſe ſonne was Rephaiah, and his ſonne was Eleasah, and his ſonne Azel.

44 And Azel had ſixe ſons, whoſe names are theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ismael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: theſe are the ſonnes of Azel.

CHAP. X.

1 *The battell of Saul againſt the Philiſtims,* 4 *In which he dieth,* 6 *And his ſonnes alſo,* 13 *The cauſe of Sauls death.*

NOw * the Philiſtims fought againſt Iſrael: and the men of Iſrael fledde before the Philiſtims, and fell downe ſlaine *1. Sam.* 31.1.

slaine in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistims pursued after Saul and after his sonnes, and the Philistims smote Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua the sonnes of Saul.

‡Hebr. found. 3 And the battel was sore against Saul, and the archers ‡ hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armour bearer, Drawe out thy sword, and thrust mee thorow therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and mocke at me: but his armour bearer would not, for he was sore afraid: therefore Saul tooke the sword and fell vpon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, hee fell likewise vpon the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died and his three sonnes, and all his house they died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley, saw how they fled, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead, they forsooke their cities, and fled away, and the Philistims came and dwelt in them.

‡Hebr. fallen. 8 And on the morow, when the Philistims came to spoile them that were slaine, they found Saul and his sonnes ‡ lying in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stript him, they tooke his head and his armour, and sent them into the land of the Philistims round about, to publish it vnto the idoles, and to the people.

10 And they layd vp his armour in the house of their God, and set vp his head in the house of a Dagon.

a Which was the idole of the Philistims, and from the belly downeward had the forme of a fish, and vpward of a man.

11 ¶ When all they of Jabeth Gilead heard all that the Philistims had done to Saul,

12 Then they arose (all the valiant men) and tooke the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes, and brought them to Jabeth, and buried the bones of them vnder an Oke in Jabeth, and fasted seuen dayes.

1. Sam. 15. 23. 13 So Saul died for his transgression, that he committed against the Lord, * euen against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and in that he sought and asked counsel of a ‖ * familiar spirit,

‖ Or, witch, and sorceresse. 1. Sam. 28. 8. 14 And asked not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdome vnto Dauid the sonne of Ishai.

CHAP. XI.

3 After the death of Saul is Dauid anointed in Hebron. 5 The Iebusites rebell against Dauid, from whom he taketh the towre of Zion. 6 Ioab is made captaine. 10 His valiant men.

2. Sam. 5. 1. THen * all Israel * gathered themselues to Dauid vnto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bones and thy flesh.

2 This was after the death of Ishbosheth Sauls sonne, when Dauid had reigned ouer Iudah seuen yeeres and sixe moneths in Hebron, 2 Sam. 5. 5. 2 And in time past, euen when Saul was king, thou leddest Israel out and in: and the Lord thy God said vnto thee, Thou shalt feede my people Israel, and thou shalt be captaine ouer my people Israel.

1. Sam. 16. 13. 3 So came all the Elders of Israel to the king to Hebron, and Dauid made a couenant with them in Hebron, before the Lord. And they anoynted Dauid king ouer Israel, * according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Samuel.

4 ¶ And Dauid and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where were the Iebusites, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to Dauid, Thou shalt not come in hither. Neuertheless Dauid tooke the towre of Zion, which is the citie of Dauid.

2. Sam. 5. 8. 6 And Dauid said, * Whosoeuer smiteth the Iebusites first, shalbe the chiefe and captain. So Joab the sonne of Zeruiah went first vp, and was captaine.

7 And Dauid dwelt in the tower: therefore they called it the citie of Dauid.

2. Sam. 5. 9. 8 * And he built the citie on euery side, from Millo euen round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the citie.

9 And Dauid prospered, and grew: for the Lord of hostes was with him.

2. Sam. 23. 8. 10 ¶ * These also are the chiefe of the valiant men that were with Dauid, and toyned their force with him in his kingdome with all Israel, to make him king ouer Israel, according to the word of the Lord.

11 And this is the number of the valiant men whom Dauid had, Jashobeam the sonne of Hachmoni, the * chiefe among thirty: hee lift vp his speare against three hundreth, whom he slew at one time.

b Meaning, the most excellent and best esteemed for his valiantnesse: some read, the chiefe of the Princes.

12 And after him was Eleazar the sonne of ‖ Dodo the Ahohite, which was one of the three valiant men.

‖ Or, his vncle. 13 Hee was with Dauid at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistims were gathered together to battel: and there was a parcell of ground full of barley, and the people fled before the Philistims.

14 And they stood in the middes of the field, and * saued it, and slew the Philistims: so the Lord gaue a great victory.

c This act is referred to Shammah, 2. Sam. 23. 11. which seemeth was the chiefest of these.

15 ¶ And three of the * thirty captaines went to a rocke to Dauid, into the caue of Adullam. And the armie of the Philistims camped in the valley of Rephaim.

d That is, Eleazar and his two companions.

16 And when Dauid was in the hold, the Philistims garison was at Beth-lehem.

2. Sam. 23. 15. 17 And Dauid longed, and sayd, * Oh, that one would giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-lehem that is at the gate.

18 Then these three brake thorow the hoste of the Philistims, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem that was by the gate, and tooke it, and brought it to Dauid: but Dauid would not drinke of it, but powred it for an oblation to the Lord,

e That is, this water for the which they ventured their blood. 19 And sayd, Let not my God suffer mee to doe this: should I drinke the * blood of these mens liues? for they haue brought it with the ieopardy of their liues: therefore he would not drinke it: these things did these three mighty men.

20 ¶ And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chiefe of the three, and he lift vp his speare against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among the three.

21 Among the three hee was more honourable then the two, and he was their captaine: * but hee attained not vnto the first three.

2. Sam. 23. 19. 22 Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada (the

sonne of a valiant man) which had done many acts, and was of Kabzeel, hee slewe two ‖ strong men of Moab: he went downe also and slew a Lion in the mids of a pit in time of snow.

‖ Or, *Lions.*

23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, euen fiue cubits long, and in the Egyptians hand was a speare like a weauers beame: and hee went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptians hand, and slewe him with his owne speare.

24 These things did Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and had the name among the three worthies.

25 Behold, hee was honourable among thirtie, but hee attained not vnto the f first three. * And Dauid made him of his counsell.

f Meaning, those three which brought the water to Dauid. 2. *Sam.* 23. 23.

26 ¶ These also were valiant men of warre, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the sonne of Dodo of Beth-lehem.

27 g Shammoth the Harodite, Helez the Pelonite,

g Called also Shemoah, 2. Sam. 23. 25.

28 Ira the sonne of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 h Sibbecai the Husathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

h He is also called Mebunnai, 2. Sam. 23. 27.

30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the sonne of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the sonne of Ribai of Gibeah, of the children of Beniamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the riuers of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaueth the Baharumite, Eliaba the Shaalbonite,

34 The sonnes of Hashem the Gezonite, Jonathan the sonne of Shageth the Harite,

35 Ahiam the sonne of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the sonne of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the sonne of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the sonne of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahrai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the sonne of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the sonne of Ahlai,

42 Adina the sonne of Shiza the Reubenite, a captaine of the Reubenites, and thirty with him.

43 Hanan the sonne of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sonnes of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the sonne of Shimri, and Joha his brother the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahauite, and Jeribai and Joshauiah the sonnes of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

2 Who they were that went with Dauid when he fled from Saul, 14 Their valiantnes, 23 They that came vnto him vnto Hebron out of euery tribe to make him king.

THese also are they that came to Dauid to a Ziklag, while he was yet kept close because of Saul the sonne of Kish: and they were among the valiant and helpers of the battel.

a To take his part against Saul who persecuted him.

2 They were weaponed with bowes, and could vse the right and the left hande with stones and with arrowes and with bowes, and were of Sauls b brethren, euen of Beniamin.

b That is, of the tribe of Beniamin, whereof Saul was, and wherein were excellent throwers with slings, Judges. 20. 16.

3 The chiefe were Ahiezer, and Joash the sonnes of Shemaah a Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet the sonnes of Azmaueth, Berochah and Jehu the Antothite.

4 And Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a valiant man among thirtie, and aboue the thirtie, and Jeremiah, and Jehaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Ishiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam of Hakorhim,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sonnes of Jeroham of ‖ Gedor.

‖ Or, *Gedur.*

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselues vnto Dauid into the holde of the wildernesse, valiant men of warre, and men of armes, and apt for battel, which could handle ‖ speare and shielde, and their faces were like the faces of c Lions, and were like the Roes in the mountaines in swiftnesse,

‖ Or, *buckler.*

c Meaning, fierce and terrible.

9 Ezer the chiefe, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 ‖ Mishmanah the fourth, Jeremiah the fift,

‖ Or, *Masmannah.*

11 Attai the sixt, Eliel the seuenth,

12 Johanan the eight, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleuenth.

14 These were the sonnes of Gad, Captaines of the hoste: one of the least could resist an hundreth, and the greatest a thousand.

15 These are they that went ouer Jorden in the d first moneth when he had filled ouer all his bankes, and put to flight all them of the valley toward the East and the West.

d Which the Ebrewes called Nisan or Abib, conteining halfe March and halfe April, when Iorden was wont to ouerflow his bankes, reade Iosh. 3. 15.

16 And there came of the children of Beniamin, and Judah vnto the holde vnto Dauid,

17 And Dauid went out to meete them, and answered, and sayde vnto them, If yee bee come peaceably vnto mee to helpe mee, mine heart shalbe knit vnto you, but if you come to betray me to mine aduersaries, seeing there is no wickednesse in mine handes, the God of our fathers behold it, and rebuke it.

18 And the e spirit came vpon Amasai, which was the chiefe of thirtie, and hee said, Thine are wee, Dauid, and with thee, O sonne of Jishai. Peace, peace be vnto thee, and peace bee vnto thine helpers: for thy God helpeth thee. Then Dauid receiued them, and made them captaines of the garison.

e The spirit of boldnes and courage moued him to speake thus.

19 ¶ And

19 ¶ And of Manasseh some fell to Dauid, when hee came with the Philistims against Saul to battel but they [f] helped them not: for the princes of the Philistims by aduisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul ‖ for our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Iozabad, and Iediael, and Michael, and Iozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, heads of the thousands that were of Manasseh.

21 And they helped Dauid against [g] that band: for they were all valiant men, & were captaines in the hoste.

22 For at that time day by day there came to Dauid to helpe him, vntill it was a great hoste, like the hoste of [h] God.

23 And these are the numbers of the captaines that were armed to battell, and came to Dauid to Hebron to turne the kingdome of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord.

24 The children of Iudah that bare shield and ‖ speare, were six thousand & eight hundred armed to the warre.

25 Of the children of Simeon valiant men of warre, seuen thousand & an hundreth.

26 Of the children of Leui, foure thousand and sixe hundreth.

27 And Iehoiada was the chiefe of them of [i] Aaron: and with him three thousand and seuen hundreth.

28 And Zadok a yong man very valiant, and of his fathers household came two and twentie captaines.

29 And of the children of Beniamin the brethren of Saul three thousand: for a great part of them vnto that time [k] kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim twentie thousand, and eight hundred valiant men and famous men in the household of their fathers.

31 And of the halfe tribe of Manasseh eighteene thousand, which were appointed by name to come and make Dauid King.

32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had vnderstanding of the [l] times, to know what Israel ought to doe: the heads of them were two hundreth, and all their brethren were at their comandement.

33 Of Zebulun that went out to battell, expert in warre, and in all instruments of warre, fiftie thousand ‖ which could set the battell in aray: they were not of a ‡ double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousande captaines, and with them with shield and speare seuen and thirtie thousand.

35 And of Dan expert in battel, eight and twentie thousand and sixe hundreth.

36 And of Asher that went out to the battell and were trained in the warres, fourtie thousand.

37 And of the other side of Iorden of the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and of the halfe tribe of Manasseh with all instruments of warre to fight with, an hundreth and twentie thousand.

38 [m] All these men of warre ‖ that could leade an armie, came with ‖ vpright heart to Hebron to make Dauid King ouer all Israel: and all the rest of Israel was of one accord to make Dauid King:

39 And there they were with Dauid three dayes, eating and drinking: for their [n] brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreouer, they that were neere them vntill Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali brought bread vpon asses, and on camels, and on mules, & on oxen, euen meate, floure, figges, and raisins, and wine and oyle, and beeues and sheepe aboundantly: for there was ioy in Israel.

CHAP. XIII.

7 The Arke [u] brought againe from Kiriath-iearim to Ierusalem. 9 Vzza dieth because hee touched it.

AND Dauid counselled with the captaines of thousands and of hundreths, and with all the gouernours.

2 And Dauid said to all the Congregation of Israel, If it seeme good to you, and that it proceedeth of the Lord our God, wee will send to and fro vnto our brethren, that are left in all the land of Israel (for with them are the Priests and the Leuites in the cities and their suburbes) that they may assemble themselues vnto vs.

3 And we will bring againe the [a] Arke of our God to vs: for we sought not vnto it in the dayes of Saul.

4 And all the Congregation answered, Let vs doe so: for the thing seemed good in the eyes of all the people.

5 ¶ [*] So Dauid gathered all Israel together from ‖ Shihor in Egypt, euen vnto the entring of Hamath, to bring the Arke of God from [b] Kiriath-iearim.

6 And Dauid went vp and all Israel to ‖ Baalath, in Kiriath-iearim, that was in Iudah, to bring vp from thence the Arke of God the Lorde that dwelleth betweene the Cherubims, where his Name is called on.

7 And they carried the Arke of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Vzza and Ahio [c] guided the cart.

8 And Dauid and all Israel played before [d] God with all their might, both with songs and with harps, and with violes, and with timbrels and with cymbales, and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came vnto the threshing floore of [e] Chidon, Vzza put forth his hande to holde the Arke, for the oxen did shake it.

10 But the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Vzza, and he smote him, because he layed his hand vpon the Arke: so he died there [f] before God.

11 And Dauid was angry, because the Lord had made a breach in Vzza, and he called the name of that place Perez-Vzza vnto this day.

12 And Dauid feared God that day, saying, How shall I bring in to me the Arke of God?

13 Therfore Dauid brought not the Arke to him into the citie of Dauid, but caused

[f] They came only to helpe Dauid, and not to succour the Philistims, which were enemies to their countrey. *1. Sam. 29. 4.*

‖ *Or, on the ieopardie of our heads.*

[g] To wit, of the Amalekites, which had burned the citie Ziklag, 1. Sam. 30. 1, 9.

[h] Meaning, mighty or strong: for the Ebrewes say a thing is of God, when it is excellent.

‖ *Or, bucker.*

[i] Of the Leuites which came by descent of Aaron.

[k] That is, the greatest number tooke Sauls part.

[l] Men of good experience, which knew at all times what was to be done.

‖ *Or, set themselues in aray.*

‡ *Ebr. heart and heart.*

[m] So that his whole host were three hundreth twentie and two thousand, two hundred, twentie and two.

‖ *Or, fight in their aray.*

‖ *Or, with a good courage.*

[n] The rest of the Israelites.

[a] His first care was to restore Religion, which had in Sauls dayes bene corrupted and neglected. 2. *Sam.* 6. 2.

‖ *Or, Nilus.*

[b] That is, from Gibea, where the inhabitants of Kiriath-iearim had placed it in the house of Abinadab, 2. Sam. 6. 3.

‖ *Or, Baale, ready* 2. *Sam.* 6. 2.

[c] The sonnes of Abinadab.

[d] That is, before the Arke, where God shewed himselfe: so that by signe is taken for the thing signified, which is common to all sacraments both in the olde and new Testament.

[e] Called also Nachon, 2. Sam. 6. 6

[f] Before the Arke for vsurping that which did not appertaine to his vocation: for this charge was given the Priests, Numb. 4. 15. so that here all good intentions are condemned, except they be commanded by the word of God.

e Who was a Leuite, and called Gittite, because hee had dwelt at Gath.

it to turne into the house of ‖ Obed Edom the Gittite.

14 So the Arke of God remained in the house of Obed Edom, euen in his house three moneths: and the Lord blessed the house of Obed Edom, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Hiram sendeth wood and workemen to Dauid. 4 The names of his children. 8. 14 By the counsel of God he goeth against the Philistims, and ouercommeth them. 15 God fighteth for him.

2. *Sam.* 5. 11. ‡ *Ebr. Zor.*

THen * sent Hiram the king of ‡ Tyrus messengers to Dauid, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters to build him an house.

2 Therefore Dauid knew that the Lord had confirmed him King ouer Israel, and that his kingdome was lift vp on high, because of his a people Israel.

a Because of Gods promise made to the people of Israel.

3 ¶ Also Dauid tooke moe wiues at Ierusalem, and Dauid begate moe sonnes and daughters.

4 And these are the names of the children which hee had at Ierusalem, Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Salomon,

5 And Ibhar, ‡ Elishua, and b Elpalet,

b Elpalet and Nogah are not mentioned, 2. Sam. 5. 14. so there are but eleuen, and here thirteene.

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, ‡ Iaphia,

7 And Elishama, and ‖ Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

‖ *Or, Eliada.*

8 But when the Philistims heard that Dauid was anoynted King ouer Israel, all the Philistims came vp to seeke Dauid. And when Dauid heard, hee went out against them.

9 And the Philistims came and spread themselues in the valley of Rephaim.

10 Then Dauid asked counsell at God, saying, Shall I goe vp against the Philistims, and wilt thou deliuer them into mine hand? And the Lord said vnto him, Goe vp: for I will deliuer them into thine hand.

11 So they came vp to Baal-perazim, and Dauid smote them there: and Dauid sayd, God hath diuided mine enemies with mine hand, as waters are diuided: therefore they called the name of that place, c Baal-perazim.

c That is, the valley of diuisions, because the enemies were dispersed there like waters.

12 And there they had left their gods: and Dauid sayd, Let them bee euen burnt with fire.

13 Againe the Philistims came and spred themselues in the valley.

14 And when Dauid asked againe counsell at God, God said to him, Thou shalt not go vp after them, but turne away from them, that thou mayest come vpon them ouer against the mulberie trees.

15 And when thou hearest the noyse of one going in the tops of the mulberie trees, then goe out to battel: for God is gone forth before thee, to smite the host of the Philistims.

16 So Dauid did as God had commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistims from Gibeon euen to Gezer.

17 And the fame of Dauid went out into all lands, and the Lord brought the feare of him vpon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 Dauid prepareth an house for the Arke. 4 The number and order of the Leuites. 16 The singers are chosen out among them. 25 They bring againe the Arke with ioy. 29 Dauid dauncing before it, is despised of his wife Michal.

ANd Dauid made him houses in the a citie of Dauid, and prepared a place for the Arke of God, and pitched for it a tent.

a That was in the place of the city called Zion, 2. Sam. 5. 7, 9. *Num.* 4. 2, 20.

2 Then Dauid said, * None ought to carie the Arke of God but the Leuites: for the Lord hath chosen them to beare the Arke of the Lord, and to minister vnto him for euer.

3 ¶ And Dauid gathered all Israel together to Ierusalem to bring vp the b Arke of the Lord vnto his place, which he had ordeined for it.

b From the house of Obed Edom, 2. Sam. 6. 10, 12.

4 And Dauid assembled the sonnes of Aaron, and the Leuites.

5 Of the sonnes of Kohath, Uriel the chiefe, and his ‖ brethren fiue score.

‖ *Or, kinsmen.*

6 Of the sonnes of Merari, Asaiah the chiefe, and his brethren two hundreth and twentie.

7 Of the sonnes of Gershom, Joel the chiefe, and his brethren an hundreth and thirtie.

8 Of the sonnes of c Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chiefe, ‡ his brethren two hundreth.

c Who was the sonne of Vzziel, the fourth sonne of Kohath, Exod. 6. 18, 22. and num. 3. 30.

9 Of the sonnes of d Hebron, Eliel the chiefe, and his brethren fourescore.

d The third son of Kohath, Exod. 6. 18.

10 Of the sonnes of Vzziel, Amminadab the chiefe, and his brethren an hundreth and twelue.

11 ¶ And Dauid called Zadok and Abiathar the Priests, and of the Leuites, Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab:

12 And hee sayd vnto them, Yee are the chiefe fathers of the Leuites: e sanctifie your selues, and your brethren, and bring vp the Arke of the Lorde God of Israel vnto the place that I haue prepared for it.

e Prepare your selues, and be pure, absteine from all things whereby ye might be polluted, and so not able to come to the Tabernacle. *Chap.* 13. 10.

13 For * because yee were not there at the first, the Lord our God made a breach among vs: for we sought him not after f due order.

f According as he hath appointed in the Law. *Exod.* 25. 14, 15.

14 So the Priests and the Leuites sanctified themselues to bring vp the Arke of the Lord God of Israel.

15 ¶ And the sonnes of the Leuites bare the Arke of God vpon their shoulders with the barres, as Moses had commanded, * according to the word of the Lord.

16 And Dauid spake to the chiefe of the Leuites, that they should appoint certaine of their brethren to sing with g instruments of musicke, with violes and harpes, and cymbals, that they might make a sound, and lift vp their voyce with ioy.

g These instruments and other ceremonies, which they obserued, were instructions of their infancie, which continued to the coming of Christ.

17 So the Leuites appointed Heman the sonne of Joel, and of his brethren Asaph the sonne of Berechiah, ‡ of the sonnes of Merari their brethren, Ethan ‖ sonne of Kushaiah,

18 And with them their brethren in the h second degree, Zechariah, Ben, ‡ Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, ‡ Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphaleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed Edom, and Jeiel the porters.

h Which were inferiour in dignitie.

19 So Heman, Asaph and Ethan were singers to make a sound with cymbales of brasse,

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab,

Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah with violes on i Alamoth,

21 And Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harpes vpon k Sheminith Ienazzeah.

22 But Chenaniah the chiefe of the Leuites l had the charge, bearing the burden in the charge, for he was able to instruct.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were porters for the Arke.

24 And Shecaniah, m Iehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the Priests did blow with trumpets before the Arke of God, and Obed Edom and Iehiah were porters n for the Arke.

25 *So Dauid and the Elders of Israel & the captaines of thousands went to bring vp the Arke of the couenant of the Lorde from the house of Obed Edom with ioy.

26 And because that God o helped the Leuites that bare the Arke of the couenant of the Lorde, they offered p seuen bullockes and seuen rammes.

27 And Dauid had on him a linnen garment, as all the Leuites that bare the Arke and the singers, and Chenaniah that had the chiefe charge of the singers: and vpon Dauid was a linnen q Ephod.

28 Thus all Israel brought vp the Arke of the Lordes couenant with shouting, and sound of cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a sound with violes and with harpes.

29 And when the Arke of the r Couenant of the Lorde came into the citie of Dauid, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at a window, and saw king Dauid dancing and playing, and * she despised him in her heart.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Arke being placed, they offer sacrifices. 4 Dauid ordaineth Asaph and his brethren to minister before the Lord. 8 He appointeth a notable Psalme to be sung in prayse of the Lord.

So they brought in the Arke of God, and set it in the mids of the Tabernacle that Dauid had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 And when Dauid had made an end of offring the burnt offering and the peace offerings, hee s blessed the people in the Name of the Lord.

3 And hee dealt to euery one of Israel both man and woman, to euery one a cake of bread, and a piece of flesh, and a bottle of wine.

4 And he appointed certaine of the Leuites to minister before t Arke of the Lord, and to t rehearse and to thanke and prayse the Lord God of Israel,

5 Asaph the chiefe, and next vnto him Zechariah, Ieiel, and Shemiramoth, and Iehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed Edom, euen Ieiel with instruments, violes and harpes, and Asaph to make a sound with cymbales,

6 And Benaiah and Iahaziel Priestes, with trumpets continually before the Arke of the couenant of God.

7 Then at that time Dauid did u appoint at the beginning to giue thanks to the Lord by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 *Prayse ye Lord, & call vpon his Name: declare his x workes among the people.

9 Sing vnto him, sing prayse vnto him, and talke of all his y wonderfull workes.

10 Reioyce in his holy Name: let the hearts of them that seeke the Lord, reioyce.

11 Seeke the Lord & his strength: seeke his face continually.

12 Remember his marueilous workes that he hath done, his wonders, and the z iudgements of his mouth,

13 O seede of Israel his seruaunt, O the children of Iaakob his a chosen.

14 Hee is the Lord our God: his iudgements are throughout all the earth.

15 Remember his couenant for euer, and the worde, which he commanded to a thousand generations:

16 *Which he made with Abraham, and his othe to Izhak:

17 And hath confirmed it to Iaakob for a Lawe, and to Israel for an euerlasting couenant,

18 Saying, To thee will I giue the land of Canaan, the b lot of your inheritance,

19 When ye were c few in number, yea, a very few, and strangers therein,

20 And walked about from nation to nation, and from one kingdome to another people,

21 Hee suffered no man to doe them wrong: but rebuked d kings for their sakes, saying,

22 Touch not mine e anoynted, and doe my f Prophets no harme.

23 *Sing vnto the Lord all the earth: declare his saluation from day to day.

24 Declare his glory among the nations, and his wonderfull workes among all people.

25 For the Lord is great and much to be prayled, and hee is to bee feared aboue all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people are g idoles, but the Lord made the heauens.

27 Prayse & glory are before him: power and beautie are in his place.

28 Giue vnto the Lord, ye families of the people: giue vnto the Lord glory and power

29 Giue vnto the Lorde the glory of his Name: bring an offering and come before him, and worship the Lorde in the glorious Sanctuary.

30 *Tremble ye before him, all the earth: surely the worlde shall bee stable and not moue.

31 Let the h heauens reioyce, and let the earth be glad, and let them say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.

32 Let the sea roare, and all that therein is: let the field be ioyful and all that is in it.

33 Let the trees of the wood then reioice

i This was an instrument of musicke, or a certain tune, whereunto they accustomed to sing psalmes.

k Which was the eight tune, ouer the which he that was most excellent had charge.

l To wit, to appoint Psalmes & songs to them that sung.

m With Berechiah and Elkanah, verse 23. *2. Sam. 6. 12.*

n That is, gaue them strength to execute their office.

o Besides the bullocke and the fat beast, which Dauid offered at euery sixt pase, *2. Sam. 6. 13.*

p Read *2. Sam. 6. 14.*

q It was so called because it put the Israelites in remembrance of the Lords couenant made with them. *2. Sam. 6. 16.*

2. Sam. 6. 17.

r He called vpon the Name of God, desiring him to prosper the people, and giue good successe to their beginnings.

s To wit, Gods benefits toward his people.

t Meaning, from the time that Abraham entred, vnto the time, that Iaakob went into Egypt for famine.

i As Pharaoh & Abimelech.

k Mine elect people, & them whom I haue sanctified.

l To whom God declared his word, and they declared it to their posterity. *Psal. 95. 1.*

m His strong faith appeareth herein, that though all the world would follow idoles, yet he would cleaue to the liuing God.

n Humble your selues vnder the mightie hand of God.

o Hee exhorteth the dumbe creatures to reioice with him in considering the greatnesse of the grace of God.

c Dauid gaue them this psalme to praise y Lord, signifying that in all our enterprises the Name of God ought to be praised and called vpon. *Psal. 105. 1. & 1. Chron. 13. 4.*

d Whereof this is the chiefest, that he hath chosen himselfe a Church to call vpon his Name.

e Who of his wonderfull prouidence hath chosen a fewe of the stocke of Abraham to be his children.

f In ouercoming Pharaoh, which iudgements were declared by Gods mouth to Moses.

g Meaning hereby, that the promise of adoption onely appertaineth to the Church. *Gen. 22. 16, 17, 18 Luke 1. 73. hebr. 6. 17.*

‡ *Eb. coard whereby parcels of lands were measured.*

h Meaning, from the time that Abraham entred, vnto the time, that Iaakob went into Egypt for famine.

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k Mine elect people, & them whom I haue sanctified.

l To whom God declared his word, and they declared it to their posterity. *Psal. 95. 1.*

m His strong faith appeareth herein, that though all the

at the presence of the Lord: for he commeth to p iudge the earth.

34 Prayse the Lord, for he is good, for his mercie endureth for euer.

35 And say ye, Saue vs, O God, our saluation, and gather vs, and deliuer vs from the heathen, that we may prayse thine holy Name, and q glory in thy prayse.

36 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for euer and euer: and let all people say, So be it, and prayse the Lord.

37 ¶ Then he left there before the Arke of the Lords conenant Asaph & his brethren to minister continually before the Arke, that which was to be done euery day:

38 And Obed Edom and his brethren, threescore and eight: and Obed Edom the sonne of Iedithun, and Hosah were porters.

39 And Zadok the Priest and his brethren the Priestes were before the Tabernacle of the Lorde, in the high place that was at Gibeon,

40 To offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord, vpon the burnt offering altar continually, in the morning and in the euening, euen according vnto all that is written in the lawe of the Lord, which he commanded Israel.

41 And with them were Heman, & Iedithun, and the rest that were chosen (which were appoynted by names) to prayse the Lord, because his mercy endureth for euer.

42 Euen with them were Heman and Iedithun, to make a sound with the cornets and with the cymbals, with excellent instruments of musicke: and the sonnes of Iedithun were at the gate.

43 And all the people departed, euery man to his house: and Dauid returned to t blesse his house.

CHAP. XVII.

3 Dauid is forbidden to build an house vnto the Lord. 12 Christ is promised vnder the figure of Salomon. 18 Dauid giueth thankes, 23 and prayeth vnto God.

NOw * afterwarde when Dauid dwelt in his house, he said to Nathan the Prophet, Behold, I dwell in an house of a cedar trees, but the Arke of the Lordes couenant remaineth vnder b curtaines.

2 Then Nathan said to Dauid, Do c all that is in thine heart: for God is with thee.

3 And the same d night euen the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go, and tel Dauid my seruant, Thus sayth the Lord, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:

5 For I haue dwelt in no house, since the day that I brought out the children of Israel vnto this day, but I haue bene from e tent to tent, and from habitation to habitation.

6 Whereseuer I haue f walked with all Israel, spake I one worde to any of the Iudges of Israel (whom I commaunded to feede my people) saying, Why haue yee not built me an house of Cedar trees?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say vnto my seruant Dauid, Thus saith the Lord of hostes, I tooke thee from the sheepecoate g and from following the sheepe, that thou shouldest bee a prince ouer my people Israel.

8 And I haue bene with thee whithersoeuer thou hast walked, and haue destroyed all thine enemies out of thy sight, and haue ‖ made thee a name, like the name of the great men that are in the earth:

9 (Also I will appoynt a place for my people Israel, and h will plant it, that they may dwell in their place, & moue no more: neither shall the i wicked people vexe them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commaunded Iudges ouer my people Israel) And I will subdue all thine enemies: therefore I say vnto thee, that the Lord will k build thee an house.

11 And when thy dayes shall be fulfilled to goe with thy fathers, then will I raise vp thy seede after thee, which shall bee of thy sonnes, and will stablish his kingdome.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for l euer.

13 I will be his father, and he shalbe my sonne, and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I tooke it from him that was before t thee.

14 But I wil establish him in mine house, and in my kingdom for euer, and his throne shall be established for euer.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision. So Nathan spake to Dauid.

16 ¶ And Dauid the King m went in, and ‖ sate before the Lorde, and sayde, Who am I, O Lorde God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought mee n hitherto?

17 Yet thou esteeming this a small thing, O God, hast also spoken concerning the house of thy seruant for a great while, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of o hie degree, O Lord God.

18 What can Dauid desire more of thee for the honour of thy seruant? for thou knowest thy seruant.

19 O Lord, for thy seruants sake, euen according to thine p heart hast thou done all this great thing to declare all magnificence.

20 Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

21 Moreouer, what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeeme them to be his people, and to make thy selfe a Name, and to doe great and terrible things by casting out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast deliuered out of Egypt?

22 For thou hast ordeined thy people Israel to be thine owne people for euer, and thou Lord art become their God.

23 Therefore nowe Lorde, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy seruant and concerning his house, be confirmed for euer, and doe as thou hast sayd,

24 And let thy Name bee stable and magnified for euer, that it may bee sayde, The Lorde of hostes, God of Israel, is the God

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p To reduce all things to their estate.

q He esteemeth this to be the chiefest felicitie of man.

r He willeth all the people both in heart and mouth to consent to these prayses.

s With Zadok and the rest of the Priests.

t Declaring that after our duety to God we are chiefly bound to our owne house, for the which as for all other things, we ought to pray vnto God, & instruct our families to prayse his Name.

1. Sam. 7. 2.

a Well built and faire.

b That is, in tents couered with skins.

c As yet God had not reueiled to the prophet what he purposed concerning Dauid: therefore seeing God fauoured Dauid, he spake what he thought.

d After that Nathan had spoken to Dauid.

e That is, in a tent which remoued to & fro.

f Meaning, wherfoeuer his Arke went, which was a signe of his presence.

g Of a shepheard of sheepe I made thee a shepheard of men, so that thou camest not to this dignitie through thine owne merites, but by my pure grace.

‖ Or, gotten thee fame.

h Make them sure that they shall not remoue

‡ Hebr. sonnes of iniquitie.

‖ Or, consume.

i Will giue thee great posterity.

k That is, vnto the conuming of Christ: for then these figures should cease.

l Which was Saul.

m He went into the tent where the Arke was, shewing what we ought to doe when we receiue any benefits of the Lord.

‖ Or, remained.

n Meaning, to this kingly estate.

o Thou hast promised a kingdō that shal continue to me and my posterity and that Christ shall proceede of me.

p Freely, and according to the purpose of thy will, without any deseruing.

God of q Israel, and let the house of Dauid thy seruant be stablished before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast r reuealed vnto the eare of thy seruant, that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy seruant hath ſ bene bold to pray before thee.

26 Therefore now Lorde (for thou art t God, and hast spoken this goodnesse vnto thy seruant)

27 Now therefore it hath pleased thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may be before thee for euer: for thou, O Lord, hast blessed it, and it shall be blessed for euer.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The battell of Dauid against the Philistims, 3 and against Moab, 3 Zobah, 5 Aram, 13 and Edom.

AND after this Dauid smote the Philistims, and subdued them, and tooke a Gath, and the villages thereof out of the hand of the Philistims.

2 And hee smote Moab, and the Moabites became Dauids seruants, and ‖ brought gifts.

3 ¶ And Dauid smote ‖ Hadarezer king of Zobah vnto Hamath, as he went to stablish his border by the riuer ‖ Perath.

4 And Dauid tooke from him a thousand charets, and seuen thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen, and destroyed all the charets, but he reserued of them an hundreth charets.

5 ¶ Then came the Aramites of Damascus to succour Hadarezer king of Zobah, but Dauid slewe of the Aramites two and twenty thousand.

6 And Dauid put a garison in Aram of ‖ Damascus, and the Aramites became Dauids seruants, and brought gifts: and the Lord b preserued Dauid wherefoeuer he went.

7 And Dauid tooke the shields of golde that were of the seruants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Ierusalem.

8 And from c Tibhath, and from Chun (cities of Hadarezer) brought Dauid exceeding much brasse, wherewith Salomon made the d brasen Sea, and the pillars and the vessels of brasse.

9 ¶ Then Tou king of Hamath heard how Dauid had smitten all the hoste of Hadarezer king of Zobah:

10 Therefore hee sent d Hadoram his sonne to king Dauid to salute him, and to reioyce with him, because hee had fought against Hadarezer, and beaten him (for Tou had warre with Hadarezer) who brought all vessels of golde, and siluer, and brasse.

11 And king Dauid did dedicate them vnto the Lord, with the siluer and gold that he brought from all the nations, from e Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistims, and from Amalek.

12 ¶ And Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah smote of Edom in the salt valley f eighteene thousand.

13 And he put a garison in Edom, and all the Edomites became Dauids seruants: and the Lord preserued Dauid wherefoeuer he went.

14 So Dauid reigned ouer all Israel, and executed iudgement and iustice to all his people.

15 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah was ouer the hoste, and Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud Recorder.

16 And Zadok the sonne of Ahitub, and Abimelech the sonne of Abiathar were the Priests, and ‖ Shausha the Scribe.

17 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada was ouer the g Cherethites and the Pelethites: and the sonnes of Dauid were chiefe about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

4 Hanun king of the children of Ammon doeth great iniuries to the seruants of Dauid. 6 Hee prepareth an armie against Dauid, 15 and is ouercome.

AFter this also a Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his sonne reigned in his stead.

2 And Dauid said, I will shew kindnesse vnto Hanun the sonne of Nahash, because his a father shewed kindnesse vnto me. And Dauid sent messengers to comfort him for his father. So the seruants of Dauid came into the lande of the children of Ammon to Hanun to comfort him.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon sayde to Hanun, Thinkest thou that Dauid doeth honour thy father that he hath sent comforters vnto thee? Are not his seruants come to thee to b search, to serche, and to spie out the land?

4 Wherefore Hanun tooke Dauids seruants, and c shaued them, and cut off their garments by the halfe vnto the buttockes, and sent them away.

5 And there went certaine and tolde Dauid concerning the men: and hee sent to meete them (for the men were exceedingly ashamed) and the King sayd, Tarie at Iericho vntill your beards be growen: then returne.

6 ¶ When the children of Ammon saw that they ‖ stanke in the sight of Dauid, then sent Hanun and the children of Ammon a thousand talents of siluer to hire them charets and horsemen out of q Aram Naharaim, and out of Aram Maachah, and out of r Zobah.

7 And they hired them two and thirtie thousand charets, and the king of Maachah and his people which came and pitched before s Medeba: and the children of Ammon gathered themselues together from their cities, and came to the battell.

8 ¶ And when Dauid heard, he sent Ioab and all the hoste of the valiant men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and set their battell in aray at the gate of the citie. And the kings that were come, were by themselues in the field.

10 When Ioab saw that the front of the battell was against him before and behinde, then he chose out of all the choise of Israel, and set himselfe in aray to meete the Aramites.

11 And

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q That is, hee sheweth himselfe indeede to bee their God, by deliuering them from dangers, and preseruing them.

r Thou hast declared vnto me by Nathan the Prophet.

ſ *Ebr. hath found.*

t And canst not breake promise.

a Which 2. Sam. 8. 1. is called the bridle of bondage, because it was a strong towne, and kept the countrey round about in subiection.

‖ *Or, paid tribute.*

‖ *Or, Hadadezer.*

‖ *Or, Euphrates.* 2. *Sam.* 8. 4.

‖ *Or, Darmusek.*

b That is, in all things that he enterprised.

c Which 2. Sam. 8. 8. are called Betah and Berothai.

1. *King.* 7. 23. *Iere.* 52. 20.

d Called also Ioram, 2. Samuel 8. 10.

e Because the Edomites and the Syrians ioyned their power together, it is said 2. Sam. 8. 13. that the Aramites were spoyled.

f Which is vnderstood that Ioab slew twelue thousand, as is in the title of the threescore Psalm, and Abishai the rest.

‖ *Or, Seraiah.*

2. *Sam.* 8. 17, 18.

g Reade 2. Sam. 8, 18.

3. *Sam.* 10. 2.

a Because Nahash had receiued Dauid & his company, when Saul persecuted him, he would now shew pleasure to his sonne for the same.

b Thus the malicious euer interprete the purpose of the godly in the worst sence.

c They shaued off the halfe of their beards, 2. Sam. 10. 4.

d To put them to shame and villenie, whereas the ambassadour ought to haue bene honoured: and because the Iewes vsed to weare side garments & beards, they thus disfigured them, to make them odious to others.

‖ *Or, had made themselues to be abhorred of Dauid.*

2. *Sam.* 10. 6, 8.

e Which were fiue in all.

f Which was a citie of the tribe of Reuben beyond Iorden.

11 And the reſt of the people he deliuered vnto the hand of Abiſhai his brother, and they put themſelues in aray againſt the children of Ammon.

12 And he ſayd, If Aram be too ſtrong for me, then thou ſhalt ſuccour me: and if the children of Ammon preuaile againſt thee, then I will ſuccour thee.

13 Be ſtrong, and let vs ſhew our ſelues valiant for our people, and for the cities of our God, and let the Lord doe that which is good in his owne ſight.

14 So Ioab and the people that was with him, came neere before the Aramites vnto the battell, and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon ſaw that the Aramites fled, they fled alſo before Abiſhai his brother, and entred into the citie: ſo Ioab came to Ieruſalem.

16 ¶ And when the Aramites ſaw that they were diſcomfited before Iſrael, they ſent meſſengers and cauſed the Aramites to come forth that were beyond the [h] riuer: and Shophach the captaine of the hoſte of Hadarezer went before them.

17 And when it was ſhewed Dauid, he gathered all Iſrael, and went ouer Iorden, and came vnto them, and put himſelfe in aray againſt them: and when Dauid had put himſelfe in battell aray to meete the Aramites, they fought with him.

18 But the Aramites fled before Iſrael, and Dauid deſtroyed of the Aramites [i] ſeuen thouſand charets, and fourtie thouſand footmen, and killed Shophach the captaine of the hoſte.

19 And when the ſeruants of Hadarezer ſaw that they fell before Iſrael, they made peace with Dauid, and ſerued him. And the Aramites would no more ſuccour the children of Ammon.

CHAP. XX.

1 Rabbah deſtroyed. 3 The Ammonites tormented. 4 The Philiſtims are throſe ouercome with their gyants.

AND [a] when the yeere was expired, in the time that Kings goe out a warfare, Ioab caried out the ſtrength of the armie, and deſtroyed the countrey of the children of Ammon, and came and beſieged [a] Rabbah (but Dauid taried at Ieruſalem) and Ioab ſmote Rabbah and deſtroyed it.

2 [*] Then Dauid tooke the crown of their King from off his head, and found it the weight of a [b] talent of golde, with precious ſtones in it: and it was ſet on Dauids head, and he brought away the ſpoyle of the citie exceeding much.

3 And hee caried away the people that were in it, and cut them with ſawes, and with harrowes of yron, and with axes: euen thus did Dauid with all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then Dauid and all the people came againe to Ieruſalem.

4 ¶ [*] And after this alſo, there aroſe warre at ‖ Gezer with the Philiſtims: then Sibbechai the Huſhathite ſlew ‖ Sippai, of the children of ‖ Haraphah, and they were ſubdued.

5 And there was yet another battell with the Philiſtims: and Elhanan the ſonne of Iair ſlew [c] Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whoſe ſpeare ſtaffe was like a weauers beame.

6 And yet againe there was a battell at Gath, where was a man of a great ſtature, and his fingers were by [d] ſixes, euen foure and twenty, and was alſo the ſonne of Haraphah.

7 And when he reuiled Iſrael, Ionathan the ſonne of Shimea Dauids brother did ſlay him.

8 Theſe were borne vnto Haraphah at Gath, and fell by the hand of Dauid, and by the hands of his ſeruants.

CHAP. XXI.

Dauid cauſeth the people to bee numbred, and there die ſeuentie thouſand men of the peſtilence.

AND Satan ſtood vp againſt Iſrael, and prouoked Dauid to number Iſrael.

2 Therefore Dauid ſayd to Ioab, and to the rulers of the people, Goe, and number Iſrael from [b] Beer-ſheba euen to Dan, and bring it to me, that I may know the number of them.

3 And Ioab anſwered, The Lord encreaſe his people an hundreth times ſo many as they be. O my lord the king: are they not all my lords ſeruants? wherefore doeth my lord require this thing? why ſhould he be a cauſe of [c] treſpaſſe to Iſrael?

4 Neuertheleſſe the kings word preuailed againſt Ioab. And Ioab departed and went thorow all Iſrael, and returned to Ieruſalem.

5 And Ioab gaue the number & ſumme of the people vnto Dauid: & all Iſrael were [d] eleuen hundred thouſand men that drewe ſwoorde: and Iudah was [*] foure hundreth and ſeuentie thouſande men that drewe ſword.

6 But the Leuites and Beniamin counted he not among them: for the Kings word was abominable to Ioab.

7 ¶ And God was diſpleaſed with this thing: therefore he ſmote Iſrael.

8 Then Dauid ſayd vnto God, I haue ſinned greatly, becauſe I haue done this thing: but now I beſeech thee, remoue the iniquity of thy ſeruant: for I haue done very foolishly.

9 And the Lord ſpake vnto Gad Dauids ‖ Seer, ſaying,

10 Goe and tell Dauid, ſaying, Thus ſayth the Lorde, I offer thee three things: chuſe thee one of them, that I may doe it vnto thee.

11 So Gad came to Dauid, and ſayd vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Take to thee

12 Either three yeeres famine, or three moneths to bee deſtroyed before thine aduerſaries, and the ſwoorde of thine enemies ‖ to take thee, or elſe the ſwoorde of the Lorde and peſtilence in the lande three dayes, that the Angel of the Lorde may deſtroy throughout all the coaſtes of Iſrael:

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2. *Sam.* 11. 1.

a Which was the chiefe citie of the Ammonites. 2. *Sam* 12. 29, 30

b Which mounteth about the value of ſeuen thouſand and ſeuenty crownes, which is about threeſcore pound weight.

2. *Sam.* 21. 18. ‖ *Or, Gob,* 2 *Sam.* 21. 18. ‖ *Or, Saph.* ‖ *Or, Rephaim, or the gyants.*

g He declareth, that where the cauſe is euill, the courage cannot be valiant, and that in good cauſes men ought to be courageous, and commit the ſucceſſe to God.

h That is, Euphrates.

i For this place reade 2. Sam. 10. 18.

c Reade 2. Sam. 21. 19.

d Meaning, that he had ſixe a-piece on hands and feete.

a He tempted Dauid in letting before his eyes his excellencie and glory, his power and victories: reade 2 Sam. 24. 1.

b That is, from South to North.

c It was a thing indifferent and vſuall to number the people, but becauſe he did it of an ambitious minde, as though his ſtrength ſtood in his people, God puniſhed him.

d Ioab partly for griefe, and partly through negligence, gathered not the whole ſumme as it is here declared.

e In Samuel is mention of thirtie thouſand more: which was either by ioyning to them ſome of the Beniamites, which were mixed with Iudah, or as the Ebrewes write, here the chiefe and princes are left out.

‖ *Or, Prophet.* ‖ *Or, ſmite thee.*

Israel: Now therefore auaile thee, what woud I shall dyng againe to him that sent mee.

13 And Dauid sayd vnto God, I am in a wonderfull straite: let mee now fall into the hand of the Lord: for his mercies are exceeding great, and let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 So the Lord sent a pestilence in Israel, and there fell of Israel seuentie thousand men.

15 ¶ And God sent the Angel into Ierusalem to destroy it. And f as he was destroying, the Lord beheld, and g repented of the euill, and sayd to the Angel that destroyed, It is now enough, let thine hand cease. Then the Angel of the Lord stood by the threshing floore of ‖ Ornan the Iebusite.

16 And Dauid lift vp his eyes, and saw the Angel of the Lorde stand betweene the earth and the heauen with his sword drawen in his hand, and stretched out toward Ierusalem. Then Dauid and the Elders of Israel, which were clothed in sacke, fell vpon their faces.

17 And Dauid sayd vnto God, Is it not I that commaunded to number the people? It is euen I that haue sinned and haue committed euill, but these sheepe, what haue they done? O Lord my God, I beseech thee, let thine hand be on me, and on my fathers house, and not on h thy people for their destruction.

18 ¶ Then the Angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to Dauid, that Dauid should goe vp, and set vp an altar vnto the Lorde in the threshing floore of Ornan the Iebusite.

19 So Dauid went vp according to the saying of Gad, which hee had spoken in the Name of the Lord.

20 And Ornan turned about, and sawe the Angel, and his foure sonnes that were with him, hid themselues, and Ornan threshed wheate.

21 And as Dauid came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw Dauid, and went out of the threshing floore, and bowed himselfe to Dauid with his face to the ground.

22 And Dauid sayd to Ornan, Giue me the place of thy threshing floore, that I may build an k altar therein vnto the Lord: giue it mee for sufficient money, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 Then Ornan sayd vnto Dauid, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king doe that which seemeth him good: loe, I giue thee bullocks for burnt offerings, and threshing instruments for wood, and wheat for meat offering, I giue it all.

24 And king Dauid sayd to Ornan, Not so: but I will buy it for sufficient l money: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

25 So Dauid gaue to Ornan for that place m fiue hundreth shekels of golde by weight.

26 And Dauid built there an altar vnto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings & peace offerings, and called vpon the Lord, and he n answered him by fire from heauen vpon the altar of burnes offering.

27 And when the Lord had spoken to the Angel, he put vp his sword againe into his sheath.

28 At that time when Dauid saw that the Lorde had heard him in the threshing floore of Ornan the Iebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 (But the tabernacle of the Lord which Moses had made in the wildernesse, and the altar of burnt offering were at that season in the hie place at Gibeon.

30 And Dauid could not goe before it to aske counsell at God: for he was afrayde of the sword of the Angel of the Lord.)

CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid prepareth things necessary for the building of the Temple. 6 He commandeth his sonne Salomon to build the Temple of the Lorde, which thing he himselfe was forbidden to doe. 9 Vnder the figure of Salomon Christ is promised.

AND Dauid sayd, This is the a house of the Lord God, and this is the altar for the burnt offering of Israel.

2 And Dauid commanded to gather together the b strangers that were in the land of Israel, and he let masons to hew and polish stones to build the house of God.

3 c Dauid also prepared d much yron for the nailes of the doores and of the gates, and for the joynings, and abundance of braſſe passing weight,

4 And cedar trees without number: for the Zidonians and they of Tyrus brought much cedar wood to Dauid.

5 And Dauid sayd, Salomon my sonne is young and tender, and wee must build an house for the Lord, magnificall, excellent, and of great fame and dignitie throwout all countreys. I will therefore now prepare for him. So Dauid prepared very much before his death.

6 Then hee called Salomon his sonne, and charged him to build an house for the Lord God of Israel.

7 And Dauid sayd to Salomon, e My sonne, I purposed with my selfe to build an house to the Name of the Lord my God,

8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, d e Thou hast shed much blood, and hast made great battels: thou shalt not build an house vnto my Name: for thou hast shed much blood vpon the earth in my sight.

9 Beholde, a sonne is borne vnto thee, which shall be a man of rest: for I will giue him rest from all his enemies round about: therefore his name is Salomon: and I will send peace and quietnesse vpon Israel in his dayes.

10 f He shall build an house for my Name, and hee shall be my sonne, and I will be his Father, and I wil establish the throne of his kingdome vpon Israel for euer.

11 Now therefore my sonne, the Lord shall be with thee, and thou shalt g prosper, and thou shalt build an house to the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken of thee.

12 Onely

f Reade 2. Sam. 24. 16.

g When God draweth backe his plagues, he seemeth to repent, reade Gen. 6. 6.

‖ Or, Araunah,

h Thus he both sheweth a true repentance and a fatherly care toward his people, which defireth God to spare them, and to punish him and his.

i If man hide himselfe at the sight of an Angel, which is a creature, how much lesse is a sinner able to appeare before the face of God?

k Thus he did by the commandement of God, as verse 18. for els it had bene abominable except he had either Gods word, or reuelation.

l That is, as much as it is worth: for hauing enough of his owne, and yet to haue take of another mans goods to offer vnto the Lord, it had bene theft, and not acceptable to God.

m Read 2. Sam. 24. 24.

n God deliuered that he heard his request in that he sent downe fire from heauen: for else they might vse no fire in sacrifice, but of that which was reserued stil vpon the altar, Leuit. 6. 13 and came downe from heauen, Leuit. 9 24. as appeared by the punishment of Nadab and Abihu, Leuit. 10. 1.

a That is, the place where in he will be worshipped.

b Meaning, cunning men of other nations which dwelt among the Iewes.

c To wit, which weighed fiftie shekels of gold, 2. Chron. 3. 9.

2. Sam. 7. 13. Chap. 28. 3.

d This declareth how greatly God detesteth shedding of blood, seeing Dauid for this cause is stayed to build the Temple of the Lord, albeit he enterprised no warre, but by Gods commandement and against his enemies.

2. Sam. 7. 13. 1. King 5. 5.

e He sheweth that there can be no prosperitie, but when the Lord is with vs.

12 Onely the Lord giue thee wisedome and vnderstanding, and giue thee charge ouer Israel, euen to keepe the Lawe of the Lord thy God.

13 Then thou shalt prosper, if thou take heede to obserue the statutes and the iudgements which the Lord commanded Moses for Israel: bee strong and of good courage: feare not, neither be afrayd.

14 For beholde, according to my * powertie haue I prepared for the house of the Lord an hundreth thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of siluer, and of brasse and of yron passing weight: for there was abundance: I haue also prepared timber and stone, and thou mayest prouide more thereto.

15 Moreouer, thou hast workemen with thee enowe, ‖ hewers of stone, and workemen for timber, and all men expert in euery worke.

16 Of gold, of siluer, and of brasse, and of yron, there is no number: h Up therefore, and be doing, and the Lord will be with thee.

17 Dauid also commaunded all the princes of Israel to helpe Salomon his sonne, saying,

18 Is not the Lord your God with you, and hath giuen you rest on euery side? for he hath giuen the i inhabitants of the land into mine hand, and the lande is subdued before the Lord, and before his people.

19 Now set k your hearts and your soules to seeke the Lord your God, and arise, and builde the Sanctuarie of the Lord God, to bring the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God into the house built for the Name of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid being olde, ordaineth Salomon king. 3 He causeth the Leuites to be numbred, and assigneth them to their offices. 13 Aaron and his sonnes are for the high Priest. 14 The sonnes of Moses.

SO when Dauid was olde ‡ full of dayes, * hee made Salomon his sonne king ouer Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel with the Priests and the Leuites.

3 And the Leuites were numbred from the age of thirtie yere and aboue, and their number according to their summe was eight and thirty thousand men.

4 Of these foure and twentie thousand were set ‖ to aduance the worke of the house of the Lord, ‡ fiue thousand were ouerseers and Iudges.

5 And foure thousand were porters, and foure thousand praysed the Lorde with instruments which ‡ hee made to prayse the Lord.

6 * So Dauid diuided offices vnto them, to wit, to the sonnes of Leui, to * Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites were Laadan and Shimei.

8 The sonnes of Laadan, the chiefe was Iehiel, and Zetham, and Joel: three.

9 The sonnes of Shimei, Shelomith and Haziel, and Haran, three: these were the chiefe fathers of Laadan.

10 Also the sonnes of Shimei were Iahath, Zina, Ieush, and Beriah: these foure were the sonnes of Shimei.

11 And Iahath was the chiefe, and ‖ Zizah the second, but Ieush and Beriah had not many sonnes: therefore they were in the families of their father, counted but as one.

12 ¶ The sonnes of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, foure.

13 * The sonnes of Amram, Aaron, and Moses: and Aaron was separated to ‡ sanctifie the most holy place, he and his sonnes for euer to burne incense before the Lord, to minister to him, and to blesse in his Name for euer.

14 ¶ Moses also the man of God, his children were named with the b tribe of Leui.

15 The sonnes of Moses were Gershom, and Eliezer.

16 Of the sonnes of * Gershom was Shebuel the chiefe.

17 And the sonne of Eliezer was Rehabiah the c chiefe: for Eliezer had none other sonnes: but the sonnes of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The sonne of Izhar was Shelomith the chiefe.

19 The sonnes of Hebron were Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekamiam the fourth.

20 The sonnes of Uzziel were Michah the first, and Ishiah the second.

21 ¶ The sonnes of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. The sonnes of Mahli, Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died, and had no sonnes, but daughters, ‡ their * brethren the sonnes of Kish tooke them.

23 The sonnes of Mushi were Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth, three.

24 These were the sonnes of Leui according to the house of their fathers, euen the chiefe fathers according to their offices, according to the number of names, and their summe that did the worke for the seruice of the house of the Lord from the age of * twentie yeeres and aboue.

25 For Dauid sayde, The Lord God of Israel hath giuen rest vnto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for euer.

26 And also the Leuites shall no more beare the Tabernacle and all the vessels for the seruice thereof.

27 Therefore according to the last words of Dauid, the Leuites were numbred from twenty yeere and aboue,

28 And their office was vnder the hand of the sonnes of Aaron, for the seruice of the house of the Lord in the courts, and chambers, and in the ‡ purifying of all holy things, and in the worke of the seruice of the house of God,

29 Both for the shewbread, and for the fine floure, for the meate offering, and for the vnleauened cakes, and for the fried things, and for that which was rosted, and for all measures and esse,

30 And for to stand euery morning, to giue

1 These are onely the meanes whereby kings gouerne their subiects aright, and whereby the realmes doe prosper and flourish.

g For Dauid was poore in respect of Salomon.

‖ *Or, masons and carpenters.*

h That is, goe about it quickly.

i The nations round about.

k For else he knew that God would plague them, and not prosper their labours, except they sought with all their hearts to set forth his glory.

1. *King.* 1. 30.

‖ *Or, to haue care ouer.*

‡ *Eb. I made, meaning Dauid. Chap. 6. 1. Exod. 6. 17.*

‖ *Or. Libni, chap. 6. 17.*

‖ *Or, Zina.*

Exod. 2. 2 and 6. 20. heb. 5. 4. 5.

a That is, to serue in the most holy place, and to consecrate the holy things.

b They were but of the order of the Leuites, and not of the Priests, as Aarons sonnes. *Exod. 2. 22. and 18. 1.*

c The Scripture vseth to call chiefe or the first borne, although he be alone and there be none borne after, Matth. 1. 25.

d Meaning, their cousins.

e Dauid did chuse the Leuites twise, first at the age of thirtie, as verse 3. and againe afterward at twentie, as the necessitie of the office did require: at the beginning they had no charge in the Temple, before they were fiue and twenty yere old, and had none after fifty, Num. 4. 3.

f In washing and cleansing all the holy vessels.

giue thankes and to praise the Lord, and likewise at euen,

31 And to offer all burnt offerings vnto the Lord, in the Sabbaths, in the moneths, and at the appointed times, according to the number and according to their custome continually before the Lord,

32 And that they should keepe the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sonnes of Aaron their brethren in the seruice of the house of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIIII.

Dauid assigneth offices vnto the sonnes of Aaron,

THese are also the *diuisions of the sonnes of Aaron. The sonnes of Aaron were Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died *before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the Priests office.

3 And Dauid distributed them, euen Zadok of the ‖ sonnes of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sonnes of Ithamar according to their offices in their ministration.

4 And there were found mo of the sonnes of Eleazar by the ‡ number of men, then of the sonnes of Ithamar, and they diuided them, to wit, among the sonnes of Eleazar, sixteene heads, according to the houshold of their fathers, and among the sonnes of Ithamar, according to the houshold of their fathers, eight.

5 Thus they distributed them by lot the one from the other, and so the rulers of the Sanctuarie, and the rulers of the house of God, were of the sonnes of Eleazar, and of the sonnes of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the sonne of Nethaneel the Scribe of the Leuites, wrote them before the King and the Princes, and Zadok the Priest, and Ahimelech the sonne of Abiathar, and before the chiefe fathers of the Priests and of the Leuites, one family being reserued for Eleazar, and another reserued for Ithamar.

7 And the first *lot fell to Iehoiarib, and the second to Iedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fift to Malchijah, the sixt to Miamin,

10 The seuenth to Hakkoz, the eight to *Abijah.

11 The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleuenth to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppa, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seuenteenth to Hezer, the eightenth to Happizzez,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twenty to Jachin, the two and twentie to Gamul,

18 The three and twenty to Deliah, the foure and twenty to Maaziah.

19 These were their orders according to their offices, when they entred into the house of the Lord according to their custome vnder the *hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commaunded him.

20 ¶ And of the sonnes of Leui that remained of the sonnes of Amram, was Shubael, of the sonnes of Shubael, Jedaiah.

21 Of Rehabiah, euen of the sonnes of Rehabiah, the first Ishiah.

22 Of Izhari, Shelomoth, of the sonnes of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And his sonnes Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

24 The sonne of Uzziel was Michah, the sonne of Michah was Shamir,

25 The brother of Michah was Ishiah, the sonne of Ishiah, Zechariah,

26 The sonnes of Merari, were Mahli, and Mushi, the sonne of Jaaziah, was Beno,

27 The sonnes of Merari, of Jaaziah, were Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, which had no sonnes.

29 Of Kish, the sonne of Kish was Jerahmeel,

30 And the sonnes of *Mushi were Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth: these were sonnes of the Leuites after the houshold of their fathers.

31 And these also cast *lots with their brethren the sonnes of Aaron before King Dauid, and Zadok and Ahimelech and the chiefe fathers of the Priests, and of the Leuites, euen the chiefe of the families against their yonger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

The singers are appointed, with their places and lots.

MOreouer Dauid and the captaines of the armie *separated the ministerie of the sonnes of Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, who should sing prophesies with harpes, with violes, and with cymbals, and their number was euen of the men for the office of their ministery, to wit,

2 Of the sonnes of Asaph, Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah the sonnes of Asaph were vnder the hand of Asaph, which sang prophesies by the ‡ commission of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun the sonnes of Jeduthun, Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, *sixe, vnder the handes of their father: Jeduthun sang *prophesies with an harpe, for to giue thankes and to praise the Lord.

4 Of Heman, the sonnes of Heman, Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir and Mahazioth.

5 All these were the sonnes of Heman the kings ‖ seer in the words of God to lift vp the ‖ horne: and God gaue to Heman fourteene sonnes and three daughters.

6 All these were vnder the ‖ hand of their *father,

Leuit. 10. 4, 6. Numb. 3. 4. and 26. 60.

a While their father yet liued.

‖ *Or, cousins.*

‡ *Ebr. heads.*

b This lot was ordained to take away al occasion of enuie or grudging of one against another.

c Zacharie the father of Iohn Baptist was of this course or lot of Abia, Luke 1. 5.

d By the dignity that God gaue to Aaron.

e Which was the second sonne of Merari.

f That is, euery one had that dignitie, which fell vnto him by lot.

a The singers were diuided into 24. courses, so that euery course or order conteined twelue, and in all there were 288. as verse 7.

‡ *Ebr. hands.*

b Whereof one is not here numbred.

c Meaning, Psalmes & songs to praise God.

‖ *Or, Prophets.*

‖ *Or, power, meaning of the king.*

‖ *Or. gouernment.*

father, singing in the house of the Lorde with cymbals, vioies and harpes, for the seruice of the house of God, and Asaph, Iedithun, and Heman were at the kings † commandement.

† Ebr. hand.

7 So was their number with their brethren that were instructed in the songes of the Lord, euen of all that were cunning, two hundreth fourescore and eight.

8 And they cast lots, d charge against charge, aswell e small as great, the cunning man as the scholler.

d Who should be in euery company and course. e Without respect to age or cunning.

9 And the first lot fell to f Joseph, which was of Asaph, the second to Iedaliah, who with his brethren & his sonnes were twelue.

f So that he serued in the first turne, and the rest euery one at his turne followed orderly.

10 The third to Zaccur, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren were twelue.

11 The fourth to ‖ Izri, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

‖ Or, the Zerites.

12 The fift to Nethaniah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

13 The sixt to Bukkiah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

14 The seuenth to Jesharelah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

15 The eight to Jeshaiah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

17 The tenth to Shimei, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

18 The eleuenth to Azareel, he, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

19 The twelft to Hashabiah, he, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, hee, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

22 The fifteenth to Jerimoth, hee, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

24 The seuenteenth to Joshbekashah, he, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, hee, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, hee, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, hee, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

29 The two and twentieth to Goddalti, hee, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

30 The three and twentieth to Mahaziioth, hee, his sonnes, and he brethren twelue.

31 The foure & twentieth to Romamtiezer, he, his sonnes, and his brethren twelue.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The porters of the Temple are ordained, euery man to the gate which he should keepe,* 20 *And ouer the treasure.*

COncerning the ‖ diuisions of the porters, of the Korhites, Meshelemiah the sonne of Kore of the sonnes of a Asaph.

‖ Or, courses and turnes.

a This Asaph was not the notable musitian, but another of that name, called also Ebiasaph, Chap. 6. 23, 37. and 9. 19. and also Iasaph.

2 And the sonnes of Meshelemiah, Zecharias the eldest, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fift, Jehohanan the sixt, and Eliohenai the seuenth.

4 And of the sonnes of Obed Edom, Shemaiah the eldest, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fift.

5 Ammiel the sixt, Issachar the seuenth, Peulthai the eight: for God had b blessed him.

b In giuing him many children.

6 And to Shemaiah his sonne, were sonnes borne that ruled in the house of their father: for they were men of might.

7 The sonnes of Shemaiah were Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad and his brethren strong men: Elihu also, and Semachiah.

8 All these were of the ‖ sonnes of Obed Edom, they and their sonnes and their brethren mighty & c strong to serue, euen threescore and two of Obed Edom.

‖ Or, Nephewes.

c And meete to serue in the office of the portership.

9 And of Meshelemiah sonnes and brethren, eighteen mighty men.

10 And of Hosah of the sonnes of Merari, the sonnes were Shuri the chiefe, and (though he was not the eldest, yet his father made him the chiefe)

11 Helkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and Zechariah the fourth: all the sonnes and the brethren of Hosah were thirteene.

‖ Or, cousins.

12 Of these were the ‖ diuisions of the porters of the chiefe men, hauing the charge c against their brethren, to serue in the house of the Lord.

‖ Or, courses. c According to their turnes, as well the one as the other.

13 And they cast lottes both small and great for the house of their fathers, for euery gate.

14 And the lot on the East side fell to ‖ Shelemiah: then they cast lots for Zechariah his sonne, d a wise counseller, and his lot came out Northward:

‖ Or, Meshelemiah.

d One expert and meete to keepe that gate.

15 To Obed Edom Southward, and to his sonnes the house of e Aluppim:

e This was an house where they vsed to resort to consult of things concerning the Temple, as a Conuocation house.

16 To Shuppim, and to Hosah Westward with the gate f of Shallecheth by the paued streete that goeth vpward, ward ouer against ward.

f Whereat they vsed to cast out the filth of the citie.

17 Eastward were sixe Leuites, and Northward foure a day, and Southward foure a day, and toward Aluppim, g two and two.

g Meaning, two one day, and two another.

18 In h Parbar toward the West were foure by the paued streete, and two in Parbar.

h Which was an house wherein they kept the instruments of the Temple.

19 These are the diuisions of the Porters of the sonnes of Kore, and of the sonnes of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Leuites Ahiah was ouer the treasures of the house of God, and ouer the treasures of the dedicate things.

21 Of the sonnes of Laadan the sonnes of the Gershunnites descending of Laadan, the chiefe fathers of Laadan were Gershunni and Jehieli.

22 The sonnes of Jehieli were Zethan and Joel his brother appointed ouer the treasures of the house of the Lord.

23 Of the i Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, and of the Uzielites.

i Meaning, of the house of Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom the sonne of Moses, a ruler ouer the treasures.

25 And of his ‖ brethren, which came of Eliezer, was Rehabiah his sonne, and Jeshaiah

‖ Or, cousins.

Iehaiah his sonne, and Iozam his sonne, and Zichri his sonne, and Shelomith his sonne.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren were ouer all the treasures of the dedicate things, which Dauid the king, & the chiefe fathers, the captaines ouer thousandes and hundreds, and the captaines of the armie had [m] dedicated.

17 (For of the battels and of the spoyles, they did dedicate to maintaine the house of the Lord.)

28 And all that Samuel the Seer had dedicate, and Saul the sonne of Kish, and Abner the sonne of Ner, and Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, and whosoeuer had dedicate any thing, it was vnder the hand of Shelomith, and his brethren.

29 Of the Izharites was Chenaniah and his sonnes, for the businesse [n] without ouer Israel, for officers and for iudges.

30 Of the Hebronites, Ahabiah and his brethren, men of actiuitie, a thousand and seuen hundreth were officers for Israel beyond Iorden Westward, in all the businesse of the Lord, and for the seruice [o] of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites was Ieriiah the chiefest, euen the Hebronites, by his generations according to the families. And in the fortieth yeere of the reigne of Dauid they were sought for: and there were found among them men of actiuitie at Iazer in Gilead.

32 And his [p] brethren men of actiuitie, two thousand and seuen hundreth chiefe fathers, whom King Dauid made rulers ouer the Reubenites, and the Gadites, & the halfe tribe of Manasseh, for euery matter pertaining to [q] God, and for the kings businesse.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the Princes and Rulers that ministred vnto the King.

THE children of Israel also after their number, euen the chiefe fathers and captaines of thousands and of hundreths, and their officers that serued the king by diuers [t] courses, [a] which came in and went out, moneth by moneth, throughout all the moneths of the yeere: in euery course were foure and twentie thousand.

2 Ouer the first course of the first moneth was Iashobeam the sonne of Zabdiel: and in his course were foure and twentie thousand.

3 Of the sonnes of Perez was the chiefe ouer all the princes of the armies for the first moneth.

4 And ouer the course of the second moneth was Dodai, an Ahohite, and this was his course, and Mikloth was [b] a captaine, and in his course were foure and twentie thousand.

5 The captaine of the third hoste for the third moneth was Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada the chiefe Priest: and in his course were foure and twentie thousand.

6 This Benaiah was mightie among [c] thirtie & aboue the thirtie, and in his course was Ammizabad his sonne.

7 The fourth for the fourth moneth was Asahel the brother of Ioab, & Zebadiah his sonne after him: and in his course were foure and twentie thousand.

8 The fift for the fift moneth was prince Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course foure and twentie thousand.

9 The sixt for the sixt moneth was Ira the sonne of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course foure and twentie thousand.

10 The seuenth for the seuenth moneth was Helez the Pelonite, of the sonnes of Ephraim: and in his course foure and twenty thousand.

11 The eight for the eight moneth was Sibbecai the Hushathite of the Zarhites: and in his course foure and twenty thousand.

12 The ninth for the ninth moneth was Abiezer the Anethothite of the sonnes of ‖ Iemini: and in his course foure and twenty thousand.

13 The tenth for the tenth moneth was Maharai the Netophathite of the Zarhites: and in his course foure and twenty thousand.

14 The eleuenth for the eleuenth moneth was Benaiah the Pirathonite of the sonnes of Ephraim: and in his course foure & twenty thousand.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth moneth was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course foure and twenty thousand.

16 ¶ Moreouer [c] the rulers ouer the tribes of Israel were these: ouer the Reubenites was ruler, Eliezer the sonne of Zichri: ouer the Shimeonites, Shephatiah the sonne of Maachah:

17 Ouer the Leuites, Hashabiah the sonne of Kemuel: ouer them of Aharon, and Zadok:

18 Ouer Iudah, Elihu of the brethren of Dauid: ouer Issachar, Omri the sonne of Michael:

19 Ouer Zebulun, Ishmaiah the sonne of Obadiah: ouer Naphtali, Ieremoth the sonne of Azriel:

20 Ouer the sonnes of Ephraim, Hoshea the sonne of Azaziah: ouer the halfe tribe of Manasseh, Ioel the sonne of Pedaiah:

21 Ouer the [d] other halfe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the sonne of Zechariah: ouer Beniamin, Iaasiel the sonne of Abner:

22 Ouer Dan, Azarel the sonne of Ieroham: these are the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 ¶ But Dauid tooke not the number of them from twenty yeere olde and vnder, because the Lord had said that he would increase Israel like vnto the starres of the heauens.

24 And [e] Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah began to number: but hee finished it not, [e] because there came wrath for it against Israel, neither was the number put vnto the [f] Chronicles of King Dauid.

25 And ouer the Kings treasures was Asmaueth the sonne of Adiel: and ouer the treasures in the fieldes, in the cities and in the villages and in the towers was Iehо-

[m] According as the Lord commanded, Nom. 31.28.

[n] Meaning, of things that were out of the citie.

[o] That is, for the kings house.

[p] To wit, the cousins of Iediah.

[q] Both in spirituall and temporall things.

[t] *Ebr. diuisions, or bands.*

[a] Which executed their charge and office, which is ment by coming in and going out.

[b] That is, Dodais lieutenant.

[c] Meaning, besides these twelue captaines.

[d] Which is beyond Iorden, in respect of Iudah: also one captaine was ouer the Reubenites and the Gadites, *Chap. 21.7.*

[e] And the commandement of the king was abominable to Ioab, chap. 21.6.

[f] The Ebrewes make both these bookes of Chronicles but one, and at this verse make the midst of the booke, as touching the number of verses

[2] *Sam. 23.39, 22, 23.*

[‖] *Or, Beniamin.*

Iehonathan the sonne of Vzziah

26 And ouer the workemen in the field that tilled the ground, was Ezri the sonne of Chelub:

27 And ouer them that dressed the vines, was Shimei the Ramathite: and ouer that which appertained to the vines, & ouer the store of the wine was Zabdi the Shiphmite:

28 And ouer the olive trees and mulberie trees that were in the valleys, was Baal Hanan the Gederite: and ouer the store of the oyle was Ioash:

29 And ouer the oxen that fed in Sharon, was Shetrai the Sharonite: and ouer the oxen in the valleys was Shaphat the sonne of Adlai:

30 And ouer the camels was Obil the Ismaelite: and ouer the asses was Iehdeiah the Meronothite:

31 And ouer the sheepe was Iaziz, the Hagarite: all these were the rulers of the substance that was king Dauids.

32 And Iehonathan Dauids vncle a man of counsell and of vnderstanding (for hee was a g scribe) and Iehiel the sonne of Hachmoni were the kings h sonnes.

33 And Ahitophel was the kings counseller, & Hushai the Archite the kings friend.

34 And after Ahitophel was Iehoiada the sonne of Benaiah & Abiathar: and captaine of the kings armie was Ioab.

g That is, a man learned in the word of God.

h To be their schoolemasters and teachers.

i After that Ahitophel had hanged himselfe, 2. Sam. 17. 23. Iehoiada was made counseller.

CHAP. XXVIII.

3 Because Dauid was forbidden to builde the Temple, he willeth Salomon and the people to performe it, 9 exhorting him to feare the Lord.

NOw Dauid assembled all the princes of Israel: the princes of the tribes, and the captaines of the bands that serued the king, and the captaines of thousands, and the captaines of hundreths, and the rulers of all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sonnes, with the i Eunuches, and the mightie, and all the men of power vnto Ierusalem.

2 And king Dauid stoode vp vpon his feete, and said, Heare yee me, my brethren and my people: I purposed to haue built an house of * rest for the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and for a footestoole of our God, and haue made ready for the building,

3 But God said vnto mee, * Thou shalt not build an house for my Name, because thou hast bene a man of warre, and hast shed blood.

4 Yet the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father, to bee king ouer Israel for euer (for in Iudah would hee chuse a prince, and of the house of k Iudah is the house of my father, & among the sonnes of my father he delighted in mee to make me king ouer all Israel.)

5 * So of all my sonnes (for the Lord hath giuen me many sonnes) hee hath euen chosen Salomon my sonne to sit vpon the throne of the kingdome of the Lord ouer Israel.

6 And hee said vnto mee, Salomon thy sonne, he shal build mine house & my courts: for I haue chosen him to be my sonne, and I will be his father.

7 I will stablish therefore his kingdome for euer, if hee endeuour himselfe to doe my commaundements, and my iudgements, as * this day.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the Congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keepe and seeke for all the commandements of the Lord your God, that yee may possesse this d good land, and leaue it for an inheritance for your children after you for euer.

9 And thou, Salomon my sonne, know thou the God of thy father, and serue him with a perfect heart, & with a willing mind: * For the Lord searcheth all hearts, & vnderstandeth all the imaginations of thoughts: if thou seeke him, hee will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for euer.

10 Take heed now, for the Lord hath chosen thee to build the house of the Sanctuarie: be strong therefore, and l doe it.

11 ¶ Then Dauid gaue to Salomon his sonne the paterne of the porche and of the houses thereof, and of the closets thereof, and of the galleries thereof, and of the chambers thereof that are within, and of the house of the mercie seate,

12 And the paterne of all that m he had in his minde for the courts of the house of the Lord, and for all the chambers round about, for the treasures of the house of God, and for the treasures of the dedicate things,

13 And for the courses of the Priests, and of the Leuites, and for all the worke for the seruice of the house of the Lord, and for all the vessels of the ministerie of the house of the Lord.

14 Hee gaue of gold by weight, for the vessels of golde, for all the vessels of all maner of seruice, and al the vessels of siluer by weight, for al maner of vessels of al maner of seruice.

15 The weight also of gold for the n candlesticks, and gold for their lamps, with the weight for euery candlesticke, and for the lamps thereof, and for the candlesticks of siluer by the weight of the candlesticke, and the lamps thereof, according to the vse of euery candlesticke,

16 And the weight of the gold for the tables of shewbread, for euery table, and siluer for the tables of siluer,

17 And pure gold for the fleshhookes, and the bowles, and plates, and for balins, gold in weight for euery basin, and for siluer basins by weight for euery basin,

18 And for the altar of incense pure gold by weight, and golde for the paterne of the charet of the Cherubs, that spread themselues, and couered the Arke of the couenant of the Lord.

19 All, said he, by writing sent to mee o by the hand of the Lord which made mee vnderstand all the workemanshippe of the paterne.

20 And Dauid sayd to Salomon his sonne, Be strong, and of a valiant courage and doe it: feare not, be not afraid: for the Lord God, euen my God is with thee: he will not leaue thee nor forsake thee, till thou hast finished all the worke for the seruice of the house

c If he continue to keepe my law and depart not therefrom, as he doeth hitherto.

d To wit, of Canaan.

e He declareth that nothing can separate them from the commoditie of this land both for themselues and their posteritie, but their sinnes and iniquitie. 2. Sam. 16. 7. Psal. 7. 9. 10. Isai. 41. 10 and 17. 10 and 20. 12.

f Meaning, for his Arke.

g Put it in execution.

‡ *Ebr. that were in his spirit with him.*

h That is, the ten Candlesticks, 1 King. 7. 49.

‖ *Or, chiefe seruants. Gene. 37. 36.*

a Where the Arke should remaine and remoue no more to and fro. *Psal. 99. 5. 2. Sam. 7. 5, 13. chap. 22. 8.*

b According to the prophesie of Iaakob, Gene. 49. 8. *Wisd. 9. 7.*

i Meaning, of the mercy seat which couered the arke, which was called the charet, because the Lord declared himselfe there.

k For al this was left in writing in the booke of the Law, Exo. 25. 40 which booke the king was bound to put in execution, Deut. 17. 19.

Or, couering.

house of the Lord.

21 Beholde also, the companies of the Priest and the Leuites for all the seruice of the house of God, euen they shall be with thee for the whole worke, † with euery free heart that is skilfull in any maner of seruice. The princes also and all the people will be † wholy at thy commandement.

CHAP. XXIX.

2 The offring of Dauid and of the princes for the building of the Temple. 10 Dauid giueth thanks to the Lord. 20 He exhorteth the people to do the same. 22 Salomon is created King. 28 Dauid dieth, and Salomon his sonne reigneth in his stead.

MOreouer Dauid the King sayd vnto all the Congregation, God hath chosen Salomon mine onely sonne yong and tender, and the worke is great: for this house is not for man, but for the * Lord God.

2 Now I haue prepared with all my power for the house of my God, golde for vessels of golde, and siluer for them of siluer, and braſſe for things of braſſe, yron for things of yron, and wood for things of wood, and Onyx stones, and stones to be set, and carbuncle stones, and of diuers colours, and all precious stones, and marble stones, in abundance.

3 Moreouer, because I haue † delight in the house of my God, I haue of mine owne golde and siluer, which I haue giuen to the house of my God, beside all that I haue prepared for the house of the Sanctuarie,

4 Euen † three thousand talents of gold of the golde of Ophir, and seuen thousande talents of tried siluer to ouerlay the walles of the houses.

5 The golde for the things of golde, and the siluer for things of siluer, and for all the worke by the hands of artificers: and who is ‡ willing to fill his hande to day vnto the Lord?

6 So the princes of the families, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captaines of thousands and of hundreds, with the Rulers of the Kings worke, offered willingly,

7 And they gaue for the seruice of the house of God, fiue thousand talents of gold, and ten thousand pieces, and ten thousande talents of siluer, and eighteene thousand talents of braſſe, and one hundreth thousand talents of yron.

8 And they with whom precious stones were * found, gaue them to the treasure of the house of the Lorde, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershunnite.

9 And the people reioyced when they offered willingly: for they offered willingly vnto the Lord, with a † perfect heart. And Dauid the King also * reioyced with great ioy.

10 Therefore Dauid blessed the Lord before all the Congregation, and Dauid sayd, Blessed be thou, O Lord God of ‡ Israel our father, for euer and euer.

11 Thine, O Lord, is greatnesse, † power, and glory, and victorie, and praise: for all that is in heauen and in earth is thine: thine is the kingdome, O Lorde, and thou exalt lest as head ouer all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest ouer al, and in thine hand is power and strength, and in thine hand it is to make great, & to giue strength vnto all.

13 Now therefore our God we thanke thee, and praise thy glorious Name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer willingly after this sort? for all things † come of thee: and of thine owne hand we haue giuen thee.

15 For we are † strangers before thee, and sojourners, like all our fathers: our dayes are like the shadow vpon the earth, and there is none † abiding.

16 O Lord our God, all this abundance that we haue prepared to build thee an house for thine holy Name, is of thine hand, and all is thine.

17 I know also, my God, that thou * triest the heart, and hast pleasure in righteousnes: I haue offered willingly in the vprightnesse of mine heart al these things: now also haue I seene thy people which are founde here, to offer vnto thee willingly with ioy.

18 O Lord God of Abraham, Isaak and Israell our fathers, keepe this for euer in the * purpose, and the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their hearts vnto thee.

19 And giue vnto Salomon my sonne a perfite heart to keepe thy commandements, thy testimonies and thy statutes, and to do all things, and to builde the house which I haue prepared.

20 ¶ And Dauid said to all the Congregation, Now blesse the Lord your God. And all the Congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed downe their heads, and worshipped the Lord, and the † King.

21 And they offered sacrifices vnto the Lorde, and on the morrow after that day, they offered burnt offerings vnto the Lord, euen a thousande yong bullockes, a thousand rammes, and a thousand sheepe, with their * drinke offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 And they did eate, and drinke before the Lord the same day with great ioy, and they made Salomon the sonne of Dauid King the second time, and anoynted him Prince before the Lord, and Zadok for the Priest.

23 So Salomon sate on the * throne of the Lord, as King in stead of Dauid his father, and prospered: and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes † men of power, and all the sonnes of King Dauid † submitted themselues vnder King Salomon.

25 And the Lord magnified Salomon in dignitie, in the sight of all Israel, and gaue him so glorious a kingdome, as no King had before him in Israel.

26 ¶ * Thus Dauid the sonne of Ishai reigned ouer all Israel.

27 And the space that he reigned ouer Israel, was fourtie yeere: seuen yeere reigned he in Hebron, and three and thirtie yeere reigned

1 That is, euery one will be ready to helpe thee with those gifts that God hath giuen him.
† *Ebr. at all thy words.*

a And therefore it ought to be excellent in all points.

b His great zeale toward the furtherance of the Temple made him to spare not expenses, but to bestow his owne peculiar treasure.

c He sheweth what he had of his owne store for the Lords house.

d He was not onely liberall himselfe, but prouoked others to set foorth the worke of God.
‡ *Or to offer.*

e Meaning, them that had any.

f That it, with a good courage, and without hypocrisie. *Psal. 122. 1.*

g Which didst reueale thy selfe to our father Iaakob.

h We gaue thee nothing of our owne, but that which we haue receiued of thee: for whether the gifts be corporall or spirituall, we receiue them all of God, and therefore must giue him the glory.

i And therefore haue this land but lent to vs for a time.
† *Ebr. wasting for them to returne.*
1 *Sam. 16. 7. chap. 28. 9.*

k Continue them in this good minde, that they may serue thee willingly.

l That is, did reuerence to the King.

m Meaning all kinde of licour which they mingled with their sacrifices, as wine, oyle, &c.

n This declareth that the Kings of Iudah were figures of Christ, who was the true anoynted, and to whom God gaue the chiefe gouernement of all things.
† *Ebr. gaue the hand.*
1. *King. 2. 11.*

reigned he in Ierusalem:
28 And he died in a good age, full of daies, riches, and honour, and Salomon his sonne reigned in his stead.
29 Concerning the actes of Dauid the King, first and last, beholde, they are written in the booke of Samuel the Seer, and in the booke of ° Nathan the Prophet, and in the booke of Gad the Seer,
30 With all his reigne and his power, and ᵖ times that went ouer him, & ouer Israel, and ouer all the kingdoms of the earth.

o The bookes of Nathan and Gad are thought to haue bene hid in the captiuitie.
p Meaning the troubles and griefes.

The second booke of the Chronicles.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis second booke conteineth briefly in effect that, which is comprehended in the two bookes of the Kings: that is, from the reigne of Salomon to the destruction of Ierusalem, and the carying away of the people captiue into Babylon. In this story are certaine things declared and set forth more copiously then in the bookes of the Kings, & therfore serue greatly to the vnderstanding of the Prophets. But three things are here chiefly to be considered. First that the godly Kings, when they sawe the plagues of God prepared against their countrey for sinne, had recourse to the Lord, and by earnest prayer were heard, & the plagues remooued. The second, how it is a thing that greatly offendeth God, that such as feare him and professe his Religion, should ioyne in amitie with the wicked. And thirdly, how the good rulers euer loued the Prophets of God, & were very zealous to set forth his Religion throughout all their dominions, & contrariwise the wicked hated his ministers, deposed them, and for the true Religion and word of God, set vp idolatry, and serued God according to the fantasie of men. Thus haue we hitherto the chiefe actes from the beginning of the world to the building againe of Ierusalem, which was the two and thirtieth yeere of Darius, and containe in the whole, three thousand fiue hundreth, threescore and eighteene yeeres, and sixe moneths.

CHAP. I.

6 The offering of Salomon at Gibeon. 8. His prayeth vnto God to giue him wisdome. 11. Which he giueth him and more. 14. The number of his charets and horses. 15. And of his riches.

THen Salomon the sonne of Dauid was ‖ confirmed in his kingdome: and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him highly.
2 And Salomon ª spake vnto all Israel, to the captaines of thousands, and of hundreths, and to the Iudges and to all the gouernours in all Israel, euen the chiefe fathers.
3 So Salomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that was at ᵇ Gibeon: for there was the Tabernacle ᶜ of the Congregation of God which Moses the seruant of the Lord had made in the wildernesse.
4 But the Arke of God had Dauid brought vp from Kiriath-iearim, when Dauid had made preparation for it: for hee had pitched a tent for it in Ierusalem.
5 Moreouer the ᵈ brasen Altar that Bezaleel the sonne of Uri, the sonne of Hur had made, did he set before the Tabernacle of the Lord: and Salomon and the Congregation sought it.
6 And Salomon offered there before the Lord vpon the brasen Altar that was in the Tabernacle of the Congregation: ᵉ euen a thousand burnt offerings offered he vpon it.
7 ¶ The same night did God appeare vnto Salomon, and sayde vnto him, Aske what I shall giue thee.
8 And Salomon sayde vnto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy vnto Dauid my father, and hast made mee to reigne in his stead.
9 Now therefore, O Lord God, let thy promise vnto Dauid my father bee ᶠ true: for thou hast made mee King ouer a great people, like to the dust of the earth.
10 Giue mee now wisedome and knowledge, that I may goe out and goe in before this people: for who can iudge this thy great people?
11 And God sayde to Salomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, treasures, nor honour, nor the ᵍ liues of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life, but hast asked for thee wisedome and knowledge, that thou mightest iudge my people, ouer whom I haue made thee King,
12 Wisedome and knowledge is granted vnto thee, and I will giue thee riches, and treasures ᵍ honour, so that there hath not bene the like among the Kings which were before thee, neither after thee shall there be the like.
13 Then Salomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon, to Ierusalem from before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and reigned ouer Israel.
14 ʰ And Salomon gathered the charets and horsemen: and hee had a thousande and foure hundreth charets, and twelue thousand horsemen, whom hee placed in the ᵏ charet cities, and with the king at Ierusalem.
15 And the King gaue siluer and golde at Ierusalem as ‡ stones, and gaue cedar trees as the wilde figge trees, that are abundant in the plaine.
16 Also Salomon had horses brought out of Egypt and ˡ fine linnen: ᵐ the Kings merchants receiued the fine linnen for a price.
17 They came vp and brought out of Egypt some charet, worth six hundreth shekels of siluer, and an horse for an hundreth and fifty: and thus they brought horses to all the Kings of the Hittites, and to the Kings of Aram by their meanes.

‖ Or, *established and strong, read* 2. *King.* 2. 46.
a That is, hee proclaimed a solemne sacrifice, and commanded that all should be at the same.
b Read 1. King. 3. 4.
c So called, because that God thereby shewed certaine signes to the congregation of his presence.
d Which was for the burnt offerings, Exod 27. 1. *Exod.* 38. 1, 2.
e *King.* 3. 4.
e Performe thy promise made to my father touching me.
f That I may gouerne this people reade 1. Chron. 27. 1, and 2. King 3. 7.
g That is, to be reuenged on thine enemies.
h Which were cities appointed to keepe and maintaine the charets.
i He caused so great plentie that it was no more esteemed then stones. *Isa.* 19. 9. *ezek.* 27. 7.
k Reade 1. King. 10. 28.
‡ *Hebr.* hands.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

2 The number of Salomons workemen to build the Temple. 3 Salomon sendeth to Hiram the king of Tyrus for wood and workemen.

THen Salomon determined to build an house for the Name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdome.

2 And Salomon told out seuentie thousand that bare burdens, and fourescore thousand men to hewe stones in the mountaine, and three thousand and a fyre hundred to ouersee them.

3 And Salomon sent to ‖ Huram the king of Tyrus, saying, As thou hast done to Dauid my father, and diddest a sende him Cedar trees to build him an house to dwell in, so doe to me.

4 Beholde, I build an house vnto the Name of the Lorde my God, to sanctifie it vnto him, and to burne sweete incense before him, and for the continuall shew bread, and for the burnt offerings of the morning, and euening, on the Sabbath dayes, and in the new moneths, and in the solemne feasts of the Lord our God: that is a perpetuall thing for Israel.

5 And the house which I build, is great: for great is our God aboue all gods.

6 Who is hee then that can bee able to build him an house, when the heauen, & the heauen of heauens can not conteine him? who am I then that I should build him an house: but I do it to burne b incense before him

7 Send me now therefore a cunning man that can worke in golde, in siluer, & in braße, and in yron, and in purple, and ‖ crimsin, and blue silke, and that can graue in grauen worke with the cunning men that are with me in Iudah and in Ierusalem, whom Dauid my father hath prepared.

8 Send me also Cedar trees, firre trees and a ‖ Algummim trees from Lebanon: for I know that thy seruants can skill to hewe timber in Lebanon: and behold, my seruants shalbe with thine,

9 That they may prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I do build, is great and wonderfull.

10 And beholde, I will giue to thy seruants the cutters and the hewers of timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat and twentie thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousande baths of wine, and twenty d thousand baths of oyle.

11 Then Huram king of Tyre answered in writing which hee sent to Salomon, Because the Lord hath loued his people, hee hath made thee king ouer them.

12 Huram said moreouer, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which made the heauen and the earth, and that hath giuen vnto Dauid the king a e wise sonne that hath discretion, prudence and vnderstanding to build an house for the Lord, and a palace for his kingdome.

13 Now therefore I haue sent a wise man, and of vnderstanding of my father Hurams.

14 The sonne of a woman of the daughters of Dan: and his father was a man of Tyrus, and he can skill to worke in golde, in siluer, in braße, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue silke, and in fine linnen, and in crimolin, and can graue in all grauen workes, and deuiser in all broudred worke that shall be giuen him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Dauid thy father.

15 Nowe therefore the wheate and the barley, the oyle, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him sende vnto his seruants.

16 And wee will cut wood in Lebanon as much as thou shalt neede, and will bring it to thee in ‖ rafters by the sea to ‖ Iappho, & thou mayest carie them to Ierusalem.

17 ¶ And Salomon numbred all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbring that his father Dauid had numbred them: and they were found an hundreth and three and fiftie thousand, and fyre hundreth.

18 And he set seuentie thousand of them to the burden, and fourescore thousand to hew stones in the mountaine, and three thousand and fyre hundreth ouerseers to cause the people to worke.

CHAP. III.

1 The Temple of the Lord and the porch are builded, with other things thereto belonging.

SO a Salomon beganne to build the house of the Lorde in Ierusalem, in Mount b Moriah which had beene declared vnto Dauid his father, in the place that Dauid prepared in the threshing floore of c Ornan the Iebusite.

2 And he beganne to build in the second moneth and the second day, in the fourth yeere of his reigne.

3 And these are the measures, wherein Salomon grounded to build the house of God: the length of cubites after the first d measure was threescore cubites, & the breadth twentie cubites:

4 And the porch, that was before the length in the front of the breadth was twentie cubites, and the height was an e hundreth and twentie, and he ouerlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house hee sieled with firre tree which hee ouerlayde with good golde, and graued therein palme trees and chaines.

6 And he ouerlayde the house with precious stone for beautie: and the golde was golde of f Paruaim.

7 The house, I say, the beames, postes, and walles thereof, and the doores thereof ouerlayde hee with golde, and graued Cherubims vpon the walles.

8 ¶ Hee made also the house of the most holy place: the length thereof was in the front of the breadth of the house, twenty cubites, and the breadth thereof twentie cubites: and he ouerlaid it with the best golde, of fyre hundreth talents.

9 And the weight of the nailes was fiftie shekels of golde, and he ouerlayd the chambers with gold.

‖ Or, palace.

a Which is to be vnderstood of all sort of officers, and ouerseers: for els the chiefe officers were but 3300. as 1. King. 5.16.

‖ Or, Hiram. 2. Sam. 5. 11.

b That is, to doe seruice which he hath cõmanded, signifying that none is able to honour and serue God in that perfection as his maiestie desereueth.

‖ Or, scarlet.

c Some take it for brasill, or the wood called Ebenum, others for corall.

‖ Or, Almuggim.

‡ Ebr. Corum.

d Of Bath reade 1. King. 7. 26. it is called also Epha: but Epha is to measure dry things, as Bath is a measure for liquors.

e The very heathen confessed that it was a singular gift of God when he gaue to any nation a king that was wise and of vnderstanding, albeit it appeareth that this Hiram had the true knowledge of God.

f It is also written that she was of the tribe of Naphtali, 1. King. 7. 14 which may be vnderstood that by reason of the confusion of tribes, which then began to be, they married in diuers tribes so that by her father she might be of Dan, and by her mother of Naphtali.

‖ Or, Ioppe.

2. Kings. 6. 2.

a Which is the mountain where Abrahã thought to haue sacrificed his sonne, Gen. 22. 2. 2. Sam. 24. 16, 18

b According to the whole length of the Temple, comprehending the most holy place with the rest.

c It contained as much as did the breadth of the Temple, 1. King. 6. 3.

d From the foundation to the top: for in the booke of kings mention is made, from the foundation to the first stage.

e Some thinke it is that place which is called Peru.

10 ¶ And in the house of the most holy place hee made two Cherubims wrought like children, and overlaid them with gold.

11 * And the wings of the Cherubims were twenty cubits long: the one wing was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house, and the other wing five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other Cherub.

12 Likewise the wing of the other Cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house, and the other wing five cubits, ioyning to the wing of the other Cherub.

13 The wings of the Cherubims were spread abroad twentie cubits: they stoode on their feete, and their faces were towarde the house.

14 ¶ He made also † the vaile of blue silke, and purple, and crimolin, and fine linnen, and wrought Cherubims thereon.

15 ¶ And he made before the house two pillars ‖ of five and thirtie cubites hie: and the chapiter that was vpon the top of ech of them, was five cubits.

16 He made also chaines for the Oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars, & made an [h] hundreth pomegranates, and put them among the chaines.

17 And hee set vp the pillars before the Temple, one on the right hand, & the other on the left, and called that on the right hand Jachin, and that on the left hand Boaz.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The altar of brasse. 2 The molten Sea. 6 The caldrons. 7 The candlesticks. &c.

AND he made an altar of brasse twentie cubites long, and twentie cubites broad, and ten cubits high.

2 And he made a molten Sea of ten cubites from brim to brim, round in compasse, and five cubites high: and a line of thirtie cubites did compasse it about.

3 And vnder [b] it was the fashion of oxen, which did compasse it round about, [c] tenne in a cubite compassing the Sea about: two rowes of oxen were cast when it was molten.

4 It stood vpon the twelue oxen: three looked toward the North, and three looked toward the West, and three looked towarde the South, and three looked towarde the East, and the Sea stoode about vpon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 And the thickenesse thereof was an hand breadth, and the brim thereof was like the worke of a brimme of a cup, with floures of ‖ Lilies: it conteined [d] three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten caldrons, and put five on the right hande, and five on the left, to wash in them, and to cleanse in them that which appertained to the burnt offerings: but the Sea was for the Priestes to wash in.

7 ¶ And hee made ten candlesticks of golde, (according to [e] their forme) and put them in the Temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 ¶ And hee made ten tables, and put them in the Temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left: and hee made an hundred basens of gold.

9 And he made the court of the Priests, and the great [f] Court, and doores for the Court, and overlayed the doores thereof with brasse.

10 And hee set the Sea on the right side Eastward toward the South.

11 And Huram made ‖ pots, and besoms, and basens, and Huram finished the worke that he should make for king Salomon for the house of God,

12 To wit, two pillars, and the bowles and the chapiters on the top of the two pillars, & two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapiters, which were vpon the top of the pillars:

13 And foure hundreth pomegranates for the two grates, two rowes of pomegranates for euery grate to couer the two bowles of the chapiters, which were vpon the pillars.

14 Hee made also bases, and made caldrons vpon the bases:

15 And a Sea, and twelue bulles vnder it:

16 Pots also and besoms, and fleshhookes, and all their vessels made Huram his [h] father to king Salomon for the house of the Lord, of shining brasse.

17 In the plaine of Jorden did the king cast them in clay, betweene Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 And Salomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of brasse could not be reckoned.

19 And Salomon made also these vessels that were for the house of God: the golden altar also & the tables whereon the [h] shewbread stood.

20 Moreouer the candlesticks with their lamps to burne them after the maner, before the Oracle, of pure gold:

21 And the flowres, and the lamps, and the snuffers of gold, which was fine gold:

21 And the ‖ bookes, and the basens, and the spoones, and the ashpans of pure golde: the entry also of the house and doores thereof within, euen of the most holy place: and the doores of the house, to wit, of the Temple were [i] of gold.

CHAP. V.

1 The things dedicated by David, are put in the Temple. 3 The Arke is brought into the Temple. 10 What was within it. 12 They sing praise to the Lord.

SO * was all the worke finished that Salomon made for the house of the Lord: and Salomon brought in the things that Dauid his father had dedicated, with the siluer and golde, and all the vessels, and put them among the treasures of the house of God.

2 Then Salomon assembled the Elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chiefe fathers of the children of Israel vnto Jerusalem to bring vp the Arke of the couenant of the Lord from the [a] citie of Dauid, which is Zion.

3 And all the men of Israel assembled vnto the King at the [b] feast: it was in the seuenth.

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2. *Kings* 6. 24.

† Which separated the Temple from the most holy place.

g Euery one was eighteene cubits long, but ½ halfe cubite could not be seene: for it was hid in the roundnes of the chapiter, and therefore he giueth to euery one but 17. and an halfe.

h For euery pillar an hundred, reade 1. Kings 7. 20.

a A great vessell of brasse, so called because of ½ great quantitie of water, which it conteined, 1. King. 7. 23.

b Meaning, vnder the brim of the vessell, as 1. King. 7. 24.

c In the length of euery cubite were ten heads or knops which in all are 300. ‖ *Or, floure delices.*

d In the first booke of Kings chap. 7. 26. mention is onely made of two thousand: but the lesse number was taken there, and here according as the measures prooued afterward is declared.

e Euen as they should be made.

f Called also the porch of Salomon, Acts 3. 11. It is also taken for the Temple where Christ preached, Mat. 21. 23.

‖ *Or, caldrons.*

g Whom Salomon reuerenced for the gifts that God had giuen him, as a father: he had the same name also that Huram the king of Tyrus had: his mother was a Ieweese, and his father a Tyrian. Some reade, for his father, the author of this worke.

h In Ebrew, the bread of the faces, because they were set before the Arke, where the Lord shewed his presence.

‖ *Or, instruments of musicke.*

i That is couered with plates of gold.

1. *King* 7. 51. and 8. 1.

a Reade 2. Sam. 6. 12.

b When the things were dedicate & brought into the Temple.

e Called in Ebrew Ethanim, conteining part of September, & part of October, 1.King.8.2. which moneth the Iewes called the first moneth, because they say that the world was created in that moneth, and after they came from Egypt, they began at March: but because this opinion is vncertaine, we make March euer the first, as best writers doe.

seuenth e moneth.

4 And all the elders of Israel came, and the Leuites tooke vp the Arke.

5 And they carted vp the Arke, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation: & all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle, those did the Priests and Leuites bring vp.

6 And king Salomon and all the Congregation of Israel that were assembled vnto him, were before the Arke offering sheepe and bullockes, which could not be told nor numbred for multitude.

7 So the Priests brought the Arke of the Couenant of the Lord vnto his place, into the Oracle of the house, into the most holy place, euen vnder the wings of the Cherubims.

8 For the Cherubims stretched out their wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, & the barres thereof aboue.

9 And they drew out the barres, that the endes of the barres might bee seene out of the Arke before the Oracle, but they were not seene ‖ without: and there they are vnto this day.

10 Nothing was in the Arke, saue d the two Tables, which Moses gaue at Horeb, where the Lord made a Couenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And when the Priests were come out of the Sanctuarie (for all the Priests that were present, were f sanctified & did not wait by course.

12 And the Leuites the singers of all sorts, as of Asaph, of Heman, of Iedithun, and of their sonnes & of their brethren, being clad in fine linnen, stood with cymbals, and with viols and harpes at the East ende of the altar, and with them an hundred and twentie Priests blowing with trumpets:

13 And they were g as one, blowing trumpets, and singing, and made one sound to be heard in praysing and thanking the Lord, and when they lift vp their voice with trumpets, and with cymbals, and with instruments of musicke, and when they praised the Lord, singing, h For he is good, because his mercy lasteth for euer) then the house, euen the house of the Lorde was filled with a cloud,

14 So that the Priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

‖ Or, without the Oracle.

d For Aarons rod and Manna were taken thence before it was brought to this place.

e Were prepared to serue the Lord.

f They agreed all in one tune.

g This was the effect of their songs, as Psal. 118. 1. and Psal. 136. 1.

CHAP. VI.

3 Salomon blesseth the people. 4 He praiseth the Lord. 14 He prayeth vnto God for those that shall pray in the Temple.

1.King.8.12. a After that he had seene the glory of the Lord in the cloud.

THen a Salomon a sayd, The Lord hath sayd, that he would dwell in the darke cloud:

2 And I haue built thee an house to dwell in, an habitation for thee to dwell in for euer.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel, (for all the Congregation of Israel stood there.)

4 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who spake with his mouth vnto Dauid my father, and hath with his ‖ hand fulfilled it, saying,

‖ Or, power.

5 Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no citie of all the tribes of Israel to build an ‖ house, that my Name might be there, neither chose I any man to be a ruler ouer my people Israel:

‖ Or, Temple

6 But I haue chosen Ierusalem, that my Name might be there, and haue chosen Dauid to be ouer my people Israel.

7 a And it was in the heart of Dauid my father to build an house vnto the Name of the Lord God of Israel.

2.Sam.7.3.

8 But the Lord said to Dauid my father, (Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house vnto my Name, thou didst well that ‡ thou wast so minded.

‡ Ebr. that it was in thine heart.

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house, but thy sonne which shal come out of thy loynes, he shall build an house vnto my Name.

10 And the Lord hath performed his word that he spake: and I am risen vp in the roume of Dauid my father, & am set on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and haue built an house to the Name of the Lord God of Israel.

11 And I haue set the Arke there, wherein is the b Couenant of the Lord, that hee made with the children of Israel.

b Meaning, the two Tables, wherein is conteined the effect of the couenant, that God made with our fathers.

12 (And the King c stood before the altar of the Lord, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and stretched out his hands,

c On a scaffold that was made for that purpose, that he praying for the whole people, might be heard of all, as 1.King.8.22.

13 (For Salomon had made a brasen scaffold, and set it in the mids of the court, of fine cubites long, and fiue cubites broad, and three cubites of height, and vpon it he stood, and kneeled downe vpon his knees before all the Congregation of Israel, & d stretched out his hands toward heauen)

d Both to giue thanks for the great benefits of God bestowed vpon him, & also to pray for the perseuerance and prosperitie of his people.

14 And sayde, O Lorde God of Israel, e there is no God like thee in heauen nor in earth, which keepest couenant, and mercy vnto thy seruaunts, that walke before thee with all their heart.

e 2.Mac.2.8.

15 Thou that hast kept with thy seruant Dauid my father, that thou hast promised him: for thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine ‖ hand, as appeareth this day.

‖ Or, in effect, or by thy power.

16 Therefore nowe Lord God of Israel, keepe with thy seruaunt Dauid my father, that thou hast promised him, saying, Thou ‡ shalt not want a man in my sight, that shall sit vpon the throne of Israel: so that thy sonnes take heed to their waies, to walke in my Law, as thou hast walked before me.

‡ Ebr. a man shall not be cut off.

17 And now, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant Dauid.

18 (Is it true in deed that God will dwel with man on earth? Behold, the f heauens, and the heauens of heauens are not able to containe thee: how much more vnable is this house, which I haue built?)

f 1.King.8.27.

19 But haue thou respect to the prayer of thy seruaunt, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to heare the crie and prayer

which thy ſeruant prayeth before thee,

20 That thine e eies may be open toward this houſe day and night, euen toward the place, whereof thou haſt ſaid that thou wouldeſt put thy Name there, that thou mayeſt hearken vnto the prayer, which thy ſeruaunt prayeth in this place.

21 Heare thou therefore the ſupplication of thy ſeruaunt, and of thy people Iſrael, which they pray in this place: & heare thou in the place of thine habitation, euen in heauen, and when thou heareſt, be mercifull.

22 ¶ * When a man ſhall ſinne againſt his f neighbour, and he lay vpon him an othe to cauſe him to ſweare, & the ‡ ſwearer ſhall come before thine altar in this houſe,

23 Then heare thou in heauen, and doe, and iudge thy ſeruants, in recompenſing the wicked to bring his way ſ vpon his head, & in iuſtifying the righteous, to giue him according to his righteouſnes.

24 ¶ And when thy people Iſrael ſhall be ouerthrowen before the enemie, becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and turne againe and ‖ confeſſe thy Name, and pray, and make ſupplication before thee in this houſe,

25 Then heare thou in heauen, and bee mercifull vnto the ſinne of thy people Iſrael, and bring them againe vnto the land which thou gaueſt to them and to their fathers.

26 When heauen ſhall be ſhut vp, & there ſhall be no raine, becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and ſhall pray in this place, and confeſſe thy Name, and ‖ turne from their ſinne, when thou doeſt afflict them,

27 Then heare thou in heauen, and pardon the ſinne of thy ſeruants, & of thy people Iſrael (when thou haſt taught them y good way wherein they may walke) & giue raine vpon thy land, which thou haſt giuen vnto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ * When there ſhall be famine in the land, when there ſhall be peſtilence, blaſting, or mildewe, when there ſhall be graſſhopper, or caterpiller, when their enemie ſhall beſiege them ‡ in the cities of their land, or any plague or any ſickeneſſe,

29 Then what prayer and ſupplication ſoeuer ſhall be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſrael, when euery one ſhall know his owne plague, and his owne diſeaſe, and ſhall ſtretch forth his hands toward this houſe,

30 Heare thou then in heauen, thy dwelling place, and bee mercifull, and giue euery man according vnto all his wayes, as thou doeſt know his h heart (for thou onely knoweſt the hearts of the children of men)

31 That they may feare thee, and walke in thy wayes as long as they liue in the land which thou gaueſt vnto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreouer, as touching the ſtranger which is not of thy people Iſrael, who ſhall come out of a farre country for thy great Names ſake, and thy mightie hand, and thy ſtretched out arme: when they ſhall come and pray in this houſe,

33 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth for vnto thee, that all the people of the earth may know thy Name, and feare thee like thy people Iſrael, and that they may know, that thy Name is called vpon in this houſe which I haue built.

34 ¶ When thy people ſhall go out to battell againſt their enemies, by the way that k thou ſhalt ſend them, and they pray to thee, ‖ in the way toward this citie, which thou haſt choſen, euen toward the houſe which I haue built to thy Name,

35 Then heare thou in heauen their prayer and their ſupplication, and iudge their cauſe.

36 If they ſinne againſt thee (* for there is no man that ſinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliuer them vnto the enemies, and they take them and carie them away captiue vnto a land farre or neere,

37 If they ‖ ſtirre againe to their heart in the land whither they bee caried in captiues, and turne and pray vnto thee in the land of their captiuitie, ſaying, We haue ſinned, wee haue tranſgreſſed and haue done wickedly,

38 If they turne againe to thee with all their heart, & with all their ſoule in the land of their captiuitie, whether they haue caried them captiues, and pray toward their land, which thou gaueſt vnto their fathers, and toward the citie which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe which I haue built for thy Name,

39 Then heare thou in heauen, in y place of thine habitation their prayer & their ſupplication, and ‖ iudge their cauſe, & be mercifull vnto thy people, which haue ſinned againſt thee.

40 Nowe my God, I beſeech thee, let thine eyes be open, & thine eares attent vnto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 * Now therefore ariſe, O Lord God, to come into thy l reſt, thou, and the Arke of thy ſtrength: O Lord God, let thy Prieſts be clothed with m ſaluation, & let thy Saints reioyce in goodneſſe.

42 O Lorde God, refuſe not the face of n thine anointed: remember the mercies promiſed to Dauid thy ſeruant.

CHAP. VII.

1 The fire conſumeth the ſacrifice. 2 The glory of the Lord filleth the Temple. 12 He heareth his prayer, 17 And promiſeth to exalt him and his throne.

AND * when Salomon had made an end of praying, * fire came downe from heauen, and conſumed the burnt offering & the ſacrifices: and the glory of the Lord filled the houſe,

2 So that the Prieſts could not enter into the houſe of the Lord, becauſe the glory of the Lord had filled the Lords houſe.

3 And when all the children of Iſrael ſaw the fire, and the glory of the Lord come downe vpon the houſe, they bowed themſelues with their faces to the earth vpon the pauement, and worſhipped, and praiſed the Lord, ſaying, For he is good, becauſe his mercy laſteth for euer.

4 * Then the king & all the people offred ſacrifices

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e That thou mayeſt declare in effect, that thou haſt a continuall care ouer this place.

1. *King.* 8. 31.

f By retaining any thing from him, or els by denying that which he hath left him to keepe, or doe him any wrong.

‡ *Ebr. othe.*

g Meaning, to giue him that which he hath deſerued.

‖ *Or, praiſe.*

‖ *Or, toward this place.*

Leuit. 26. 9.

‡ *Ebr. in the land of their gates.*

h He declareth that the prayers of hypocrites can not be heard, nor of any but of them, which pray vnto God with an vnfained faith and in true repentance.

i He ſheweth that before God there is no acception of perſõ, but al people that feareth him, and worketh righteouſnes, is accepted, *Act.* 10. 35.

k Meaning, that none ought to enterprise any warre, but at the Lords commandement, that is, which is lawful by his word.

‖ *Or, according to the maner of the euie.*

1. *King.* 8. 46. *eccluſ.* 7. 22. 1. *ſohn.* 1. 8.

‖ *Or, repent.*

‖ *Or, maintaine their right. Pſal.* 132. 8.

l That is, into thy Temple.

m Let them be preſerued by thy power, and made vertuous & holy.

n Heare my prayer, which am thine anointed king.

2. *Mac.* 2. 10.

2 Hereby God declared that he was pleaſed with Salomons prayer.

1. *King.* 8. 62, 63.

sacrifices before the Lord.

5 And king Salomon offered a sacrifice of two and twenty thousand bullockes, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheepe. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the Priests waited on their offices, and the Leuites with the instruments of musicke of the Lord, which king Dauid had made to praise the Lord, Because his mercie lasteth for euer: when Dauid praised God † by them, the Priests also blew trumpets ouer against them: and all they of Israel stood by.

† Ebr. by their hands.

7 Moreouer Salomon halowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he had prepared burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Salomon had made, was not able to receiue the burnt offering, and the meate offring, and the fat.

8 And Salomon made [b] a feast at that time of seuen dayes, † all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entring in of Hamath, vnto the riuer of Egypt.

b The feast of the Tabernacles which was kept in the seuenth moneth.

9 And in the eight day they [c] made a solemne assembly: for they had made the dedication of the altar seuen dayes, and the feast seuen dayes.

c They assembled to heare the word of God after that they had remained seuen dayes in the boothes or Tabernacles.

10 And the [d] three and twentieth day of the seuenth moneth, he sent the people away into their tents, ioyning and with glad heart because of the goodnesse that the Lord had done to Dauid and to Salomon, and to Israel his people.

d They had leaue to depart the two and twentieth day, 1 Kings. 8. 66. but they went not away till the next day. 1. Kings. 9. 1. Numb. 12, 8.

11 So Salomon finished the house of the Lord, and the kings house, and all that came into Salomons heart, to make in the house of the Lord: and he prospered in his house.

12 ¶ And the Lord * appeared to Salomon by night, and said to him, I haue heard thy prayer, and haue chosen this place for my selfe to be an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut the heauen that there bee no raine, or if I commaund the grashopper to deuoure the land, or if I send pestilence among my people,

14 If my people, among whom my Name is called vpon, doe humble themselues and pray, and seeke my presence, and turne from their wicked waies, then will I heare in heauen, and be mercifull to their lande, and will [e] heale their land:

e I will cause the pestilence to cease and destroy the beasts that hurt the fruits of the earth, and send raine in due season.

15 Then mine eyes shall be open, & mine eares attent vnto the prayer made in this place.

16 For I haue now chosen and sanctified this house, that my Name may be there for euer; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And if thou wilt walke before me, as Dauid thy father walked, to doe according vnto all that I haue commaunded thee, and shalt obserue my statutes and my iudgements,

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdome, according as I made the couenant with Dauid thy father, saying, * Thou shalt not want a man to be ruler in Israel.

Chap. 6. 16.

19 But if ye turne away, and forsake my statutes and my commaundements which I haue set before you, and shal go and serue other gods, and worship them,

20 Then will I plucke them vp out of my land which I haue giuen them, and this house which I haue [f] sanctified for my Name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a prouerbe and a common talke among all people.

f Which thing declareth that God had more respect to their saluation, then to the aduancement of his owne glory: and wherein men abuse those things, which God hath appointed to set forth his prayse, he doeth withdraw his graces thence.

21 And this house which is most hie, shall be an astonishment to euery one that passeth by it, so that hee shall say, Why hath the Lorde done thus to this lande, and to this house?

22 And they shall answere, Because they forsooke the Lorde God of their fathers, which brought them out of the lande of Egypt, and haue taken holde on other gods, and haue worshipped them, & serued them, therefore hath he brought all this euill vpon them.

CHAP VIII.

2 The cities that Salomon built. 7 People that were made tributaries vnto him. 12 His sacrifices. 17 He sendeth to Ophir.

AND * after [a] twenty yeere when Salomon had built the house of the Lord, and his owne house,

1. King. 9. 10.

a Signifying that he was twenty yeere in building them.

2 Then Salomon built the cities that Huram [b] gaue to Salomon, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

b That is, which Hiram gaue again to Salomon because they pleased him not: & therefore called them Cabul, that is dirt or filth, 1. Kin. 9. 13

3 And Salomon went to Hamath Zobah, and ouercame it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wildernesse, and repaired all [c] the cities of store which he built in Hamath.

c Meaning, of munitions and treasures for the warre.

5 And he built [d] Beth-horon the vpper, and Beth-horon the nether, cities defenced with walles, gates and barres:

d That is, he repaired and fortified them: for they were built long before by Sherah a noble woman of the tribe of Ephraim, 1 Chr. 6. 68. and 7. 24.

6 Also Baalath, and al the cities of store, that Salomon had, and all the charet cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and euery pleasant place that Salomon had a minde to builde in Jerusalem, and in [e] Lebanon, and throughout all the lande of his dominion.

e Read 1. King. 7. 2.

7 And all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, which were not of Israel,

8 But of their children which were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel had not consumed, euen them did Salomon make † tributaries vntill this day.

† Ebr. to come vp to tribute.

9 But of the children of Israel did Salomon make no seruants for his worke: for they were men of warre, and his chiefe princes, and the captaines of his charets and of his horsemen.

10 So these were the chiefe of the officers which Salomon had, euen [f] two hundreth and fifte that bare rule ouer the people.

f For in al there were 3300. but here he meaneth them that had the principall charge, reade 1. King. 9. 23.

11 ¶ Then Salomon brought vp the daughter of Pharaoh out of the citie of Dauid, vnto the house that he had built for her: for he saide, My wife shall not dwell in the house of Dauid King of Israel: for it is holy, because that the Arke of the Lord came vnto it.

12 ¶ Then Salomon offred burnt offrings

Chap. 4. 1.

Exod. 29. 39. ‖ Or, after the maner of every day.

g Read Leuit. 23.

2. Chron. 34. 1.

h Both for the matter, and also for the workemanship.

i Meaning, the red sea.

k Which summe is thought to mount to three millions and sixe hundreth thousand crowns: for here is mention made of thirty moe, then are spoken of. 1. King. 9. 28.

1. King. 10. 1. matth. 12. 41. luke 11. 31.

a To know whether his wisdom were so great as the report was.

b There was no question so hard that he did not solue.

‖ Or, galleries whereby he went up.

‖ Ebr. there was no more Spirit in her. ‖ Or, alle.

vnto the Lorde, on the * altar of the Lorde which he had built before the porch,

13 To offer according to the commaundement of Moses euery day, in the Sabbaths, and in the newe moones, and in the solemne feastes, e three times in the yeere, that is, in the feast of the vnleauened bread, and in the feast of the weekes, & in the feast of the Tabernacles.

14 And he set the courses of the Priests to their offices, according to the order of Dauid his father, and the Leuites in their watches, for to prayse and minister before the Priestes euery day, and the porters by * their courses at euery gate: for so was the commandement of Dauid the man of God.

15 And they declined not from the commaundement of the King, concerning the Priestes & the Leuites, touching all things, and touching the treasures.

16 ¶ Now Salomon had made prouision for all the h worke, from the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, vntill it was finished: so the house of the Lorde was perfit.

17 Then went Salomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth by the i sea side in the land of Edom.

18 And Huram sent him by the hands of his seruants, shippes, and seruants that had knowledge of the sea: and they went with the seruaunts of Salomon to Ophir, and brought thence k foure hundreth and fiftie talents of golde, and brought them to king Salomon.

CHAP. IX.

1. 9 The Queene of Sheba commeth to see Salomon, and bringeth gifts. 13 His yerely reuennues. 30 The time of his reigne. 31 His death.

AND * when the Queene of Sheba heard of the fame of Salomon, she came to a proue Salomon with hard questions at Ierusalem, with a very great traine, and camels that bare sweet odours, and much gold, and precious stones: & when she came to Salomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Salomon declared her all her questions, and there was b nothing hid from Salomon, which he declared not vnto her.

3 Then the Queene of Sheba sawe the wisedome of Salomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his seruaunts, and the order of his waiters, and their apparel, and his burlers, and their apparel, and his burnt offerings, which he offered in the house of the Lorde, and she was ‡ greatly astonied.

5 And she said to the King, It was a true worde which I heard in mine owne land of thy sayings, and of thy wisdome:

6 Howbeit I beleeued not their report, vntill I came, and mine eyes had seene it: and behold, the one halfe of thy great wisedom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy are thy men, & happy are these thy seruants, which stand before thee alway and heare thy wisedome.

8 Blessed be the Lord thy God, which loued thee, to set thee on his * throne as King, in the stead of the Lorde thy God: because thy God loueth Israel, to establish it for euer, therefore hath he made thee king ouer them, to execute iudgement and iustice.

9 Then shee gaue the King threescore talents of gold, & of sweete odours exceeding much, and precious stones: neither was there such sweet odours since, as the Queene of Sheba gaue vnto king Salomon.

10 And the seruants also of Huram, and the seruants of Salomon which brought golde from Ophir, brought d Algummim wood and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the Algummim wood * staires in the house of the Lorde, and in the Kings house, and harpes and violes for singers: and there was no such seene before in the land of Iudah.

12 And King Salomon gaue to the Queene of Sheba, euery pleasant thing that shee asked, ‖ besides for that which shee had brought vnto the king: so she returned and went to her owne country, both she, and her seruants.

13 ¶ Also the weight of golde that came to Salomon in one yeere, was sixe hundreth, threescore and sixe talents of gold,

14 Besides that which chapmen & marchants brought: and all the Kings of Arabia, and the princes of the country brought gold and siluer to Salomon.

15 And King Salomon made two hundreth targets of beaten gold, and e sixe hundreth shekels of beaten golde went to one target,

16 And three hundreth shields of beaten golde: three hundreth f shekels of gold went to one shield, and the King put them in the house of the wood of Lebanon.

17 And the king made a great throne of yuorie, and ouerlayd it with pure gold.

18 And the throne had sixe steppes, with a foote stoole of gold ‖ fastened to the throne, and rayes on either side on the place of the seate, and two lyons standing by the ‖ rayes.

19 And twelue lions stood there on the sixe steps on either side: there was not the like made in any kingdome.

20 And all King Salomons drinking vessels were of golde, and all the vessels of the house of the wood of Lebanon were of pure gold: for siluer was nothing esteemed in the dayes of Salomon.

21 For the kings ships went to Tarshish with the seruants of Huram, euery three yeres once came the ships of ‖ Tarshish, and brought golde, and siluer, yuorie and apes, and peacockes.

22 So King Salomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and wisedome.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Salomon, to heare his wisedome that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armour, and sweete odours, horses, and mules from yeere to yeere.

25 And

c Meaning, that the Israelites were Gods peculiar people, and that Kings are the lieutenants of God which ought to graunt vnto him the superioritie, and minister iustice to all.

d Reade Chap. 2. 8 and 1. King. 10. 11.

e Or, pillars: meaning, the garnishing and trimming of the staires or pillars.

f That is, which the King gaue her for recompense of that treasure which she brought.

g Which summ mounteth to 2400. crounes of the sunne, *Budæus de asse*.

h Or, pounds, called *mine*, whereof euery one seemed to make an hundreth shekels.

i That is, the steps and the footstoole were fastened to the throne.

k Vpon the pommels, or knops.

‖ Which country of the best writers, is thought to be Cilicia, read 1. King. 10. 22.

25 And Salomon had * foure thousand stalles of horses and charetes, and twelue thousand horsemen, whom hee bestowed in the charet cities, and with the king at Ierusalem.

26 And hee reigned ouer all the Kings from the ‖ River euen vnto the land of the Philistims, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king gaue siluer in Ierusalem, * as stones, and gaue cedar trees as the wilde figge trees that are abounda[n]t in the plaine.

28 And they brought vnto Salomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 Cocerning the rest of the acts of Salomon first and last, are they not written in the booke of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophesie of Ahiah the Shilonite, and in the visions of ‖ Ieedo the Seer * against Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat?

30 And Salomon reigned in Ierusalem ouer all Israel fortie yeeres.

31 And Salomon * slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Dauid his father: and Rehoboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

4. 14 The rigor of Rehoboam. 13 He followeth lewd counsell. 16 The people rebell.

THen * Rehoboam * went to Shechem: for to Shechem came all Israel to make him king.

2 And when Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat heard it (which was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Salomon the king) he returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him: so came Ieroboam and all Israel, and communed with Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grieuous: now therefore make thou the grieuous seruitude of thy father, and his sore yoke, that he put vpon vs, lighter, and we will serue thee.

5 And he said vnto them, Depart yet three dayes, then come againe vnto me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam tooke counsell with the olde men that had stood before Salomon his father, while he yet liued, saying, What counsell giue ye that I may answere this people?

7 And they spake vnto him, saying, If thou be kinde to this people, and please them and speake louing words to them, they will be thy seruants for euer.

8 But he left the counsell of the ancient men that they had giuen him, and tooke counsell of the yong men that were brought vp with him, and * wayted on him.

9 And he said vnto them, What counsell giue yee, that we may answere this people, which haue spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

10 And the yong men that were brought vp with him, spake vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answere the people that spake to thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heauie, but make thou it lighter for vs: thus shalt thou say vnto them, My ‖ least part shall be bigger then my fathers loynes.

11 Now whereas my father did burden you with a grieuous yoke, I will yet increase your yoke: my father hath chastised you with roddes, but I will correct you with ‖ scourges.

12 ¶ Then Ieroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come againe to me the third day.

13 And the king answered them sharply: and king Rehoboam left the counsell of the ancient men,

14 And spake to them after the counsell of the yong men, saying, My father made your yoke grieuous, but I will increase it: my father chastised you with rods, but I will correct you with scourges.

15 So the king hearkened not vnto the people: for it was the * ordinance of God, that the Lord might perfourme his saying, which he had spoken ‡ by Ahiah the Shilonite to Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king would not heare them, the people answered the king, saying, * What portion haue we in Dauid? for we haue none inheritance in the sonne of Iisai. O Israel, euery man to your tents: now see to thine owne house, Dauid. So all Israel departed to their tents.

17 Howbeit Rehoboam reigned ouer the children of Israel, that dwelt in the cities of Iudah.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was * ouer the tribute, and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died: then king Rehoboam ‡ made speed to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ierusalem.

19 And Israel rebelled against the house of Dauid vnto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 4 Rehoboam is forbidden to fight against Ieroboam. 5 Cities which he built. 21 He hath eighteene wiues, and threescore concubines, and by them eight and twentie sonnes, and threescore daughters.

AND * when Rehoboam was come to Ierusalem, he gathered of the house of Iudah and * Beniamin nine score thousand chosen men of warre to fight against * Israel, and to bring the kingdome again to Rehoboam.

2 But the worde of the Lorde came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 Speake vnto Rehoboam, the sonne of Salomon king of Iudah, and to all Israel that are in Iudah and Beniamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not goe vp, nor fight against your brethren: returne euery man to his house: for this thing is done of me. They obeyed therefore the worde of the Lord, & returned from going against Ieroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Ierusalem, and * built strong cities in Iudah.

6 He built euen Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, ‡ Shoco, ‡ Adullam,

8 And

m That is, ten horses in euery stable, which in all amount to forty thousand, as 1. King. 4. 26.

‖ Or, Euphrates.

n The abundance of these temporall treasures in Salomons kingdome, is a figure of the spirituall treasures, which the elect shall enioy in the heauens vnder the true Salomon Christ.

‖ Or, Iddo.

o That is, which prophesied against him.

1. King. 11. 41, 42.

2. King. 12. 1.

a After the death of Salomon.

b That is, handled vs rudely. It seemeth, that God had denied their hearts, so that they thus murmured without cause: which declareth also the inconstancie of the people.

c Or, that flood by him, that is, which were of his counsell and secrets.

d Or, litle finger, meaning, that he was of farre greater power then was his father.

‖ Or, scorpions.

e Gods will imposeth such a necessitie to the second causes, that nothing can be done but according to the same, and yet mans will worketh as of it selfe, so that it cannot be excused in doing euil, by alleaging that it is Gods ordinance.

‡ Ebr. by the hand of.

1. King. 12. 16.

‖ Or, receiuer.

‡ Ebr. strengthened himselfe.

1. King. 12. 20, 21.

a That is, the halfe tribe of Beniamin: for the other halfe was gone after Ieroboam.

b Meaning, the ten tribes which rebelled.

c Or, repaired them, and made them strong, to be more able to resist Ieroboam.

8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,
9 And Adoraim, & Lachish, & Azekah,
10 And Zorah, and Aialon, and Hebron,
which were in Iudah & Beniamin, strong
cities.
11 And he ‖repaired the strong holds and
put captaines in them, and store of vitaile,
and oyle and wine.
12 And in all cities he put shieldes and
speares, and made them exceeding strong:
so Iudah and Beniamin were his.
13 ¶ And the Priests & the Leuites that
were in all Israel, ‡resorted vnto him out
of all their coasts.
14 For the Leuites left their suburbes,
and their possession, and came to Iudah and
to Ierusalem: * for Ieroboam & his sonnes
had cast them out from ministring in the
Priests office vnto the Lord.
15 * And he ordeined him priests for the
hie places, and for the ᵈ deuils, and for the
calues which he had made.
16 And after the Leuites there came to
Ierusalem of all the tribes of Israel, such as
set their ᵉ hearts to seeke the Lord God of
Israel, to offer vnto the Lord God of their
fathers.
17 So they strengthened the kingdome
of Iudah, and made Rehoboam the sonne of
Salomon mighty, three yeere long: for three
yere they ᶠ walked in the way of Dauid and
Salomon.
18 ¶ And Rehoboam tooke him Mahalath the daughter of Ierimoth the sonne of
Dauid to wife, and Abihail the daughter of
Eliab the sonne of Ishai,
19 Which bare him sonnes, Ieush, and
Shemariah, and Zaham.
20 And after her hee tooke Maakah the
daughter of Absalom which bare him Abiiah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
21 And Rehoboam loued Maakah the
daughter of Absalom aboue all his wiues
and his concubines: for he tooke eighteene
wiues, and threescore concubines, and begat
eight and twenty sonnes, and threescore
daughters.
22 And Rehoboam made ᵍ Abiiah the
sonne of Maakah the chiefe ruler among his
brethren: for he thought to make him king.
23 And he taught him: and dispersed all
his sonnes throughout all the countreys of
Iudah & Beniamin vnto euery strong city:
and he gaue them abundance of vitaile, and
ʰ desired many wiues.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam forsaketh the Lord & is punished by Shishak. 5 Shemaiah reproueth him. 6 He humbleth himselfe. 7 God sendeth him succour. 9 Shishak taketh his treasures. 13 His reigne and death. 16 Abiiah his sonne succeedeth him.

AND ‖when Rehoboam had established the kingdome and made it strong, hee forsooke the Law of the Lord, and ‖all Israel with him.
2 Therefore in the fift yeere of king Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem (because they had transgressed against the Lord)
3 With twelue hundreth charets, and
threescore thousand horsemen, and the people
were without number, that came with him
from Egypt, euen the Lubims, ᵇ Sukkiims,
and the ‖Ethiopians.
4 And he tooke the strong cities which
were of Iudah, and came vnto Ierusalem.
5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the Prophet
to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Iudah,
that were gathered together in Ierusalem,
because of Shishak, and said vnto them,
Thus saith the Lord, Ye haue forsaken me,
ᶜ therefore haue I also left you in the hands
of Shishak.
6 Then the princes of Israel, and the
King humbled themselues, and said, The
Lord is ᵈ iust.
7 And when the Lord saw that they
humbled themselues, the word of the Lord
came to Shemaiah, saying, They haue
humbled themselues, therefore I will not
destroy them, but I will send them deliuerance shortly, and my wrath shall not ‡ bee
powred out vpon Ierusalem by the hand of
Shishak.
8 Neuertheless they shalbe his seruants:
so shall they know my ᵉ seruice, and the seruice of the kingdomes of the earth.
9 ¶ Then Shishak king of Egypt came
vp against Ierusalem, and tooke the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the kings house: he tooke euen all,
and hee caryed away the shieldes of golde,
* which Salomon had made.
10 In steade whereof king Rehoboam
made shields of brasse, and committed them
to the hands of the chiefe of the garde, that
waited at the doore of the kings house.
11 And when the King entred into the
house of the Lord, the gard came and bare
them, & brought them againe vnto the gard
chamber.
12 And because he ᶠ humbled himselfe, the
wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he
would not destroy all together. And also in
Iudah the things prospered.
13 * So king Rehoboam was strong in
Ierusalem and reigned: for Rehoboam was
one and fortie yeere olde, when he began to
reigne, & reigned ᵍ seuenteene yeeres in Ierusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen
out of all the tribes of Israel to put his
Name there. And his mothers name was
Naamah an Ammonitesse.
14 And he did euill: for he prepared not
his heart to seeke the Lord.
15 The acts also of Rehoboam first and
last, are they not written in the ‡ bookes of
Shemaiah the Prophet, & Iddo the Seer,
in rehearsing the genealogies? and there was
warre alway betweene Rehoboam and Ieroboam.
16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of Dauid,
and ‖Abiiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abiiah maketh warre against Ieroboam. 4 He sheweth the occasion. 12 Hee trusteth in the Lorde, and ouercommeth Ieroboam. 21 Of his wiues and children.

In

‖Or, strengthened

‡Ebr. stood.

Chap. 13. 9.

1. King. 12. 31.

d Meaning, idoles, reade Isa. 44. 15.

e Which were zealous of true religion, and feared God.

ᶠ So long as they feared God, and set foorth his word, they prospered.

g Called also Abiiam, who reigned three yeere, 1. King. 15. 3.

h He gaue himselfe to haue many wiues.

‖Or, when the Lord had established Rehoboam king dome.

a For such is the inconstancy of the people, ‡ for the most part they follow the vices of their gouernors.

b Which were a people of Africa called the Troglodites, because they dwelt in holes.

‖Or, blacke Mores.

c Signifying that no calamitie can come vnto vs, except we forsake God, and that he neuer leaueth vs, till we haue cast him off.

d And therefore doeth iustly punish you for your sinnes.

‡Eb. drop downe.

e He sheweth that Gods punishments are not to destroy his vtterly, but to chastise them, to bring them to the knowledge of themselues, & to know how much better it is to serue God then tyrants. Chap. 9. 15, 16.

f Which declared that God seeketh not the death of a sinner, but his conuersion, Eze. 18. 32, and 33. 11. 1. King. 14. 21.

g That is, twelue yeeres after that he had bene ouercome by Shishak, verse 2.

‡Ebr. saying.

‖Or, Abiam.

In the eighteenth yeere of king Jeroboam, began Abiah to reigne ouer a Iudah.

2 He reigned three yeere in Jerusalem: (his mothers name also was b Michaiah the daughter of c Uriel of Gibea) & there was warre betweene Abiah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abiah set the battel in aray with the army of valiant men of warre, euen foure hundreth thousand chosen men. Jeroboam also set the battell in aray against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, which were strong and valiant.

4 And Abiah stood vp vpon mount d Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, & said, O Jeroboam, and all Israel, heare you me,

5 Ought you not to know that the Lord God of Israel hath giuen the kingdom ouer Israel to e Dauid for euer, euen to him and to his sonnes by a couenant e of salt?

6 And Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat the seruant of Salomon the sonne of Dauid is risen vp, and hath f rebelled against his lord:

7 And there are gathered to him g vaine men & h wicked, & made themselues strong against Rehoboam the sonne of Salomon: for Rehoboam was i but a child, and k tender hearted, and could not resist them.

8 Now therefore ye thinke that ye be able to resist against the kingdom of the Lord, which is in the hands of the sonnes of Dauid, and yee be a great multitude, and the golden calues are with you which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 l Haue ye not driuen away the Priests of the Lord, the sonnes of Aaron and the Leuites, & haue made you priests like the people of other countreys? whosoeuer commeth to m consecrate with a young bullocke and seuen rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But wee belong vnto the Lorde our God, & haue not forsaken him, & the Priests the sonnes of Aaron minister vnto the Lord, and the Leuites in their office.

11 And they burne vnto the Lord euery n morning and euery euening burnt offrings and sweete incense, and the bread is set in order vpon the pure table, and the candlestick of golde with the lampes thereof, to burne euery euening: for we keepe the watch of the Lorde our God: but yee haue forsaken him.

12 And behold, this God o is with vs as a captaine, and his Priests with the sounding trumpets, to cry an alarme against you. O ye children of Israel, fight not against the Lord God of your fathers: for yee shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambushment p to compasse, and come behind them, when they were before Iudah, and the ambushment behind them.

14 Then Iudah looked, and behold, the battel was before and behind them, and they cried vnto the Lord, and the Priests blew with the trumpets,

15 And the men of Iudah gaue a shout: and euen as they cried, God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abiah and Iudah.

16 And q children of Israel fled before Iudah, & God deliuered them into their hand.

17 And Abiah & his people slew a great slaughter of them, so that there fell downe wounded of Israel fiue hundred thousand chosen men.

18 So r children of Israel were brought vnder at that time: and the children of Iudah preuailed, s because they stayed vpon the Lord God of their fathers.

19 And Abiah pursued after Jeroboam, and tooke cities from him, euen Beth-el, and the t villages thereof, and Jesanah with her villages, and Ephron with her villages.

20 And Jeroboam recouered no strength againe in the dayes of Abiah, but the Lord plagued him, and he died.

21 So Abiah waxed mighty, & maried fourteene wiues, & begate two and twentie sonnes, and sixteene daughters.

22 The rest of the acts of Abiah, & his maners and his sayings are written in the storp of the Prophet Jddo.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 Asa destroyeth idolatry, and commandeth his people to serue the true God. 11 He prayeth vnto God when he should goe to fight. 12 Hee obtaineth the victory.

SO a Abiah slept with his fathers, & they buried him in the citie of Dauid, and Asa his sonne reigned in his stead: in whose dayes the land was quiet ten yeere.

2 And Asa did that was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God.

3 For hee tooke away the altars of the strange gods & the hie places, & brake downe the images, and cut downe the b groues,

4 And commanded Iudah to seeke the Lord God of their fathers, and to doe according to the Law and the commandement.

5 And he tooke away out of all the cities of Iudah the hie places, & the images: therefore the kingdome was c quiet before him.

6 He built also strong cities in Iudah, because the land was in rest, and he had no warre in those yeeres: for the Lord had giuen him rest.

7 Therefore he sayd to Iudah, Let vs build these cities and make walles about and towers, gates, and barres, whiles the land is d before vs: because we haue sought the Lord our God, we haue sought him, and he hath giuen vs rest on euery side: so they built and prospered.

8 And Asa had an armie of Iudah that bare shields & speares, three hundred thousand, and of Beniamin that bare shields and drew bowes, two hundred & fourescore thousand: all these were valiant men.

9 ¶ And there came out against them Zerah e of Ethiopia with an host of ten hundred thousand, and three hundred charets, and came vnto f Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out before him, and they set the battell in aray in the valley of Zephathah beside Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried vnto the Lord his God, and

a He meaneth Iudah and Beniamin.

b Or, Maacha, 1 King. 15.2.

c Called also Absalom, for Absalom was her grandfather, 2 King. 15.2.

d Which was one of the tops of mount Ephraim.

e And therfore whosoeuer doth vsurp it, or take it fro that stocke, transgresseth the ordinance of the Lord: thus like an hypocrite he alleageth the word of God for his aduantage.

f That is, perpetual, because the thing, which is salted, is preserued from corruption: he meaneth also that it was made solemnly, & confirmed by offring of sacrifices, where as they vsed salt, according as was ordained, Num. 18.19. 2 Chron. 13.5.

g This word in the Chaldee tongue, is Racha, which our Sauiour vseth, Matth. 5.22.

h Ebr. children of Belial.

i Meaning in heart & courage.

k Or, faint hearted. Leuit. 26.36. 1 King. 12.31. chap. 11.14.

l Ebr. fil his hand.

m He sheweth the nature of idolaters which take no trial of the vocation, life, & doctrine of their ministers, but thinke the most vilest & greatest beasts sufficient to serue their turne.

k As it was appointed in the law, Exod. 29.39. l Because their cause was good & approued by the Lord, they doubted not of the successe and victorie. m Contemning the good counsell which came of the Spirit of God, he thought to haue ouercome by deceit.

n Hesheweth that the stay of al kingdoms and assurance of victories depend vpon our trust and confidence in the Lord.

‡ Ebr. daughters.

1 King. 15.8.

a Which were planted contrary to the Lawe, Deut. 16.21.

b He sheweth that the rest and quietnes of kingdomes standeth in abolishing idolatry, and aduancing true Religion.

c Whiles wee haue the full gouernement thereof.

d The king of Ethiopia or Egypt.

e Which was a citie in Iudah, Iosh. 15.44. where Michaiah the Prophet was borne.

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and sayd, Lord, * it is nothing with thee to helpe, whether with many, or with no power: helpe vs, O Lord our God: for we rest on thee, and in thy Name are we come against this multitude: O Lord, thou art our God, let not man preuaile against thee.

12 ¶ So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa and before Iudah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that was with him, pursued them vnto Gerar. And the Ethiopians host was ouerthrowen, so that there was no life in them: for they were destroyed before the Lord, and before his host: and they caried away a mighty great spoyle.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar: for the feare of the Lord came vpon them, and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoile in them.

15 Yea, and they smote the tents of cattel, and caried away plentie of sheepe & camels, and returned to Ierusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 The exhortation of Azariah. 8 Asa purgeth his country of idolatry. 11 He sacrificeth with the people. 14 They sweare together to serue the Lord. 16 He deposeth his mother for her idolatry.

THen the Spirit of God came vpon [a] Azariah the sonne of Obed.

2 And he went out to meete Asa, & sayd vnto him, O Asa, and all Iudah and Beniamin, heare ye me. The Lord is with you, while ye bee with him: and if ye seeke him, he wil be found of you, but if ye forsake him, he wil forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Israel hath bene without the [b] true God, & without Priest to teach, and without Law.

4 But whosoeuer returned in his affliction to the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he [c] was found of them.

5 And in that time there was no peace to him, that did goe out and goe in: but great troubles were to all the inhabitants of the earth.

6 For nation was destroyed of nation, & city of city: for God troubled them with all aduersitie.

7 Be ye strong therfore, and let not your hands be weake: for your [d] worke shall haue a reward.

8 ¶ And when Asa heard these wordes, and the prophecie of Obed the Prophet, hee was encouraged, and tooke away the abominations out of all the land of Iudah, and Beniamin, & out of the cities which hee had taken of mount Ephraim, and he renued the altar of the Lord, that was before the porch of the Lord.

9 And he gathered all Iudah & Beniamin, & the strangers w them out of Ephraim, and [e] Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for there fell many to him out of Israel, when they saw that the Lord his God was w him.

10 So they assembled to Ierusalem in the [e] third moneth, in the fifteenth yeere of the reigne of Asa.

11 And they offered vnto the Lord [f] same time of the [f] spoyle, which they had brought, seuen hundred bullocks, and seuen thousand sheepe.

12 And they made a couenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart, and with all their soule.

13 And [g] whosoeuer will not seeke the Lord God of Israel, shall be slaine, whether he were small or great, man or woman.

14 And they sware vnto the Lord with a loud voyce, & with shouting and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Iudah reioyced at the othe: for they had sworne vnto the Lord with all their heart, and sought him with a whole desire, and he was [h] found of them. And the Lord gaue them rest round about.

16 ¶ And king Asa remoued [i] Maachah his [i] mother from her regentie, because she had made an idole in a grout: and Asa brake downe her idole and stamped it, and burnt it at the brooke Kidron.

17 But the hie places were not [k] taken away out of [l] Israel: yet the heart of Asa was [m] perfect all his dayes.

18 Also he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicate, and that he had dedicate, siluer, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no warre vnto the fiue and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of Asa.

a Who was called Obed as his father was, ver. 8

b For the space of twelue yeeres vnder Rehoboam, and three yeeres vnder Abiiah, religion was neglected, and idolatry planted.

c He sheweth that notwithstanding the wickednesse of tyrants and their rage, yet God hath his, whom he heareth in their tribulation, as he deliuered his foe Zerah king of the Ethiopians, Chap. 14. 9, 12. and out of all other dangers, when they called vpon the Lord.

d Your confidence and trust in God shall not be frustrate.

e Called Shiuan, conteining part of May, and part of Iune.

f Which they had taken of the Ethiopians.

g These were the words of their couenant, which commanded all idolaters to be put to death according to the Law of God, Deu. 13. 6, 9, 15.

h So long as they serued him aright, so long did he preserue & prosper them. 1. King. 15. 13.

i Or, grandmother: and herein he shewed that he lacked zeale: for she ought to haue died both by the Couenant, as verse 13. and by the Law of God: but he gaue place to foolishpitie, and would also seeme after a sort to satisfie the zeale in him, partly by the superstition

Because that God was called the God of Israel by reason of his promise to Iaakob: therefore is Israel sometime taken for Iudah, because Iudah was his chiefe people.

m In respect of his predecessors.

CHAP. XVI.

2 Asa for feare of Baasha king of Israel, maketh a couenant with Benhadad king of Aram. 7 He is reproued by the Prophet, 10 Whom he putteth in prison. 12 Hee putteth his trust in the Physicians. 13 His death.

IN the fiue and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of Asa came [a] Baasha king of Israel vp against Iudah, and built [b] Ramah to let none passe out or goe in to Asa king of Iudah.

2 Then Asa brought out siluer and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord, and of the kings house, and sent to Benhadad king of Aram that dwelt at [n] Damascus, saying,

3 There is a couenant betweene me and thee, and betweene my father, and thy father: behold, I haue sent thee siluer and gold: come, [c] breake thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from mee.

4 And Benhadad hearkened vnto king Asa, and sent the captaines of the armies which he had, against the cities of Israel. And they smote Iion, & Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And when Baasha heard it, hee left building of Ramah, and let his worke cease.

6 Then Asa the king tooke all Iudah, and caryed away the stones of Ramah and

a Who reigned after Nadab the sonne of Ieroboam. 1. King. 15. 17.

b He fortified it with walles and ditches: it was a citie in Beniamin neere to Gibeon.

n Or, Darmesek.

c He thought to repulse his aduersary by an vnlawfull meanes, that is, by seeking helpe of infidels, as they that seeke the Turkes amitie, thinking thereby to make themselues more strong.

and the slimder therpof, wherewith Baasha had built, and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 ¶ And at the same time Hanani the Seer came to Asa King of Iudah, and said vnto him, Because thou hast rested vpon the King of Aram, and not rested in the Lorde thy God, therefore is the hoste of the King of Aram escaped out of thine hand.

8 The Ethiopians and the Lubims, were they not a great hoste with charets and horsemen, exceeding many? yet because thou diddest rest vpon the Lord, he delyuered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the Lord beholde all the earth to shew himselfe strong with them that are of perfect heart towarde him: thou hast then done foolishly in this: therefore from henceforth thou shalt haue warres.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the Seer, and put him into a prison; for he was displeased with him, because of this thing. And Asa oppressed certaine of the people at the same time.

11 And behold, the actes of Asa first and last, loe, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Iudah and Israel.

12 ¶ And Asa in the nine and thirtieth yeere of his reigne was diseased in his feete, and his disease was extreme: yet hee sought not the Lord in his disease, but to the Physicians.

13 So Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fourtieth yeere of his reigne.

14 And they buried him in one of his sepulchres, which he had made for himselfe in the citie of Dauid, and layd him in the bed, which they had filled with sweete odours and diuers kindes of spices, made by the arte of the Apothecary: and they burnt odours for him with an exceeding great fire.

CHAP. XVII.

5 Iehoshaphat trusting in the Lord, prospereth in riches and honour. 6 He abolisheth idolatrie, 7 and causeth the people to bee taught. 11 Hee receiueth tribute of strangers. 13 His munitions, and men of warre.

AND Iehoshaphat his sonne reigned in his stead, and preuailed against Israel.

2 And hee put garisons in all the strong cities of Iudah, and set bands in the land of Iudah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Iehoshaphat, because he walked in the first wayes of his father Dauid, and sought not Baalim.

4 But sought the Lorde God of his father, and walked in his commandements, and not after the trade of Israel.

5 Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdome in his hand, And all Iudah brought presents to Iehoshaphat, so that hee had of riches and honour in abundance.

6 And hee lift vp his heart vnto the wayes of the Lorde, and hee tooke away moreouer the hie places and the groues out of Iudah.

7 ¶ And in the third yeere of his reigne he sent his princes, Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Michaiah, that they should teach in the cities of Iudah.

8 And with them Leuites, Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Ionathan, and Adoniah, and Tobiah, and Tob-adoniah, Leuites, and with them Elishama and Iehoram Priests.

9 And they taught in Iudah, and had the booke of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Iudah, and taught the people.

10 And the feare of the Lord fell vpon all the kingdomes of the lands that were round about Iudah, and they fought not against Iehoshaphat.

11 And some of the Philistims brought Iehoshaphat giftes, and tribute siluer, & the Arabians brought him flockes, seuen thousand and seuen hundred rammes, and seuen thousand and seuen hundred hee goates.

12 So Iehoshaphat prospered and grew vp on hie: and he built in Iudah palaces and cities of store.

13 And he had great workes in the cities of Iudah, and men of warre, and valiant men in Ierusalem.

14 And these are the number of them after the house of their fathers. In Iudah were captaines of thousands, Adnah the captaine, and with him of valiant men three hundred thousand.

15 And last the hand Iehohanan a captaine, and with him two hundreth & fourscore thousand.

16 And at his hand Amaliah the sonne of Zichri, which willingly offered himselfe vnto the Lorde, and with him two hundred thousand valiant men.

17 And of Beniamin, Eliada a valiant man, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And at his hand Iehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourescore thousand armed to the warre.

19 These waited on the King, besides those which the king put in the strong cities throughout all Iudah.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Iehoshaphat maketh affinitie with Ahab. 10 Foure hundred Prophets counsell Ahab to go to warre. 16 Michaiah against them. 23 Zidkiah smiteth him. 25 The king putteth him in prison. 29 The effect of his prophesie.

NOw Iehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, but he was ioyned in affinitie with Ahab.

2 And after certaine yeeres hee went downe to Ahab to Samaria: and Ahab slewe sheepe & oxen for him in great number, and for the people that he had with him, and entised him to goe vp vnto Ramoth Gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat King of Iudah, Wilt thou goe with me to Ramoth Gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people

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[Or, Prophet. Chap. 14.9. 2. Macca. 9.5. and 12.22.

[Ek. prison house.

d Thus in stead of turning to God by repentance, he disdained the admonition of the Prophet, and punished him as the wicked do when they be told of their faults.

[Or, gowte, or swollen. 1 King. 15. 23.

[Or, to the top of his head.

e God plagued his rebellion, & hereby declareth that it is nothing to begin wel except we so continue to the end, that is, zealous of Gods glory, and put our whole trust in him.

f He sheweth that it is in vaine to seeke to the Phisitians, except first wee seeke to God to purge our sinnes, which are the chiefe cause of all our diseases, & after vse the helpe of the Phisitian, as a meane by whom God worketh.

a That is, his vertues: meaning, before he had committed with Bath-sheba and against Vriah.

b Sought not helpe at strange gods.

[Ebr. worke.

c He gaue himselfe wholy to serue the Lord.

d He knew it was in vaine to professe religion except such were appointed, which could instruct the people in the same, and had authority to put away all idolatry.

e This God prospereth all such that with a pure heart seeke his glory, and keepeth their enemies in feare that they cannot be able to execute their rage against them.

[Ek. in his hand.

[Or, next to him.

f Meaning, which was a Nazarite, Num. 6.

g That is, they were as his ordinary guard.

1. King. 22. 3.

a For Ioram Iehoshaphats sonne maried Ahabs daughter.

b That is, the third yeere. 1 King. 22. 2.

c To recouer it out of the hand of the Syrians.

people as thy people, and we will ioyne with thee in the warre.

4 And Iehoshaphat said vnto the king of Israel, Aske counsell, I pray thee, at the [a] word of the Lord this day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered of [b] Prophets foure hundred men, and sayd vnto them, Shall we goe to Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall I cease? And they said, Goe vp: for God shall deliuer it into the kings hand.

6 But Iehoshaphat said, Is there here neuer a Prophet more of the Lord that we might inquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel sayd vnto Iehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may aske counsell of the Lorde, but I [c] hate him: for hee doeth not prophesie good vnto me, but alway euill: it is Michaiah the sonne of Imla. Then Iehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called an Eunuch, and sayd, Call quickly Michaiah the sonne of Imla.

9 ¶ And the king of Israel, and Iehoshaphat king of Iudah sate either of them on his throne clothed in their [d] apparell: they sate euen in the threshing floore at the entring in of the gate of Samaria: and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zidkiah the sonne of Chenaanah made him [e] hornes of yron, and sayd, Thus sayth the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Aramites, vntill thou hast consumed them.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Goe vp to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliuer it into the hand of the king.

12 ¶ And the messenger that went to call Michaiah, spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the Prophets declare good to the king with one [f] accord: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, bee like one of theirs, and speake thou good.

13 And Michaiah said, As the Lord liueth, whatsoeuer my God sayth, that will I speake.

14 ¶ So hee came to the King, and the King sayd vnto him, Michaiah, shall wee goe to Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall I leaue off? And hee said, [g] Goe yee vp, and prosper, and they shall be deliuered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, Howe oft shal I charge thee, that thou tell me nothing but truth in the Name of the Lord?

16 Then he sayd, I saw all Israel scattered in the mountaines, as sheepe that haue no shepheard: and the Lord sayd, [m] These haue no master: let them returne euery man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel sayd to Iehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee, that he would not prophesie good vnto me, but euill?

18 Againe he said, Therefore heare ye the word of the Lord: I saw the Lorde sit vpon his throne, and all the [n] hoste of heauen standing at his right hand, and at his left.

19 And the Lord said, Who shall ‖ perswade Ahab king of Israel, that hee may goe vp and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And one spake and said thus, and another sayd that.

20 Then there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and sayde, I will perswade him. And the Lorde sayd vnto him, Wherein?

21 And he said, I will goe out, and be a [o] lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt perswade, and shalt not preuaile: goe forth and doe so.

22 Now therefore behold, the Lord hath put a [p] lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the Lorde hath determined euill against thee.

23 Then Zidkiah the sonne of Chenaanah came neere, and smote Michaiah vpon the [q] cheeke, and said, By what way went the spirit of the Lorde from me, to speake vnto thee?

24 And Michaiah sayd, Behold, thou shalt see that day, when thou shalt goe from chamber to chamber to hide thee.

25 And the king of Israel sayd, Take ye Michaiah, and carie him to Amon the gouernour of the citie, and to Ioash the kings sonne,

26 And say, Thus sayth the king, Put this man in the prison house, and feede him with bread of [r] affliction, and with water of affliction, vntill I returne in peace.

27 And Michaiah sayd, If thou returne in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by mee. And ‖ he sayd, Heare, all ye people.

28 So the king of Israel, and Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah went vp to Ramoth Gilead.

29 And the king of Israel sayd vnto Iehoshaphat, I will [s] change my selfe, and enter into the battell: but put thou on thine apparel. So the king of Israel changed himselfe, and they went into the battell.

30 And the king of Aram had commanded the captaines of the charets that were with him, saying, Fight you not with small nor great, but against the king of Israel onely.

31 And when the captaines of the charets saw Iehoshaphat, they sayde, It is the king of Israel: and they compassed about him to fight. But Iehoshaphat [t] cryed, and the Lord helped him, and moued them to depart from him.

32 For when the captaines of the charets saw that he was not the king of Israel, they turned backe from him.

33 Then a certaine man drewe a bowe [u] ‡ mightily, and smote the king of Israel betweene the ioynts ‖ of the brigandine: therefore he sayd to his charetman, Turne thine hand, and carie me out of the hoste: for I am hurt.

34 And the battell increased that day: and the king of Israel [x] stood still in his charet against the Aramites vntill euen, and died at the time of the sunne going downe.

CHAP. XIX.

4 After Iehoshaphat was rebuked by the Prophet, he called againe the people to the honouring of the Lord. 5 Hee appointed iudges and ministers, 9 and exhorteth them to feare God.

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[a] Heare the aduice of some Prophet, to know whether it be Gods will.

[b] Which were the Prophets of Baal, signifying that the wicked eschewe of none but flatterers and such as wil beare with their inordinate affections.

[c] Yet the true ministers of God ought not to cease to do their duetie, though the wicked magistrates cannot abide them to speake the truth.

[d] Meaning, that he ought not to refuse to heare any that was of God.

[e] That is, in their maiestie and royall apparell.

[f] Reade 1. King. 22. 13.

[g] Thinking, that whereas foure hundred prophets had agreed in one thing, that he being but one man, and in least estimation durst not gaine say it.

[m] He propheseieth how the people should be dispersed, and Ahab slaine.

[n] Meaning, his Angels.

‖ Or, deceiue.

[o] That is, the Lord.

[p] To them that will not beleeue the trueth, God sendeth strong delusion, that they should beleeue lies, 2. Thes. 2. 10.

[q] By this cruelty his ambition and hypocrisie was discouered: thus the hypocrites boast of the spirit which they haue not, and declare their malice against them, in whom the true spirit is.

[r] Keepe him streitly in prison, and let him feele hunger & thirst.

‖ Or, Michaiah.

[s] This the wicked thinke by their owne subtiltie to escape Gods iudgements, which he threatneth by his word.

[t] He cried to the Lord by acknowledging his fault in going with this wicked king to war against the word of the Lord by his Prophet, and also by desiring mercie for the same.

‡ Ebr. in his simplicitie, or ignorantly.

‖ Or, betweene the habergine.

[u] He dissembled his hurt that his souldiers might fight more courageously.

* Heb. in peace.
a Hee declareth that the wrath and iudgement of God is ouer all such that fauore the wicked, and rather shew not indeed that they are enemies to all such as hate the Lord.
* Heb. wrath from the Lord.
b He visited all his countrey, & brought his people from idolatry to the knowledge of the true God.
c Both to preserue you, if you doe iustly, or to punish you, if you do the contrary.
d He wil declare by the sharpenesse of his punishment that he hateth all iniquitie.
Deut. 10. 17. Iob. 34. 19 Act. 10. 34. rom 2. 11. gal. 2. 6. ephes 6. 9 col. 3. 25. 1. pet. 1. 17.
e The Priests & Leuites which should iudge matters according to the word of the Lord.
f That is, to try whether the matter was done as vowares, or elson set purpose, Numb 35. 12. Deut 4. 42.
g Meaning, that God would punish them most sharply, if they would not execute iustice aright in the matters of the realme.
h God will fulfill them to doe iustice.

A Fter Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah returned a safe to his house in Ierusalem.
2 And Iehu the sonne of Hanani the Seer went out to meet him, & said to king Iehoshaphat, b Shouldest thou helpe the wicked and loue them that hate the Lord? therefore for this thing the wrath* of the Lord is vpon thee.
3 Neuertheless, good things are found in thee, because thou hast taken away the groues out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seeke God.
4 ¶ So Iehoshaphat dwelt at Ierusalem, and returned and went c throughout the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them againe vnto the Lord God of their fathers.
5 And he set Iudges in the land throughout all the strong cities of Iudah, citie by citie,
6 And said to the Iudges, Take heed what yee doe: for yee execute not the iudgements of man, but of the Lord, and he will be d with you in the cause and iudgement.
7 Wherefore now let the feare of the Lord be vpon you: take heed, and doe it: for there is no iniquitie with the Lord our God, neither e respect of persons, nor receiuing of rewards.
8 Moreouer, in Ierusalem did Iehoshaphat set of the Leuites, and of the Priests, and of the chiefe of the families of Israel, for the iudgement and cause of the Lord: and they f returned to Ierusalem.
9 And hee charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the feare of the Lord faithfully, and with a perfit heart.
10 And in euery cause that shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, betweene g blood and blood, betweene law and precept, statutes and iudgements, ye shall instruct them, and admonish them that they trespasse not against the Lord, that h wrath come not vpon you and vpon your brethren. Thus shall yee doe and trespasse not.
11 And beholde, Amariah the Priest shall be the chiefe ouer you in all matters of the Lord, and Zebadiah the sonne of Ismael, a ruler of the house of Iudah, shal be for all the i kings affaires, and the Leuites shalbe officers before you. Be of courage, and doe it, and the Lord shalbe with the k good.

h Shall be chiefe ouerseer of the publike affaires.
i They shall haue the handling of inferiour causes.

CHAP. XX.

Iehoshaphat and the people pray vnto the Lord. 22 The marueilous victory that the Lorde gaue him against his enemies. 30 His reigne and actes.

A Fter this also came the children of Moab and the children of Ammon, a with them of the * Ammonites against Iehoshaphat to battell.
2 Then there came that told Iehoshaphat, saying, There commeth a great multitude against thee from beyond the Sea, out of Aram: and beholde, they be in Hazezon Tamar, which is En-gedi.
3 And Iehoshaphat feared, and set himselfe to seeke the Lord, and proclaime a fast throughout all Iuda.
4 And Iudah gathered themselues together to aske counsel of the Lord: they came euen out of all the cities of Iudah to enquire of the Lord.
5 And Iehoshaphat stoode in the congregation of Iudah and Ierusalem in the house of the Lord before the new court.
6 And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heauen? and reignest not thou on all the Kingdomes of the heathen? and in thine hand is power and might, and none is able to withstand thee.
7 Diddest not thou, our God, cast out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gauest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for euer?
8 And they dwell therein, and haue built thee a Sanctuary therein for thy Name, saying,
9 * If euill come vpon vs, as the sworde of iudgement, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy Name is in this house) and will crie vnto thee in our tribulation, and thou wilt heare and helpe.
10 And now behold, the children of Ammon and Moab, and mount Seir, by whom thou wouldest not let Israel goe, when they came out of the Land of Egypt: but they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not:
11 Behold, I say, they reward vs, in comming to cast vs out of thine inheritance which thou hast caused vs to inherit.
12 O our God, wilt thou not iudge them? for there is no strength in vs to stand before this great multitude that commeth against vs, neither do we know what to do: but our eyes are toward thee.
13 And all Iudah stood before the Lord with their yong ones, their wiues, and their children.
14 And Iahaziel the sonne of Zechariah the sonne of Benaiah, the sonne of Iehiel, the sonne of Mattaniah, a Leuite of the sonnes of Asaph was there, vpon whome came the Spirit of the Lord, in the midst of the Congregation.
15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Iudah, and ye inhabitants of Ierusalem, and thou, king Iehoshaphat: thus saith the Lord vnto you, Feare you not, neither be afraid for this great multitude: for the * battell is not yours, but Gods.
16 To morrow goe yee downe against them: beholde, they come vp by the cleft of Ziz, and yee shall finde them at the end of the brooke before the wildernesse of Iruel.
17 Ye shal not need to fight in this battel: * stand still, moue not, and behold the saluation of the Lord toward you: O Iudah and Ierusalem, feare ye not, neither bee afraid: to morrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.

a That is, which counterfeited the Ammonites in language and apparell. The Hebrews thinke that they were the Amalekites, but as may appeare by the fourth verse, they were the Idumeans of mount Seir.

b Called the dead sea, where God destroyed the fiue cities for sinne.
c This declareth what the feare of the godly is, which is as a pricke to stirre them to prayer and to depend on the Lorde, whereas it mooueth the wicked either to seeke after worldly meanes and policies, or els to fal into despaire.
d He groundeth his prayer vpon Gods power, whereby he is able to helpe, & also on his mercy, which he will continue toward his, for asmuch as he hath once chosen them, and begunne to shew his graces toward them.
1. Kings. 8. 37. chap. 6. 28.
e Meaning, war, which commeth by Gods iust iudgements for our sinnes.
f That is, it is here called vpon, and thou declarest thy presence and fauour.
Deut. 29. 20. Psal. 33. 1.
g We onely put our trust in thee, and wait for our deliuerance from heauen.
h That is, before the Arke of the couenant.
i Which was mooued by the Spirit of God to prophesie.
k They fight against God and not against you: therefore he will fight for you.
Exod. 14. 13. 14.
* Or, deliuerance.

18 ¶ Then

1 Declaring his faith and obedience to the word of the Lord, and giuing thankes for the deliuerance promised.

18 Then Iehoshaphat ᵇ bowed downe with his face to the earth, and all Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem fell down before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Leuites of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites stood vp to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loude voyce on high.

20 And when they arose early in the morning, they went forth to the wildernesse of Tekoa: and as they departed, Iehoshaphat stood and said, Heare ye me, O Iudah, and ye inhabitants of Ierusalem: put your trust in the Lord your God, and ye shall be assured: beleeue his ᵐ Prophets, and ye shall prosper.

21 And when hee had consulted with the people, and appointed singers vnto the Lord, and them that should praise him that is in the beautifull Sanctuarie, in going foorth before the men of armes, and saying, ⁿ Praise ye the Lord, for his mercy lasteth for euer,

22 And when they began to shout and to praise, the Lord layed ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and ᵒ mount Seir, which were come against Iudah, and they slew one another.

23 For the children of Ammon, & Moab rose against the inhabitants of mount Seir, to slay and to destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, euery one helped ᵖ to destroy another.

24 And when Iudah came toward Mizpah in the wildernesse, they looked vnto the multitude: and behold, the carkaises were fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Iehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoile of them, they found among them in abundance both of substance, and also of bodies laden with precious iewels, which they tooke for themselues, til they could carry no more: they were three dayes in gathering of the spoyle: for it was much.

26 And in the fourth day they ᵠ assembled themselues in the valley of Berachah: for there they blessed the Lord: therfore they called the name of that place, The valley of Berachah vnto this day.

27 Then euery man of Iudah and Ierusalem returned with Iehoshaphat their head, to goe againe to Ierusalem with ioy: for the Lord had made them to reioyce ouer their enemies.

28 And they came to Ierusalem with viols, and with harpes, and with trumpets, euen vnto the house of the Lord.

29 And the ʳ feare of God was vpon all the kingdoms of the earth, when they had heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the kingdome of Iehoshaphat was quiet, and his God gaue him rest on euery side.

31 ¶ And ˢ Iehoshaphat reigned ouer Iudah, and was fiue and thirtie yeere olde, when he began to reigne: and reigned fiue and twentie yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the ᵗ way of Asa his father, and departed not therefrom, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

33 Howbeit the high places were not ᵘ taken away: for the people had not yet prepared their hearts vnto the God of their fathers.

34 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehoshaphat first and last, behold, they are written in the booke of Iehu the sonne of Hanani, which ˣ is mentioned in the bookes of the kings of Israel.

35 ¶ Yet after this did Iehoshaphat king of Iudah ioyne himselfe with Ahaziah king of Israel, who was giuen to doe euill.

36 And hee ioyned with him to ʸ make ships to goe to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion Gaber.

37 Then Eliezer the sonne of Dodauah of Maresha prophesied against Iehoshaphat, saying, ᶻ Because thou hast ᵃ ioyned thy selfe with Ahaziah, the Lorde hath broken thy works: and the ships were broken, that they were not able to goe to Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Iehoshaphat dieth. 3 Iehoram succeedeth him. 4 which killeth his brethren. 6 Hee was brought to idolatry. 11 and seduceth the people. 16 He is oppressed of the Philistims. 18 His miserable end.

1 Iehoshaphat then slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren the sonnes of Iehoshaphat, Azariah, and Iehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sonnes of Iehoshaphat king of ᵃ Israel.

3 And their father gaue them great gifts of siluer and of gold, and of precious things, with strong cities in Iudah, but the kingdome gaue hee to Iehoram: for he was the eldest.

4 ¶ And Iehoram rose vp vpon the kingdome of his father, & made himselfe strong, and ᵇ slew all his brethren with the sword, and also of the princes of ᶜ Israel.

5 Iehoram was two and thirtie yeere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned eight yeere in Ierusalem.

6 And hee walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done: ᵈ for he had the daughter of Ahab to ᵉ wife, and hee wrought euill in the eyes of the Lord.

7 Howbeit the Lord would not destroy the house of Dauid, because of the ᶠ couenant that he had made with Dauid, and because he had promised to giue a light to him, and to his sonnes for euer.

8 ¶ In his dayes Edom rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudah, and made a king ouer them.

9 And Iehoram went forth with his princes, and all his charets with him: and he rose

m Giue credit to their words and doctrine.

n This was a Psalm of thanksgiuing which they vsed commonly to sing when they praised the Lord for his benefits, and was made by Dauid, Psal. 136.

o Meaning, the Idumeans, which dwelt in mount Seir.

p Thus the Lord according to Iehoshaphats prayer declared his power, when he deliuered his, by causing their enemies to kill one another.

q To giue thanks to the Lord for the victorie, and therfore the valley was called Berachah, that is, blessing, or thanksgiuing, which was also called the valley of Iehoshaphat, Ioel. 3. 2. 12. because the Lord iudged the enemies according to Iehoshaphats prayer.

r Hee declareth hereby, that the workes of God bring euer comfort or deliuerance to his, and feare or destruction to his enemies.

1. *Kings.* 22. 43.

s Meaning, in his vertues and those wayes wherein he followed God.

t If the great care and diligence of this good king was not able vtterly to abolish all superstition and idolatry out of this people, but that they would still receiue their filth and idolatry, how much lesse are they able to reforme euill, which either haue little zeale or not such as he had: though herein he was not to be excused? 1. *King.* 16. 1. 1. *King.* 22. 48, 49.

u Thus God would not haue his to ioyne in societie with idolaters and wicked men.

a Reade chap. 18. 17. how by Israel is meant Iudah. 2. *King.* 8. 16.

b Because the wicked liue euer in feare, and also are ambitious, they become cruell, and spare not to murther them, whom by nature they ought most to cherish & defend.

c Meaning, of Iudah and Beniamin.

d So that we see how it cannot be that we should ioyne with the wicked & serue God.

2. *Sam.* 7. 12, 16. 1. *King.* 2. 4. & 9. 5. 2. *King.* 8. 19. *chap.* 6. 16.

rose vp by night, and smote Edom, which had compassed him in, and the captaines of the charets.

10 But Edom rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudah vnto this day. Then did Libnah rebell at the same time from vnder his hand, because hee had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

11 Moreouer, he made hie places in the mountaines of Iudah, and caused the inhabitants of Ierusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Iudah thereto.

12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Dauid thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the wayes of Iehoshaphat thy father, nor in the wayes of Asa King of Iudah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the Kings of Israel, and hast made Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem to goe a whoring, as the house of Ahab went a whoring, and hast also slaine thy brethren of thy fathers house, which were better then thou,

14 Behold, with a great plague will the Lord smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wiues, and all thy substance.

15 And thou shalt be in great diseases in the disease of thy bowels, vntill thy bowels fall out for the disease, day by day.

16 Then the Lord stirred vp against Iehoram the spirit of the Philistims, and the Arabians that were beside the Ethiopians.

17 And they came vp into Iudah, and brake into it, and caried away all the substance that was found in the Kings house, and his sonnes also, and his wiues, so that there was not a sonne left him, saue Iehoahaz, the youngest of his sonnes.

18 And after all this, the Lord smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And in processe of time, euen after the ende of two yeeres, his guts fell out with his disease: so he died of sore diseases: and his people made no burning for him like the burning of his fathers.

20 When he began to reigne, he was two and thirtie yeere olde, and reigned in Ierusalem eight yeere, and liued without being desired: yet they buried him in the citie of Dauid, but not among the sepulchres of the Kings.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahaziah reigneth after Iehoram. 9 Iehu king of Israel killeth Ahaziah. 10 Athaliah putteth to death all the kings lineage. 11 Ioash escapeth.

AND the inhabitants of Ierusalem made Ahaziah his yongest sonne King in his stead: for the armie that came with the Arabians to the campe, had slaine all the eldest: therefore Ahaziah the sonne of Iehoram King of Iudah reigned.

2 Two and fourtie yeere old was Ahaziah when he began to reigne, & hee reigned one yeere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 Hee walked also in the wayes of the house of Ahab: for his mother counselled him to doe wickedly.

4 Wherefore hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellers after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 And he walked after their counsel, and went with Iehoram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel to fight against Hazael King of Aram at Ramoth Gilead: and the Aramites smote Ioram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Iezreel, because of the wounds wherewith they had wounded him at Ramah, when hee fought with Hazael king of Aram. Now Azariah the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah went downe to see Iehoram the sonne of Ahab at Iezreel, because he was diseased.

7 And the destruction of Ahaziah came of God in that hee went to Ioram: for when he was come, hee went forth with Iehoram against Iehu the sonne of Nimshi, whome the Lord had anointed to destroy the house of Ahab.

8 Therefore when Iehu executed iudgement vpon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Iudah and the sonnes of the brethren of Ahaziah that waited on Ahaziah, he slew them also.

9 And hee sought Ahaziah, and they caught him where he was hid in Samaria, and brought him to Iehu, and slewe him, and buried him, because, said they, hee is the sonne of Iehoshaphat, which sought the Lord with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah was not able to retaine the kingdome.

10 Therefore when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah sawe that her sonne was dead, she arose and destroyed all the kings seede of the house of Iudah.

11 But Iehoshabeath the daughter of the King, tooke Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah, and stale him from among the Kings sonnes, that should bee slaine, and put him and his nurse in the bed chamber: so Iehoshabeath the daughter of King Iehoram the wife of Iehoiada the Priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah: so she slew him not.

12 And hee was with them hidde in the house of God sixe yeeres, while Athaliah reigned ouer the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah is made King. 15 Athaliah is put to death. 17 The Temple of Baal is destroyed. 19 Iehoiada appointeth ministers in the Temple.

AND in the seuenth yeere Iehoiada warred bolde, and tooke the captaines of hundreths, to wit, Azariah the sonne of Iehoham, and Ismael the sonne of Iehohanan, and Azariah the sonne of Obed, and Maasiah the sonne of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the sonne of Zichri in couenant with him.

2 And they went about in Iudah, and gathered the Leuites out of all the cities of Iudah, and the chiefe fathers of Israel: and they came to Ierusalem.

3 And all the Congregation made a couenant with the King in the house of God:

a Reade 2. King. 8. 22.
f Meaning idolatrie, because that the idolater breaketh promise with God, as doeth the adulteresse to her husband.
g Some thinke that this was Elisha, so called, because he had the Spirit in abundance, as had Eliah.
h Wee see this example dayly practised vpon them that fall away from God, and become idolaters and murtherers of their brethren.
i There were other Arabians in Africa Southward toward Egypt.
k Called also Azariah, as Chap. 22. 1. or Azariah vers. 6 following
l That is, as some write, he was not regarded, but deposed for his wickednes and idolatrie: so that his sonne reigned 12. yeeres (his father yet liuing) without honour, and after his fathers death, he was confirmed to reigne still, as Chap. 22. 2.

2 King. 8. 24.

a Meaning the Philistims.
b Reade Chap. 21. 20.
c That is, after the death of his father.
d She was Ahabs daughter, who was the sonne of Omri.

e He sheweth that it must needes follow that the rulers are such as their counsellers be, & that there cannot be a good King, that sueth to wicked counsellers.
f Hereby we see how no king can come to any, but by Gods prouidence and as he hath appointed, and therefore bee causeth all meanes to serue to his will.

2. King. 9. 7. *Or, take vengeance.*
g This was the iust plague of God, because he ioyned himselfe with Gods enemies: yet God to declare the worthinesse of Iehoshaphat his grandfather, moued them to giue him the honour of burial.

2 King. 11. 1.
h To the intent that there should be none to make title to the crowne, and so that might vsurpe the gouernment.
i Meaning in the chamber where the Priests & Leuites slept, which kept their course weekely in the Temple.
k To wit, of Iudah.

2. King. 11. 4.
a Of the reigne of Athaliah, or after the death of Ahaziah.
b Meaning, of Iudah and Beniamin: reade why they are called Israel, Chap 13. 17.

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and her said vnto them, Behold, the Kings sonne must reigne, as the Lord hath said of the sonnes of Dauid.

4 This is it that ye shall doe, The third part of you that come on the Sabbath of the Priestes, and the Leuites, shall be porters of the doores,

5 And another third part toward the Kings house, and another third part at the gate of the foundation, and all the people shalbe in the courts of the house of the Lord.

6 But let none come into the house of the Lord saue the Priests, and the Leuites that minister: they shall goe in, for they are holy: but all the people shal keepe the watch of the Lord.

7 And the Leuites shall compasse the King round about, and euery man with his weapon in his hand, and he that entreth into the house shall bee slaine, and be you with the King, when hee commeth in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Leuites and all Iudah did according to all things that Iehoiada the Priest had commaunded, and tooke euery man his men that came on the Sabbath, with them that went out on the Sabbath: for Iehoiada the Priest did not discharge the courses.

9 And Iehoiada the Priest deliuered to the captaines of hundreths, speares, and shields, and bucklers which had beene King Dauids, and were in the house of God.

10 And hee caused all the people to stand (euery man with his weapon in his hand) from the right side of the house, to the left side of the house by the Altar and by the house round about the King.

11 Then they brought out the Kings son, and put vpon him the crowne, and gaue him the testimonie, and made him King. And Iehoiada and his sonnes anoynted him, and said, God saue the King.

12 But when Athaliah heard the noyse of the people running and praising the king, shee came to the people into the house of the Lord.

13 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entring in, and the princes and the trumpets by the King, and all the people of the land reioyced, and blew the trumpets, and the singers were with instruments of musicke, and they that could sing praise: then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason.

14 Then Iehoiada the Priest brought out the captaines of hundreths that were gouernours of the hoste, and said vnto them, Haue her forth of the ranges, and hee that followeth her, let him die by the sword: for the Priest had said, Slay her not in the house of the Lord.

15 So they laide hands on her: and when shee was come to the entring of the horsegate by the Kings house, they slew her there.

16 And Iehoiada made a coenant betweene him, and all the people, and the king, that they would be the Lords people.

17 And all the people went to the house of Baal, and destroyed it, and brake his altars and his images, and slewe Mattan the Priest of Baal before the altars.

18 And Iehoiada appointed officers for the house of the Lord, vnder the hands of the Priestes and Leuites, whom Dauid had distributed for the house of the Lord, to offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with reioycing and singing by the appointment of Dauid.

19 And he set porters by the gates of the house of the Lorde, that none that was vncleane in any thing, should enter in.

20 And he tooke the captaines of hundreths, and the noble men, and the gouernours of the people, and all the people of the land, and he caused the King to come downe out of the house of the Lord, and they went through the hie gate of the Kings house, and set the king vpon the throne of the kingdome.

21 Then all the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was quiet, after that they had slaine Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIIII.

4 Ioash repaireth the house of the Lord. 17 After the death of Iehoiada he falleth to idolatry. 21 Hee slayeth to death Zechariah the Prophet. 23 Ioash is killed of his owne seruants. 27 After him reigneth Amaziah.

IOash was seuen yeere old, when he began to reigne, and hee reigned fourtie yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Ioash did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, all the dayes of Iehoiada the Priest.

3 And Iehoiada tooke him two wiues, and he begate sonnes and daughters.

4 And afterward it came into Ioash minde to renew the house of the Lord.

5 And he assembled the Priests and the Leuites, and said to them, Goe out vnto the cities of Iudah, and gather of all Israel money to repaire the house of your God, from yeere to yeere, and haste the thing: but the Leuites hasted not.

6 Therefore the King called Iehoiada the chiefe, and said vnto him, Why hast thou not required of the Leuites to bring in out of Iudah and Ierusalem the tax of Moses the seruant of the Lord, and of the Congregation of Israel, for the Tabernacle of the testimonie?

7 For wicked Athaliah, and her children brake vp the house of God: and all the things that were dedicate for the house of the Lord, did they bestow vpon Baalim.

8 Therefore the King commanded, and they made a chest, and set it at the gate of the house of the Lord without.

9 And they made proclamation through Iudah and Ierusalem, to bring vnto the Lord the tax of Moses the seruant of God, laide vpon Israel in the wildernesse.

10 And all the princes and all the people reioyced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, vntill they had finished.

11 And when it was time, they brought the chest vnto the Kings officer by the hand of the Leuites: and when they saw that there was much siluer, then the Kings

2. Sam. 7. 12, 16. 1. King. 2. 4. chap. 21. 7.

2. King. 11. 6.

c Which was the chiefe gate of the Temple toward the East.

d Meaning, to make any tumult, or to hinder their enterprise.

e Which had finished their course on the Sabbath, and so the other part entred to keepe their turne.

f Meaning the most holy place where the Arke stood.

g That is, the booke of the Law, or as some reade, they put vpon him his royall apparell.

‖ Or, saw the King standing.

h Declaring her vile impudencie, which hauing vniustly, and by murther vsurped the crowne, would still haue defeated the true possessour, and therefore called true obedience treason.

i To ioyne with her partie, and to maintaine her authoritie.

k That they would only serue him & renounce all idolatrie.

l According to their couenant made to the Lord.

m As the Lord commanded in his Law both for the person and also the citie, Deut. 13. 9. and 15.

‖ Or, charge.

Numb. 28. 3.

n Which was the principall gate, that the King might be seene of all the people.

o For where a tyrant and an idolater reigneth, there can be no quietnesse: for the plagues of God are euer among such people.

1. King. 12. 8.

a Who was a faithfull counseller, and gouerned him by the word of God.

‖ Or, gaue him two wiues.

b He meaneth not the tenne tribes, but onely the two tribes of Iudah and Beniamin.

c For he was the hie Priest. Exod. 30. 13.

d The Scripture doeth terme her thus, because shee was a cruel murderer, and a blasphemous idolatresse.

2. King. 12. 9.

Exod. 30. 13.

e Such as were faithfull men, whom the King had appointed for that matter.

kings Scribe (and one appointed by the high Priest) came and emptied the chest, and tooke it, and caried it to his place againe: thus they did day by day, and gathered siluer in abundance.

f Signifying, that this thing was done by aduise & counsell, and not by any one mans affection.

12 And the king and Iehoiada gaue it to such as did the labour and worke in the house of the Lord, and hired Masons and Carpenters to repaire the house of the Lord: they gaue it also to workers of yron and brasse, to repaire the house of the Lord.

Ebr. a medicine was vpon the worke, meaning, it was repaired.

13 So the workemen wrought, and the worke ‡ amended through their handes: and they restored the house of God to his state, and strengthened it.

g For the wicked kings his predecessors and Athaliah had destroyed the vessels of the Temple, or turned them to the vse of their idoles.

14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the siluer before the king and Iehoiada, and he made thereof ᵍ vessels for the house of the Lord, even vessels to minister, both mosters and incense cups, and vessels of gold and of siluer: and they offred burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the dayes of Iehoiada.

15 ¶ But Iehoiada waxed old, and was full of dayes, and dyed. An hundreth and thirty yeere old was he when he died.

16 And they buried him in the citie of Dauid with the ʰ kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house.

h Signifying, that they could not honour him too much, who had so excellently serued in the worke of the Lord, and in the affaires of the common wealth.

17 ¶ And after the death of Iehoiada, came the ⁱ princes of Iudah, and did reuerence to the king, and the king hearkened vnto them.

i Which were flatterers, and knew not that the king was destitute of him who did watch ouer him as a father, and therefore brought him to most vile idolatrie.

18 And they left the house of the Lorde God of their Fathers, & serued groues and idoles: and wrath came vpon Iudah and Ierusalem, because of this their trespasse.

19 And God sent prophets among them, to bring them againe to the Lord: and they ʲ made protestation among them, but they would not heare.

j They tooke heauen and earth and all creatures to witnesse, that except they returned to the Lord, he would most grieuously punish their infidelitie and rebellion, Nehe. 9.26.

20 And the Spirit of God came vpon Zechariah the sonne of Iehoiada the Priest which stoode ᵏ aboue the people, and said vnto them, Thus sayth God, Why transgresse ye the commandements of the Lord? surely ye shall not prosper: because yee haue forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you.

k In a place aboue the people, to the intent that he might be heard.

21 Then they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the ˡ commandement of the king, in the court of the house of the Lord.

l There is no rage so cruell and beastly, as of them whose hearts God hath hardened, & which delight more in superstition and idolatry, then in the true seruice of God, and pure simplicitie of his word.

22 Thus Ioash the king remembred not the kindenesse which Iehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his sonne. And when he died, he said, The Lord ᵐ looke vpon it, and require it.

m Reuenge my death, and require my blood at your hands: or he speaketh this by prophesie, because hee knew that God would doe it. This Zacharie is also called the sonne of Barachie, Mat. 23 35 because his progenitors were Iddo, Barachiah, Iehoiada, &c.

23 ¶ And when the yeere was out, the host of Aram came vp against him, & they came against Iudah and Ierusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoyle of them vnto the king of Damascus.

24 Though the armie of Aram came with a small companie of men, yet the Lord deliuered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers: and they ⁿ gaue sentence against Ioash.

n That is, reproued & checked him, and handled him rigorously.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases) his owne seruants conspired against him for the blood of the children of Iehoiada the Priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died, & they buried him in the citie of Dauid, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him, Zabad the sonne of Shimrath an Ammonitesse, and Iehozabad the sonne of Shimrith a Moabitesse.

27 But his ᵒ sonnes, and the summe of the tare gathered by him, and the ᵖ foundation of the house of God, behold, they are written in the storie of the booke of the Kings. And Amaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

o Meaning, Zacharie, which was one of Iehoiadahs sons, and a Prophet of the Lord.

p That is, concerning his sonnes &c.

q That is, the reparation.

CHAP. XXV.

3 Amaziah putteth them to death which slewe his father. 10 Hee sendeth backe them of Israel. 11 He ouercommeth the Edomites. 14 He falleth to idolatrie. 17 And Ioash King of Israel ouercommeth Amaziah. 27 Hee is slaine by a conspiracie.

AMaziah was fiue and twentie yeere old, when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned nine and twentie yeere in ᵃ Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Iehoaddan, of Ierusalem.

a. *King.* 14.2.

2 And hee did ᵇ vprightly in the eyes of the Lord, but not with a perfit heart.

b Meaning, in respect of his predecessors, albeit he had his imperfections. *Deut.* 24.16. 2. *king.* 14.6. *Iere.* 31.30. *Ezek.* 18.20.

3 And when the kingdome was established vnto him, he slew his seruants that had slaine the king his father.

4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the Law, and in the booke of Moses, where the Lord commanded, saying, ᶜ The fathers shall not die for the ᵈ children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but euery man shall die for his owne sinne.

c That is, forthat fault, wherefore the childe is punished, except he be culpable of the same.

d That is, out of the tenne tribes, which had separated themselues before, both frō God and their true king.

5 ¶ And Amaziah assembled Iudah, and made them captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Iudah and Beniamin: and hee numbred them from ᵉ twentie yeere old & aboue, and found among them three hundred thousand chosen men to goe forth to the warre, and to handle speare and shield.

e So many as were able men to beare weapons, & go to the warre.

6 Hee hired also an hundred thousand valiant men ᶠ out of Israel for an hundreth talents of siluer.

f That is, out of the tenne tribes.

7 But a man of God came to him, saying, O king, let not the armie of Israel goe with thee: for the Lord is not ᵍ with Israel, neither with all the house of Ephraim.

g And therefore to thinke to haue helpe of them, whom the Lord auoureth not, is to cast off the helpe of the Lord.

8 If ʰ not, goe thou on, doe it, make thy selfe strong to the battell, but God shal make thee fall before the enemie: for God hath power to helpe, and to cast downe.

h If thou wilt not giue credit to my words.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, What shall wee doe then for the hundreth talents, which I haue giuen to the host of

of Israel? Then the man of God answered, The Lord is able to giue thee more then this.

10 So Amaziah separated them, to wit, the armie that was come to him out of Ephraim, to returne to their place: wherefore their wrath was kindled greatly against Iudah, and they returned to their places with great anger.

11 Then Amaziah was encouraged, and led forth his people, and went to the salt valley, and smote of the children of [a] Seir, ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand did the children of Iudah take aliue, and caried them to the top of a rocke, and cast them downe from the top of the rocke, and they all burst to pieces.

13 But the men of the [b] armie, which Amaziah sent away, that they should not goe with his people to battell, fell vpon the cities of Iudah from Samaria vnto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and tooke much spoyle.

14 Nowe after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, hee brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them vp to be his gods, and [c] worshipped them, and burned incense vnto them.

15 Wherefore the Lord was wroth with Amaziah, and sent vnto him a Prophet, which sayd vnto him, Why hast thou sought the gods of the people, which were not able to [d] deliuer their owne people out of thine hand?

16 And as he talked with him, [e] he said vnto him, Haue they made thee the kings counseller? cease thou: why should they [f] smite thee? And the Prophet ceased, but said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not obeyed my counsell.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Iudah tooke counsell, and sent to Ioash the sonne of Iehoahaz, the sonne of Iehu king of Israel, saying, Come, [g] let vs see one another in the face.

18 But Ioash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Iudah, saying, The thistle that is in Lebanon, sent to the Cedar that is in Lebanon, saying, [h] Giue thy daughter to my sonne to wife: and the wilde beast that was in Lebanon, went and trode done the thistle.

19 Thou thinkest: loe, thou hast smitten Edom, and thine heart lifteth thee vp to bragge: abide now at home: why doest thou prouoke to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fal, and Iudah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not heare: for [i] it was of God, that he might deliuer them into his hand, because they had sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Ioash the king of Israel went vp: and he, and Amaziah king of Iudah, saw one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which is in Iudah.

22 And Iudah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled euery man to his tents.

23 But Ioash the king of Israel tooke Amaziah king of Iudah, the sonne of Ioash, the sonne of Iehoahaz in Bethshemesh, and brought him to Ierusalem, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, from the gate of Ephraim vnto the corner gate, foure hundreth cubits.

24 And he tooke all the gold and the siluer, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with [k] Obed Edom, and in the treasures of the kings house, and the children that were in hostage, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah liued after the death of Ioash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel, fiftene yeere.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Amaziah first and last, are they not written in the booke of the kings of Iudah and Israel?

27 Now after the time that Amaziah did turne away from the Lord, [l] they wrought treason against him in Ierusalem: and when he was fled to Lachish, they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

28 And they brought him vpon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the citie of Iudah.

CHAP. XXVI.

1, 3 Vzziah obeying the Lord, prospereth in his enterprises. 16 He waxeth proud and vsurpeth the Priests office. 19 The Lord plagueth him. 20 The Priests driue him out of the Temple, and exclude him out of the Lords house. 23 His buriall, and his successour.

THen [a] all the people of Iudah tooke Vzziah which was fifteene yeere olde, and made him king in the stead of his father Amaziah.

2 Hee built [b] Eloth, and restored it to Iudah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 [c] Sixteene yeere old was Vzziah when he began to reigne, and he reigned two and fiftie yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Iecoliah of Ierusalem.

4 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And hee sought God in the dayes of [d] Zechariah (which vnderstood the visions of God) and when as [e] hee sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

6 For he went forth and fought against the Philistims, and brake downe the wall of Gath, and the wall of Iabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities in Ashdod, and among the Philistims.

7 And God helped him against the Philistims, & against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal and Mehunims.

8 And the Ammomites gaue [f] gifts to Vzziah, and his name spred to the entring in of Egypt: for he did most valiantly.

9 More-

g He sheweth that if we depend onely vpon God, we shall not need to be troubled with these worldly respects: for he will giue at all times that which shalbe necessary, if we obey his word.

h For the Idumeans whom Dauid had brought to subiection, rebelled vnder Iehoram Iehoshaphats sonne.

i In the 2. King. 14.7. this rocke is called the citie Sela.

k That is, the hundred thousand of Israel.

l Thus where he should haue given the praise to God for his benefits and great victorie, he fell from God, and did most vilely dishonour him.

m He prooueth that whatsoeuer cannot saue himselfe nor his worshippers, is no God but an idole.

n Meaning, the king.

o So hard it is for the carnall man to be admonished of his fault, that hee contemneth, mocketh, and threatneth him that warneth him: yea imprisoneth him and putteth him to death, as 1 King. 16.10. and 18. 26. and 24. 21.

p That is, let vs trie the matter hand to hand: for he was offended,

that the armie of the Israelites, whom he had in wages, and dismissed by the counsell of the Prophet, had destroyed certaine of the cities of Iudah. 2 Kings 14.9.

q Thus God oft times plagueth by those meanes wherein men most trust, to teach them to haue their recourse onely to him: and to shew his iudgements, mooueth their hearts to follow that which shall be their destruction.

r Meaning, the successours of Obed Edom: for the house bare the name of the chiefe father.

2 King. 14.19.

a Called also Azariah.

b He fortified it, & made it strong: this city was also called Elath and Elanon, neere to the red Sea.

2 King. 15 2.

c This was not that Zechariah which was the sonne of Iehoiada, but some other Prophet of that name.

d For God neuer forsaketh any that seeke vnto him, and therefore man is the cause of his owne destruction.

e That is, they payed tribute in signe of subiectio

9 Moreouer Vzziah built towers in Ierusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the *i turning, and made them strong.

10 And hee built towers in the wildernesse, and digged many cisternes: for he had much cattel both in the valleys and plaines, plowmen, and dressers of vines in the mountaines, and in *g Carmel: for hee loued husbandry.

11 Vzziah had also an hoste of fighting men that went out to war by bands, according to the count of their number vnder the hand of Ieiel the scribe, and Maaseiah the ruler, and vnder the hand of Hananiah, one of the kings captaines.

12 The whole *h number of the chiefe of the families of the valiant men were two thousand and sixe hundreth.

13 And vnder their hand was the armie for warre, three hundreth ‡ seuen thousand, and fiue hundreth that fought valiantly to helpe the King against the enemie.

14 And Vzziah prepared them throughout all the hoste, shieldes, and speares, and helmets, and brigandines, and bowes, and stones to sling.

15 He made also very ‡ artificiall engins in Ierusalem to be vpon the towers and vpon the corners, to shoote arrowes, and great stones: and his name spred farre abroad, because God did helpe him marueilously, till he was mighty.

16 ¶ But when he was strong, his heart *i was lift vp to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the Temple of the Lorde to burne incense vpon the Altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the Priest went in after him, and with him fourescore Priests of the Lord, valiant men.

18 And they withstood Vzziah the King, and sayde vnto him, *It pertaineth not to thee, Vzziah, to burne incense vnto the Lord, but to the Priests, the sonnes of Aaron, that are consecrated for to offer incense: *k go forth of the Sanctuary: for thou hast transgressed, and thou shalt haue none honour of the Lord God.

19 Then Vzziah was wroth, and had incense in his hand to burne it: and while hee was wroth with the Priestes, the leprosie rose vp in his forehead before the Priestes in the house of the Lord beside the incense Altar.

20 And when Azariah the chiefe Priest with all the Priestes looked vpon him, beholde, hee was leprous in his forehead, and they caused him hastily to depart thence; and hee was euen compelled to goe out, because the Lord had smitten him.

21 *And Vzziah the king was a leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt as a leper in an ‖ house apart, because hee was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Iotham his sonne ruled ouer the Kings house, and iudged the people of the land.

22 Concerning the rest of the acts of Vzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the Prophet the sonne of Amoz write.

23 So Vzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the fielde of the buriall, which pertained to the Kings: for they sayd, He *m is a leper. And Iotham his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Iotham reigneth, and ouercommeth the Ammonites. 8 His reigne and death. 9 Ahaz his sonne reigneth in his stead.

IOtham *was fiue and twentie yeere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned sixteene yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Ierushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord according to all that his father Vzziah did, saue that he entred not into the *a Temple of the Lord, and the people did yet *b corrupt their wayes.

3 He built the high *c gate of the house of the Lord, and he built very much on the wal of the castle.

4 Moreouer, he built cities in the mountaines of Iudah, and in the forrests he built palaces and towers.

5 And hee fought with the King of the children of Ammon, and preuailed against them. And the children of Ammon gaue him the same yeere an hundreth talents of siluer, and ten thousand ‡ measures of wheate, and ten thousand of barley: this did the children of Ammon giue him ‖ both in the second yeere and the third.

6 So Iotham became mighty, *d because hee directed his way before the Lorde his God.

7 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iotham, and all his warres and his wayes, loe, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah.

8 He was fiue and twenty yere old when he began to reigne, and reigned sixteene yere in Ierusalem.

9 And Iotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of Dauid: and Ahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Ahaz an idolater is giuen into the hands of the Syrians, and the King of Israel. 9 The Prophet reproueth the Israelites cruelties. 18 Iudah is molested with enemies. 23 Ahaz increaseth his idolatrie. 26 His death and successour.

AHaz *was twentie yeere olde when hee beganne to reigne, and reigned sixteene yeere in Ierusalem, and did not vprightly in the sight of the Lord, like Dauid his ‖ father.

2 But *a hee walked in the wayes of the kings of Israel, and made euen molten images for *b Baalim.

3 Moreouer, he burnt incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom, and ‖ burnt his sonnes with fire, after the abomination of the heathen whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on hilles, and vnder euery greene tree.

5 Wherefore the Lorde his God deliuered him into the hand of the King of the Aramites, and they smote him, and tooke of

*Nehe.3.19,24.
f Whereas the wall or tower turneth.
‖ Or, pus.
g That is, in mount Carmel, or as the word signifieth, in the fruitful field: it is also taken for a greene eare of corne, when it is ful, as Leuit 2.14
h Of the chiefe officers of the kings house, or of the captaines, and sergeants for warre.
‡ Ebr. engins by the inuention of an inuentiue man.
i Thus prosperitie causeth men to trust in themselues, & by forgetting him, which is the authour thereof, procure their own perdition. Num.18.7.
k Though his zeale seemed to be good and also his intention, yet because they were not gouerned by the word of God, he did wickedly, and was therefore both iustly resisted and also punished.
*2.King.15.5.
‖ According to the commandement of the Lord, Leuit.13.46.
m And therfore was buried apart in the same field, but not in ỹ same sepulchre with his predecessors.
2.King.15.33.
a To wit, to offer incense against ỹ word of God, which thing is spoken in the commendation of Iotham.
b They were not cleane purged from idolatrie.
c Which was sixe score cubits hie, and was for the height called Ophel: it was at the East gate, & mention is made of it, Chap.3.4.
‡ Ebr. Corum.
‖ Or, yeerely.
d He sheweth that all prosperitie commeth of God, who neuer faileth, when we put our trust in him.
2.King.16.2.
‖ Or, Predecessor.
a He was an idolater like them.
b As the idolaters haue certain chiefe idols, who are as patrons: (as were these Baalim) so haue they others which are inferiour, and doe represent the great idoles.
‖ Or, made them passe thorow the fire, as cap.33.6. Leuit.18.21.

‡ *Ebr. a great captiuitie.*

his, ‡ many priſoners, and brought them to Damaſcus: and he was alſo deliuered into the hand of the king of Iſrael, which ſmote him with a great ſlaughter.

c Who was king of Iſrael.

6 For c Pekah the ſonne of Remaliah ſlew in Iudah fiue ſcore thouſand in one day, all ‡ valiant men, becauſe they had forſaken the Lord God of their fathers.

‡ *Ebr. ſonnes of ſtrength.*

7 And Zichri a ‖mighty man of Ephraim ſlew Maaſeiah the kings ſonne, and Azrikam the gouernour of the houſe, and Elkanah the ſecond after the king.

‖ *Or, tyran.*

8 And the children of Iſrael tooke priſoners of their brethren, d two hundreth thouſand of women, ſonnes, and daughters, and caried away much ſpoyle of them, & brought the ſpoyle to Samaria.

d Thus by the iuſt iudgement of God Iſrael deſtroyed Iudah.

9 ¶ But there was a Prophet of the Lord, (whoſe name was Oded) & he went out before the hoſte that came to Samaria, and ſayde vnto them, Behold, e becauſe the Lord God of your fathers is wroth with Iudah, he hath deliuered them into your hand, and yee haue ſlaine them in a rage, that reacheth vp to heauen,

e For they thought they had ouercome them by their own valiantnes, and did not conſider that God had deliuered them into their hands, becauſe Iudah had offended him.

10 And now yee purpoſe to keepe vnder the children of Iudah and Ieruſalem, as ſeruants, and handmaids vnto you: but are not you ſuch, that f ſinnes are with you before the Lord your God?

f May not God aſwel puniſh you for your ſinnes, as he hath done thoſe men for theirs, ſeeing yours are greater?

11 Now therefore heare mee, and deliuer the captiues againe, which yee haue taken priſoners of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the Lord is toward you.

g Which tribe was now greateſt, & had moſt authoritie.

12 ¶ Wherefore certaine of the chiefe of the children of g Ephraim, Azariah the ſonne of Iehohanan, Berechiah the ſonne of Meſhillemoth, and Iehizkiah the ſonne of Shallum, and Amaſa the ſonne of Hadlai, ſtood vp againſt them that came from the warre,

13 And ſayd vnto them, Bring not in the captiues hither: for this ſhal be h a ſinne vpon vs againſt the Lord: yee intend to adde more to our ſinnes and to our treſpaſſe, though our treſpaſſe be great, & the fierce wrath of God is againſt Iſrael.

h God will not ſuffer this ſinne, which we commit againſt him, to be vnpuniſhed.

14 So the army left the captiues and the ſpoyle before the Princes and all the Congregation.

i Whoſe names were rehearſed before, verſ. 12.

15 And the men that were i named by name, roſe vp and tooke the priſoners, and with the ſpoyle clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and ſhodde them, and gaue them meate and gaue them drinke, and k anoynted them and caried all that were feeble of them vpon Aſſes, and brought them to Iericho the city of Palme trees to their l brethren: ſo they returned to Samaria.

k Either for their wounds or wearineſſe.

l To them of the tribe of Iudah.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ahaz ſend vnto the m kings of Aſſhur to helpe him.

m To Tilgath Pilneeſer, and thoſe Kings that were vnder his dominiõ, 2. Kin. 16.7.

17 (For the Edomites came moreouer, and ſlew of Iudah, & caried away captiues.

18 The Philiſtims alſo inuaded the cities in the lowe countrey, and towarde the South of Iudah, and tooke Bethſhemeſh, and Aialon, and Gederoth & Shocho, with the villages thereof, and Timnah, with her villages, and Gimzo, with her villages: and they dwelt there.

19 For the Lorde had humbled Iudah, becauſe of Ahaz King of n Iſrael: for he had brought vengeance vpon Iudah, & had grieuouſly tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord)

n He meaneth Iudah, becauſe Ahaz forſooke the Lord, and ſought helpe of the infidels: reade of Iſrael taken for Iudah, chap. 15.17.

20 And Tilgath Pilneeſer King of Aſſhur came vnto him, who troubled him, and did not ſtrengthen him.

21 For Ahaz ‡ tooke a portion o out of the houſe of the Lord, and out of the kings houſe and of the Princes, and gaue vnto the King of Aſſhur: yet it helped him not.

‡ *Ebr. diuided.*

o As he falſly ſuppoſed.

22 And in the time of his tribulation did he yet treſpaſſe more againſt the Lord, (this is King Ahaz)

23 For he ſacrificed vnto the gods of Damaſcus, which p plagued him, and he ſayd, Becauſe the gods of the kings of Aram helped them, I will ſacrifice vnto them, and they will p helpe me: yet they were his ruine, and of all q Iſrael.

p Thus the wicked meaſure Gods fauour by proſperitie and aduerſitie: for if idolaters proſper, they make their idols gods, not conſidering that God puniſheth them oftentimes whom he loueth, and giueth his enemies good ſucceſſe for a time, whom afterward he will deſtroy.

‖ *Or, Iudah and Beniamin.*

24 And Ahaz gathered the veſſels of the houſe of God, and brake the veſſels of the houſe of God, and ſhut vp the doores of the houſe of the Lorde, and made him altars in euery corner of Ieruſalem.

25 And in euery citie of Iudah hee made hie places, to burne incenſe vnto other gods, and prouoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

26 Concerning the reſt of his actes, and all his wayes firſt and laſt, behold, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Iudah and Iſrael.

27 And Ahaz ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie r of Ieruſalem, but brought him not vnto the ſ ſepulchres of the Kings of Iſrael: and Hezekiah his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

‖ *Or, in Ieruſalem.*

q They buried him not in the

cities of Dauid, where were the ſepulchres of the Kings.

CHAP. XXIX.

3. Hezekiah repaireth the Temple and aduertiſeth the Leuites of the corruption of Religion. 12 The Leuites prepare the Temple. 20 The King and his princes ſacrifice in the Temple. 25 The Leuites ſing prayſes. 31 The oblation of the people.

HEzekiah * began to reigne, when he was fiue and twentie yeere old, and reigned nine and twentie yeere in Ieruſalem: and his mothers name was Abiiah the daughter of Zechariah.

* *2. Kings 18.1.*

2 And he did vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

‖ *Or, Abi.*

3 Hee opened the a doores of the houſe of the Lorde in the firſt yeere, and in the b firſt moneth of his reigne, and repaired them.

a Which Ahaz had ſhut vp, chap. 28.24.

4 And he brought in the Prieſts and the Leuites, and gathered them into the Eaſt ſtreete,

5 And ſayd vnto them, Heare mee, yee Leuites: ſanctifie now your ſelues, and ſanctifie the houſe of the Lorde God of your fathers, and carie foorth the c filthineſſe out of the Sanctuary.

b This is a notable example for all princes, firſt to eſtabliſh the pure Religion of God, and to procure that the Lord may be honoured and ſerued aright.

6 For our fathers haue treſpaſſed, and done euill in the eyes of the Lorde our God, and haue forſaken him, and turned away their faces from the Tabernacle of the Lord, and turned their backes.

c Meaning all the idoles, altars, groues, & whatſoeuer was occupied in their ſeruice, and wherewith the Temple was polluted.

7 They haue alſo ſhut the doores of the porche, and quenched the lampes, and haue neither burnt incenſe, nor offered burnt

burnt offrings in the Sanctuarie vnto the God of Israel.

8 d Wherefore the wrath of the Lorde hath bene on Iudah and Ierusalem: and he hath made them a ‖scattering, a desolation, and an hissing, as you see with your eyes.

9 For loe, our Fathers are fallen by the sword, and our sonnes, and our daughters, and our wiues are in captiuity for the same cause.

10 Nowe ‡ I purpose to make a couenant with the Lord God of Israel, that he may e turne away his fierce wrath from vs.

11 Nowe my sonnes, be not deceiued: for the Lord hath f chosen you to stande before him, to serue him, and to be his ministers, and to burne incense.

12 ¶ Then the Leuites arose, Mahath the sonne of Amasai, and Ioel the sonne of Azariah of the sonnes of the Cohathites: and of the sonnes of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the sonne of Iehalelel: and of the Gershonites, Ioah the sonne of Zimmah, and Eden the sonne of Ioah:

13 And of the sonnes of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Iehiel: and of the sonnes of Asaph, Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

14 And of the sonnes of Heman, Iehiel, and Shimei: and of the sonnes of Iedithun, Shemaiah, and Vzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselues, and came according to the commandement of the king, and ‖ by the words of the Lord, for to cleanse the house of the Lord.

16 And the Priestes went into the inner parts of the house of the Lord, to g cleanse it, and brought out all the vncleannesse that they found in the Temple of the Lord, into the court of the house of the Lorde: and the Leuites tooke it, to carie it out vnto the brooke Kidron.

17 They began the first day of the h first moneth to sanctifie it, and the eight day of the moneth came they to the porch of the Lorde: so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight dayes, and in the fifteenth day of the first moneth they made an end.

18 ¶ Then they went in to Hezekiah the King, and sayd, Wee haue cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the ‖ shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof:

19 And all the vessels which king Ahaz had cast aside when hee reigned, and transgressed, haue we prepared and sanctified: and beholde, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20 ¶ And Hezekiah the king i rose early, and gathered the Princes of the city, and went vp to the house of the Lord.

21 And they brought seuen bullocks, and seuen rammes, and seuen lambes, and seuen hee goates, for a * sinne offring for the kingdome, and for the Sanctuary, and for Iudah. And hee commanded the Priests the sonnes of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the Lord.

22 So they slewe the bullockes, and the Priestes receiued the blood, and k sprinkled it vpon the altar: they slewe also the rams, and sprinkled the blood vpon the altar, and they slew the lambes, and they sprinkled the blood vpon the altar.

23 Then they brought the hee goates for the sinne offering before the King and the Congregation, l and they layd their handes vpon them,

24 And the Priests slew them, and with the blood of them they cleansed the altar to reconcile all Israel: for the king had commanded for all Israel the burnt offring and the sinne offering.

25 Hee appoynted also the Leuites in the house of the Lord with cymbales, with viols, and with harpes, * according to the commaundement of Dauid, and Gad the Kings Seer, and Nathan the Prophet: for the m commaundement was by the hand of the Lorde, and by the handes of his Prophets.

26 And the Leuites stoode with the instruments of Dauid, and the Priestes with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commaunded to offer the burnt offering vpon the Altar: and when the burnt offering began, the song of the n Lorde beganne with the trumpets, and the instruments * of Dauid King of Israel.

28 And all the Congregation worshipped, singing a long, and they blew the trumpets: all this continued vntill the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an ende of offering, the king and all that were present with him, bowed themselues, and worshipped.

30 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king and the princes commaunded the Leuites to prayse the Lord with the o words of Dauid, and of Asaph the Seer: so they prayed with ioy, and they bowed themselues and worshipped.

31 And Hezekiah spake, and sayde, Nowe yee haue ‡ consecrate your selues to the Lord: come neere and bring the sacrifices and offerings of prayse into the house of the Lord. And the Congregation brought sacrifices, and offerings of prayses, and euery man that was willing in heart, offred burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offrings, which the Congregation brought, was seuenty bullocks, an hundreth rammes, & two hundreth lambes: all these were for a burnt offering to Lord:

33 And for p sanctification fire hundreth bullocks, and three thousand sheepe.

34 But the Priestes were too fewe, and were not able to slay all the burnt offerings, therfore their brethren the Leuites did helpe them, till they had ended the worke, and vntil other Priests were sanctified: for the Leuites were q more vpright in heart to sanctifie themselues, then the Priests.

35 And also the burnt offrings were many with the * fat of the peace offerings, and the drinke offerings of the burnt offering: so the seruice of the house of the Lorde was set in order.

34 36 Then

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d He sheweth that the contempt of religion is the cause of all Gods plagues.

‖ *Or, a nodding of the head and mockerie.*

‡ *Ebr it is in mine heart.*

e He prooueth by the iudgements of God vpon those that haue contemned his word, that there is no way to auoyd his plagues, but by conforming themselues to his will. *Numb. 18. 6.*

f From the pollutions and filth that Ahaz had brought in.

‖ *Or, concerning the things of the Lord.*

g Which conteined part of March and part of April.

h By this maner of speech the Ebrewes meane a certain diligence and speed to do a thing, & when there is no delay. *Leu. 4. 14.*

i For without sprinkling of blood nothing could be sanctified, Heb. 9. 21. Exod. 24. 8.

‖ *Or, table where the bread was set in order.*

k That is, the King and the Elders, as Leuit. 4. 15. for they that offered a sinne offring, must lay their hands vpon it, to signifie that they had deserued that death, and also that they did consecrate it to God to be thereby sanctified, Exod. 29. 10. *1. Chron. 16. 4.*

l This thing was not appointed of man, but it was the commandement of God.

m The Psalme which Dauid had appoynted to be sung for thankesgiuing.

n Which Dauid had appoynted to prayse the Lord with.

o With that Psalme whereof mention is made 1. Chron. 16. 8.

‡ *Ebr filled your hands.*

p That is, for the holy offerings.

q Meaning, were more zealous to set forward the religion. *Leuit. 3. 3, 4.*

36 Then Hezekiah reioyced, and all the people, that God had made the people so ready: for the thing was done suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1. 13 *The keeping of the Passeouer by the kings commandement* 6 *He exhorteth Israel to turne to the Lord.* 18 *He prayeth for the people.* 24 *His oblation and the princes.* 27 *The Leuites blesse the people.*

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel, and Iudah, and also wrote leteers to [a] Ephraim, and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Ierusalem, to keepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord God of Israel.

2 And the king and his princes, and all the Congregation had taken counsell in Ierusalem to keepe the Passeouer in the [b] second moneth.

3 For they could not keepe it at this time, because there were not Priestes enowe sanctified, neither was the people gathered to Ierusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king, and all the Congregation.

5 And they decreed to make proclamation throwout all Israel from [c] Beer-sheba euen to Dan, that they should come to keepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord God of Israel at Ierusalem: for they had not done it of a great time, [d] as it was written.

6 ¶ So the postes went with letters by the commission of the king and his princes, throwout all Israel and Iudah, and with the commandement of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turne again vnto the Lord God of Abraham, Izhak, and Israel, and [e] he will returne to the remnant that are escaped of you out of the hands of the kings of Ashur.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, [f] like your brethren, which trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers: and therefore he made them desolate as ye see.

8 Be not ye now stiffnecked like your fathers, but [g] giue the hand to the Lord, and come into his Sanctuary, which hee hath sanctified for euer, and serue the Lord your God, and the fiercenesse of his wrath shall turne away from you.

9 For if ye returne vnto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall finde mercie before them that led them captiues, and they shall [s] returne vnto this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and mercifull, and will not turne away his face from you, if ye conuert vnto him.

10 ¶ So the posts went from city to city throwow the lande of Ephraim and Manasseh, euen vnto Zebulun: but they [h] laughed them to scorne, and mocked them.

11 Neuertheless, diuers of Asher, and Manasseh, and of Zebulun submitted themselues, and came to Ierusalem.

12 And the hand of God was in Iudah, so that he gaue them one [i] heart to doe the commandement of the king, and of the rulers, according to the word of the Lord.

13 And there assembled to Ierusalem much people, to keepe the feast of the vnleauened bread in the second month, a very great assembly.

14 ¶ And they arose, and tooke away the [k] altars that were in Ierusalem: and all those for incense tooke they away, and cast them into the brooke Kidron.

15 Afterward they slew the Passeouer the fourteenth day of the second moneth: and the Priestes and Leuites were [l] ashamed, and sanctified themselues and brought the burnt offerings into the house of the Lord.

16 And they stoode in their place after their maner, according to the Law of Moses the man of God: and the Priests sprinkled the [m] blood, receiued of the handes of the Leuites.

17 Because there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified, therefore the Leuites had the charge of the killing of the Passeouer for all that were not cleane, to sanctifie it to the Lord.

18 For a multitude of the people, euen a multitude of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not cleansed themselues, yet did eate the Passeouer, but not as it was written: wherefore Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The [n] good Lord bee mercifull toward him,

19 That prepareth his whole heart to seeke the Lord God, the God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the Sanctuary.

20 And the Lord heard Hezekiah, and [o] healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel that were present at Ierusalem, kept the feast of the vnleauened bread seuen dayes with great ioy, and the Leuites, and the Priests praysed the Lord day by day, singing with loude instruments vnto the Lord.

22 And Hezekiah ‡ spake comfortably vnto all the Leuites that had good knowledge to sing vnto the Lord: and they did eat in that feast seuen dayes, and offered peace offerings, and praysed the Lord God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly tooke counsel to keepe it other seuen dayes. So they kept it seuen dayes with ioy.

24 For Hezekiah king of Iudah had giuen to the Congregation a [p] thousand bullocks, and seuen thousand sheepe. And the princes had giuen to the Congregation a thousand bullocks, and ten thousand sheepe: and many Priests were sanctified.

25 And all the Congregation of Iudah reioyced with the Priests and the Leuites, and all the Congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Iudah.

26 So there was great ioy in Ierusalem: for since the time of Salomon the sonne of Dauid king of Israel, there was not the like thing in Ierusalem.

27 Then the Priests and the Leuites arose, and [q] blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came vp vnto heauen, to his holy habitation.

CHAP.

r He sheweth that religion can not proceede, except God touch the heart of the people.

a Meaning, all Israel whom Tilgath Pilneser had not taken away into the captiuitie, 2. Kings 15, 29.

b Though they ought to haue don it in the first moneth, as Exo. 12. 18 Numb 9. 3. yet, if any were not cleane, or els had a long iourney, they might deferre it vnto the second moneth, as Num. 9. 10, 11.

c From one end of the land to the other, North and South.

d In such sort & perfectionas God had appointed.

e He will haue compassion on them, and preserue them.

f Submit your selues to the Lord, and rebell no more.

g God will not onely preserue you, but through your repentance restore your brethren, which for their sinnes he gaue into the hands of the enemies.

h Though the wicked mock at the seruants of God, by whome he called them to repentance, as Gen 19. 14. yet the word ceaseth not to fructifie in the hearts of Gods elect.

i He sheweth the cause why some obey and some mocke at Gods calling, to wit, because his spirit is with the one sort, and mooueth their heart, and the other are left to themselues.

k Which declareth that wee must put away those things wherewith God is offended, before we can serue him aright

l Seeing their own negligence (who should haue bene most prompt) and the readinesse of the people, Chap. 29. 36.

m To wit, of the Lambe of the Passeouer.

n He knew that faith and sincerity of heart was more agreeable to God, then the obseruation of these ceremonies, & therefore he prayed vnto God to pardon this fault vnto these people, which did not offend of malice, but of ignorance.

o That is, did accept them as purified.

‡ *Ebr. Spake to the heart.*

p This great liberality declareth how Kings, Princes, and all they to whom God hath giuen wherwith, ought to be most ready to bestow it in setting foorth of Gods glory.

q According to that which is written, Num. 6. 23. when they should dismisse the people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *The people destroy idolatry.* 2 *Hezekiah appointeth Priests and Leuites,* 4 *and prouideth for their liuing.* 13 *He ordeineth ouerseers to distribute to euery one his portion.*

AND when all these things were finished, all Israel that were found in the cities of Iudah, went out and [a] brake the images, and cut downe the groues, and brake downe the hie places, and the altars throwout all Iudah and Beniamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, vntill they had made an ende: afterward all the [b] children of Israel returned euery man to his possession, into their owne cities.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the Priests and Leuites, by their turnes, euery man according to his office, both Priests and Leuites, for the burnt offering and peace offerings, to minister and to giue thankes, and to prayse in the gates of the [c] tents of the Lord.

3 (And the Kings portion was of his owne substance for the burnt offerings, euen for the burnt offerings of the morning and of the euening, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moones, and for the solemne feasts, * as it is written in the Law of the Lord)

4 Hee commanded also the people that dwelt in Ierusalem, to giue a [d] part to the Priestes, and Leuites, that they might bee [e] encouraged in the Law of the Lord.

5 ¶ And when the commandement was spred, the children of Israel brought abundance of first fruits of corne, wine, and oyle, and hony, and of all the increase of the field, and the tithes of all things brought they abundantly.

6 And the children of Israel and Iudah that dwelt in the cities of Iudah, they also brought the tithes of bullocks and sheepe, and the holy tithes [f] which were consecrate vnto the Lord their God, and layd them on [g] many heapes.

7 In the third moneth they began to lay the foundation of the heapes, and finished them in the seuenth moneth.

8 ¶ And when Hezekiah and the Princes came and saw the heapes, they [h] blessed the Lord and his people Israel.

9 And Hezekiah questioned with the Priestes and the Leuites concerning the heapes.

10 And Azariah the chiefe Priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and sayde, Since the people began to bring the offerings vnto the house of the Lord, wee haue [i] eaten and haue bene satisfied, and there is left in abundance: for the Lord hath blessed his people, and this abundance that is left.

11 ¶ And Hezekiah commaunded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord: and they prepared them,

12 And caried in the first fruites, and the tithes, and the dedicate things faithfully: and ouer them was Conaniah the Leuite, the chiefe, and Shimei his brother the second.

13 And Iehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Ierimoth, and Iozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah were ouerseers [‡] by the appointment of Conaniah, and Shimei his brother, and by the commandement of Hezekiah the King, and of Azariah the chiefe of the house of God.

14 And Kore the sonne of Imnah the Leuite, porter toward the East, was ouer the things that were willingly offered vnto God, to distribute the oblations of the Lord, and the holy things that were consecrate.

15 And at his hand were Eden, and Miniamin, and Ieshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shechaniah, in the cities of the Priests, to distribute with fidelitie to their brethren by courses both to the great and small,

16 Their dayly portion: beside their generation being males [k] from three yeere old and aboue, euen to all that entred into the house of the Lorde to their office in their charge, according to their courses:

17 Both to the generation of the Priests after the house of their fathers, and to the Leuites, from twenty yeere olde and aboue, according to their charge in their courses:

18 And to the generation of all their children, their wiues, and their sonnes and their daughters throughout all the Congregation: for by their [l] fidelitie are they partakers of the holy things.

19 * Also to the sonnes of Aaron, the Priests, which were in the fields and suburbs of their cities, in euery citie the men that were appointed by names, should giue portions to all the males of the Priests, and to all the generation of the Leuites.

20 And thus did Hezekiah throwout all Iudah, and did wel and vprightly, and truely before the Lord his God.

21 And in all the workes that hee began for the seruice of the house of God, both in the Law and in the commaundements, to seeke his God, hee did it with all his heart, and prospered.

a According to the commandement of ỹ Lord, Deut. 7. 25 Iosh. 7. 1. 2. mac. 12. 40

b That is, all they which came to the Passeouer.

c That is, in the Temple where they assembled as in a tent.

Num. 28. 3, 9.

d The tithes and first fruits for the maintenance of the Priests and Leuites.

e That their minds might not bee entangled with prouision of worldly things, but that they might wholly, & cheerefully serue the Lord.

f Which they had dedicate to the Lord by a vowe.

g For the relefe of the Priests, Leuites, widowes, pupils, fatherles, strangers, & such as were in necessitie.

h They praised the Lord, and prayed for all prosperitie to his people.

i He sheweth that this plenteous liberalitie is expedient for the maintenance of the ministers, and that God therefore prospereth his people and increaseth by his blessing that which is giuen.

‡ *Ebr. by the hand*

k Who had also a portion and allowance in this distribution.

l Meaning, that either by the faithful distributions of the officers, euery one had their part in the things that were offered, or else that their wiues and children were relieued, because the Leuites were faithfull in their office, and so depended on them.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Sanherib inuadeth Iudah.* 3 *Hezekiah prepareth for the warre.* 7 *He exhorteth the people to put their trust in the Lord.* 9 *Sanherib blasphemeth God.* 20 *Hezekiah prayeth.* 21 *The Angel destroyeth the Assyrians: and the king is slain.* 25 *Hezekiah is not thankefull toward the Lord.* 33 *His death.*

AFter these things faithfully described, * Sanherib King of Assur came and entred into Iudah, and besieged the strong cities, and thought to ‡ winne them for himselfe.

2 When Hezekiah saw that Sanherib was come, and that his purpose was to fight against Ierusalem,

3 Then he tooke counsell with his princes and his nobles, to stop the water of the fountaines without the citie: and they did helpe him.

4 So many of the people assembled themselues, and stopt all the fountaines, and the

2 King. 18. 13. isa. 30. 1. ecclus. 48. 18.

‡ *Ebr. breake them vp.*

‡ *Ebr. face.*

‡*Ebr. hee was strengthened.*
a He made a double wall.
b Reade 2. Sam. 5. 9.
c Some reade, swords or daggers.
‡*Ebr. he spake to their heart.*
2. *King.* 6. 16.
d That is, the power of man.
e This declareth that Hezekiah did euer put his trust in God, and yet made himselfe strong and vsed lawfull meanes, lest hee should seeme to tempt God. 2. *King.* 18. 17.
f While he besieged Lachish.
g Thus the wicked put no difference betweene true religion and false, God and idols: for Hezekiah onely destroyed idolatry, and placed true religion: thus the Papists slander the seruants of God: for when they destroy idolatry, they say that they abolish religion.
h This is his blasphemie, that he will compare the liuing God to vile idoles.
i When man hath prosperity, he swelleth in pride, and thinketh himselfe able to resist and ouercome euen God himselfe.
k Herein we see that when the wicked speake euill of the seruants of God, they care not to blaspheme God himselfe: for if they feared God, they would loue his seruants.
l Their words are written, 2. King. 18. 19.

the riuer that ranne through the middes of the countrey, saying, Why should the Kings of Ashur come, and finde much water?

5 And ‡ hee tooke courage, and built all the broken wall, and made vp the towers, and another wall without, and repayred a Millo in the b citie of Dauid, and made many c darts and shields.

6 And hee set captaines of warre ouer the people, and assembled them to him in the broad place of the gate of the citie, and ‡ spake comfortably vnto them, saying,

7 Be strong and couragious: feare not, neither bee afrayd for the King of Ashur, neither for all the multitude that is with him: * for there be moe with vs, then is with him.

8 With him is an d arme of flesh, but with vs is the e Lorde our God for to helpe vs, and to fight our battels. Then the people were confirmed by the words of Hezekiah king of Iudah.

9 * After this did Sancherib king of Ashur send his seruants to Jerusalem (while he was f against Lachish, and all his dominion with him) vnto Hezekiah king of Iudah, and vnto all Iudah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus sayeth Sancherib the king of Ashur, Wherein doe ye trust, that ye will remaine in Jerusalem, during the siege?

11 Doth not Hezekiah entice you to giue ouer your selues vnto death by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliuer vs out of the hand of the king of Ashur?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his g altars, and commanded Iudah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burne incense vpon it?

13 Know yee not what I and my fathers haue done vnto all the people of other countreyes? Were the gods of the nations of other lands able to deliuer their land out of mine hand?

14 Who is hee of all the h gods of those nations (that my fathers haue destroyed) that could deliuer his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliuer you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceiue you, nor seduce you after this sort, neither beleeue ye him: for none of all the gods of any nation or kingdome was able to deliuer his people out of i mine hande, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much lesse shall your gods deliuer you out of mine hand?

16 And his seruants spake yet more against the Lord God, and against his k seruant Hezekiah.

17 Hee wrote also letters, blaspheming the Lord God of Israel, and speaking against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other countreis could not deliuer their people out of mine hand, so shal not the God of Hezekiah deliuer his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they l cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes speach vnto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to feare them and to astonish them, that they might take the citie.

19 Thus they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, euen the m workes of mans hands.

20 But Hezekiah the king, and the Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amoz * prayed against this, and cryed to heauen.

21 And the Lord sent an Angel which destroyed all the valiant men, and the princes and * captaines of the hoste of the king of Ashur: so he returned ‡ with shame to his owne land. And when hee was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his p owne bowels, slew him there with the sword.

22 So the Lord saued Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sancherib king of Ashur, and from the hand of all other, and ‖ maintained them on euery side.

23 And many brought offerings vnto the Lord to Jerusalem, and pretents to Hezekiah king of Iudah, so that he was q magnified in the sight of al nations from thence forth.

24 * In those dayes Hezekiah was sicke vnto the death, and prayed vnto the Lord, who spake vnto him, and gaue him r a signe.

25 But Hezekiah did not render according to the rewarde bestowed vpon him: for his heart s was lift vp, and wrath came vpon him, and vpon Iudah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himselfe (after that his heart was lifted vp) hee and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the wrath of the Lord came not vpon them in the dayes of Hezekiah.

27 Hezekiah also had exceeding much riches and honour, and he gate him treasures of siluer and of gold, and of precious stones, and of sweete odours, and of shields, and of all pleasant vessels,

28 And of storehouses for the increase of wheat and wine, and oyle, and stalles for all beasts, and ‖ rowes for the ‖ stables.

29 And he made him cities, and had possession of sheepe and oxen in abundance: for God had giuen him substance exceeding much.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the vpper water spring of t Gihon, and ledde them straight vnderneath toward the citie of Dauid Westward. So Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 But because of the ambassadors of the princes of Babel, which sent vnto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to u trie him, and to know all that was in his heart.

32 Concerning the rest of the actes of Hezekiah, and his goodnesse, beholde, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the Prophet,

m Which were inuented, made, and authorized by man.
n This sheweth what is the best refuge in al troubles and dangers.
o To the number of an hundred fourescore and fiue thousand, as 2. Kin. 19. 35, 36
‡ *Ebr. with shame of face.*
p Meaning, Adramelech, and Sharezer his sonnes.
‖ *Or, gouerned.*
q Thus after trouble God sendeth comfort to all them that patiently waite on him, & constantly put their trust in his mercies. 2. *King.* 20. 1. *Isa.* 38. 1.
r To confirme his faith in Gods promise, who declared to him by his Prophet that his life should be prolonged fifteene yeere.
s He was lifted vp with the pride of his victory and treasures, and shewed them for an ostentation to the ambassadors of Babylon.
‖ *Or, ranges, and partitions.*
‖ *Or, racket.*
t Which also was called Siloe, whereof mention is made, Isa. 8. 6. Iohn 9. 7.
u Here we see the cause, why the faithfull are tempted, which is to try whether they haue faith or no, and that they may feele the presence of tentations, but in God, who suffereth them not to bee ouercome by their weakenesse administreth strength.

Prophet, the sonne of Amoz, in the booke of the kings of Iudah and Israel.

33 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the highest sepulchre of the sonnes of Dauid: and all Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem did him honour at his death: and Manasseh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Manasseh an idolater. 9 He causeth Iudah to erre. 11 He is led away prisoner into Babylon. 12 Hee prayeth to the Lord, and is deliuered. 14 Hee aboliseth idolatrie, 16 and setteth vp true religion. 20 He dieth, and Amon his sonne succeedeth, 24 whom his owne seruants slay.

2.*King.*21.1. MAnasseh was twelue yeere old, *when he began to reigne, and he reigned fiue and fifty yeere in Ierusalem:

2 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, like the abominations of the heathen, *whom the Lorde had cast out before the children of Israel.

*Deut.*18.9.

3 For hee went backe and built the high places, *which Hezekiah his father had broken downe: * and he set vp altars for Baalim, and made groues, and worshipped all the host of the heauen, and serued them.

2.*King.*18.4. *Ier.*32.34. 2.*kin.* 17.10.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had sayd, *In Ierusalem shall my Name be for euer.

2.*King.*21.4.

5 And he built altars for all the hoste of the heauen, in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6 *And hee caused his sonnes to passe thorow the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom: he gaue himselfe to witchcraft, and to charming, and to sorcerie, and he vsed them that had familiar spirits, and soothsayers: he did very much euil in the sight of the Lord to anger him.

a Reade 2.King. 16.3.

7 He put also the carued image, which he had made, in the house of God: whereof God had said to Dauid, & to Salomon his sonne, *In this house and in Ierusalem, which I haue chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my Name for euer.

1.*King* 8.29. *and* 9.3. 2.*king.* 21.7. *and* 23 27. 2.*Sam* 7.10.

8 Neither will *I make the foote of Israel to remoue any more out of the lande which I haue appointed for your fathers, so that they take heed, and do all that I haue commanded them, according to the Lawe and statutes and iudgements by the b hand of Moses.

b By the charge giuen to Moses.

9 So Manasseh made Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem to erre, and to doe woorse then the heathen, whom the Lorde had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the Lord spake * to Manasseh and to his people, but they would not regard.

c Meaning, by his Prophets, but their hearts were not touched to beleeue and repent, without the which the preaching of the word taketh no place.

11 Wherefore the Lord brought vpon them the captaines of the hoste of the king of Asshur, which tooke Manasseh, and put him in fetters, and bound him in chaines, and carted him to Babel.

12 And when hee was in tribulation, hee prayed to the Lord his God, & humbled himselfe greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed vnto him: and God was d entreated of him, and heard his prayer, and brought him againe to Ierusalem into his kingdome: then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

d Thus affliction giueth vnderstanding: for he that hated God in his prosperity, now in his misery seeketh vnto him.

14 Now after this he built a wall without the citie of Dauid, on the West side of * Gihon in the valley, euen at the entrie of the fish gate, and compassed about e Ophel, and raised it very high, and put captaines of warre in all the strong cities of Iudah.

e Reade Chap. 32.30.

15 And hee tooke away the strange gods and the image out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that hee had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Ierusalem, and cast them out of the citie.

f Read Chap. 27.3.

16 Also hee prepared the f altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace offrings, and of thanks, and commaunded Iudah to serue the Lord God of Israel.

g Which Salomon had caused to be made.

17 Neuertheless, the people did sacrifice still in the high places, but vnto the h Lord their God.

h Thus by ignorance they were deceiued, thinking it nothing to keepe the altars, so that they worshipped God: but it is idolatry to worship God any otherwise then he hath appointed.

18 ¶ Concerning the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his i prayer vnto his God, and the wordes of the Seers, that spake to him in the Name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the booke of the kings of Israel.

i Which albeit that it is not conteined in the Ebrew, yet because it is here mentioned, & is written in the Greek, we haue placed it in the end of this booke.

19 And his prayer, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sinne, and his trespasse, and the places wherein he built high places, and set groues and images (before he was humbled) beholde, they are written in the booke of the k Seers.

Or, Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own l house, and Amon his sonne reigned in his stead.

k Because hee had so horribly offended against the Lord, they did not bury him in the sepulchres of the kings, but in the garden of the kings house. 2.*King.*21.23.

21 ¶ Amon was two and twentie yeere olde when hee began to reigne, and reigned two yeere in Ierusalem.

22 But hee did euil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed to all the images, which Manasseh his father had made, and serued them.

23 And hee humbled not himselfe before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himselfe: but this Amon trespassed more and more.

24 And his seruants * conspired against him, and slew him in his owne house.

25 But the people of the land slewe all them that had conspired against king Amon: and the people of the land made Iosiah his sonne king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Iosiah destroyeth the idols, 8 and reformeth the Temple. 14 The booke of the Law is found. 21 Hee sendeth to Huldah the Prophetesse for counsel. 27 God heareth his prayer. 31 He maketh a couenant with God.

2.*King.*22.1. IOsiah * was eight yeere olde when hee began to reigne, and he reigned in Ierusalem one and thirtie yeere.

2 And hee did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the wayes of a Dauid his father, and bowed neither to the right hand nor to the left.

a He followed Dauid in all points that he followed the Lord.

3 And in the eight yeere of his reigne (when

b When he was but sixteene yeere olde, he shewed himselfe zealous of Gods glory, and at twentie yeere old, he abolished idolatrie, and restored the true religion.

c Which sheweth that hee would see the reformation with his owne eyes.

d Reade 2. King. 23.16.

e This great zeale of this godly King the holy Ghost setteth forth as an example and pattone to other kings and rulers, to teach them what God requireth of them. 2. King. 22.3.

Or, they returned to Ierusalem, meaning Shaphan, &c.

f For there were many portions and pieces annexed to the Temple.

g Meaning, that they were in such credit for their fidelity, that they made none accounts of that which they receiued, 2. Kings 22.7,9.

h Reade 2. King. 22.8.

(when he was yet a b childe) he beganne to seeke after the God of Dauid his father, and in the twelft yeere he began to purge Iudah and Ierusalem from the high places and the groues, and the carued images, and molten images.

4 And they brake downe c in his sight the altars of Baalim, and hee caused to cut downe the images that were on high vpon them: he brake also the groues, and the carued images, and the molten images, and stampt them to powder, and strawed it vpon the graues of them that had sacrificed vnto them.

5 Also he burnt the d bones of the priests vpon their altars, and purged Iudah and Ierusalem.

6 And in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, euen vnto Naphtali, with their maules they brake all round about.

7 And when he had e destroyed the altars and the groues, and had broken and stamped to powder the images, & had cut downe all the idoles throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Ierusalem.

8 ¶ Then in the eighteenth yeere of his reigne, when hee had purged the land and the Temple, he sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the Gouernour of the citie, and Ioah the sonne of Ioahaz the Recorder, to repaire the house of the Lorde his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high Priest, they deliuered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Leuites that kept the doore had gathered at the hand of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and of all the residue of Israel, and of all Iudah and Beniamin, and f of the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

10 And they put it in the handes of them that should doe the worke, and had the ouersight in the house of the Lorde: and they gaue it to the workemen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repaire and amend the house.

11 Euen to the workmen and to the builders gaue they it, to buy hewed stone and timber for couples and for beames of the g houses, which the kings of Iudah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the worke h faithfully, and the ouerseers of them were Iahath and Obadiah the Leuites, of the children of Merari, and Zechariah, and Meshullam, of the children of the Kohathites to set it forward: and of the Leuites all that could skill of instruments of musicke.

13 And they were ouer the bearers of burdens, & them that set forward all the workemen in euery worke: and of the Leuites were scribes, and officers and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the Priest found the i booke of the Law of the Lord giuen by the hand of Moses.

15 Therfore Hilkiah answered, and sayd to Shaphan the chancellour, I haue found the booke of the Lawe in the house of the Lord: and Hilkiah gaue the booke to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan caried the booke to k the king, and brought the king worde againe, saying, All that is committed to the hand of thy seruants, that do they.

17 For they haue gathered the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and haue deliuered it into the hands of the ouerseers, and to the hands of the workemen.

18 Also Shaphan the chancellour declared to the king, saying, Hilkiah the Priest hath giuen me a booke: and Shaphan read it before the king.

19 And when the king had heard the words of the Law, he l tare his clothes.

20 And the king commaunded Hilkiah and Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and Abdon the sonne of Micah, and Shaphan the chancellour, and Asaiah the kings seruant, saying,

21 Go and enquire of the Lord for me, and for the rest in Israel and Iudah, concerning the words of this booke that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled vpon vs, because our m fathers haue not kept the word of the Lord, to doe after all that is written in this booke.

22 Then Hilkiah and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the Prophetesse the wife of Shallum, the sonne of ‖ Tokhath, the sonne of ‖ Hasrah keeper of the n wardrobe (and she dwelt in Ierusalem within the o colledge) and they communed hereof with her.

23 And she answered them, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, Tell ye the p man that sent you to me,

24 Thus sayth the Lord, Behold, I will bring euill vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants therof, euen all the curses, that are written in the booke which they haue read before the king of Iudah:

25 Because they haue forsaken mee, and burnt incense vnto other gods, to anger mee with all the workes of their q hands, therefore shall my wrath kindled vpon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 But to the king of Iudah, who sent you to enquire of the Lord, so shall ye say vnto him, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, The words which thou hast heard, shal come to passe.

27 But because thine heart did r melt, and thou didst humble thy selfe before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants therof, & humbledst thy selfe before mee, and tarest thy clothes, and weptest before me, I haue also heard it, sayth the Lord.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be put in thy graue in peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the euil which I wil bring vpon this s place, and vpon the inhabitants of the same. Thus they brought the king word againe.

29 ¶ Then the king sent and gathered all the Elders of Iudah and Ierusalem.

30 And the king went vp into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and the Priests

i For the king was commanded to haue continually a copy of this booke, and to read therein day and night, Deut. 17.18.

k For sorow that the word of God had bene so long suppressed, and the people kept in ignorance, considering also the curses conteined therein against the transgressiours.

l Thus the godly doe not onely lament their owne sinnes, but also that their fathers and predecessors haue offended God.

‖ *Or, Tikuah.*

‖ *Or, Harhas.*

m Meaning, either of the priests apparell, or of the kings.

n Reade hereof, 2 King. 22.15.

o That is, to the king.

p This she speaketh in contempt of the idolaters, who contrary to reason and nature make that a god, which they haue made and framed with their owne hands.

q This declareth what is the end of Gods threatnings, to call his to repentance, and to assure the vnrepentant of their destruction.

r It may appeare that very fewe were touched with true repentance, seeing that God spared them for a time, onely for y kings sake.

Priests and the Leuites, and all the people from the greatest to the f smallest, & hee read in their eares all the wordes of the booke of the couenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

31 And the king stood by his pillar, and made a couenant before the Lord, to walke after the Lord, and to keepe his commandements, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soule, and that hee would accomplish the wordes of the couenant written in the same booke.

32 And hee caused all that were found in Ierusalem and Beniamin to stand to it: and the inhabitants of Ierusalem did according to the couenant of God, euen the God of their fathers.

33 So Iosiah tooke away all the abominations out of all the countreys that pertained to the children of Israel, and compelled all that were found in Israel, to serue the Lord their God: so all his dayes they turned not backe from the Lord God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Iosiah keepeth the Passeouer. 3 He setteth forth Gods seruice. 20 He fighteth against the king of Egypt, and dieth. 24 The people bewaile him.

MOreouer a Iosiah kept a Passeouer vnto the Lord in Ierusalem, and they slew the a Passeouer in the fourteenth day of the first moneth.

2 And he appointed the Priests to their charges, and encouraged them to the seruice of the house of the Lord.

3 And hee sayd vnto the Leuites that b taught all Israel, and were sanctified vnto the Lord, Put the holy Arke in the house which Salomon the sonne of Dauid King of Israel did build: it shall bee no more a c burden vpon your shoulders: serue now the Lord your God and his people Israel,

4 And prepare your selues by the houses of your fathers according to your courses, as d Dauid the King of Israel hath written, and according to the writing of Salomon his sonne,

5 And stand in the Sanctuary according to the diuision of the families of your brethren ‖ the children of the people, and after the diuision of the famine of the Leuites:

6 So kill the Passeouer, & sanctifie your selues, and e prepare your brethren that they may doe according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

7 Iosiah also gaue to the ‡ people sheepe, lambes, and kids, all for the Passeouer, euen to all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, & three thousand bullocks: these were of the kings substance.

8 And his Princes offered willingly vnto the people, to the Priests and to the Leuites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Iehiel, rulers of the house of God, gaue vnto the Priests for the Passeouer, euen two thousand and fiue hundred sheepe, and three hundred bullockes.

9 g Conaniah also and Shemaiah and Nethaneel his brethren, and Hashabiah and Ieiel, and Iozabad, cheife of the Leuites gaue vnto the Leuites for the Passeouer, fiue thousand sheepe, and fiue hundreth bullocks.

10 Thus the seruice was prepared, and the Priestes stood in their places, also the Leuites in their orders, according to the Kings commandement:

11 And they slew the Passeouer, and the Priestes f sprinckled the blood with their hands, and the Leuites flayed them.

12 And they tooke away from the h burnt offring to giue it according to the diuisions of the families of the children of the people to offer vnto the Lord, as it is written in the booke of Moses, and so of the bullocks.

13 And i they rosted the Passeouer with fire, according to the custome, but the sanctified things they sod in pots, pans, and caldrons, and distributed them quickely to all the people.

14 Afterward also they prepared for themselues & for the Priests: for the Priests the sonnes of Aaron were occupied in offring of burnt offrings, and the fatte vntill night: therefore the Leuites prepared for themselues, and for the Priests the sonnes of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sonnes of Asaph stood in their standing k according to the commaundement of Dauid, and Asaph, and Heman, and Iedithun the Kings l Seer: and the porters at euery gate, who might not depart from their seruice: therefore their brethren the Leuites prepared for them.

16 So all the seruice of the Lord was prepared the same day to keepe the Passeouer, and to offer burnt offrings vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of King Iosiah.

17 And the children of Israel that were present, kept the Passeouer the same time, and the feast of the vnleauened bread seuen dayes.

18 And there was no Passeouer kept like that in Israel, from the dayes of Samuel the Prophet: neither did all the kings of Israel keepe such a Passeouer as Iosiah kept and the Priests and the Leuites, and all Iudah & Israel that were ‡ present, and the Inhabitants of Ierusalem.

19 This Passeouer was kept in i the eighteenth yeere of the reigne of Iosiah.

20 ¶ * After all this, when Iosiah had prepared the Temple, Necho king of Egypt came vp to fight against k Carchemish by ‖ Perath, and Iosiah went out against him.

21 But hee sent messengers to him, saying, What haue I to doe with thee, thou king of Iudah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house & of mine enemie, and God commaunded mee to make haste: leaue off to come against God, which is with me, lest he destroy thee.

22 But Iosiah would not turne his face from him, but l changed his apparell to fight with him, and hearkened not to the wordes of Necho, which were of the mouth of God, but came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And

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f Forasmuch as neither yong nor old could be exempted from the curses conteined therin, if they did transgresse, he knew it appertained to all, & was his duety to see it read to all sorts, that euery one might learne to auoid those punishments by seruing God aright.

t Because he had charge ouer al, & must answere for euery one y perished, he thought it his duety to see that all should make profession to receiue the word of God.

2 King. 23. 21.

a The Scripture vseth in sundry places to call the lambe the Passeouer, which was but the signe of the Passeouer, because in all sacraments the signes haue the names of the things which are signified.

b So that the Leuites charge was not only to minister in the Temple, but also to instruct the people in the word of God.

c As it was before the Temple was built: therefore your office onely is now to teach the people, and to praise God

1. Chr. 23. 24. 25. 26. chapters, &c.

‡ Or, the people.

d Exhort euery one to examine themselues that they be not vnmeete to eate of the Passeouer.

‡ Ebr. sonnes of the people.

e So that euery one of all sorts, gaue of that they had, a liberall portion to the seruice of God.

f Meaning, of the lambe, which was called the Passeouer: for onely the Priests might sprinckle, and in necessitie the Leuites might kill the sacrifice.

g They reserued for the people that which was not expedient to be offered, that euery man might offer peace offerings, & so haue his portion. Exod. 12. 8. 1. Chron. 25 1.

h Meaning hereby his Prophet, because he appointed the Psalmes & Prophesies which were to be sung.

‡ Ebr. found.

i Which was in the sixe & twentieth yeere of his age.

2. King. 23. 29.

k Which was a citie of the Assyrians, and Iosiah fearing lest hee passing thorow Iudah, would haue taken his kingdome, made warre against him, and consulted not with the Lord.

‖ Or, Euphrates.

‡ Eb. of my battel

l That is, armed himselfe or disguised himselfe because he might not be knowen.

23 And the shooters shot at King Iosiah: then the King sayd to his seruants, Carie me away, for I am very sicke.

24 So his seruants tooke him out of that charet, and put him in the second charet which hee had, and when they had brought him to Ierusalem, hee died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers: and all Iudah and Ierusalem [m] mourned for Iosiah.

25 And Ieremiah lamented Iosiah, and all singing men and singing women mourned for Iosiah in their lamentations to this day, and made the same for an ordinance vnto Israel: and behold, they are written in the [n] Lamentations.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iosiah and his goodnesse, doing as it was written in the Law of the Lord,

27 And his deedes, first and last, behold, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah.

m The people so much lamented the losse of this good King that after when there was any great lamentation, this was spoken of as a prouerbe, reade Zech. 12. 11.

n Which some thinke Ieremie made, wherein hee lamenteth the state of the Church after this kings death.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 After Iosiah reigneth Iehoahaz. 4 After Iehoahaz, Iehoiakim. 8 After him Iehoiachin. 11 After him Zedekiah, 14. 17 in whose time all the people were caried away to Babel, for contemning the admonitions of the Prophets, 22 and were restored againe the seuentieth yeere after by King Cyrus.

2.*King*.23.30. THen * the people of the land tooke Iehoahaz the sonne of Iosiah, and made him king in his fathers stead in Ierusalem.

2 Iehoahaz was three and twenty yeere old when he began to reigne, and he reigned three [a] moneths in Ierusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt tooke him away at Ierusalem, and condemned the land in an [b] hundred talents of siluer, & a talent of gold.

4 ¶ And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother King ouer Iudah and Ierusalem, and turned his name to Iehoiakim: and Necho tooke Iehoahaz his brother, and caried him to Egypt.

5 Iehoiakim was fiue and twenty yeere olde when he began to reigne, and hee reigned eleuen yeere in Ierusalem, and did [c] euill in the sight of the Lord his God.

6 Against him came vp Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, and bound him with chaines to carie him to Babel.

7 Nebuchad-nezzar also * caried of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babel, and put them in his Temple at Babel.

8 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iehoiakim, and his abominations which hee did, and [d] that which was found vpon him, beholde, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah: and Iehoiachin his sonne reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ Iehoiachin was [e] eight yere old when he began to reigne, and he reigned three moneths and ten dayes in Ierusalem, and did euill in the sight of the Lord.

10 And when the yeere was out, King Nebuchad-nezzar sent and brought him to Babel with the precious vessels of the house of the Lord, and he made Zedekiah his brother king ouer Iudah and Ierusalem.

11 Zedekiah was one and twenty yeere old when he began to reigne, and reigned eleuen yeere in Ierusalem.

12 * And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himselfe before Ieremiah the Prophet at the commandement of the Lord,

13 But he rebelled moreouer against Nebuchad-nezzar, which had caused him to sweare by God: and he hardened his necke and made his heart obstinate that he might not returne to the Lord God of Israel.

14 All the chiefe of the Priestes also, and of the people trespassed wonderfully, according to all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the Lord which he had sanctified in Ierusalem.

15 Therefore the Lord God of their fathers sent to them † by his messengers, [f] rising early and sending: for he had compassion on his people, and on his habitation.

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, & misused his Prophets, vntill the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, and till there was no [g] remedie.

17 For hee brought vpon them the King of the Caldeans, who slew their young men with the sword [h] in the house of their Sanctuary, and spared neither young man, nor virgine, ancient, nor aged: God [i] gaue all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes: all these caried hee to Babel.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, and burnt all the palaces therof with fire, and all the precious vessels therof to destroy all.

20 And they that were left by the sword, caried he away to Babel, and they were seruants to him and to his sonnes, vntill the kingdome of the [k] Persians had rule,

21 To fulfill the word of the Lord by the [l] mouth of Ieremiah, vntill the land had her full of her Sabbaths: for all the dayes that she lay desolate, she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seuentie yeers.

22 ¶ * But in the [m] first yeere of Cyrus king of Persia (when the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Ieremiah, was finished) the Lord stirred vp the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he made a Proclamation throw all his kingdome, and also by writing, saying,

23 Thus sayth Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of heauen giuen me, and he hath [n] commanded me to build him an house in Ierusalem, that is in Iudah. Who is among you of all his people, with whom the Lord his God is? let him goe vp.

a For three moneths after the death of Iosiah, came Necho to Ierusalem, and so the plagues began, which Huldah and the Prophets forewarned should come vpon Ierusalem

b To pay this as a yeerely tribute.

c Because he and the people turned not to God by his first plague, he brought a new vpon him, and at length rooted them out.

2 *King*.24.13.

d He meaneth superstitious markes, which were found vpon his body when he was dead: which thing declared how deeply idolatry was rooted in his heart, seeing hee bare the markes in his flesh.

e That is, hee began his reigne at eight yere old, and reigned ten yeres when his father was aliue, and after his father's death, which was the eighteenth yere of his age, hee reigned alone three moneths and ten dayes.

*Or, vncle.

2.*King*.24.17,18 *Ierem*.52.2.

†*Ebr. by the hand of his.*

f By this phrase the Scripture meaneth, oftentimes, and diligently, as Iere. 11.7. & 25.3. & 26.5. and 32.33.

g Til God could no longer suffer their sinnes, but must needes punish them.

h Whither they fled, thinking to haue been saued for the holinesse thereof.

i Which is not because God approoueth him which yet is the minister of his iustice, but because God would by his iust iudgement punish this people: for this King was led with ambition and vaineglory, whereunto were ioyned fury and cruelty: therefore his worke was condemnable, notwithstanding it was iust & holy on Gods part, who vsed this wicked instrument to declare his iustice.

k When Cyrus king of Persia had made the Babylonians subiect.

l Who threatned the vengeance of God, & seuentie yeeres captiuity, which he calleth the Sabbaths, or rest of the land, Iere. 25.11. *Iere*.25.12. & 29.10. 1.*Esdr*.1.1.

m In the first yere that he reigned ouer the Caldeans, Ezra.1.1.

n God had so forewarned by his Prophet aboue an hundred yeeres before Cyrus was borne, Isa.44.28. that Ierusalem and the Temple should be built againe by Cyrus his anointed: so called because God vsed his seruice for a time to deliuer his Church.

¶ THE

The Prayer of Manasseh king of the Iewes.

This prayer is not in the Hebrew, but is translated out of the Greeke.

O Lord Almightie, God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, and of their righteous seede, which hast made heauen and earth with all their ornament, which hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandement, which hast shut vp the deepe, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious Name, whom all doe feare, and tremble before thy power: for the maiestie of thy glorie cannot be borne, and thine angrie threatning toward sinners is vnportable, but thy mercifull promise is vnmeasureable and vnsearchable. For thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, long suffering, and most mercifull, and repentest for mans miseries. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodnesse hast promised [a] repentance and forgiuenesse to them that sinne against thee, and for thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance vnto sinners that they may be saued. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the iust, hast not appointed repentance to the iust, as to Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob, which haue not [b] sinned against thee, but thou hast appointed repentance vnto me, that am a sinner: for I haue sinned aboue the number of the sand of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are exceeding many: and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of the heauens, for the multitude of mine vnrighteousnesse. I am bowed downe with many yron bands, that I cannot lift vp mine head, neither haue any release. For I haue prouoked thy wrath, and done euill before thee. I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandements, I haue set vp abominations, and haue multiplied offences. Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. I haue sinned, O Lord, I haue sinned, and I acknowledge my transgressions: but I humbly beseech thee, forgiue me, O Lord, forgiue me, and destroy me not with my transgressions. Be not angrie with me for euer by reseruing euill for me, neither condemne me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, euen the God of them that repent: and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodnesse: for thou wilt saue me that am vnworthy, according to thy great mercy: therefore I will praise thee for euer all the dayes of my life. For all the power of the heauens praise thee, and thine is the glory for euer and euer. Amen.

a Thou hast promised that repentance shall be the way for them to returne to thee.

b He speaketh this in comparison of himselfe, and those holy fathers which haue their commendation in the Scripture, so that in respect of himselfe he calleth their sinnes nothing, but attributeth vnto them righteousnesse.

Ezra.

THE ARGVMENT.

AS the Lord is euer mercifull vnto his Church, and doth not punish them, but to the intent they should see their owne miseries, and be exercised vnder the crosse, that they might contemne the world, and aspire vnto the heauens: so after that hee had visited the Iewes, and kept them now in bondage seuentie yeeres in a strange countrey, among infidels and idolaters, he remembred his tender mercies and their infirmities, and therefore for his owne sake raised them vp a deliuerer, and moued both the heart of the chiefe ruler to pitie them, and also by him punished such, which had kept them in seruitude Notwithstanding, lest they should grow into a contempt of Gods great benefit, he keepeth them still in exercise, and raiseth domesticall enemies, which indeuour as much as they can to hinder their most worthy enterprises: yet by the exhortation of the Prophets they went forward by little and little till their worke was finished. The authour of this booke was Ezra, who was Priest and Scribe of the Law, as Chap 7. 6. Hee returned to Ierusalem the sixt yeere of Darius, who succeeded Cyrus, that is, about fiftie yeeres after the returne of the first vnder Zerubbabel, when the Temple was built. He brought with him a great companie, and much treasures, with letters to the kings officers for all such things as should be necessarie for the Temple: and at his comming he redressed that which was amisse, and set the things in good order.

CHAP. I.

1 *Cyrus sendeth againe the people that was in captiuitie, & and restoreth them their holy vessels.*

NOw [a] in the [b] first yeere of Cyrus king of Persia (that the word of the Lord, spoken by the [b] mouth of Ieremiah, might bee accomplished) the Lord stirred vp the [c] spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he made a proclamation throgow all his kingdome, and also by writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heauen hath giuen me [d] all the kingdomes of the earth, and hee hath commanded me to build him an house in Ierusalem, which is in Iudah.

3 Who is he among you of all his people with whome his God is? let him goe vp to Ierusalem, which is in Iudah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel: hee is the God which is in Ierusalem.

4 And euery one that remaineth in any place (where he sojourneth) [e] let the men of his place relieue him with siluer and with gold, and with substance, and with cattell, and with a willing offering, for the house of God that is in Ierusalem.

5 Then the chiefe fathers of Iudah and Beniamin, and the Priests and Leuites rose vp, with all them whose spirit God had raised to goe vp to build the house of the Lord which is in Ierusalem.

6 And

2 *Chron.* 36. 22. *1. esd.* 2. 1 *Iere.* 25. 12. *and* 29. 10.

a After that he and Darius had wonne Babylon.

b Who promised them deliuerance after that seuentie yeeres were past, Iere 25. 11.

c That is, moued him, and gaue him heart.

d For he was chiefe monarch, and had many nations vnder his dominion, which this heathen king confessith to haue receiued of the liuing God.

e If any through pouerty were not able to returne, the kings commission was that he should be furnished with necessaries.

f Which they themselues should send toward the reparation of the Temple.

g The Babylonians and Caldeans giue them these presents: thus rather then the children of God should want for their necessities, he would stir vp the heart of the very infidels to helpe them. 2. *King.* 25. 13. 2. *chron.* 36. 7. *iere* 27. 19, 20. *dan.* 1. 2.

6 And all s they that were about them, strengthened their hands with vessels of siluer, with gold, with substance, and with cattel, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7 Also the king Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchad-nezzar had taken out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his god.

8 Euen them did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them vnto h Sheshbazzar the prince of Iudah.

9 And this is the number of them, thirtie basins of golde, a thousand basins of siluer, nine and twentie i knines,

10 Thirtie bowles of golde, and of siluer bowles of the second sort, foure hundred and ten, and of other vessels, a thousand.

11 All the vessels of golde and siluer were fiue thousand and foure hundreth. Sheshbazzar brought vp all k with them of the captiuitie that came vp from Babel to Jerusalem.

h So the Caldeans called Zerubbabel, who was the chiefe gouernour, so that the preeminence still remained in the house of Dauid.

i Which serued to kill the beastes that were offered in the sacrifice. k With the Iewes, that had beene kept captiues in Babylon.

CHAP. II.

The number of them that returned from the captiuitie.

Nehem. 7. 6. 1. esd. 5. 7.

These l also are the sonnes m of the prouince that went vp out of the captiuitie (whome Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel had caried away vnto Babel) and returned to Jerusalem, and to Judah, euery one vnto his citie,

2 Which came with b Zerubbabel, to wit, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, c Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Biguai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men d of the people of Israel was,

3 The sonnes of Parosh, two thousand, an hundred seuentie and two:

4 The sonnes of Shephatiah, three hundred seuentie and two:

5 The sonnes of Arah, seuen hundred and seuentie and fiue:

6 The sonnes of ||Pahath Moab, of the sonnes of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand, eight hundreth and twelue:

7 The sonnes of Elam, a thousand, two hundreth and foure and fiftie:

8 The sonnes of Zattu, nine hundred and fiue and fortie:

9 The sonnes of Zaccai, seuen hundred and threescore:

10 The sonnes of Bani, fiue hundred and two and fortie.

11 The sonnes of Bebai, fiue hundred and three and twentie:

12 The sonnes of Azgad a thousand, two hundred and two and twentie:

13 The sonnes of Adonicam, fiue hundred threescore and fiue:

14 The sonnes of Biguai, two thousand and fiue and fiftie:

15 The sonnes of Adin, foure hundred and foure and fiftie:

16 The sonnes of Ater of e Hizkiah, ninetie and eight:

17 The sonnes of Bezai, three hundred and three and twentie.

18 The sonnes of Jorah an hundred and twelue.

19 The sonnes of Hashum, two hundred and three and twentie.

20 The sonnes of Gibbar ninety & fiue:

21 f The sonnes of Beth-lehem, an hundred and three and twentie.

22 The men of Netophah, fiue and fiftie:

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred and eight and twentie.

24 The sonnes of Azmaueth, two and fortie.

25 The sonnes of Kiriath-arim, of Chephirah, and Beeroth, seuen hundred & three and fortie.

26 The sonnes of Harmah, and Gaba, fiue hundred and one and twentie:

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred and two and twentie.

28 The sonnes of Beth-el, and Ai, two hundred and three and twenty.

29 The sonnes of Nebo, two and fifty:

30 The sonnes of Magbish, an hundred and fiue and fiftie:

31 The sonnes of the other Elam, a thousand, and two hundred, and foure and fifty,

32 The sonnes of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

33 The sonnes of Lod hadid, and Ono, seuen hundred and fiue and twentie:

34 The sonnes of Jericho, three hundred and fiue and fortie.

35 The sonnes of Senah, three thousand fiue hundred and thirtie.

36 ¶ The g Priestes: of the sonnes of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seuenty and three.

37 The sonnes of Immer, a thousand and two and fiftie:

38 The sonnes of Pashur, a thousand two hundred and seuen and fortie.

39 The sonnes of Harim, a thousand and seuenteene.

40 ¶ † The Leuites: the sonnes of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the sonnes of Hodauiah, seuenty and foure.

41 ¶ † The singers: the sonnes of Asaph, an hundred and eight and twentie.

42 ¶ † The sonnes of the Porters: the sonnes of Shallum, the sonnes of Ater, the sonnes of Talmon, the sonnes of Akkub, the sonnes of Hatita, the sonnes of Shobai, all were an hundred and nine and thirtie.

43 ¶ The h Nethinims: the sonnes of Ziha, the sonnes of Hasupha, the sonnes of Tabbaoth,

44 The sonnes of Keros, the sonnes of Siaha, the sonnes of Padon,

45 The sonnes of Lebanah, the sonnes of Hagabah, the sonnes of Akkub,

46 The sonnes of Hagab, the sonnes of Shamlai, the sonnes of Hanan,

47 The sonnes of Giddel, the sonnes of Gahar, the sonnes of Reaiah,

48 The sonnes of Rezin, the sonnes of Nekoda, the sonnes of Gazzam,

49 The sonnes of Uzza, the sonnes of Paseah, the sonnes of Besai,

50 The sonnes of Asnah, the sonnes of Meunim,

f That is, inhabitants: for so this word (some) signifieth, when it is ioyned with the names of places.

g Before he hath declared the two tribes of Iudah and Beniamin, and now commeth to the tribe of Leui, and beginneth at the Priestes.

† The Leuites.

† The Singers.

† The Porters.

h So called because they were giuen to the Temple, to cut wood and beare water for the vse of the sacrifices, and came of the Gibeonites, which were appointed to this vse by Ioshua, Iosh. 9. 23.

l Meaning Iudea, which was a prouince, that is, a countrey which was in subiection

b Zerubbabel was chiefe captaine, and Iesshua the high Priest: but Nehemiah a man of great authoritie went not now, but came after 64. yeeres.

c This was not that Mordecai which was Esters kinsman.

d Meaning, of the common people.

||*Or, of the duke of Moab.*

e Which were of the posteritie of Hezekiah.

Meunim, the sonnes of Nephusim,
51 The sonnes of Bakbuk, the sonnes of Hakupa, the sonnes of Harhur,
52 The sonnes of Bazluth, the sonnes of Mehida, the sonnes of Harsha,
53 The sonnes of Barcos, the sonnes of Sisara, the sonnes of Thamah,
54 The sonnes of Nezia, the sonnes of Hatipha.
55 The sonnes of Salomons [i] seruants: the sonnes of Sotai, the sonnes of Sophereth, the sonne of Peruda,
56 The sonnes of Jaalah, the sonnes of Darkon, the sonnes of Giddel,
57 The sonnes of Sephatiah, the sonnes of Hattil, the sonnes of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the sonnes of Ami.
58 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants were three hundreth ninetie and two.
59 ¶ And these went vp from Telmelah, and from Telharsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they could not discerne their fathers house, and their seede, whether they were of Israel.
60 The sonnes of Delaiah, the sonnes of Tobiah, the sonnes of Nekoda, six hundreth and two and fiftie.
61 And of the sonnes of the Priestes, the sonnes of Habaiah, the sonnes of Coz, the sonnes of [k] Barzillai: which tooke of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.
62 These sought their writing of the genealogies, but they were not found: therefore were they put from the Priesthood.
63 And [l] Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy thing, till there rose vp a Priest with [m] Urim and Thummim.
64 The whole Congregation together was two and fourty thousand, three hundreth and threescore,
65 Besides their seruants & their mayds: of whom were seuen thousand, three hundred and seuen and thirtie: and among them were two hundreth singing men and singing women.
66 Their horses were seuen hundreth and fiue and thirtie: their mules two hundreth and fiue and fourtie:
67 Their camels foure hundreth and fiue and thirtie: their asses, fiue thousand seuen hundreth and twentie.
68 And certaine of the chiefe fathers, when they came to the house of the Lorde, which was in Jerusalem, they offered willingly for the house of God, to set it vp vpon his foundation.
69 They gaue after their abilitie vnto the treasure of the worke, euen one and threescore thousand [n] drammes of golde, and fiue thousand [o] pieces of siluer, and an hundreth Priests garments.
70 So the Priestes and the Leuites, and certaine of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

i Which came of them that Salomon had appointed for the worke of the Temple.

k Of him is made mention, 2 Sam. 17.27. and 19 31. & because the Priests office was had in contempt, these would haue changed their estate by their name, and so by Gods iust iudgement lost both the estimation of the world, and the dignitie of their office.

l This is a Chalde name, and signifieth him that hath authoritie ouer others.

m Reade Exod. 28.30.

n Which mount to of our money, 2426. li. 13. shil. 4.d. esteeming the French crowne at 6 shil. 4 d. for the dram is the eight part of an ounce, and the ounce, the eight part of a marke.

o Which are called *mina*, and conteine a piece two markes: so 5000. *mina* make 550000. frankes, which mount to of our mony 6966 li. 13. shil. 4 d so that the whole summe was 94493. li. 6 shil. 8. d.

CHAP. III.

1 *They build the Altar of God.* 6 *They offer to the Lord.* 7 *They prepare for the Temple,* 11 *And sing vnto the Lord.*

AND [a] when the seuenth moneth was come, and the children of Israel were in their cities, the people assembled themselues as one man vnto Jerusalem.

2 Then stoode vp Jeshua the sonne of Jozadak, and his brethren the Priestes, and Zerubbabel the [b] sonne of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the Altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the Lawe of Moses, the man of God,

3 And they set the Altar vpon [c] his bases (for feare was among them, because of the people of those countreys) therefore they offered burnt offrings thereon vnto the Lord, euen burnt offerings in the morning, and at euen.

4 They kept also the feast of the Tabernacles, as it is written, and the burnt offering [*] dayly, by number according to the custome day by day,

5 And afterward [d] the continuall burnt offering, both in the new moneths and in all the feast dayes that were consecrate vnto the Lord, and in all the oblations willingly offered vnto the Lord.

6 From the first day of the seuenth moneth began they to offer burnt offerings vnto the Lord: but the foundation of the Temple of the Lord was not layd.

7 They gaue money also vnto the masons, and to the workemen, and meate and drinke and oyle vnto them of Sidon and of Tyrus, to bring them Cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea vnto ‖ Japho, according to the graunt that they had of Cyrus King of Persia.

8 ¶ And in the second yere of their coming vnto the house of God in Jerusalem in the [e] second moneth, began Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the sonne of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the Priestes and the Leuites, and all they that were come out of the captiuitie vnto Jerusalem, and appointed the Leuites from twentie yeere olde and aboue, to set forward the worke of the house of the Lord.

9 And Jeshua [f] stood with his sonnes, and his brethren, and Kadmiel with his sonnes, and the sonnes of Judah together to set forward the workemen in the house of God, and the sonnes of Henadad with their sonnes, and their brethren the Leuites.

10 And when the builders layd the foundation of the Temple of the Lorde, they appointed the Priestes in their apparell with trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph with Cymbals, to prayse the Lorde, [*] after the ordinance of Dauid King of Israel.

11 Thus they sang when they gaue praise, and when they gaue thankes vnto the Lord, For he is good, for his mercie endureth for euer toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shoute, when they praysed the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was layd.

12 Many also of the Priests and the Leuites and the chiefe of the fathers, ancient

1. *Esdr.* 5. 47.

a Called Tishri, which answereth to part of September, and part of October.

b Meaning, nephew: for hee was the sonne of Pedaiah, reade 1. Chron. 3. 19.

c In the place where Salomon had placed it.

Exod. 23. 16.

d That is, after the feast of Tabernacles.

‖ *Or, Ioppe.*

e Which moneth conteined part of April, and part of May: for in the meane season they had prouided for things necessary for the worke.

f They gaue them exhortations, and encouraged euery man forward in the worke.

1. *Chro.* 16. 1, 2.

men which had seene the first house, (when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes) e wept with a loude voyce, and many shouted aloud for ioy,

13 So that the people could not discerne the sound of the shout for ioy, from the noyse of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud crie, and the noyse was heard farre off.

g because they saw that it was nothing so glorious as the Temple, which Salomon had built, notwithstanding Aggeus comforteth them, and prophesieth that it shall bee more beautifull then the first: meaning the spirituall Temple, which are the members of Christes body.

CHAP. IIII.

2 *The building of the Temple is hindered, and how.* 11 *Letters to Artaxerxes, & the answere.*

NOw a the aduersaries of Iudah and Beniamin heard, that the children of the captiuitie builded the Temple vnto the Lorde God of Israel.

2 And they came to Zerubbabel, f to the chiefe fathers, and said vnto them, Let vs will build with you: for wee seeke the Lord your God, as ye doe, and wee haue sacrificed vnto him, since the time of Esar Haddon King of Assur, which brought vs hither.

3 Then Zerubbabel, and Ieshua, and the rest of the chiefe fathers of Israel, sayd vnto them, It is not for you, but for vs to builde the house vnto our God: b for wee our selues together will build it vnto the Lord God of Israel, as King Cyrus the King of Persia had commanded vs.

4 Wherefore the people of the land ‡ discouraged the people of Iudah, and troubled them in building,

5 And they c hired counsellers against them, to hinder their deuice, all the dayes of Cyrus king of Persia, euen vntill the reigne of Darius King of Persia.

6 And in the reigne of d Ahashuerosh (in the beginning of his reign,) wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Iudah and Ierusalem.

7 And in the dayes of Artahshashte, Mithredath, Tabeel, & the rest of their companions wrote when it was peace, vnto Artahshashte King of Persia, and the writing of the letter was the Aramites writing, and the thing declared was in the language of the Aramites.

8 Rehum the ‖ chancellor, and Shimshai the Scribe wrote a letter against Ierusalem to Artahshashte the King, in this sort.

9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the Scribe, and their companions, f Dinaie, and Apharsathcaie, Tarpelaie, Arphasaie, Archeuaie, Biblaie, Shushanchaie, Dehaie, Elmaie,

10 And the rest of the people whom the great and noble g Asnapper brought ouer and set in the cities of Samaria, and other that are beyond the h River and i Theeneth.

11 ¶ And this is ‡ the copie of the letter that they sent vnto King Artahshashte, THY SERVANTS the men beyonde the River and Theeneth, salute thee.

a Meaning, the inhabitants of Samaria, who the King of Assyria had placed in the stead of the ten tribes, 2. kin. 17. 24. and 19. 37. these professed God, but worshipped idols also, and therefore were the greatest enemies to ‡ true seruants of God.

b For they perceiued what their pretence was, to wit, to erect idolatry in stead of true Religion.

‡ *Ebr. made their hands weake.*

c They bribed the gouernors vnder the King to hinder their work. Thus they that hate, cannot abide that God should be purely serued.

d He was also called Artaxerxes, which is a Persian name. Some thinke it was Cambyses Cyrus sonne, or Darius, as vers. 5.

e Called Artaxerxes, which signifieth in ‡ Persia tongue, an excellent warriour.

‖ *Or, counsellour.*

f These were certaine people, which the Assyrians placed in Samaria in stead of the ten tribes.

g Some thinke it was Sancherib, but rather Salmanasar.

h To wit, Euphrates, and he meaneth in respect of Babel, that they dwelt beyond it.

i Which were certaine people that enuied the Iewes,

12 Be it knowen vnto the King, that the Iewes which came vp from thee to vs, are come vnto Ierusalem (a citie rebellious and wicked) and build, and lay the foundations of the walles, and haue ioyned the foundations.

13 Be it knowen now vnto the King, that if this citie be built, and the foundations of the walles layd, they will not giue toll, tribute, nor k custome: so shalt thou hinder the Kings tribute.

14 Now therefore because ‡ we haue bene brought vp in the Kings palace, it was not meete for vs to see the Kings dishonour: for this cause haue wee sent and certified the King,

15 That one may search in the booke of the Chronicles of thy fathers, and thou shalt finde in the booke of the Chronicles, and perceiue that this citie is rebellious and noysome vnto Kings and prouinces, and that they haue mooued sedition of old time, for the which cause this city was destroyed.

16 Wee certifie the King therefore, that if this citie bee builded, and the foundation of the walles layed, by this meanes the portion beyond the River shall not be thine.

17 ¶ The King sent an answere vnto Rehum the Chancellour, and Shimshai the Scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwelt in Samaria, and vnto the other beyonde the River, l Shelam, and m Theeth.

18 ¶ The letter which yee sent vnto vs, hath bene openly read before me,

19 And I haue commanded and they haue searched, and found, that this citie of olde time hath made insurrection against Kings, and hath rebelled, and rebellion hath bene committed therein.

20 There haue bene mighty Kings also ouer Ierusalem, which haue ruled ouer all beyond the River, and tolle, tribute, and custome was giuen vnto them,

21 Make ye now a decree, that those men may cease, and that the citie be not built til I haue giuen another commandement.

22 Take heed now that ye faile not to do this: why should domage growe to hurt the King?

23 ¶ When the copy of King Artahshashtes letter was read before Rehum & Shimshai the Scribe, and their companions, they went vp in all the haste to Ierusalem vnto the Iewes, and caused them to cease by force and power.

24 Then n ceased the worke of the house of God which was in Ierusalem, and did stay vnto the second yere of Darius King of Persia.

k Meaning, the gifts that are wont to be giuen to Kings when they passe by any countrey.

‡ *Ebr. in the Chalde, We haue eaten the salt of the Palace.*

l Some reade for Shelam, salutation or greeting.

m Called also Cheeneth, as verse 10.

CHAP. V.

1 *Haggai and Zechariah do propheſie.* 3 *The worke of the Temple goeth forward contrary to the minde of Tatnai.* 6 *His letters to Darius.*

THen ‖ ° Haggai a Prophet, and Zechariah the sonne of Iddo a Prophet prophesied vnto the Iewes that were in Iudah, and in Ierusalem, in the Name of the God of Israel, euen vnto them.

2 Then Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua the sonne of Iozadak arose,

n Not altogether: for the Prophets exhorted them to continue, but they vsed lesse diligence because of the troubles.

‖ *Or, Haggeus.*

Hag. 1. 1. 2. *esdr.* 6. 14.

arose, and began to build the house of God at Ierusalem, & with them were the Prophets of God, which a helped them.

a Which incouraged them to go forward, and accused them that they were more carefull to build their owne houses, then zealous to build the Temple of God.

3 At that same time came to them Tatnai, which was captaine beyond the riuer, and Shether-boznai and their companions, and sayde thus vnto them, Who hath giuen you commandement to build this house, and to lay the foundations of these walls?

4 b Then sayd we vnto them after this maner, What are the names of the men that build this building?

b That is, the enemies asked this, as verse 10.

5 But the c eye of their God was vpon the Elders of the Iewes, that they could not cause them to ceale, till the matter came to Darius: and they answered by letters thereunto.

c His fauor and the spirit of strength.

6 The copie of the letter, that Tatnai captaine beyond the Riuer, and Shether-boznai and his companions, Apharsechaie, (which were beyond the Riuer) sent vnto king Darius.

7 They sent a letter vnto him wherein it was written thus, VNTO DARIVS the king, all peace.

8 Be it knowen vnto the king, that we went into the Prouince of Iudea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with ‖ great stones, and beames are layd in the walls, and this worke is wrought speedily, and prospereth in their hands.

‖ Or, marble.

9 Then asked we those Elders, and said vnto them thus, Who hath giuen you commandement to build this house, and to lay the foundation of these walls?

10 We asked their names also, that we might certifie thee, and that we might write the names of the men that were their rulers.

11 But they answered vs thus, and said, We are the seruants of the God of heauen and earth, and builde the house that was built of old and many yeeres agoe, which a great king of Israel b builded, and founded it.

d To wit, Salomon. 1. King. 6. 2. 2. Chron. 3. 2. 2 King. 24. 13. and 25. 9.

12 But after that our fathers had prouoked the God of heauen vnto wrath, he gaue them ouer into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babel the Caldean, and he destroyed this house, and caried the people away captiue vnto Babel.

13 But in the c first yeere of Cyrus king of Babel, king of Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

e Read Chap. 1. 1, 2.

14 And the vessels of golde and siluer of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke out of the Temple that was in Ierusalem, and brought them into the Temple of Babel, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babel, and they gaue them vnto one d Sheshbazzar by his name, whome he had made captaine.

f Read Chap. 1. 8.

15 And he said vnto him, Take these vessels and go thy way, and put them in the Temple that is in Ierusalem, and let the house of God be built in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and layde the foundation of the house of God, which is in Ierusalem, and since that time euen vntill now, hath it bene in building, yet it is not finished.

17 Nowe therefore if it please the king, let there bee search made in the house of the kings e treasures, which is there in Babel, whether a decree hath beene made by king Cyrus, to build this house of God in Ierusalem, and let the king sende his mind concerning this.

g Meaning, in the library, or places where lay the registers, or records of times.

CHAP. VI.

At the commandement of Darius king of Persia, after the Temple was builded and dedicate, the children of Israel keepe the feast of vnleauened bread.

1. Esdr. 6. 21. ‖ Ebr. house of bookes.

THen a king Darius gaue commandement, and they made search in the ‖ library of the treasures, which were there layd vp in Babel.

a Wherein were the actes of the kings of Medes and Persians.

2 And there was found in a a coffer (in the palace that was in the prouince of the Medes) a volume, and therein was it thus written, as a memoriall.

3 IN THE FIRST yere of King Cyrus, King Cyrus made a decree for the house of God in Ierusalem, Let the house be built, euen the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the wals thereof be ioyned together: let the height thereof be threescore cubites, and the breadth thereof threescore cubites,

4 Three ‖ orders of great stones, and one order of timber, and let the expenses be giuen of the Kings house.

‖ Or, rowes, or courses. ‖ Or, marble.

5 And also let them render the vessels of the house of God (of golde and siluer, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke out of the Temple which was in Ierusalem, and brought vnto Babel) and let b him goe vnto the Temple that is in Ierusalem to his place, & put them in the house of God.

b Meaning, Zerubbabel, to whom he giueth charge.

6 Therefore Tatnai captaine beyond the riuer, and Shethar Boznai, (and their companions Apharsecaie, which are beyond the riuer) be ye farre c from thence.

c Meddle not with them, neither hinder them

7 Suffer yee the worke of this house of God, that the captaine of the Iewes and the Elders of the Iewes may build this house of God in his place.

8 For I haue giuen a commandement what ye shall do to y Elders of these Iewes for the building of this house of God, that of the reuenues of the king, which is the tributte beyond the riuer, there be incontinently expenses giuen vnto these men that they d ceale not.

d For lacke of money.

9 And that which they shall haue neede of, let it bee giuen vnto them day by day, whether it be young bullockes, or rammes, or lambes for the burnt offerings of the God of heauen, wheate, salt, wine and oyle, according to the appointment of the Priests that are in Ierusalem, that there bee no fault,

10 That they may haue to offer sweete odours vnto the God of heauen, and pray for the kings life, and for his sonnes.

11 And I haue made a decree, that whosoeuer shal alter this sentence, the wood shal be pulled downe from his house, and shall bee set vp, and bee shall bee hanged thereon,

and his houſe ſhall bee made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath cauſed his Name c to dwell there, deſtroy all kings and people that put to their hand to alter, and to deſtroy this houſe of God, which is in Ieruſalem. I Darius haue made a decree, let it be done with ſpeed.

13 ¶ c Then Tatnai the captaine beyond the riuer, and Shethar Boznai and their companions, according to that which Darius had ſent, ſo they did ſpeedily.

14 So the Elders of the Iewes builded, and they proſpered by the propheſying of f Haggai the Prophet, and Zechariah the ſonne of Iddo, and they builded and finiſhed it, by the appointment of the God of Iſrael, and by the commandement of Cyrus and Darius, and Artashaſhte king of Perſia.

15 And this houſe was finiſhed the third day of the moneth Adar, which was g the ſixt yeere of the reigne of king Darius.

16 ¶ And the children of Iſrael, the prieſts and the Leuites, and the reſidue of the children of the captiuitie, kept the dedication of this houſe of God with ioy:

17 And offered at the dedication of this houſe of God an hundreth bullocks, two hundreth rammes, foure hundreth lambs, and twelue goates, for the ſinne of all Iſrael, according to the number of the tribes of Iſrael.

18 And they ſet the prieſts in their order, and the Leuites in their courſes, ouer the ſeruice of God in Ieruſalem, as it is written in the * booke of Moſes.

19 And the children of the captiuitie kept the Paſſeouer on the fourteenth day of the firſt moneth.

20 (For the Prieſtes and the Leuites were purified all together) and they killed the Paſſeouer for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Prieſtes, and for themſelues.

21 So the children of Iſrael which were come againe out of captiuitie, and all ſuch as had i ſeparated themſelues vnto them from the filthines of the heathen of the land, to ſeeke the Lord God of Iſrael, did eat,

22 And they kept the feaſt of vnleauened bread ſeuen dayes with ioy: for the Lord had made them glad, and turned the heart of the king of k Aſſhur vnto them, to l encourage them in the worke of the houſe of God, euen the God of Iſrael.

CHAP. VII.

1 By the commandement of the king, Ezra and his companions come to Ieruſalem. 27 He giueth thanks to God.

NOw after theſe things in the reigne of a Artahshaſhte king of Perſia, was Ezra the ſonne of Seraiah, the ſonne of Azariah, the ſonne of Hilkiah,

2 The ſonne of Shallum, the ſonne of Zadok, the ſonne of Ahitub,

3 The ſonne of Amaria, the ſonne of Azariah, the ſonne of Meraioth,

4 The ſonne of Zeraiah, the ſonne of Uzzi, the ſonne of Bukki,

5 The ſonne of Abiſhua, the ſonne of Phinehas, the ſonne of Eleazar, the ſonne of Aaron the chiefe Prieſt.

6 This Ezra came vp from Babel, and was a * Scribe prompt in the lawe of Moſes, which the Lord God of Iſrael had giuen, and the king gaue him all his requeſt according to the hand of the Lord his God which was vpon him.

7 And there went vp certaine of the children of Iſrael, and of the Prieſts, and the Leuites, and the ſingers, and the porters, and the Nethinims vnto Ieruſalem, in the ſeuenth yeere of king Artashaſhte.

8 And he came to Ieruſalem in the * firſt moneth, which was in the ſeuenth yeere * of the King.

9 For vpon the firſt day of the firſt moneth began he to go vp from Babel, and on the firſt day of the firſt moneth came he to Ieruſalem, according to the good hand of his God that was vpon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to ſeeke the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach the precepts and iudgements in Iſrael.

11 ¶ And this is the copie of the letter that king Artashaſhte gaue vnto Ezra the Prieſt and ſcribe, euen a writer of the words of the commandements of the Lord, and of his ſtatutes ouer Iſrael.

12 ARTAHSHAHTE king of kings to Ezra the Prieſt and perfite Scribe of the Law of the God of heauen, and to ſ Thereth.

13 I haue giuen commaundement, that euery one that is willing in my kingdome of the people of Iſrael and of the Prieſtes, and Leuites t to go to Ieruſalem with thee, ſhall goe.

14 Therefore art thou ſent of the king and his ſeuen counſellers, to u inquire in Iudah and Ieruſalem, according to the law of thy God, which is in i thine hand,

15 And to carie the ſiluer and the golde, which the king and his counſellers willingly offer vnto the God of Iſrael (whoſe habitation is in Ieruſalem)

16 And all the ſiluer and golde that thou canſt finde in all the Prounce of Babel, with the free offering of the people, and that which the Prieſtes offer willingly to the houſe of their God which is in Ieruſalem.

17 That thou mayeſt buy ſpeedily with this ſiluer bullocks, rammes, laubes, with their meate offerings, and their drinke offerings: and thou ſhalt offer them vpon the altar of the houſe of your God, which is in Ieruſalem.

18 And whatſoeuer it pleaſeth thee and thy brethren to doe with the reſt of the ſiluer and golde, doe ye according to the will of your k God.

19 And the veſſels that are giuen thee for the ſeruice of the houſe of thy God, thoſe deliuer thou before God in Ieruſalem.

20 And the reſidue that ſhall be needfull for the houſe of thy God, which ſhall be meet for thee to beſtow, thou ſhalt beſtow it out of the kings treaſure houſe.

21 And I king Artashaſhte haue giuen com-

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c Who hath appointed that place to haue his name called vpon there 1. Eſdr. 7. 1.

f Whom God ſtirred vp to aſſure them that he would giue their worke good ſucceſſe.

g This is the twelfth moneth and containeth part of February, and part of March.

h And the two and fourtieth after their firſt returne.

Num. 3. 6. and 8. 9.

i Which were of the heathen, and forſaked their idolatry to worſhip the true God.

k Meaning, Darius, who was king of the Mede, Perſians, and Aſſyrians

l Eb. to ſtrengthen their hands.

a The Ebrewes write that diuers of the kings of Perſia were called by this name, as Pharaoh was a common name to the kings of Egypt, and Ceſar to the Emperours of Rome.

b Ezra deduceth his kinred, til he commeth to Aaron, to proue that he came of him.

c He ſheweth here what a ſcribe is, who had charge to write the Law, and to expound it: whom Marke calleth a ſcribe, Marke 12. 28. Matthew and Luke call him a Lawyer, or Doctor of the Law, Matth. 22. 35. Luke 10. 25.

d That contained part of July and part of Auguſt

e Of king Darius.

f Some take this for the name of a people, ſome for time or continuance, meaning that the king wiſhed him long life.

g Which remained as yet in Babylon, and had not returned with Zerubbabel.

h To examine who liued according to the Law.

i Whereof thou art expert.

k As ye know beſt may ſerue to Gods glory.

commandement to all the treasurers which are beyonde the † River, that whatsoeuer Esra the Priest and Scribe of the Law of the God of heauen shall require of you, that it be done incontinently,

22 Euen vnto an hundreth talents of siluer, vnto an hundreth † measures of wheate, and vnto an hundreth baths of wine, and vnto an hundreth * baths of oyle, and salt without setting.

23 Whatsoeuer is by the commandement of the God of heauen, let vnto it be done speedily for the house of the God of heauen: for why should he bee wroth * against the Realme of the King, and his children?

24 And we certifie you, that vpon any of the Priests, Leuites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers in this house of God, there shall no gouernour lay vpon them tolle, tribute nor customs.

25 And thou Esra (after the wisedome of thy God, that is in thine hand) † set iudges and arbiters, which may iudge all the people that is beyond the River, euen all that knowe the Lawe of thy God, and teach yee them that know it not.

26 And whosoeuer will not doe the Law of thy God, and the Kings law, let him haue iudgement without delay, whether it be vnto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 ℣ Blessed bee the Lord God of our fathers, which so hath put in the Kings heart, to beautifie the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem,

28 And hath enclined mercie towarde mee, before the King and his counsellours, and before all the Kings mightie Princes: and I was comforted by the hande of the Lord my God, which was vpon mee, and I gathered the chiefe of Israel to goe vp with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The number of them that returned to Ierusalem with Esra. 21 He causeth them to fast. 24 He admonisheth the Priests of their duetie. 31 What they did when they came to Ierusalem.

THese * are nowe the chiefe fathers of them, and the genealogie of them that came vp with me from Babel, in the reigne of king * Artahshashte.

2 Of the sonnes of Phinehas, Gershom: of the sonnes of Ithamar, Daniel: of the sonnes of Dauid, Hattush:

3 Of the sonnes of Shechania, of the sonnes of Pharosh, Zechariah, and with him the count of the males, an hundreth and fiftie.

4 Of the sonnes of ‖ Pahath Moab, Elihoenai, the sonne of Zerahiah, and with him two hundreth males.

5 Of the sonnes of Shechaniah, the sonne of Jahaziel, and with him, three hundreth males.

6 And of the sonnes of Adin, Ebed the sonne of Jonathan, and with him fiftie males.

7 And of the sonnes of Elam, Jeshaiah the sonne of Athaliah, and with him seuentie males.

8 And of the sonnes of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the sonne of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sonnes of Joab, Obadiah the sonne of Jehiel, and with him two hundreth and eighteene males.

10 And of the sonnes of Shelomith the sonne of Josiphiah, and with them an hundreth and threescore males.

11 And of the sonnes of Bebai, Zechariah, the sonne of Bebai, and with him eight and twentie males.

12 And of the sonnes of Azgad, Johanan the sonne of Hakkatan, and with him an hundreth and ten males.

13 And of the sonnes of Adonikam, that were the * last, whose names were these: Eliphelet, Jehiel and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

14 And of the sonnes of Biguai, Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seuentie males.

15 And I gathered them to the * River that goeth toward Ahava, and there abode we three dayes: then I viewed the people, and the Priestes, and found there none of the sonnes of Leui.

16 Therefore sent I to Eliezer, to Ariel, to Shemaiah, and to Elnathan, and to Jarib, and to Elnathan, and to Nathan, and to Zechariah, and to Meshullam the chiefe, and to Joiarib, and to Elnathan, men of vnderstanding.

17 And I gaue them commandement, to Iddo the * chiefest at the place of Casiphia, and I ‡ telde them the wordes that they should speake to Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims at the place of Casiphia, that they shoulde cause the ministers of the house of our God to come vnto vs.

18 So by the good hand of our God, which was vpon vs, they brought vs a man of vnderstanding of the sonnes of Mahali the sonne of Leui the sonne of Israel, and Sherebiah with his sonnes and his brethren, euen eighteene.

19 Also Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sonnes of Merari, with his brethren, and their sonnes twentie.

20 And of the * Nethinims, whom Dauid had set, and the Princes for the seruice of the Leuites, two hundreth and twentie of the Nethinims, which all were named by name.

21 And there at the River, by Ahava, I proclaimed a fast, that wee might humble † our selues before our God, and seeke of him a right way for vs, and for our children, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ‖ ashamed to require of the king an armie and horsemen, to helpe vs against the enemie in the way, because wee had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is vpon all them that seeke him in goodnesse, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of vs.

24 Then I separated twelue of the chiefe of the Priestes, Sherebiah, and Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed them the siluer and the golde, and the vessels, euen the offering of

† Which was the riuer Euphrates, and they were beyond it in respect of Babylon.

‡ Ebr. Corum.

a Reade 1. Kin. 7.16. & 2. chron. 2.10.

a This declareth that the feare of Gods iudgements caused him to vse this liberalitie, and not the loue that he bare to Gods glory, or affection to his people.

b He gaue Ezra full authoritie to restore all things according to the word of God, & to punish them that resisted and would not obey.

p Thus Ezra gaue God thanks for that he gaue him so good successe in his affaires by reason of the King.

1. Esd 8 29.

a Reade Chap. 7.1.

‖ Or, captaine of Moab.

b That came to goe with Ezra.

c To that place of Euphrates, where Ahava the River entreth into it, looke 1. Esdras. 8.41.

d He was the chiefest that taught there the Lawe of God vnto the Leuites. ‡ Ebr. Put words in their mouth.

e Reade Chap. 2.43

f He sheweth that the end of fasting is to humble the body to the spirit, which must proceed of the heart liuely touched, or els it is but hypocrisie.

g He thought it better to commit himselfe to the protection of God, then by seeking these ordinarie meanes to giue an occasion to others to thinke that hee did doubt of Gods power.

the house of our God, which the king and his counsellers, and his princes, and all Israel that were present had offered.

26 And I weighed vnto their hand fiue hundreth and fifter *talents of siluer, and in siluer vessell, an hundreth talents, and in gold, an hundreth talents:

27 And twentie basins of golde, of a thousand idrammes, and two vessels of shining brasse very good, and precious as gold.

28 And I said vnto them, Yee are consecrate vnto the Lorde, and the vessels are consecrate, and the golde and the siluer are freely offered vnto the Lorde God of your fathers.

29 ¶ Watch ye, and keepe them vntill ye weigh them before the chiefe Priestes and the Leuites, and the chiefe fathers of Israel in Jerusalem in the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30 So the Priestes and the Leuites receiued the weight of the siluer, and of the gold, and of the vessels to bring them to Jerusalem, vnto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the Riuer of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first moneth, to go vnto Jerusalem, and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and deliuered vs from the hand of the enemie, and of such as lay *wait by the way.

32 And wee came to Jerusalem, and abode there three dayes.

33 And on the fourth day was the siluer weighed, and the golde and the vessell in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the sonne of Uriah the Priest, and with him was Eleazar the sonne of Phinehas, and with them was Jozabad, the sonne of Jeshua, and Noadiah, the sonne of Binnui the Leuites,

34 By number and by weight of euery one, and all the weight was written at the same time.

35 Also the children of the captiuitie, which were come out of captiuitie, offered burnt offerings vnto the God of Israel, twelue bullockes for all Israel, ninetie and fiue rammes, seuentie and seuen lambes, and twelue hee goates for sinne: all was a burnt offering of the Lord.

36 And they deliuered the Kings commission vnto the kings officers, and to the captaines beyond the Riuer: and they promoted the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezra complaineth on the people that had turned themselues from God, and married with the Gentiles. 5 He prayeth vnto God.

1 Esd. 8. 67.

WHen *as these things were done, the rulers came to mee, saying, The people of Israel, and the Priestes and the Leuites are not *separated from the people of the lands (as touching their abominations) to wit, of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Iebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they haue taken their daughters to themselues, and to their sonnes, and they haue mixed the holy seede with the people of the landes, and the hand of the Princes and rulers hath been chiefe in this trespasse.

3 But when I heard this saying, I rent my clothes and my garment, and plucked off the haire of mine head, and of my beard, and sate downe *astonied.

4 And there assembled vnto me all that feared the wordes of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of them of the captiuitie. And I sate downe astonied vntill the *euening sacrifice.

5 And at the euening sacrifice I arose vp from mine heauinesse, and when I had rent my clothes and my garment, I fell vpon my knees, and spread out mine handes vnto the Lord my God,

6 And sayd, O my God, I am confounded and ashamed to lift vp mine eyes vnto thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased ouer *our head, and our trespasse is growen vp vnto the heauen.

7 From the dayes of our fathers haue wee been in a great trespasse vnto this day, and for our iniquities haue wee, our kings, and our Priests bene deliuered into the hand of the kings of the landes, vnto the sword, into captiuitie, into a spoyle, and into confusion of face, as appeareth this day.

8 And now for a little space, grace hath beene shewed from the Lord our God, in causing a remnant to escape, and in giuing vs a *naile in his holy place, that our God may light our eyes, and giue vs a little reuiuing in our seruitude.

9 For though wee were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken vs in our bondage, but hath inclined mercy vnto vs in the sight of the kings of Persia, to giue vs life, and to erect the house of our God, and to repaire the desolate places thereof, and to giue vs a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, our God, what shall we say after this? for wee haue forsaken thy commandements,

11 Which thou hast commanded by thy seruants the Prophets, saying, *The land whereunto yee goe to possesse it, is an vncleane land, because of the filthinesse of the people of the lands, which by their abominations, and by their vncleannesse haue filled it from corner to corner.

12 Now therefore shall ye not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, neither shall yee take their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor seeke their *peace nor wealth for euer, that ye may be strong and eate the goodnesse of the land, and leaue it for an inheritance to your sonnes for euer.

13 And after all that is come vpon vs for our euill deeds, and for our great trespasses, (seeing that thou our God hast layed vs from being beneath *for our iniquities, and hast giuen such deliuerance)

14 Should we returne to breake thy commandements, and ioyne in affinitie with the people of such abominations? wouldest not thou bee angrie toward vs till thou hadst consumed vs, so that there should be no remnant nor any escaping?

15 O Lord God of Israel, thou art iust, for we

a From the time they came home vnder Zerubbabell vntill the comming of Ezra, they had degenerate contrary to the Law of God, and maried where it was not lawfull, Deut. 7. 3.

b Reade 1. king. 9. 14.

i Reade Chap. 2. 69.

k This declared that their iournie was full of danger, and yet God deliuered them according to their prayer.

l This was a token of a good conscience and of his integritie, that he would haue witnesses of his fidelitie.

b That is, the gouernours are the chiefe beginners hereof.

c As one doubting whether God would continue his benefits towards vs, or els destroy this which he had begun. Exod. 29. 39. num. 28. 3, 4.

d That is, we are drowned in sin.

e They to exceed, that they cannot grow greater.

f In giuing vs a resting place, he is a similitude taken of them that remaine still in a place, which smite nailes to hang things vpon, Ita 22. 23.

Exod. 23. 32. & 34. 12, 15, 16. deut. 7. 23.

Deut. 23. 6.

g Hast not vtterly cast down and destroyed vs for our sinnes, Deut. 28. 13.

h He sheweth God is iust in punishing his people, & yet merciful in reserving a residue to whom he sheweth fauor.

1. Esd. 8.90.

a He confessed his sinnes, and the sinnes of the people.

b Meaning, that God would receiue them to mercie.

c Which are strangers & maried contrary to the law of God.

d Because God hath giuen thee authoritie, and learning to perswade the people herein, and to command them. 1. Esdr. 9.1.

e Ebr. sonnes of the captiuitie.

[Or, condemned.

f Which conteined part of Nouember and part of December.

g For the season was giuen to raine, and so the weather was more sharpe and colde, and also their conscience touched them.

h Reade Iosh. 7.19.

we haue beene reserued to escape, as appeareth this day: beholde, we are before thee in our trespasse: therefore we cannot stand before thee because of it.

CHAP. X.

1 *The people repent and turne, and put away their strange wiues.*

WHiles Ezra prayed thus, and confessed himselfe weeping, and falling downe before the house of God, there assembled vnto him of Israel a very great Congregation of men, and women, & children: for the people wept with a great lamentation.

2 Then Shechaniah the sonne of Iehiel one of the sonnes of Elam, answered, and sayd to Ezra, We haue trespassed against our God, and haue taken strange wiues of the people of the land, yet nowe there is hope in Israel concerning this.

3 Nowe therefore let vs make a couenant with our God, to put away all the wiues, (and such as are borne of them) according to the counsell of the Lorde, and of those that feare the commandements of our God, & let it be done according to the Law.

4 Arise: for the matter belongeth vnto thee: we also will be with thee: be of comfort and doe it.

5 Then arose Ezra, & caused the chiefe Priests, the Leuites, & all Israel to sweare, that they would doe according to this word. So they sware.

6 And Ezra rose vp frō before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Iohanan the sonne of Eliashib: he went euen thither, but hee did eate neither bread, nor drunke water: for hee mourned, because of the transgression of them of the captiuity.

7 And they caused a proclamation to goe throughout Iudah and Ierusalem, vnto all them of the captiuitie, that they should assemble themselues vnto Ierusalem.

8 And whosoeuer would not come within three dayes according to the counsell of the Princes and Elders, all his substance should be forfeit, and hee should be separate from the Congregation of them of the captiuitie.

9 Then all the men of Iudah & Beniamin assembled themselues vnto Ierusalem within three dayes, which was the twentieth day of the ninth moneth, and all the people sate in the streete of the house of God, trembling for this matter, and for the raine.

10 And Ezra the Priest stood vp & sayd vnto them, Ye haue transgressed, and haue taken strange wiues, to increase the trespasse of Israel.

11 Now therefore giue praise vnto the Lord God of your fathers, and doe his will and separate your selues from the people of the land, and from the strange wiues.

12 And all the Congregation answered, and said with a loude voice, As thou hast said vnto vs, so will we doe according to thy words vnto vs.

13 But the people are many and it is a rainie weather and we are not able to stand without, neither is it the worke of one day or two: for we are many that haue offended in this thing.

14 Let our rulers stand therefore before all the Congregation, & let all them which haue taken strange wiues in our cities, come at the time appointed, and with them the Elders of euery city and the Iudges thereof, till the fierce wrath of our God for this matter turne away from vs.

i Let them be appointed to examine this matter.

15 Then were appointed, Ionathan the sonne of Asah-hel, and Iahaziah the sonne of Tikuah ouer this matter, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Leuites helped them.

16 And they of the captiuitie did so and departed, euen Ezra the Priest, & the men that were chiefe fathers to the familie of their fathers by name, and sate downe in the first day of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

k They went to the chiefe cities to sit on this matter, which was three moneths in finishing.

17 And vntill the first day of the first moneth they were finishing the businesse with all the men that had taken strange wiues.

18 And of the sonnes of the priests there were men found, that had taken strange wiues, to wit, of the sonnes of Ieshua, the sonnes of Iozadak, and of his brethren, Maaseiah, Eliezer, and Iarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gaue their handes, that they would put away their wiues, and they that had trespassed, gaue a ramme for their trespasse,

l As a token that they would keepe promise and do it.

20 And of the sonnes of Immer, Honan, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sonnes of Harim, Maaseiah, and Eliah, and Shemaiah, and Iehiel and Vzziah.

22 And of the sonnes of Pashur, Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Iozabad, and Elasah.

23 And of the Leuites, Iozabad, & Shimei and Kelaiah, (which is Kelitah) Pethahiah, Iudah, and Eliezer.

24 And of the singers, Eliashib. And of the porters, Shallum, and Telem, and Vri.

25 And of m Israel: of the sonnes of Parosh, Ramiah, and Iesiah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchiah, and Benaiah.

m Meaning, of the common people: for before he spake of the Priests and Leuites.

26 And of the sonnes of Elam, Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Iehiel, and Abdi, and Ieremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sonnes of Zattu, Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Ieremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 And of the sonnes of Bebai, Iehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai.

29 And of the sonnes of Bani, Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Iashub, and Sheal, Ieramoth.

30 And of the sonnes of [Pahath Moab, Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

[Or, the captaine of Moab.

31 And of the sonnes of Harim, Eliezer Ishiah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Beniamin, Malluch, Shamariah.

33 Of the sonnes of Hashum, Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Ieremai, Manasseh, Shimei.

34 Of the sonnes of Bani, Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
35 Banaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,
36 Uanaiah, Merimoth, Eliashib,
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Iaalai,
38 And Bunni and Bennui, Shimei,
39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, and Ioseph.
43 Of the sonnes of Nebo, Iegl, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iaddai, and Ioel, Benaiah.
44 All these had taken strange wiues: and among them were women that had [n] children.

n Which also were made illegitimate, because the mariage was vnlawfull.

Nehemiah.

THE ARGVMENT.

GOD doeth in all ages and at all times set vp worthy persons for the commoditie and profit of his Church, as now within the compasse of seuenty yeeres he raised vp diuers excellent men for the preseruation of his people, after their returne from Babylon: as Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah. Whereof the first was their captaine to bring them home, and prouided that the Temple was builded: the second reformed their maners, and planted religion: and the third builded vp the wals, deliuered the people from oppression, and prouided that the Lawe of God was put in execution among them. He was a godly man and in great authoritie with the King, so that the King fauoured him greatly, & gaue him most ample letters for the accomplishment of al things which he could desire. This book is also called of the Latines the second of Ezra, because he was the writer thereof.

CHAP. I.

4 Nehemiah bewaileth the calamitie of Ierusalem. 5 He confesseth the sinnes of the people, and prayeth to God for them.

THe woords of Nehemiah the sonne of Hachaliah. In the moneth [a] Chilleu, in the twentieth yeere, as I was in the palace of Shushan,
2 Came Hanani one of my [b] brethren, he and the men of Iudah: and I asked them concerning the Iewes þ were deliuered, which were of the residue of the captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.
3 And they sayd vnto mee, The residue that are left of the captiuitie there in the [c] prouince, are in great affliction and in reproch, and the wall of Ierusalem is broken downe, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.
4 And when I heard these woordes, I sate downe and wept, and mourned certaine dayes, and I fasted and prayed before the God of heauen,
5 And said, O Lord God of heauen, the great and terrible God, that keepeth couenant and mercy for them that loue him, and obserue his commandements,
6 I pray thee, let thine eares be attent, and thine eyes open, to heare the prayer of thy seruant, which I pray before thee dayly, day and night for the children of Israel thy seruants, and confesse the sinnes of the children of Israel, which wee haue sinned against thee, both I and my fathers house haue sinned:
7 We haue [‡] grieuously sinned against thee, & haue not kept the commandements, nor the statutes, nor the iudgements which thou commandedst thy seruant Moses.
8 I beseech thee, remember the woorde that thou commandedst thy seruant Moses, saying, Ye will transgresse, and I will scatter you abroad among the people.
9 But if ye turne vnto me, and keepe my commandements, and do them, [*] though your scattering were to the vttermost part of the heauen, yet will I gather you from thence, & will bring you vnto the place that I haue chosen, to place my Name there.
10 Nowe these are thy seruants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy mightie hand.
11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let thine eare nowe hearken to the prayer of thy seruant, and to the prayer of thy seruaunts, who desire to [d] feare thy Name, and I pray thee, cause thy seruant to prosper this day, and giue him fauour in the presence of [e] this man: for I was the kings butler.

CHAP. II.

1 After Nehemiah had obteined letters of Artaxerxes, 11 He came to Hierusalem, 17 And builded the walles.

NOw in the moneth [a] Nisan in the twentieth yeere of King [b] Artahshashte, the wine stood before him, and I tooke vp the wine, and gaue it vnto the King. Nowe I was not beforetime sad in his presence.
2 And the King sayd vnto mee, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sicke? this is nothing but sorow of heart. Then was I sore afraid,
3 And I sayd to the King, God saue the King for euer: why should not my countenance be sad, when the citie and house of the sepulchres of my fathers lieth waste, and the gates thereof are deuoured with fire?
4 And the King sayd vnto me, For what thing doest thou require? Then I prayed [c] to the God of heauen,
5 And sayd vnto the King, If it please the King, and if thy seruant haue found fauour in thy sight, I desire that thou wouldest send me to Iudah vnto the citie of the sepulchres of my fathers, that I may build it.
6 And þ king sayd vnto me (the Queene also sitting by him) Howe long shall thy iourney bee? and when wilt thou come againe? So it pleased the King, and he sent me, and I set him a time.
7 After, I said vnto the King, If it please the king, let them giue me letters to the captaines beyond the [‖] Riuer, that they may conuey me ouer, till I come into Iudah,
8 And

25 Marc. M. Lefson Genesis 2

a Which conteineth part of Nouember and part of December, and was their ninth moneth.
b A Iewe as I was.
c Meaning in Iudea.
Dan. 9.4.
‡ Hebr. corrupted.
Deut. 29.21, 28.
Deut. 30.4.

d That is, to worship thee.
e To wit, the King Artahshashte.

25 May M. Lefson

a Which was the first moneth of the yeere, and containeth part of March and part of April.
b Who is also called Darius: reade Ezra 7.1. and was the sonne of Hystaspis.
c I desired God in mine heart to prosper mine enterprise.
‖ Or, Euphrates.

8 And letters vnto Asaph the keeper of the Kings ‖ parke, that he may giue me timber to build the gates of the palace (which appertained to the house) and for the walles of the citie, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the King gaue me according to the good hand of my God vpon me.

9 ¶ Then came I to the captaines beyond the riuer, and gaue them the Kings letters. And the King had sent captaines of the armie and horsemen with me.

10 But Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah a seruant an Ammonite heard it, and it grieued them sore, that there was come a man which sought the wealth of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Ierusalem, and was there three dayes.

12 And I arose in the night, I, and a few men with mee: for I told no man what God had put in mine heart to doe at Ierusalem, and there was not a beast with mee, saue the beast whereon I rode.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, and came before the Dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walles of Ierusalem, how they were broken downe, and the ports thereof deuoured with the fire.

14 Then I went foorth vnto the gate of the ‖ fountaine, and to the Kings fishpoole, and there was no roome for the beast that was vnder me to passe.

15 Then went I vp in the night by the brooke, and viewed the wall, and turned backe, and comming backe, I entred by the gate of the valley and returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I was gone, nor what I did, neither did I as yet tell it vnto the Iewes, nor to the Priests, nor to the noble men, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that laboured in the worke.

17 Afterward I said vnto them, Ye see the miserie that wee are in, how Ierusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come and let vs build the wall of Ierusalem, that we be no more a reproch.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God (which was good ouer me) and also of the Kings wordes, that he had spoken vnto mee. And they sayde, Let vs rise, and build. So they strengthened their hand to good.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the seruant an Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard it, they mocked vs, and despised vs, and sayd, What a thing is this that ye doe? will ye rebell against the King?

20 Then answered I them, and sayd to them, The God of heauen, he will prosper vs, and wee his seruants will rise vp and build: but as for you, yee haue no portion nor right, nor memoriall in Ierusalem.

CHAP. III.

The number of them that builded the walles.

Then arose Eliashib the high Priest with his brethren the Priests, and they built the sheepegate: they repaired it, and set vp the doores thereof: euen vnto the towre of Meah repaired they it, and vnto the towre of Hananeel.

2 And next vnto him builded the men of Iericho, and beside him Zaccur the sonne of Imri.

3 But the fish port did the sonnes of Senaah build, which also layde the beames thereof, and set on the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

4 And next vnto them fortified Meremoth, the sonne of Vrriah, the sonne of Hakkoz: and next vnto them fortified Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah, the sonne of Meshezabeel: and next vnto them fortified Zadok, the sonne of Baana:

5 And next vnto them fortified the Tekoites: but the great men of them put not their neckes to the worke of their lords.

6 And the gate of the olde fishpoole fortified Iehoiada the sonne of Paseah, and Meshullam the sonne of Besodeiah: they layde the beames thereof, and set on the doores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

7 Next vnto them also fortified Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Iadon the Meronothite, men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, vnto the throne of the Duke, which was beyond the Riuer.

8 Next vnto him fortified Vzziel the sonne of Harhoiah ‖ of the goldesmithes: next vnto him also fortified Hananiah, the sonne ‖ of Harakkahim, and they repayred Ierusalem vnto the broad wall.

9 Also next vnto them fortified Rephaiah, the sonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe part of Ierusalem.

10 And next vnto him fortified Iedaiah the sonne of Harumaph, euen ouer against his house: and next vnto him fortified Hattush, the sonne of Hashabniah.

11 Malchiah the sonne of Harim, and Hashub the sonne of Pahath Moab fortified the second ‖ portion, and the towre of the fornaces.

12 Next vnto him also fortified Shallum, the sonne of Hallohesh, the ruler of the halfe part of Ierusalem, he, and his daughters.

13 The valley gate fortified Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanuah: they built it, and set on the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, euen a thousand cubites on the wall vnto the dung port.

14 But the dung port fortified Malchiah, the sonne of Rechab, the ruler of the fourth part of Beth-haccarem: he built it, and set on the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountaine fortified Shallun, the sonne of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the fourth part of Mizpah: he builded it, and couered it, and set on the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, and the wall vnto the fishpoole of ‖ Shelah by the Kings garden, and vnto the steppes that goe downe from the citie of Dauid.

16 After him fortified Nehemiah, the sonne of Azbuk, the ruler of the halfe part of Beth-zur, vnto till the other side ouer against the

‖ *Or, paradise.*

d As God moued me to aske, and as he gaue mee good successe therein.

e These were great enemies to the Iewes, and laboured alwayes both by force and subtiltie to ouercome them, and Tobiah, because his wife was a Iewesse, had aduertisement euer of their affaires, and so wrought them great trouble.

‖ *Or, conduite.*

f That is, contemned of other nations, as though God had forsaken vs.

g They were incouraged, and gaue themselues to doe well, and to trauaile in this worthy enterprise.

h These were three chiefe gouernours vnder the king of Persia beyond Euphrates.

i Thus the wicked when they will burden the children of God, euer lay treason vnto their charge, both because it maketh them most odious to the world, and also stirreth the hatred of Princes most against them.

k Neither ye are of the number of the children of God (to whom he hath appointed this city onely) neither did any of your predecessors euer feare God.

a In Ebrewe, they sanctified it, that is, they finished it, and so dedicated it to the Lord by prayer, in desiring him to maintaine it.

b The rich and mighty would not obey them, which were appointed officers in this worke, neither would they helpe thereunto. *Isa.* 22. 11.

c Vnto the place where the Duke was wont to sit in iudgement, who gouerned the countrey in their absence.

‖ *Or, of Zorephim.*

‖ *Or, of the Apotecaries.*

‖ *Or, measure.*

‖ *Or, Silos.*

the sepulchres of Dauid, and to the fishpoole that was repaired, and vnto the house of the mightie.

17 After him fortified the Leuites, Rehum the sonne of Bani, and next vnto him fortified Hashabiah the ruler of ỹ halfe part of Keilah in his quarter.

18 After him fortified their brethren: Bauai, the sonne of Henadad the ruler of the halfe part of Keilah:

19 And next vnto him fortified Ezer, the sonne of Ieshua the ruler of Mizpah, the other portion ouer against the going vp to the [c] corner of the armour.

d Where the weapons and armour of the citie lay.

20 After him was earnest Baruch the sonne of Zacchai, and fortified another portion from the corner vnto the doore of the house of Eliashib the hie Priest.

21 After him fortified Meremoth, the sonne of Uriah, the sonne of Hakkoz, another portion from the doore of the house of Eliashib, euen as long as the house of Eliashib extended.

22 After him also fortified the Priestes, the men of [e] the plaine.

e Which dwelt in the plaine countrey by Iordan and Iericho.

23 After them fortified Beniamin, and Hashub ouer against their house: after him fortified Azariah the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ananiah, by his house.

24 After him fortified Binnui, the sonne of Henadad another portion, from the house of Azariah vnto the turning and vnto the corner.

25 Palal, the sonne of Uzai, from ouer against the corner, and the high towre that lyeth out from the Kings house, which is beside the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the sonne of Parosh.

26 And the [f] Nethinims they dwelt in the fortresse vnto the place ouer against the water gate, Eastward, and to the towre that lyeth out.

f Reade Ezra Chap. 2. 43.

27 After him fortified the Tekoites another portion ouer against the great towre, that lyeth out, euen vnto the wall of the fortresse.

28 From aboue the horsegate foorth fortified the Priestes, euery one ouer against his house.

29 After them fortified Zadok the sonne of Immer ouer against his house: and after him fortified Shemaiah, the sonne of Shechaniah the keeper of the East gate.

30 After him fortified Hananiah, the sonne of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sonne of Zalaph, the [g] sixt, another portion: after him fortified Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah ouer against his chamber.

g Meaning, the sixt of his sonnes.

31 After him fortified Malchiah the goldsmiths sonne, vntill the house of the Nethinims, and of the marchants ouer against the gate [h] Miphkad, and to the chamber in the corner.

h Which was the place of iudgement, or execution.

32 And betweene the chamber of the corner vnto the sheepegate, fortified the goldsmiths and the marchants.

CHAP. IIII.

7 The building of Ierusalem is hindred. 15 But God breaketh their enterprise. 17 The Iewes build with one hand, & hold their weapons in the other.

BVt when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, then was he wroth and sore grieued, and mocked the Iewes.

2 And said before his [a] brethren and the armie of Samaria, thus he sayd, What doe these [b] weake Iewes? will they fortifie the matter? will they sacrifice? will they finish it in a day? will they make the stones whole againe out of the heapes of dust, seeing they are burnt?

a Of his companions that dwelt in Samaria.

b Thus the wicked, that consider not that Gods power is euer in a readinesse for the defence of his, mocke them as though they were weake & feeble.

3 And Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and said, Although they build, yet if a fore goe vp, he shall euen breake downe their stonie wall.

c This is the remedie that the children of God haue against the derision & threatnings of their enemies, to flee to God by prayer.

4 [c] Heare, O our God, (for we are despised) and turne their shame vpon their owne head, and giue them vnto a prayse [d] in the land of their captiuitie,

d Let them be spoyled and led away captiue.

5 And couer not their [e] iniquity, neither let their sinne be put out in thy presence: for they haue prouoked vs before the builders.

e Let thy plagues declare to the world, that they set themselues against thee, and against thy Church: thus he prayeth, only hauing respect to Gods glory, and not for any priuate affection or grudge.

6 So we built the wall, and all the wall was ioyned vnto the ‖ halfe thereof, and the heart of the people was to worke.

‖ *Or, halfe height.*

7 ¶ But when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodims heard that the walles of Ierusalem were repaired, (for the breaches began to bee stopped) then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all together to come and to fight against Ierusalem, and to ‡ hinder them.

‡ *Ebr. make to slay, Meaning, the people.*

9 Then wee prayed vnto our God, and set watchmen by them, day and night, because of them.

10 And Iudah sayd, The strength of the bearers is weakened, and there is much earth, so that wee are not able to build the wall.

11 Also our aduersaries had sayd, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the middes of them and slay them, and cause the worke to cease.

12 But when the Iewes (which dwelt beside them) came, they told vs [f] ten times, [g] From all places whence ye shall returne, they will be vpon vs.

f That is, often times.

g They, which brought the tydings, said thus, When you leaue your worke, and goe either to eate or to rest your enemies will assaile you.

13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall vpon the tops of the stones, and placed the people by their families with their swoordes, their speares and their bowes.

14 Then I beheld, and rose vp, and sayd vnto the Princes, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Bee not afraid of them: [h] remember the great Lord, and fearefull, and fight for your brethren, your sonnes, and your daughters, your wiues, and your houses.

h Who is euer at hand to deliuer his out of danger, and therefore seeing they should fight for the maintenance of Gods glory & for the preseruation of their own liues & of theirs, he encourageth them to play the valiant men.

15 And when our enemies heard that it was knowen vnto vs, then God brought their counsell to nought, and wee turned all againe to the wall, euery one vnto his worke.

16 And from that day, halfe of the yong men did the labour, and the other halfe part of them held the speares, and shields, and bowes, and habergins: and the rulers stood [i] behinde all the house of Iudah.

i To ouersee them and to encourage them to their worke.

17 They that builded on the wall, & they that

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that bare burdens, and they that laded, did the worke with one hand, and with the other held the sword.

18 For euery one of the builders had his sword girded on his loynes, and so builded: and he that blew the trumpet, was beside me.

19 Then sayd I vnto the Princes, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The worke is great and large, and we are separated vpon the wall, one farre from another.

20 In what place therefore yee heare the sound of the trumpet, k resort yee thither vnto vs: our God shall fight for vs.

21 So wee laboured in the worke, and halfe of them held the speares from the appearing of the morning, til the starres came foorth.

22 And at the same time saide I vnto the people, Let euery one with his seruant lodge within Ierusalem, that they may be a watch for vs in the night, and labour in the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my seruaunts, nor the men of the warde, (which followed me) none of vs did put off our clothes, saue euery one put them off l for washing.

k Meaning, to resist their enemies, if neede required.

l That is, when they purified themselues, or els when they washed their clothes.

CHAP. V.

1 The people are oppressed and in necessitie. 6 Nehemiah remedieth it. 14 He tooke not the portion of others that had ruled before, lest he should griue the people.

NOw there was a great crie of the people and of their wiues a against their brethren the Iewes.

2 For there were that sayde, Wee, our sonnes and our daughters are many: therefore wee take vp b corne, that wee may eate and liue.

3 And there were that sayd, Wee must gage our lands, and our vineyards, and our houses, and take vp corne for the famine.

4 There were also that sayd, Wee haue borowed money for the kings c tribute vpon our lands and our vineyards.

5 And now our flesh is as d the flesh of our brethren, and our sonnes as their sonnes: and loe, we bring into subiection our sonnes, and our daughters, as seruants, and there be of our daughters now in subiection, and there is no power e in our hands: for other men haue our lands and our vineyards.

6 Then was I very angrie when I heard their crie and these words.

7 And I thought in my minde, and I rebuked the Princes, and the rulers, and sayd vnto them, You lay f burdens euery one vpon his brethren: and I set a great g assembly against them,

8 And I said vnto them, We (according to our ability) haue redeemed our brethren the Iewes, which were solde vnto the heathen: and will you sell your brethren againe? or shall they bee h sold vnto vs? Then held they their peace, and could not answere.

a Against the rich, which oppressed them.

b This is the complaint of the people, shewing to what extremitie they were brought vnto.

c To pay our tribute to the King of the Persians, which was exacted yeerely of vs.

d By nature the rich is no better then the poore.

e We are not able to redeeme them, but for pouerty are constrained to hire them to others.

f You presse them with vsurie, and seeke how to bring all things into your hands.

g Both because they should be moued with pitie, seeing how many were by them oppressed, and also heare the iudgement of others, which should bee as it were witnesses of their dealing toward their brethren.

h Seeing God hath once deliuered them from the bondage of the Heathen, shall wee make them our slaues?

9 Also I saide, That which yee doe, is not good. Ought ye not to walke in the feare of our God, for the i reproch of the heathen our enemies?

10 For euen I, my brethren, and my seruants doe lend them money and corne: I pray you, let vs leaue off this k burden.

11 Restore, I pray you, vnto them this day their landes, their vineyardes, their oliues, and their houses, and remit the hundreth part of the siluer and of the corne, of the wine and of the oyle l that yee exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore it, and will not require it of them: we will doe as thou hast said. Then I called the Priestes, and caused them to sweare that they should doe according to this promise.

13 So I shooke my lap, and said, So let God shake out euery man that will not performe this promise, from his house, and from his labour: euen thus let him be shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord: and the people did according to this promise.

14 And from the time that the King gaue mee charge to be gouernour in the lande of Iudah from the twentieth yeere, euen vnto the two and thirtieth yeere of King Artahshashte, that is, twelue yeere, I, and my brethren haue not eaten the m bread of the gouernour.

15 For the former gouernours that were before mee, had beene chargeable vnto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, besides fourtie shekels of siluer: yea, and their seruants bare rule ouer the people: but so did not I, because of the feare of God.

16 But rather I fortified a portion in the worke of this wall, and we bought no land, and all my seruants came thither together vnto the worke.

17 Moreouer there were at my table an hundreth and fifte of the Iewes, and Rulers which came vnto vs from among the heathen that are about vs.

18 And there was prepared dayly an ox, and sixe chosen sheepe, and birdes were prepared for mee, and n within ten dayes wine for all o in abundance. Yet for all this I required not the bread of the gouernour: for the bondage was grieuous vnto this people.

19 Remember mee, O my God, in goodnesse, according to all that I haue done for this people.

i Meaning, Nehemiah.

k Who by this occasion will blaspheme the name of God, seeing that our acts are no better then theirs.

l *Or, exacted.*

m Which ye take of them for the lone.

m I received not that portion and diet, which the gouernours, that were before me, exacted: wherein he declareth that he rather sought the wealth of the people, then his owne commoditie.

n Whereas at other times they had by measure, at this time they had most liberally.

CHAP. VI.

1 Nehemiah answereth with great wisedome, and zeale in his aduersaries. 11. He is not discouraged by the false prophets.

NOw when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall, and that there were no more p breaches therein (though at that time I had not set vp the doores vpon the gates.)

2 Then sent Sanballat and Geshem vnto mee, saying, Come, that wee may meete together in the villages in the plaine of

o *Or, once in ten dayes.*

p That is, that they were ioyned together, as Chap. 4. 6.

of Dno: and they thought to doe me euill.

3 Therefore I sent messengers vnto them, saying, I haue a great worke to doe, and I cannot come downe: [b] why should the worke cease, whiles I leaue it, and come downe to you?

4 Yet they sent vnto mee foure times after this sort. And I answered them after the same maner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his seruaunt after this sort vnto me the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand,

6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and [‖] Gashmu hath saide it, that thou and the Iewes thinke to rebell, for the which cause thou buildest the wall, and thou wilt be their king according to these [c] words.

7 Thou hast also ordeined [d] the Prophets to preache of thee at Ierusalem, saying, There is a King in Iudah: and now according to these wordes it shall come to the Kings eares: come now therefore, and let vs take counsell together.

8 Then I sent vnto him, saying, It is not done according to these wordes that thou sayest: for thou fainest them of thine owne heart.

9 For all they afrayed vs, saying, Their hands shall bee weakened from the worke, and it shall not be done: now therefore [‡] incourage thou me.

10 ¶ And I came to the house of Shemaiah, the sonne of Delaiah the sonne of [e] Mehetabeel, and he was [e] shut vp, and he said, Let vs come together into the house of God in the middes of the Temple, and shut the doores of the Temple: for they will come to slay thee: yea, in the night will they come to kill thee.

11 Then said I, [f] Should such a man as I, flee? Who is hee, being as I am, that would goe into the Temple to liue? I will not goe in.

12 And loe, I perceiued, that God had not sent him, but that hee pronounced this prophecie against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I might be afraide, and doe thus, and sinne, and that they might haue an euill report that they might reproch me.

14 My God, remember thou Tobiah and Sanballat according vnto these their workes, and Noadiah the [g] Prophetesse also, and the rest of the Prophets that would haue put me in feare.

15 ¶ Notwithstanding the wall was finished on the fifte and twentieth day of [h] Elul, in two and fiftie dayes.

16 And when all our enemies heard thereof, euen all the heathen that were about vs, they were afraide, and their courage failed them: for they knewe that this worke was wrought by our God.

17 And in those dayes were there many of the Princes of Iudah, whole letters went vnto Tobiah, and those of Tobiah came vnto them.

18 For there were many in Iudah, that were [i] sworne vnto him: for hee was the sonne in lawe of Shechaniah, the sonne of Arah: and his sonne Iehonathan had the daughter of Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah.

19 Yea, they spake in his praise before me, and tolde him my wordes, and Tobiah sent letters to put me in feare.

CHAP. VII.

1 *After the wall once builded, the watch appointed.* 6 *They that returned from the captiuitie are numbred.*

NOw when the wall was builded, and I had set vp the doores, and the porters and the singers and the Leuites were appointed,

2 Then I commanded my brother Hanani and Hananiah the prince of the palace in Ierusalem (for he was doubtlesse a faithfull man, and feared God aboue many)

3 And I sayde vnto them, Let not the gates of Ierusalem bee opened, vntil the heate of the sunne: and while [a] they stand by, let them shut the doores, and [‡] make them fast: and I appointed wardes of the inhabitants of Ierusalem, euery one in his ward, and euery one ouer against his house.

4 Now the citie was large and great, but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

5 And my God put into mine heart, and I gathered the princes, and the rulers, and the people to count their genealogies: and I found a booke of the genealogie of them, [*] which came vp at the first, and found written therein,

6 These are the [b] sonnes of the prouince that came vp from the captiuitie that was caried away (whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babel had caried away) and they returned to Ierusalem and to Iudah euery one vnto his citie.

7 They which came with Zerubbabel, Ieshuah, Nehemiah, [c] Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Biguai, Nehum, Baanah. This is the number of the men of the people of Israel.

8 The sonnes of Parosh, two thousand, an hundreth seuentie and two.

9 The sonnes of Shephatiah, three hundreth seuentie and two.

10 The sonnes of Arah, fiue hundreth fiftie and two.

11 The sonnes of [‖] Pahath Moab of the sonnes of Ieshua, and Ioab, two thousand, eight hundreth and eightene.

12 The sonnes of Elam, a thousand, two hundreth fiftie and foure.

13 The sonnes of Zattu, eight hundreth and fiue and fortie.

14 The sonnes of Zacchai, seuen hundreth and threescore.

15 The sonnes of Binnui, fiue hundreth and eight and fortie.

16 The sonnes of Bebai, fiue hundreth and eight

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[b] Meaning, that if he should obey their request, the worke, which God had appoynted, should cease: shewing hereby that we should not commit our selues to the hands of the wicked.

[‖] *Or, Geshem.*

c As the same goeth.

d Thou hast bribed, and set vp false prophets to make thy selfe King, and so to defraud the King of Persia of that subiection, which you owe vnto him.

‡ *Ebr. strengthen thou mine hand.*

e As though he would be secret, to the intent that he might pray vnto God with greater libertie, and receiue some reuelation, which in him was but hypocrisie.

f He doubted not but God was able to preserue him, and knew that if he had obeyed this counsell, hee should haue discouraged all the people: thus God giueth power to his to resist false prophesies, though they seeme to haue neuer so great probabilitie.

g Very griefe caused him to pray against such which vnder the pretence of being the ministers of God, were aduersaries to his glory, and went about to ouerthrowe his Church, declaring also herby that where there is one true minister of God, the deuill hath a great sort of hirelings.

h Which was the sixt moneth, and contained part of August, and part of September.

i After that I had sent Sanballat his answere.

k Thus the Church of God hath euermore enemies within it selfe, which are more dangerous, then the owtward & professed enemie.

Eccles. 49. 13.

a To wit, they that are mentioned, verse 2.

‡ *Ebr. holde them, meaning, till the barres were put in.*

Ezra 2. 3.

b That is, the inhabitants of Iudah.

c Azariah in Ezra is called Seraiah: and Raamiah, Reeliah, Chap 2. 2.

‖ *Or, the captaine of Moab.*

eight and twenty.
17 The sonnes of Azgad, two thousand three hundreth and two and twenty.
18 The sonnes of Adonikam, sixe hundreth threescore and seuen.
19 The sonnes of Biguai, two thousand threescore and seuen.
20 The sonnes of Adin, sixe hundreth and fiue and fifte.
21 The sonnes of Ater of Hizkiah, ninety and eight.
22 The sonnes of Hashum, three hundreth and eight and twenty.
23 The sonnes of Bezai, three hundreth and foure and twenty.
24 The sonnes of Hariph, an hundreth and twelue.
25 The sonnes of Gibeon, ninetie and fiue.
d That is, the inhabitants of Gibeon.
26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundreth fourescore and eight.
27 The men of Anathoth, an hundreth and eight and twenty.
28 The men of Beth-azmaueth, two and fortie.
29 The men of Kiriath-iearim, Chephirah and Beeroth, seuen hundreth, and three and fortie.
30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, sixe hundreth and one and twenty.
31 The men of Michmas, an hundreth and two and twenty.
32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundreth and three and twenty.
e For there were two cities of this name.
33 The men of the other Nebo, two and fifte.
34 The sonnes of the other Elam, a thousand two hundreth and foure and fifty.
35 The sonnes of Harim, three hundreth and twenty.
36 The sonnes of Jericho, three hundreth and fiue and fortie.
37 The sonnes of Lod-hadid and Ono, seuen hundreth and one and twenty.
38 The sonnes of Senaah, three thousand nine hundreth and thirty.
39 The Priests: the sonnes of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, nine hundreth seuenty and three.
40 The sonnes of Immer, a thousand and two and fifte.
41 The sonnes of Pashur, a thousand two hundreth and seuen and fortie.
42 The sonnes of Harim, a thousand and seuenteene.
43 ¶ The Leuites: the sonnes of Jeshua of Kadmiel, and of the sonnes of ‖ Hodiuah, seuentie and fourt.
‖ Or, *Hodaiah.*
44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundreth and eight and fortie.
45 The porters: the sonnes of Shallum, the sonnes of Ater, the sonnes of Talmon, the sonnes of Akkub, the sonnes of Hatita, the sonnes of Shobai, an hundreth eight and thirtie.
f Reade Ezra 2.58.
46 ¶ The f Nethinims: the sonnes of Ziha, the sonnes of Hashupha, the sonnes of Tabaoth,
47 The sonnes of Keros, the sonnes of Sia, the sonnes of Padon,
48 The sonnes of Lebana, the sonnes of Hagaba, the sonnes of Shalmai,
49 The sonnes of Hanan, the sonnes of Giddel, the sonnes of Gahar,
50 The sonnes of Reaiah, the sonnes of Rezin, the sonnes of Nekoda,
51 The sonnes of Gazzam, the sonnes of Uzza, the sonnes of Paseah,
52 The sonnes of Besai, the sonnes of Meunim, the sonnes of Nephushesim,
53 The sonnes of Bakbuk, the sonnes of Hakupha, the sonnes of Harhur,
54 The sonnes of Bazlith, the sonnes of Mehida, the sonnes of Harsha,
55 The sonnes of Barkos, the sonnes of Sisera, the sonnes of Tamah,
56 The sonnes of Neziah, the sonnes of Hatipha,
57 The sonnes of Salomons seruants, the sonnes of Sotai, the sonnes of Sophereth, the sonnes of Perida,
58 The sonnes of Jaala, the sonnes of Darkon, the sonnes of Giddel,
59 The sonnes of Shephatiah, the sonnes of Hattil, the sonnes of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sonnes of Amon.
60 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants were three hundreth, ninetie and two.
61 ¶ And these came vp from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers house, nor their seede, or if they were of Israel.
62 The sonnes of Delaiah: the sonnes of Tobiah, the sonnes of Nekoda, six hundreth and two and fortie.
63 And of the Priests: the sonnes of Habaiah, the sonnes of Hakkoz, the sonnes of Barzillai, which tooke one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was named after their name.
64 These sought their writing in the genealogies, but it was not found: therefore they were put from the Priesthood.
65 And the Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy till there rose vp a Priest with ‖ Urim and Thummim.
g Meaning, Nehemiah: for Tirshatha in the Chalde tongue signifieth a butler. *Exod.28.30.*
66 All the Congregation together was two and fortie thousand three hundreth and threescore,
67 Besides their seruants & their maids, which were seuen thousand, three hundreth and seuen and thirty: and they had two hundreth and fiue and fortie singing men and singing women.
68 Their horses were seuen hundreth and sixe and thirty, & their mules two hundreth and fiue and fortie.
69 The camels foure hundreth and fiue and thirty, and sixe thousand seuen hundreth and twenty asses.
70 And certain of the chiefe fathers gaue vnto the worke. The Tirshatha gaue to the treasure, a thousand h drammes of gold, fifty basins, fiue hundreth and thirty Priestes garments.
h Reade Ezra 2.69.
71 And some of the chiefe fathers gaue vnto the treasure of the worke, twenty thousand drammes of golde, and two thousand and two hundreth ‖ pieces of siluer.
‖ Or, *minas.*
72 And

72 And the reſt of the people gaue twentie thouſand drams of golde, and two thouſand pieces of ſiluer, and threeſcore and ſeuen Prieſts garments.

73 And the Prieſts and Leuites, and the porters and the ſingers and the reſt of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Iſrael dwelt in their cities: and when the i ſeuenth moneth came, the children of Iſrael were in their cities.

i Which conteineth part of September, and part of October.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Esra gathereth together the people, and readeth to them the Law. 12 They reioyce in Iſrael for the knowledge of the worde of God. 15 They keepe the feaſt of Tabernacles or boothes.

AND all the people aſſembled themſelues ‡ together, in the ſtreete that was before the water gate, and they ſpake vnto Ezra the a Scribe, that he would bring the booke of the Law of Moſes, which the Lord had commanded to Iſrael.

‡ Ebr. as one man.

a Reade Ezra 7.6.

2 And Ezra the Prieſt brought the Law before the Congregation both of men and women, and of all that b could heare and vnderſtand it, in the firſt day of the ſeuenth moneth,

b Which had age and diſcretion to vnderſtand.

3 And he read therein in the ſtreete that was before the watergate (frō the morning vntil the c midday) before men and women, and them that vnderſtood it, and the eares of all the people hearkened vnto the booke of the Law.

c This declareth the great zeale that the people had to heare the word of God.

4 And Ezra the Scribe ſtoode vpon a pulpit of wood, which hee had made for the preaching, and beſide him ſtood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Ananiah, and Vriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaſeiah on his right hand, and on his left hand Pedaiah, and Miſhal, and Malchiah, and Haſhum, and Haſhbadana, Zechariah, and Meſhullam.

5 And Ezra opened the booke before all the people: for he was d aboue all the people: and when he opened it, all the people ſtood vp.

d To the intent that his voyce might be the better heard.

6 And Ezra praiſed the Lord the great God, and all the people anſwered, Amen, Amen, with lifting vp their hands: and they bowed themſelues, and worſhipped the Lord with their faces toward the ground.

7 And Ieshua, and Bani, ‡ Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiiah, Maaſeiah, Kelita, Azariah, Iozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Leuites cauſed the people to vnderſtand the Law, and the people ſtoode in their place.

e In conſidering their offences againſt the Law. Therfore the Leuites doe not reproue them for mourning, but aſſure them of Gods mercies forasmuch as they are repentant.

8 And they read in the booke of the Law of God diſtinctly, ‡ gaue the ſenſe, and cauſed them to vnderſtand the reading.

9 Then Nehemiah (which is Tirſhatha) and Ezra the Prieſt and Scribe, and the Leuites that inſtructed the people, ſaid vnto all the people, This day is holy vnto the Lord your God: mourne not, neither weepe: for all the people e wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 He ſaid alſo vnto them, Go and eate of the fat, and drinke the ſweete, and ſend part vnto them, for whom none is f prepared: for this day is holy vnto our Lord: be ye not ſorie therefore: for the g ioy of the Lord is your ſtrength.

f That is, remember the poore.

g Reioyce in the Lord, and he will giue you ſtrēgth.

11 And the Leuites made ſilence throughout all the people, ſaying, Holde your peace: for the day is holy, be not ſad therefore.

12 Then all the people went to eate and to drinke, and to ſend a way part, ‡ to make great ioy, becauſe they had vnderſtood the words that they had taught them.

13 And on the ſecond day, the cheefe fathers of all the people, the Prieſts and the Leuites were gathered vnto Ezra the Scribe, that he alſo might inſtruct them in the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law, (that the Lord had commanded by Moſes) that the children of Iſrael ſhould dwell in a boothes in the feaſt of the ſeuenth moneth,

Leuit. 23.34.

15 And that they ſhould cauſe it to be declared and proclanned in all their cities, and in Ieruſalem, ſaying, Goe forth vnto the mount, and bring oliue branches, and pine branches, and branches of ‖ myrtus, ‡ palme branches, ‡ branches of thicke trees, to make boothes, as it is written.

‖ Or, godly branches, as Leuit. 23.40.

16 So the people went forth and brought them and made them boothes, euery one vpon the b roofe of his houſe, ‡ in their courtes, and in the courts of the houſe of God, and in the ſtreet by the watergate, ‡ in the ſtreet of the gate of Ephraim.

h For their houſes were made flat aboue, reade Deut. 22.8.

17 And all the Congregation of them that were come againe out of the captiuity, made boothes, and ſate vnder the boothes: for ſince the i time of Ieshua the ſonne of Nun vnto this day, had not the children of Iſrael done ſo, and there was very great ioy.

i Which was almoſt a thouſand yeeres.

18 And he read in the booke of the Law of God euery day, from the firſt day vnto the laſt day. And they kept the feaſt ſeuen dayes, and on the eight day a ſolemne aſſembly, according vnto the maner.

CHAP. IX.

1 The people repent, and forſake their ſtrange wiues. 5 The Leuites exhort them to praiſe God, 6 Declaring his wonders, 26 And their ingratitude, 30 And Gods great mercies toward them.

IN the foure ‡ twentieth day of this a moneth, the children of Iſrael were aſſembled with b faſting, and with ſackecloth, and earth vpon them.

a Meaning, the ſeuenth. 1. Eſdr. 9.4.

2 (And they that were of the ſeede of Iſrael were ſeparated from al the ‡ ſtrangers) and they ſtoode and confeſſed their ſinnes and the iniquities of their fathers.

‡ Ebr. ſtrange children.

3 And they ſtoode vp in their place and read in the booke of the Law of the Lorde their God foure times on the day, and they b confeſſed ‡ worſhipped the Lord their God foure times.

b They made confeſſion of their ſinnes and vſed prayers.

4 Then ſtoode vpon the ſtaires of the Leuites Ieshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani & Chenani, and cried with a loud voice vnto the Lord their God.

5 And the Leuites ſaid, euen Ieshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodiiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah, Stand vp, and praiſe the Lord your God for

for euer and euer, and let them praise thy glorious Name, O God, which excelleth aboue all thanksgiuing and praise.

6 Thou art Lord alone: thou hast made heauen, and the heauen of all heauens, with all their hoste, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that are in them, and thou preseruest them all, and the hoste of the heauen worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art, O Lord, the God that hast chosen Abram, and broughtest him out of * Ur in Chaldea, * and madest his name Abraham,

Gene. 11. 31. Gen. 17. 5.

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, * and madest a couenant with him, to giue vnto his seede the lande of the Cananites, Hittites, Amorites, and Perizzites, and Iebusites, and Girgasites, and hast performed thy wordes, because thou art iust.

Gen. 15. 18.

9 * Thou hast also considered the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their crie by the red Sea,

Exod. 3. 7. and 14. 10.

10 And shewed tokens and wonders vpon Pharaoh, and on all his seruants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them: therefore thou madest thee a Name, as appeareth this day.

11 * For thou didst breake vp the sea before them, and they went thorow the mids of the sea on dry land: and those that pursued them, hast thou cast into the bottomes as a stone, in the mighty waters:

Exod. 14. 22.

12 And * leddest them in the day with a pillar of a cloud, and in the night with a pillar of fire, to giue them light in the way that they went.

Exod. 13. 21.

13 * Thou camest down also vpon mount Sinai, and spakest vnto them from heauen, and gauest them right iudgements and true lawes, ordinances, and good commandements,

Exod. 19. 18, 20. and 20. 1.

14 And declaredst vnto them thine holy Sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, and ordinances, and lawes, by the hand of Moses thy seruant:

15 * And gauest them bread from heauen for their hunger, * and broughtest forth water for them out of the rocke for their thirst: and * promisedst them that they should goe in, and take possession of the lande, for the which thou haddest lift vp thine hand for to giue them.

Exod. 16. 15. Exod 17. 6. Deut. 1. 8.

16 But they and our fathers behaued themselues proudly, and hardened their necke, so that they hearkened not vnto thy commandements,

17 But refused to obey, and would not remember thy marueilous works that thou haddest done for them, but hardened their neckes, and had in their heads to returne to their bondage by their rebellion: but thou, O God of mercies, gracious and full of compassion, of long suffering and of great mercy, yet forsookest them not.

18 Moreouer, when they made them a molten calfe (saied, This is thy God that brought thee vp out of the lande of Egypt) and committed great blasphemies,

19 Yet thou for thy great mercies forsookest them not in the wildernesse: * the pillar of the cloude departed not from them by day to leade them the way, neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way whereby they should go.

Exod. 13. 22. numb. 14. 14. 1. cor. 10. 1.

20 Thou gauest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, e withheldest not thy MAN from their mouth, and gauest them water for their thirst.

21 Thou didst also feed them fourty yeres in the wildernesse: they lacked nothing: * their clothes waxed not olde, and their feet * swelled not.

Deut 8. 4. c Though the way was tedious and long. d Meaning, the heathen whom he droue out. Num. 21. 26.

22 And thou gauest them kingdoms and people, and * scatteredst them into corners: so they possessed * the land of Sihon and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 And thou diddest multiply their children like the starres of the heauen, f broughtest them into the land, whereof thou hadst spoken vnto their fathers, that they should go and possesse it.

24 So the children went in, and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, euen the Cananites, and gauest them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, that they might doe with them what they would.

25 And they tooke their strong cities and the fat land, and possessed houses, full of all goods, cisterns digged out, vineyards and olues, and trees for food in abundance, and they did eate, and were filled, and became fat, and liued in pleasure through thy great goodnesse.

26 Yet they were disobedient, g rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behinde their backes, and slew thy Prophets (which * protested among them to turne them vnto thee) and committed great blasphemies.

e Taking heauen and earth to witnesse, that God would destroy them, except they returned, as 2. Chron. 24. 19.

27 Therefore thou deliueredst them into the hande of their enemies that vexed them: yet in the time of their affliction, when they cryed vnto thee, thou heardest them from the heauen, and through thy great mercies thou gauest them sauiours, who saued them out of the hand of their aduersaries,

28 But when they had * rest, they returned to doe euill before thee: therefore lettest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion ouer them, yet when they conuerted, and cryed vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen, and deliuredst them according to thy great mercies many times,

f He declareth how Gods mercies euer contended with the wickednesse of the people, who euer in their prosperitie forgate God. Leuit. 18. 5. ezek. 20. 11. rom. 10. 5. gal. 3. 12.

29 And protestedst among them that thou mightest bring them againe vnto thy Law: but they behaued themselues proudly, and hearkened not vnto thy commandements, but sinned against thy iudgements (which a man should doe and liue in them) and * pulled away the shoulder, and were stifnecked, and would not ‡ heare.

g Which is a similitude taken of oxen, that shrinke at the yoke or burthen, as Zech. 7. 11.

30 Yet thou ‡ diddest forbeare them many yeres, and protestedst among them by

h When thou didst admonish them by the Prophets. ‡ Ebr. thou didst prolong vpon them many yeres.

thy

thy Spirit, euen by the hande of thy Prophets, but they would not heare: therefore gauest thou them into the hand of the people of the landes.

31 Yet for thy great mercies thou hast not consumed them, neither forsaken them: for thou art a gracious and mercifull God.

32 Now therefore our God, * thou great God mighty and terrible, that keepest couenant and *mercie, let not all the affliction that hath come vnto vs, seeme a litle before thee, that is, to our Kings, to our Princes, and to our Priestes, and to our Prophets, and to our fathers, and to all thy people, since the time of the kings of ‖ Assur vnto this day.

33 Surely thou art iust in all that is come vpon vs: for thou k hast dealt truely, but we haue done wickedly.

34 And our kings and our Princes, our Priestes and our fathers haue not done thy Lawe, nor regarded thy commaundements nor thy protestations, wherewith thou hast ‖ protested among them.

35 And they haue not serued thee in their kingdome, and in thy great goodnesse that thou hewedst vnto them, and in the large and fatte land which thou diddest set before them, and haue not conuerted from their euill works.

36 Beholde, wee are seruants this day, and the land that thou gauest vnto our fathers, to eate the *fruite thereof, and the goodnesse thereof, beholde, we are seruants therein.

37 And it yeeldeth much fruite vnto the kings whom thou hast set ouer vs, because of our sinnes: and they haue dominion ouer our bodies and ouer our cattel at their pleasure, and we are in great affliction.

38 Now because of all this we make *a sure couenant, and write it, and our princes, our Leuites and our Priests seale vnto it.

Exod. 34.6,7.

Psal. 143.1,2.

i By whom we were led away into captiuitie, and haue bene appointed to be slaine, as Ester 3.13.

k He confesseth that all these things came to them iustly for their sinnes, but he appealeth frō Gods iustice, to his mercies.

l That thou wouldest destroy them, except they would returne to thee, as verse 26.

m That is, to be the lords thereof.

n Thus by affliction they promise to keepe Gods commandements, whereunto they could not be brought by Gods great benefits.

Dwellers Lebanon

‖ Or, ruler.

CHAP. X.

1 *The names of them that sealed the couenant betweene God and the people.*

NOw they that sealed were Nehemiah the Tirshatha the sonne of Hachaliah, and Zidkiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchiah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abiah, Miamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these are *the Priests.

a Which subscribed to keepe the promise.

9 ¶ And the Leuites: Jeshua the sonne of Azaniah, Binnui, of the sonnes of Henadad, Kadmiel.

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 ¶ The chiefe of the people were Parosh, ‖ Pahath Moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Biguai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,
18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Harif, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 And Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 And the rest of the people, the Priests, the Leuites, the Porters, the Singers, the b Nethinims, and all that were c separated from the people of the landes vnto the Law of God, their wiues, their sonnes, and their daughters, all that could vnderstand,

29 The chiefe of them d ‖ stedfast to their brethren, and they came to the e curse and to the othe to walke in Gods Lawe, which was giuen by Moses the seruaunt of God, to obserue and to do al the commandements of the Lord our God, and his iudgements and his statutes:

30 And that wee wouldne not giue our daughters to the people of the land, neither take their daughters for our sonnes.

31 And if the people of the land brought ware on the Sabbath, or any victuals to sell, f that we would not take it of them on the Sabbath, and on the holy dayes: * and that we would let the seuenth yeere be free, and the debts of euery ‡ person.

32 And we made statutes for our selues, to giue by the yeere, the third part of a shekel, for the seruice of the house of our God,

33 For the ‖ shewbread, and for the daily offering, and for the daily burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moones, for the solemne feasts, and for the things that were sanctified, and for the sinne offrings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the worke of the house of our God.

34 We cast also lots for the offering of the wood, euen the Priests, the Leuites and the people, to bring it into the house of our God, ‖ by the house of our fathers, yeerely at the times appointed, to burne it vpon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law,

35 And to bring the first fruites of our land, & the first of all the fruits of all trees, yeere by yeere, into the house of the Lord,

36 And the first borne of our sonnes and of our cattell, as it is *written in the Law, and the first borne of our bullockes and of our sheepe, to bring it into the house of our God, vnto the Priestes that minister in the house of our God,

37 And that wee should bring the first fruit of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of euery sort of wine, and of oyle, vnto the Priestes, to the chambers of the house of our God: and the tithes of the land vnto the Leuites, that the Leuites might haue the tithes in all the cities of our ‖ trauaile.

38 And the Priest, the sonne of Aaron, shall be with the Leuites, when the Leuites take tithes, and the Leuites shall *bring vp the tenth part of the tithes vnto the house of our God, vnto the chambers of the

b Reade Ezra. 8 43.

c Which being idolaters, forsooke their wickednesse, and gaue themselues to serue God.

d They made the othe in the name of the whole multitude.

e Whereunto they gaue themselues, if they brake the Law, as Deut 28.15.

f Which notwithstanding they brake soone after, as Chap. 13.15. *Leuit.* 25.4. *Deut.* 15.1.

‡ *Ebr. hand.*

g This declareth wherefore they gaue this third part of the shekel, which was besides the halfe shekel, that they were bound to pay, Exod. 30. 13.

‖ *Or, into the house of.*

h By this rehearsall is meant that there was no part nor ceremonie in the Law, whereunto they did not binde themselues by couenant.

i Whereseuer we laboured, or trauailed, there the tithes were due vnto the Lord both by the Law, and according to the othe and couenant that we made. *Numb.* 18.26.

the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel, and the children of Leui shall bring vp the offerings of the corne, of the wine, and of the oyle, vnto the chambers: and there shal be the vessels of the Sanctuary, and the Priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, and k we will not forsake the house of our God.

k We will not haue it destitute of that, that shal bee necessary for it.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Who dwelled in Ierusalem after it was builded,* 21 *And who in the cities of Iudah.*

AAnd the rulers of the people dwelt in Ierusalem: the other people also cast lots, a to bring one out of tenne, to dwell in Ierusalem the holy citie, and nine parts to bee in the cities.

a Because their enemies dwelt round about them, they prouided that it might be replenished with men, and vied this policie, because there were few that offred themselues willingly.

2 And the people thanked all the men that were willing to dwell in Ierusalem.

3 These nowe are the chiefe of the prouince, that dwelt in Ierusalem, but in the cities of Iudah, euery one dwelt in his owne possession in their cities of Israel, b Priests and the Leuites, c the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants.

4 And in Ierusalem dwelt certaine of the children of Iudah, and of the children of Beniamin. Of the sonnes of Iudah, Athaiah, the sonne of Vzziah, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Amariah, d sonne of Shephatiah, the sonne of Mahalaleel of the sonnes of e Perez.

b Which came of Perez the sonne of Iudah.

5 And Maaseiah the sonne of Baruch, the sonne of Col Hozeh, the sonne of Hazaiah, the sonne of Adaiah, the sonne of Ioiarib, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of ‖ Shiloni.

Or, of a Shilonite.

6 All the sonnes of Perez that dwelt at Ierusalem, were foure hundred three score and eight valiant men.

7 These also are the sonnes of Beniamin, Sallu the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Ioed, the sonne of Pedaiah, the sonne of Kolaiah, the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ithiel, the sonne of Iesaiah.

8 And after him Gabai, Sallai, nine hundred and twentie and eight.

9 And Ioel the sonne of Zichri was gouernour ouer them: and Iudah the sonne of Senuah, was the second ouer the citie.

10 Of the Priests, Iedaiah, the sonne of Ioiarib, Iachin.

11 Seraiah, the sonne of f Hilkiah, the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Meraioth, the sonne of Ahitub, was chiefe of the house of God.

c That is, was the hie Priest.

12 And their brethren d that did the worke in the Temple, were eight hundred twentie and two: e Adaiah the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Pelaliah, the sonne of Amzi, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Pashur, the sonne of Malchiah.

d That serued and ministred in the Temple.

13 And his brethren, chiefe of the fathers two hundred and two and fourtie: and Amashai, the sonne of Azareel, the sonne of Ahazai, the sonne of Meshillemoth, the sonne of Immer:

14 And their brethren valiant men, an hundred g eight and twenty: and their ouerseer was Zabdiel the sonne of ‖ Hagedolim.

Or, of one of the great men.

16 And of the Leuites, Shemaiah the sonne of Hashub, the sonne of Azrikam, the sonne of Hashabiah, the sonne of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai, and Iozabad of the chiefe of the Leuites were ouer the workes of the house of God without.

17 And Mattaniah the sonne of Micha, the sonne of Zabdi, h sonne of Asaph was the chiefe to e begin the thanksgiuing and prayer: and Bakbukiah the second of his brethren, and Abda the sonne of Shammua, the sonne of Galal, the sonne of Ieduthun.

e That is, he began the Psalme, and was the Chaunter.

18 All the Leuites in the holy citie were two hundreth fourescore and foure.

19 And the porters Akkub, Talmon and their brethren that kept the f gates, were an hundred twenty and two.

f Meaning, of the Temple.

20 And the g residue of Israel of the Priests, and of the Leuites dwelt in all the cities of Iudah, euery one in his inheritance.

g Of them which dwelt not in Ierusalem.

21 And the Nethinims dwelt in the ‖ fortresse, and Ziha, and Gispa were ouer the Nethinims.

‖ Or, Ophel.

22 And the ouerseer of the Leuites in Ierusalem was Vzzi the sonne of Bani, the son of Athaiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the son of Micha: of the sonnes of Asaph singers were ouer the worke of the house of God.

23 For it was the Kings commandement concerning them, that faithfull prouision should be for the singers euery day.

24 And Pethahiah the sonne of Meshezabeel, of the sonnes of Zerah, the sonne of Iudah h was at the Kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

h Was chiefe about the King for all his affaires.

25 And in the villages in their landes, some of the children of Iudah dwelt in Kiriath-arba, and in the villages thereof, and in Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and in Iekabzeel, and in the villages thereof,

26 And in Ieshua, and in Moladah, and in Beth-palet,

27 And in Hazer-shual, and in Beer sheba, and in the villages thereof,

28 And in Ziklag, and in Mechonah, and in the villages thereof,

29 And in En-rimmon, and in Zarah, and in Iarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, i in their villages, in Lachish, and in the fieldes thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof: and they dwelt from Beer-sheba vnto the valley of Hinnom.

31 And the sonnes of Beniamin from Geba, in Michmash, and Aia, and Beth-el, and in the villages thereof,

32 Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, k Ono, in the carpenters valley.

36 And of the Leuites were diuisions in Iudah, and in Beniamin.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Priestes and Leuites which came with Zerubbabel vnto Ierusalem, are numbred,* 27 *And the wall is dedicated.*

THese also are the Priestes and the Leuites that l went vp with Zerubbabel, the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua: to wit, Seraiah, Ieremiah, Ezra,

l From Babylon to Ierusalem.

3 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abiah,
5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
6 Shemaiah, and Ioiarib, Iedaiah,
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Iedaiah: these were the [b] chiefe of the Priests, and of their brethren in the dayes of Ieshua.

b Next in dignitie to the hie Priests, & which were of the stocke of Aaron.

8 And the Leuites, Ieshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Iudah, Mattaniah, [c] were ouer the thankesgiuings, hee, and his brethren.

c Had charge of them that sang the Psalmes.

9 And Bakbukiah and Unni, and their brethren were about them in the [d] watches.

d They kept their wards and watches according to their turnes, as 1 Chron. 23.6.

10 And Iesh ua begate Ioiakim: Ioiakim also begate Eliashib, and Eliashib begate Ioiada.
11 And Ioiada begat Ionathan, and Ionathan begate Iaddua.
12 And in the dayes of Ioiakim were these the chiefe fathers of the Priestes: vnder [e] Seraiah was Meraiah, vnder Ieremiah, Hananiah,

e That is, next to Seraiah, or rather of that order, whichwas called after the name of Seraiah.

13 Vnder Ezra, Meshullam, vnder Amariah, Iehohanan.
14 Vnder Melicu, Ionathan, vnder Shebaniah, Ioseph,
15 Vnder Harim, Adna, vnder Meraioth, Helkai.
16 Vnder Iddo, Zechariah, vnder Ginnithon, Meshullam,
17 Vnder [f] Abiah, Zichri, vnder Miniamin, and vnder Moadiah, Piltai,

f Whereof was Zacharie Iohn Baptists father.

18 Vnder Bilgah, Shammua, vnder Shemaiah, Iehonathan,
19 Vnder Ioiarib, Mattenai, vnder Iedaiah, Uzzi,
20 Vnder Sallai, Kallai, vnder Amok, Eber,
21 Vnder Hilkiah, Hashabiah, vnder Iedaiah, Nethaneel.
22 In the dayes of Eliashib, Ioiada, and Iohanan, & Iaddua were the chiefe fathers of the Leuites written, and the Priestes in the reigne of Darius the Persian.
23 The sonnes of Leui, the chiefe fathers were written in the booke of the Chronicles euen vnto the dayes of Iohanan the sonne of Eliashib.
24 And the chiefe of the Leuites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, & Ieshua the sonne of Kadmiel, and their brethren about them to giue praise and thankes, according to the ordinance of Dauid the man of God, warde ouer [g] against ward.

g That is, one after another, and euery one in his course.

25 Mattaniah and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.
26 These were in the dayes of Ioiakim the sonne of Ieshua, the sonne of Iozadak, and in the dayes of Nehemiah the captaine, and of Ezra the Priest and Scribe.
27 And in the dedication of the wall at Ierusalem they sought the Leuites out of all their places to bring them to Ierusalem to keepe the dedication and gladnesse, both with thankesgiuings and with songs, cymbals, violes, and with harpes.

‡Ebr. sonnes of the singers.

28 Then the ‡ singers gathered themselues together both from the plaine countrey about Ierusalem, and from the villages of [h] Netophathi,

h Which were a certaine family, and had their possessions in the fields, 1 Chron. 2.54.

29 And from the house of Gilgal, and out of the countreyes of Geba, & Azmaueth: for the singers had built them villages round about Ierusalem.
30 And the Priestes and Leuites were purified, and cleansed the people, and the gates, and the wall.
31 And [i] I brought vp the princes of Iudah vpon the wall, and appointed two great companies to giue thanks, and the one went on the right hande of the wall towarde the doung gate.

i Meaning Nehemiah.

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and halfe of the princes of Iudah,
33 And Azariah, Ezra and Meshullam,
34 Iudah, Beniamin, and Shemaiah and Ieremiah,
35 And of the Priests sonnes with trumpets, Zechariah the sonne of Ionathan, the sonne of Shemaiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the sonne of Michaiah, the sonne of Zaccur, the sonne of Asaph.
36 And [k] his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Iudah, Hanani, with the musicall instruments of Dauid the man of God: and Ezra the Scribe went before them.

k That is, the brethren of Zaccur.

37 And to the gate of the fountaine, euen ouer against them went they vp by [l] the staires of the city of Dauid, at the going vp of the wall beyond the house of Dauid, euen vnto the water gate Eastward.

l Which was the going vp to the mount Zion, which is called the citie of Dauid.

38 And the second company of them that gaue thankes, went on the other side, and I after them, and the halfe of the people was vpon the wal, and vpon the tower of the furnaces euen vnto the broad wall.
39 And vpon the gate of Ephraim, and vpon the old gate, and vpon the fish gate, & the tower of Hananeel, & the tower of Meah, euen vnto the sheepe gate: and they stood in the gate of the ward.
40 So stood the two companies of them that gaue thankes in the house of God, and I and the halfe of the rulers with me.
41 The Priestes also, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, Hananiah, with trumpets,
42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Iehohanan, and Malchiah, and Elam, and Ezer: and the singers ‡ sang loud, hauing Izrahiah which was the ouerseer.

‡Ebr. caused to heare.

43 And the same day they offered great sacrifices and reioyced: for God had giuen them great ioy, so that both the women and the children were ioyfull: and the ioy of Ierusalem was heard farre off.
44 Also at the same time were men appointed [m] ouer the chambers of the store for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the Law, for the Priestes and the Leuites: for Iudah reioyced for the Priestes and for the Leuites, that serued.

m Which were chambers appointed by Hezekiah to put in the tithes, and such things, 2. Chron. 31.11. and now repaired againe for the same vse.

45 And both the singers and the Leuites kept the ward of their God, & the ward of the purification, according to the commandement of Dauid, and Salomon his sonne.
46 * For in the dayes of Dauid & Asaph

* 1 Chron. 25.16.

of

of old were chiefe singers, and songs of praise and thankesgiuing vnto God.

47 And in the dayes of Zerubbabel, and in the dayes of Nehemiah did all Israel giue portions vnto the singers and porters, euery day his portion, & they gaue the holy things vnto the Leuites, and the Leuites [a] gaue the holy things vnto the sonnes of Aaron.

a That is, the tenth part of the tithes.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The Law is read. 3 They separate from them al strangers. 15 Nehemiah reproueth the that break the Sabbath. 30 An ordinance to serue God.

AND on that day did they read in the booke of Moses, in the audience of the people, and it was found written therein, that the Ammonite, and the Moabite * should not enter into the Congregation of God,

Deut.23.3.

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, * but hired Balaam against them, that hee should curse them: and our God turned the curse into a blessing.

Num.22.5,6.

3 Now when they had heard the Lawe, they separated from Israel [a] all those that were mixed.

a That is, all such which had ioyned in vnlawfull mariage, & also those with who God had forbidden them to haue society.

4 ¶ And before [b] this had the priest Eliashib the ouerseer of the chamber of the house of our God, being [c] kinsman to Tobiah:

b That the separation was made

c He was ioyned in affinity with Tobiah the Ammonite and enemy of the Iewes.

5 And hee had made him a great chamber, and there had they afore time laid the offerings, the incense, and the vessels, and the tithes of corne, of wine, & of oyle (appointed for the Leuites, and the singers, and the porters) and the offrings of the Priests.

6 But in all this time was not I in Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth yeere [d] of Artahshashte king of Babel, came I vnto the king, and [e] after certaine dayes I obtained of the king.

d Called also Darius, Ezra.7.1

e *Or, at the yeeres end.*

7 And when I was come to Jerusalem, I vnderstood [e] the euill that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in that he had made him a chamber in the court of the house of God,

e Thus we see to what inconueniences the people fall into, when they are destitute of one that hath the feare of God, seeing that their chiefe gouernour was but a while absent, and yet they fel into such great absurdities: as appeareth also Exod.32.1.

8 And it grieued me sore: therefore I cast forth all the vessels of the house of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 And I commanded them to cleanse the chambers: and thither brought I againe the vessels of the house of God with the meat offring and the incense.

10 And I perceiued that the portions of the Leuites had not bene giuen, & that euery one was fled to his land. euen the Leuites and singers that executed the worke.

11 Then reproued I the rulers, & said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I assembled them, and set them in their place.

12 Then brought all Judah the tithes of corne and of wine, and of oyle vnto the treasures.

13 And I made treasurers ouer the treasures, Shelemiah the Priest, and Zadok the Scribe, and of the Leuites, Pedaiah, and vnder their hand Hanan the sonne of Zaccur the sonne of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithfull, and their office was to distribute vnto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, herein, and wipe not out my [f] kindnesse that I haue shewed on the house of my God, and on the offices thereof.

f I declared vnto them, that God would not suffer such transgressors of his law to be vnpunished.

15 In those dayes saw I in Judah, them that trode wine presses on the Sabbath, and that brought in sheaues, and which laded asses also with wine, grapes and figges, and al burthens, and brought them into Jerusalem vpon the Sabbath day: and [g] I protested to them in the day that they solde victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyrus also therein, which brought fish and all wares, & solde on the Sabbath vnto the children of Judah euen in Jerusalem.

17 Then reproued I the rulers of Judah, and sayd vnto them, What euill thing is this that ye doe, and breake the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers [h] thus, and our God brought al this plague vpon vs, & vpon this citie? yet yee increase the wrath vpon Israel, in breaking the Sabbath.

h Was not this a great cause why God plagued vs in times past? meaning that if they transgressed now in the same againe, their plague should be greater.

19 And when the gates of Jerusalem began to be [i] dark before the Sabbath, I commanded to shut the gates, and charged, that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath, and some of my seruants set I at the gates, that there should no burde be brought in on the Sabbath day.

i About the time that the Sunne went downe: for the Sabbath lasted from the sun going downe of the one day, to the sunne setting of the other.

20 So the chapmen and merchants of all merchandize remained once or twise all night without Jerusalem.

21 And I protested among them and said vnto them, Why tary ye all night about the wall? If yee doe it once againe, I will lay hands vpon you. From that time came they no more on the Sabbath.

22 ¶ And I sayd vnto the Leuites that they should cleanse themselues, and that they should come and keepe the [k] gates to sanctifie the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and pardon me according to thy great mercy.

k Meaning, of the Temple, that none that was vncleane, should enter.

23 In those dayes also I saw Iewes that married wiues of [l] Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab.

l Which was a citie of the Philistims, and they had married wiues thereof, and so had corrupted their speech and religion.

24 And their children spake halfe in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speake in the Iewes language, and according to the language of the one people, and of the other people.

25 Then I reproued them, and [m] cursed them, and smote certaine of them and pulled off their haire, and tooke an othe of them by God, Ye shall not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, neither shall yee take of their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor for your selues.

m That is, I did excommunicate them, and driue them out of the Congregation.

26 * Did not Salomon the king of Israel sinne by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him: for he was * beloued of his God, & God had made him king ouer Israel: * Yet strange women caused him to sinne.

1.*King*.3.7,12.

2.*Sam*.12.24,25

1.*King*.11.1,4.

eccles 47.19,20.

27 Shall we then obey vnto you, to do al this great euill, and to transgresse against our God, euen to marrie strange wiues?

28 And one of the sonnes of Jotada the sonne of Eliashib the high Priest was the sonne in law of Sanballat the Horonite: but I chased him from me.

n Punish them according to their fault, & euil example, which they haue giuen to the rest of thy people contrary to their vocation

29 Remember them, O my God, [n] * defile

the Priesthood, and the couenaunt of the Priesthood and the Leuites.

30 Then cleansed I them from all strangers, & appointed the wards of the Priests and of the Leuites, euery one in his office,

31 And for the offering of the wood at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my God, o in goodnesse.

o This is, to shew mercy vnto me.

Ester.

THE ARGVMENT.

BEcause of the diuersity of names, whereby they vsed to name their kings, and the supputation of yeres wherin the Ebrewes & the Grecians do vary, diuers authors write diuersly as touching this Ahashueroshe, but it seemeth, Dan. 6. 1. & 9. 1, that he was Darius king of the Medes, & sonne of Astyages, called also Ahashueroshe, which was a name of honor, and signified great & chiefe, as chiefe head Herein is declared the great mercies of God toward his Church, who neuer faileth thē in their greatest dangers, but when all hope of wordly helpe faileth, he euer stirreth vp some by whō he sendeth comfort and deliuerance. Herein also is described the ambition, pride, & cruelty of the wicked when they come to honour, & their sudden fall when they are at highest: and how God preserueth and preferreth them which are zealous of his glory, and haue a care and loue toward their brethren.

30 May 1 Esd. mor.

CHAP. I.

3 King Ahashueroshe maketh a royall feast, 12 Wherevnto the Queene Vashti will not come: 19 for which cause she is diuorced. 20 The kings decree touching the preeminence of man.

IN the dayes of a Ahashueroshe (this is Ahashueroshe that reigned from India euen vnto Ethiopia, ouer an b hundred and seuen and twentie prouinces)

2 In those dayes when the king Ahashueroshe c sate on his throne, which was in the palace of Shushan,

3 In the third yere of his reigne he made a feast vnto all his princes and his seruants, euen the power of Persia and Media, and to the captaines and gouernours of the prouinces which were before him,

4 That hee might shew the riches and glory of his kingdome, and the honour of his great maiestie many dayes, euen an hundred and fourescore dayes.

5 And when these dayes were expired, the king made a feast to all the people that were found in the palace of Shushan, both vnto great and small, seuen daies, in the court of the garden of the kings palace,

6 Vnder an hanging of white, greene, and blew clothes, fastened with cords of fine linnen and purple, in siluer rings, & pillars of marble: the d beds were of gold, and of siluer vpon a pauement of porphyre, and marble and alabaster, and blew colour.

7 And they gaue them drinke in vessels of gold, and changed vessell after vessell, and royall wine in abundance according to the e power of the king.

8 And the drinking was by an order, none might f compel: for so the king had appointed vnto all the officers of his house, that they should do according to euery mans pleasure.

9 ¶ The queene Vashti made a feast also for the women in the royal house of king Ahashueroshe.

10 Upon the g seuenth day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Bizetha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seuen Eunuches, (that serued in the presence of king Ahashueroshe)

11 To bring Queene Vashti before the king with the crowne royall, that hee might shew the people and the princes her beautie: for she was faire to looke vpon.

12 But the Queene Vashti refused to come at the kings word, ‡ which he had giuen in charge to the eunuches: therefore the king was very angry, & his wrath kindled in him.

13 Then the king sayde to the wise men, h that knew the times (for so was the kings maner towards all that knew the law and the iudgement:

14 And the next vnto him was Carshena, Shetar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena & Memucan the seuen princes of Persia and Media, which saw the i Kings face, and sate the first in the kingdome)

14 What shall we doe vnto the Queene Vashti according to the law, because she did not according to the word of the king Ahashueroshe by the commission of the eunuches?

16 Then Memucan answered before the king and the princes, The Queene Vashti hath not onely done k euill against the king, but against all the princes, & against all the people that are in all the prouinces of king Ahashueroshe.

17 For the l act of the Queene shall come abroad vnto all women: so that they shal despise their husbands in their owne eyes, and shall say, The king Ahashueroshe commanded Vashti the Queene to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 So shall the m princesses of Persia and Media this day say vnto all the kings princes, when they heare of the act of the queene: thus shall there bee much displeasure and wrath.

19 If it please the king, let a royall decree proceed from him, & let it be written among the statutes of Persia, and Media (and let it not be transgressed) that Vashti come n no more before king Ahashueroshe: & let the king giue her royall estate vnto her companion that is better then she.

20 And when ‖ decree of the king which shall be made, shall be published throughout all his kingdome (though it be great) all the women shal giue their husbands honor both great and small.

21 And this saying pleased the king and the

a Called also Darius, who was now the seuenth Monarch, and had the gouernment of the Medes, Persians and Caldeans. Some thinke he was Darius Hystaspis sonne, called also Artaxerxes.

b Daniel chap 6. 1, maketh mention but of fiue score, leauing out the number that is vnperfit, as the Scripture in diuers places vseth.

c That is, had rest and quietnesse. Nehem 1. 1.

d Which they vsed in those countreys in stead of tables.

e As was beseeming for so magnificall a king.

f None might be compelled to drink more then it pleased him.

g Which was the last day of the feast that the king made for the people, as vers. 5.

‡ Ebr. which was in the hand of the eunuchs.

h That had experience of things as they had learned by diligene marking in continuance of time.

i Which were his chiefe counsellers, that might haue alwaies accesse to him.

k By her disobedience she hath giuen an example to all women to doe the like to their husbands.

l That is, her disobedience.

m Meaning, that they would take first occasion hereof to do the like, and that the rest of women would by continuance doe the same.

n Let her be diuorced and an other made Queene.

o For he had vnder him an hundreth twenty and seuen countreys.

the princes, and the King did according to the word of Memucan.

22 For he sent letters into all the prouinces of the King, into euery prouince according to the writing thereof, and to euery people, after their language, that euery man should p beare rule in his owne house, and that hee should publish it in the language of that same people.

CHAP. II.

1 After the Queene is put away, certaine yong maides are brought to the King. 17 Ester pleaseth the King, and is made Queene. 22 Mordecai discloseth vnto the King those that would betray him.

AFter these things, when the wrath of King Ahashuerosh was appeased, he remembred Vashti, and what shee had done, and what was decreed b against her.

2 And the Kings seruants that ministred vnto him, said, Let them seeke for the King beautifull yong virgins,

3 And let the King appoint officers through all the prouinces of his kingdome, and let them gather all the beautifull yong virgins vnto the palace of Shushan, into the house of the women, vnder the hand of Hege the kings eunuch c keeper of the women, to giue them their things d for purification.

4 And the maid that shal please the king, let her reigne in the stead of Vashti. And this pleased the King, and he did so.

5 ¶ In the citie of Shushan, there was a certaine Iewe, whose name was Mordecai, the sonne of Iair, the sonne of Shimei, the sonne of Kish a man of Ieminí,

6 Which had beene caried away from Ierusalem e with the captiuitie that was caried away with Ieconiah King of Iudah (whome Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel had caried away)

7 And hee nourished Hadassah, that is Ester his vncles daughter: for shee had neither father nor mother, and the maide was faire, and beautifull to looke on: and after the death of her father & her mother, Mordecai tooke her for his owne daughter.

8 And when the Kings commandement and his decree was published, and many maides were brought together to the palace of Shushan, vnder the hand of Hege, Ester was brought also vnto the Kings house vnder the hand of Hege the keeper of the women.

9 And the maide pleased him, and shee found fauour in his sight: therefore he caused her things for purification to bee giuen her speedily, and her f state, and seuen comely maides to bee giuen her out of the Kings house, and hee gaue change to her and to her maides of the best in the house of the women.

10 But Ester shewed not her people and her kinred: for Mordecai had charged her, that she should not tell it.

11 And Mordecai walked g euery day before the court of the womens house, to know if Ester did well, and what should bee done with her.

12 And when the course of euery maide came, to goe in to King Ahashuerosh, after that she had bene twelue moneths according to the maner of the women (for so were the dayes of their purifications accomplished, fiue moneths with oyle of myrrhe, and fiue moneths with sweete odours, and in the purifying of the women:

13 And thus went the maydes vnto the King) whatsoeuer she required, was h giuen her, to goe with her out of the womens house vnto the Kings house.

14 In the euening shee went, and on the morow she returned into the second house of the women, vnder the hand of Shaashgaz the Kings eunuch, which kept the concubines: shee came in to the King no more, except she pleased the King, and that she were called by name.

15 Nowe when the course of Ester the daughter of Abihail the vncle of Mordecai (which had taken her as his owne daughter) came, that she should goe in to the King, shee desired nothing, but what i Hege the kings eunuch the keeper of the womens said: and Ester found fauour in the sight of all them that looked vpon her.

16 ¶ So Ester was taken vnto King Ahashuerosh into his house royall in the tenth moneth, which is the k moneth Tebeth, in the seuenth yeere of his reigne.

17 And the King loued Ester aboue all the women, and she found grace and fauour in his sight more then all the virgines: so that he set the crowne of the kingdome vpon her head, and made her Queene in stead of Vashti.

18 Then the King made a great feast vnto all his princes, & his seruants, which was l the feast of Ester, and gaue rest k vnto the prouinces, and gaue gifts, according to l the power of a King.

19 And when the virgins were gathered the m second time, then Mordecai sate in the Kings gate.

20 Ester had not yet shewed her kinred, nor her people, as Mordecai had charged her: for Ester did after the word of Mordecai, as when she was nourished with him.

21 ¶ In those dayes when Mordecai sate in the kings gate, two of n Kings eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, which kept the doore, were wroth, and sought to lay n hand on the King Ahashuerosh.

22 And the thing was knowen to Mordecai, and hee told it vnto Queene Ester, and Ester certified the king thereof in Mordecais name: and when inquisition was made, it was found so: therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the booke of the o Chronicles before the king.

CHAP. III.

1 Haman after hee was exalted, obtained of the king that all the Iewes should be put to death, because Mordecai had not done him worship as other had.

AFter these things did King Ahashuerosh promote Haman the sonne of Hammedatha the Agagite, and exalted him, and set his seate aboue all the Princes that were with him.

2 And all the Kings seruants that were at the Kings gate, bowed their knees, and

p That is, that the wife should be subiect to the husband, and at his commandement.

c The abuse of these countreys was so great, that they inuented many meanes to serue the lusts of princes, and therefore, as they ordeined wicked lawes, that the King might haue whose daughters he would, so they had diuers houses appointed, as one for them whiles they were virgins, another when they were concubines, and for the Queenes another.

d Reade what this purification was, verse 12. 2. King. 24. 15.

‡ Ebr. portions.

e For though she was taken away by a cruell law, yet he ceased not to haue a fatherly care ouer her, and therefore did resort oft times to heare of her.

f What apparel she asked of the Eunuch, that was he bound to giue her.

‖ Or, Hegai.

g Wherein her modestie appeared, because shee sought not apparell to commend her beautie, but stood to the Eunuches appointment.

h Which contained part of December and part of Ianuarie.

i That is, made for her sake.

k He released their tribute.

l That is, great and magnificall.

m That is, at the marriage of Ester, which was the second marriage of the king.

n Meaning, to kill him.

o In the Chronicles of the Medes and Persians, as Chap. 10. 2.

reuerenced Haman, for the king had so commaunded concerning him: but Mordecai a bowed not the knee, neither did reuerence.

3 Then the Kings seruants which were at the Kings gate, sayde vnto Mordecai, Why trangressest thou the kings commandement?

4 And albeit they spake dayly vnto him, yet he would not heare them: therefore they b tolde Haman, that they might see howe Mordecais matters would stand: for he had told them, that he was a Iew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not the knee vnto him, nor did reuerence vnto him, then Haman was ful of wrath.

6 Now hee ‡ thought it too little to lay handes onely on Mordecai: and because they had shewed him the people of Mordecai, Haman sought to destroy all the Iewes, that were throughout the whole Kingdome of Ahashuerosh, euen the people of Mordecai.

7 In the first moneth (that is the moneth c Nisan) in the twelfth yeere of King Ahashuerosh, they cast Pur (that is a lot) d before Haman, from day to day, and from moneth to moneth, vnto the twelfth moneth, that is the moneth e Adar.

8 Then Haman said vnto King Ahashuerosh, There is a people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the prouinces of thy kingdome, and their lawes are diuers from all people, and they doe not obserue the f Kings lawes: therefore it is not the Kings profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the King, let it bee written that they may be destroyed, and I will ‡ pay ten thousand talents of siluer by the handes of them that haue the charge of this business to bring it into the Kings treasurie.

10 Then the King tooke his ring from his hand, and gaue it vnto Haman the sonne of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Iewes aduersarie.

11 And the King said vnto Haman, Let the siluer be thine, and the people to do with them as it pleaseth thee.

12 Then were the kings ‖ Scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first moneth, and there was written (according to all that Haman commanded) vnto the Kings officers, and to the captaines that were ouer euery prouince, and to the rulers of euery people, and to euery prouince, according to the writing thereof, and to euery people according to their language: in the name of King Ahashuerosh was it written, and sealed with the Kings ring.

13 And the letters were sent ‡ by postes into all the Kings prouinces, to roote out, to kill and to destroy all the Iewes, both yong and old, children and women, in one day vpon the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth, (which is the moneth Adar) and to spoyle them as a pray.

14 The contents of the writing was, that there should bee giuen a commandement in all prouinces, and published vnto all people, that they should bee readie against the same day.

15 And the postes compelled by the Kings commaundement went forth, and the commaundement was giuen in the palace at Shushan: and the King and Haman sate drinking, but the g citie of Shushan was in perplexitie.

CHAP. IIII.

5 Mordecai giueth the Queene knowledge of the cruell decree of the King against the Iewes.
16 She willeth that they pray for her.

NOw when Mordecai perceiued all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackecloth and ashes, and went out into the middes of the citie, and cryed with a great crie and a bitter.

2 And hee came euen before the Kings a gate, but hee might not enter within the Kings gate, being clothed with sackecloth.

3 And in euery prouince, and place, whither the Kings charge and his commission came, there was great sorow among the Iewes, and fasting, and weeping, and mourning, and ‡ many lay in sackecloth & in ashes.

4 ¶ Then Esters maides & her eunuches came and tolde it her: therefore the Queene was very heauie, and sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him, but he receiued it not.

5 Then called Ester Hatach one of the Kings eunuches, whom hee ‡ had appointed to serue her, and gaue him a commandement vnto Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai vnto the street of the citie which was before the Kings gate.

7 And Mordecai tolde him of all that which had come vnto him, & of the ‡ summe of the siluer that Haman had promised to pay vnto the Kings treasures, because of the Iewes for to destroy them.

8 Also he gaue him the ‖ copie of the writing & commission that was giuen at Shushan, to destroy them, that he might shew it vnto Ester, and declare it vnto her, and to charge her, that she should go in to the king, and make petition and supplication before him for her people.

9 ¶ So when Hatach came, hee told Ester the words of Mordecai.

10 Then Ester sayde vnto Hatach, and commanded him to say vnto Mordecai,

11 All the Kings seruants and the people of the Kings prouinces do know, that whosoeuer, man or woman, that commeth to the King into the inner court, which is not called, there is a law of his, that he shall die, except him to whom the King holdeth out the golden rod, that hee may liue. Now I haue not bene called to come vnto the King these thirtie dayes.

12 And they certified Mordecai of Esters words.

13 And Mordecai said, that they should answere Ester thus, Thinke not with thy selfe, that thou shalt escape in the Kings house, more then all the Iewes.

14 For if thou holdest thy peace at this time, ‡ comfort and deliuerance, b shall appeare to the Iewes out of another place, but thou and thy fathers house shall perish: and

a The Persians maner was to kneele downe and reuerence their Kings and such as he appointed in chiefe authoritie, which Mordecai would not doe to this ambitious and proud man.

b Thus we see that there is none so wicked, but they haue their flatterers to accuse the godly.

‡ *Ebr. despised in his eyes.*

c Which answereth to part of March and part of April.

d To know what moneth and day should be good to enterprise this thing, that it might haue good successe: but God disappointed their lots and expectation.

e Conteining part of Februarie and part of March.

f These be the two arguments, which commonly the worldlings and the wicked vse toward princes against the godly, that is, the contempt of their lawes and diminishing of their profit: without respect how God is either pleased or displeased.

‡ *Ebr. weigh.*
‖ *Or, secretarie.*
‡ *Ebr. the hands of postes.*

g To wit, the Iewes that were in Shushan.

a Because hee would aduertise Ester of this cruel proclamation.

‡ *Ebr. sackcloth, and ashes were spread for many.*

‡ *Ebr. had caused to stand before her.*

‡ *Ebr declaration*

‖ *Or, censum.*

‡ *Ebr. breathing.*

b Thus Mordecai spake in the confidence of that faith, which all Gods children ought to haue: which is, that God will deliuer them, though all worldly meanes faile.

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and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdome for ſuch a time?

15 Then Ester commaunded to answere Mordecai,

16 Goe, and aſſemble all the Iewes that are found in Shuſhan, & faſt ye for me, and eate not, nor drinke in three dayes, day nor night. I alſo and my maydes will faſt likewiſe, and ſo will goe in to the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, [d] I perish.

17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Ester had commanded him.

CHAP. V.

1 Ester entreth in to the king, and biddeth him and Haman to a feaſt. 14 Haman prepareth a gallowes for Mordecai.

AND on the third [a] day Ester put on her royall apparell, and ſtood in the court of the kings palace within, ouer againſt the kings houſe: and the king ſate vpon his royal throne in the kings palace ouer againſt the gate of the houſe.

2 And when the king ſaw Ester the Queene ſtanding in the court, ſhe found fauour in his ſight: and the king [b] held out the golden ſcepter that was in his hand: ſo Ester drew neere, and touched the top of the ſcepter.

3 Then ſaid the king vnto her, What wilt thou Queene Ester? and what is thy requeſt? it ſhall bee euen giuen [c] her to the halfe of the kingdome.

4 Then ſaid Ester, If it pleaſe the king, let the king and Haman come this day vnto the banket that I haue prepared for him.

5 And the king ſayd, Cauſe Haman to make haſte that hee may doe as Ester hath ſayd. So the king and Haman came to the banket that Ester had prepared.

6 And the king ſaid vnto Ester, at the banket of [d] wine, What is thy petition, that it may bee giuen thee? and what is thy requeſt, it ſhall euen bee performed vnto the halfe of the kingdome.

7 Then anſwered Ester, and ſaid, My petition and my requeſt is,

8 If I haue found fauour in the ſight of the king, and if it pleaſe the king to giue mee my petition, and to performe my requeſt, let the king and Haman come to the banket that I ſhall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow according to the kings [e] ſaying.

9 Then went Haman forth the ſame day ioyful and with a glad heart. But when Haman ſawe Mordecai in the kings gate, that hee ſtood not vp, nor mooued for him, then was Haman full of indignation at Mordecai.

10 Neuertheleſſe Haman refrained himſelfe: and when hee came home, he ſent and called for his friends, and Zereth his wife.

11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherin the king had [f] promoted him, and how that hee had ſet him aboue the princes and ſeruants of the king.

12 Haman ſayd moreouer, Yea, Ester the Queene did let no man come in with the king to the banket that ſhe had prepared, ſaue me: and to morrowe am I bidden vnto her alſo with the king.

13 But all this doeth nothing auaile me, as long as I ſee Mordecai the Iewe ſitting at the kings gate.

14 Then ſayd Zereth his wife and all his friends vnto him, Let them make a tree of fiftie cubits hie, and to morrow ſpeake thou vnto the king, that Mordecai may be hanged theron: then ſhalt thou go ioyfully with the king vnto the banket. And the thing pleaſed Haman, and he cauſed to make the tree.

CHAP. VI.

1 The king reſteth ouer the Chronicles, and findeth the ſeruice of Mordecai, 10 And commaundeth Haman to cauſe Mordecai to be had in honour.

THE ſame night [†] the king ſlept not, and he commanded to bring the booke of the Records and the Chronicles: and they were read before the king.

2 Then it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigtana, and Tereth two of the kings eunuches, keepers of the doore, who ſought to lay handes on the king Ahaſhuerosh.

3 Then the king ſaid, What honour and dignitie hath bene giuen to Mordecai for this? And the kings ſeruants that miniſtred vnto him, ſayd, There is nothing done for him.

4 And the king ſaid, Who is in the court? (Nowe Haman was come into the inner court of the kings houſe, that hee might ſpeake vnto the king to [b] hang Mordecai on the tree that he had prepared for him.)

5 And the kings ſeruants ſaid vnto him, Behold, Haman ſtandeth in the court. And the king ſaid, Let him come in.

6 And when Haman came in, the king ſaid vnto him, What ſhall be done vnto the man, whom the king will honour? Then Haman thought in his heart, To whome would the king do honour more then to mee?

7 And Haman anſwered the king, The man whom the king would honour,

8 Let them bring for him royal apparel, which the king vſeth to weare, and the horſe that the king rideth vpon, & that the crowne royall may be ſet vpon his head.

9 And let the raiment and the horſe be deliuered by the hand of one of the kings moſt noble princes, and let them apparel the man (whom the king will honour) and cauſe him to ride vpon the horſe through the ſtreete of the city, and proclaime before him, Thus ſhall it be done vnto the man whom the king will honour.

10 Then the king ſaid to Haman, Make haſte, take the raiment and the horſe as thou haſt ſaid, and do ſo vnto Mordecai the Iew, that ſitteth at the kings gate: let nothing faile of all that thou haſt ſpoken.

11 So Haman tooke the raiment and the horſe, and arayed Mordecai, and brought him on horſebacke through the ſtreete of the citie, and proclaimed before him, Thus ſhall it bee done to the man whome the king will honour.

c For to deliuer Gods Church out of theſe preſent dangers,

d I will put my life in danger & referre the ſucceſſe to God, ſeeing it is for his glory, and the deliuerance of his Church.

a To wit, after that the Iewes had begun to faſt.

b Which was a ſigne that her comming was agreeable vnto him, as Chap. 4.11.

c Meaning hereby, that whatſoeuer ſhe asked, ſhould be granted, as Mar. 6.23.

d Becauſe they vſed to drinke exceſſiuely in their bankets, they called the banket by the name of that which was moſt in vſe or eſteemed.

e I will declare what thing I demand.

f Thus the wicked when they are promoted, inſtead of acknowledging their charge and humbling themſelues, waxe ambitious, diſdainefull, and cruell.

g Meaning, the higheſt that could be found

† Ebr. the kings ſleepe departed.

Chap. 2.22.

a For he thought it vnworthy his eſtate to receiue a benefite, and not reward it.

b Thus while the wicked imagine the deſtruction of others they themſelues fall into the ſame pit.

c Meaning hereby, that the king ſhould make him next vnto himſelfe, as Ioſeph hereby was knowen to be next to Pharaoh, Gen. 41.42.

12 And Mordecai came againe to the kings gate, but Haman haſted home mourning, and his head couered.

13 And Haman told Zereth his wife, and all his frendes all that had befallen him. Then ſaid his wiſe men, and Zereth his wife vnto him, If Mordecai be of the ſeed of the Iewes, before whom thou haſt begun to fall, thou ſhalt not preuaile againſt him, d but ſhalt ſurely fall before him.

14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the Kings eunuches and haſted to bring Haman vnto the banket that Ester had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

3 The Queene biddeth the king and Haman againe, and prayeth for her ſelfe and her people. 6 She accuſeth Haman, and he is hanged on the gallowes which he had prepared for Mordecai.

SO the King and Haman came to banket with the Queene Ester.

2 And the king ſaid againe vnto Ester on the ſecond day at the banket of a wine, What is thy petition, Queene Ester, that it may bee giuen thee? and what is thy requeſt? It ſhall be euen performed vnto the halfe of the kingdome.

3 And Ester the Queene anſwered, and ſaid, If haue found fauour in thy ſight, O king, and if it pleaſe the king, let my life be giuen mee at my petition, and my people at my requeſt.

4 For we are ſolde, I, and my people to be deſtroyed, to be ſlaine and to periſh: but if wee were ſold for ſeruants, and for handmaydes, I would haue holde my tongue: although the aduerſarie could not b recompence the kings loſſe.

5 Then King Ahaſhuerosh anſwered, and ſaide vnto the Queene Ester, Who is hee? and where is hee that ‡ pretumeth to doe thus?

6 And Ester ſayde, The aduerſary and enemie is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraide before the king and the Queene.

7 And the king aroſe from the banket of wine in his wrath, and went into the palace garden: But Haman ſtood vp, to make requeſt for his life to the Queene Ester: for he ſaw that there was a miſchiefe prepared for him of the king.

8 And when the king came againe out of the pallace garden, into the houſe where they dranke wine, Haman was d fallen vpon the bed whereon Ester ſate: therefore the king ſaid, Will he force the Queene alſo before me in the houſe? as the word went out of the kings mouth, they e couered Hamans face.

9 And Harbonah one of the eunuches ſayde in the preſence of the king, Behold, there ſtandeth yet the tree in Hamans houſe fiftie cubites hie, which Haman had prepared for Mordecai, that ſpake f good for the king. Then the king ſaid, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the tree that hee had prepared for Mordecai: then was the kings wrath pacified.

CHAP VIII.

1 After the death of Haman was Mordecai exalted. 3 Comfortable letters are ſent vnto the Iewes.

THe ſame day did king Ahaſhuerosh giue the houſe of Haman the aduerſary of the Iewes vnto the Queene Ester. And Mordecai a came before the king: for Ester told what he was b vnto her.

2 And the king tooke off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gaue it vnto Mordecai: and Ester ſet Mordecai ouer the houſe of Haman.

3 And Ester ſpake yet more before the king, and fell downe at his feete weeping, and beſought him that hee would put away the c wickedneſſe of Haman the Agagite, and his deuiſe that he had imagined againſt the Iewes.

4 And the king helde out the golden d ſcepter toward Ester. Then aroſe Ester, and ſtood before the king.

5 And ſaid, If it pleaſe the king, and if I haue found fauour in his ſight, and the thing be acceptable before the king, and I pleaſe him, let it be written, that the letters of the deuiſe of Haman the ſonne of Ammedatha the Agagite, may be called againe, which he wrote to deſtroy the Iewes, that are in all the kings prouinces.

6 For how can I ſuffer and ſee the euill, that ſhall come vnto my people? Or, howe can I ſuffer and ſee the deſtruction of my kinred?

7 And the king Ahaſhuerosh ſaid vnto the Queene Ester, and to Mordecai the Iewe, Beholde, I haue giuen Ester the houſe of Haman, whom they haue hanged vpon the tree, becauſe he e laid hand vpon the Iewes.

8 Write ye alſo for the Iewes, as it liketh you in the kings name, and ſeale it with the kings ring (for the writinge written in the kings name, and ſealed with the kings ring, may no man reuoke.

9 Then were the kings ſcribes called at the ſame time, euen in the third moneth, that is the moneth f Siuan, on the three and twentieth day thereof: and it was written, according to all as Mordecai commanded vnto the Iewes, and to the princes, and captaines, and rulers of the prouinces, which were from India euen vnto Ethiopia, an hundreth and ſeuen and twenty prouinces, vnto euery prouince, according to the g writing thereof, and to euery people after their ſpeech, and to the Iewes, according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahaſhuerosh name, and ſealed it with the kings ring: and hee ſent letters by poſtes on horſebacke, and that rode on beaſtes of price, as dromedaries, and ‖ colts of mares.

11 Wherein the king granted the Iewes (in what cities ſoeuer they were) to gather themſelues together, and to ſtand for h their life, and to roote out, to ſlay and to deſtroy all the power of the people and of the prouince that vexed them, both children and women, and to ſpoyle their goods:

12 Vpon one day in all the prouinces of king Ahaſhuerosh, euen in the thirteenth day

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d Thus God ſometime putteth in the mouth of the very wicked, to ſpeake that thing which he hath decreed ſhall come to paſſe.

a Reade Chap. 5.6.

b Haman could not ſo much proſite the king by this his malice, as he ſhould hinder him by the loſſe of the Iewes, and the tribute which he hath of them.

‡ *Heb. filleth his heart.*

c His conſcience did accuſe him that as he had conſpired the death of innocents, ſo the vengeance of God might fall vpon him for the ſame.

d He fell downe at the beds feete or couch whereupon ſhe ſate, & made requeſt for his life.

e This was the maner of the Perſians, when one was out of the kings fauour.

f Which diſcouered the conſpiracie againſt the king, Chap. 2. 21, 22.

a That is, was receiued into the kings fauour and preſence.

b That he was her vncle, and had brought her vp.

c Meaning, that he ſhould aboliſh the wicked decrees, which he had made for the deſtruction of the Iewes.

d Reade Chap. 5.2.

‖ *Or, went about to ſlay the Iewes.*

e This was the law of the Medes and Perſians, as Dan. 6. 15. notwithſtanding the king reuoked the former decree granted to Haman for Eſters ſake.

f Which containeth part of May and part of June.

g That is, in ſuch letters and language, as was vſuall in euery prouince.

‖ *Or, mules.*

h That is, to defend themſelues againſt all that would aſſaile them.

day of the twelft moneth, which is the moneth i Adar.

i Which hath part of February, and part of March.

13 The copy of the writing was, how there should be a commandement giuen in all and euery prouince, published among all the people, and that the Iewes should be ready against that day to k auenge themselues on their enemies.

k The king gaue them liberty to kill all that did oppresse them.

14 So the postes rode vpon beasts of price, and dromedaries, & went forth with speed, to execute the kings commaundement, and the decree was giuen at Shushan the palace.

15 And Mordecai went out from the King in royall apparell of blue and white, and with a great crowne of gold, and with a garment of fine linnen and purple, and the city of Shushan reioyced and was glad.

16 And vnto the Iewes was come l light and ioy and gladnesse, and honour.

l He sheweth by these words that folow, what this light was.

17 Also in all and euery prouince, and in all ᵍ euery citie and place, where the kings commaundement and his decree came, there was ioy and gladnesse to the Iewes, a feast and good day, and many of the people of the land ᵐ became Iewes: for the feare of the Iewes fell vpon them.

m Conformed themselues to the Iewes religion.

CHAP. IX.

1 At the commandement of the king the Iewes put their aduersaries to death. 14 The ten sonnes of Haman are hanged. 17 The Iewes keepe a feast in remembrance of their deliuerance.

NOw in the twelfth moneth, which is the moneth Adar, vpon the thirteenth day of the same, when the kings commaundement and his decree drew neere to bee put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Iewes hoped to haue power ouer them (but it ª turned contrary: for the Iewes had rule ouer them that hated them)

a This was by Gods great prouidence, who turneth the ioy of the wicked into sorow, and the teares of the godly into gladnesse.

2 The Iewes gathered themselues together into their cities, throughout all the prouinces of the king Ahasuerosh, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt, ᵇ no man could withstand them: for the feare of them fell vpon all people.

b Did them honour and shewed them friendship.

3 And all the rulers of the prouinces, and the princes and the captaines, and the officers of the king ᵇ exalted the Iewes: for the feare of Mordecai fell vpon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the kings house, and the report of him went through all the prouinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Iewes smote all their ᶜ enemies with strokes of the sword and slaughter, and destruction, ᵈ did what they would vnto those that hated them.

c Which had conspired their death by the permission of the wicked Haman.

d Besides those three hundreth, that they slew the second day, as verse 15.

6 And at Shushan the palace slew the Iewes and destroyed ᵉ fiue hundred men.

e Whereby they declared that this was Gods iust iudgement vpon the enemies of his Church, forasmuch as they sought not their owne gaine, but to execute his vengeance.

7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizatha,

10 The ten sonnes of Haman, the sonne of Ammedatha, the aduersary of the Iewes slew they: but they layd not their hands ᶠ on the spoyle.

11 On the same day came the number of those that were slaine, vnto the palace of Shushan before the king.

12 And the King layd vnto the Queene Esther, The Iewes haue slaine in Shushan the palace and destroyed fiue hundreth men, and the ten sonnes of Haman; what haue they done in the rest of the kings prouinces? and what is thy petition, that it may bee giuen thee? or what is thy request moreouer, that it may bee performed?

13 Then saide Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted also to morrow to the Iewes that are in Shushan, to doe according ᵍ vnto this dayes decree, that they may hang vpon the tree Hamans tenne sonnes.

14 And the king charged to doe so, and the decree was giuen at Shushan, and they hanged Hamans ten sonnes.

15 ¶ So the Iewes that were in Shushan assembled themselues vpon the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar, ᵉ slew three hundreth men in Shushan, but on the spoyle they layd not their hand.

f This she requireth, not for desire of vengeance, but with zeale to see Gods iudgements executed against his enemies.

16 And the rest of the Iewes that were in the kings prouinces assembled themselues and stood for ʰ their liues, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that ᵇ hated them, seuenty and fiue thousand: but they layd not their hand on the spoyle.

g Reade Chap. 8. 11.

h Meaning, that they layd hands on none, that were not the enemies of God.

17 This they did on the ⁱ thirteenth day of the moneth Adar, and rested the fourteenth day thereof, and kept it a day of feasting and ioy.

i Meaning, in all places saue in Shushan.

18 But the Iewes that were in Shushan assembled themselues on the thirteenth day, and on the fourteenth thereof, and they rested on the fifteenth of the same, and kept it a day of feasting and ioy.

19 Therefore the Iewes of the villages that dwelt in the vnwalled townes, ᵏ kept the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar with ioy and feasting, euen a ioyfull day, and euery one sent presents vnto his neighbour.

k As the Iewes doe euen to this day, calling it in the Persian language Purim, that is, the day of lots.

20 ¶ And Mordecai ˡ wrote these words, and sent letters vnto all the Iewes that were through all the prouinces of the king Ahasuerosh, both neere and farre,

l The Iewes gather hereof that Mordecai wrote this story, but it seemeth that he wrote but onely these letters, and decrees that follow.

21 Inioyning them that they shoulde keepe the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, euery yeere,

22 According to the dayes wherein the Iewes rested from their enemies, and the moneth, which was turned vnto them from sorow to ioy, and from mourning into a ioyfull day, to keepe them the dayes of feasting and ioy, and ᵐ to send presents euery man to his neighbour, and gifts to the poore.

m He setteth before our eyes the vse of this feast, which was for the remembrance of Gods deliuerance, the maintenance of mutuall friendship, and reliefe of ⁊ poore.

n Reade Chap. 3. 7.

23 And the Iewes promised to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written vnto them,

24 Because Haman the sonne of Hammedatha the Agagite all the Iewes aduersarie, had imagined against the Iewes, to destroy them, and had ᵒ cast Pur (that is a lot) to consume and destroy them.

25 And

o That is, Ester.

25 And when o she came before the king, he commanded by letters, Let his wicked p deuise (which hee imagined against the Iewes) turne vpon his owne head, and let them hang him and his sonnes on the tree.

26 Therefore they called these dayes Purim, by the name of Pur, and because of all the wordes of this letter, and of that which they had seen beside this, and of that which had come vnto them.

27 The Iewes also ordeined and promised for them and for their seede, and for all that ioyned vnto them, that they would not ‖ faile to obserue those q two dayes euery yeere, according to their writing, and according to their season,

28 And that these dayes should bee remembred and kept throughout euery generation and euery family, and euery prouince, and euery city: euen these dayes of Purim should not faile among the Iewes, and the memoriall of them should not perish from their seede.

29 And the Queene Ester the daughter of Abihail & Mordecai the Iew wrote with all ‖ authority (to confirme this letter of Purim the second time)

30 And he sent letters vnto all the Iewes to the hundreth and seuen and twenty prouinces of the kingdom of Ahashuerosh, with

p These are the wordes of the kings commandement to disanull Hamans wicked enterprise.

‖ *Or, transgresse.*

q Meaning, the fourteenth and the fifteenth day of the moneth Adar.

* words of peace and truth,

31 To confirme these dayes of Purim according to their seasons, as Mordecai the Iew and Ester the Queene had appointed them, and as they had promised for themselues, and for their seed with * fasting and prayer.

32 And the decree of Ester confirmed these wordes of Purim, and was written in the booke.

r Which were letters declaring vnto them quietnes, & assurance, and putting them out of doubt and feare.

* *Ebr. soules.*

s That they would obserue this feast with fasting and earnest prayer, which in Ebrew is signified by this word (their cry.)

CHAP. X.

The estimation and authoritie of Mordecai.

AND the king Ahashuerosh layd a tribute vpon the land, and vpon the yles of the sea.

2 And all the actes of his power, and of his might, and the declaration of the dignitie of Mordecai, wherewith the king magnified him, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Iewe was the second vnto king Ahashuerosh, and great among the Iewes, and * accepted among the multitude of his brethren, who procured the wealth of his people, and spake peaceably to all his seede.

t These three points are here set foorth as commendable, and necessary for him that is in authority: to haue the fauour of the people, to procure their welth, and to be gentle and louing toward them.

Iob.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this history is set before our eyes the example of a singular patience. For this holy man Iob was not only extremely afflicted in outward things and in his body, but also in his minde and conscience, by the sharpe tentations of his wife, and chiefe friends: which by their vehement words, and subtil disputations brought him almost to despaire: for they set foorth God as a seuere Iudge, and mortall enemy vnto him which had cast him off, therefore in vaine hee should seeke vnto him for succour. These friends came vnto him vnder pretence of consolation, and yet they tormented him more then did all his affliction. Notwithstanding he did constantly resist them, and at length had good successe. In this story wee haue to marke that Iob maintaineth a good cause, but handleth it euill: againe, his aduersaries haue an euill matter, but they defend it craftily. For Iob held that God did not alway punish men according to their sinnes, but that he had secret iudgements, whereof man knew not the cause, and therefore man could not reason against God therein, but he should be conuicted. Moreouer, he was assured that God had not reiected him, yet through his great torments and affliction, hee brasteth forth into many inconueniences both of wordes and sentences, and sheweth himselfe as a desperate man in many things, and as one that would resist God: and this is his good cause which he doth not handle well. Againe, the aduersaries maintaine with many goodly arguments, that God punisheth cõtinually according to the trespasse, grounding vpon Gods prouidence, his iustice, and mans sinnes, yet their intention is euill: for they labour to bring Iob into despaire, and so they maintaine an euill cause. Ezekiel commendeth Iob as a iust man, Ezek. 14 14 & Iames setteth out his patience for an Example, Iames 5.11.

CHAP. I.

1 The holinesse, riches, and care of Iob for his children. 10 Satan hath permission to tempt him. 13 He tempteth him by taking away his substance and his children. 20 His faith and patience.

a That is, of the countrey of Idumea, as Lament. 4 21. or bordering thereupon: for the land was called by the name of Vz the sonne of Dishan the sonne of Seir, Gen 36 28.

THere was a man in the lande of a Vz called Iob, & this man b was an vpright and iust man, c one that feared God, and eschewed euill.

b Forasmuch as hee was a Gentile and not a Iew, and yet is pronounced vpright, and without hypocrisie, it declareth that among the heathen God hath his.

c Hereby is declared, what is meant by an vpright and iust man.

2 And hee had seuen sonnes, and three daughters.

3 His * substance also was seuen thousand sheepe, and three thousand camels, and fiue hundreth yoke of oxen, and fiue hundreth she asses, & his familie was very great, so that this man was the greatest of all the ‡ men of e the East.

4 And his sonnes went and banqueted in their houses, euery one his day, and sent, and called their three sisters to eate and to drinke with them.

5 And when the daies of their banqueting were

d His children & riches are declared to commend his vertue in his prosperity, & his patience & constancie, when God had taken them from him.

* *Ebr. cheildren.*

‡ Meaning, the Arabians, Chaldeans, Idumeans, &c.

were gone about, Iob sent, and f sanctified them, and rose vp earely in the morning, and s offred burnt offrings according to the number of them all. For Iob thought, It may be that my sonnes haue sinned, and h blasphemed God in their hearts: thus did Iob i euery day.

6 ¶ Now on a day, when the k children of God came and stoode before the Lord, Satan m came also among them.

7 Then the Lord sayde vnto Satan, Whence n commest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, saying, o From compassing the earth to and fro, and from walking in it.

8 And the Lord said vnto Satan, Hast thou not considered my seruant Iob, how none is like him in the earth, an vpright and iust man, one that feareth God, and escheweth euill?

9 Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Iob feare God for p nought?

10 Hast thou not made an q hedge about him and about his house, and about all that hee hath on euery side? thou hast blessed the worke of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But stretch out now thine hand, and r touch all that hee hath, to see if hee will not blaspheme thee to thy s face.

12 Then the Lord said vnto Satan, Lo, all that hee hath is in t thine hand: onely vpon himselfe shalt thou not stretch out thine hand. So Satan departed from the u presence of the Lord.

13 ¶ And on a day, when his sonnes and his daughters were eating, and drinking wine in their eldest brothers house,

14 There came a messenger vnto Iob, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding in their places,

15 And the x Shabeans came violently, and tooke them: yea, they haue slaine the seruants with the edge of the sword: but I onely am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 And whiles he was yet speaking, another came, & said, The y fire of God is fallen from the heauen, & hath burnt vp the sheepe and the seruants, and deuoured them: but I onely am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 And whiles he was yet speaking, another came, and said, The Caldeans set out three bands, and fell vpon the camels, and haue taken them, & haue slaine the seruants with the edge of the sword: but I onely am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 And whiles he was yet speaking, came another, and sayde, Thy z sonnes, and thy daughters were eating, and drinking wine in their eldest brothers house,

19 And behold, there came a great winde from beyond the wildernesse, and smote the foure corners of the house, which fell vpon the children, and they are dead, and I onely am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Iob arose, and a rent his garment, and shaued his head, and fell downe vpon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, b Naked came I out of my mothers wombe, and naked shall I returne b thither: the Lord hath giuen, and the Lord hath taken it: c blessed bee the Name of the Lord.

22 In all this did not Iob sinne, nor charge God d foolishly.

f That is, commanded them to be sanctified: meaning, that they should consider the faults, that they had committed, and reconcile themselues for the same.

g That is, he offered for euery one of his children an offering of reconciliation, which declared his religion toward God, and the care that he had toward his children.

h In Ebrew it is, and blessed God, which is sometime taken for blaspheming and cursing, as here, and 1. King. 21. 10. and 13 &c.

i While the feast lasted.

k Meaning, the Angels which are called the sonnes of God, because they are willing to execute his will.

l Because our infirmitie cannot comprehend God in his maiestie, he is set forth vnto vs as a King, that our capacity may bee able to vnderstand that which is spoken of him.

m This declareth that although Satan be aduersarie to God, yet he is compelled to obey him, and to doe him all homage, without whose permission and appointment hee can doe nothing. n This question is asked for our infirmitie: for God knew whence hee came. o Herein is described the nature of Satan, which is euer raging for his pray, 1. Pet. 5. 8. p Hee feareth thee not for thine owne sake, but for the commoditie that hee receiueth by thee. q Meaning, the grace of God, which serued Iob, as a rampart, against all temptations. r This signifieth, that Satan is not able to touch vs, but it is God that must doe it. s Satan noteth the vice, whereunto men are commonly subiect: that is, to hide their rebellion, and to bee content with God in the time of prosperitie, which vice is disclosed in the time of their aduersitie. t God giueth not Satan power ouer man to gratifie him, but to declare that hee hath no power ouer man, but that which God giueth him. u That is, went to execute that which God had permitted him to doe: for else he can neuer go out of Gods presence. x That is, the Arabians. y Which thing was also done by the craft of Satan, to tempt Iob the more grieuously, forasmuch as he might see, that not only men were his enemies, but that God made warre against him.

z The last plague declareth, that when one plague is past, which seemeth hard to be borne, God can send vs another farre more grieuous, to try his, and teach them obedience.

a Which came not of impatiencie, but declareth that the children of God are not insensible like blockes, but that in their patience they feele affliction & griefe of mind: yet they keepe a meane herein, and rebell not against God, as the wicked doe. *Eccles 5. 14. 1. tim. 6. 7.* b That is, into the belly of the earth, which is the mother of all. c Hereby he confesseth that God is iust and good, although his hand be sore vpon him. d But declared that God did all things according to iustice and equitie.

CHAP. II.

6 Satan hath permission to assault Iob. 9 His wife tempteth him to forsake God. 11 His three friends visit him.

A Nd on a day the a children of God came and stood before the Lord, and b Satan came also among them, and stood before the Lord.

2 Then the Lord sayde vnto Satan, Whence commest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From compassing the earth to and fro, and from walking in it.

3 And the Lord sayd vnto Satan, Hast thou not considered my seruant Iob, how none is like him in the earth, c an vpright and iust man, one that feareth God, and escheweth euill? for yet he continueth in his vprightnesse, d although thou mouedst mee against him, to destroy him e without cause.

4 And Satan answered the Lord, and sayd, f Skinne for skinne, and all that euer a man hath, will he giue for his life.

5 But stretch now out thine hand, and touch his g bones, and his flesh, to see if he wil not blaspheme thee to thy face.

6 Then the Lord said vnto Satan, Loe, he is in thine hand, but h saue his life.

7 ¶ So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord, and smote Iob with sore i boiles,

a That is, the Angels, as Chap. 1. 6 b Reade Chap. 1. 6. *Ezek. 14. 14. ebap. 1. 1.*

c He prooueth Iobs integritie by this, that he ceased not to feare God when his plagues were grieuously vpon him.

d That is, when thou haddest nought against him, or when thou wast not able to bring thy purpose to passe.

e Hereby hee meant that a mans owne skin is dearer vnto him then another mans. f Meaning his owne person. g Thus Satan can go no further in punishment, then God hath limited him. h This sore was most vehement, wherewith also God plagued the Egyptians, Exo. 9. 9. and threateneth to punish the rebellious people, Deut. 28. 27. So that this tentation was most grieuous: for if Iob had measured Gods fauour by the vehemency of his disease, hee might haue thought that God had cast him off.

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from the sole of his foot vnto his crowne.

8 And hee tooke a [a] potcheard to scrape him, and he sate downe among the ashes.

9 Then said his [b] wife vnto him, Dostt thou [l] continue yet in thine vprightnesse? [m] Blaspheme God, and die.

10 But hee said vnto her, Thou speakest like a foolish woman: what? shall wee receiue good at the hand of God, and not [n] receiue euil? In all this did not Iob sinne with his [o] lips.

11 Nowe when Iobs three [p] friendes heard of all this euill that was come vpon him, they came euery one from his owne place, to wit, Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they were agreed together to come to lament with him, and to comfort him.

12 So when they lift vp their eyes afarre off, they knew him not: therefore they lift vp their voyces and wept, and euery one of them rent his garment, and [q] sprinkled dust vpon their heades towarde the heauen.

13 So they sate by him vpon the ground seuen dayes, and seuen nights, and none spake a word vnto him: for they saw that the griefe was very [r] great.

i As destitute of all other helpe and meanes, and wonderfully afflicted with the sorrow of his disease.

k Satan vseth the same instrument against Iob, as he did against Adam.

l Meaning, what gainest thou to serue God, seeing he thus plagueth thee, as though hee were thine enemie?

This is the most grieuous tentation of the faithfull, when their faith is assailed, and when Satan goeth about to perswade them, that they trust in God in vaine.

m For death was appointed to the blasphemer, and so thee meane that he should be soone rid out of his paine n That is, to be patient in aduersitie, as we reioyce when he sendeth prosperitie, and so to acknowledge him to be both merciful and iust. o Hee so bridled his affections, that his tongue through impatiencie, did not murmure against God. p Which were men of authoritie, wise and learned, and as the Septuagint write, Kings, & came to comfort him, but when they saw how he was visited, they conceiued an euill opinion of him, as though he had bene but an hypocrite, and so iustly plagued of God for his sins. q This was also a ceremonie, which they vsed in those countreys, as the renting of their clothes in signe of sorrow, &c. r And therefore thought that hee would not haue hearkened to their counsell.

CHAP. III.

1 Iob complaineth, and curseth the day of his birth. 11 Hee desireth to die, as though death were the end of all mans miserie.

AFterward [a] Iob opened his mouth, and [b] cursed his day.

2 And Iob cried out, and said,

3 Let the day [c] perish wherein I was borne, and the night when it was said, There is a man child conceiued.

4 Let that day be darkenesse, let not God [d] regard it from aboue, neither let the light shine vpon it,

5 But let darkenesse, and the [e] shadow of death staine it: let the cloud remain vpon it, and let them make it fearful as a bitter day.

6 Let darkenesse possesse that night, let it not be ioyned vnto the daies of the yeere, nor let it come vnto the count of the moneths.

7 Yea, desolate be that night, and let no ioy be in it.

a The seuen daies ended, chap. 2. 13.

b Here Iob beginneth to feele his great imperfection in this battel betweene the spirit and the flesh, Rom. 7. 18. and after a maner yeeldeth, yet in the end hee getteth victorie, though he was in the meane time greatly wounded.

c Man ought not to bee wearie of their life, and curse it because of the infirmities that it is subiect vnto, but because they are giuen to sinne and rebellion against God. d Let it bee put out of the number of dayes, and let it not haue the light of the sunne to separate it from the night. e That is, most obscure darkenesse, which maketh them afraid of death that are in it,

8 Let them that curse the day (being ready to renew their mourning) curse it.

9 Let the starres of that twilight bee dimme through darkenesse of it: let it looke for light, but haue none: neither let it [f] see the dawning of the day,

10 Because it shut not vp the doores of my mothers wombe: nor hidde sorow from mine eyes.

11 [g] Why died not I in the birth? or why died not I when I came out of the wombe?

12 Why did the knees preuent me? and why did I sucke the breasts?

13 For so should I now haue [h] lien and bene quiet, I should haue slept then, and bene at rest,

14 With the kings and counsellers of the earth, which haue builded themselues [i] desolate places:

15 Or with the princes that had gold, and haue filled their houses with siluer.

16 Or why was I not hid, as an vntimely birth, either as infants, which haue not seene the light?

17 The wicked [k] haue there ceased from their tyrannie, and there they that laboured valiantly, are at rest.

18 The [l] prisoners rest together, and heare not the voyce of the oppressour.

19 There are small and great, and the seruant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is the light giuen to him that is in miserie? and [m] life vnto them that haue heauy hearts?

21 Which long for death, and if it come not, they would euen search it more then treasures:

22 Which ioy for gladnesse, and reioyce when they can finde the graue.

23 Why is the light giuen to the man whose way is [n] hidde, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing commeth before I eate, and my roarings are powred out like the water.

25 For the thing I [o] feared, is come vpon me, and the thing that I was afrayd of, is come vnto me.

26 I had no peace, neither had I quietnes, neither had I rest, [p] yet trouble is come.

f Which curse the day of their birth, let them lay that curse vpon this night.

g Let it be alwayes night, and neuer see day.

‡ *Ebr. the eye lids of the morning.*

h This and that which followeth, declareth that when man giueth place to his passions, he is not able to stay nor keepe measure, but runneth headlong into all euill, except God call him backe.

i The vehemencie of his afflictions made him to vtter these words, as though death were the ende of all miseries, & as if there were no life after this, which he speaketh not as though it were so, but the infirmities of his flesh caused him to braste out into this errour of the wicked.

k Hee noteth the ambition of them, which for their pleasure, as it were change the order of nature, and build in most barren places, because they would here-by make their names immortall. l That is, by death the cruelcie of the tyrants hath ceased. m All they that sustaine any kind of calamity & misery in this world: which he speaketh after the iudgement of the flesh. n He sheweth that the benefites of God are not comfortable, except the heart be ioyful, and the conscience quieted. o That seeth not how to come out of his miseries, because hee dependeth not on Gods prouidence. p In my prosperitie I looked euer for a fall, as is come now to passe q The feare of troubles that should ensue, caused my prosperity to seeme to me as nothing, and yet I am not exempted from trouble.

CHAP. IIII.

5 Iob is reprehended of impatiencie, 7 and vniustice, 17 and of the presumption of his owne righteousnesse.

THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and sayd,

2 If wee assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieued? but [a] who can withhold himselfe from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast taught many, and [b] hast

a Seeing this thine impatiencie.

b Thou hast cõforted others in their afflictions, & canst not now comfort thy selfe.
c Thus he concludeth that Iob was but an hypocrite, and had no true feare, nor trust in God.
d Hee concludeth that Iob was reprooued, seeing that God handled him so extremely, which is the argument that the earnall men make against the children of God.
e They that doe euill, cannot but receiue euill
f He sheweth that God needeth no great preparation to destroy his enemies: for he can doe it with the blast of his mouth.
g Though men according to their office doe not punish tyrants (whom for their cruelty he compareth to lions, and their children to their whelpes) yet God both is able, and his iustice will punish them
h A thing that I knew not before, was declared vnto me by a vision: that is, that whosoeuer thinketh himselfe iust, shall be found a sinner, when hee commeth before God.
i In these visions which God sheweth to his creatures, there is euer a certaine feare ioined, that y autoritie thereof might be had in greater reuerence.
k When all things were quiet, or when the feare was somewhat asswaged, as God appeared to Elijah, 1 king. 19 12.
l He proueth that if God did punish the innocent, the creature should be more iust then the Creator, which were a blasphemie.
m If God find imperfection in his Angels, when they are not maincained by his power, how much more shall he lay folly to mans charge, when he would iustifie himselfe against God?
n That is, in this mortall body subiect to corruption, 2. Cor. 5 1.
o They see death continually before their eyes, & daily approching toward them.
p No man for all this doeth consider it.
q That is, before that any of them were so wise as to thinke on death.

b hast strengthened the weake hands.
4 Thy words haue confirmed him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the weake knees.
5 But now it is come vpon thee, & thou art grieued: it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not this thy feare, thy confidence, thy patience, and the vprightnesse of thy waies?
7 Remember, I pray thee: who euer perished being an innocent? or where were the vpright destroyed?
8 As I haue seene, they that plough iniquitie, and sow wickednes, reape the same.
9 With the blast of God they perish, and with the breath of his nostrels are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the Lion, and the voice of the Lionesse and the teeth of the Lions whelpes are broken.
11 The Lion perisheth for lacke of pray, and the Lions whelpes are scattered abroad.
12 But a thing was brought vnto me secretly, and mine eare hath receiued a little thereof.
13 In the thoughts of the visions of the night, when sleepe falleth on men,
14 Feare came vpon me, and dread, which made all my bones to tremble.
15 And the winde passed before me, and made the haires of my flesh to stand vp.
16 Then stoode one, and I knewe not his face: an image was before mine eyes, and in silence heard I a voyce, saying,
17 Shall man be more iust then God? or shall a man be more pure then his maker?
18 Behold, he found no stedfastnes in his seruants, and layd folly vpon his Angels.
19 How much more in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which shall be destroyed before the moth?
20 They bee destroyed from the morning vnto the euening: they perish for euer without regard.
21 Doth not their dignitie go away with them? doe they not die, and that without wisdome?

CHAP. V.

1, 2 Eliphaz sheweth the difference betweene the children of God and the wicked. 3 The fall of the wicked. 9 Gods power, who destroyeth the wicked, and deliuereth hu.

CAll now, if any will answere thee, and to which of the saints wilt thou turne?
2 Doubtlesse anger killeth the foolish, and enuie slayeth the idiot.
3 I haue seene the foolish well rooted, & suddenly I cursed his habitation, saying,
4 His children shall bee farre from saluation, & they shalbe destroyed in the gate, and none shall deliuer them.
5 The hungry shall eate vp his haruest: yea, they shal take it from among thornes, and the thirstie shall drinke vp their substance.
6 For miserie commeth not forth of the dust, neither doth affliction spring out of the earth.
7 But man is borne vnto trauaile, as the sparkes flie vpward.
8 But I would enquire at God, and turne my talke vnto God:
9 Which doeth great things and vnsearchable, and marueilous things without number.
10 He giueth raine vpon the earth, and powreth water vpon the streetes,
11 And setteth vp on high them that bee lowe, that the sorowfull may bee exalted to saluation.
12 He scattereth the deuises of the crafty: so that their hands cannot accomplish that which they doe enterprise.
13 He taketh the wise in their craftines, & the counsell of the wicked is made foolish.
14 They meete with darkenesse in the day time, and grope at noone day, as in the night.
15 But hee saueth the poore from the sword, from their mouth, & from the hand of the violent man,
16 So that the poore hath his hope, but iniquitie shall stop her mouth.
17 Behold, blessed is the man whom God correcteth: therefore refuse not thou the chastising of the Almightie.
18 For hee maketh the wound, and bindeth it vp; hee smiteth, and his handes make whole.
19 He shall deliuer thee in six troubles, and in the seuenth the euill shall not touch thee.
20 In famine hee shall deliuer thee from death: and in battell from the power of the sword.
21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of

a Hee willeth Iob to consider the example of all them that haue liued or do liue godly, whether any of them be like vnto him in raging against God as hee doeth.
b Murmuring against God in afflictions, increaseth the paine and vexeth mans folly.
c That is, the sinner that hath not the feare of God.
d I was not moued with his prosperitie, but knew that God had cursed him and his.
e Though God sometime suffer the fathers to passe in this world, yet his iudgements will light vpon their wicked children.
f By publique iudgements they shall bee condemned and none shall pitie them.
g Though there be but two or three eares left in the hedges, yet these shalbe taken from him.
h That is, the earth is not the cause of barrennesse and mans misery, but his owne sinne.

i Which declareth that sinne is euer in our corrupt nature: for before sinne it was not subiect to paine and affliction.
k If I suffered as thou doest, I would seeke vnto God
l He counselleth Iob to humble himselfe to God, to whom all creatures are subiect, and whose workes declare that man is inexcusable except hee glorifie God in all his works.
m He sheweth by particular examples what the workes of God are 1. Cor. 3. 19.
n In things plaine and euident they shew themselues fooles in stead of wise men.
o This declareth that God punisheth the worldly wise, as he threatned, Deu. 28. 29.
p That is, he that humbleth himselfe before God.
q He compareth the slaunder of the wicked to sharpe swords.
r If the wicked be compelled at Gods works to stop their mouthes, much more they that professe God.
s He will send trouble after trouble, that his children may not for one time, but continually trust in him: but they shall haue a comfortable issue, euen in the greatest and the last, which is here called the seuenth.

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t Whereas the wicked lament in their troubles, thou shalt haue occasion to reioyce.

u When we are in Gods fauour, all creatures shal serue vs.

x God shall so blesse thee, that thou shalt haue occasion to reioyce in all things, and not to be offended.

y Though the children of God haue not alwaies this promise performed, yet God doeth recompense it otherwise to their aduantage.

the tongue, and thou shalt not be afraid of destruction when it commeth.

22 But thou shalt t laugh at destruction and dearth, and shalt not bee afraid of the beast of the earth.

23 For the stones of the field u shall be in league with thee, and the beastes of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that peace shall be in thy tabernacle, & thou shalt visite thine habitation, and shalt not x sinne.

25 Thou shalt perceiue also, that thy seed shall be great, and thy posterity as the grasse of the earth.

26 Thou shalt goe to thy graue in y a full age, as a ricke of corne commeth in due season into the barne.

27 Lo, z thus haue wee enquired of it, and so it is: heare this, and know it for thy selfe.

z We haue learned these points by experience, that God punisheth not the innocent, that man cannot compare in iustice with him, that the hypocrites shall not long prosper, & that the affliction which man sustaineth, commeth for his owne sinne.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Iob answereth, that his paine is more grieuous then his fault.* 8 *He wisheth death.* 14 *He complaineth of his friends.*

BVt Iob answered, and sayd,

2 Oh that my griefe were wel weighed, and my miseries were layd together in the a balance!

3 For it would bee now heauier then the sand of the sea: therfore my words are b swallowed vp.

4 For the arrowes of the Almightie are in mee, the venime whereof doeth drinke vp my spirit, and the terrors of God c fight against me.

5 Doeth the d wilde asse bray when hee hath grasse? or loweth the oxe when he hath fodder?

6 That which is e vnsauorie, shall it be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egge?

7 Such things as my soule refused to touch, as were sorowes, are my meate.

8 Oh that I might haue my f desire, and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 That is, that God would destroy me: that he would let his hand go, and cut mee off.

10 Then should I yet haue comfort, (though I burne with sorow, let him not spare) because I haue not denied the words of the Holy one.

11 What power haue I that I should endure? or what is mine g end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of braste?

13 Is it not so, that there is in mee no h helpe? & that i strength is taken from me?

14 He that is in miserie ought to be comforted of his neighbour: but men haue forsaken the feare of the Almightie.

15 My brethren haue deceiued me as a k brooke, and as the riuing of the riuers they passe away.

16 Which are blackish with ice, & wherein the snow is hid.

17 But in time they are dryed vp with heat, and are consumed: and when it is hote, they faile out of their places.

18 Or they depart from their way & course, yea, they vanish and perish.

19 They that goe to Tema, l considered them, and they that go to Sheba, waited for them.

20 But they were confounded: when they hoped, they came thither and were ashamed.

21 Surely now are ye like m vnto it: ye haue seene my fearefull plague, and are afraid.

22 Was it because I sayd, Bring vnto me? or giue a reward to me of your n substance?

23 And deliuer me frō the enemies hand, or ransome me out of the hand of tyrants?

24 Teach me, & I wil o hold my tongue: and cause me to vnderstand wherein I haue erred.

25 How p stedfast are the words of righteousnesse? and what can any of you iustly reproue?

26 Doe ye imagine to reproue q words, that the talke of the afflicted should be as the wind?

27 Ye make your wrath to fall vpon the fatherlesse, and dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content to r looke vpon me: for I will not lie before your face.

29 Turne, I pray you, let there be none iniquitie: returne, I say, and ye shall see yet my righteousnesse in that behalfe. Is there iniquitie in my tongue? doth not my mouth feele sorowes?

a To know whether I complaine without iust cause.

b My griefe is so great, that I lacke words to expresse it.

c Which declareth that he was not onely afflicted in body, but wounded in conscience, which is the greatest battell that the faithfull can haue.

d Thinke you that I cry without cause, seeing the bruit beasts doe not complaine when they haue what they would?

e Can a mans taste delite in that that hath no sauour? meaning that none take pleasure in affliction, seeing they cannot away with things that are vnsauorie to the mouth.

f Herein he sinneth double, both in wishing through impatiencie to die, and also in desiring of God a thing which was not agreeable to his will.

g That is, let me die at once before I come to distrust in Gods promise through mine impaciencie

h He feareth lest hee should be brought to inconueniences, if his sorowes should continue.

i Haue I not sought to helpe my selfe as much as was possible? Or, *wisedome, or Law.*

k He compareth those friends which comfort vs not in misery, to a brooke which in summer when we needs waters, is drie, in winter is hard frosen, and in the time of raine, when we haue no needs, ouerfloweth with water.

l They that passe thereby to goe into the hote countreyes of Arabia, thinke to find water there, to quench their thirst, but they are deceiued.

m That is, like to this brooke, which deceiueth them that thinke to haue water there in their need, as I looked for consolation at your hands.

n He toucheth the worldlings, which for no necessitie will giue part of their goods, and much more these men, which wouldnot giue him cōfortable words.

o Shew me wherein I haue erred, and I will confesse my faule.

p He that hath a good conscience, doeth not shrinke at the sharp words or reasoning of others, except they be able to perswade him by reason.

q Do you cauil at my words, because I should be thought to speake foolishly which am now in misery?

r Consider whether I speake as one that is driuen to this impatiencie through very sorow, or as an hypocrite as you condemne me.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Iob sheweth the shortnes & misery of mans life.*

IS there not an appointed time to man vpon earth? and are not his dayes as the dayes of an s hireling?

2 As a seruant longeth for the shadowe, and as an hireling looketh for the end of his worke,

3 So haue I had as an inheritance the t moneths of vanitie, and painefull nights haue bene appointed vnto me.

4 If I layd me downe, I said, When shall

s Hath not an hired seruant some rest & ease? then in this my continuall torment I am worse then an hireling.

t My sorowe hath continued from moneth to moneth, and I haue looked for hope in vaine.

shall I arise? and measuring the euening I am euen full with tossing to and fro vnto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with wormes and filthinesse of the dust, my skinne is rent, and become horrible.

6 My dayes are swifter then a weauers shittle, and they are spent without hope.

7 Remember that my life is but a winde, and that mine eye shall not returne to see pleasure.

8 The eie that hath seene me shall see me no more: thine eyes are vpon me, and I shal be no longer.

9 As the cloud vanisheth and goeth away, so hee that goeth downe to the graue shall come vp no more.

10 He shall returne no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not spare my mouth, but will speake in the trouble of my spirit, and mutter in the bitternesse of my minde.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale fish, that thou settest me in ward?

13 When I say, My couch shall refresh me, and my bed shal bring comfort to my meditation,

14 Then fearest thou me with dreames, and affrightest me with visions.

15 Therefore my soule chuseth rather to bee strangled and to die, then to be in my bones.

16 I abhorre it, I shall not liue alway: spare me then, for my dayes are but vanitie.

17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnifie him, and that thou settest thine heart vpon him?

18 And doest visite him euery morning, and triest him euery moment?

19 Howe long will it be yer thou depart from me? thou wilt not let me alone whiles I may swallow my spittle.

20 I haue sinned, what shall I doe vnto thee, O thou preseruer of men, why hast thou set me as a marke against thee, so that I am a burden vnto my selfe?

21 And why doest thou not pardon my trespasse, and take away mine iniquitie? for now shal I sleepe in the dust, and if thou seekest me in the morning, I shal not be found.

CHAP. VIII.

Bildad sheweth that Iob is a sinner, bee cause God punisheth the wicked, & preserueth the good.

THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, and sayd,

2 Howe long wilt thou talke of these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be as a mighty winde?

3 Doth God peruert iudgement? or doth the Almighty subuert iustice?

4 If thy sonnes haue sinned against him and he haue sent them into the place of their iniquitie,

5 Yet if thou wilt early seeke vnto God, and pray to the Almightie,

6 If thou be pure and vpright, then surely he will awake vp vnto thee, and bee will make the habitation of thy righteousnesse prosperous.

7 And though thy beginning be small, yet thy latter end shall greatly increase.

8 Inquire therefore, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thy selfe to search of their fathers.

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and are ignorant: for our dayes vpon earth are but a shadow)

10 Shall not they teach thee and tel thee, and vtter the words of their heart?

11 Can a rush grow without mire? or can the grasse grow without water?

12 Though it were in greene and not cut downe, yet shall it wither before any other herbe.

13 So are the paths of al that forget God, and the hypocrites hope shall perish.

14 His confidence also shalbe cut off, and his trust shalbe as the house of a spider.

15 She shall leane vpon his house, but it shall not stand: she shall hold him fast by it, yet shall it not endure.

16 The tree is greene before the sunne, and the branches spread ouer the garden thereof.

17 The rootes thereof are wrapped about the fountaine, and are folden about the house of stones.

18 If any plucke it from his place, and it deny, saying, I haue not seene thee,

19 Behold, it will reioyce by this meanes, that it may grow in another mold.

20 Behold, God will not cast away an vpright man, neither will he take the wicked by the hand,

21 Till hee haue filled thy mouth with laughter, and thy lips with ioy.

22 They that hate thee shall bee clothed with shame, and the dwelling of the wicked shall not remaine.

a This signifieth that his disease was rare & most horrible.

d This hee speaketh in respect of the breuitie of mans life, which passeth without hope of returning: in consideration whereof, he desireth God to haue compassion on him.

e Thou behold mee in thine anger, I shal not be able to stand in thy presence.

f Shall no more enioy this mortall life.

g Seeing I can by none other meanes comfort my selfe, I will declare my griefe by words: and thus he speaketh as one ouercome with griefe of minde.

h Am not I a poore wretch? what needest thou then to lay so much payne on mee?

i So that I can haue no rest night nor day.

k Hee speaketh as one ouercome with sorow, and not of iudgement, or of the examination of his faith.

l Seeing my terme of life is so short, let me haue some rest and ease.

m Seeing that man of himselfe is so vile, why doest thou giue him that honour to contend against him?

a Hee declareth that their words which would diminish any thing from the iustice of God, is but as a puffe of wind that vanisheth away.

b That is, I shalbe dead.

b That is, hath rewarded them according to their iniquities: meaning, that Iob ought to be warned by the example of his children, that he offend not God.

c That is, if thou turne betime, whiles God calleth thee to repentance.

d Though the beginnings be not so pleasant, as thou wouldest desire, yet in the end thou shalt haue sufficient occasion to content thy selfe.

e He willeth Iob to examine al iniquitie, & he shal find it true which he here saith.

f Meaning that it is not enough to haue the experience of our selues, but to be confirmed by the examples of them that went before vs.

g As a rush cannot growe without moistnesse, so cannot the hypocrite because he hath not faith which is moistened with Gods Spirit.

h Which is to day, and to morrow swept away.

i He compareth the inst to a tree, which although it bee remooued out of one place to another, yet flourisheth: so the affliction of the godly turneth to their profite.

k That is, so that there remaine nothing there to proue whether the tree hath growen there or no.

l To be planted in another place, where it may growe at pleasure

m If thou be godly, hee will giue thee occasion to reioyce, and if not, thine affliction shall increase.

CHAP. IX.

Iob declareth the mighty power of God, and that mans righteousnesse is nothing.

THen Iob answered, and said,

2 I know verely that it is so: for how should man compared vnto God be iustified?

3 If he would dispute with him, he could not answere him one thing of a thousand.

a Iob here answereth to that point of Eliphaz and Bildads oration touching

justice of God & his innocency, confessing God to be infinite in iustice, and man to bee nothing in respect.

b Of a thousand things, which God could lay to his charge, man cannot answere him one.

4 Hee is wise in heart, and mighty in
strength: who hath bene fierce against him
and hath prospered?
5 Hee remoueth the mountaines, and
they feele not when hee ouerthroweth them
in his wrath.
6 Hee remoueth the earth out of her
place, that the pillars thereof doe shake.
7 He commandeth the sunne, and it ri-
seth not: hee closeth vp the starres as vnder
a signet.
8 Hee himselfe alone spreadeth out the
heauens, and walketh vpon the height of
the sea.
9 He maketh the starres f Arcturus, Orion,
and Pleiades, and the climates of the
South.
10 He doeth great things and vnsearch-
able: yea, marueilous things without num-
ber.
11 Loe, when he goeth by me, I see him
not: and when hee passeth by, I perceiue
him not.
12 Behold, when he taketh a praye, who
can make him to restore it: who shall say vn-
to him, What dost thou?
13 God will not withdraw his anger,
and the most mighty helpers doe stoupe vn-
der him.
14 How much lesse shall I answere him?
or how should I finde out my wordes with
him?
15 For though I were iust, yet could I
not answere, but I would make supplication
to my iudge.
16 If I cry, and hee answere mee, yet
would I not beleeue that he heard my voice.
17 For he destroyeth me with a tempest,
and woundeth me without cause.
18 Hee will not suffer mee to take my
breath, but filleth me with bitternesse.
19 If wee speake of strength, behold, he is
strong: if we speake of iudgement, who shall
bring me in to pleade?
20 If I would iustifie my selfe, mine
owne mouth shall condemne mee: if I
would be perfit, he shall iudge me wicked.
21 Though I were perfect, yet I know not
my soule: therefore abhorre I my life.
22 This is one poynt: therefore I sayd,
He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
23 If the scourge should suddenly slay,
should God laugh at the punishment of the
innocent?
24 The earth is giuen into the hand of
the wicked: hee couereth the faces of the
Iudges thereof: if not, where, or who is hee?
25 My dayes haue bene more swift then
a poste: they haue fled, and haue seene no
good thing.
26 They are passed as with the most swift
shippes, and as the Eagle that flieth to the
pray.
27 If I say, I will forget my com-
plaint, I will cease from my wrath, and
comfort me,
28 Then I am afraide of all my sorowes,
knowing that thou wilt not iudge me innoc-
cent.
29 If I be wicked, why labour I thus in
vaine?
30 If I wash my selfe with snowe-
water, and purge mine handes most cleane,
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the pit,
and mine owne clothes shall make mee lo-
thy.
32 For hee is not a man as I am, that I
should answere him, if we come together to
iudgement.
33 Neither is there any umpire that
might lay his hand vpon vs both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me,
and let not his feare affright me:
35 Then will I speake, and feare him not,
but because I am not so, I hold me still.

CHAP. X.

1 Iob is weary of his life, and setteth out his fragilitie before God. 20 He desireth him to stay his hand. 22 A description of death.

MY soule is cut off though I liue: I will
leaue my complaint vpon my selfe, and
will speake in the bitternesse of my soule.
2 I will say vnto God, Condemne me
not: shewe mee wherefore thou contendest
with mee.
3 Thinkest thou it good to oppresse me,
and to cast off the labour of thine handes,
and to fauour the counsell of the wicked?
4 Hast thou carnall eyes? or doest thou
see as man seeth?
5 Are thy dayes as mans dayes? or thy
yeeres as the time of man,
6 That thou inquirest of mine iniquitie,
and searchest out my sinne?
7 Thou knowest that I cannot do wic-
kedly: for none can deliuer me out of thine
hand.
8 Thine hands haue made me, and fa-
shioned mee wholy round about, and wilt

c He declareth what is the infirmitie of man by the mightie and incomprehensible power that is in God, shewing what hee could doe if he would set fourth his power.
d These are the names of certaine starres, whereby he meaneth, that all starres both knowen and vnknowen, are at his appointment
e I am not able to comprehend his works, which are common, and daily before mine eyes, much lesse in those things which are hid and secret.
f Hee sheweth that when God doeth execute his power, hee doeth it iustly, forasmuch as none can controle him.
g God will not be appeased for ought that man can say for himselfe for his iustification.
h That is, all the reasons that men can lay to approue their cause.
i How should I be able to answere him by eloquence? wherby he noteth his friends, albeit they were eloquent in talke, yet they felt not in heart that which they spake
k Meaning, in his own opinion: signifying y man wil sometimes flatter himselfe to be righteous, which before God is abomination
l Whiles I am in my pangs, I cannot but burst forth into many inconueniences although I know still that God is iust.
m I am not able to feele my sinnes so great, as I feele the weight of his plagues: and this he speaketh to condemne his dulnesse, and to iustine God.
n After he hath accused his owne weakenesse, he continueth to iustifie God & his power.
o If I would stand in mine owne defences, yet God hath iust cause to condemne me, if he examine mine heart & conscience.
p If God punish according to his iustice, he will destroy aswel them that are counted perfect, as them that are wicked
q To wit, the wicked.
r This is spoken according to our apprehension, as though hee would say, If God destroy but the wicked, as Chap. 5. 3 why should he suffer the innocents to be so long tormented by them?
f That they can not see to do iustice.
t That can shew the contrary?
u I thinke not to fall into these affections, but my sorrowes bring me to these manifold infirmities, and my conscience condemneth me.
x Why doth not God destroy me at once? thus he speaketh according to the infirmitie of the flesh.
y Though I seeme neuer so pure in mine owne eyes, yet all is but corruption before God.
z Whatsoeuer I would vse to couer my filthinesse with, shall disclose me so much more.
a Which ought make an accord betweene God and me, speaking of impatience, and yet confessing God to be iust in punishing him.
b Denying that Gods iudgements keepe him in awe.

a I am more like to a dead man, then to one that liueth.
b I will make an ample declaration of my torments, accusing my selfe, and not God.
c He would not that God should proceed against him by his secret iustice, but by the ordinary meanes that the punisheth others.
d Is it agreeable to thy iustice to do me wrong?

l As brittle as a pot of clay.
m That is, reason and vnderstanding, and many other gifts whereby man excelleth all earthly creatures.
n That, thy fatherly care and prouidence, whereby thou preseruest me, & without ſ which I should perish straightway.
o Though I be not fully able to cõprehend these things, yet I must needes confesse that it is so.
p I will alway walke in feare & humilitie, knowing that none is iuſt before thee.
q Iob being sore assaulted in this battell betweene ſ flesh & the spirit, brasteth out into these affections, wishing rather short dayes then long paine.
t That is, diuerſitie of diseases, & in great abundance, shewing that God hath infinite meanes to punish man.
ſ Hee wisheth that God would leaue off his affliction, considering his great miserie & the breuitie of his life
t He speaketh thus in the person of a sinner, that is ouercome with passions and with the feeling of Gods iudgements, and therefore cannot apprehend in that state the mercies of God and comfort of the resurrection.
u No distinction between light and darknesse, but where all is very darknesse it selfe.

thou destroy me?
9 Remember, I pray thee, that thou hast made mee, as the [l] clay, and wilt thou bring me into dust againe?
10 Hast thou not powred mee out as milke? and turned me to cruds like cheese?
11 Thou hast clothed me with skinne and flesh, and ioyned mee together with bones and sinewes.
12 Thou hast giuen me life, and [m] grace: & thy [n] visitation hath preserued my spirit.
13 Though thou hast hidde these things in thine heart, yet I know [o] that it is so with thee.
14 If I haue sinned, then thou wilt straitly looke vnto mee, and wilt not holde me guiltlesse of mine iniquitie.
15 If I haue done wickedly, woe vnto mee: if I haue done righteously, I will not [p] lift vp mine head, being full of confusion, because I see mine affliction.
16 But let it increase: hunt thou me as a lion: returne and shewe thy selfe [q] marueilous vpon me.
17 Thou renuest thy plagues against me, and thou increasest thy wrath against mee: [r] changes and armies of sorowes are against mee.
18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me out of the wombe? Oh that I had perished, and that none eye had seene mee,
19 And that I were as I had not beene, but brought from the wombe to the graue!
20 Are not my dayes few? let him [t] cease, and leaue off from me, that I may take a little comfort,
21 Before I goe and shall not [u] returne, euen to the land of darkenesse, and shadow of death:
22 Into a land, I say, darke as darkenesse it selfe, and into the shadow of death, where is none [u] order, but the light is there as darknes.

CHAP. XI.

Iob is vniustly reprehended of Zophar. 7 God is incomprehensible. 14 He is mercifull to the repentant. 18 Their assurance that liue godly.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of wordes be answered? or should a great [a] talker bee iustified?
3 Should men hold their peace at thy lies? and when thou mockest others, shall none make thee ashamed?
4 For thou hast sayd, [b] My doctrine is pure, and I am cleane in thine eyes.
5 But oh, that God would speake and open his lips against thee!
6 That he might shew thee the [c] secrets of wisedome, how thou hast deserued double, according to right: know therefore that God hath forgotten thee for thine iniquitie.
7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty to his perfection?
8 The heauens are hie, what canst thou doe? [d] it is deeper then the hell, how canst thou know it?
9 The measure thereof is longer then the earth, and it is broader then the sea.
10 If he cut off, and [e] shut vp, or gather together, who can turne him backe?
11 For he knoweth vaine men, and seeth iniquitie, and him that vnderstandeth nothing.
12 Yet vaine man would be wise, though man new borne is like a wild asse's colt.
13 If thou [f] prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him:
14 If iniquitie be in thine [h] hand, put it farre away, and let no wickednesse dwell in thy tabernacle.
15 Then truly shalt thou lift vp thy [i] face without spot, and shalt bee stable, and shalt not feare,
16 But thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that are past.
17 Thine age also shall appeare more cleare then the noone day: thou shalt shine & be as the morning.
18 And thou shalt be bolde, because there is hope: and thou shalt dig pits, and shalt lie downe safely.
19 * For when thou takest thy rest, none shall make thee afraid: yea, many shall make suite vnto thee.
20 But the eies of the [k] wicked shal faile, and their refuge shall perish, and their hope shalbe sorow of mind.

a Should he perswade by his great talke, that he is iust?
b Hee chargeth Iob with this, that hee should say, that ſ thing which hee spake, was true, & that he was without sinne in the sight of God.
c Which is, not to stand in iustifying of thy selfe: he signifieth that man will neuer be ouercome, whiles he reasoneth with another, and therefore God must breake off the controuersie, and stop mans mouth.

d That is, this perfection of God and if man bee not able to comprehend ſ height of the heauen, the depth of hell, the length of ſ earth, the bredth of the sea, which are but creatures: howcan heattain to the perfection of the Creator?
e If God should turne the state of things, and establish a new order in nature, who could controll him?
f That is, without vnderstanding, so that what soeuer gifts hee hath afterward, come of God, & not of nature.
g If thou repent pray vnto him.
h Renounce thine owne euill works, and see that they offend not God, ouer whom thou hast charge.
i Hee declareth what quietnesse of conscience and successe in all things such shall haue, which turne to God by true repentance. *Leuit.* 26. 5, 6.
k Hee sheweth that contrary things shall come vnto them that do not repent.

CHAP. XII.

Iob accuseth his friends of ignorance. 7 Hee declareth the might and power of God, 17 and how he changeth the course of things.

Then Iob answered and sayd,
2 In deede because that yee are the people onely, [a] wisedome must die with you.
3 But I haue vnderstanding as well as you, and am not inferior vnto you: yea, who knoweth not such things?
4 * I am [b] as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth vpon God, and he [c] heareth him: the iust and the vpright is laughed to scorne.
5 [d] He that is ready to fall, is as a lampe despised in the opinion of the rich.

a Because you feele not that which you speak you thinke the whole standeth in words, and so flatter yourselues as though none knew any thing, or could know but you.
Pro. 14. 2.
b He reprooueth these his friends of two faults: the one, that they thought they had better knowledge then indeed they had, and the other, that in stead of true consolation, they did deride and despise their friend in his aduersitie.
c The which neighbour being a mocker, and a wicked man, thinketh that no man is in Gods fauour but he, because he hath all things that he desireth
d As the rich esteeme not a light or torch, that goeth out, so is he despised that falleth from prosperity to aduersity.

6 The tabernacles of robbers doe prosper, and they are in safetie, that prouoke God, ‡ whom God hath enriched with his hand.

7 Aske now the beasts, e and they shall teach thee, and the foules of the heauen, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speake to the earth, and it shall shew thee: or the fishes of the sea, and they shall declare vnto thee.

9 Who is ignorant of all these, but that the hand of the Lord hath made these?

10 In whose hand is the soule of euery liuing thing, and the breath of all g mankind.

11 Doth not the eare ‖ discerne words? and the mouth taste meat for it selfe?

12 Among the h ancient is wisedome, and in the length of dayes is vnderstanding.

13 With him is wisedome and strength: he hath counsell and vnderstanding.

14 Behold, hee will breake downe, and it cannot be built: he shutteth a man vp, and he cannot be loosed.

15 Behold, hee withholdeth the waters, and they dry vp: but when he sendeth them out, they destroy the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisedome: hee that is deceiued, and that k deceiueth, are his.

17 He causeth the counsellers to go as spoiled, and maketh the iudges fooles.

18 l Hee looseth the k collar of kings, and girdeth their loynes with a girdle:

19 He leadeth away the princes, as a pray, and ouerthroweth the mighty.

20 He taketh away the speech from the l faithfull counsellers, and taketh away the iudgement of the ancient.

21 He powreth contempt vpon princes, & maketh the strength of the mighty weake.

22 He discouereth the deepe places from their darkenesse, and bringeth foorth the shadow of death to light.

23 Hee m increaseth the people, and destroyeth them: he inlargeth the nations, and bringeth them in againe.

24 Hee taketh away the hearts of them that are the chiefe ouer the people of the earth, and maketh them to wander in the wildernesse out of the way.

25 They grope in the darke without light: and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

‡ *Ebr. to whome God hath brought in with his hand.*

e He declareth to them that did dispute against him, that their wisdome is common to all, and such as the very brute beasts doe daily teach.

‖ *Or, saith.*

f He exhorteth them to be wise in iudging, and as well to know the right vse why God hath giuen them eares, as he hath done a mouth.

g Though men by age, and continuance of time attaine to wisedome, yet it is not comparable to Gods wisedome, nor able to comprehend his iudgements, wherein he answereth to that, which was alledged, Chap. 8. 8.

h He sheweth that there is nothing done in this world without Gods will & ordinance: for else hee should not be almighty.

i He taketh wisdom from them

k He abaseth the honour of Princes, and bringeth them into the subiection of others.

l He causeth that their words haue no credite, which is, when hee will punish sinne.

m In this discourse of Gods wonderfull workes, Iob sheweth that whatsoeuer is done in this world, both in the order, and change of things is by Gods wil & appointment, wherein he declareth that he thinketh wel of God, and is as able to set forth his power in words, as they that reasoned against, were.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Iob compareth his knowledge with the experience of his friends.* 16 *The penitent shall be saued, and the hypocrite condemned.* 20 *He prayeth vnto God that he would not handle him rigorously.*

LOe, mine eye hath seene all this: mine eare hath heard and vnderstood it.

2 I know also as much as you know: I am not inferiour vnto you.

3 But I will speake to the Almighty, and I desire n to dispute with God.

4 For indeede yee forge lies, and all you are o physicians of no value.

5 Oh, that you would hold your tongue, that it might bee imputed to you for wisedome!

6 Now heare my disputation, and giue eare to the arguments of my lips.

7 Will yee speake p wickedly for Gods defence, and talke deceitfully for his cause?

8 Will yee accept his person? or will yee contend for God?

9 Is it well that hee should seeke of you? will you make a lie for him, as one lieth for a man?

10 He will surely reproue you, if yee doe secretly accept any person.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his feare fall vpon you?

12 Your q memories may bee compared vnto ashes, and your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Holde your tongues in my presence, that I may speake, and let come vpon me what will.

14 Wherefore do I r take my flesh in my teeth, and put my soule in mine hand?

15 Loe, though he slay me, yet will I trust in him, and I will reproue my wayes in his sight.

16 He shall be my saluation also: for the ſ hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Heare diligently my words, and marke my talke.

18 Beholde now: if I prepare mee to iudgement, I know that I shall bee t iustified.

19 Who is he that will plead u with me? for if I now hold my tongue, I x die.

20 But do not these two things vnto me: then will I not hide my selfe from thee:

21 y Withdraw thine hand from me, and let not thy feare make me afraide.

22 Then call thou, and I will answere: or let me speake, and answere thou me.

23 How many are ‖ mine iniquities and sinnes? shewe mee my rebellion, and my sinne.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and takest me for thine enemie?

25 Wilt thou breake a leafe driuen to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against mee, and makest mee to possesse a the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou puttest my feete also in the b stockes, and lookest narrowly vnto all my pathes, and makest the print thereof in the ‡ heeles of my feete.

28 Such one consumeth like a rotten thing, and as a garment that is moth eaten.

n For although hee knew that God had a iustice which was manifest in his ordinary working, & another in his secret counsell, yet would he vtter his affection to God, because he was not able to vnderstand the cause why hee did thus punish him.

o You doe not well apply your medicine to the disease.

p Hee condemneth their zeale which had not knowledge, neither regarded they to comfort him, but alway grated on Gods iustice, as though it was not euidently seene in Iob, except they had vndertaken the probation thereof.

q Your fame shall come to nothing.

r Is not this a manifest signe of mine affliction, and that I doe not complaine without cause, seeing that I am thus tormented as though I should teare mine owne flesh, and put my life in danger?

ſ Whereby hee declareth that he is not an hypocrite, as they charged him.

t That is, cleared, and not cast off for my sinnes, as you reason.

u To proue that God doeth thus punish mee for my sinnes.

x If I defend not my cause, euery man will condemne mee.

y His pangs thus moue him to reason with God, not denying but that he had sinned: but he desired to vnderstand what were his great sinnes, that had deserued such rigour, wherein he offended, that he would knowe a cause of God why hee did punish him.

z Thou punishest mee nowe for the faultes that I committed in my youth.

a Thou makest me thy prisoner, and doest so presse mee that I cannot stirre hand or foote. ‡ *Ebr. rootes.*

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CHAP. XIIII.

1 *Iob describeth the shortnesse and miserie of the life of man.* 14 *Hope sustaineth the godly.* 22 *The condition of mans life.*

MAn a that is borne of woman, is of short continuance, and full of trouble.

2 He shooteth foorth as a flower, and is cut downe: he vanisheth also as * a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And yet thou openest thine eyes vpon such b one, and causest me to enter into iudgment with thee.

4 * Who can bring a cleane thing out of filthinesse? there is not one.

5 Are not his dayes determined? the number of his moneths are with thee: thou hast appointed his bounds, which he cannot passe.

6 Turne from him that he may cease vntill his desired day, c as an hireling.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut downe, that it will yet sprout, and the branches thereof will not cease.

8 Though the roote of it waxe old in the earth, and the stocke thereof be dead in the ground,

9 Yet by the sent of water it wil bud, and bring foorth boughs like a plant.

10 d But man is sicke, and dieth, and man perisheth, and where is he?

11 As the waters passe from the sea, and as the flood decayeth and drieth vp,

12 So man sleepeth and riseth not: for he shall not wake againe, nor be raised from his sleepe till the heauen be no more.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the graue, and keepe mee secret, vntill thy * wrath were past, and wouldest giue mee terme, and e remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he liue againe? All the dayes of mine appointed time will I waite, till f my changing shall come.

15 Thou shalt call me, and I shall g answere thee: thou louest the worke of thine owne hands.

16 But now thou * numbrest my steps, and doest not delay my sinnes.

17 Mine iniquitie is sealed vp, as in a h bagge, and thou addest vnto my wickednesse.

18 And surely as the mountaine that falleth, commeth to nought, and the i rock that is removed from his place:

19 As the water teareth the stones, when thou ouerflowest the things which growe in the dust of the earth: so thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou preuailest alway against him, so that he passeth away: hee changeth his face when thou castest him away.

21 And he knoweth not if his sonnes shall be honourable, neither shall he vnderstand concerning them, whether they shall bee of lowe degree:

22 But while his k flesh is vpon him, hee shall bee sorowfull, and while his soule is in him, it shall mourne.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Eliphaz reprehendeth Iob, because he ascribeth wisedome and pureness to himselfe.* 16 *He describeth the curse that falleth on the wicked, reckoning Iob to be one of the number.*

THen answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and sayd,

2 Shall a wise man speake words of the l winde, and fill his belly m with the East winde?

3 Shal he dispute with words not comely? or with talke that is not profitable?

4 Surely thou hast cast off * feare, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth declareth thine iniquitie, seeing thou hast chosen n the tongue of the craftie.

6 Thine owne mouth condemneth thee, and not I, and thy lips testifie against thee.

7 Art thou the o first man that was borne? and wast thou made before the hilles?

8 Hast thou heard the secret counsell of God? and dost thou restraine wisedome to thee?

9 What knowest thou that wee knowe not? and vnderstandest that is not in vs?

10 With vs are both ancient and very aged men, farre older then thy father.

11 Seeme the consolations of God small vnto thee? is this thing strange vnto thee?

12 Why doeth thine heart p take thee away, and what do thine eyes meane,

13 That thou answerest to God q at thy pleasure, and bringest such words out of thy mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be cleane? and hee that is borne of woman, that hee should be r iust?

15 Behold, he found no stedfastnesse in his saints: yea, the heauens are not cleane in his sight.

16 Howe much more is man abominable, and filthie, which s drinketh iniquitie like water?

17 I will tell thee: heare me, and I will declare that which I haue seene:

18 Which wise men haue told, as they haue heard of their fathers, and haue not kept it secret:

19 To whom alone the land was t giuen, and no stranger passed thorow them.

20 The wicked man is continually as one that trauaileth of childe, and the number of u yeeres is hid from the tyrant.

21 A sound of feare is in his eares, and in his prosperitie the destroyer shall come vpon him.

22 Hee beleeueth not to returne out of * darknes: for he seeth the sword before him.

23 Hee wandreth * to and fro for bread

a That is, vaine words, and without consolation.
b Meaning, with matters that are of none importance, which are forgotte assoone as they are vttered, as the East wind drieth vp the moisture assoone as it falleth.
c He chargeth Iob as though his talke caused men to cast off the feare of God and prayer.
d Thou speakest as doe the mockers & contemners of God.
e That is, the most ancient, & so by reason the most wise?
f Art thou only wise?
g He accuseth Iobs pride, and ingratitude, that will not be comforted by God, nor by their counsell.
h Why doest thou stand in thine owne conceite?
Eb. in thy spirit.
i His purpose is to proue that Iob as an vniust man and an hypocrite is punished for his sinnes, like as hee did before, Chap. 4.18.
k Which hath a desire to sinne, as he that is thirstie to drinke. l Who by their wisdome so gouerned, that no stranger inuaded them, & so the land seemed to be giuen to them alone. m The cruell man is euer in danger of death, and is neuer quiet in conscience. n Out of that miserie wherein he once faileth. o God doeth not onely impouerish the wicked oft times: but euen in their prosperity hee punisheth them with a greedinesse euermore to gather: which is as a beggerie,

l Yet whiles he liueth, he is albe in paine and miserie.

13 June. Iob. Morning.
13 Iune. Iob. Euening

where hee may: hee knoweth that the day of darkenesse is prepared at hand.

24 Affliction and [p] anguish shall make him afraid: they shall preuaile against him as a king ready to the battell.

25 For hee hath stretched out his hand against God, and made himselfe strong against the Almightie.

26 Therefore God shall runne vpon him, euen vpon his necke, and against the most thicke part of his shield,

27 Because he had couered his face with [q] his fatnesse, and hath collops in his flanke.

28 Though hee dwell [r] in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, but are become heapes,

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the [s] perfection thereof in the earth.

30 Hee shall neuer depart out of darkenes: the flame shall dryte vp his branches, and hee shall goe away with the breath of his mouth.

31 He [t] beleeueth not that he erreth in vanitie: therefore vanitie shall be his change.

32 His branch shall not be greene, but shal be cut off before his day.

33 God shall destroy him as the vine her sowre [u] grape, and shall cast him off, as the olive doeth her flower.

34 For the congregation of the hypocrite shall be desolate, and fire shall deuoure the houses of [x] bribes.

35 For they conceiue mischiefe, and bring forth vanitie, and their belly hath prepared deceit.

p He sheweth what weapons God vseth against the wicked which lift vp themselues against him, to wit, terrour of conscience, and outward afflictions.

q That is, he was so puft vp with great prosperitie and abundance of al things, that he forgate God: noting that Iob in his felicitie had not the true feare of God.

r Though hee build and repaire ruinous places to get him fame, yet God shall bring all to nought, & turne his great prosperitie into extreme misery.

s Meaning, that his sumptuous buildings should neuer come to perfection.

t He standeth so in his owne conceit, that he wil giue no place to good counsel, therfore his own pride shal bring him to destruction.

u As one that gathereth grapes before they be ripe. x Which were built or maintained by powling and briberie. y And therefore all their vaine deuices shall turne to their owne destruction.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Iob moued by the importunitie of his friends, 7 Counteth in what extremitie he is, 19 And taketh God to witnesse of his innocencie.

BVt Iob answered, and sayd,

2 I haue oft times heard such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

3 Shall there bee none end of words of [a] winde? or what maketh thee bolde so to [b] answere?

4 I could also speake as you doe: (but would God your [c] soule were in my soules stead) I could keepe you company in speaking, and could [d] shake mine head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you [e] with my mouth, and the comfort of my lips should asswage your sorow.

6 Though I speake, my sorow [f] cannot be asswaged: though I cease, what release haue I?

7 But now [g] he maketh mee wearie: O God, thou hast made all my [h] congregation desolate,

a Which serue for vain ostentation, and for no true comfort.

b For Eliphaz did reply against Iobs answare.

c I would you felt that which I doe.

d That is, mocke at your miserie, as you doe at mine.

e If this were in my power, yet would I comfort you, and not doe as yee doe to me. f If they would say, Why doest thou not then cofort thy self? he answereth, that the iudgements of God are more heauie, then he is able to asswage either by words or silence. g Meaning God. h That is, destroyed most of my family.

8 And hast made me full of [i] wrinckles, which is a witnesse thereof, and my leannes riseth vp in mee, testifying the same in my face.

9 [k] His wrath hath torne me, and he hateth mee, and gnasheth vpon mee with his teeth: mine enemie hath sharpened his eyes against me.

10 They haue opened their mouthes vpon me, and smitten mee on the [l] cheeke in reproch: they gather themselues together against me.

11 God hath deliuered mee to the vniust, and hath made mee to turne out of the way by the [m] hands of the wicked.

12 I was in wealth, but he hath brought me to nought: hee hath taken mee by the necke, and beaten me, and set me as a marke for himselfe.

13 His [n] archers compasse mee round about: he cutteth my reines, and doeth not spare, and powreth my gall [o] vpon the ground.

14 He hath broken me with one breaking vpon another, and runneth vpon mee like a giant.

15 I haue sowed a sackecloth vpon my skinne, and haue abased mine [p] horne vnto the dust.

16 My face is withered with weeping, and the shadow of death is vpon mine eyes,

17 Though there bee no wickednesse in [q] mine hands, and my prayer [r] be pure.

18 O earth, couer not thou my [s] blood, and let my crying find no place.

19 For loe, nowe my [t] witnesse is in the heauen, and my record is on hie.

20 My friendes [u] speake eloquently against mee: but mine eye powreth out teares vnto God.

21 Oh that a man might [x] pleade with God, as man with his neighbour!

22 For the yeeres accounted come, and I shall goe the way, whence I shal not returne.

i In token of sorow and griefe.

k That is, God by his wrath: and in this diuersitie of words and his stile, he expresseth howe grieuous the hand of God was vpon him.

l That is, hath handled me most contemptuously: for so smiting on the cheeke signified, 1. King. 22. 24 mar. 14. 65.

m They haue led me whither they would.

n His manifold afflictions.

o I am wounded to the heart.

p Meaning, his glory was brought lowe.

q Signifying, that he is not able to comprehend the cause of this his grieuous punishment.

r That is, vnfained, and without hypocrisie.

s Let my sinne be knowen, if I be such a sinner as mine aduersaries accuse me, and let me find no fauour.

t Though man condemne me, yet God is witnesse of my cause.

u Vse painted words in stead of true consolation.

x Thus by his great torments he is caried away, and brasteth out into passions, and speaketh vnaduisedly, as though God should intreate man more gently, seeing he hath but a short time here to liue.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Iob saith that he consumeth away, & yet doeth patiently abide it. 10 He exhorteth his friends to repentance, 13 shewing that he looketh but for death.

MY breath is corrupt: my dayes are cut off, and the graue is readie for me.

2 There are none but [a] mockers with mee, and mine eye continueth in [b] their bitternesse.

3 [c] Lay downe now and put me in surety for thee: who is he, that will [d] touch mine hand?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from [e] vnderstanding: therefore shalt thou not lift them vp on hie.

vexe me. c He reasoneth with God as a man beside himselfe, to the intent that his cause might be brought to light. d And answere for thee? e That these mine afflictions are by iust iudgements, though man know not the cause.

f He that flattereth a man, and onely iudgeth him happie in his prosperitie, shall not himselfe onely, but in his posteritie be punished.
g God hath made all the world to speake of me, because of mine afflictions.
h That is, as a continuall sound in their eares.
i To wit, when they see the godly punished: but in the end they shall come to vnderstanding, and know what shalbe the reward of the hypocrite.
k That is, will not be discouraged, considering that the godly are punished as well as the wicked.
l Iob speaketh to them three, that came to comfort him.
m That is, hath brought me sorow in stead of comfort.
n Though I should hope to come from aduersitie to prosperitie, as your discourse pretendeth.
o I haue no more hope in father, mother, sister, or any worldly thing: for the dust and wormes shall be to me in stead of them.
p All worldly hope, and prosperitie faile, which you say, are onely signes of Gods fauour: but seeing that these things perish, I set mine hope in God, and in the life euerlasting.

5 f For the eyes of his children shal faile, that speaketh flatterie to his friends.
6 Yet hath also made mee a g byword of the people, and I am as a tabret h before them.
7 Mine eye therfore is dimme for griefe, and all my strength is like a shadow.
8 The righteous shall bee astonied at i this, and the innocent shalbe moued against the hypocrite.
9 But the righteous will hold his k way, and hee whose hands are pure, shall increase his strength.
10 All l you therefore turne you, and come now, and I shall not finde one wise among you.
11 My dayes are past, mine enterprises are broken, and the thoughts of mine heart
12 Haue changed the m night for the day, and the light that approched, for darkenesse.
13 Though I hope, n yet the graue shall bee mine house, and I shall make my bed in the darke.
14 I shall say to corruption, Thou art my o father, and to the worme, Thou art my mother and my sister.
15 Where is then now my hope? or who shall consider the thing that I hoped for?
16 p They shall goe downe into the bottome of the pit: surely it shall lie together in the dust.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Bildad rebuketh the proude. 5 He describeth the vnfortunate fall and wicked.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 When will a yet make an ende of your words? b cause vs to vnderstand, and then we will speake.
3 Wherefore are wee counted as beasts, and are vile in your sight?
4 Thou art c as one that teareth his soule in his anger. Shall the d earth bee forsaken for thy sake? or the rocke remoued out of his place?
5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall bee e quenched, and the sparke of his fire shal not shine.
6 The light shall be darke in his dwelling, and his candle shalbe put out with him.
7 The steps of his strength shall bee restrained, and his owne counsel shall cast him downe.
8 For he is taken in the net by his feete, and he f walketh vpon the snares.
9 The grenne shal take him by the heele, and the theefe shall come vpon him.
10 A snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.
11 Fearefulnesse shall make him afraide on euery side, and shall driue him to his feet.
12 His strength shall be g famine, and destruction shall be readie at his side.
13 It shall deuoure the inner parts of his skinne, and the h first borne of death shall deuoure his strength.
14 His hope shall bee rooted out of his dwelling, and shall cause him to goe to the i King of feare.
15 Feare shall dwel in his house (because it is not k his) l and brimstone shalbe scattered vpon his habitation.
16 His roots shall bee dried vp beneath, and aboue shall his branch bee cut downe.
17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall haue no name in the streete.
18 They shall driue him out of the m light vnto darkenesse, and chase him out of the world.
19 Hee shall neither haue sonne nor nephew among his people, nor any posterity in his dwellings.
20 The posteritie shall be astonied at his n day, and feare shall come vpon the ancient.
21 Surely such are the habitations of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Iob reproueth his friends, 15 and recounteth his miseries and grieuous paines. 25 He assureth himselfe of the generall resurrection.

Then Iob answered, and said,
2 How long will yee vexe my soule, and torment me with words?
3 Yee haue now a ten times reproched mee, and are not ashamed: ye are impudent toward me.
4 And though I had in deede erred, mine b errour remaineth with me.
5 But in deede if you will aduance your selues against mee, and rebuke mee for my reproch,
6 Knowe now, that God hath c ouerthrowen mee, and hath compassed mee with his net.
7 Behold, I crie out of violence, but I haue none answere: I crie, but there is no iudgement.
8 Hee hath hedged vp my way that I cannot d passe, and hee hath set darkenesse in my paths.
9 He hath spoiled me of mine honour, and taken the e crowne away from mine head.
10 Hee hath destroyed mee on euery side, and I am gone: and he hath remoued mine hope like a f tree.
11 And he hath kindled his wrath against me, and counteth me as one of his enemies.
12 His g armies came together, and made their way vpon mee, and camped about my tabernacle.
13 Hee hath removed my brethren farre from mee, and also mine acquaintance were strangers vnto me.
14 My neighbours haue forsaken me, and my familiars haue forgotten me.
15 k They that dwell in mine house, and my maides tooke mee for a stranger: for I was a stranger in their sight.
16 I called my seruant, but he would not answere,

a Which count your selues iust, as Chap. 12.4.
b Whom you take to be but beasts, as Chap. 12.7.
c That is, like a mad man.
d Shall God change the order of nature for thy sake, by dealing with thee otherwise then he doth with all men?
e When the wicked is in his prosperity, then God changeth his state: and this is his ordinarie working for their sinnes.
f Meaning, that the wicked are in continuall danger.

g That which should nourish him shall be consumed by famine.
h That is, some strong and violent death shall consume his strength: or as the Hebrew word signifieth, his members or parts.
i That is, with most great feare.
k Meaning, not truely come by.
l Though all the world would fauour him, yet God would destroy him and his.
m He shall fall from prosperitie to aduersitie.
n When they shall see what came vnto him.

a That is, many times, as Nehe. 4.12.
b That is, I my selfe shalbe punished for it, or you haue not yet confuted it.
c He brasteth out againe into his passions, and declareth still, that his affliction commeth of God, though he be not able to feele the cause in himselfe.
d Meaning, out of his afflictions.
e Meaning, his children, and whatsoeuer was deare vnto him in this world.
f Which is plucked vp, and hath no more hope to grow.
g His manifold afflictions.
h Mine household seruants, by all these losses Iob sheweth, that touching the flesh hee had great occasion to be moued.

i Which were hers and mine.
k Besides these great losses and most cruell vnkindnesse, he was touched in his owne person as followeth.
l All my flesh was consumed.
m Seeing I haue these iust causes to complaineth, condemne me not as an hypocrite, especially ye which should comfort me.
n Is it not enough that God doth punish me, except you by reproches increase my sorrow?
o To see my bodie punished, except ye trouble my minde?
p He protesteth that notwithstanding his sore passions, his religion is perfite, and that he is not a blasphemer, as they iudged him.
q I know that I shal come before the great iudge, who shalbe my deliuerer and Sauiour.
r Herein Iob declareth plainly that he had a full hope, that both the soule and body should enioy the presence of God in the last resurrection,
s Though his friends thought that he was but persecuted of God for his sinnes, yet hee declareth that there was a deeper consideration: to wit, the triall of his faith and patience, and so to be an example for others.
t God will be reuenged of this hastie iudgement, whereby ye condemne me.

answere, though I prayed him with my mouth.
17 My breath was strange vnto my wife, though I prayed her for the childrens sake of mine owne body.
18 The wicked also despised me, & when I rose, they spake against me.
19 All my secret friends abhorred me, and they whom I loued, are turned against me.
20 My bone cleaueth to my skinne, and to my flesh, and I haue escaped with the skinne of my teeth.
21 Haue pitie vpon me: haue pitie vpon me, (O yee my friends) for the hand of God hath touched me.
22 Why doe yee persecute me as God? and are not satisfied with my flesh?
23 Oh that my wordes were now written! Oh that they were written euen in a booke!
24 And graued with an yron pen in lead, or in stone for euer!
25 For I am sure that my Redeemer liueth, and he shal stand the last on the earth.
26 And though after my skinne wormes destroy this body, yet shall I see God in my flesh.
27 Whom I my selfe shall see, and mine eyes shall beholde, and none other for mee, though my reines are consumed within me.
28 But yee said, Why is hee persecuted? And there was a deepe matter in me.
29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for the sword will bee auenged of wickednesse, that yee may know that there is a iudgement.

CHAP. XX.

Zophar sheweth that the wicked and the vngodly shall haue a short ende, 22. Though for a time they flourish.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Doubtlesse my thoughts cause mee to answere, and therefore I make haste.
3 I haue heard the correction of my reproch: therefore the spirit of mine vnderstanding causeth me to answere.
4 Knowest not thou this of olde? and since God placed man vpon the earth,
5 That the reioycing of the wicked is short, and that the ioy of hypocrites is but a moment?
6 Though his excellencie mount vp to the heauen, and his head reach vnto the clouds.
7 Yet shall hee perish for euer, like his dung: & they which haue seene him shall say, Where is he?
8 He shal flee away as a dreame, and they shall not finde him, and shall passe away as a vision of the night.
9 So that the eye which had seene him, shall doe so no more, and his place shall see him no more.
10 His children shall flatter the poore, and his hands shall restore his substance.
11 His bones are full of the sinne of his youth, and it shall lie downe with him in the dust.
12 When wickednesse was sweet in his mouth, and he hid it vnder his tongue,
13 And fauoured it, and would not forsake it, but kept it close in his mouth,
14 Then his meate in his bowels was turned: the gall of Aspes was in the midst of him.
15 Hee hath deuoured substance, and he shall vomite it: for God shall draw it out of his belly.
16 He shall sucke the gall of Aspes, and the vipers tongue shall slay him.
17 Hee shall not see the riuers, nor the floods and streames of honie and butter.
18 Hee shall restore the labour, and shall deuoure no more: euen according to the substance shalbe his exchange, and he shall enioy it no more.
19 For he hath vndone many: he hath forsaken the poore, and hath spoyled houses which he builded not.
20 Surely hee shall feele no quietnesse in his bodie, neither shal he reserue of that which he desired.
21 There shall none of his meat be left: therefore none shall hope for his goods.
22 When he shall be filled with his abundance, he shall be in paine, and the hand of all the wicked shall assaile him.
23 Yee shall be about to fill his belly, but God shall send vpon him his fierce wrath, and shall cause to raine vpon him, euen vpon his meate.
24 He shall flee from the yron weapons, and the bow of steele shal strike him through.
25 The arrow is drawen out, and commeth forth of the body, and shineth of his gall, so feare commeth vpon him.
26 All darknesse shalbe hid in his secret places: the fire that is not blowen, shall deuoure him, and that which remaineth in his tabernacle, shall be destroyed.
27 The heauen shall declare his wickednesse, and the earth shall rise vp against him.
28 The increase of his house shall goe away: it shall flowe away in the day of his wrath.
29 This is the portion of the wicked man from God, and the heritage that he shal haue of God for his words.

c Whereas the father through ambition and tyrannie oppressed the poore, his children through pouertie and misetie shall seeke fauour at the poore.
d So that the thing, which he hath taken away by violence, shall be restored againe by force.
e Meaning, that he shall carie nothing away with him, but his sin.
f As poyson that is sweete in the mouth, bringeth destructiō, when it commeth into the body: so all vice at the first is pleasant, but afterward God turneth it to destruction.
g He compareth ill gotten goods to the venime of Aspes, which serpent is most dangerous: noting that Iobs great riches were not truely come by, and therefore God did plague him iustly for the same.
h Though God giue to all other abundance of his blessings, yet he shall haue no part thereof.
i That is, these raueners and spoylers of the poore shall enioy their theft but for a time:

1 Iune
Euening

2 He declareth that two things moued him to speake: to wit, because Iob seemed to touch him, and because he thought he had knowledge sufficient to confute him.
b His purpose is to proue Iob to be a wicked man, & an hypocrite, because God punished him, and changed his prosperitie into aduersitie.

for after, God will take it from them, and cause them to make restitution, so that it is but an exchange.
k He shall leaue nothing to his posteritie.
l The wicked shall neuer be in rest: for one wicked man shall seeke to deuour another.
m Some reade, vpon his flesh, alluding to Iob, whose flesh was smitten with a scab.
n Some reade, of the quiuer.
o All feare and sorow shall light vpon him, when he thinketh to escape.
p That is, fire from heauen, or the fire of Gods wrath.
q Meaning, the children of the wicked shall flow away like riuers, and bee dispersed in diuers places.
r Thus God will plague the wicked.
s Against God, thinking to escape himselfe, and to escape Gods hand.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Iob declareth how the prosperitie of the wicked maketh them proud. 15 Insomuch that they blaspheme God. 16 Their destruction is at hand. 23 None ought to be iudged wicked for affliction, neither good for prosperitie.

BVt Iob answered, and said,

2 Heare diligently my wordes, and this a shall be in stead of your consolations.

3 Suffer mee that I may speake, and when I haue spoken, mocke on.

4 Doe I direct my talke to man? If it b were so, how should not my spirit be troubled?

5 Marke me, and bee abashed, and lay your hand vpon your c mouth.

6 Euen when I remember, I am afraid, and feare taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore doe the wicked d liue, and waxe old, and grow in wealth?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their generation before their eyes.

9 Their houses are peaceable without feare, and the rod of God is not vpon them.

10 Their bullocke gendreth and faileth not: their cowe calueth, and casteth not her calfe.

11 They send foorth their children e like sheepe, and their sonnes dance.

12 They take the tabret and harpe, and f reioyce in the sound of the Organs.

13 They spend their dayes in wealth and suddenly g they goe downe to the graue.

14 They say also vnto God, Depart from vs: for we desire not the h knowledge of thy wayes.

15 Who is the Almightie, that we should serue him? and what profit should we haue, if we should pray vnto him?

16 Lo, their wealth is not in their i hand: therefore let the counsell of the wicked k bee farre from me.

17 How oft shal the candle of the wicked bee put out? and their destruction come vpon them? hee will diuide their liues in his wrath.

18 They shall bee as stubble before the winde, and as chaffe that the storme carieth away.

19 God will lay vp the sorow of the father for his children: when he rewardeth him, he shall know it.

20 l His eyes shall see his destruction, and hee shall drinke of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his moneths is cut off?

22 Shall any teach m God knowledge, who iudgeth the highest things?

23 One n dieth in his full strength, being in all ease and prosperitie.

24 His brestes are full of milke, and his bones moysture full of marrow.

25 And another o dieth in the bitternesse of his soule, and neuer tasteth with pleasure.

26 They shall sleepe both in the p dust, and the wormes shall couer them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the enterprises, wherewith ye do me wrong.

28 For yee say, Where is the Princes q house? and where is the tabernacle of the wickedes dwelling?

29 May yee not r aske them that go by the way? and ye cannot deny their signes.

30 But the wicked is kept vnto the day of s destruction, and they shall bee brought foorth to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way t to his face? and who shall reward him for that he hath done?

32 Yet shall he bee brought to the graue, and remaine in the heape.

33 The u slime valley shall be sweet vnto him, and euery man shall draw after him, as before him there were innumerable.

34 How then comfort x yee mee in vaine, seeing in your answeres there remaine but lies?

a Your diligent marking of my words, shalbe to me a great consolation.

b As though he would say, I doe not talke with man, but with God, who will not answere me: and therefore my mind must needs be troubled.

c He chargeth them as though they were not able to comprehend this his feeling of Gods iudgement, and exhorteth them therefore to silence.

d Iob proueth against his aduersaries, that God punisheth not straightwaies the wicked, but oft times grieueth them long life & prosperitie, so that we must not iudge God iust or vniust by the things that appeare to our eyes.

e They haue store of children lusty, and healthfull: and in these points he answereth to that which Zophar alledged before.

f Not being tormented with long sicknesse.

g They desire nothing more then to bee exempt from all subiection that they should beare to God: this Iob sheweth his aduersaries, that if they reason onely by that which is seene by common experience, the wicked that hate God are better delt withal, the they that loue him.

h It is not their owne, but God only lendeth it vnto them.

i God keepe me from their prosperitie.

k When God recompenseth his wickednes, he shal know it.

l Who sendeth to the wicked prosperitie, and punisheth the godly.

m Meaning the wicked.

n To wit, the godly.

o As concerning their bodies: and this he speaketh according to the common iudgement.

p Thus they called Iobs house in derision, concluding that it was destroied because he was wicked.

q Which through long traueling haue experience and tokens hereof, to wit, that the wicked doe prosper, and the godly liue in affliction.

r Though the wicked flourish here, yet God will fetch him, and none dare reproue him in this world, yet death is a token, that God will bring him to an accoũt: He shalbe glad to lie in a slimie pit, which before could not be content with a royal palace.

s Saying, that the iust in this world haue prosperitie, and the wicked aduersitie.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Eliphaz affirmeth that Iob is punished for his sinnes. 6 Hee accuseth him of vnmercifulnesse. 13 And that he denied Gods prouidence. 21 He exhorteth him to repentance.

THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,

2 May a man be a profitable vnto God, as he that is wise, may be profitable to himselfe?

3 b Is it any thing to the Almightie, that thou art righteous? or is it profitable to him, that thou makest thy waies vpright?

4 Is it for feare c of thee that he will accuse thee? or goe with thee into iudgement?

5 Is not thy wickednes great, and thine iniquities innumerable?

6 For thou hast taken the d pledge from thy brother for nought, & spoyled the clothes of the naked.

7 To such as was wearie, thou hast not giuen water to drink, and hast withdrawen bread from the hungrie.

8 But the mightie man e had the earth, and he that was in authoritie dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast cast out widowes empty, and the armes of the f fatherlesse were broken.

10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and feare shall suddenly trouble thee:

11 Or darknes that thou shouldest not see, and g abundance of waters shall couer thee.

12 Is not God on a hie in the heauen? and behold

a Though man were iust, yet God could haue no profit of this his iustice: and therefore when hee punisheth him, he hath no regard to his iustice, but to his sinne.

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b Lest thou shouldest reproue or hurt him?

c Thou hast been cruell and without charitie, and wouldest do nothing for the poore, but for thine owne aduantage.

d When thou wast in power & authoritie, thou

didst not iustice but wrong.

e Thou hast not only not shewed pitty, but oppressed them.

f That is, manifold afflictions.

g He accuseth Iob of impiety & contempt of God, as though he would say, Iob, If I passe not for man, yet consider the height of Gods maiestie.

h That so much the more by that excellent worke thou mayest feare God, and reuerence him.

i He reproueth Iob as though he denied Gods prouidence, and that he could not see the things that were done in this world.

k How God hath punished them from the beginning?

l He prooueth Gods prouidence by the punishment of the wicked, whom he taketh away before they can bring their wicked purposes to passe.

m He answereth to that which Iob had said, Chap. 21. 7. that the wicked haue prosperitie in this world: desiring that he might not be partaker of the like.

n The iust reioyce at the destruction of the wicked for two causes: first because God sheweth himselfe iudge of the world, and by this meanes continueth his honour and glory: secondly, because God sheweth that hee hath care ouer his, in that he punisheth their enemies.

o That is, the state & preseruation of the godly is hid vnder Gods wings.

p Meaning, of the wicked

q He exhorteth Iob to repentance, and to returne to God.

r God will restore vnto thee all thy substance.

s Which shalbe in abundãce like dust.

t That is, the fauour of God.

u God will deliuer his, when the wicked are destroyed round about them, as in the flood, and in Sodome.

x God will deliuer a whole countrey from perill, euen for the iust mans sake.

behold the height of the k starres howe hie they are.

13 But thou sayest, Howe should God l knowe? can he iudge through the darke cloud?

14 The cloudes hide him that he cannot see, and he walketh in the circle of heauen.

15 Hast thou marked the way of m worlde, n wherein wicked men haue walked?

16 Which were o cut downe before the time, whose foundation was as a riuer that ouerflowed:

17 Which said vnto God, Depart from vs, and asked what the almighty could doe for them.

18 Yet he p filled their houses with good things: but let the counsell of the wicked be farre from me.

19 The righteous shall see them, and shal reioyce, q and the innocent shall laugh them to scorne.

20 Surely r our substance is hid: but the fire hath deuoured the remnant of s them.

21 Therefore acquaint thy selfe, I pray thee, t with him, and make peace: thereby thou shalt haue prosperitie.

22 Receiue, I pray thee, the Law of his mouth, and lay vp his words in thine heart.

23 If thou returne to the Almighty, thou shalt be u built vp, and thou shalt put iniquity farre from thy Tabernacle.

24 Thou shalt lay vp gold for x dust, and the gold of Ophir, as the flintes of the riuers.

25 Yea, the Almighty shalbe thy defence, and thou shalt haue plentie of siluer.

26 And thou shalt then delight in the Almightie, and lift vp thy face vnto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer vnto him, and he shall heare thee, and thou shalt render thy vowes.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and he shal establish it vnto thee, and the y light shal shine vpon thy wayes.

29 z When others are cast downe, then shalt thou say, I am lifted vp: and God shall saue the humble person.

30 The innocent shal deliuer the a Iland, and it shall bee preserued by the pureneſſe of thine hands.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1. Iob affirmeth that he both knoweth & feareth the power & sentence of the Iudge, 10. And that he is not punished onely for his sinnes.

THen Iob answered and said,

2 Though my talke bee this day in a bitternesse, and my plague greater then my groning,

3 (Would God yet I knew how to finde him, I would enter vnto his place.

4 I would pleade the cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the wordes, that hee would answere mee, and would vnderstand what he would say vnto me.

6 (Would he b plead against me with his great power? No but he would c put strength in me.

7 d There the righteous might reason with him, so I should bee deliuered for euer from my Iudge.

8 e Behold, if I go to the East, he is not there: if to the West, yet I cannot perceiue him:

9 If to the North where he worketh, yet I cannot see him: he wil hide himselfe in the South, and I cannot behold him.

10 But he knoweth my f way, and trieth me, and I shall come forth like the gold.

11 My foote hath followed his steps: his way haue I kept, and haue not declined.

12 Neither haue I departed from the commandement of his lips, & I haue esteemed the words of his mouth more then mine appointed foode.

13 Yet hee is in one minde, and who can g turne him? yea, hee doeth what his minde desireth.

14 For he will performe that which is decreed of me, and h many such things are with him.

15 Therefore I am troubled at his presence, and in considering it, I am afraide of him.

16 For God i hath softned mine heart, and the Almightie hath troubled me.

17 For I am not cut off in k darknes, but he hath hid the darkenesse from my face.

a He sheweth the iust cause of his complaining, and as touching that Eliphaz had exhorted him to returne to God, Chap. 22. 21. hee declareth that he desireth nothing more: but it seemed that God would not be found of him.

b Vsing his absolute power, & saying, Because I am God, I may doe what I will.

c Of his mercie he would giue me power to answere him.

d When he of his mercie hath giuen strength to maintaine their cause.

e Meaning, that if hee consider Gods iustice, hee is not able to comprehend his iudgements, on what side or part so euer he turneth himselfe.

f God hath this preeminence aboue me, that he knoweth my way: to wit, that I am innocent, and I am not able to iudge of his workes: he sheweth also his confidence, that God doeth visite him for his profit

g His worde is more precious vnto me, then the meat wherewith the body is sustained.

h Iob confesseth that at this present hee felt not Gods fauour, and yet was assured, that he had appointed him to a good end.

i In many points man is not able to attain to Gods iudgements

k That I should not be without feare.

l He sheweth the cause of his feare, which is, that he being in trouble, seeth none end, neither yet knoweth the cause.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 Iob describeth the wickednesse of men, and sheweth what curse belongeth to the wicked, 12 How all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence, 17 And the destruction of the wicked.

HOw should not the times bee a hid from the Almightie, seeing that they which know him, see not his b dayes?

2 Some remoue the land marks, that rob the flockes, and feede thereof.

3 They lead away the Asse of the fatherlesse, and take the widowes ore to pledge.

4 They make the poore to turne out of the way, so that the poore of the earth hide themselues c together.

5 Behold, others as wilde Asses in the wildernesse, goe forth to their businesse, and d rise early for a pray: the wildernesse

a Thus Iob speaketh in his passions and after the iudgement of the flesh, that is, that he seeth not the things that are done at times, neither yet hath a peculiar care ouer all because he punisheth not the wicked, nor reuengeth the godly.

b When he punisheth the wicked, & rewardeth the good.

c And for cruelty and oppression dare not shewe their faces.

d That is, spare no diligence.

e giueth

e He and his liue by robbing and murthering.
f Meaning, the poore mans.
g Signifying, that one wicked man will not spoile another, but for necessity.
h The poore are driuen by the wicked into rocks and holes, where they cannot lie dry for the raine.
i That is, they so powle and pill the poore widow, that shee cannot haue to sustaine her selfe, that she may be able to giue her childe sucke.
k That is, his garment, wherewith he should be couered or clad.
l In such places, which are appointed for that purpose: meaning that those that labour for the wicked are pined for hunger.
m For the great oppression and extortion.
n Cry out & call for vengeance.
o God doth not condemne the wicked, but seemeth to passe ouer is by his long silence
p That is, Gods worde, because they are reproued thereby.
q By these particular vices, and the licence thereunto, he would proue that God punisheth not the wicked, and rewardeth the iust.

* giueth him and his children foode.

6 They reape [f] his prouision in the field, but they gather the late [s] vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without garment, and without couering in the colde.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountaines, [h] and they imbrace the rocke for want of a couering.

9 They plucke the fatherlesse [i] from the breast, and take the pledge [k] of the poore.

10 They cause him to goe naked without clothing, and take the gleaning from the hungry.

11 They that make oyle [l] betweene their walles, and tread their wine presses, suffer thirst.

12 Men [m] cry out of the city, & the soules of the slaine [n] cry out: yet God doeth [o] not charge them with folly.

13 These are they that abhorre the [p] light: they know not the wayes thereof, nor continue in the paths thereof.

14 The murtherer riseth early, & killeth the poore and the needy: and in the night he is as a theefe.

15 The eye also of the [q] adulterer waiteth for the twilight, and saith, None eye shall see me, and disguiseth his face.

16 They dig through houses in the darke, which they marked for themselues in the day: they know not the light.

17 But the morning is euen to them as the shadow of death: if one knowe them, they are in the terrours of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift vpon the [r] waters: their [s] portion shall be cursed in the earth: he will not behold the way of the vineyards.

19 As the dry ground and heate consume the snow waters, so shall the graue the [t] sinners.

20 [u] The pitifull man shall forget him: the worme shal feele his sweetnesse: he shalbe no more remembred, and the wicked shal be broken like a tree.

21 He [x] doeth euil intreat the barren, that doeth not beare, neither doeth he good to the widow.

22 Yet draweth also the [y] mighty by his power, and when he riseth vp, none is sure of life.

23 Though men giue him assurance to be in safety, yet his eyes are vpon their wayes.

24 They are exalted for a little, but they are gone, and are brought low as all others: they are destroyed, and cut off as the top of an eare of corne.

25 But if it be not [z] so, where is hee? or who will proue me a liar, & make my words of no value?

r That is, that contrary to your reasoning no man can giue a perfect reason of Gods iudgements, let mee bee reprooued.

CHAP. XXV.

Bildad proueth that no man is cleane nor without sinne before God.

THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, and sayd,

2 [a] Power and feare is with him, that maketh peace in his hie places.

3 Is there any number in his armies? and vpon whom [b] shall not his light arise?

4 And how may a man be [c] iustified with God? or how can he be cleane, that is borne of woman?

5 Behold, hee will giue no light to the moone, [d] and the starres are vncleane in his sight.

6 How much more man, a worme, euen the sonne of man, which is but a worme?

a His purpose is to prooue that albeit God try & afflict the iust, yet soone after he sendeth prosperity, and because he did not so to Iob, he concludeth that he is wicked.
b Who can hide him frō his presence?
c That is, be iust in respect of God?
d If God shew his power, the moone and starres cannot haue that light, which is giuen them, much lesse can man haue any excellency, but of God.

CHAP. XXVI.

Iob sheweth that man cannot helpe God, and proueth it by his miracles.

BUt Iob answered, and sayd,

2 [a] Whom helpest thou? him that hath no power? sauest thou the arme that hath no strength?

3 Whom counsellest thou? him that hath no wisdome? thou [b] shewest right well as the thing is.

4 To whome doest thou declare [c] these words? or what spirit [d] commeth out of thee?

5 The [e] dead things are formed vnder the waters, and neere vnto them.

6 The graue is [f] naked before him, and there is no couering for [g] destruction.

7 He stretcheth out the [h] North ouer the emptie place, and hangeth the earth vpon nothing.

8 He bindeth the waters in his clouds, and the cloud is not broken vnder them.

9 He holdeth backe the face of his throne: [i] and spreadeth his cloud vpon it.

10 He hath set bounds about the waters, vntill the [k] day and night come to an end.

11 The [l] pillars of heauen tremble and quake at his reproofe.

12 The sea is calme by his power, and by his vnderstanding hee smiteth the pride thereof.

13 His Spirite hath garnished the heauens, and his hand hath formed the crooked [m] serpent.

14 Loe, these are part of his wayes: but [n] how little a portion heare we of him? and

a Thou concludest nothing: for neither thou helpest me, which am destitute of all helpe, neither yet speakest sufficiently on Gods behalfe, who hath no needs of thy defence.
b But thou doest not apply it to the purpose.
c That is, mooueth thee to speake this?
d Iob beginneth to declare the force of Gods power & prouidence in the mines & mettals in the deepe places of the earth.
e There is nothing hid in the bottome of the earth, but hee seeth it.
f Meaning, the graue wherein things putrifie.
g Hee causeth the whole heauen to turne about the North pole.
h That is, he hideth the heauens, which are called his throne.
i So long as this world endureth.
k Not that heauen hath pillars to vphold it, but he speaketh by a similitude, as though he would say, The heauen it selfe is not able to abide his reproch.
l Which is a figure of starres fashioned like a serpent, because of the crookednes.
m If these few things, which wee see dayly with our eyes, declare his great power and prouidence, how much more would they appeare, if we were able to comprehend all his workes?

who

who can vnderstand his fearefull power?

CHAP. XXVII.

3 The constancie and perfitnesse of Iob. 13 The reward of the wicked and of the tyrants.

MOreouer Iob proceeded and continued his parable, saying.

2 The liuing God hath taken away my [a] iudgement: for the almighty hath put my soule in bitternesse.

3 Yet so long as my breath is in me, and the Spirit of God in my nostrels,

4 My lippes surely shall speake no wickednesse, [b] and my tongue shall vtter no deceite.

5 God forbid, that I should [c] iustifie you: vntill I die, I will neuer take away mine [d] innocencie from my selfe.

6 I will keepe my righteousnes, and will not forsake it: mine heart shall not reproue me of my [e] dayes.

7 Mine enemie shall be as the wicked, and he that riseth against me, as the vnrighteous.

8 For what [f] hope hath the hypocrite when he hath heaped vp riches, if God take away his soule?

9 Will God heare his cry, when trouble commeth vpon him?

10 Will he set his delight on the Almightie? will he call vpon God at all times?

11 I will teach you what is in the hand of [g] God, and I will not conceale that which is with the Almightie.

12 Behold, all ye your selues [h] haue seene it: why then doe you thus vanish [i] in vanitie?

13 This is the [k] portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of tyrants, which they shall receiue of the Almightie.

14 If his children bee in great number, the sword shall destroy them, and his posteritie shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 His remnant shall be buried in death, and his widowes [l] shall not weepe.

16 Though he should heape vp siluer as the dust, and prepare rayment as the clay,

17 Yet may prepare it, but the iust shall put it on, and the innocent shall diuide the siluer.

18 He buildeth his house as the [m] moth, and as a lodge that the watchman maketh.

19 When the rich man sleepeth, [n] he shal not bee gathered to his fathers: they opened their eyes, and he was gone.

20 Terrours shall take him as waters, and a tempest shall cary him away by night.

21 The East winde shall take him away, and he shal depart: and it shal hurle him out of his place.

22 And God shall cast vpon him and not spare, though hee would faine flee out of his hand.

23 Euery man shal clap their hands at him, and hisse at him out of their place.

a He hath so sore afflicted me, that men cannot iudge of mine vprightnesse: for they iudge onely by outward signes.

b Howsoeuer men iudge of me, yet wil I not speake contrary to that which I haue sayd, and so doe wickedly in betraying the trueth.

c Which condemne me as a wicked man because the hand of God is vpon me.

d I will not confesse that God doeth thus punish me for my sinnes.

e Of my life past.

f What aduantage hath the dissembler to gaine neuer so much, seeing he shal lose his own soule?

g That is, what God reserueth to himselfe, and whereof he giueth not the knowledge to al.

h That is, these secret iudgements of God, and yet doe not vnderstand them.

i Why maintaine you then this errour?

k Thus wil God order the wicked, and punish him euen vnto his posteritie.

l None shall lament him.

m Which breedeth in another mans possession or garment, but is soone shaken out.

n He meaneth that the wicked tyrants shall not haue a quiet death, nor be buried honourably.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Iob sheweth that the wisedome of God is vnsearchable.

THe siluer surely hath his veine, [a] and the gold his place, where they take it.

2 Iron is taken out of the dust, and [b] brasse is molten out of the stone.

3 God putteth an end to darknesse, [c] and he trieth the perfection of all things: he setteth a bond of darkenesse, and of the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out against the [d] inhabitant, and the waters [e] forgotten of the foot, being higher then man, are gone away.

5 Out of the same earth commeth [f] bread, and vnder it, as it were fire is turned vp.

6 The stones thereof are a place [g] of sapphires, and the dust of it is gold.

7 There is a path which no foule hath knowen, neither hath the kites eye seene it.

8 The lyons whelps haue not walked it, nor the lyon passed thereby.

9 He putteth his hand vpon the [h] rocke, & ouerthroweth the mountaines by the rootes.

10 He breaketh riuers in the rockes, and his eye seeth euery precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods that they do not ouerflow, and the thing that is hid, bringeth he to light.

12 But where is wisdome found? [i] and where is the place of vnderstanding?

13 Man knoweth not [k] the price thereof: for it is not found in the land of the liuing.

14 The depth saith, It is not in me: the sea also saith, It is not with me.

15 [l] Gold shal not be giuen for it, neither shall siluer be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It shall not be valued with the wedge of gold of Ophir, nor with the precious onix, nor the saphir.

17 The gold nor the christal shalbe equal vnto it, nor the exchange shall be for plate of fine gold.

18 No mention shall bee made of coral, nor of the [m] gabish: for wisedome is more precious then pearles.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be equall vnto it, neither shal it be valued with the wedge of pure gold.

20 Whence then commeth wisedome? and where is the place of vnderstanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all the liuing, and is hid from the [n] foules of the heauen?

22 Destruction and death say, We haue heard the fame thereof with our eares:

23 But God vnderstandeth the [o] way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he beholdeth the ends of [p] world, and seeth all that is vnder heauen.

25 To make the weight of the windes, and to weigh the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the raine, and a way for the lightning of the thunders,

27 Then did he see it, and counted it: he prepared it and also considered it.

a His purpose is to declare that man may attaine in this world to diuers secrets of nature, but man is neuer able to comprehend the wisedom of God.

b There is nothing but it is compassed within certaine limits and hath an end, but Gods wisedome.

c Meaning, him that dwelleth thereby.

d Which a man cannot wade through.

e That is, come, and vnderneath is brimstone or cole, which easily conceiueth fire.

f He alludeth to the mines and secrets of nature which are vnder the earth, where into neither soules nor beasts can enter.

g After that he hath declared the wisdome of God, in the secrets of nature, he describeth his power.

h Though Gods power and wisedome may be vnderstood in earthly things, yet his heauenly wisdome cannot be attained vnto.

i It is too hie a thing for man to attaine vnto in this world.

k It can neither be bought for gold nor precious stones, but is onely the gift of God.

l Which is thought to be a kind of precious stone.

m Meaning, that there is no naturall meanes, whereby man may attaine to the heauenly wisedome: which he meaneth by the soules that flie hie.

n Hee maketh God onely the authour of this wisedome, and the giuer thereof.

28 And

Prouer.1.7. o He declareth that man hath so much of this heauenly wisedome, as hee sheweth by fearing God, and departing from euill.

28 And vnto man he said, Beholde, * the * feare of the Lord is wisedome, and to depart from euill is vnderstanding.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Iob complaineth of the prosp rute of the time past. 7.21. His authoritie, 12 Iustice and equitie.

MOreouer Iob proceeded and continued his parable, saying,

2 Oh that I were as ‡ in times past, when God preserued me!

3 When his * light shined vpon mine head: and when by his light I walked thorow the b darknesse,

4 As I was in the dayes of my youth, when c Gods prouidence was vpon my tabernacle:

5 When the Almighty was yet with me, and my children round about me:

6 When I washed my paths d with butter, and when the rocke powred me out riuers of oyle:

7 When I went out to the gate, euen to the iudgement seat, and when I caused them to prepare my seate in the streete.

8 The yong men saw mee, & * hid themselues, and the aged arose, and stood vp.

9 The princes staied talke, and laid their hand on their f mouth.

10 The voyce of princes was hid, & their tongue cleaued to the roofe of their mouth.

11 And when the eare heard me, it blessed mee: and when the eye saw mee, it gaue witnesse to g me.

12 For I deliuered the i poore that cried, and the fatherlesse, and him that had none to helpe him.

13 k The blessing of him that was readie to perish, came vpon mee, and I caused the widowes heart to reioyce.

14 I put l on iustice, and it couered mee: my iudgement was as a robe, and a crowne.

15 I was the eyes to the blind, and I was the feet to the lame.

16 I was a father vnto the poore, and when I knew not the cause, I sought it out diligently.

17 I brake also the chawes of the vnrighteous man, and pluckt the pray out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, I shall die in my m nest, and I shall multiply my dayes as the sand.

19 For my root is * spread out by the water, and the dew shall lie vpon my branch.

20 My glory shall renue toward me, and my bow shall be restored in mine hand.

21 Vnto me men gaue care, and waited, and held their tongue at my counsell.

22 After my words they replied not, and my talke * dropped vpon them.

23 And they waited for mee, as for the raine, and they opened their mouth n as for the latter raine.

24 If I * laughed on them, they beleeued it not: neither did they cause the light of my countenance o to fall.

25 I appointed out p their way, and did sit as chiefe, and dwelt as a king in the armie, and like one that comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Iob complaineth that hee is contemned of the most contemptible, 11. 21. because of his aduersitie and affliction. 23 Death is the house of all flesh.

BVt now they that are younger then I, a mocke me: yea, they whose fathers I haue refused to set with the b dogges of my flockes.

2 For whereto should the strength of their hands haue serued me, seeing age c perished in them?

3 For pouertie and famine they were solitary, fleeing into the wildernesse, which is darke, desolate and waste.

4 They cut vp ‖ nettles by the bushes, and the iuniper rootes was their meate.

5 They were d chased forth from among men: they shouted at them, as at a theefe.

6 Therefore they dwelt in the cliffes of riuers, in the holes of the earth and rockes.

7 They roared among the bushes, & vnder the thistles they gathered themselues.

8 They were the children of fooles, and the children of villaines, which were more vile then the earth.

9 And now am I their * song, and I am their talke.

10 They abhorre me, and flee farre from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because that God hath loosed my f cord and humbled me, e they haue loosed the bridle before me.

12 The youth rise vp at my right hand: they haue puffed my feete, and haue troden on me as on the h paths of their destruction.

13 They haue destroyed my pathes: they tooke pleasure at my calamity, they had none i helpe.

14 They came as a great breach of waters, and k vnder this calamity they come on heapes.

15 Feare is turned vnto me: and they pursue my soule as the winde, and mine health passeth away as a cloud.

16 Therefore my soule is now l powred out vpon mee, and the dayes of affliction haue taken hold on me.

17 m It pierceth my bones in the night, and my sinewes take no rest.

18 For the great vehemencie is my garment changed, which compasseth mee about as the collar of my coat.

19 * He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like ashes and dust.

20 When I cry vnto thee, thou doest not heare mee, neither regardest mee, when I stand vp.

21 Thou turnest thy selfe cruelly against mee, and art enemie vnto mee with the strength of thine hand.

22 Thou takest mee vp and causest me to ride vpon the r winde, and makest my

‡ I had them at commandement.

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Euening

Ebr.moneths before.

a When I felt his fauour.

b I was free from affliction.

c That is, seemed by euident tokens to be more present with me.

d By these similitudes he declareth the great prosperitie that he was in, so that he had none occasion to be such a sinner as they accused him.

e Being ashamed of their lightnes, and afraid of my grauitie.

f Acknowledging my wisedome.

g All that heard me, praysed me.

h Testifying, ‖ I did good iustice.

i Because his aduersaries did so much charge him with wickednes, he is compelled to render a count of his life.

k That is, I did succour him that was in distresse, & so he had cause to praise me.

l I delited to do iustice, as others did to weare costly apparell.

m That is, at home in my bed wont all trouble and vnquietnesse.

n My felicitie doth increase.

o That is, was pleasant vnto them.

p As the drie ground thirsteth for the raine.

q That is, they thought it not to bee a iest, or they thought not that I would condescend vnto them.

r They were afraid to offend me, and cause me to be angrie.

a That is, mine estate is changed, and whereas before the ancient men were glad to doe me reuerence, the yong men now contemne me.

b Meaning, to be my shepheards, or to keepe my dogges.

c That is, their fathers died for famine before they came to age.

‖ *Or, mallowes*

d Iob sheweth that these that mocked him in his affliction, were like to their fathers, wicked & lewde fellowes, such as he here describeth.

e They make songs of me, and mocke at my miserie.

f God hath taken from me the force, credit, and authority, wherwith I kept them in subiection.

g He saith that the yong men when they saw him, hid themselues, as Chap. 29.8. and now in his misery they were impudent and licencious.

h That is, they sought by all meanes how they might destroy me.

i They need none to helpe them.

k By my calamitie they tooke an occasion against me.

l My life faileth me, and I am as

‖ streight.

f Or, wisedome, or law.
q None can deliuer me thence, though they lament at my death
r In stead of comforting, they mocked at me.
s Not delighting in any worldly thing, no not so much as in the vse of the sunne.
t Lamenting them that were in affliction, and mouing others to pitie them.
u I am like the wilde beasts that desire most solitarie places.
x With the heate of affliction.

13 Iune

1 Sebastian

a I kept mine eyes from all wanton lookes.
b Would not God then haue punished me?
c Iob declareth what the feare of God was a bridle to stay him from all wickednesse.
d He sheweth wherein his vprightnesse standeth, that is, in as much as he was blamelesse before men, and sinned not against the second Table.
e That is, hath accomplished the lust of mine eye.
f According to the curse of the Law, Deut. 28. 33.
g Let her bee made a slaue.
h He sheweth that albeit man neglect the punishment of adulterie, yet the wrath of God will neuer cease till such be destroyed.
i When they thought themselues euill intreated by me.
k If I had oppressed others, how should I haue escaped Gods iudgement?
l He was mooued to shew pitie vnto seruants, because they were Gods creatures as he was.

strength to faile.
23 Surely I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all the liuing.
24 Doubtlesse none can stretch his hand q vnto the graue, though they crie in his destruction.
25 Did not I weepe with him that was in trouble? was not my soule in heauinesse for the poore?
26 Yet when I looked for good, euill came vnto me: and when I waited for light, there came darknesse.
27 My bowels did boyle without rest: for the dayes of affliction are come vpon me.
28 I went mourning without [r] sunne: I stood vp in the congregation, [s] and cried.
29 I am a brother to the [t] dragons, and a companion to the ostriches.
30 My skinne is blacke vpon me, and my bones are burnt with [x] heate.
31 Therefore mine harpe is turned to mourning, and mine organes into the voice of them that weepe.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Iob recyteth the innocencie of his liuing, and number of his vertues, which declareth what ought to be the life of the faithfull.*

I Made a couenant with mine [a] eyes: why then should I thinke on [b] a mayd?
2 For what portion should I haue of God from aboue? and what inheritance of the Almightie from on high?
3 Is not destruction to the wicked, and strange punishment to [c] the workers of iniquitie?
4 Doth not he behold my wayes, and tel all my steps?
5 If I haue walked in vanitie, or if my foot hath made haste to deceit,
6 Let God weigh me in the iust balance, and he shall know mine [d] vprightnesse.
7 If my step hath turned out of the way, or mine heart hath [e] walked after mine eye, or if any blot hath cleaued to mine hands,
8 Let mee sowe, and let another [f] eare: yea, let my plants be rooted out.
9 If mine heart hath beene deceiued by a woman, or if I haue laide waite at the doore of my neighbour,
10 Let my wife [g] grinde vnto another man, & let other men bow downe vpon her:
11 For this is a wickednesse, and iniquity to be condemned:
12 Yea, this is a fire that shall deuoure [h] to destruction, and which shall root out all mine increase.
13 If I did contemne the iudgement of my seruaunt, and of my maide, when they [i] did contend with me,
14 What then shall I doe when [k] God standeth vp? and when hee shall visite mee, what shall I answere?
15 He that hath made me in the wombe, hath hee not made [l] him? hath not hee alone fashioned vs in the wombe?
16 If I restrained the poore of their desire, or haue caused the eyes of the widow [m] to faile,
17 Or haue eaten my morsels alone, and the fatherlesse haue not eaten thereof,
18 (For from my youth he hath growen vp with me [n] as with a father, and from my mothers wombe I haue bene a guide vnto her)
19 If I haue seene any perish for want of clothing, or any poore without couering,
20 If his loynes haue not blessed mee, because he was warmed with the fleece of my sheepe,
21 If I haue lift [o] vp mine hand against the fatherlesse, when I saw that I might helpe him in the gate,
22 Let mine [p] arme fall from my shoulder, & mine arme be broken from the bone.
23 For Gods punishment was [q] fearefull vnto me, and I could not bee deliuered from his highnesse.
24 If I made golde mine hope, or haue said to the wedge of gold, Thou art my confidence,
25 If I reioyced because my substance was great, or because mine hand had gotten much,
26 If I did behold the [r] Sunne, when it shined, or the moone walking in her brightnesse,
27 If mine heart did flatter me in secret, or my mouth did kisse mine [s] hand,
28 (This also had beene an iniquitie to be condemned: for I had denyed the God [t] aboue)
29 If I reioyced at his destruction that hated mee, or was mooued to ioy when euill came vpon him,
30 Neither haue I suffered my mouth to sinne by wishing a curse vnto his soule.
31 Did not the men of my [u] Tabernacle say, Who shall giue vs of his flesh? we can not be satisfied.
32 The stranger did not lodge in the streete, but I opened my doores vnto him that went by the way.
33 If I haue hid [x] my sinne, as Adam, concealing mine iniquitie in my bosome,
34 Though I could haue made afrayd a great multitude, yet the most contemptible of the families did [y] feare me: so I kept [z] silence, and went not out of the doore.
35 Oh, that I had some to heare me! behold my [a] signe that the Almighty will witnesse for me: though mine aduersary should write a booke against me,
36 Would not I take it vpon my shoulder, and binde it as [b] a crowne vnto me?
37 I will tell him the number of my goings, and goe vnto him as to a [c] prince.
38 If my land [d] crie against mee, or the furrowes thereof complaine together,
39 If I haue eaten the fruites thereof

m By long waiting for her request.
n He nourished the fatherles, and maintained the widowes cause.
o To oppresse him and doe him iniurie.
p Let me rot in pieces.
q I refrained not from sinning for feare of men, but because I feared God.
r If I was proud of my worldly prosperitie, and felicitie, which is meant by the shining of the Sunne and brightnesse of the Moone.
s If mine owne doings delighted me.
t By putting confidence in any thing, but in him alone.
u My seruants mooued me to be reuenged of mine enemie, yet did I neuer wish him hurt.
x And not confessed it freely: whereby it is euident that he iustified himselfe before men and not before God.
y That is, I reuerenced the most weake and contemned, and was afraid to offend them
z I suffered them to speake euill of me, and went not out of my house to reuenge it.
a This is a sufficient token of my righteousnesse, that God is my witnesse and will iustifie my cause.
b Should not this booke of his accusations be a prayse and commendation to me?
c I will make him account of all my life without feare.
d As though I had withholden their wages that labour in it.

without

e Meaning, that he was no briber nor extortioner.
f That is, the talke which he had with his three friends.

without siluer: or if I haue grieued the soules of the masters thereof,
40 Let thistles grow in stead of wheat, and cockle in the stead of barley.
THE WORDS OF IOB ARE ENDED.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Elihu reproueth them of folly. 8 Age maketh not a man wise, but the Spirit of God.

SO these three men ceased to answere Iob, because he a esteemed himselfe iust.
2 Then the wrath of Elihu the sonne of Barachel the b Buzite, of the family of c Ram, was kindled: his wrath, I say, was kindled against Iob, because hee iustified himselfe d more then God.
3 Also his anger was kindled against his three friends, because they could not find an answere, and yet condemned Iob.
4 (Now Elihu had waited till Iob had spoken: for e they were more ancient in yeres then he)
5 So when Elihu sawe that there was none answere in the mouth of the three men, his wrath was kindled.
6 Therefore Elihu the sonne of Barachel the Buzite, answered and sayde, I am yong in yeres, and yee are ancient: therefore I doubted, and was afraide to shewe you mine opinion.
7 For I sayd, The f dayes shall speake, and the multitude of yeres shall teach wisedome.
8 Surely there is a spirit in man, f but the inspiration of the Almightie giueth vnderstanding.
9 Great men are not alway wise, neither doe the aged alway vnderstand iudgement.
10 Therefore I say, Heare me, and I will shew also mine opinion.
11 Behold, I did wait vpon your words, and hearkened vnto your knowledge, whiles you sought out g reasons.
12 Yea, when I had considered you, loe, there was none of you that reproued Iob, nor answered his words:
13 Lest yee should say, We haue h found wisedome: for God hath cast him downe, and no man.
14 Yet hath i he not directed his words to me, neither will I answere k him by your words.
15 Then they fearing, answered no more, but left off their talke.
16 When I had waited (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more)
17 Then answered I in my turne, and I shewed mine opinion.
18 For I am full of l matter, and the spirit within me compelleth me.
19 Behold, my belly is as the wine, which hath no vent, and like the newe bottels that breast.
20 Therefore will I speake, that I may take breath: I will open my lips, and will answere.
21 I will not now accept the person of man, m neither will I giue titles to man.
22 For I may not giue n titles, least my Maker should take me away suddenly.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Elihu accuseth Iob of ignorance. 14 He sheweth that God hath diuerse meanes to instruct man and to draw him from sinne. 19. 29 He assisteth man, and suddenly deliuereth him. 26 Man being deliuered, giueth thankes to God.

WHerefore, Iob, I pray thee, heare my talke, and hearken vnto all my wordes.
2 Behold now I haue opened my mouth: my tongue haue spoken in my mouth.
3 My wordes are in the vprightnesse of mine heart, and my lips shall speake pure knowledge.
4 The o Spirit of God hath made mee, and the breath of the Almightie hath giuen me life.
5 If thou canst giue me answere, prepare thy selfe, and stand before me.
6 Beholde, I am according to thy wish in p Gods stead: I am also formed of the clay.
7 Behold, my terrour shall not feare thee, neither shall mine hand q be heauie vpon thee.
8 Doubtlesse thou hast spoken in mine eares, and I haue heard the voyce of thy words:
9 I am r cleane, without sinne: I am innocent, and there is none iniquitie in me.
10 Loe, he hath found occasions against me, and counted me for his enemie.
11 Hee hath put my feete in the stockes, and looketh narrowly vnto all my pathes.
12 Beholde, in this hast thou not done right: I will answere thee, that God is greater then man.
13 Why doest thou striue against him? for hee doeth not s giue account of all his matters.
14 For God speaketh t once or twise, and one t heeth it not.
15 In dreames and u visions of the night, when sleepe falleth vpon men, x they sleepe vpon their beds.
16 Then hee openeth the eares of men, euen by their corrections, which hee y had sealed,
17 That hee might cause man to turne away from his enterprise, and that he might hide the z pride of man,
18 And keepe backe his soule from the pit, and that his life should not passe by the sword.
19 Hee is also striken with sorrowe vpon his bed, and the greefe of his bones is sore,
20 So that his a life causeth him to abhorre bread, and his soule dainty meate.
21 His flesh faileth that it cannot bee seene, and his bones which were not seene, clatter.
22 So his soule draweth to the graue, and his life b to the buriers.
23 If there be c an messenger with him or

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1 Lesson

a I confesse the power of God, and am one of his, therefore thou oughtest to heare me.
b Because Iob had wished to dispute his cause with God Chap. 16. 21. so that he might doe it without feare, Elihu saith he will reason in Gods stead, whom he needeth not to feare because he is a man made of the same matter that he is
c I will not stande thee so roughly as these others haue done.
d He repeateth Iobs wordes, whereby he protested his innocencie in diuers places, but specially in the 13. 16. and 30 chapters.
e The cause of his iudgements is not alwayes declared to man.
f Though God by sundry examples of his iudgements speake vnto man, yet the reason thereof is not knowen: yea, and though God should speake, yet hee is not vnderstoode.
g God saith he, speaketh commonly, either by visions to teach vs the cause of his iudgements, or els by afflictions, or by his messengers. h That is determined to send vpon them. i He sheweth for what end God sendeth afflictions to beate down mans pride, and to turne from euill. k That is, his painefull and miserable life. l To them that shall bury him. m A man sent of God to declare his will,

an interpreter, one of a thousand • to declare vnto man his righteousnesse,

24 Then will he haue • mercy vpon him, and will say, p Deliuer him, that he goe not downe into the pit: for I haue receiued a reconciliation.

25 Then shall his flesh bee q as fresh as a children, and shall returne as in the dayes of his youth.

26 He shall pray vnto God, and he will be fauourable vnto him, and he shal see his face with ioy: for hee will render vnto man his r righteousnesse.

27 He looketh vpon men, and if one say, I haue sinned, and ſ peruerted righteousnes, and it did not profit ᵗ me,

28 ᵘ Hee will deliuer his soule from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these things will God worke ˣ twise or thrise with a man,

30 That hee may turne backe his soule from the pit, to be illuminate in the light of the liuing.

31 Marke well, O Iob, and heare mee: keepe silence, and I will speake.

32 If there be ʸ matter, answere mee, and speake: for I desire to ᶻ iustifie thee.

33 If thou hast not, heare mee: hold thy tongue, and I will teach thee wisedome.

n A singular man, and as one chosen out of a thousand, which is able to declare the great mercies of God vnto sinners: and wherein mans righteousnes standeth, whichis through the Iustice of Iesus Christ and faith therein.

o He sheweth that it is a sure token of Gods mercie toward sinners, when he causeth his word to be preached vnto them.

p That is, the minister shal by the preaching of the word pronounce vnto him the forgiuenesse of his sinnes.

q He shall feele Gods fauour and reioice: declaring hereby, wherin standeth the true ioy of the faithfull: and that God will restore him to health of body, which is a token of his blessing.

r God will forgiue his sinnes, & accept him as iust.

ſ That is, done wickedly.

t But my sinne hath bene the cause of Gods wrath toward me.

u God wil forgiue the penitent sinner.

x Meaning oft times, euen as oft as a sinner doth repent.

y If thou doubt of any thing, or see occasion to speake against it.

z That is, to shew thee wherein mans iustification consisteth.

19 June Morning Prayer

Euening

Iob CHAP. XXXIIII.

5 *Elihu chargeth Iob, that hee called himselfe righteous.* 12 *He sheweth that God is iust in his iudgements.* 24 *God destroyeth the mightie.* 30 *Byhim the hypocrite reigneth.*

MOreouer Elihu answered, and sayd,

2 Heare my words, yee • wise men, and hearken vnto me, yee that haue knowledge.

3 For the eare trieth the wordes, as the mouth tasteth meate.

4 Let vs seeke ᵇ iudgement among vs, & let vs know among our selues what is good.

5 For Iob hath sayde, I am righteous, and God hath taken ᶜ away my iudgement.

6 Should I lie in my ᵈ right? my wound of the arrowe is ᵉ grieuous without my sinne.

7 What man is like Iob, that drinketh ᶠ scornefulnesse like water?

8 Which goeth in the ᵍ company of them that worke iniquity, and walketh with wicked men?

9 For he hath said, ʰ It profiteth a man nothing, that he should ⁱ walke with God.

a Which are esteemed wise of the world.

b Let vs examine the matter vprightly.

c That is, hath afflicted me without measure.

d Should I say, I am wicked, being an innocent?

e I am sorer punished, then my sinne deserueth.

f Which is compelled to receiue the reproch & scornes of many for his foolish words.

g Meaning, that Iob was like to the wicked, because he seemed not to glorifie God and submit himselfe to his iudgements.

h He wresteth Iobs words, who said that Gods children are oft times punished in this world, and the wicked goe free.

i That is, liue godly, as Gene. 5.22.

10 Therefore hearken vnto mee, ye men of wisedome, God forbid that wickednesse should bee in God, and iniquitie in the Almightie.

11 For he will render vnto man according to his worke, and cause euery one to find according to his way.

12 And certainely God will not doe wickedly, neither will the Almightie peruert iudgement.

13 Whom • hath hee appointed ouer the earth beside himselfe? or who hath placed the whole world?

14 If ᵏ hee set his heart vpon man, and gather vnto himselfe his spirit ˡ and his breath,

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall returne vnto dust.

16 And if thou hast vnderstanding, heare this, and hearken to the voyce of my words.

17 Shall he that hateth iudgement, ᵐ gouerne? and wilt thou iudge him wicked that is most iust?

18 Wilt thou say vnto a King, Thou art • wicked? or to princes, Ye are vngodly?

19 How much lesse to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, and regardeth not the rich, more then the poore? for they be all the worke of his hands.

20 They shall die suddenly, • and the people shall be troubled at midnight, ᵖ and they shall passe away and take away the mightie without hand.

21 For his eyes are vpon the wayes of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkenes nor shadowe of death, that the workers of iniquitie might be hid therein.

23 For hee will not lay on man so much, that he should ᵠ enter into iudgement with God.

24 Hee shall breake the mightie without ʳ seeking, and shal set vp other in their stead.

25 Therefore shal he declare their ˢ worke: hee shall turne the ᵗ night, and they shall be destroyed.

26 Hee striketh them as wicked men in the places of the • seers,

27 Because they haue turned backe from him, and would not consider al their wayes:

28 So that they haue caused the voyce of the poore to ˣ come vnto him, and hee hath heard the cry of the afflicted.

29 And when hee giueth quietnesse, who can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who can behold him, whether it be vpon nations, or vpon a man onely?

30 Because the ʸ hypocrite doeth reigne, and because the people are snared.

31 Surely it appertaineth vnto God ᶻ to say, I haue pardoned, I will not destroy.

32 • But if I see not, teach thou me: if I haue done wickedly, I will doe no more.

33 Will hee performe the thing through ᵇ thee? for thou hast reproued ᶜ it, because

Chap. 36.23.

k To destroy him.

l The breath of life which hee gaue man.

m If man of nature feare to speake euill of luchashaue power, then much more ought they to be afraid to speake euil of God.

o When they looke not for it.

p The messengers or visitation that God shall send.

q God doth not afflict man aboue measure, so that he should haue occasion to contend with him.

r For al his creatures are at hand to serue him, so that he needeth not to seeke for any other army.

ſ Make them manifest that they are wicked.

t Declare the things that were hid.

u Meaning, openly in the sight of all men.

x By their cruelty and extortion.

y When tyrants sit in the throne of Iustice, which vnder pretence of executing iustice, are but hypocrites and oppresse the people, it is a signe that God hath drawn back his countenance & fauour from that place.

z Only it belongeth to God to moderate his corrections, & not vnto man.

a Thus Elihu speaketh in the person of God as it were mocking Iob, because he would be wiser then God.

b Will God vse thy counsell in doing his works?

c Thus he speaketh in the person of God, as though Iob should chuse and refuse affliction at his pleasure.

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that thou hast chosen, and not I: now speake what thou knowest.

34 Let men of vnderstanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken vnto me.

35 Iob hath not spoken of knowledge, neither were his wordes according to wisedome.

36 I desire that Iob may be [d] tried vnto the ende touching the answeres for wicked men.

37 For he [e] addeth rebellion vnto his sinne: he clappeth his hands among vs, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAP. XXXV.

6 Neither doth godlinesse profit, nor vngodlinesse hurt God, but man. 13 The wicked crie vnto God, and are not heard.

ELihu spake moreouer and sayd,

2 Thinkest thou this right, that thou hast sayde, I am [a] more righteous then God?

3 For thou hast sayd, What profiteth it thee, and what availeth it me, to purge me from my sinne?

4 Therefore will I answere thee, and thy [b] companions with thee.

5 Looke vnto the heauen, and see, and behold the [c] clouds which are higher then thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou [d] against him, yea, when thy sinnes bee many, what doest thou vnto him?

7 If thou be righteous, what giuest thou vnto him? or what receiueth hee at thine hand?

8 Thy wickednesse may hurt a man as thou art: and thy righteousnesse may profite the sonne of man.

9 They cause many that are oppressed to [e] crie, which crie out for the violence of the mightie.

10 But none sayeth, Where is God that made me, which giueth songs in the night?

11 Which teacheth vs more then the beasts of the earth, and giueth vs more wisedome then the foules of the heauen.

12 Then they crie because of the violence of the wicked, but [f] he answereth not.

13 Surely God will not heare vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest to God, Thou wilt not regard it, [g] yet iudgement is before him: trust thou in him.

15 But now because his anger hath not visited, nor called to count the euil with great extremitie,

16 Therefore Iob [h] openeth his mouth in vaine, and multiplieth wordes without knowledge.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Elihu sheweth the power of God, 6 and his iustice: 9 And wherefore he punisheth. 13 The properties of the wicked.

ELihu also proceeded and sayd,

2 Suffer me a little, and I will instruct thee: for I haue yet to speake on Gods behalfe.

3 I will fetch [a] my knowledge afarre off, and will attribute righteousnesse vnto my Maker.

4 For truly my wordes shall not be false, and he that is [b] perfit in knowledge, speaketh with thee.

5 Behold, the mighty God casteth away none that is [c] mighty and valiant of courage.

6 [d] He maintaineth not the wicked, but he giueth iudgement to the afflicted.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous, but they are with [e] Kings in the throne, where he placeth them for euer: thus they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters and tied with the cords of affliction,

9 Then will he shew them their [f] worke and their sinnes, because they haue beene proud.

10 He openeth also their eare to discipline, and commaundeth them that they returne from iniquitie.

11 [g] If they obey and serue him, they shall end their dayes in prosperitie, and their yeeres in pleasures.

12 But if they will not obey, they shall passe by the sword, and perish [h] without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites [i] of heart increase the wrath: for they [k] call not when he bindeth them.

14 Their soule dieth in [l] youth, and their life among the whoremongers.

15 Hee deliuereth the poore in his affliction, and openeth their eare in trouble.

16 Euen so would he haue taken thee out of the strait place into a broad place and not shut vp beneath: and [m] that which resteth vpon thy table, had beene full of fat.

17 But thou art full of the [n] iudgement of the wicked, though iudgement and equity maintaine all things.

18 [o] For Gods wrath is, lest he should take thee away in thine abundance: for no multitude of gifts can deliuer thee.

19 Will he regard thy riches? hee regardeth not golde, nor all them that excell in strength.

20 [p] Be not carefull in the night, how he destroyeth the people out of their place.

21 Take thou heede: looke not to [q] iniquitie: for thou hast chosen it rather then affliction.

22 Beholde, God exalteth by his power: what teacher is like him?

23 Who hath appointed to him his way? or who can say, Thou hast done wickedly?

24 Remember that thou magnifie his worke, which men behold.

25 All men see it, and men behold it [r] afarre off.

26 Beholde, God is excellent, [s] and we know him not, neither can the number of his yeeres be searched out.

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d That he may speake as much as he can, that we may answere him and all the wicked that shall vse such arguments.

e He standeth stubburnly in the maintenance of his cause.

23 June

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Iob neuer spake these words: but because he maintained his innocency, it seemed as though hee would say, that God tormented him without iust cause.

b Such as are in the like errour.

c If thou canst not controll the clouds, wilt thou presume to instruct God?

d Neither doth thy sin hurt God, nor thy iustice profit him: for he will be glorified without thee

e The wicked may hurt man & cause him to cry, who if he fought to God, which sendeth comfort, should be deliuered.

f Because they pray not in faith as feeling Gods mercies.

g God is iust, howsoeuer thou iudgest of him.

h For if he did punish thee as thou deseruest, thou shouldest not be able to open thy mouth.

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aHee sheweth that when wee speake of God, we must lift our spirits more hie then our naturall sense is able to reach.

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b Thou shalt perceiue that I am a faithful instructer, and that I speake to thee in the name of God.

c Strong & constant, & of vnderstanding: for these are the gifts of God, & he loueth them in mankind forasmuch as God punished now Iob, it is a signe that these are not in him.

d Therefore he will not preserue the wicked: but to the humble & afflicted heart he will shew grace.

e He preferreth the godly to honour.

f He will mous their hearts to feele their sinnes, that they may come to him by repentance as he did Manasseh. *Isa.* 1. 19.

g That is, in their folly or obstination, and so shall be cause of their own destruction.

h Which are maliciously bent against God, and flatter themselues in their vices.

i When they are in affliction they seeke not to God for succour, as Asa, 2 Chro. 16. 12. Reu. 16. 11.

k They die of some vile death, and that before they come to age.

l If thou hadst bene obedient to God, he would haue brought thee to liberty and wealth.

m Thou art altogether after the

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manner of the wicked: for thou doest murmure against the iustice of God n God doth punish thee, lest thou shouldest forget God in thy wealth, and so perish. o Bee not thou curious in seeking the cause of Gods iudgements, when he destroyeth any p And so murmure against God through impatiencie. q The workes of God are so manifest that a man may see them a farre off, and know God by the same. r Our infirmitie hindreth vs so, that wee cannot attaine to the perfit knowledge of God.

27 When

27 When he restraineth the drops of wa-
ter, the raine ſ powreth downe by the va-
pour thereof,
28 Which raine the clouds do droppe and
let fall abundantly vpon man.
29 Who can know the diuiſions of the
clouds, and the thunders of his t taber-
nacle?
30 Behold, he ſpreadeth his light vpon
u it, and couereth the x bottome of the ſea.
31 For thereby hee iudgeth y the people,
and giueth meat abundantly.
32 He couereth the light with the clouds,
and commandeth them to go x againſt it.
33 a His companion ſheweth him thereof,
and there is anger in riſing vp.

ſ That is, the raine commeth of thoſe droppes of water, which he keepeth in the cloudes.
t Meaning, of the cloudes, which he calleth the Tabernacle of God.
u Vpon the cloud.
x That men can not come to the knowledge of the ſprings thereof.
y He ſheweth that the raine hath double vſe: the one that it declareth Gods iudgements, when it doeth ouerflow any places, and the other that it maketh the land fruitfull.
z That is, one cloud to dash against another
a The cold vapour ſheweth him: that is, the cloud of the hot exhalation, which being taken in the cold cloud, mounteth vp toward the place where the fire is, and ſo anger is ingendred: that is, noiſe and thunder claps.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Elihu preacheth that the vnſearchable wiſdom of God is manifeſt by his works, 4 as by the thunders, 6 the ſnow, 9 the whirlewind, 11 and the raine.

AT this also my heart is a aſtonied, and
is moued out of his place.
2 Heare the b ſound of his voice, and the
noiſe that goeth out of his mouth.
3 He directeth it vnder the whole heauen,
and his light vnto the ends of the world.
4 After it a noiſe ſoundeth: he thundreth
with the voice of his maieſty, and he will not
ſtay c them when his voyce is heard.
5 God thundreth marueilouſly with his
voyce: he worketh great things, which wee
know not.
6 For he ſaith to the ſnow, Be thou vpon
the earth: d likewiſe to the ſmall raine and
to the great raine of his power.
7 With the force thereof hee c ſhutteth vp
euery man, that all men may know his
worke.
8 Then the beaſts goe into the den, and
remaine in their places.
9 The whirlewind commeth out of the
South, and the cold from the e Northwind.
10 At the breath of God the froſt is giuen,
and the breadth of the waters g is made
narrow.
11 He maketh alſo the clouds to h labour,
to water the earth, and ſcattereth the cloud of
i his light.
12 And it is turned about by his gouern-
ment, that they may do whatſoeuer he com-
mandeth them vpon the whole world:
13 Whether it be for k puniſhment, or for
his land, or of mercie, he cauſeth it to come.
14 Hearken vnto this, O Iob: ſtand and
conſider the wondrous works of God.

a At the marueiling of the thunder and lightnings: whereby hee declareth that the faithfull are liuely touched with the maieſtie of God, when they behold his works.
b That is, the thunder, whereby he ſpeaketh to men to waken their dulneſſe, & to bring them to the conſideration of his works
c Meaning, the raines and thunders.
d So that neither ſmall raine nor great, ſnow nor any thing els commeth without Gods appointment.
e By raines and thunders God cauſeth men to keepe themſelues within their houſes.
f In Ebrew it is called the ſcattering wind, because it driueth away the cloudes, and purgeth the aire
g That is, is frozen vp and dried.
h Gather the vapours and moue to and fro to water the earth.
i That is, the cloud that hath lightning in it.
k Raine, cold, heate, tempeſts and ſuch like are ſent of God, either to puniſh man, or to profite the earth, or to declare his fauour toward man, as Chap. 36.31.

15 Diddſt thou know when God diſpoſed
them? and cauſed the l light of his cloud to
ſhine?
16 Haſt thou knowen the m variety of the
cloud, and the wondrous works of him, that
is perfit in knowledge?
17 Or how the clothes are n warme, when
he maketh the earth quiet through o South
wind?
18 Haſt thou ſtretched out the heauens,
which are ſtrong, and as a molten p glaſſe?
19 Tell vs what we ſhall ſay vnto him:
for we cannot diſpoſe our matter because of
p darkeneſſe.
20 Shall it be q told him when I ſpeake?
or ſhall man ſpeake when he ſhall bee r de-
ſtroyed?
21 And now men ſee not the light, which
ſhineth in the cloudes, but the wind paſſeth
and cleanſeth them.
22 The s brightneſſe commeth out of the
North: the praiſe thereof is to God, which is
terrible.
23 It is the Almighty: we cannot find him
out: hee is excellent in power and iudge-
ment, and abundant in iuſtice: he t afflic-
teth not.
24 Let men therefore feare him: for hee
will not regard any that are wiſe in their
owne conceite.

l That is, the lightening to breake forth in the clouds?
m Which is ſometime changed into raine, or ſnow, or haile, or ſuch like.
n Why thy clothes ſhould keepe thee warme, when the South winde bloweth, rather then when any other winde bloweth?
o For their clearenesse.
p That is, our ignorance: ſignifying that Iob was ſo preſumptuous that hee would controll the workes of God.
q Hath God need that any ſhould tell him
r when man murmureth againſt him?
r If God would deſtroy a man, ſhould he repine?
ſ The cloud ſtoppeth the ſhining of the ſunne, that man cannot ſee it till the winde haue chaſed away the cloude: and if man be not able to attaine to the knowledge of theſe things, how much leſſe of Gods iudgements?
t In Hebrew, gold: meaning faire weather and cleere as gold.
u Meaning, without cauſe.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

God ſpeaketh to Iob, and declareth the weakneſs of man in the conſideration of his creatures, by whoſe excellency the power, iuſtice, & prouidence of the Creatour is knowen.

THen anſwered the Lord vnto Iob out of
the a whirlewinde, and ſaid,
2 Who is this that b darkeneth the coun-
ſell by words without knowledge?
3 Gird vp now thy loynes like a man:
I c will demaund of thee, and declare thou
vnto me.
4 Where waſt thou when I layde the
d foundations of the earth? declare, if thou
haſt vnderſtanding,
5 Who hath laide the meaſures thereof,
if thou knoweſt? or who hath ſtretched the
line ouer it?
6 Wherupon are the foundations there-
of ſet: or who laid the corner ſtone thereof:
7 When the ſtars of the morning e praiſ-
ed me together, and all the f children of God
reioyced:
8 Or who hath ſhutte vp the ſea with
doores, when it iſſued and came forth as out
of the wombe?
9 When I made the cloud as a couering

a That his words might haue greater maieſtie, and that Iob might know with whom he had to doe.
b Which by ſeeking out the ſecret counſell of God by mans reaſon, maketh it more obſcure, and ſheweth his owne folly.
c Because he had wiſhed to diſpute with God, Chap. 13.3 God reaſoneth with him to declare his raſhneſſe.
d Seeing he could not iudge of thoſe things, which were done ſo long before he was borne, he was not able to comprehend all Gods works: much leſſe the ſecret cauſes of his iudgements
e The ſtarres and dumbe creatures are ſaid to praiſe God, because his power, wiſedome and goodneſſe is manifeſt and knowen therein.
f Meaning, the Angels.

g As though the great sea were but as a little babe in ỳ hands of God to turne to and fro.
h That is, Gods decree and commandement, as verse 10.
i To wit, to rise, since thou wast borne.
k Who having in the night bene giuen to wickednesse, cannot abide the light, but hide themselues.
l The earth which seemed in the night to haue no forme, by the rising of the sunne is as it were created anew, and all things therein clad with new beauty.
m If thou art not able to seeke out the depth of the sea, how much lesse art thou able to comprehend the counsel of God?
n That thou mightest appoint it his way and limits.
o To punish mine enemies with them, as Exod. 9. 18. Iosh. 10. 11.
p The yce couereth it, as though it were paued with stone.
q Which starres arise when the sunne is in Taurus, which is the spring time, and bring flowres.
r Which starre bringeth in winter.
s Certaine starres so called: some thinke they were the twelue signes
t The North starre, with those that are about him.
u Canst thou cause the heauenly bodies to haue any power ouer the earthly bodies?

thereof, and darkenesse as the g swadling bands thereof:
10 When I established my commandement vpon it, and set barres and doores,
11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further, and here h shall it stay thy proude waues.
12 Hast thou commanded the i morning since thy dayes? hast thou caused the morning to know his place?
13 That it might take hold of the corners of the earth, and that the wicked might bee k shaken out of it?
14 It is turned as clay to fashion, l and all stand vp as a garment.
15 And from the wicked their light shall be taken away, & the hie arme shalbe broken.
16 Hast thou entred into the bottomes of the sea? or hast thou walked to seeke out the m depth?
17 Haue the gates of death beene opened vnto thee? or hast thou seene the gates of the shadowe of death?
18 Hast thou perceiued the breadth of the earth? tell if thou knowest all this.
19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and where is the place of darkenesse,
20 That thou n shouldest receiue it in the bounds thereof, and that thou shouldest know the pathes to the house thereof?
21 Knewest thou it, because thou wast then borne, and because the number of thy dayes is great?
22 Hast thou entred into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seene the treasures of the haile,
23 Which I haue o bid against the time of trouble, against ỳ day of war and battell?
24 By what way is ỳ light parted, which scattereth the East wind vpon the earth?
25 Who hath diuided the spowtes for the raine? or the way for the lightning of the thunders,
26 To cause it to raine on ỳ earth where no man is, & in the wildernesse where there is no man?
27 To fulfill the wild and waste place, and to cause the bud of the herbe to spring foorth?
28 Who is the father of the raine? or who hath begotten the dropps of the dew?
29 Out of whose wombe came the yce? who hath engendred the frost of the heauen?
30 The waters are hid p as with a stone: and the face of the depth is frozen.
31 Canst thou restraine the sweete influences of q the Pleiades, or loose the bands of r Orion?
32 Canst thou bring foorth s Mazzaroth in their time? canst thou also guide t Arcturus with his sonnes?
33 Knowest thou the course of heauen, or canst thou set u the rule thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift vp thy voyce to the cloudes, that the abundance of water may couer thee?
35 Canst thou send the lightnings ỳ they may walke, & say vnto thee, Lo, here we are?
36 Who hath put wisdome in the x reines?

x In the secret parts of man.

or who hath giuen the heart vnderstanding?
37 Who can number clouds by wisdome? or who can cause to cease the y bottels of heauen,
38 When the earth groweth into hardnesse, z and the clots are fast together?

y That is, the clouds wherein the water is conteined as in bottels.
z For when God doth not open these bottels, the earth commeth to this inconuenience.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 The bountie and prouidence of God, which extendeth euen to the yong rauens, giueth man full occasion to put his confidence in God. 37 Iob confesseth and humbleth himselfe.

VVilt a thou hunt the praye for the Lyon? or fill the appetite of the lyons whelpes,
2 When they couch in their places, and remaine in the couert to lie in waite?
3 Who prepareth for the rauen his meat, when his birds b cric vnto God, wandering for lacke of meate?
4 Knowest thou the time when the wilde goates bring forth young? or dost thou marke when the c hindes doe calue?
5 Canst thou number the moneths that they d fulfill? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
6 They bowe themselues: they e bruise their yong, and cast out their sorowes.
7 Yet their yong ware fat, and grow vp with corne: they goe foorth and returne not vnto them.
8 Who hath set the wild asse at libertie? or who hath loosed the bonds of the wilde asse?
9 It is I which haue made the wildernesse his house, & the f salt places his dwellings.
10 He derideth the multitude of the citie: he heareth not the cry of the driuer.
11 He seeketh out the mountaine for his pasture, and searcheth after euery greene thing.
12 Will the Vnicorne g serue thee? or will he tarie by thy crib?
13 Canst thou binde the Vnicorne with his band to labour in the furrow? or will he plow the valleyes after thee?
14 Wilt thou trust in him, because his strength is great, and cast off thy labour vnto him?
15 Wilt thou beleeue him, ỳ he will bring home thy seed, and gather it vnto thy barne?
16 Hast thou giuen the pleasant wings vnto the peacokes? or wings and feathers vnto the ostrich?
17 Which leaueth his egges in the earth, and maketh h them hote in the dust,
18 And forgetteth that the foote might scatter them, or that the wilde beast might breake them.
19 Hee sheweth himselfe cruell vnto his yong ones, as they were not his, and is without feare, as if he trauailed i in vaine.
20 For God hath depriued him of k wisdome, and hath giuen him no part of vnderstanding.
21 When l time is, hee mounteth on hie: he mocketh the horse and his rider.
22 Hast thou giuen the horse strength? or

a After he had declared Gods workes in the heauens, he sheweth his maruelious prouidence in earth, euen toward the bruite beastes.
b Reade Psalme 147. 9.
c He chiefly maketh mention of wilde goates and hindes, because they bring forth their yong with most difficultie.
d That is, how long they goe with yong?
e They bring forth with great difficultie.
f That is, the barren ground where no good fruits grow.
g Is it possible so make the Vnicorne tame? signifying, that if man cannot rule a creature, that it is much more impossible that he should appoint the wisedome of God, whereby he gouerneth all the world.
h They write that the ostrich coureth her egges in the sand and because the countrey is hote, and the sunne still keepeth the warme, they are hatched.
i If hee should take care for them.
k That is, to haue a care and
the yong of which is

naturall affection toward his yong. l When the horse is growen vp, hee outrunneth the horse.

m That is, giuen him courage? which is meant be neying & shaking his mane: for with his breath he couereth his necke.
n Hee beateth with his hoofe.
o He so riddeth the ground, that it seemeth nothing vnder him.

p That is, when colde commeth, to flie into the warme countreyes.

q Is this the way for a man that will learne, to striue with God? which thing he reproueth in Iob.
r Whereby hee sheweth that hee repented, and desired pardon for his faults.

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Chap. 38. 1.
a Signifying, that they that iustifie themselues, condemne God as iniust.
b Meaning, that these were proper vnto God, and belonged to no man.
c Cause them to die if thou canst.
d Proving hereby that whosoeuer attributeth to himselfe power and abilitie to saue himselfe, maketh himselfe God.
e This beast is thought to be the elephant, or some other, which is vnknown

couered his necke with m neying?
23 Hast thou made him afraide as the grashopper? his strong neying is fearefull.
24 He n diggeth in the valley, and reioyceth in his strength: he goeth forth to meete the harnessed man.
25 He mocketh at feare, & is not afraid, and turneth not backe from the sword.
26 Though the quiuer rattle against him, the glittering speare and the shield.
27 He o swalloweth the ground for fiercenesse and rage, and beleeueth not that it is the noyse of the trumpet.
28 Hee sayeth among the trumpets, Ha, ha: he smelleth the battell afarre off, and the noyse of the captaines, and the shouting.
29 Shall the hauke flie by thy wisedome, stretching out his wings toward p the South?
30 Doeth the eagle mount vp at thy commandement, or make his nest on hie?
31 She abideth & remaineth in the rocke, euen vpon the top of the rocke, & the tower.
32 From thence she spieth for meate, and her eyes behold afarre off.
33 His yong ones also sucke vp blood: and where the slaine are, there is shee.
34 Moreouer the Lord spake vnto Iob, and said,
35 Is this to q learne, to striue with the Almightie? he that reproueth God, let him answere to it.
36 ¶ Then Iob answered the Lord, saying,
37 Behold, I am r vile: what shall I answere thee? I will lay mine hand vpon my mouth.
38 Once haue I spoken, but I will answere no more, yea twice, but I will proceed no further.

CHAP. XL.

2 How weake mans power is, being compared to the workes of God: 10 Whose power appeareth in the creation, and gouerning of the great beasts.

AGaine, the Lord answered Iob out of the a whirlewind, and said,
2 Gird vp now thy loynes like a man: I will demaund of thee, and declare thou vnto mee.
3 Wilt thou disanull my iudgement? or wilt thou condemne me, that thou mayst be iustified?
4 Or hast thou an arme like God? or doest thou thunder with a voyce like him?
5 Decke thy selfe now with b maiestie and excellencie, & aray thy selfe with beautie and glory.
6 Cast abroad the indignation of thy wrath, and behold euery one that is proud, and abase him.
7 Looke on euery one that is arrogant, and bring him lowe: and destroy the wicked in their place.
8 Hide them in the dust together, and binde c their faces in a secret place.
9 Then will I confesse vnto thee also, that thy right hand can d saue thee.
10 ¶ Behold now e Behemoth, (whom I made f with thee) which eateth grasse

f Whom I made as wel as thee. g This commendeth the prouidence of God toward man: for if he were giue to deuoure as a lyon, nothing were able to resist him or content him.

as an ox.
11 Beholde now, his strength is in his loynes, & his force is in the nauil of his belly.
12 When he taketh pleasure, his tayle is like a Cedar: the sinewes of his stones are wrapt together.
13 His bone are like staues of brasse, and his small bones like staues of yron.
14 h He is the chiefe of the wayes of God: i hee that made him, will make his sword to approch vnto him.
15 Surely the mountains bring him forth grasse, where all the beastes of the field play.
16 Lieth he vnder the trees in the couert of the reede and fennes?
17 Can the trees couer him with their shadow? or can the willowes of the riuer compasse him about?
18 Behold, hee swalloweth the riuer, k and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw vp Iorden into his mouth.
19 He taketh it with his eyes, & thrusteth his nose through whatsoeuer meeteth him.
20 ¶ Canst thou draw out l Leuiathan with an hooke, and with a line which thou shalt cast downe vnto his tongue?
21 Canst thou cast an hooke into his nose? canst thou pierce his iawes with an angle?
22 Will hee make many m prayers vnto thee, or speake thee faire?
23 Will he make a couenant with thee? & wilt thou take him as a seruant for euer?
24 Wilt thou play with him, as with a bird? or wilt thou binde him for thy maides?
25 Shall the companions banquet with him? shall they diuide him among the merchants?
26 Canst thou fill the basket with his skinne? or the fish panier with his head.
27 Lay thine hand vpon him: remember n the battell, and do no more so.
28 Behold, his hope is in vaine, for shall not one perish euen at the sight of him?

CHAP. XLI.

1 By the greatnesse of this monster Leuiathan, God sheweth his greatnesse, and his power, which nothing can resist.

NOne is so fierce that dare stirre him vp. Who is he then o that can stand before me?
2 Who hath preuented me that I should p make an end? All vnder heauen is mine.
3 I will not keepe silence concerning q his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.
4 Who can discouer the face r of his garment? or who shall come to him with a double s bridle?
5 Who shall t open the doores of his face? his teeth are fearefull round about.
6 The mailes of his scales is like strong shields, and are sure sealed.
7 One is set to another, that no winde can come betweene them.
8 One is ioyned to another: they sticke together, that they cannot be sundred.
9 His neesings u make the light to shine, and his eyes are like the eye lids of the morning.
10 Out of his mouth goe lampes, and sparkes of fire leape out.
11 Out of his nostrels commeth out smoke,

as

h He is one of the chiefest workes of God among the beasts.
i Though man dare not come neere him, yet God can kill him.
k He drinketh at leasure, and beareth no body.

l Meaning, the whale.

m Because hee feareth lest thou shouldest take him.
n To doe thy businesse, and be at thy commandement?

o If thou once consider the danger, thou wilt not medle with him.
p To wit, that trusteth to take him.

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a If none dare stand against a whale, which is but a creature, who is able to compare w God the Creator?
b Who hath taught me to accomplish my worke?
c The parts and members of the whale.
d That is, who dare pull of his skinne?
e Who dare put a bridle on his mouth?
f Who dare look in his mouth?
g That is, casteth out flames of fire

as out of a boyling pot or caldron.

12 His breath maketh the coales burne: for a flame goeth out of his mouth.

13 In his necke remaineth strength, and ^h labour is retected before his face.

14 The members of his body are ioyned: they are strong in themselues, and cannot be moued.

15 His heart is as strong as a stone, and as hard as the nether milstone.

16 The mighty are afraid of his maiestie, and for feare they faint in themselues.

17 When the sword doth touch him, hee will not rise vp, nor for the speare, dart nor habergion.

18 He esteemeth yron as straw, and brasse as rotten wood.

19 The archer cannot make him flee: the stones of the sling are turned into stubble vnto him.

20 The darts are counted as straw: and he laugheth at the shaking of the speare.

21 Sharpe stones ^i are vnder him, and he spreadeth sharpe things vpon the mire.

22 He maketh the depth to ^k boyle like a pot, & maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

23 He maketh a path to ^l shine after him: one would thinke y depth as an hoare head.

24 In the earth there is none like him: he is made without feare.

25 He beholdeth ^m all hie things: he is a King ouer all the children of pride.

h Nothing is painefull or hard vnto him.

i His skin is so hard that he lieth with as great ease on the stones, as in the mire.

k Either he maketh the sea to seeme as it boiled by his wallowing, or else he spouteth water in such abundance, as it would seeme that y sea boiled.

l That is, a white froth & shining streame before him.

m He despiseth all other beasts and monsters, & is the proudest of all others.

CHAP. XLII.

6 The repentance of Iob. 9 He prayeth for his friends. 11 His goods are restored double vnto him. 13 His children, age, and death.

THen Iob answered the Lord, and sayd,

2 I knowe that thou canst doe all things, and that there is no ^a thought hid from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without ^b knowledge? therefore haue I spoken that I vnderstood not, euen things too wonderfull for me, ^c and which I knew not.

4 Heare, I beseech thee, & I will speake: I will demand of thee, ^d and declare thou vnto me.

5 I haue ^e heard of thee by the hearing of the eare, but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Therefore I abhorre my selfe, and repent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ Now after that the Lord had spoken these wordes vnto Iob, the Lord also sayde vnto Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for yee haue not spoken of me the thing that is ^f right, like my seruant ^g Iob.

8 Therefore take vnto you now seuen bullocks, and seuen rammes, and goe to my seruant Iob, and offer vp for your selues a burnt offering, and my seruant Iob shall ^h pray for you: for I will accept him, least I should put you to shame, because ye haue not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my seruant Iob.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the Lord had sayd vnto them, and the Lord accepted Iob.

10 ¶ Then the Lord turned the ⁱ captiuitie of Iob, when hee prayed for his friends: also the Lord gaue Iob twise so much as hee had before.

11 Then came vnto him all his ^k brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had bene of his acquaintance before, & did eate bread with him in his house, and had compassion of him, and comforted him for all the euill, that the Lord had brought vpon him, and euery man gaue him a ‖ piece of money, and euery one an earring of golde.

12 So the Lord blessed the last dayes of Iob more then the first: for hee had ^l fourteene thousand sheepe, and sixe thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, & a thousand she asses.

13 Hee had also seuen sonnes, and three daughters.

14 And hee called the name of one ^m Iemimah, and the name of the second ^n Keziah, and the name of the third ^o Kerenhappuch.

15 In all the land were no women found so faire as the daughters of Iob, and their father gaue them inheritance among their brethren.

16 And after this liued Iob an hundreth and forty yeeres, and saw his sonnes, and his sonnes sonnes, euen foure generations.

17 So Iob died, being old, & full of dayes.

a No thought so secret, but thou doest see it, nor any thing that thou thinkest, but thou canst bring it to passe.

b Is there any but I? for this God layd to his charge, cha. 38.2.

c I confesse herein mine ignorance, & that I spake I wist not what.

d He sheweth that he will be Gods scholler to learne of him.

e I knew thee only before by hearesay: but now thou hast caused me to ſeele what thou art to me, ſ I may reigne my selfe ouer vnto thee.

f You tooke in hand an euill cause in that you condemned him by his outward afflictions, & not comforted him with my mercies.

g Who had a good cause, but handled it euill.

h When you haue reconciled your selues to him for ſ faults that you haue committed against him, hee shall pray for you, and I will heare him.

i He deliuered him out of the affliction wherein he was.

k That is, all his kinred, reade Chap. 19.13.

l *Or, lambe, or money so marked.*

l God made him twise so rich in cattell as he was afore, & gaue him as many children as he had taken from him.

m That is, of long life, or beautifull as the day.

n As pleasant as Cassia, or sweete spice.

o That is, the horne of beauty.

The *Psalmes of Dauid.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis booke of Psalmes is set foorth vnto vs by the holy Ghost to be esteemed as a most precious treasure, wherein all things are contained that appertaine to true felicitie, aswel in this life present as in the life to come. For the riches of true knowledge, & hartily wisedome are here set open for vs to take thereof most abundantly. If we would know the great and high maiestie of God, here we may see the brightnes thereof shine most cleerely. If we would seeke his incomprehensible wisdome, here is the schoole of the same profession. If we would comprehend his inestimable bounty and aproch neere thereunto, and fill our hands with that treasure, here we may haue a most lusty and comfortable taste thereof. If we would know wherein standeth our saluation, and howe to attaine to life euerlasting, here is Christ our only Redeemer and Mediatour most euidently described. The rich man may learne the true vse of his riches. The poore man may finde full consolation. He that will reioyce shall knowe the true ioy, and howe to keepe measure therein. They that are afflicted

* Or, praises. according to the Hebrewes: and were chiefly instituted to praise and giue thanks to God for his benefits. They are called the Psalmes or Songs of Dauid, because the most part were made by him.

and oppressed, shal see wherein standeth their comfort, and how they ought to praise God when he sendeth them deliuerance. The wicked and the persecuters of the children of God shall see how the hand of God is euer against them: and though he suffer them to prosper for a while, yet he brideleth them, insomuch as they cannot touch an haire of ones head, except he permit them, & how in the end their destruction is most miserable. Briefly, heere we may haue most present remedies against all temptations and troubles of mind and conscience, so that being well practised herein, we may be assured against all dangers in this life, liue in the true feare and loue of God, and at length attaine to that incorruptible crown of glory, which is laid vp for all them that loue the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ.

PSAL. I.

Whether it was Esdras, or any other that gathered the Psalmes into a booke, it seemeth he did set this Psalm first in maner of a Preface, to exhort all godly men to study & meditate the heauenly wisdome. For the effect hereof is, 1 That they bee blessed, which giue themselues wholy all their life to the holy Scriptures: 4 And that the wicked contemners of God though they seeme for a while happy, yet at length shall come to miserable destruction.

BLessed is the man that doeth not walke in the [a] counsell of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seate of the scornefull.

2 But his delight is in the [b] Law of the Lord, and in his [b] Lawe doeth he meditate day and night.

3 For he shall be like a [c] tree planted by the riuers of waters, that wil bring forth her fruit in due season: whose leafe shal not fade, so [c] whatsoeuer he shall doe, shall prosper.

4 [d] The wicked are not so, but as the chaffe, which the wind driueth away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the [e] iudgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord [f] knoweth the way of the righteous, and the way of the wicked shall perish.

a When a man hath giuen once place to euill counsel, or to his owne concupiscence, he beginneth to forget himselfe in his sinne, and so falleth into contempt of God which contempt is called the seate of the scorners. *Deut. 6. 6. iosh. 1. 8. prou. 6. 20.*

b In the holy Scriptures. *Ierem. 17. 8.*

c Gods children are so moistened euer with his grace, that whatsoeuer commeth vnto them, tendeth to their saluation.

d Though the wicked seeme to beare the swinge in this world, yet the Lord driueth them downe that they shall not rise nor stand in the company of the righteous.

e But tremble when they feele Gods wrath.

f Doeth approue and prosper, like as not to know, is to reproue and reiect.

PSAL. II.

The Prophet Dauid reioiceth that notwithstanding his enemies rage, yet God will continue his kingdome for euer, and aduance it euen to the end of the world, 10 and therfore exhorteth Kings & rulers, that they would humbly submit themselues vnder Gods yoke, to the end they be not found to resist God. Herein is figured Christs kingdome.

WHy doe the [a] heathen rage, and the people murmure in vaine?

2 The kings of the earth band themselues, & the princes are assembled together against the Lord, and against his [g] Christ.

3 [b] Let vs breake their bands, and cast their coards from vs.

4 [c] But he that dwelleth in the heauens shal laugh: the Lord shal haue them in derision.

5 [c] Then shall he speake vnto them in his wrath, & vexe them in his sore displeasure, saying,

6 Euen I haue set my King vpon Sion mine holy mountaine.

7 I will declare the [d] decree: that is, the Lord hath sayd vnto mee, [e] Thou art my Sonne: this day haue I begotten thee.

8 Aske of mee, and I shall giue thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the [f] ends of the earth for thy possession.

9 [g] Thou shalt crush them with a scepter of yron, and breake them in pieces like a potters vessell.

10 [h] Be wise now therefore, ye Kings: be learned ye Iudges of the earth.

11 Serue the Lord in feare, and reioice in trembling.

12 [i] Kisse the sonne, lest he be angry, & ye perish in the way, when his wrath shall suddenly burne: blessed are all that trust in him.

a The conspiracy of the Gentiles, the murmuring of the Iewes, and power of Kings cannot preuaile against Christ. *Acts 4. 25.*

[g] Or anointed.

b Thus the wicked say, that they will cast off the yoke of God, & of his Christ. *Prou. 1. 26. &c.* Christ, they sing, against him.

c Gods plagues will declare that an resisting his

d To shew that my vocation to the kingdome is of God. *Act. 13. 23, 33. hebr. 1. 5.*

e That is to say as touching mans knowledge because it was the first time that Dauid appeared to be elected of God. So is it applied to Christ in his first comming and manifestation to the world.

f Not onely the Iewes, but the Gentiles also. *Reuel. 2. 27.*

g He exhorteth all rulers to repent in time.

h In signe of homage.

i When the wicked shall say, Peace and rest, seeming yet to bee but in the midway of their purposes, then shall destruction suddenly come, 1. Thes. 5. 3.

PSAL. III.

1 Dauid driuen forth of his kingdom, was greatly tormented in minde for his sinnes against God: 4 And therefore calleth vpon God, and waxeth bolde through his promises against the great raisings and terrors of his enemies, yea, against death it selfe, which he saw present before his eyes. 7 Finally, hee reioyceth for the good successe that God gaue him, and all the Church.

A Psalme of Dauid, when he fled from his sonne Abſalom.

LOrd, how are mine aduersaries [a] increased? how many rise against me?

2 Many say to my soule, There is no help for him in God. [b] Selah.

3 But thou Lord art a buckler for mee: my glory, and the lifter vp of my head.

4 I did call vnto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy mountaine. Selah.

5 I layd me downe and slept, and rose vp againe: for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thousand of the people, that should beset me round about.

7 [c] Lord, arise: helpe me, my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies vpon the cheeke bone: thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.

8 [d] Saluation belongeth vnto the Lord, and thy blessing is vpon thy people. Selah.

a This was a token of his stable faith, that for all his trouble, he had his recourse to God.

b Selah here signifieth a lifting vp of the voyce, to cause vs to consider the sentence as a thing of great importance.

c When he considered the truth of Gods promise, and tryed the same, his faith increased marueilously.

d Be the dangers neuer so great or many, yet God hath euer means to deliuer his.

PSAL. IIII.

1 When Saul persecuted him, he called vpon God, trusting most assuredly in his promise, and therefore boldly reproueth his enemies, who wilfully resisted his dominion. 7 and finally, preferreth the fauour of God before all worldly treasures.

a Among them that were appointed to sing the Psalmes, and to play on the instruments, one was appointed chiefe to set the tune, and to begin: who had the charge because he was most excellent, and he beganne this Psalme on the instrument called Neginoth, or in a tune so called.
b Thou that art the defender of my iust cause.
c Both of minde and body.
d Ye that thinke your selues noble in this world.
e Though your enterprises please you neuer so much, yet God will bring them to nought. f A King that walketh in his vocation. g For feare of Gods iudgement. h Cease your rage. i Serue God purely and not with outward ceremonies. k The multitude seeke worldly wealth, but Dauid setteth his felicity in Gods fauour. l This word in Ebrew may bee referred to God, as it is here translated: or to Dauid, signifying, that he shoulld dwell as ioyfully alone, as if hee had many about him, because the Lord is with him.

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme of Dauid.

HEare mee when I call, a O God of my righteousnesse: thou hast set me at liberte, when I was c in distresse: haue mercie vpon me, and hearken vnto my prayer.

2 O ye d sonnes of men, how long will ye turne my glory into shame, e louing vanitie, and seeking lies? Selah.

3 For be ye sure that the Lord hath chosen to himselfe f a godly man: the Lord will heare when I call vnto him.

4 g Tremble, and sinne not: examine your owne heart vpon your bed, and be h still. Selah.

5 i Offer the sacrifices of righteousnesse, and trust in the Lord.

6 Many say, Who will shewe vs any k good? but Lorde, lift vp the light of thy countenance vpon vs.

7 Thou hast giuen me more ioy of heart, then they haue had, when their wheate and their wine did abound.

8 I will lay mee downe, and also sleepe in peace: for thou Lord, l only makest mee dwell in safetie.

PSAL. V.

1 *Dauid oppressed with the cruelnie of his enemies, and fearing greater dangers, calleth to God for succour. Shewing how repugnant it is that God should punish the malice of his aduersaries. 7 After, being assured of prosperous successe, he conceiueth comfort, 12 Concluding that when God shall deliuer him, others also shall bee partakers of the same mercies.*

¶ To him that excelleth vpon a Nehiloth. A Psalme of Dauid.

HEare my wordes, O Lord: vnderstand my b meditation.

2 Hearken vnto the voyce of my crie, my King and my God: for vnto thee doe I pray.

3 Heare my voyce in the morning, O Lord: for in the morning will I direct mee vnto thee, and I will c waite.

4 For thou art not a God that loueth d wickednesse: neither shall euill dwell with thee.

5 e The foolish shall not stande in thy sight: for thou hatest all them that worke iniquitie.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speake lies: the Lord will abhorre the bloody man and deceitfull.

7 But I f will come into thine house in the multitude of thy mercie: and in thy feare will I worshippe toward thine holy Temple.

8 Leade mee, O Lord, in thy righteousnesse, g because of mine enemies: make thy way plaine before my face.

9 For no constancie is in their mouth: within they are very corruption: their h throat is an open sepulchre, and they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy them, O God: i let them fall from their counsels: cast them out for the multitude of their iniquities, because they haue rebelled against thee.

11 And k let all them, that trust in thee, reioyce and triumph for euer, and couer thou them: and let them that loue thy Name, reioyce in thee.

12 For thou Lord wilt ‖ blesse the righteous, and with fauour l wilt compasse him, as with a shield.

PSAL VI.

1 *When Dauid by his sinnes had prouoked Gods wrath, and now felt not only his hand against him, but also conceiued the horrours of death euerlasting, doe desireth forgiuenesse, 6 Bewailing that if God tooke him away in his indignatio, he should lacke occasion to praise him as hee was wont to do, whiles he was among men. 9 Then suddenly feeling Gods mercie, he sharply rebuketh his enemies, which reioyced in his affliction.*

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth vpon the eight tune. A Psalme of Dauid.

O Lord, a rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chastise me in thy wrath.

2 Haue mercie vpon mee, O Lord, for I am weake: O Lord heale me, for b my bones are vexed.

3 c My soule is also sore troubled: but Lord, how long wilt thou delay?

4 Returne, O Lord: deliuer my soule: saue me for thy mercies sake.

5 For in d death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grane, who shall praise thee?

6 I fainted in my mourning: I cause my bed euery night to swimme, and water my couch with my teares.

7 ‖ Mine eye is dimmed for despite, and sunke in because of all mine enemies.

8 e Away from me all ye workers of iniquitie: for the Lord hath heard the voyce of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receiue my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed: they shall bee turned backe, and put to f shame suddenly.

Rom. 3. 13.
‖ Or, cause them to erre.
g Let their deuices come to nought.
h Thy fauour toward me shall confirme faith of all others.
‖ Or, giue good successe.
i So that he shall be safe from all dangers.

1 Day Euening

Iere. 10. 24.
a Though I deserue destruction, yet let thy mercie pitie my frailtie.
b For my whole strength is abated.
c His conscience is also touched with the feare of Gods iudgement.
d He lamenteth that occasion should be taken from him to praise God in the congregation.
‖ Or, mine eye is eaten as it were with wormes.
e God sendeth comfort & boldnes in affliction, that we may triumph ouer our enemies. f When the wicked thinke that the godly shall perish, God deliuereth them suddenly, and destroyeth their enemies.

PSAL. VII.

1 *Being falsly accused by Chush one of Sauls kinsemen, he calleth to God to be his defence. 3 To whome hee commendeth his innocencie. 9 For shewing that his conscience did not accuse him of any euill towards Saul: 10 Next that it touched Gods glory to awarde sentence against the wicked. 12 And so entring into consideration of Gods mercies and promises, hee waxeth bolde, and denideth the vaine enterprises of his enemies. 16 Threatning that that shall fall on their owne necke which they haue purposed for others.*

¶ Shigaion of Dauid, which he sang vnto the Lord, concerning the ‖ words of a Chush the sonne of Jemini.

Or, a musicall instrument or tune.
a That is, my vehement prayer & secret complaint and sighings.
b With patience and trust til I be heard.
c Seeing that God of nature hateth wickednesse, he must needs punish the wicked, and saue the godly.
d Which runne most ragingly after their carnall affections.
e In the deepest of his tentations he putteth his full confidence in God.
f Because thou art iust, therefore leade me out of the dangers of mine enemies.

Or, kindred.
Or, accusation.
a. Sam. 16. 7.

O Lord my God, in thee I put my trust: saue me from all that persecute me, and deliuer me.

2 Lest [b] he deuoure my soule like a lyon, and teare it in pieces, while there is none to helpe.

3 O Lord my God, if I haue done [b] this thing, if there bee any wickednesse in mine hands,

4 [c] If I haue rewarded euill vnto him that had peace with mee, (yea, I haue deliuered him that vexed me without cause)

5 Then let the enemie persecute my soule and take it: yea, let him tread my life downe vpon the earth, and lay mine [d] honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift vp thy selfe against the rage of mine enemies, [e] awake for me according to the iudgement that thou hast appointed.

7 So shal the congregation of the people compasse thee about: for their sakes therefore [f] returne on high.

8 The Lord shal iudge the people: iudge thou me, O Lord, according to my [g] righteousnesse, and according to mine innocencie, that is in me.

9 O let the malice of the wicked come to an end: but guide thou the iust: for the righteous God trieth the [h] hearts and reines.

10 My defence is in God, who preserueth the vpright in heart.

11 God iudgeth the righteous, and him that contemneth God, [i] euery day.

12 Except [k] hee turne, hee hath whet his sword: hee hath bent his bowe and made it readie.

13 Hee hath also prepared him deadly weapons: hee will ordaine his arrowes for them that persecute me.

14 * Behold, hee shall trauaile with wickednesse: for hee hath conceiued mischiefe, but he shall bring forth a lie.

15 He hath made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the pit, that he made.

16 His mischiefe shall returne vpon his owne head, and his crueltie shall fall vpon his owne pate.

17 I will praise the Lord according to his [l] righteousnesse, and will sing praise to the Name of the Lord most High.

a Hee desireth God to deliuer him from [f] rage cruell of Saul.
b Wherewith Church charged mee.
c If I reuerenced not Saul for affinities sake & preserued his life, 1. Sam. 26. 8, 9.
d Let mee not onely die, but be dishonoured for euer.
e In promising me the kingdom.
f Not onely for mine, but for thy Church sake declare thy power.
g As touching my behauiour toward Saul and mine enemies.
h Though they pretend a iust cause against me, yet God shall iudge their hypocrisie
i He doeth continually call the wicked to repentance by some tignes of his iudgements.
k Except Saul turne his minde, I die: for hee hath both men and weapons to destroy me. Thus considering his great danger, he magnifieth Gods grace.
Isaiah 59. 4.
Iob 15. 35.
l In keeping faithfully his promise with me.

PSAL VIII

1 *The Prophet considering the excellent liberality and fatherly prouidence of God towards man, whom he made as it were a god ouer all his works, doth not onely giue great thanks, but is astonished with the admiration of the same, as one nothing able to compasse such great mercies.*

¶ To him that excelleth on ‖ Gittith. A Psalme of Dauid.

O Lord our Lord, how ‖ excellent is thy Name in all the world! which hast set thy glory aboue the heauens.

2 Out of the [a] mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ‖ ordeined strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest ‖ still the enemie and the auenger.

3 When I behold thine heauens, euen the works of thy fingers, the moone and the starres which thou hast ordeined,

4 What is [b] man, say I, that thou art mindfull of him? and the sonne of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower then God, and crowned him with glory and worship.

6 Thou hast made him to haue dominion in the workes of thine hands: thou hast put all things vnder his feet:

7 All [d] sheepe and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field:

8 The foules of the ayre, and the fish of the sea, and that which passeth thorow the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

a Though the wicked would hide Gods praises, yet the very babes are sufficient witnesses of the same. ‖ *Or, established.*
b It had bene sufficient for him to haue set forth his glory by the heauens though he had not come so low as to man which is but dust.
c Touching his first creation.
d By the temporall gifts of mans creation, he is led to consider the benefits which he hath by his regeneration through Christ.

PSAL IX. 1001

1 *After he had giuen thanks to God for the sundry victories that he had sent him against his enemies, and also proued by manifold experience how ready God was at hand in all his troubles: 14 He being now likewise in danger of new enemies, desireth God to helpe him according to his woont. 17 And to destroy the malicious arrogancie of his aduersaries.*

¶ To him that excelleth vpon ‖ Muth Labben. A Psalme of Dauid.

I Will praise the Lorde with my [a] whole heart: I will speake of all thy marueilous works.

2 I will be glad, and reioyce in thee: I will sing praise to thy Name, O most High.

3 For that mine enemies are turned backe: they shal fall, & perish at thy presence.

4 For [b] thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou art set in the throne, and iudgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen: thou hast destroyed the wicked: thou hast put out their name for euer and euer.

6 * O enemie, destructions are come to a perpetuall ende, and thou hast destroyed the cities: their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord ‖ shal sit for ever: he hath prepared his throne for iudgement.

8 For he shall iudge the world in righteousnesse, and shall iudge the people with equitie.

9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the [d] poore, a refuge in due time, euen in affliction.

10 And they that knowe thy Name, will trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not failed them that seeke thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion, shew the people his works.

12 For * when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembreth it, and forgetteth not the complaint of the poore.

13 Haue mercy vpon me, O Lord: consider my trouble, which I suffer of them that hate mee, thou that liftest mee vp from the gates of death.

14 That I may shewe all thy prayses within the [f] gates of the daughter of Zion, and reioyce in thy saluation.

15 The

‖ *Or, kinde of instrument, or tune: or, for the death of Labben or Goliath.*
a God is not prayed, except the whole glory be giuen to him alone.
b Howsoeuer the enemie seeme for a time to preuaile, yet God preserueth the iust.
c A derision of the enemie that mindeth nothing but destruction: but the Lord will deliuer his, and bring him into iudgement.
‖ *Or, reigne as iudge.*
d Our miseries are meanes to cause vs to feele Gods present care ouer vs.
e Though God reuengeth not suddenly the wrong done to his, yet he fulfilleth not the wicked vnpunished.
f In the open assembly of the Church.

g For God ouerthroweth the wicked in their enterprises.
h The mercy of God toward his Saints must be declared, and the fal of the wicked must alwayes be considered.
‖ Or, this is worthy to be noted.
i God promiseth not to helpe vs before we haue felt the crosse.
k Which they cannot learne without the feare of thy iudgement.

15 The heathen are sunken downe in the pit, that they made: in the net that they hid, is their foote taken.
16 The Lorde is knowen by executing iudgement: the wicked is snared in the worke of his owne hands. ‖ Higgaion. Selah.
17 The wicked shall turne into hell, and all nations that forget God.
18 For the poore shall not be alway forgotten: the hope of the afflicted shall not perish for euer.
19 Vp Lorde: let not man preuaile: let the heathen be iudged in thy sight.
20 Put them in feare, O Lord, that the heathen may know that they are but men. Selah.

PSAL. X.

1 *He complaineth of the fraud, rapine, tyranny, and all kinds of wrong, which worldly men vse, assigning the cause therof, that wicked men, being as it were drunken with worldly prosperitie, and therefore setting apart al feare and reuerence toward God, thinke they may doe all things without controwling.* 15 *Therfore he calleth vpon God, to send some remedy against these desperate euils,* 16 *and at length comforteth himselfe with hope of deliuerance.*

WHy standest thou farre off, O Lorde, and hidest thee in due time, euen in affliction?
2 The wicked with pride doth persecute the poore: let them bee taken in the crafties that they haue imagined.
3 For the wicked hath made boast of his owne hearts desire, and the couetous blesseth himselfe: he contemneth the Lord.
4 The wicked is so proud that he seeketh not for God: he thinketh alwayes, There is no God.
5 His wayes alway prosper: thy iudgements are high aboue his sight: therefore ‖ defieth he all his enemies.
6 Hee saith in his heart, I shall ‖ neuer be moued, for I be in danger.
7 His mouth is full of cursing: and deceit, and fraude: vnder his tongue is mischiefe and iniquitie.
8 He lieth in wait in the villages: in the secret places doeth he murther the innocent: his eyes are bent against the poore.
9 He lieth in wait secretly, euen as a lion in his den: hee lieth in waite to spoile the poore: hee doeth spoile the poore, when hee draweth him into his net.
10 Hee croucheth and boweth: therefore heapes of the poore doe fall by his might.
11 Hee hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten, he hideth away his face, and will neuer see.
12 Arise, O Lord God: lift vp thine hand: forget not the poore.
13 Wherefore doeth the wicked contemne God? he saith in his heart, Thou wilt not regard.

a So soone as we enter into affliction, we thinke God should helpe vs, but that is not alwaies his due time.
b The wicked man reioyceth in his owne lust: he boasteth when he hath that he would: he braggeth of his wit and wealth, and blesseth himselfe, and thus blasphemeth the Lord.
‖ Or, snuffeth at.
‖ Or, not be moued, because he was neuer in euill.
c The euill shall not touch me, Isa. 28.15. or else he speaketh thus, because he neuer felt euill.
d He sheweth that the wicked haue many meanes to hide their cruelties, and therefore ought more to be feared.
e By the hypocrisie of them that haue authoritie, the poore are deuoured.
f He calleth to God for helpe, because wickednes is so farre ouergrowen, that God must now helpe or neuer.
g Therfore thou must needs punish this their blasphemie.

14 Yet thou hast seene it: for thou beholdest mischiefe and wrong, that thou mayest take it into thine handes: the poore committeth himselfe vnto thee: for thou art the helper of the fatherlesse.
15 Breake thou the arme of the wicked and malicious: search his wickednesse, and thou shalt finde none.
16 The Lord is King for euer and euer: the heathen are destroyed foorth of his land.
17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poore: thou preparest their heart: thou bendest thine eare to them.
18 To iudge the fatherlesse and poore, that earthly man ‖ cause to feare no more.

PSAL. XI.

1 *This Psalme containeth two parts. In the first Dauid sheweth how hard assaults of tentations he sustained, and in how great anguish of minde hee was when Saul did persecute him.* 4 *Then next he reioyceth that God sent him succour in his necessitie, declaring his iustice as well in gouerning the good, and wicked men, as the whole world.*

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

IN the Lord put I my trust: howe say yee then to my soule, Flee to your mountaine as a bird?
2 For loe, the wicked bend their bow, & make ready their arrowes vpon the string, that they may secretly shoot at them, which are vpright in heart.
3 For the foundations are cast downe: what hath the righteous done?
4 The Lord is in his holy palace: the Lords throne is in the heauen: his eyes will consider: his eye lids will trie the children of men.
5 The Lord will trie the righteous: but the wicked and him that loueth iniquitie, doeth his soule hate.
6 Vpon the wicked he shall raine snares, fire, and brimstone, and stormy tempest: this is the portion of their cup.
7 For the righteous Lord loueth righteousnesse: his countenance doeth behold the iust.

h To iudge betweene the right and the wrong.
i For thou hast vtterly destroyed him.
k The hypocrites, or such as liue not after Gods lawe, shall be destroyed.
l God helpeth when mans helpe ceaseth.
‖ Or, destroy no more man vpon the earth.

a This is the wicked counsell of his enemies to him and his companions, to driue him from the hope of Gods promise.
b All hope of succour is taken away.
c Yet am I innocent and my cause good.
d Though all things in earth be out of order, yet God will execute iudgment from heauen.
e As in the destruction of Sodome and Gomorrha.
f Which they shall drinke euen to the dregges, Ezek. 23.34.

PSAL. XII.

1 *The Prophet lamenting the miserable estate of the people, and the decay of all good order, desireth God speedily to send succor to his children.* 7 *Then comforting himself and others with the assurance of Gods helpe, he commendeth the constant veritie that God obserueth in keeping his promises.*

To him that excelleth vpon the eight tune. A Psalme of Dauid.

HElpe Lord, for there is not a godly man left: for the faithfull are failed from among the children of men.
2 They speake deceitfully euery one with his neighbour, flattering with their lips, and speake with a double heart.
3 The Lord cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

2 Day Euening

a Which dare defend truth, and shewe mercie to the oppressed.
b He meaneth flatterers of the court, which hurt him more with their tongues then with their weapons.

c They thinke themselues able to perswade whatsoeuer they take in hand.
d The Lord is moued with the complaints of his, & deliuereth in the end from all dangers.
e Because the Lords word and promise is true & vnchangeable, he wil performe it, tion. f That is, suppresse the godly,

4 Which haue said, e With our tongue will wee preuaile: our lips are our owne: who is Lord ouer vs?
5 d Now for the oppression of the needy, and for the sighs of the poore, I will vp, saith the Lord, and will e set at liberty him, whom the wicked hath snared.
6 The words of the Lord are pure words, as the siluer, tried in a fornace of earth, fined seuen fold.
7 Thou wilt keep f thē, O Lord: thou wilt preserue him from this generation for euer.
8 The wicked walke on euery side: when they are exalted, sir is a shame for the sonnes of men.

and preserue the poore from this wicked generation, though he were but one man. g For they

PSAL. XIII.

1 David as it were ouercome with sundry and new afflictions, fleeth to God as his onely refuge, 3 and so at the length being encouraged through God, promises, he conceiueth most sure confidence against the extreme horrors of death.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

a He declareth that his afflictions lasted a long time, and that his faith fainted not.
b Changing my purpose as the sicke man doeth his place.
c Which might turn to Gods dishonour, if he did not defend his.
d The mercie of God is the cause of our saluation both by the benefits past, & by others to come.

HOw long wilt thou forget me, O Lorde, a for euer? howe long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take b counsell within my selfe, hauing wearinesse daily in mine heart? how long shall mine enemie be exalted aboue me?
3 Beholde, and heare mee, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleepe not in death:
4 Lest mine enemy say, I haue c preuailed against him: and they that afflict me, reioyce when I slide.
5 But I trust in thy d mercie: mine heart shall reioyce in thy saluation: I will sing to the Lorde, because hee hath e dealt louingly with me.

PSAL. XIIII.

1 He describeth the peruerse nature of men which were so growen to licentiousnes, that God was brought to vtter contempt. 7 For the which thing although he was greatly grieued, yet being perswaded that God would send some present remedie, he comforteth himselfe and others.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

Psal. 53.1.
a He sheweth that the cause of al wickednesse is to forget God.
b There is nothing but disorder and wickednesse among them.
c Dauid here maketh comparison betweene the faithful & the reprobate: but S Paul speaketh the same of all men naturally, Rom. 3.10.

THe e foole hath said in his heart, a There is no God: they haue b corrupted, and done an abominable worke: there is none that doeth good.
2 The Lord looked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to see if there were any that would vnderstand and seeke God.
3 c All are gone out of the way: they are all corrupt: there is none that doth good, no not one.
4 Doe not all the workers of iniquity knowe that they eate vp my people, as they eat bread? they call not vpon the Lord.
5 d There they shall be taken with feare because God is in the generation of the iust.

d Where they thinke

6 Ye haue made e a mocke at the counsell of the poore, because the Lord is his trust.
7 O giue saluation vnto f Israel out of Zion: when the Lord turneth the captiuitie of his people, then Iakob shall reioyce, and Israel shalbe glad.

¶ Note that of this Psalme, the 5.6 & 7. verses, which are put into the common translation, & may seeme vnto some to bee left in this, are not in the same Psalme in the Hebrew text, but are rather put in more fully to expresse the maners of the wicked: and are gathered out of the 5.140, and 10. Psalmes, the 59. of the Prophet Isaiah, & the 36. Psalme, and are alleaged by S Paul, and placed together in the 3. to the Romanes.

e You mocke the that put their trust in God.
f He prayeth for the whole Church who he is assured God will deliuer for none but he onely can doe it.

PSAL. XV.

1 This Psalme teacheth on what condition God did chuse the Iewes for his peculiar people, and wherfore he placed his Temple among them, which was to the intent that they by liuing vprightly & godly might witnesse that they were his special & holy people.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

LOrde, who shall dwell in thy Tabernacle? who shall rest in thine holy mountaine?
2 He that a walketh vprightly and worketh righteousnesse, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 Hee that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth euill to his neighbour, nor receiueth a false report against his neighbour.
4 b In whose eyes a vile person is contemned, but he honoureth them that feare the Lord: he that sweareth to his owne hinderance and changeth not.
5 Or that c giueth not his money vnto vsurie, nor taketh reward against the innocent: he that doeth these things, d shall neuer be moued.

a First God requireth vprightnesse of life, next doing well to others, and chiefly trueth & simplicity in our words
b He that flattereth not the vngodly in their wickednesse.
c To the hinderance of his neighbour.
d That is, shall not be cast forth of the Church as hypocrites.

PSAL. XVI.

1 Dauid prayeth to God for succour, not for his workes, but for his faiths sake, 4 Protesting that he hateth all idolatry, taking God onely for his comfort and felicitie, 8 who suffereth his to lacke nothing.

¶ Michtam of Dauid.

§ Or, certaine tune.

PReserue mee, O God: for in thee doe I a trust.
2 O my soule, thou hast said vnto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my b wel doing extendeth not to thee,
3 But to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: all my delight is in them.
4 The c sorrowes of them, that offer to another God, shall be multiplied: d their offerings of blood will I not offer, neither make e mention of their names with my lips.
5 The Lorde is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt maintaine my lot.
6 The e lines are fallen vnto me in pleasant places, yea, I haue a faire heritage.
7 I will praise the Lord, who hath giuen

a He sheweth that we cannot call vpon God, except we trust in him.
b Though we cannot enrich God, yet we must bestowe Gods gifts to the vse of his children.
c As griefe of conscience and miserable destruction.
d He would neither by outward profession, nor in heart, nor in

mouth consent to their idolatries, Exod. 23.13.

e Wherevith my portion is measured.

f God teacheth me continually by secret inspiration.
g The faithfull are sure to persevere to the end.
h That is, I rejoice both in body and in soule.
i This is chiefly meant of Christ, by whose resurrection all his members haue immortalitie.
k Where God fauoureth, there is perfect felicitie.

me counsell: my f reines also teach me in the nights.
8 I haue set the Lord alwayes before me: for he is at my right hand; therefore I g shall not slide.
9 Wherefore h mine heart is glad, and my tongue reioyceth: my flesh also doeth rest in hope.
10 For thou i wilt not leaue my soule in the graue: neither wilt thou suffer thine holy One to see corruption.
11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy k presence is the fulnesse of ioy: and at thy right hand there are pleasures for euermore.

PSAL. XVII.

1 Here he complaineth to God of the cruel pride and arrogancy of Saul, and the rest of his enemies, who thus rage without any cause giuen on his part. 6 Therefore he desireth God to reuenge his innocencie, and to deliuer him.

¶ The prayer of Dauid.

HEare a the right, O Lord, consider my crie: hearken vnto my prayer of lips vnfained.
2 Let my b sentence come forth from thy presence, and let thine eyes behold equitie.
3 Thou hast c proued and visited mine heart in the night: thou hast tryed mee, and foundest nothing: for I was purposed that my d mouth should not offend.
4 Concerning the works of men, by the e words of thy lips I kept me from the paths of the cruell man.
5 Stay my steps in thy pathes, that my feete doe not slide.
6 I haue called vpon thee: f surely thou wilt heare me, O God: incline thine eare to me, and hearken vnto my words.
7 Shew thy marueilous mercies, thou that art the Sauiour of them that trust in thee, from such as g resist thy right hand.
8 Keepe me as the apple of the eye: hide me vnder the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the wicked that oppresse mee, frō mine enemies, which compasse me round about for h my soule.
10 They are inclosed in their owne i fat, and they haue spoken proudely with their mouth.
11 They haue compassed vs now in our steps: they haue set their eyes to bring down to the ground:
12 Like as a Lion that is greedy of praye: and as it were a Lions whelpe lurking in secret places.
13 Vp Lord, k disappoint him: cast him downe: deliuer my soule from the wicked ‖ with thy sword,
14 From men by thine l hand, O Lord, from men ‖ of the worlde, who haue their m portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thine hid treasure: their children haue enough, and leaue the rest of their substance for their children.
15 But I will behold n thy face in righteousnesse, and when I o awake, I shalbe satisfied with thine image.

a My righteous cause.
b The vengeance that thou shalt shew against mine enemies.
c When thy spirit examined my conscience.
d I was innocent toward mine ennemie both in deed & thought.
e Though the wicked prouoked me to ire, euill for euill, yet thy word kept me backe.
f He was assured that God would not refuse his request.
g For all rebell against thee, which trouble thy Church.
h For their cruelty cannot be satisfied but with my death.
i They are puft vp with pride, as the stomacke that is choked with fat
k Stoppe his rage.
‖ *Or, which is thy sword.*
l By thine heauenly power.
‖ *Or, whose tyrannie hath too long endured.*
m And feele not the smart that Gods children oft times doe.
n This is the full felicity, comforting against all assaults, to be opened vnto vs.
o And am deliuered out of my great troubles.

PSAL. XVIII.

1 This Psalme is the first beginning of his gratulation and thanke-giuing in the entring into his kingdome, wherein he extolleth and praiseth most highly the marueilous mercies and grace of God, who hath thus preserued and defended him. 32 Also he setteth foorth the vnage of Christes kingdome, that the faithfull may be assured that Christ shall alwayes conquere and ouercome by the vnspeakeable power of his Father, though all the whole world should striue thereagainst.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid the seruant of the Lord, which spake vnto the Lord the wordes of this song (in the day that the Lord deliuered him from the hand of all his enemies, & from the hand of Saul) and sayd,

I Will loue thee dearely, O Lorde my strength.
2 a The Lord is my rocke, and my fortresse, and hee that deliuereth mee, my God and my strength: in him will I trust, my shield, the horne also of my saluation, and my refuge.
3 I will call vpon the Lorde, which is worthy to be b praysed: so shal I be safe from mine enemies.
4 The c sorowes of death compassed me, and the floods of wickednesse made mee afrayd.
5 The ‖ sorowes of the graue haue compassed mee about: the snares of death ouertooke me.
6 But in my trouble did I call vpon the Lord, and cried vnto my God: he heard my voice out of his Temple, & my cry did come before him, euen into his eares.
7 d Then the earth trembled, and quaked: the foundations also of the mountaines mooued and shooke, because he was angry.
8 Smoke went out at his nostrels, and a e consuming fire out of his mouth: coales were kindled thereat.
9 Hee bowed the heauens also and came downe, and f darkenesse was vnder his feete.
10 And hee rode vpon g Cherub and did flie, and hee came flying vpon the wings of the winde.
11 He made darkenesse his h secret place, & his pauilion round about him, euen darkenesse of waters, and cloudes of the ayre.
12 At the brightnesse of his presence his cloudes passed, hailestones and coales of fire.
13 The Lord also thundred in the heauen, and the Highest gaue i his voice, hailestones and coales of fire.
14 Then hee sent out k his arrowes and scattered them, and he increased lightnings and destroyed them.

2. *Sam.* 22. 2.
a He vseth this diuersitie of names to shew that as the wicked haue many meanes to hurt, so God hath many wayes to helpe.
b For none can obtaine their requests of God, that ioyne not his glory with their petition.
c He speaketh of the dangers and malice of his ennemies, from the which God had deliuered him.
‖ *Or, cordes, or, cables.*
d A description of the wrath of God against his enemies after he had heard his prayers.
e He sheweth how horrible Gods iudgements shall be to the wicked.
f Darkenesse signifieth the wrath of God, as the cleare light signifieth Gods fauour.
g This is described as the people will not shew himselfe vnto them.
h As a king angry with
i Thundred, lightned, and hailed.
k His lightnings.

15 And

15 And the chanels of waters were seene, and the [t] foundations of the world were discouered at thy rebuking, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy nostrels.

16 He hath sent downe from aboue, and taken me: hee hath drawen me out of many [m] waters.

17 He hath deliuered me from my [n] strong enemie, and from them which hate mee: for they were [o] too strong for me.

18 They preuented mee in the day of my calamitie: but the Lord was my stay.

19 Hee brought me forth also into a large place: [p] he deliuered me because he fauoured mee.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my [q] righteousnesse: according to the pureneſſe of mine hands he recompensed me:

21 Because I kept the wayes of the Lord, and did not wickedly against my God.

22 For all his lawes were before me, and I did not cast away his [r] commandements from me.

23 I was vpright also with him, & haue kept me from my [s] wickednesse.

24 Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my righteousnes, & according to the pureneſſe of mine hands in his sight.

25 With the [t] godly thou wilt shew thy selfe godly: with the vpright man thou wilt shew thy selfe vpright.

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thy selfe pure, and with the froward thou wilt shew thy selfe froward.

27 Thus thou wilt saue the poore people, and wilt [u] cast downe the proud lookes.

28 Surely thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will lighten my darkeneſſe.

29 For by thee I haue [x] broken through an host, and by my God I haue leaped ouer a wall.

30 The way of God is vncorrupt: the [y] word of the Lord is tried in the fire: he is a shield to all that trust in him.

31 For who is God beſides the Lord? and who is mighty saue our God?

32 God girdeth mee with strength, and maketh my [z] way vpright.

33 He maketh my feete like Hindes feete, and setteth me vpon mine [a] high places.

34 Hee teacheth mine hands to fight: ſo that a bow of ‖ braſſe is broken with mine armes.

35 Thou hast also giuen me the [b] shield of thy saluation, and thy right hand hath staied mee, and thy [c] louing kindneſſe hath caused me to increase.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps vnder me, and mine heeles haue not slid.

37 [d] I haue pursued mine enemies, and taken them, and haue not turned againe till I had consumed them.

38 I haue wounded them, that they were not able to rise: they are falle vnder my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength to battell: them, that rose against me, thou hast subdued vnder me.

40 And thou hast [e] giuen mee the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They [f] cryed, but there was none to saue them, euen vnto the Lord, but he answered them not.

42 Then I did beate them small as the dust before the winde: I did tread them flat as the clay in the streetes.

43 Thou hast deliuered me from the contentions of the people: thou hast made mee the head of the [g] heathen: a people, whom I haue not [h] knowen, shall serue me.

44 As soone as they heare, they shall obey me: the stranger shall [i] be in subiection to me.

45 Strangers shall [k] shrinke away, and feare in their pinne chambers.

46 Let the Lord liue, and blessed bee my strength, and the God of my saluation bee exalted.

47 It is God that giueth me power to auenge me, & subdueth the people vnder me.

48 O my deliuerer from mine enemies, euen thou hast set mee vp from them, that rose against mee: thou hast deliuered mee from the [l] cruell man.

49 Therefore [m] I will praise thee, O Lord, among the nations, and will sing vnto thy Name.

50 Great deliuerances giueth he vnto his king, and sheweth mercie to his anoynted, euen to Dauid, and to his [n] seede for euer.

m This prophecie appertaineth to the kingdome of Christ, and vocation of the Gentiles, as Rom. 15 9 n This did not properly appertaine to Salomon, but to Iesus Christ.

PSAL. XIX.

1 To the intent he might moue the faithfull to a deeper consideration of Gods glory, he setteth before their eyes the most exquisite workemanship of the heauens with their proportion and ornaments: 8 And afterward calleth them to the Law, wherin God hath reuealed himselfe more familiarly to his chose people. The which peculiar grace he commendeth the Law, he setteth forth more at large.

◐ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

THe [a] heauens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth the worke of his hands.

2 [b] Day vnto day vttereth the same, and night vnto night teacheth knowledge.

3 There is no speach nor [c] language, where their voyce is not heard.

4 Their [d] line is gone forth through all the earth, and their words vnto the endes of the world: in them hath he set a tabernacle for the sunne.

5 Which commeth forth as a bridegrome out of his [e] chamber, & reioyceth like a mightie

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l That is, the deepe bottoms were seene, when the red sea was diuided.

m Out of sundry and great dangers.

n To wit, Saul.

o Therefore God sent me succour.

p The cause of Gods deliuerance is his onely fauour and loue to vs.

q Dauid was sure of his righteous cause and good behauiour toward Saul and his enemies, and therefore was assured of Gods fauour and deliuerance.

r For all his dangers he exercised himselfe in the Law of God.

s I neither gaue place to their wicked tentations, nor to mine owne affections.

t Here he speaketh of God according to our capacitie, who sheweth mercy to his, and punisheth the wicked, as is sayd also, Leuit. 26, 21, 24.

u When their sinne is come to the full measure.

x He attributeth it to God, that hee both gate the victory in the field, and also destroyed the cities of his enemies.

y Be the dangers neuer so many or great, yet Gods promisse must take effect.

z Hee giueth good successe to all mine enterprises. a As towers and forts, which he tooke out of the hands of Gods enemies. ‖ *Or, steele.* b To defend mee from dangers c Hee attributeth the beginning, continuance and increase in wel doing onely to Gods fauour. d Dauid declareth that hee did nothing besides his vocation, but was stirred vp by Gods Spirit to execute his iudgements.

e Thou hast giuen them into mine hands to be slaine.

f They that reiect the cry of the afflicted, God will also reiect them, when they cry for helpe: for either paine or feare cause those hypocrites to cry.

g Which dwell round about me.

h The kingdome of Christ is in Dauids kingdom prefigured: who by the preaching of his worde bringeth all to his subiection.

i Or, lie: signifying a subiection constrained and not voluntary.

k Feare shal cause them to be afraid and come forth of their secret holes and holdes to seeke pardon.

l That is, Saul who of malice persecuted him.

a Day Monke

Rom. 1. 20. Num. 15. 38

Rom. 1. 20.

a He reproueth vnto man his ingratitude, seeing the heauens, which are dumbe creatures, set foorth Gods glory.

b The continual successe of the day & the night is sufficient to declare Gods power and goodnesse. c The heauens are a Schoolemaster to all nations, be they neuer so barbarous. d The heauens are as a line of great capitall letters to shew vnto vs Gods glory. e Or, vaile. The maner was, that the bride and bridegrome should stand vnder a vaile together, and after come foorth with great solemnitie, and

a mightie man to run his race.

6 His going out is from the ende of the heauen, and his compasse is vnto the endes of the same, and none is hid from the heate thereof.

7 The [f] Law of the Lord is perfect, conuerting the soule: the testimonie of the Lord is sure, & giueth wisedome vnto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and reioyce the heart: the commandement of the Lord is pure, and giueth light vnto the eyes.

9 The feare of the Lorde is cleane, and endureth for euer: the iudgements of the Lord are [g] trueth: they are righteous [h] altogether.

10 And more to bee [i] desired then golde, yea, then much fine golde: sweeter also then honie, and the honie combe.

11 Moreouer by them is thy seruant made circumspect, and in keeping of them there is great [k] reward.

12 Who can vnderstand his [l] faultes? cleanse me from secret faults.

13 Keepe thy seruaunt also from [m] presumptuous sinnes: let them not reigne ouer me: so shall I bee vpright, and made cleane from much wickednesse.

14 Let the wordes of my mouth, and the [o] meditation of mine heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

f Though the creatures cannot serue, yet this ought to be sufficient to leade vs vnto him.
g So that al mans inuentions & intentions are lies.
h Euery one without exception.
i Except Gods word bee esteemed aboue all worldly things, it is contemned.
k For God accepteth our indeuour, though it be farre vnperfect.
l Then there is no reward of duetie, but of grace: for where sinne is, there death is the reward.
m Which are done purposely and of malice.
n If thou suppresse my wicked affections by thine holy Spirit.
o That I may obey thee in thought, word and deed.

PSAL. XX.

A prayer of the people vnto God, that it would please him to heare their king, and receiue hy sacrifice which he offred before he went to battell against the Ammonites.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

1 The [a] Lord heare thee in the day of trouble: the [b] Name of the God of Iaakob defend thee:

2 Send thee helpe from the Sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

3 Let him remember all thine offerings, and [c] turne thy burnt offerings into ashes. Selah:

4 And graunt thee according to thine heart, and fulfill all thy purpose:

5 That we may reioyce in thy [d] saluation, and set vp the banner in the Name of our God, when the Lord shall performe all thy petitions.

6 Now [e] knowe I that the Lorde will helpe his anointed, and will heare him from his [f] Sanctuary by the mighty helpe of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

8 [g] They are brought downe and fallen, but we are risen, and stand vpright.

9 Saue Lord: [h] let the King heare vs in the day that we call.

a Hereby kings are also admonished to call to God in their affaires.
b The vertue, power, and grace of God.
c In token that they are acceptable vnto him.
d Granted to the king, in whose wealth our felicitie standeth.
e The Church feeleth that God hath heard their petition.
f As by the visible Sanctuarie Gods familiaritie appeared toward his people, so by the heauenly is meant his power and maiestie.
g The worldlings that put not their onely trust in God.
h Let the king be able to deliuer vs by thy strength, when we seeke vnto him for succour.

PSAL. XXI.

Dauid in the person of the people praiseth God for the victory, attributing it to God, and not to the strength of man. Wherein the holy Ghost directeth the faithfull to Christ, who is the perfection of this kingdome.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

1 The King shall [a] reioyce in thy strength, O Lord: yea, how greatly shall hee reioyce in thy saluation!

2 Thou hast giuen him his hearts desire, and hast not denyed him the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou [b] diddest preuent him with liberall blessings, and diddest set a crowne of pure gold vpon his head.

4 [c] He asked life of thee, and thou gauest him a long life for euer and euer.

5 His glory is great in thy saluation: dignitie and honour hast thou laid vpon him.

6 For thou hast set him as [d] blessings for euer: thou hast made him glad with the ioy of thy countenance.

7 Because the king trusteth in the Lord, and in the mercy of the most High, hee shall not slide.

8 [e] Thine hand shall finde out all thine enemies, and thy right hand shall finde out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fierie ouen in time of thine anger: the Lord shall destroy them in his [f] wrath, and the fire shall deuoure them.

10 Their fruite shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seede from the children of men.

11 For they [g] intended euill against thee, and imagined mischiefe, but they shall not prevaile.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them [h] apart, and the strings of thy bowe shalt thou make ready against their faces.

13 [i] Bee thou exalted, O Lorde, in thy strength: so will we sing & praise thy power.

a When he shall ouercome his enemies, and so be assured of his vocation.
b Thou declaredst thy liberall fauour toward him before he prayed.
c Dauid did not only obtaine life but also assurance that his posterity should reigne for euer.
d Thou hast made him thy blessings to others, & a perpetual exãple of thy fauour for euer.
e Here he describeth the power of Christs kingdom, against the enemies thereof.
f This teacheth vs patiently to endure the crosse till God destroy the aduersary.
g They laid as it were their nets to make Gods power to giue place to their wicked enterprises.
h As a marke to shoote at.
i Maintaine thy Church against thine aduersaries, that we may haue ample occasion to prayse thy Name.

PSAL. XXII.

Dauid complained because hee was brought into such extremity, that he was past all hope: but after hee had rehearsed the sorowes and griefes wherewith he was vexed, to He recouereth himselfe from the bottomles pit of tentations, & groweth in hope. And here vnder his owne person hee setteth forth the figure of Christ, whom he did foresee by the Spirit of prophecie, that he should marueilously and strangely be delected & abased, before his Father should raise and exalt him againe.

To him that excelleth vpon ‖ Aijeleth Haschahar. A Psalme of Dauid.

1 My [a] God, my God, why hast thou forsaken mee, and art so farre from mine health, and from the words of my [b] roaring?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but thou hearest not, and by night, but ‖ haue no audience.

3 But thou art holy, and dwellest inhabite

‖ Dauid in the morning and this was the name of some common song.
c Here appeareth that horrible conflict which he susteined betweene faith and desperation.
b Being tormented with extreme anguish.
‖ Or, I cease not.

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the c prayses of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliuer them.
5 They called vpon thee, and were deliuered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I am a d worme, and not a man: a shame of men, and the contempt of the people.
7 All they that see mee, haue me in derision: they make a mowe and nod the head, saying,
8 † He trusted in the Lord, let him deliuer him: let him saue him, seeing hee loueth him.
9 But thou diddest draw mee out of the e wombe: thou gauest me hope, euen at my mothers breasts.
10 I was cast vpon thee, euen from f the wombe: thou art my God from my mothers belly.
11 Be not farre from me, because trouble is neere: for there is none to helpe me.
12 Many yong bulls haue compassed me: mightie g bulles of Bashan haue closed mee about.
13 They gape vpon me w their mouthes, as a ramping and roaring lion.
14 I am like h water powred out, and all my bones are out of ioynt: mine heart is like wax: it is molten in the middes of my bowels.
15 My strength is dryed vp like a pot-sherd, and my tongue cleaueth to my iawes, and thou i hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogges haue compassed mee, and the assembly of the wicked haue inclosed mee: they k pierced mine handes and my feete.
17 I may tell all my bones: yet they behold, and looke vpon me.
18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots vpon my vesture.
19 But bee not thou farre off, O Lorde, my strength: haste to helpe me.
20 Deliuer my soule from the sword: my l deolate soule from the power of the dog.
21 m Saue me from the lions mouth, and answere me in sauing mee from the hornes of the vnicornes.
22 n I will declare thy Name vnto my brethren: in the mids of the Congregation will I prayse thee, saying,
23 o Prayse the Lorde, yee that feare him: magnifie ye him, all the seede of Iaakob, and feare yee him, all the seede of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the p poore: neither hath he hid his face from him, but when hee called vnto him, he heard.
25 My prayse shall be of thee in the great congregation: my r vowes will I performe before them that feare him.
26 q The poore shal eate and be satisfied: they that seeke after the Lord, shall prayse him: your heart shall liue for euer.
27 All the endes of the world shall remember themselues, and turne to the Lord: and all the kinreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom is the Lords, and he ruleth among the nations.
29 All they that be fat s in the earth, shall eate and worship: all they that goe downe into the dust, shall bow before him, t euen he that cannot quicken his owne soule.
30 u Their seede shal serue him: it shall be counted vnto the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousnesse vnto a people that shall bee borne, because he hath x done it.

c He meaneth the place of praysing, euen the Tabernacle: or els it is so called, because he gaue the people continually occasion to prayse him.
d And seeming most miserable of all creatures, which was meant of Christ. And herein appeareth the vnspeakeable loue of God toward man, that he would thus abase his Sonne for our sakes.
† Ebr. rolled vpon God.
Matth 27.43.
e Euen from my birth thou hast giuen me occasion to trust in thee.
f For except Gods prouidence preserue the infants they should perish a thousand times in the mothers wombe.
g He meaneth, that his enemies were so fatte, proud and cruel, that they were rather beastes then men.
h Before hee spake of the cruelties of his enemies, and now he declareth the inward griefes of the minde, so that Christ was tormented, both in soule and body.
i Thou hast suffered me to be without all hope of life.
k Thus Dauid complaineth as though he were nailed by his enemies both hands and feete: but this was accomplished in Christ.
l My life that is forlorne, left alone and forsaken of all, Psal. 35 17. and 25.16.
m Christ is deliuered with a more mighty deliuerance by ouercomming death, then if he had not tasted death at all. Heb. 2.12.
n He promiseth to exhort the Church, that they by his example might praise the Lord.
o The poore afflicted are comforted by this example of Dauid, or Christ.
p Which were sacrifices of thanksgiuing, which they offered by Gods commandement, when they were deliuered out of any great danger.
q He doeth allude still to the sacrifice.
r Though the poore be first named, as verse 26. yet the wealthy are not separated from the grace of Christs kingdom
s In whom there is no hope that he shall recouer life: so neither poore nor rich, quicke nor dead shal be reiected from his kingdome.
t Meaning the posteritie, which the Lord keepeth as a seede to the Church to continue his prayse among men.
u That is, God hath fulfilled his promise.
x Or, finished.

PSAL. XXIII.

1 Because the Prophet had proued the great mercies of God at diuers times, and in sundry maners, he gathereth a certaine assurance, fully perswading himselfe that God will continue the very same goodnesse toward him for euer.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

THe Lord is my a shepheard, b I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to rest in greene pasture, and leadeth me by the still waters.
3 He c restoreth my soule, and leadeth me in the d paths of righteousnes for his Names sake.
4 Yea, though I should walke through the valley of the e shadow of death, I will feare no euil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staffe, they comfort me.
5 Thou doest prepare a f table before me in the sight of mine aduersaries: thou doest f anoynt mine head with oyle, and my cup runneth ouer.
6 Doubtlesse, kindnes & mercy shall follow me all the dayes of my life, g I shall remain a long season in the h house of the Lord.

Isa.40.11 iere. 23.3 ezek.34. 23.verse 10.11. 1.pet 2.25.
a He hath care ouer me, and ministreth vnto me all things.
b He comforteth or refresheth me.
c Plaine, or streight wayes.
d Though hee were in danger of death, as the sheepe that wandreth in the dark valley without his shepheard.
e Albeit his enemies sought to destroy him, yet God deliuereth him, and dealeth most liberally with him in despite of them.
f As was the maner of great feasts.
g He setteth not his felicitie in the pleasures of this world, but in the feare and seruice of God.

PSAL. XXIIII.

1 Albeit the Lord God hath made, and gouerneth all the world, yet toward his chosen people his gracious goodnesse doth most abundantly appeare, in that among thē he will haue his dwelling place. Which though it was appointed among the children of Abraham, yet onely they doe enter aright into this Sanctuary, which are the true worshippers of God, purged from the sinfull filth of this world. 7 Finally he magnifieth Gods grace for the building of the Temple, to the end he might stirre vp all the faithfull to the true seruice of God.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

THe earth a is the Lords, & all that therein is: the world & they that dwell therein.

Deut.10.14. iob 28.24. 1.cor.10.26.

2 For

a He noteth two things: the one that the earth to mans iudgement seemeth aboue the waters: and next, that God miraculously preserueth the earth, that it is not drowned with the waters which naturally are about it.
b Though circumcision separate the carnall seed of Iaakob from the Gentiles, yet he that seeketh God, is the true Iaakob and the very Israelite.
c Dauid desireth the building vp of the Temple, wherein the glory of God should appeare, and vnder the figure of this Temple he also prayeth for the spirituall Temple, which is eternall, because of the promise which was made to the Temple, as it is written, Psal. 132. 14.

2 For he hath founded it vpon the seas: and established it vpon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the mountaine of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?
4 Euen he that hath innocent hands, and a pure heart: which hath not lift vp his mind vnto vanitie, nor sworne deceitfully.
5 He shal receiue a blessing from the Lord, and righteousnesse from the God of his saluation.
6 This is the [b] generation of them that seeke him, of them that seeke thy face, this is Iaakob. Selah.
7 [c] Lift vp your heads, yee gates, and be ye lift vp ye euerlasting doores, and the king of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? the Lord, strong and mighty, euen the Lord mighty in battell.
9 Lift vp your heads, yee gates, and lift vp your selues, yee euerlasting doores, and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

PSAL. XXV.

1 The Prophet touched with the consideration of his sinnes, and also troubled with the cruell malice of his enemies, 6 Prayeth to God most feruently to haue his sinnes forgiuen, 7 Especially such as he had committed in his youth. Hee beginneth euery verse according to the Ebrew letters, two or three except.

A Psalme of Dauid.

a I put not my trust in any worldly thing.
b That thou wilt take away mine enemies, which are thy rods. *Isa. 29. 26. rom. 10. 11.*
c Retaine me in the faith of thy promise, that I swarue not on any side.
d Constantly, and against all tentations.
e He confesseth that his manifold sinnes were the cause that his enemies did thus persecute him, desiring that the cause of the euill may be taken away, to the intent that the effect may cease.

VNto thee, O Lord lift I vp my soule.
2 My God, I [b] trust in thee: let mee not be confounded: let not mine enemies reioyce ouer me.
3 [d] So all that hope in thee, shall not bee ashamed: but let them be confounded, that transgresse without cause.
4 [c] Shew me thy wayes, O Lord, and teach me thy pathes.
5 Lead me forth in thy trueth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my saluation: vnder thee doe I trust [d] all the day.
6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy louing kindnesse: for they haue bene for euer.
7 Remember not the [e] sinnes of my youth, nor my rebellions, but according to thy kindnesse remember thou me, euen for thy goodnesse sake, O Lord.
8 Gracious and righteous is the Lorde: therefore will hee [f] teach sinners in the way.
9 Them that be meeke, will he [g] guide in iudgement, and teach the humble his way.
10 All the pathes of the Lorde are mercy and trueth vnto such as keepe his couenant and his testimonies.

f That is, call them to repentance. g He will gouerne and comfort them that are truely humbled for their sinnes.

11 For thy [h] Names sake, O Lorde, bee mercifull vnto mine iniquitie, for it is great.
12 What [i] man is hee that feareth the Lord? him will he teach the way that he shall [k] chuse.
13 His soule shall dwell [l] at ease, and his seed shall inherit the land.
14 The [m] secret of the Lord is reuealed to them that feare him: & his couenant to giue them vnderstanding.
15 Mine eyes are euer toward the Lord: for he will bring my feet out of the net.
16 Turne thy face vnto me, & haue mercy vpon me: for I am desolate and poore.
17 The [n] sorowes of mine heart are enlarged: draw me out of my troubles.
18 Looke vpon mine affliction and my trauell, and forgiue all my sinnes.
19 Beholde mine [o] enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with cruell hatred.
20 Keepe my soule, and deliuer mee: let me not be confounded, for I trust in thee.
21 Let [p] mine vprightnes and equity preserue me: for mine hope is in thee.
22 Deliuer Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

h And for none other respect.
i Meaning, the number is very small.
k He will direct such with his spirit to follow the right way.
l He shal prosper both in spirituall and corporall things.
m His counsell conteined in his word, whereby he declareth that hee is the protector of the faithfull.
n My griefe is increased because of mine enemies cruelty.
o The greater that his afflictions were, and the more that his enemies increased, the more neere felt hee Gods helpe.
p Forasmuch as I haue behaued my selfe vprightly toward mine enemies, let them knowe that thou art the defender of my iust cause.

PSAL. XXVI.

1 Dauid oppressed with many iniuries, finding no helpe in the world, calleth for ayde from God: and assured of his integritie toward Saul, desireth God to be his iudge, and to defend his innocencie. 6 Finally, he maketh mentiō of his sacrifice, which he will offer for his deliuerance, and desireth to be in the companie of the faithfull in the congregation of God, whence he was banished by Saul, promising integritie of life, and open prayses and thanksgiuing.

A Psalme of Dauid.

a He fleeth to God to be the Iudge of his iust cause, seeing there is no equitie among men.
b My very affections and inward motions of the heart.
c He sheweth what stayed him, that hee did not recompense euill for euill.
d He declareth that they cannot walke in simplicitie before God, that delight in the company of the vngodly.
e I will serue thee with a pure affection, and with the godly that sacrifice vnto thee. f Destroy mee not in the ouerthrow of the wicked.

JUDge me, O Lord, for I haue walked in mine innocencie: my trust hath bene also in the Lord: therefore shall I not slide.
2 Proone me, O Lord, and trie me: examine my [b] reines, and mine heart.
3 For thy [c] louing kindnesse is before mine eyes: therefore haue I walked in thy trueth.
4 I haue not [d] haunted with vaine persons, neither kept company with the dissemblers.
5 I haue hated the assembly of the euill, and haue not companied with the wicked.
6 I will [e] wash mine hands in innocencie, O Lord, and compasse thine altar,
7 That I may declare with the voice of thanksgiuing, and tell forth all thy wonderous works.
8 O Lord, I haue loued the habitation of thine house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
9 [f] Gather not my soule with the sinners, nor my life with the bloody men:

10 In

g Whose cruell hands do execute the malicious deuises of their hearts.

10 In whose hands is a wicked nesse, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But I wil walk in mine innocency: redeeme me therefore, & be mercifull vnto me.

12 My foote standeth in h vprightnesse: I will prayse thee, O Lord, in the Congregations.

h I am preserued from mine enemies by the power of God, and therefore will prayse him openly.

PSAL. XXVII.

1 Dauid maketh this Psalme being deliuered from great perils, as appeareth by the prayses and thanksgiuing annexed: 6 Wherein we may see the constant faith of Dauid against the assaults of all his enemies, 7 And also the end wherefore he desireth to liue and to bee deliuered, onely to worship God in his Congregation.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

THe Lord is my a light and my saluation, whom shall I feare? the Lorde is the strength of my life, of whom shall I bee afraid?

a Because he was assured of good successe in all his dangers, and that his saluation was surely layd vp in God, he feared not the tyrannie of his enemies.

2 When the wicked, euen mine enemies and my foes came vpon mee to eate vp my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an hoste pitched against me, mine heart should not bee afraide: though warre be raised against mee, I will trust in b this.

b That God will deliuer me, and giue my faith the victory.

4 c One thing haue I desired of the Lord, that I will require, euen that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the dayes of my life, to behold the beautie of the Lord, and to visite his Temple.

c The losse of country, wife, and all worldly commodities grieue me not in respect of this one thing, that I may not prayse thy name in the mids of the congregation.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his Tabernacle: in the secret place of his pauilion shall he hide mee, and set me vp vpon a rocke.

6 d And now shall hee lift vp mine head aboue mine enemies round about me: therefore wil I offer in his Tabernacle sacrifices of ioy: I will sing and prayse the Lord.

d Dauid assured himselfe by the Spirit of prophesie, that he should ouercome his enemies, and serue God in his Tabernacle.

7 Hearken vnto my voice, O Lord, when I crie: haue mercy also vpon me and heare me.

8 When thou saydest, e Seeke ye my face, mine heart answered vnto thee, O Lord, I will seeke thy face.

e He groundeth vpon Gods promise, and sheweth that he is most willing to obey his commandement.

9 Hide not therefore thy face from me, nor cast thy seruant away in displeasure: thou hast beene my succour: leaue me not, neither forsake me, O God of my saluation.

10 f Though my father and my mother should forsake me, yet the Lord will gather me vp.

f He magnifieth Gods loue toward his, which farre passeth the most tender loue of parents towards their children.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a right path, because of mine enemies.

12 Giue mee not vnto the g lust of mine aduersaries: for there are false witnesses risen vp against me, & such as speake cruelly.

13 I should haue fainted, except I had beleeued to see the h goodnes of the Lord in the land of the liuing.

14 i Hope in the Lord: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and trust in the Lord.

g But either pacifie their wrath, or bridle their rage. h In this present life before I die, as Isa. 38 11. i Hee exhorteth himselfe to depend on the Lord, seeing he neuer failed in his promises.

PSAL. XXVIII.

1 Being in great feare and heauines of heart to see God dishonoured by the wicked, he desireth to be rid of them, 4 And cryeth for vengeance against them: And at length assureth himselfe that God hath heard his prayer. 9 Vnto whose custom he commendeth all the faithfull.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

VNto thee O Lord, doe I cry: O my strength, be not deafe toward me, least, if thou answere me not, I be a like them that goe downe into the pit.

a He counteth himself as a dead mā, til God shew his fauor toward him, and grant him his petition.

2 Heare the voyce of my petitions, when I cry vnto thee, when I hold vp mine hands toward thine b holy Oracle.

b He vsed this outward meanes to helpe the weakeneſſe of his faith: for in that place was the Arke, & there God promised to shew the tokens of his fauour.

3 c Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquitie: which speake friendly to their neighbours, when malice is in their hearts.

c Destroy not the good with the bad.

4 d Reward the according to their deeds, and according to the wickednesse of their inuentions: recompense them after the worke of their hands: render them their reward.

d He thus prayeth in respect of Gods glory, and not for his owne cause, being assured that God would punish the persecuters of his Church.

5 For they regard not the workes of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: therefore e breake them downe, and build them not vp.

6 f Praised be the Lord, for he hath heard the voyce of my petitions.

7 The Lord is my strength, & my shield: mine heart trusted in him, and I was helped: therefore mine heart shall reioyce, and with my song will I praise him.

8 The Lord is g their strength, & he is the strength of the deliuerances of his anointed.

9 Saue thy people, & blesse thine inheritance: feed them also, & exalt them for euer.

e Let them be vtterly destroyed, as Malac. 1. 4.

f Because he felt the assurance of Gods helpe in his heart, his mouth was opened to sing his prayses. g Meaning his souldiers, who were as meanes, by whom God declared his power.

PSAL. XXIX.

1 The Prophet exhorteth the princes and rulers of the world, (which for the most part thinke there is no God) to feare him for the thunders and tempests, for feare whereof all creatures tremble. 11 And though thereby God threatneth sinners, yet is he alwayes mercifull to his, and mooueth them thereby to praise his Name.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

GIue vnto the Lord, ye a sons of the mighty: giue vnto the Lord glory & strength.

a He exhorteth the proud tyrants to humble themselues vnder Gods hand, and not to be inferior to brute beasts and dumbe creatures.

2 Giue vnto the Lord glory due vnto his Name: worship the Lord in the glorious Sanctuary.

3 The b voice of the Lord is vpon the waters: the God of glory maketh it to thunder: the Lord is vpon the great waters.

b The thunderclaps that are heard out of the cloudes ought to make the wicked to tremble for feare of Gods anger.

4 The voyce of the Lord is mighty: the voyce of the Lord is glorious.

5 The c voyce of the Lord breaketh the cedars: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

c That is, the thunderbolt breaketh the most strong trees, and shall men thinke their power to be able to resist God?

6 He maketh them also to leape like a calfe: Lebanon also & d Sirion like a yong Unicorne.

d Called also Hermon.

7 The voyce of the Lord diuideth the

* flames

e flames of fire.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the wildernesse to tremble: the Lord maketh the wildernesse of Kadesh to tremble.

9 The voyce of the Lord maketh the hindes to f calue, and h discouereth the forrest: therefore in his i Temple doeth euery man speake of his glorie.

10 The Lord sitteth vpon the k flood, and the Lord doeth remaine king for euer.

11 The Lord shall giue strength vnto his people: the Lord shall bleese his people with peace.

e It causeth the lightnings to shoote, and glide
f In places most desolate, where as seemeth there is no presence of God.
g For feare maketh them to cast their calues.
h Maketh the trees bare, or pierceth the most secret places. i Though the wicked are nothing moued with these sights, yet the faithfull praise God. k To moderate the rage of the tempest and waters, that they destroy not all.

PSAL. XXX.

1 When Dauid was deliuered from great danger, he rendred thankes to God, exhorting others to do the like, and to learne by his example, that God is rather merciful then seuere & rigorous towards his children. 7 And also that the fall from prosperitie to aduersitie is sudden. 8 This done, he returneth to prayer, promising to praise God for euer.

¶ * A Psalme or song of the * dedication of the a house of Dauid

I Will magnifie thee, O Lord: b for thou hast exalted mee, and hast not made my foes to reioyce ouer mee.

2 O Lord my God, I cryed vnto thee, and thou hast c restored me.

3 O Lord, thou hast brought vp my d soule out of the graue: thou hast reuiued me from them that goe downe into the pit.

4 Sing prayses vnto the Lord, yee * his Saints, and giue thankes e before the remembrance of his Holinesse.

5 * For he endureth but a while in his anger: but in his fauour is life: weeping may abide at euening, but ioy commeth in the morning.

6 And in my f prosperitie I said, I shall neuer be moued.

7 For thou Lord of thy goodnesse hadst made my g mountaine to stand strong: but thou diddest hide thy face, and I h was troubled.

8 Then cried I vnto thee, O Lord, and prayed to my Lord.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I goe downe to the pit? shall the dust k giue thankes vnto thee? or shall it declare thy trueth?

10 Heare, O Lord, and haue mercy vpon me: Lord, be thou mine helper.

11 Thou hast turned my mourning into ioy: thou hast loosed my sacke and girded me with gladnesse.

12 Therefore shall my l tongue praise thee and not cease: O Lord my God, I will giue thankes vnto thee for euer.

PSAL. XXXI.

1 Dauid deliuered from some great danger, first vttereth his meditation he had by the power of faith, when death was before his eyes, his enemy being ready to take him. 15 Then he affirmeth that the fauour of God is alwayes ready to those that feare him. 20 Finally, he exhorteth all the faithfull to trust in God, & to loue him, because he preserueth & strengtheneth them, as they may see by his example.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

IN * thee, O Lord, I haue put my trust: let me neuer be confounded: deliuer me in thy a righteousnesse.

2 Bow downe thine eare to me: make haste to deliuer mee: bee vnto mee a strong rocke, and an house of defence to saue me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortresse: therefore for thy names sake direct me and guide me.

4 Drawe mee out of the b net, that they haue layd priuily for mee: for thou art my strength.

5 Into thine c hand I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of trueth.

6 I haue hated them that giue them selues to deceitfull vanities: for I d trust in the Lord.

7 I will be glad and reioyce in thy mercie: for thou hast seene my trouble: thou hast knowen my soule in aduersities,

8 And thou hast not shut me vp in y hand of the enemie, but hast set my feete at e large.

9 Haue mercie vpon me, O Lord: for I am in trouble: mine f eye, my soule and my belly are consumed with griefe.

10 For my life is wasted with heauinesse, and my yeeres with mourning: my strength faileth for my paine, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a a reproch among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours: and a feare to mine acquaintance, b who fled from me in the streete, fled from me.

12 I am forgotten, as a dead man out of minde: I am like a broken vessell.

13 For I haue heard the rayling of i great men: feare was on euery side, while they conspired together against me, and consulted to take my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, k Thou art my God.

15 My l times are in thine hand: deliuer me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine vpon thy seruant, and saue me thorough thy mercie.

17 Let me not be confounded, O Lord: for I haue called vpon thee: let the wicked bee put to confusion, & m to silence in the graue.

18 Let thy lying lippes bee made dumbe, which cruelly, proudly, and spitefully speake against the righteous

19 How great is thy goodnesse, which thou n hast layde vp for them that feare thee, and done to them that trust in thee, euen before the sonnes of men!

Psal. 71. 1.
a For then God declareth himself iust, when hee preserueth his, according as he hath promised.
b Preserue me from the crafty counsels & subtill practises of mine enemies.
c He desireth God not onely to take care for him in this life, but that his soule may be saued after this life.
d This affection ought to be in al Gods children, to hate whatsoeuer thing is not grounded vpon a sure trust in God, as deceitfull and vaine.
e Largenesse signifieth comfort, as straitnesse, sorrow and perill.
f Meaning, that his sorrow and torment had continued a great while.
g Mine enemies had drawen all men to their part against me, euen my chiefe friends.
h They were afraid to shew me any token of friendship.
i They that were in authoritie, condemned me as a wicked doer.
k I had this testimonie of conscience, that thou wouldest defend mine innocencie l Whatsoeuer changes come, thou gouernest them by thy prouidence. m Let death destroy them to the intent that they may hurt no more. n The treasures of Gods mercie are alwayes laid vp in store for his children, albeit at all times they doe not enioy them.

20 Thou

† Eb in the secret of thy face.
o That is, in a place where they shall haue thy comfort, and bee hid safely frō the enemies pride.
p Meaning, there was no citie so strong to preserue him, as the defence of Gods fauour.
q And so by my rashnesse and infidelitie deserue to haue bene forsaken. ‖ Or, yet that feele his mercies. r Be constant in your vocation, and God will confirme you with heauenly strength.

20 Thou doest hide them † o priuily in thy presence from the pride of men: thou keepest them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed his marueilous kindnesse toward me in a p strong citie.
22 Though I said in mine q haste, I am cast out of thy sight, yet thou heardest the voyce of my prayer, when I cryed vnto thee.
23 Loue ye the Lord all his r Saints: for the Lord preserueth the faithfull, and rewardeth abundantly the proud doer.
24 All ye that trust in the Lord, be r strong, and he shall stablish your heart.

PSAL. XXXII.

1 Dauid punished with grieuous sicknesse for his sinnes, counteth them blessed, to whom God doth not impute their transgressions. 5 And after that hee had confessed his sinnes, and obteined pardon, 6 Hee exhorteth the wicked men to liue godly, 11 And the good to reioyce.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid to giue a instruction.

a Concerning the free remission of sinnes, which is the chiefest point of our faith.
b To be iustified by faith, is to haue our sinnes freely remitted, & to be reputed iust, Rom. 4. 6.
c Betweene hope and despaire.
d Neither by silence nor crying found I ease: signifying, that before the sinner be reconciled to God he feeleth a perpetuall torment
e Hee sheweth the cause why as Gods mercie is the onely cause of forgiuenes of sinnes, so the meanes thereof are repentance and confession, which proceede of faith.
f When necessity causeth him to seeke to thee for helpe, Isa. 55. 6.
g To wit, the waters and great dangers.

BLessed is he whose wickednesse is b forgiuen, and whose sinne is couered.
2 Blessed is the man, vnto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquitie, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 cWhen I held my c tongue, my bones consumed, or when I d roared all the day,
4 (For thine hand is heauie vpon mee, day and night: and my moysture is turned into the drought of Summer. Selah.)
5 Then I e acknowledged my sinne vnto thee, neither hidde I mine iniquitie: for I thought, I will confesse against my selfe my wickednesse vnto the Lord, and thou forgauest the punishment of my sinne. Selah.
6 Therfore shal euery one that is godly, make his prayer vnto thee in a f time when thou mayest be found: surely in the flood of great waters g they shal not come nere him.
7 Thou art my secret place: thou preseruest mee from trouble: thou compassest me about with ioyfull deliuerance. Selah.
8 I will h instruct thee, and teach thee in the way that thou shalt goe, and I will guide thee with mine eye.
9 Be ye not like an horse, or like a mule, which vnderstand not: whose mouthes thou doest binde with bit and bride, least they come neere thee.
10 Many sorrowes shall come to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercie shall compasse him.
11 Be glad ye righteous, and i reioyce in the Lord, and be ioyfull all ye, that are vpright in heart.

h Dauid promiseth to make the rest of Gods children partakers of the benefites, which he felt, and that he will diligently looke and take care to direct them in the way of saluation i If men can rule brute beasts, thinke they that God will not bridle and tame their rage? k Hee sheweth, that peace and ioy of conscience in the holy Ghost is the fruit of faith.

PSALM. XXXIII.

1 He exhorteth good men to praise God, for that he hath not only created all things, & by his prouidence gouerneth the same, but also is faithful in his promises. 10 He vnderstandeth mans heart, and scattereth the counsel of the wicked, 16 so that no man can bee preserued by any creature or mans strength: but they, that put their confidence in his mercie, shall be preserued from all aduersities.

a It is the duetie of the godly to set forth the praises of God for his mercie & power shewed toward them.
b To sing on instruments was a part of the ceremoniall seruice of the Temple, which doeth no more appertaine vnto vs then the sacrifices, censings and lights.
c That is, counsel or commandement in gouerning the world.
d That is, the effect & execution.
e Howsoeuer the world iudgeth of Gods workes, yet he doth all things according to iustice and mercie.
f By the creation of the heauens and beautifull ornament, with the gathering also of the waters, he setteth foorth the power of God, that all creatures might feare him.
‖ Or, was created.
g No counsell can preuaile against God, but he defeateth it, and it shall haue euill successe.
h He sheweth that all our felicitie standeth in this, that the Lord is our God.
i Hee prooueth that all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence, & not by fortune.
k Therefore he knoweth their wicked enterprises.
l If kings and the mightie of the world cannot bee saued by worldly meanes, but only by Gods prouidence, what haue others to trust in, that haue not like meanes?
m God sheweth that toward his of his mercie which man by no meanes is able to compasse.
n Thus hee speaketh in the name of the whole church, which onely depend on Gods prouidence.

RIoyce in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh vpright men to bee thankful.
2 Praise the Lord with harpe: sing vnto him with a viole, and b instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing vnto him a new song: sing cheerfully with a lowde voice.
4 For the word of the Lord is righteous, and all his c workes are faithfull.
5 He d loueth righteousnes & iudgement: the earth is full of the goodnes of the Lord.
6 By the word of the Lord were the heauens made, and all the hoste of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 Hee e gathereth the waters of the sea together as vpon an heape, and layeth vp the depths in his treasures.
8 Let all the earth feare the Lord: let all them that dwell in the world, feare him.
9 For hee spake, and it was done: hee commanded, and it ‖ stood.
10 The Lord breaketh the f counsell of the heathen, and bringeth to nought the deuises of the people.
11 The counsell of the Lord shall stand for euer, and the thoughts of his heart throughout all ages.
12 Blessed is that nation, whose g God is the Lord: euen the people, that he hath chosen for his inheritance.
13 The Lord h looketh downe from heauen, and beholdeth all the children of men.
14 From the habitation of his dwelling he beholdeth all them that dwel in the earth,
15 He i fashioneth their hearts euery one, and vnderstandeth all their workes.
16 The k king is not saued by the multitude of an hoste, neither is the mighty man deliuered by great strength.
17 A horse is a vaine helpe, and shall not deliuer any by his great strength.
18 Behold, l the eye of the Lord is vpon them that feare him, and vpon them, that trust in his mercie,
19 To deliuer their soules from death, and to preserue them in famine.
20 m Our soule waiteth for the Lord: for he is our helpe and our shield.
21 Surely our heart shall reioyce in him, because we trust in his holy Name.
22 Let thy mercie, O Lord, bee vpon vs, as we trust in thee.

his example to trust in God, to feare and serue him: 14 Who defendeth the godly with his Angels, 15 And vtterly destroyeth the wicked in their sinnes.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid, when he changed his behauiour before Abimelech, who droue him away, and he departed.

I Will a alway giue thankes vnto the Lord: his praise shalbe in my mouth continually.

2 My soule shall glorie in the Lord: the b humble shall heare it, and be glad.

3 Praise ye the Lord with me, and let vs magnifie his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard mee: yea, he deliuered me out of all my c feare.

5 They d shall looke vnto him, and run to him: and their faces shall not be ashamed, saying,

6 This poore man cried, and the Lorde heard him, and saued him out of all his troubles.

7 The e Angell of the Lord pitcheth round about them, that feare him, and deliuereth them.

8 Taste ye & see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 Feare the Lord, ye his Saints: for nothing wanteth to them that feare him.

10 The f lyons doe lacke, and suffer hunger, but they which seeke the Lord, shall g want nothing that is good.

11 Come children, hearken vnto mee: I will teach you the h feare of the Lord.

12 i What man is hee that desireth life, and loueth long dayes for to i see good?

13 Keepe thy tongue from euill, and thy lips, that they speake no guile.

14 Eschewe euill, and doe good: seeke peace, and follow after it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are vpon the righteous, and his eares are open vnto their crie.

16 But the k face of the Lord is against them that doe euill, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

17 The righteous crie, and the Lord heareth them, and deliuereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is neere vnto them that are of a l contrite heart, and will saue such as be afflicted in spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord deliuereth him out of them all.

20 m He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 But malice shall slay the n wicked: and they that hate the righteous, shall perish.

22 The Lord o redeemeth the soules of his seruants: and none that trust in him, shall perish.

When they seeme to bee swallowed vp with afflictions, then God is at hand to deliuer them. m And as Christ saith, all the haires of his head. n Their wicked enterprises shall turne to their owne destruction. o For when they seeme to bee ouercome with great dangers and death it selfe, then God sheweth himselfe their redeemer.

a He promiseth neuer to become vnmindfull of Gods greatbenefit for his deliuerance.

b They that are beaten downe with the experience of their owne euils.

c Which I conceiued for the dangers wherein I was.

d They shall be bold to flee to thee for succour, when they shall see thy mercies toward mee.

e Though Gods power be sufficient to gouerne vs, yet for mans infirmitie he appointeth his Angels to watch ouer vs.

f The godly by their patient obedience profit more then they, which rauine & spoyle.

g If they abide the last triall.

h That is, the true religion and worship of God.

i Seeing all men naturally desire felicitie, he wondereth why they cast themselues willingly into miserie.

k The anger of God doeth not onely destroy the wicked, but also aboliseth their name for euer.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 *So long as Saul was enemie to Dauid, all that had any authoritie vnder him to flatter their king (as is the course of the world) did also most cruelly persecute Dauid against whom he prayeth God to pleade and to auenge his cause, 8 that they may be taken in their nets and snares, which they laid for him, that his innocencie may be declared, 27 and that the innocent, which taketh part with him, may reioyce and praise the Name of the Lord, that thus deliuered his seruant. 28 And so hee promiseth to speake foorth the iustice of the Lord, and to magnifie his Name all the dayes of his life.*

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

PLeade thou my a cause, O Lord, with them that striue with mee: fight thou against them that fight against mee.

2 b Lay hand vpon the shield and buckler, and stand vp for mine helpe.

3 Bring out also the speare, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say vnto my c soule, I am thy saluation.

4 Let them bee confounded and put to shame, that seeke after my soule: let them be turned backe and brought to confusion, that imagine mine hurt.

5 Let them be as chaffe before the wind, and let the Angel of the Lord d scatter them.

6 Let their way bee darke and slipperie: & let the Angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For e without cause they haue hid the pit and their net for me: without cause haue they digged a pit for my soule.

8 Let destruction come vpon f him at vnwares, and let his net that hee hath laid priuely, take him: let him fall into g the same destruction.

9 Then my soule shall bee ioyfull in the Lord: it shall reioyce in his saluation.

10 All my h bones shall say, Lord, who is like vnto thee, which deliuerest the poore from him that is too strong for him! yea, the poore, and him that is in miserie, from him that spoyleth him!

11 i Cruell witnesses did rise vp: they asked of me things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded mee euill for good, to k haue spoyled my soule.

13 Yet I, when they were sicke, I was clothed with a sacke: I humbled my soule with fasting: and my l prayer was turned vpon my bosome.

14 I behaued my selfe as to my friend, or as to my brother: I humbled my selfe, mourning as one that bewaileth his mother.

15 But in mine m aduersitie they reioyced, and gathered themselues together: the abiects assembled themselues against me, and I knew not: they tare n me and ceased not,

16 With the false scoffers at o bankets, gnashing their teeth against me.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou behold this? deliuer my soule from their tumult, euen my desolate soule from the lions.

18 So will I giue thee thankes in a great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies,

a Hee desireth God to vndertake his cause against them that did persecute him and slander him.

b Albeit God can with his breath destroy all his enemies, yet the holy Ghost attributeth vnto him theie outward weapons, to assure vs of his present power.

c Assure me against theie tentations that thou art the author of my saluation.

d Smite them with the spirit of giddinesse that their enterprises may bee foolish, and they receiue iust reward.

e Shewing, that we may not call God to be a reuenger, but only for his glorie, & when our cause is iust.

f When he promiseth to himselfe peace.

g Which he prepared against the children of God.

h He attributeth his deliuerance onely to God, praysing him therefore both in soule and body.

i That would not suffer me to purge my selfe.

k To haue taken from mee all comfort, and brought mee

into despaire. l I prayed for them with inward affection, as I would haue done for my selfe: or, I declared mine affection, with bowing downe mine head. m When they sawe me readie to slip, and as one that halted for infirmitie. n With their railing words. o The word signifieth cakes: meaning that the proud courtiers at their daintie feasts, scoffe, raile, and conspire his death.

Et vnmilly

p In token of contempt and mocking.

‖ Or, clefts of the earth: meaning himselfe and others in their miserie.

q They reioyced as though they had now seene Dauid ouerthrowen.

r It is the iustice of God to giue to the oppressours affliction and torment, and to the oppressed ayde and reliefe. 2. Thess. 1.6.

s Because wee haue that which wee sought for seeing hee is destroyed.

t That is, at once, were they neuer so many or mightie.

u This prayer shal alwayes be verified against them that persecute y faithful. x That at least saueur my right, though they be not able to helpe me. y He exhorteth the Church to praise God for the deliuerance of his seruants, and for the destruction of his aduersaries.

PSAL. XXXVI.

z *The Prophet grieuously vexed by the wicked, doth complaine of their malicious wickednesse. 6 Then he turneth to cõsider the vnspeakeable goodnes of God toward all creatures: 9 But specially towards his children, that by the faith thereof hee may be comforted & assured of his deliuerance by this ordinarie course of Gods worke, 13 who in the end destroyeth the wicked and saueth the iust.*

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid the seruant of the Lord.

a I see euidently by his deedes, that sinne pusheth forward the reprobate from wickednesse to wickednesse, albeit he go about to couer his impietie.

b Though all other detest his vile sinne, yet he himselfe seeth it not.

c The reprobate mocke at wholesome doctrine, and put not difference betweene good and euill.

d By describing at large the nature of the reprobate, he admonisheth the godly to beware of these vices. e Though wickednesse seemeth to ouerflow all y world, yet by thine heauenly prouidence thou gouernest heauen and earth. ‡ *Ebr the mountaines of God: for whatsoeuer is excellent, as thou called.* f The depth of thy prouidence gouerneth all things, and disposeth them, albeit the wicked seeme to ouerwhelme the world.

g Onely Gods children haue enough of all things both concerning this life and the life to come.

h Hee sheweth who are Gods children, to wit, they that know him and leade their liues vprightly.

i Let not the proud aduance himselfe against mee, neither the power of the wicked driue me away. k That is, in their pride, wherein they flatter themselues.

PSAL. XXXVII.

l *This Psalme conteineth exhortation and consolation of the weake, that are grieued at the prosperitie of the wicked, and the affliction of the godly. 7 For how prosperously soeuer the wicked doe liue for the time, he doth affirme their felicitie to be vaine & transitorie, because they are not in the fauour of God, but in the end they are destroyed as his enemies. 11 And how miserable that the righteous seemeth to liue in the world, yet his end is peace, and he is in the fauour of God, he is deliuered from the wicked, and preserued.*

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

1 FRet not m thy selfe because of the wicked men, neither be enuious to the euil doers.

2 For they shal soone be n cut downe like grasse, and shall wither as the greene herbe.

3 o Trust thou in the Lord & do good: dwel in the land, and thou shalt be fed assuredly.

4 And delight thy selfe in the Lord, and he shall giue thee thine hearts desire.

5 p Commit thy way vnto the Lord, and trust in him, and he shall bring it to passe.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousnesse as the light, and thy q iudgement as the noone day.

7 Waite patiently vpon the Lord, r hope in him: s fret not thy selfe for him t which prospereth in his way: nor for the man that bringeth his enterprises to passe.

8 Cease from anger, and leaue off wrath: fret not thy selfe u also to doe euill.

9 For euil doers shalbe cut off, x they that wait vpon y Lord, they shal inherit the land.

10 z Therefore yet a little while, and the wicked shal not appeare, and thou shalt looke after his place, and he shall not be found.

11 But a meeke men shall possesse the earth, and shal haue their delight in the multitude of peace.

12 b The wicked practiseth against the iust,

therefore the children of men trust vnder the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shalbe c satisfied with the fatnes of thine house, and thou shalt giue them drinke out of the riuer of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the well of life, and in thy light shall we see light.

10 Extend thy louing kindnes vnto them that d know thee, and thy righteousnesse vnto them that are vpright in heart.

11 Let not the e foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked men moue me.

12 f There they are fallen that worke iniquitie: they are cast downe, and shall not be able to rise.

m Hee admonisheth vs neither to vexe our selues for the prosperous estate of the wicked, neither to desire to be like them to make our estate the better. n For Gods iudgment cutteth downe their state in a moment. o To trust in God, and to doe according to his will, are sure tokens ‖ his prouidence will neuer faile vs. p Be not led by thine owne wisedome, but obey God, and he will finish his worke in thee. q As the hope of the daylight exciteth vs not to bee

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iust, and gnasheth his teeth against him.
13 But the Lord shall laugh him to scorne: for he seeth that his day is comming.
14 The wicked haue drawen their sword, and haue bent their bow, to cast downe the poore and needy, and to slay such as be of vpright conuersation.
15 But their sword shall enter into their owne heart, and their bowes shalbe broken.
16 k A small thing vnto the iust man is better, then great riches to the wicked and mighty.
17 For the armes of the wicked shall be broken: but y Lord vpholdeth the iust men.
18 The Lord l knoweth the dayes of vpright men, and their inheritance shal be perpetuall.
19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time, and in the dayes of famine they shall haue m enough.
20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shal be consumed as the n fat of Lambes: euen with the smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth and payeth not againe: but the righteous is mercifull, and o giueth.
22 For such as be blessed of God, shall inherit the land, & they that be cursed of him, shall be cut off.
23 p The pathes of man are directed by the Lord: for he loueth his way.
24 Though he q fall, yet shall not be cast off: for the Lord putteth vnder his hand.
25 I haue been yong, and am old: yet I sawe neuer the righteous forsaken, nor his r seed begging bread.
26 But he is euer mercifull and lendeth, and his seed enioyeth the blessing.
27 Flee from euill and do good, and dwel for euer.
28 For the Lord loueth iudgement, and forsaketh not his saints: they shall be preserued for euermore: but the seede of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous men shall inherit the land, and dwel therein s for euer.
30 The t mouth of the righteous will speake of wisdome, and his tongue will talke of iudgement.
31 For the law of his God is in his heart, and his steps shall not slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
33 But the Lord will not leaue him in his hand, nor condemne him, when he is u iudged.
34 Wait thou on the Lord, and keepe his way, and he shall exalt thee, that thou shalt inherit the land: when the wicked men shall perish, thou shalt see.
35 I haue seene the wicked strong, and spreading himselfe like a greene bay tree.
36 Yet he x passed away, and lo, he was gone, and I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 y Marke the vpright man, and behold the iust: for the end of that man is peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together, and the end of the wicked shalbe cut off.
39 But the z saluation of the righteous man shall be of the Lord: he shall be their strength in the time of trouble.
40 For the Lord shall helpe them, and deliuer them: he shall deliuer them from the wicked, and shall saue them, because they trust in him.

k For they are daily fed as with Manna from heauen, and haue sufficiene, when the wicked haue neuer enough, but euer hunger.
l God knoweth what dangers hang ouer his, and by what meanes to deliuer them.
m For God will giue them contented minds, and that which shalbe necessary.
n They shall vanish away suddenly: for they are fed for the day of slaughter.
o God so furnisheth him with his blessing, that hee is able to helpe others.
p God prosperth the faithfull, because they walke in his wayes with an vpright conscience.
q When God doeth exercise his faith with diuers tentations.
r Though the iust man die, yet Gods blessings are extended to his posterity, and though God suffer some iust man to lacke temporall benefits, yet he recompenseth him with spirituall treasures.
s They shall continually be preserued vnder Gods wings, and haue at least inward rest.
t These three points are required of the faithfull, that their talke be godly, that Gods Law be in their heart, and that their life be vpright.
u For though it be sometime so expedient both for Gods glory and their saluation, yet he will approue their cause, and reuenge their wrong.
x So that the prosperitie of the wicked is but as a cloud, which vanisheth away in a moment.
y He exhorteth the faithfull to marke diligently the examples both of Gods mercies, and also of his iudgements.
z He sheweth that the patient hope of the godly is neuer in vaine, but in the end hath good successe, though for a time God prooue them by sundry tentations.

PSAL. XXXVIII.

1 David lying sicke of some grieuous disease, acknowledgeth himselfe to bee chastised of the Lord for his sinnes, and therefore prayeth God to turne away his wrath. 5 He vttereth the greatnes of his griefe by many words and circumstances, as wounded with the arrowes of Gods ire, forsaken of his friends, euill intreated of his enemies. 22 But in the end with some confidence he commendeth his cause to God, and hopeth for speedy helpe at his hand.

A Psalme of Dauid for a remembrance.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine b anger, neither chastise me in thy wrath.
2 For thine c arrowes haue light vpon me, and thine hand lieth vpon me.
3 There is nothing sound in my flesh, because of thine anger: neither is there rest in my bones, because of my d sinne.
4 For e mine iniquities are gone ouer mine head, and as a weighty burden they are too heauie for me.
5 My wounds are putrified, and corrupt because of my f foolishnesse.
6 I am bowed, and crooked very sore: I goe ‖ mourning all the day.
7 For my reines are full of burning, and there is nothing sound in my flesh.
8 I am weakened and sore broken: I g roare for the very griefe of mine heart.
9 Lord, I powre my whole desire before thee, and my sighing is not hid from thee.
10 Mine heart h panteth: my strength faileth me, and the light of mine eyes, euen i they are not mine owne.
11 My louers and my friends stand aloofe from my plague, and my k kinsmen stand a farre off.
12 They also, that seeke after my life, lay snares, and they that go about to do me euill, talke wicked things, & imagine deceit continually.
13 But I as l a deafe man heard not, and am as a dumbe man, which openeth not his mouth.
14 Thus am I as a man, that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofes.
15 For on thee, O Lord, do I wait: thou wilt heare me, my Lord, my God.
16 For I said, Heare me, least they reioyce

a To put himselfe and others in mind of Gods chastisement for sinne.
b He desireth not to be exempted from Gods rod, but that he would so moderate his hand that he might be able to beare it.
c Thy sicknesse wherewith thou hast visited me.
d Dauid acknowledgeth God to be iust in his punishments, because his sins had deserued much more.
e He confesseth his sinnes, Gods iustice, and maketh prayer his refuge.
f That rather giue place to mine owne lusts, then to the will of God.
g *Or, blare, as one that is disfigured and consumed with sickenesse.*
h This example warneth vs neuer to despaire, be the torment neuer so great: but alwayes to cry vnto God with sure trust for deliuerance. *Her mouth about, or, is tossed to, & fro: meaning, that he was destitute of all helpe and counsell.*
i My sight faileth me for very sorow.
k Partly for feare, and partly for pride they denied all duety and friendship.
l For I can haue no audience before men, and therefore patiently wait for the helpe of God.

l That is, if they see that thou succour me not in time, they will mocke and triumph, as though thou hadst forsaken me.

m I am without hope to recouer my strength.

n In my greatest misery they most reioyce.

o He had rather haue the hatred of all the world, then to faile in any part of his duetie to Godward.

p Which art the authour of my saluation: and this declareth that he prayed with sure hope of deliuerance.

ouer me: for l when my foote slippeth, they extoll themselues against me.

17 Surely I am ready to m halt, and my sorow is euer before me.

18 When I declare my paine, and am sorie for my sinne,

19 Then mine n enemies are aliue, and are mighty, and they that hate me wrongfully are many.

20 They also that reward euill for good, are mine aduersaries, because I followe o goodnesse.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord, be not thou farre from me, my God.

22 Haste thee to helpe mee, O my Lord, my p saluation.

PSAL. XXXIX.

1 Dauid vttereth with what great griefe & bitternes of minde he was driuen to these outragious complaints of his infirmities. 2 For he confesseth that when hee had determined silence, hee brast forth yet into words that he would not, through the greatnesse of his griefe. 4 Then he rehearseth certaine requests which taste of the infirmitie of man, and mixeth them with many prayers: but all doe shewe a minde wonderfully troubled, that it may plainely appeare howe hee did striue mightily against death and desperation.

To the excellent musitian a Jeduthun. A Psalme of Dauid.

a This was one of the chiefe singers, 1. Chron. 16.41.

I Thought, b I will take heed to my wayes that I sinne not with my tongue: I will keepe my mouth bridled, while the wicked is in my sight.

b Albeit he had appointed with himselfe patiently to haue tarried Gods leisure, yet the vehemency of his paine causedhim to breake his purpose.

2 I was dumbe and spake nothing: I kept silence euen from good, c and my sorow was moze stirred.

c Though when the wickedruled, he thought to haue kept silence yet his zeale caused him to change his mind.

3 Mine heart was hote within mee, and while I was musing, the fire kindled, and d I spake with my tongue, saying,

d He confesseth that he grudged against God considering f greatnesse of his sorowes and the fauntnesse of his life.

4 Lord, let me know mine end, and the measure of my dayes, what it is: let mee know how long I haue to liue.

e Yet Dauid offendeth in that that he reasoned with God, as though that he were too seuere toward his weake creature.

5 Beholde, thou hast made my dayes as an hand breadth, and mine age as nothing in respect of thee: surely euery man in his best state is altogether e vanitie. Selah.

6 Doubtlesse man walketh in a shadow, and disquieteth himselfe in vaine: he heapeth vp riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

7 And now Lord, what wait I for? mine hope is euen in thee.

8 Deliuer me fro all my transgressions, and make me not a rebuke vnto the f foolish.

f Make me not a mocking stock to the wicked, nor wrap me not with the wicked, when they are put to shame.

9 I should haue been dumbe, and not haue opened my mouth, because g thou diddest it.

g Seeing my troubles came of thy prouidence, I ought to haue endured the patiently.

10 Take thy plague away from me: for I am consumed by the stroke of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost chastise man for iniquitie, thou as a moth h makest his l beautie to consume: surely euery man is vanitie. Selah.

h Though thine open plagues light not euermore vpon them, yet thy secret curse continually fretteth them.

12 Heare my prayer, O Lord, and hearken vnto my cry: keepe not silence at my teares, for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner as all my fathers.

13 Stay thine anger from me, that I may recouer my strength, before I goe hence, and be not.

i The word signifieth all that he desireth, as health, force, strength, beautie, and in what soeuer he hath delight, so that the rod of God taketh away all that is desired in this world.

k For his sorow caused him to thinke that God would destroy him vtterly: whereby we see how hard it is for the very Saintes to keepe a measure in their words, when death and despaire assaile them.

PSAL. XL.

1 Dauid deliuered from great danger, doth magnifie and praise the grace of God for his deliuerance, and commendeth his prouidence towards all mankinde. 5 Then doeth hee promise to giue himselfe wholly to Gods seruice, and so declareth how God is truely worshipped. 14 Afterward he giueth thanks and praiseth God, and hauing complained of his enemies, with good courage he calleth for ayde and succour.

To him k excellent. A Psalme of Dauid. l Waited m patiently for the Lord, and hee inclined vnto me, and heard my cry.

m Though God deferred his help, yet he patiently abode, till he was heard.

2 He brought me also out of the b horrible pit, out of the mirie clay, and set my feete vpon the rocke, and ordered my goings.

b He deliuered me from most great dangers.

3 And he hath put in my mouth c a new song of praise vnto our God: many shall see it and feare, and shall trust in the Lord.

c That is, a speciall occasion to praise him: for Gods benefits are so many occasions for vs to praise his name.

4 Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, & regardeth d not the proude, nor such as turne aside to lies.

d To followe their example, which he must needs do that trusteth not only in the Lord.

5 e O Lord my God, thou hast made thy wonderfull workes so many, that none can count in order to thee thy thoughts toward vs: I would declare, and speake of them, but they are moe then I am able to expresse.

e Dauid goeth from one kinde of Gods fauor, to the contemplation of his prouidence ouer all, & confesseth that his counsels towards vs are far aboue our capacities: we cannot so much as tell them in order.

v 6 Sacrifice & offring thou didst not desire: (for f mine eares hast thou prepared) burnt offring & sin offring hast thou not required.

f Thou hast opened mine eares to vnderstand & spirituall meaning of the sacrifices: and here Dauid esteemeth the ceremonies of the lawe nothing in respect of the spirituall seruice.

7 g Then said I, Loe, I come: for in the roll of the booke it is written of me,

g When thou hadst opened mine eares and heart, I was ready to obey thee, being assured that I was written in the book of thine elect for this end.

8 I desired to doe thy good will, O my God: yea, thy Law is within mine heart.

9 I haue declared thy righteousnesse in the great h Congregation: loe, I will not refraine my lips: O Lord, thou knowest.

h In the Church assembled in the Sanctuary.

10 I haue not hidde thy righteousnesse within mine heart, but I haue declared thy i trueth and thy saluation: I haue not concealed thy mercy and thy trueth from the great Congregation.

i Dauid here numbreth three degrees of our saluation: Gods mercie, whereby he vpholdeth vs: his righteousnes, which signifieth his continuall protection: and his trueth, whereby appeareth his constant fauour, so that hereof proceedeth our saluation.

11 Withdraw not thou thy tender mercie from mee, O Lord: let thy mercy and thy trueth alway preserue me.

12 For innumerable troubles haue compassed mee: my sinnes haue taken such holde vpon mee, that I am not able to looke vp: yea, they are moe in number

k As touching the iudgement of the flesh, I was vtterly destitute of all counsell: yet faith inwardly mooued mine heart to pray.

l He desireth that Gods mercie may contend for him against the rage of his enemies.

m Let the same shame and confusion light vpon them, which they intended to haue brought vpon me. n As the faithful alwayes praise God for his benefits: so the wicked mocke Gods children in their afflictions.

then the haires of mine head: therefore mine heart hath [k] failed me.

13 Let it please thee, O Lord, to deliuer me: make haste, O Lord, to helpe me.

14 Let them bee [l] confounded and put to shame together, that seeke my soule to destroy it: let them bee driuen backward and put to rebuke that desire mine hurt.

15 Let them be [m] destroyed for a reward of their shame, which say vnto mee, Aha, aha.

16 Let all them that seeke thee, reioyce, & bee glad in thee: and let them that loue thy saluation, say alway, [n] The Lord be praised.

17 Though I be poore & needie, the Lord thinketh on mee: thou art mine helper and my deliuerer: my God, make no tarying.

PSAL. XLI.

1 Dauid being grieuously afflicted, blesseth them, that pitie his case, 9 And complaineth of the treason of his owne friends and familiars, as came to passe in Iudas, Iohn 13.18. After he feeling the great mercies of God gently chastising him, and not suffering his enemies to triumph against him, 13 Giueth most heartie thanks to God.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

a Not condemning him as accursed whom God doeth visite, knowing that there are diuers causes why God layeth his hand vpon vs: yea, and afterward he restoreth vs.

b When for sorow and griefe of minde he casteth himselfe vpon his bed.

c Thou hast restored him in his sicke bed and sent him comfort.

d That is, curse me, and cannot haue their cruell hate quenched, but with my shameful death.

e For pretending to comfort me, he conspireth my death in his heart, and braggeth thereof.

BLessed is hee that [a] iudgeth wisely of the poore: the Lord shall deliuer him in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord will keepe him, and preserue him aliue: he shall be blessed vpon the earth, and thou wilt not deliuer him vnto the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord will strengthen him vpon the [b] bed of sorow: thou hast turned all his bed in his sicknesse.

4 Therefore I said, Lord haue mercy vpon mee: [c] heale my soule, for I haue sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies [d] speake euil of me, saying, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see mee, he speaketh lies, but his heart heapeth iniquitie within him, and when he commeth forth, he telleth it.

7 All they that hate mee, whisper together against mee: euen against mee doe they imagine mine hurt.

8 [e] A mischiefe is light vpon him, and he that lieth, shall no more rise.

9 Yea, my [f] familiar friend, whome I trusted, which did eate of my bread, [g] hath lifted vp the heele against me.

10 Therefore, O Lord, haue mercie vpon me, and raise me vp: so I shal reward them.

11 By this I know that thou fauourest me, because mine enemie doeth not triumph against me.

12 And as for mee, thou vpholdest mee [h] in mine integritie, and doest set mee before thy face for euer.

13 Blessed bee the Lord God of Israel world without end. [k] So be it, euen so be it.

f The enemies thought by his sharpe punishments that God was become his mortall enemie. [†] *Ebr. The man of my peace.*

g As Dauid felt this falshood, and as it was chiefly accomplished in Christ, Iohn 13.18. so shal his members continually proue the same.

h Meaning, either in prosperitie of life, or in the true feare of God against all tentations.

k By this repetition he stirreth vp the faithfull to praise God.

PSAL. XLII.

1 The Prophet grieuously complaineth, that being letted by his persecutours, he could not be present in the congregation of Gods people, protesting that although he was separate in body from them, yet his heart was thitherward affectioned. 7 And last of all he sheweth that he was not so farre ouercome with these sorrowes and thoughts, 8 But that he continually put his confidence in the Lord.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme to giue instruction, [a] committed to the sonnes of Korah.

AS the hart brayeth for the riuers of water, so [b] panteth my soule after thee, O God.

2 My soule thirsteth for God, euen for the liuing God: when shall I come and appeare before the presence of God?

3 [c] My teares haue beene my meate day and night, while they dayly say vnto mee, Where is thy God?

4 When I [d] remembred these things, I powred out my very heart, because I had gone with the multitude, and ledde them into the house of God with the voyce of singing, and prayse, as a multitude that keepeth a feast.

5 Why art thou cast downe, my soule, and vnquiet within me? [e] waite on God: for I will yet giue him thankes for the helpe of his presence.

6 My God, my soule is cast downe within mee, [f] because I remember thee from the lande of Jorden, and Hermonim, and from the Mount Mizar.

7 One [g] deepe calleth another deepe by the noyse of thy water spoutes: all thy wawes and thy floods are gone ouer me.

8 The Lord [h] will graunt his louing kindnesse in the day, and in the night shall I sing of him, euen a prayer vnto the God of my life.

9 I will say vnto God, which is my rocke, Why hast thou forgotten mee? Why go I mourning, when the enemie oppresseth mee?

10 My [i] bones are cut asunder, while mine enemies reproch me, saying dayly vnto me, Where is thy God?

11 [k] Why art thou cast downe, my soule? and why art thou disquieted within mee? waite on God: for I will yet giue him thankes: hee is my present helpe, and my God.

a As a treasure to bee kept of them, which were of the number of the Leuites.

b By these similitudes of thirst and panting, he sheweth his feruent desire to serue God in his Temple.

c As others take pleasure in eating and drinking, so he was altogether giuen to weeping.

d That is, how I led the people to serue thee in thy Tabernacle, and now seeing my contrary estate I die for sorrow.

e Though he sustained grieuous assaults of the flesh to cast him to despaire, yet his faith grounded on Gods accustomed mercies, getteth the victorie.

f That is, when I remember thee in this land of my banishment among the mountaines.

g Afflictions came so thicke vpon me, that I felt my selfe as ouerwhelmed: whereby he sheweth there is no end of our miserie, till God be pacified, and send remedie.

h He assureth himselfe of Gods helpe in time to come.

i That is, I am most grieuously tormented.

k This repetition doeth declare that Dauid did not ouercome at once: to teach vs to bee constant, forasmuch as God will certainely deliuer his.

PSAL. XLIII.

1 He prayeth to be deliuered from them which conspire against him, that he might ioyfully praise God in his holy congregation.

a He desireth God to vndertake his cause against the enemies, but chiefely that he would restore him to the Tabernacle.
b That is, the cruell companie of mine enemies.
c To wit, thy fauour, which appeareth by the performance of thy promises.
d Hee promiseth to offer a solemne sacrifice of thankesgiuing in token of his great deliuerance.
e Whereby hee admoniſheth the faithfull not to relent, but constantly to wait on the Lord, though their troubles be long & great.

PSAL. XLIIII.

1 The faithfull remember the great mercy of God toward his people. 9 After they complaine, because they feele it no more. 17 Also they alledge the couenant made with Abraham, for the keeping whereof they ſhew what grieuous things they ſuffered. 23 Finally they pray vnto God not to contemne their affliction, ſeeing the ſame redoundeth to the contempt of his honour.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Pſalme to giue inſtruction, committed to the ſonnes of Korah.

a This Pſalme ſeemeth to haue beene made by ſome excellent Prophet for the vſe of the people, when the Church was in extreme miſerie, either at their returne from Babylon, or vnder Antiochus, or in ſuch like affliction.
b That is, the Canaanites.
c To wit, our fathers.
d Of Canaan.
e That is, our fathers.
f Gods free mercie and loue is the onely fountaine and beginning of the Church, Deut. 4.37.
g Becauſe thou art our King, therefore deliuer thy people from their miſerie.
h Becauſe they and their forefathers made both one Church, they apply that to themſelues, which before they did attribute to their fathers.
i As they confeſſed before, that their ſtrength came of God, ſo now they acknowledge that this affliction came by his iuſt iudgement.

1 Iudge me, O God, and defend my cauſe againſt the vnmercifull people: deliuer me from the deceitfull and wicked man.
2 For thou art the God of my ſtrength: why haſt thou put mee away? why goe I ſo mourning, when the enemie oppreſſeth mee?
3 Send thy light and thy trueth: let them leade me: let them bring me vnto thine holy Mountaine and to thy Tabernacles.
4 Then will I goe vnto the altar of God, euen vnto the God of my ioy and gladneſſe: and vpon the harpe will I giue thanks vnto thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou caſt downe, my ſoule? and why art thou diſquieted within mee? waite on God: for I will yet giue him thanks, he is my preſent helpe, and my God.

a Sons of Korah.

1 We haue heard with our eares, O God: our fathers haue told vs the workes that thou haſt done in their dayes, in the old time:
2 How thou haſt driuen out the heathen with thine hand, and planted them: how thou haſt deſtroyed the people, and cauſed them to grow.
3 For they inherited not the land by their owne ſword, neither did their owne arme ſaue them: but thy right hand, and thine arme, and the light of thy countenance, becauſe thou diddeſt fauour them.
4 Thou art my King, O God: ſend helpe vnto Iaakob.
5 Through thee haue wee thruſt backe our aduerſaries: by thy Name haue wee troden downe them that roſe vp againſt vs.
6 For I doe not truſt in my bow, neither can my ſword ſaue me.
7 But thou haſt ſaued vs from our aduerſaries, and haſt put them to confuſion that hate vs.
8 Therefore will wee praiſe God continually, and will confeſſe thy Name for euer. Selah.
9 But now thou art farre off, and puttеſt vs to confuſion, and goeſt not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makeſt vs to turne backe from the aduerſarie, and they, which hate vs, ſpoile for themſelues.
11 Thou giueſt vs as ſheepe to bee eaten, and doeſt ſcatter vs among the nations.
12 Thou ſellеſt thy people without gaine, and doeſt not increaſe their price.
13 Thou makeſt vs a reproch to our neighbours, a teſt and a laughing ſtocke to them that are round about vs.
14 Thou makeſt vs a prouerbe among the nations, and a nodding of the head among the people.
15 My confuſion is daily before me, and the ſhame of my face hath couered me,
16 For the voyce of the ſlanderer and rebuker, for the enemie and auenger.
17 All this is come vpon vs, yet doe wee not forget thee, neither deale wee falſely concerning thy couenant.
18 Our heart is not turned backe: neither our ſteps gone out of thy pathes,
19 Albeit thou haſt ſmitten vs downe into the place of Dragons, and couered vs with the ſhadow of death.
20 If wee haue forgotten the Name of our God, and holden vp our handes to a ſtrange God,
21 Shall not God ſearch this out? for he knoweth the ſecrets of the heart.
22 Surely for thy ſake are we ſlaine continually, and are counted as ſheepe for the ſlaughter.
23 Vp, why ſleepeſt thou, O Lord? awake, be not farre off for euer.
24 Wherefore hideſt thou thy face? and forgetteſt our miſerie and our affliction?
25 For our ſoule is bowed downe vnto the duſt: our belly cleaueth vnto the ground.
26 Riſe vp for our ſuccour, and redeeme vs for thy mercies ſake.

b Or, at their pleaſure.
c Rom. 8. 36.
d Knowing God to be authour of this calamitie, they murmure not, but ſeeke remedie at his hands, who wounded them.
e As ſlaues which are ſold for a low price, neither looketh thou for him that offereth moſt, but takeſt the firſt chapman.
f I dare not lift vp mine head for ſhame.
g Meaning, the proud and cruell tyrant.
h They boaſt not of their vertues, but declare that they reſt vpon God in the middes of their afflictions: who puniſhed not now their ſinnes, but by hard afflictions called them to conſideration of the heauenly ioyes.
i Or, whales

a This Pſalme ſeemeth to haue beene made vpon the mariage of Salomon with the daughter of Pharaoh, and to ſet forth the glorie of his kingdome, and the felicitie of his ſeede, which ſhould come of her.
b Of perfit loue that ought to be betweene the husband & the wife.
c Salomons beautie & eloquence to winne fauor with his people, and his power to ouercome his enemies, is here deſcribed.

9 Gird thy sword vpon thy thigh, O most
mightie, to wit, thy worship and thy glory.
4 And prosper with thy glory: d ride vp-
on the word of trueth and of meekenesse and
of righteousnesse: & thy right hand shall
teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrowes are sharpe to pierce the
heart of the kings enemies; therefore the peo-
ple shall fall vnder thee.
6 Thy e throne, O God, is for euer and
euer: the scepter of thy kingdome is a scepter
of righteousnesse.
7 Thou louest righteousnesse, and hatest
wickednes, because God, euen thy God hath
f anointed thee with the oyle of gladnesse a-
boue thy fellowes.
8 All thy garments smell of myrrhe and
aloes, and Cassia, when thou comest out of
the yuory palaces, g where they haue made
thee glad.
9 Kings daughters were among thine
honourable wiues: vpon thy right hand did
stand the h Queene in a vesture of golde of
Ophir.
10 i Hearken, O daughter, and consider,
and incline thine eare: forget also thine own
people and thy fathers house.
11 So shall the king haue pleasure in thy
beautie: for hee is thy Lord, and reuerence
thou him.
12 And the k daughter of ‖ Tyrus with the
rich of the people shall do homage before thy
face with presents.
13 The Kings daughter is all glorious
l within: her clothing is of broidered gold.
14 She shal be brought vnto the King in
raiment of needle worke: the virgins that
follow after her, and her companions shall
be brought vnto thee.
15 With ioy and gladnesse shall they bee
brought, and shall enter into the Kings pa-
lace.
16 In stead of thy fathers shal thy m chil-
dren bee: thou shalt make them princes
n through all the earth.
17 I will make thy o Name to be remem-
bred through all generations: therefore shal
p people giue thankes vnto thee world with-
out end.

d He alludeth to them that ride in chariots in their triumphs, shewing that the quiet state of a kingdome standeth in trueth, meekenesse and iustice, not in worldly pompe and vanitie.
e Vnder this figure of this kingdom of iustice is set forth the euerlasting kingdom of Christ.
f Hath established thy kingdome as the figure of Christ, which is the peace and ioy of the Church.
g In the which palace the people made thee ioyfull to see them giue thanks & reioyce for thee.
h Though he had many kings daughters among his wiues, yet hee loued Pharaohs daughter best.
i Vnder y figure of Pharaohs daughter, he sheweth that the Church must cast off all carnall affections to obey Christ onely.
k He signifieth that diuers of them that be rich shalbe benefactors to the Church, albeit they giue not perfect obedience to the Gospel ‖ Or, Zor. l There is nothing fained nor hypocritical, but she is glorious both within & without: & howbeit the Church hath not at all times this outward glory, the fault is to be imputed only to their own ingratitude. m They shall haue greater graces then their fathers. n Hee signifieth the great compasse of Christs kingdom, which shal be sufficient to enrich al his members. o This must onely be referred to Christ, and not to Salomon.

PSAL. XLVI.

1 A song of triumph or thanksgiuing for the deliuerance of Ierusalem, after Senacherib with his army was driuen away, or some other like sudden & marueilous deliuerance by the mightie hand of God. 8 Whereby the Prophet commending this great benefit, doeth exhort the faithful to giue themselues wholly into the hand of God, doubting nothing but that vnder his protection they shall bee safe against all the assaults of their enemies, because this is his delight to assuage the rage of the wicked when they are most busie against the iust.

To him that excelleth vpon q Alamoth. A
song committed to the sonnes of Korah.

GOd is our ‖ hope and strength, and helpe
in b troubles, ready to be found.
2 Therefore will not we c feare, though
the earth be moued, and though the Mountaines fall into the midst of the sea.
3 Though the waters thereof d rage & be
troubled, and the mountaines shake at the
surges of the same, Selah:
4 Yet there is a e River, whose streames
shall make glad the citie of God: euen the
Sanctuary of the Tabernacles of the most
High.
5 God is in the midst of it: therefore shal it
not be moued: God shal helpe it ‖ very early.
6 When the nations raged, and the kingdomes were moued, God ‖ thundred, and the
earth melted.
7 The Lord of hosts is f with vs: the
God of Iaakob is our refuge. Selah.
8 Come, and beholde the workes of the
Lord, g what deolations hee hath made in
the earth.
9 Hee maketh warres to cease vnto the
ends of the world: he breaketh the bow and
cutteth the speare, and burneth the chariots
with fire.
10 Be h still and knowe that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I
will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with vs: the God
of Iaakob is our refuge. Selah.

q Which was either a musicall instrument or a solemne tune, vnto the which this Psalme was sung.
‖ Or, protection.
b In all maner of troubles God sheweth his speedy mercie and power in defending his.
c That is we will not be ouercome with feare.
d Though the afflictions rage neuer so much, yet the riuers of Gods mercies bring sufficient comfort to his.
e The riuer of Shiloah, which passed through Ierusalem: meaning, though the defence seeme neuer so small, yet if God haue appointed it, it is sufficient.
f Alwayes when neede requireth. ‖ Ebr. gaue his voice. g They are assured that God can and will defend his Church from all dangers and enemies. h To wit, how oft he hath destroied his enemies, and deliuered his people. i He warneth them that persecute the Church, to cease their crueltie: for els they shal feele that God is too strong for them, against whom they fight.

PSAL. XLVII.

1 The Prophet exhorteth all people to the worship of the true and euerliuing God, commending the mercie of God toward the posterity of Iaakob. 9 And after proph. sixth of the kingdome of Christ in the time of the Gospel.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

ALl people a clap your hands, sing vnto
vnto God with a ioyfull voyce.
2 For the Lord is high, & terrible: a great
king ouer all the earth.
3 He hath b subdued the people vnder vs,
and the nations vnder our feete.
4 He hath chosen our inheritance for vs:
euen the glory of Iaakob whom he loued.
Selah.
5 God is gone vp with triumph, euen the
Lord with the c sound of the trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:
sing praises vnto our king, sing praises.
7 For God is the king of all y earth: sing
prayses euery one that hath z vnderstanding.

a Here is figured Christ, vnto whō all his should giue willing obedience, and who would shew himselfe terrible to the wicked.
b Hee hath made the Iewes, who were the keepers of the law and Prophets schole-masters to the Gentiles, y they should with gladnesse obey them. c God hath chosen vs aboue all other nations to enioy a most glorious inheritance. d Hee doeth allude vnto the trumpets that were blowen at solemne feastes: but he doeth further signifie the triumph of Christ & his glorious ascension into the heauens. e He requireth that vnderstanding be ioyned with syncerity, lest the Name of God be prophaned with vaine crying.

f He prayseth Gods mightes, for ỹ he toyneth the great Princes of ỹ world (whō he calleth shields) to the fellowship of his Church.

a Some put this difference betwene a song and Psalme, saying, that it is called a song, when there is no instrument, but the voice: & the Psalme, the contrary. The song of ỹ Psalme is when the instruments begin, and the voice followeth: ỹ Psalme of the song, the contrary.

b Albeit God shew his wonders through all the world, yet he will be chiefly praised in his Church.

c Because the word of saluation came thence to all them that should beleeue.

d Except God were the defence thereof, neither situation, nor munition could prouaile.

e They conspired and went against Gods people.

8 God reigneth ouer the heathen: God sitteth vpon his holy throne.

9 The princes of the people are gathered vnto the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the world belong to God: hee ỹ is greatly to be exalted.

PSAL. XLVIII.

1 A notable deliuerance of Ierusalem from the hand of many Kings is mentioned, for the which thanks are giuen to God, & the state of that city is praised, that hath God so presently at all times ready to defend them. This Psalme seemeth to be made in the time of Ahaz, Iosaphat, Asa or Ezekiah: for in their times chiefly was the citie by forren Princes assaulted.

¶ [a] A song or Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

GReat is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the [b] Citie of our God, euen vpon his holy mountaine.

2 Mount Zion, lying Northward, is faire in situation: it is the [c] ioy of the whole earth, and the citie of the great King.

3 In the palaces thereof God is knowen for a [d] refuge.

4 For loe, the kings were [e] gathered and went together.

5 When they saw it, they marueiled: they were astonied, and suddenly driuen backe.

6 Feare came there vpon them, and sorow, as vpon a woman in trauell.

7 As with an Eastwind thou breakest the ships [g] of Tarshish, so were they destroyed.

8 As we haue [h] heard, so haue we seene in the Citie of the Lord of hoastes, in the citie of our God: God will stablish it for euer. Selah.

9 We waite for thy louing kindnesse, O God, in the mids of thy Temple.

10 O God, according vnto thy Name, so is thy praise vnto the [i] worlds end: thy right hand is full of righteousnesse.

11 Let [k] mount Zion reioyce, & the daughters of Iudah be glad, because of thy iudgements.

12 [l] Compasse about Zion, and go round about it, and tell the towres thereof.

13 Marke well the wall thereof: behold her towers, that ye may tell your posteritie.

14 For this God is our God for euer and euer: he shalbe our guide vnto the death.

f The enemies were afraide at the sight of the citie.

g That is, Cilicia, or the sea called Mediterraneum.

h To wit, of our fathers, so haue we proued: or, God hath performed his promise.

i In al places where thy Name shalbe heard of, men shal praise thee, when they heare of thy marueilous works.

k Let Ierusalem & the cities of Iudea reioyce for thy iust iudgments against thine enemies.

l For in this outward defence and strength, Gods blessings did also appeare: but the chiefe is to be referred to Gods fauour & secret defence, who neuer leaueth his.

PSAL. XLIX.

1 The holy Ghost calleth all men to the consideration of mans life. 7 Shewing them not to be most blessed that are most wealthy, & therfore not to be feared: But contrariwise he lifteth vp our minds to consider how all things are ruled by Gods prouidence: 14 Who at he iudgeth these worldly misers to euerlasting torments, 15 So doeth he preserue his, and will reward them in the day of the resurrection, 2. Thess. 1. 6.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

HEare [a] this, all ye people: giue care, all ye that dwell in the world,

2 As well low as hie, both rich and poore.

3 My mouth shall speake of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart is of knowledge.

4 I will incline mine eare to a parable, and vtter my graue matter vpon the harpe.

5 ¶ Wherefore should [b] I feare in the euill dayes, when iniquitie shall compasse me about, as at mine heeles?

6 They trust in their [c] goods, and boast themselues in the multitude of their riches.

7 Yet a man can by no meanes redeeme his brother: hee cannot giue his ransome to God,

8 (So [d] precious is the redemption of their soules, [e] and the continuance for euer.)

9 That he may liue still for euer, and not see the graue.

10 For hee seeth that wise men [f] die, and also that the ignorant and foolish perish, and leaue their riches for [g] others.

11 Yet they thinke their houses, and their habitations shall continue for euer, euen from generation to generation, ‖ call their lands by their names.

12 But man shal not continue in honour: he is like the [h] beasts that die.

13 This their way vttereth their foolishnesse: yet their posterity [i] delight in their talke. Selah.

14 [k] Like sheepe they lie in graue: [l] death deuoureth them, and the righteous shal haue domination ouer them in the [m] morning: for their beauty shal consume, when they shal go from their house to graue.

15 But God shall deliuer my soule from the power of the graue: ‖ for he will receiue me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, and when the glory of his house is increased.

17 [n] For he shal take nothing away when he dieth, neither shall his pompe descend after him.

18 For while he liued, [p] he reioyced himselfe: and [q] men will praise thee, when thou maketh much of thy selfe.

19 ‖ [o] He shal enter into the generation of his fathers, [p] and they shal not liue for euer.

20 Man is in honor, and [q] vnderstandeth not: he is like to beasts that perish.

a He will intreat how God gouerneth the world by his prouidēce, which cannot be perceiued by the iudgement of the flesh.

b Though wickednesse reigne & enemies rage, seeing God will execute his iudgements against the wicked in time conuenient.

c To trust in riches is meere madnes, seeing they can neither restore life, nor prolong it.

d That is, so rare or not to bee found, as prophesie was precious in the dayes of Eli, 1. Sam. 3. 1.

e Meaning, it is impossible to liue for euer: also that life & death are onely in Gods hands.

f In that that death maketh no difference betweene the persons.

g That is, not to their children, but to strangers. Yet the wicked profite not by these examples, but still dreame an immortalitie in earth.

‖ *Or, labour that their name may be famous in earth.*

h As touching the death of the bodie.

i They speake and doe the same thing that their fathers did.

k As sheepe are gathered into the fold, so shall they be brought to the graue.

l Because they haue no part of life euerlasting.

m Christs comming is as the morning, when the elect shall reigne with Christ their head ouer the wicked.

‖ *Or, because he hath receiued me. Iob 27. 19. 1. Sam. 6 7. Eb. he blessed his soule.*

n The flatterers praise them that liue in delights and pleasures.

‖ *Or, his soule.*

o And not passe the terme appointed for life.

p Both they and their fathers shall liue here but a while, and at length die for euer.

q Hee condemneth mans ingratitude, who hauing receiued excellent gifts of God, abuseth them like a beast to his owne condemnation.

PSAL. L.

1 Because the Church is alwey ful of hypocrites, 8 Which do imagine that God will be worshipped with

with outward ceremonies only, without the hearts and affection: the Iewes were of the opinion, because of their figures and ceremonies of the Law, thinking that their sacrifices were sufficient. 24 Therefore the Prophet doth reprooue their grosse error, and pronounceth the Name of God to bee glorified, where holines is set in ceremonies. 23 For he declareth the worship of God to bee spirituall, whereof are two principall parts, inuocation and thanksgiuing.

The Psalme of Asaph.

a Who was either the author, or a chiefe singer, to whom it was committed.

THe God of gods, euen the Lord hath spoken and called the b earth from the rising vp of the Sunne vnto the going downe thereof.

2 Out of Zion, which is the c perfection of beautie, hath God shined.

3 Our God shal come and shal not keepe silence: d a fire shall deuoure before him, and a mighty tempest shall be mooued round about him.

4 He shal call the heauen aboue, and e the earth, to iudge his people.

5 Gather my f Saints together vnto me, those that make a couenant with mee with g sacrifice.

6 And the heauens shal declare his righteousnes: for God is iudge himselfe. Selah.

7 Heare, O my people, & I will speake: heare, O Israel, and I will testifie vnto thee: for I am God, euen thy God.

8 I will not h reproue thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt offrings, that haue not been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullocke out of thine house, nor goates out of thy folds.

10 i For all the beastes of the forrest are mine, and the beastes on a thousand mountaines.

11 I know all the foules on the mountaines: and the wilde beastes of the field are mine.

12 If I bee hungry, I will not tell thee: for the world is mine, and all that therein is.

13 k Will I eat the flesh of bulls? or drinke the blood of goats?

14 Offer vnto God prayse, and l pay thy vowes vnto the most High.

15 And call vpon mee in the day of trouble: so will I deliuer thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.

16 But vnto m wicked said God, What hast thou to doe to declare mine ordinances, that thou shouldest take my couenant in thy mouth,

17 Seeing thou hatest n to bee reformed, and hast cast my words behind thee?

18 For when thou seest a theefe o thou runnest with him, and thou art partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou giuest thy mouth to euil, & with thy tongue thou forgest deceit.

20 Thou p sittest, & speakest against thy brother, and slanderest thy mothers sonne.

21 These things hast thou done, & I held my tongue: therefore thou thoughtest that I was like thee: but I will reproue thee, and q set them in order before thee.

22 O consider this, yee that forget God, lest I teare you in pieces, and there bee none that can deliuer you.

23 He that offereth r praise, shal glorifie me: and to him that s prepareth his way aright, will I t shew the saluation of God.

b To reproue him because he had committed so horrible sinnes, and lien in the same without repentance more then a whole yeere.

c My sinnes sticke so fast in me, that I haue needs of some singular kind of washing.

d My conscience accuseth me, so that I can haue no rest, till I be reconciled.

e When thou giuest sentence against sinners, they must needes confesse thee to be iust, and themselues sinners.

f Hee confesseth that God, who loueth puritie of heart, may iustly destroy man, who of nature is a sinner, much more him whom he had instructed in his heauenly wisedom. Leuit. 14.6.

g He meaneth Gods comfortable mercies toward repentant sinners.

h By the bones he vnderstandeth all strength of soule and body, which by cares and mourning are consumed.

i He confesseth that when Gods Spirit is colde in vs, to haue it againe renued, is as a new creation.

a To reproue the cruelty of hypocrites, which spare not in their talke or iudgement, their owne mothers sonne.

q I will write all thy wicked deeds in a roll, & make thee to vnderstand and acknowledge them whether thou will or no.

r Vnder the which is conteined faith and inuocation.

s As God hath appointed.

t That is, declare my selfe to be his Sauiour.

PSAL. LI.

1 When Dauid was rebuked by the Prophet Nathan for his great offences, he did not only acknowledge the same to God with protestation of his naturall corruption and iniquity, but also left a memoriall thereof to his posteritie. 7 Therefore first he desireth God to forgiue his sinnes, 10 And to renew in him his holy Spirit. 13 With promise that he will not be vnmindful of those great graces. 18 Finally, fearing lest God would punish the whole Church for his fault, hee requireth that he would rather increase his graces toward the same.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid, when the Prophet Nathan a came vnto him, after hee had gone in to Bathsheba.

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HAue mercy vpon me, O God, b according to thy louing kindnes: according to the multitude of thy compassions put away mine iniquities.

2 Wash mee c throughly from mine iniquitie, and cleanse me from my sinne.

3 For I d know mine iniquities, and my sinne is euer before me.

4 Against thee, against thee only haue I sinned, and done euill in thy sight, that thou mayest be iust when thou e speakest, and pure when thou iudgest.

5 Behold, I was borne in iniquity, and in sinne hath my mother conceiued me.

6 Beholde, thou f louest trueth in the inward affections: therefore hast thou taught mee wisedome in the secret of mine heart.

7 Purge me with * hyssope, and I shall be cleane: wash mee, and I shall be whiter then snow.

8 Make me to heare g ioy and gladnes, that the h bones, which thou hast broken may reioyce.

9 Hide thy face from my sinnes, and put away all mine iniquities.

10 i Create in me a cleane heart, O God,

b As his sinnes were manifold and great, so he requireth that God would giue him the feeling of his excellent and abundant mercies.

c My sinnes sticke so fast in me, that I haue needs of some singular kind of washing.

d My conscience accuseth me, so that I can haue no rest, till I be reconciled.

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f Hee confesseth that God, who loueth puritie of heart, may iustly destroy man, who of nature is a sinner, much more him whom he had instructed in his heauenly wisedom. Leuit. 14.6.

g He meaneth Gods comfortable mercies toward repentant sinners.

h By the bones he vnderstandeth all strength of soule and body, which by cares and mourning are consumed.

i He confesseth that when Gods Spirit is colde in vs, to haue it againe renued, is as a new creation.

i Though hee did delight in sacrifice, yet had he no need of mans helpe thereunto.

k Though mans life for the infirmity thereof hath need of foode, yet God whose life quickeneth all the world, hath no need of such meanes.

l Shew thy selfe mindful of Gods benefits by thankesgiuing.

m Why doest thou faine to be of my people, and talkest of my couenant, seeing thou art but an hypocrite?

n And to liue according to my word.

o He sheweth what are the fruits of them that contemne Gods word.

and

and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the ioy of thy saluation, and stablish me with thy [k] free Spirit.

13 Then shal I teach thy [l] wayes vnto the wicked, and sinners shall be conuerted vnto thee.

14 Deliuer mee from [m] blood, O God, which art the God of my saluation, and my tongue shall sing ioyfully of thy righteousnesse.

15 [n] Open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou delitest no sacrifice, though I would giue it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a [o] contrite spirit: a broken & a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Be fauourable vnto [p] Zion for thy good pleasure: build the walles of Ierusalem.

19 Then shalt thou accept the sacrifices of [q] righteousnes, euen the burnt offering and oblation: then shall they offer calues vpon thine altar.

k Which may assure me that I am drawen out of the slauery of sinne.

l He promiseth to endeuour that others by his example may turne to God.

m From the murder of Vriah, and the others that were slaine with him. 2. Sam. 11. 17.

n By giuing me occasion to praise thee, when thou shalt forgiue my sinnes.

o Which is a wounding of the heart, proceeding of faith, which seeketh vnto God for mercy.

p Hee prayeth for the whole Church, because through his sinne it was in danger of Gods iudgement.

q That is, iust and lawfull, applied to their right end, which is the exercise of faith & repentance.

PSAL. LII.

1 Dauid describeth the arrogant tyranny of his aduersary Doeg, who by false surmises caused Abimelech with the rest of the Priests to be slaine. 5 Dauid propheseith his destruction, 6 And encourageth the faithfull to put their confidence in God, whose iudgements are most sharpe against his aduersaries. 9 And finally he rendreth thanks to God for his deliuerance. In this Psalme is liuely set forth the kingdome of Antechrist.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction. When Doeg the Edomite came and shewed Saul, and sayd to him, Dauid is come to the house of Ahimelech.

WHy boastest thou thy selfe in thy wickednesse, O [a] man of power? the louing kindnesse of God endureth dayly.

2 Thy tongue imagineth [b] mischiefe, and is like a sharpe rasor that cutteth deceitfully.

3 Thou dost loue euill more then good, and lies, more then to speake the [‡] trueth. Selah.

4 Thou louest all wordes that may destroy, O deceitfull tongue!

5 So shal God [c] destroy thee for euer: he shall take thee and plucke thee out of thy tabernacle, [d] and roote thee out of the land of the liuing. Selah.

6 The [e] righteous also shall see it, [f] and feare, and shall laugh at him, saying,

7 Beholde the man that tooke not God for his strength, but trusted vnto the multitude of his riches, & put his strength [‖] in his malice.

8 But I shall be like a greene oliue tree in the house of God: for I trusted in the mercy of God for euer and euer.

9 I will alway prayse thee, for that thou hast done it: & I will [g] hope in thy Name, because it is good before thy Saints.

a O Doeg, which hast credit with the tyrant Saul, and hast power to murder the Saints of God.

b Thy malice moueth thee by craftie flatteries and lies to accuse and destroy the innocents.

‡ *Ebr. righteousnesse.*

c Though God forbeare for a time, yet at length he will recompense thy falsehood.

d Albeit thou seeme to be neuer so sure setled.

e For the eyes of the reprobate are shut vp at Gods iudgements.

f With ioyfull reuerence, seeing that he taketh their part against the wicked.

‖ *Or, in his substance.*

g He reioyceth to haue a place among the seruants of God, that hee may growe in the knowledge of godlinesse.

h Executed his vengeance.

‖ *Or, waite vpon thy grace and promise.*

PSAL. LIII.

1 He describeth the crooked nature, 4 The cruelty, 5 And punishment of the wicked, when they looke not for it, 6 And desireth the deliuerance of the godly, that they may reioyce together.

¶ To him that excelleth on [a] Mahalath. A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction.

THe foole hath sayd in his heart, There is [b] no God, they haue corrupted and done abominable wickednesse: there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to see if there were any that would vnderstand and [c] seeke God.

3 [d] Euery one is gone backe: they are altogether corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Do not the [e] workers of iniquity know that they eat vp my people as they eat bread? they call not vpon God.

5 There they were afraid for feare, where no [f] feare was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that besieged thee: thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath cast them off.

6 Oh giue saluation vnto Israel out of Zion: when God turneth the captiuitie of his people, then Iaakob shall reioyce, and Israel shall be glad.

a Which was an instrument or kinde of note.

b Whereas no regard is had of honesty, or dishonestie, of vertue nor of vice, there the Prophet pronounceth y the people haue no God.

c Whereby he condemneth all knowledge and vnderstanding that tendeth not to seeke God. *Rom* 3. 10.

d Dauid pronounceth Gods vengeance against cruel gouernours, who hauing charge to defend and preserue Gods people, doe most cruelly deuoure them.

e When they thought there was none occasion to feare, the sudden vengeance of God lighted vpon them.

f See the enemies power neuer so great, nor the danger so fearefull, yet God deliuereth his in due time.

PSAL. LIIII.

1 Dauid brought into great danger by the reason of the Ziphims, 5 Calleth vpon the Name of God to destroy his enemies, 6 Promising sacrifice and free offrings for so great deliuerance.

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction. When the Ziphims came and sayd vnto Saul, [a] Is not Dauid hid among vs?

1. *Sam.* 23. 19.

SAue mee, O God, [b] by thy Name, and by thy power iudge me.

2 O God, heare my prayer: hearken vnto the words of my mouth.

3 For [b] strangers are risen vp against me, and [c] tyrants seeke my soule: they haue not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with [d] them that vphold my soule.

5 Hee shall reward euill vnto mine enemies: O cut them off in thy [e] trueth.

6 Then I will sacrifice [f] freely vnto thee: I will prayse thy Name, O Lord, because it is good.

a He declareth that when all meanes do faile, God will deliuer, euen as it were by miracle, them that call vnto him with an vpright conscience.

b To wit, the Ziphims.

c Saul and his armie, which were like cruell beasts, and could not be satisfied, but by his death.

d Be they neuer so few, as he was with Ionathan.

e According to thy faithfull promise for my defence.

f For hypocrites serue God for feare, or vpon conditions.

7 For hee hath deliuered mee out of all trouble, and mine eye hath ſeene my deſire vpon mine enemies.

PSAL. LV.

1 Dauid being in great heauineſſe and diſtreſſe complaineth of the crueltie of Saul, 13 And of the falſhood of his familiar acquaintance. 17 Vttering moſt ardent affections to mooue the Lord to pitie him. 22 After being aſſured of deliuerance, he ſetteth forth the grace of God, as though he had already obteined his requeſt.

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Pſalme of Dauid to giue inſtruction.

HEare [a] my prayer, O God, and hide not thy ſelfe from my ſupplication.

2 Hearken vnto me, and anſwere me: I mourne in my prayer, and make a noyſe,

3 For the [b] voyce of the enemie, and for the vexation of the wicked, becauſe [c] they haue brought iniquitie vpon mee, and furiouſly hate me.

4 Mine heart trembleth within me, and the terrors of death are fallen vpon me.

5 Feare and trembling are come vpon me, and an horrible feare hath [d] couered me.

6 And I ſaid, Oh that I had wings like a doue: then would I flie away and reſt.

7 Behold, I would take my flight farre off and lodge in the wildernes. Selah.

8 Yee would make haſte for my deliuerance [f] from the ſtormie winde and tempeſt.

9 Deſtroy, O Lord, and [g] diuide their tongues: for I haue ſeene crueltie and ſtrife in the citie.

10 Day and night they goe about it vpon the walles thereof: both [h] iniquitie and miſchiefe are in the middes of it.

11 Wickednes is in the mids thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her ſtreetes.

12 Surely mine [i] enemie did not defame me: for I could haue borne it: neither did mine aduerſarie exalt himſelfe againſt mee: for I would haue hid me from him.

13 But it was thou, O man, euen my [k] companion, my guide and my familiar.

14 Which delighted in conſulting together, and went into the houſe of God as companions.

15 Let death ſeaze vpon them: let them [l] goe downe quicke into the graue: for wickednes is in their dwellings, euen in the mids of them.

16 But I will call vnto God, and the Lord will ſaue me.

17 Euening and morning, and at noone will I pray, [m] and make a noyſe, and he will heare my voyce.

18 Hee hath deliuered my ſoule in peace from the battell, that was againſt mee: for [n] many were with me.

19 God ſhall heare and afflict them, euen he that reigneth of olde. Selah, becauſe they [o] haue no changes, therefore they feare not God.

20 He [p] laid his hand vpon ſuch, as be at peace with him, and he brake his couenant.

21 The wordes of his mouth were ſofter then butter, yet warre was in his heart: his words were more gentle then oyle, yet they were ſwords.

22 Caſt thy [q] burden vpon the Lord, and he ſhall nourith thee: hee will not ſuffer the righteous to fall for [r] euer.

23 And thou, O God, ſhalt bring them downe into the pit of corruption: the bloodie and deceitfull men ſhall not liue [s] halfe their dayes: but I will truſt in thee.

a The earneſtneſſe of his prayer declareth the vehemencie of his griefe, inſomuch as he is compelled to burſt out into cries.

b For the threatnings of Saul and his adherents.

c They haue defamed me as a wicked perſon, or they haue imagined my deſtruction.

d There was no part of him that was not aſtonied with extreme feare.

e Feare had driuen him to ſo great diſtreſſe, that he wiſhed to bee hid in ſome wildernes, and to be baniſhed from that kingdom, which God had promiſed that he ſhould enioy.

f From the cruell rage & tyrannie of Saul.

g As in the confuſion of Babylon, when the wicked conſpired againſt God.

h All lawes and good orders are broken, & onely vice and diſſolution reigneth vnder Saul.

i If mine open enemy had ſought mine hurt, I could the better haue auoyded him.

k Which was not onely ioyned to me in friendſhip & counſel in worldly matters, but alſo in religion.

l As Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

m Which ſignifieth a feruent mind and ſure truſt to obtain his petition, which thing made him earneſt at all times in prayer.

n Euen the Angels of God fought on my ſide againſt mine enemies, 2. Kings 6. 16.

o But their proſperous eſtate ſtill continueth.

p I did not prouoke him, but was at peace with him, yet he made war againſt me.

q Or, giſt: to wit, which thou wouldeſt that God ſhould giue thee.

r Though they ſometime liue longer, yet their life is curſed of God, vnquiet, and worſe then any death.

PSAL LVI.

1 Dauid being brought to Achiſh the King of Gath, 1. Sam. 21. 12. complaineth of his enemies, demaundeth ſuccour, 3 Putteth his truſt in God & in his promiſes, 12 And promiſeth to performe his vowes, which he had taken vpon him, whereof this was the effect, to praiſe God in his Church.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid on Michtam, concerning the [a] dumbe doue in a farre countrey, when the Philiſtims tooke him in Gath.

BEe mercifull vnto me, O God, for [b] man would ſwallow me vp: he fighteth continually and vexeth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily ſwallow me vp: for many fight againſt mee, O thou moſt High.

3 When I was afraid, I truſted in thee.

4 I will reioyce in God, becauſe of his [c] word, I truſt in God, and will not feare what fleſh can doe vnto me.

5 Mine owne [d] words grieue me daily: all their thoughts are againſt me to doe mee hurt.

6 [e] They gather together, & keepe themſelues cloſe: they marke my ſteppes, becauſe they waite for my ſoule.

7 [f] They thinke they ſhall eſcape by iniquitie: O God, caſt thoſe people downe in thine anger.

8 Thou haſt counted my wanderings: put my [g] teares into thy bottell: are they not in thy regiſter?

9 When I crie, then mine enemies ſhall turne back: this I know, for God is with me.

10 I will reioyce in God, becauſe of his word: in the Lord will I reioice, becauſe of his word.

11 In God doe I truſt: I will not bee afraid what man can doe vnto me.

12 [h] Thy vowes are vpon me, O God: I will render prayſes vnto thee.

13 For thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from death, and alſo my feete from falling, that I may [i] walke before God in the [k] light of the liuing.

a Being chaſed by the fury of his enemies into a ſtrange country, hee was as a dumbe doue, not ſeeking reuengeance.

b He ſheweth that it is either now time, or neuer, that God helpe him, for all the world is againſt him, and ready to deuoure him.

c He ſtayeth his conſcience vpon Gods promiſe, though he ſee not preſent helpe.

d All my counſels haue euill ſucceſſe, and turne to mine owne ſorrow.

e As all the world againſt one man, and cannot be ſatiate except they haue my life.

f They thinke not onely to eſcape puniſhment, but the more wicked they are, the more impudent they waxe.

g If God keepe the teares of his Saints in ſtore, much more will hee remember their blood to auenge it: and though tyrants burne the bones, yet can they not blot the teares and blood out of Gods regiſter.

h Hauing receiued that which I require, I am bound to pay my vowes of thankeſgiuing, as I promiſed.

i As mindfull of his great mercies, and giuing him thankes for the ſame.

k That is, in this life, and light of the ſunne.

PSAL. LVII.

1 David being in the desert of Ziph, where the inhabitants did betray him, and at length in the same caue with Saul, 2 Calleth most earnestly vnto God, with full confidence that hee will performe his promise, & take his cause in hand: 5 Also that hee will shew his glory in the heauens and the earth against his cruell enemies. 9 Therefore doeth he render laud and prayse.

¶ To him that excelleth. [a] Destroy not. A Psalme of Dauid on Michtam, [*] when he fled from Saul in the caue.

HAue mercie vpon mee, O God, haue mercie vpon mee: for my soule trusteth in thee, and in the shadowe of thy wings will I ‖ trust, till these [b] afflictions ouerpasse.

2 I wil call vnto the most high GOD, euen to the God, that [c] performeth his promise toward me.

3 Hee will send from [d] heauen, and saue mee from the reproofe of him that would swallow mee. Selah. God will send his mercy and his truth.

4 My soule is among lions: I lie among the children of men that are set on fire: whose [e] teeth are speares and arrowes, and their tongue a sharpe sword.

5 [f] Exalt thy selfe, O God, aboue the heauen, and let thy glory be vpon all the earth.

6 They haue layde a net for my steppes: my soule is pressed downe: they haue digged a pit before mee, and are fallen into the middes of it. Selah.

7 Mine heart is [h] prepared, O God, mine heart is prepared: I will sing & giue praise.

8 Awake my [i] tongue, awake viole and harpe: I will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people, and I will sing vnto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercie is great vnto the heauens, and thy truth vnto the [k] clouds.

11 Exalt thy selfe, O God, aboue the heauens, and let thy glory be vpon all the earth.

a This was either the beginning of a certaine song, or the words which Dauid vttered, when he stayed his affection. 1. Sam. 24.4.

‖ Or, Awell most safely.

b He compareth the afflictions, which God layeth vpon his children, to a storme that commeth and goeth.

c Who leaueth not his workes begun, vnperfect.

d He would rather deliuer me by a miracle, then that I should be ouercome.

e He meaneth their calumnies and false reports.

f Suffer me not to be destroyed to the contempt of thy Name.

g For very feare, seeing the great dangers on all sides.

h That is, wholly bent to giue thee praise for my deliuerance. i He sheweth that both his heart shall praise God, and his tongue shall confesse him, & also that he will vse other meanes to prouoke himselfe forward to the same. k Thy mercies do not onely appertaine to the Iewes, but also to the Gentiles.

PSAL. LVIII.

1 Hee describeth the malice of his enemies, the flatterers of Saul, who both secretly and openly sought his destruction from whom he appealeth to Gods iudgement, 10 Shewing that the iust shall reioyce, when they see the punishment of the wicked to the glory of God.

¶ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalme of Dauid on Michtam.

IS it true? O [a] congregation, speake ye iustly? O sonnes of men, iudge yee vprightly?

2 Yea, rather yee imagine mischiefe in your heart: [b] your hands execute cruelty vpon the earth.

3 The wicked [c] are strangers from the wombe: eoen from the belly haue they erred, and speake lies.

4 Their poyson is euen like the poyson of a serpent: like the deafe [d] adder that stoppeth his eare.

5 Which heareth not the voice of the inchanter, though hee be most expert in charming.

6 Breake their [e] teeth, O God, in their mouthes: breake the iawes of the yong Lions, O Lord.

7 Let them [f] melt like the waters, let them passe away, when hee shooteth his arrowes, let them be as broken.

8 Let him consume like a snaile that melteth, and like the vntimely fruit of a woman, that hath not seene the sunne.

9 [g] As raw flesh before your pots feele the fire of thornes: so let him carry them away as with a whirlewind in his wrath.

10 The righteous shall [h] reioyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feete in the [i] blood of the wicked.

11 And man shall say, [k] Verely there is fruit for the righteous: Doubtlesse there is a God that iudgeth in the earth.

a Ye counsellers of Saul, who vnder pretence of consulting for the common wealth, conspire my death being an innocent.

b Ye are not ashamed to execute that crueltie publikely, which ye haue imagined in your hearts.

c That is, enemies to the people of God, euen from their birth.

d They passe in malice and subtiltie, the craftie serpent which could preserue himselfe by stopping his eare from the inchanter.

e Take away all occasions and meanes whereby they hurt.

f Considering Gods diuine power, he sheweth that God in a moment can destroy their force whereof they brag.

g As flesh is taken raw out of the pot before the water seethe: so he desireth God to destroy their enterprises before they bring them to passe.

h With a pure affection.

i Their punishment and slaughter shal be so great.

k Seeing God gouerneth all by his prouidence, hee must needes put difference betweene the godly and the wicked.

PSAL. LIX.

1 David being in great danger of Saul, who sent to slay him in his bed, prayeth vnto God, 3 Declareth his innocencie, and their furie, 5 Desiring God to destroy all those that sinne of malicious wickednes. 11 Whom though he keepe aliue, for a time to exercise his people, yet in the end hee will consume them in his wrath, 13 That he may bee knowen to bee the God of Iaakob to the end of the world. 16 For this he promiseth praises to God, assured of his mercies.

¶ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalme of Dauid on [a] Michtam. [*] When Saul sent and they did watch the house to kill him.

O My God, [b] deliuer me from mine enemies: defend me from them that rise vp against me.

2 Deliuer mee from the wicked doers, and saue me from the bloody men.

3 For loe, they haue layed waite for my soule: the mighty men are gathered against me, not for mine [c] offence, nor for my sinne, O Lord.

4 They runne and prepare themselues without a fault on my part: arise therefore to assist me, and behold.

5 Euen thou, O Lord God of hostes, O God of Israel, awake to visite all the heathen: and bee not [d] mercifull vnto all that transgresse maliciously. Selah.

6 They goe to and fro in the euening: they barke like [e] dogges, and goe about the citie.

a Reade Psal 16 1. Sam. 19. 11.

b Though his enemies were euen at hand to destroy him, yet he assured himselfe that God had wayes ynow in his hand to deliuer him.

c For I am innocent to themwards, and haue not offended them.

d Seeing it appertaineth to Gods iudgments to punish the wicked, he desireth God to execute his vengeance on the reprobate, who maliciously persecute his Church e He compareth their crueltie to hungry dogs, shewing that they are neuer wearie in doing euill.

7 Behold,

f They boast openly of their wicked deuises, and euery word is as a sword: for they neither feare God, nor are ashamed of men.

g Though Saul haue neuer so great power, yet I know that thou doest bridle him: therefore will I patiently hope on thee.

h He will not faile to succour me, when neede requireth.

i Altogether, but by litle and litle, that the people, seeing oftentime thy iudgements, may be mindfull of thee.

k That in their misery & shame they may be as glasses & examples of Gods vengeance.

l When thy time shall come, and when they haue sufficiently serued for an example of thy vengeance vnto other. m He mocketh at their vaine enterprises, being assured that they shall not bring their purpose to passe. n Which didst vse the policie of a weake woman to confound the enemies strength, as 1. Sam. 19. 12. o Confessing himselfe to be voide of all vertue & strength, he attributeth the whole to God.

7 Behold, they f bragge in their talke, and swordes are in their lips: for who, say they, doeth heare?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt haue them in derision, and thou shalt laugh at all the heathen.

9 g He is strong: but I will waite vpon thee: for God is my defence.

10 My merciful God will h preuent me: God will let me see my desire vpon mine enemies.

11 Slay them i not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad by thy power, and put them downe, O Lord our shield,

12 For the sinne of their mouth, and the words of their lips: and let them be k taken in their pride, euen for their periury and lies, that they speake.

13 l Consume them in thy wrath: consume them that they bee no more: and let them know that God ruleth in Iaakob, euen vnto the ends of the world. Selah.

14 And in the euening they m shall goe to and fro, and barke like dogges, and go about the citie.

15 They shall runne heere and there for meate: and surely they shall not bee satisfied, though they tary all night.

16 But I will sing of thy n power, and will praise thy mercie in the morning: for thou hast beene my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Vnto thee, O my o Strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and my mercifull God.

PSAL. LX.

1 Dauid being now king ouer Iudah, & hauing had many victories, sheweth by eudent signes, that God elected him king, assuring the people that God will prosper them, if they approue the same. 11 After he prayeth vnto God to finish that, that he hath beganne.

a These were certaine songs after the note whereof this Psalme was sung.

2 *Sam* 8. 1. *and* 10. 1. 1. *chron.* 18. 3.

b Or, *Syria, called Mesopotamia.*

b Called also Sophene, which standeth by Euphrates.

c For when Saul was not able to resist the enemie, the people fled hither and thither for they could not be safe in their owne houses

To him that excelleth vpon a Shushan Eduth, or Michtam. A Psalme of Dauid to teach. When he fought against Aram Naharaim, and against Aram b Zobah, when Ioab returned and slewe twelue thousand Edomites in the salt valley.

O God, thou hast cast vs out, thou hast c scattered vs, thou hast bene angry, turne againe vnto vs.

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble, and hast made it to gape: heale the breaches thereof, for it is shaken.

3 Thou hast d shewed thy people heauy things: thou hast made vs to drinke the wine of giddinesse.

d As cleft with an earthquake. e Thou hast handled thy people sharply in taking from them sense and iudgement, in that they ayded Saul the wicked king, and pursued him, to whom God had giuen the iust title of y realme.

4 But now thou hast giuen a f banner to them that feare thee, that it may be displayed because of thy trueth. Selah.

5 That thy beloued may bee deliuered, helpe with thy right hand and heare me.

6 God hath spoken in his g holines: therefore I will deuyce: I shall diuide Shechem, and measure the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead shalbe mine, and Manasseh shal be mine: Ephraim also shalbe the h strength of mine head: i Iudah is my lawgiuer.

8 Moab shall be my k washpot: ouer Edom wil I cast out my shoe: l Palestina shew thy selfe ioyfull vnto me.

9 Who will leade mee into the m strong citie? who will bring me into Edom?

10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast vs off, and didst not goe forth, O God, with our armies?

11 Giue vs help against trouble: for vaine is the helpe of man.

12 Through God we shall doe valiantly: for he shall tread downe our enemies.

f In making me king, thou hast performed thy promise, which seemed to haue lost the force.

g It is so certaine, as if it were spoken by an oracle, that I shall possesse these places which Saul had left to his children.

h For it was strong and well peopled.

i Dauid meaneth that in this tribe his kingdom shal be established, Gen. 49. 10.

k In most vile subiection.

l For thou wilt dissemble. and faine as though thou werest glad.

m He was assured that God would giue him the strong cities of his enemies, wherein they thought themselues sure.

PSAL. LXI.

1 Whether that he were in danger of the Ammonites, or being pursued of Absalom, here he crieth to be heard, & deliuered. 7 And confirmed in his kingdome. 8 He promiseth perpetuall praises.

To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme of Dauid.

HEare my cry, O God: giue eare vnto my prayer.

2 From a the endes of the earth will I cry vnto thee: when mine heart is oppressed, bring mee vpon the rocke that is b higher then I.

3 For thou hast beene my hope, and a strong tower against mine enemie.

4 I will dwell in thy Tabernacle for euer, and my trust shall be vnder the couering of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, c hast heard my desires: thou hast giuen an heritage vnto those that feare thy Name.

6 Thou shalt giue the king a long life: his yeeres shall be as many ages.

7 Hee shall dwell before God for euer: prepare d mercie and faithfulnesse, that they may preserue him.

8 So will I alway sing prayse vnto thy Name in performing daily my vowes.

a From y place, where I was banished, being driuen out of the city and Temple by my sonne Absalom.

b Vnto y which without thy help I cannot attaine.

c There is nothing that doeth more strengthen our faith, then the remembrance of Gods succour in times past.

d This chiefly is referred to Christ who liueth eternally not onely in himselfe, but also in his members. e For the stabilitie of my kingdome standeth in thy mercy and trueth.

CHAP. LXII.

The Psalme partly containeth meditations, wherby Dauid incourageth himselfe to trust in God against the assaults of temptation. And because our mindes are easilie drawen from God by the allurements of the world, he sharply reproueth this vanitie to th intent he might cleaue fast to the Lord.

To the excellent musician e Iedithun. A Psalme of Dauid.

YEt f my soule keepeth silence vnto God: of him commeth my saluation.

f Though Satan tempted him to murmure against God, yet he bridled his affections, and resting vpon Gods promise, beareth his crosse patiently.

b It appeareth by the oft repetitio of this word, that the Prophet abode manifold tentations, but by resting on God, and by patience he ouercame them all.
c He meaneth himselfe, being the man whom God had appointed to the kingdome.
d Though yee seeme to be in honour, yet God will suddenly destroy you.
e Dauid was greatly mooued with these troubles: therefore hee stirreth vp himselfe to trust in God.
f These vehement and often repetitions were necessary to strengthen his faith against the horrible assaults of Satan. g He admonisheth vs of our wicked nature, which rather hide our sorrow, and bite on the bridle, then vtter our griefe to God to obtaine remedie. h Giue your selues wholly to God by putting away all things that are contrary to his Law. i He hath plainely borne witnesse of his power, so that none needeth to doubt thereof. k So that the wicked shall feele thy power, and the godly thy mercy.

2 [b] Yet he is my strength and my saluation, and my defence: therefore I shall not much be mooued.
3 How long will yee imagine mischiefe against a [c] man? ye shalbe all slaine: ye shal be as a bowed wall, or as a [d] wall shaken.
4 Yet they consult to cast him downe from his dignitie: their delight is in lies, they blesse with their mouthes, but curse with their hearts. Selah.
5 [e] Yet my soule keepe thou silence vnto God: for mine hope is in him.
6 Yet is he my strength, and my saluation, and my defence: therefore I shall not be mooued.
7 In God is my saluation and my glory, the rocke of my strength: in God is my trust.
8 Trust in him alway, ye people: powre out your hearts before him, for God is our hope. Selah.
9 Yet the children of men are vanity, the chiefe men are lies: to lay them vpon a balance they are altogether lighter then vanitie.
10 Trust not in oppression nor in robberie: [h] be not vaine: if riches increase, set not your heart thereon.
11 God spake [i] once or twice, I haue heard it, that power belongeth vnto God,
12 And to thee, O Lord, mercy: for thou [k] rewardest euery one according to his worke.

PSAL. LXIII.

1 Dauid after hee had bene in great danger by Saul in the desert of Ziph, made this Psalme. 3 Wherin he giueth thanks to God for his wonderfull deliuerance, in whose mercies he trusted, euen in the midst of his miseries, 9 Prophesying the destruction of Gods enemies: 11 And contrariwise happinesse to all them that trust in the Lord.

A Psalme of Dauid. When he was in the [a] wildernesse of Iudah.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seeke thee: my soule [b] thirsteth for thee: my flesh longeth greatly after thee in a barren and dry land without water.
2 Thus I behold thee as in the Sanctuary, when I behold thy power and thy glory.
3 For thy louing kindnesse is better then life: therefore my lips shall praise thee.
4 Thus will I magnifie thee all my life, and lift vp mine hands in thy Name.
5 My soule shalbe satisfied, as with [d] marrow and fatnesse, and my mouth shall praise thee with ioyfull lips.
6 When I remember thee on my bed, and when I thinke vpon thee in the night watches.
7 Because thou hast beene my helper, therefore vnder the shadow of thy wings will I reioyce.
8 My soule [e] cleaueth vnto thee: for thy right hand vpholdeth me.
9 Therefore they that seeke my soule to destroy it, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth.
10 [f] They shall cast him downe with the edge of the sword, and they shall be a portion for foxes.
11 But the king shall reioyce in God, and all that sweare by him shall reioyce in him: for the mouth of them that speake lies, shalbe stopped.

a To wit, of Ziph 1. Sam. 23. 14.
b Though he was both hungry and in great distresse, yet hee made God his sufficiency, and aboue all meat and drinke.
c In this misery I exercise my selfe in the contemplation of thy power and glory, as if I were in thy Sanctuary.
d The remembrance of thy fauour is more sweete vnto me then all the pleasures and dainties of the world.
e He assureth himselfe by the Spirit of God to haue the gift of constancie.
f He prophesieth of the destruction of Saul, & them that take his part, whose bodies shall not be buried, but be deuoured with wild beasts. g All that sweare by God aright, or professe him shall reioyce in this worthy King.

PSAL. LXIIII.

1 Dauid prayeth against the furie and false reports of his enemies. 7 He declareth their punishment and destruction, 10 To the comfort of the iust and glory of God.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

Heare my [a] voyce, O God, in my prayer: preserue my life from feare of the enemie.
2 Hide mee from the [b] conspiracie of the wicked, and from the [c] rage of the workers of iniquitie.
3 Which haue whet their tongue like a sworde, and shot for their arrowes [d] bitter words:
4 To shoot at the vpright in secret: they shoote at him suddenly, and [e] feare not.
5 They [f] encourage themselues in a wicked purpose: they commune together to lay snares priuily, and say, Who shall see them?
6 They haue sought out iniquities, and haue accomplished that which they sought out, euen euery one [g] his secret thought, and the depth of his heart.
7 But God will shoote an arrow at them suddenly: their strokes shalbe at once.
8 They shall cause their owne tongue to fall vpon them: and whosoeuer shall see them, shall [h] flee away.
9 And all men shal fee it, and declare the worke of God, and they shall vnderstand, what he hath wrought.
10 But the righteous [i] shall be glad in the Lord, and trust in him: and all that are vpright of heart, shall reioyce.

a In that he called to God with his voice, it is a signe that his prayer was vehement, and that his life was in danger.
b That is, from their secret malice.
c To wit, their outward violence.
d False reports and slanders.
e To be without feare of God, and reuerence of man, is a signe of reprobation.
f The more that the wicked see Gods children in miserie, the more bold and impudent are they in oppressing them.
g There is no inuented not for his destruction. h To see Gods heauie iudgements against them, and how he hath caught them in their owne snares. i When they shall consider that he will be fauourable to them, as hee was to his seruant Danid.

PSAL. LXV.

1 A prayse and thanksgiuing vnto God by the faithfull, who are signified by Zion, 4 For the chusing, preseruation and gouernance of them, 9 And for the plentifull blessings powred forth vpon all the earth, but specially toward his Church.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme or song of Dauid.

O God, [a] prayse waiteth for thee in Zion, and vnto thee shall [b] vow be performed.
2 Because thou hearest the prayer, vnto thee shall [b] all flesh come.

a Thou giuest daily new occasion to thy Church to prayse thee.
b Not onely the Iewes, but also the Gentiles in the kingdome of Christ.

c He imputeth it so his sinnes, and to the sinnes of the people, that God who was accustomed to assist them, withdraweth his succour from them.
d Thou wilt declare thy selfe to be the preserver of thy Church, in destroying thine enemies, as thou didst in the red sea.
e As of all barbarous nations and farre off.
f Hee sheweth that there is no part nor creature in the world, which is not governed by Gods power and providence.
‡ Ebr. the going forth of the morning and of the evening.
g To wit, with raine.
h That is, Shiloah, or, the raine.
i Thou hast appointed the earth to bring foorth foode to mans vse.

3 (Wicked deedes haue preuailed against mee: but thou wilt bee mercifull vnto our transgressions.
4 Blessed is hee, whom thou chusest, and causest to come to thee: hee shall dwell in thy courtes, and wee shall bee satisfied with the pleasures of thine house, euen of thine holy Temple.
5 O God of our saluation, thou wilt d answere vs with fearefull signes in thy righteousnesse, O thou the hope of all the endes of the earth, and of them that are farre off in the e sea.
6 He establisheth the mountaines by his power: and is girded about with strength.
7 He appeaseth the f noyse of the seas, and the noyse of the waues thereof, and the tumults of the people.
8 They also, that dwell in the vttermost parts of the earth, shalbe afraid of thy signes: thou shalt make ‡ the East and the (West to reioyce.
9 Thou g visitest the earth, and watereth it: thou makest it very rich: the h River of God is full of water: thou preparest them corne: for so thou appointest it.
10 Thou i watereth abundantly the furrowes thereof: thou causest the raine to descend into the valleys therof: thou makest it soft with showres, & blessest the bud thereof.
11 Thou crownest the yeere with thy goodnesse, and thy steps drop fatnesse.
12 They drop vpon the pastures of the wildernesse: and the hilles shal be compassed with gladnesse.
13 The pastures are clad with sheepe: the valleis also shal be couered with corne: therefore they shout for ioy, k and sing.

k By this description he sheweth that all the order of nature is a testimonie of Gods loue toward vs, who causeth all creatures to serue our necessitie. l That is, the dumbe creatures shall not onely reioyce for a time for Gods benefit but shall continually sing.

PSAL. LXVI.

1 He prouoketh all men to praise the Lord & to consider his works. 6 He setteth forth the power of God to affray the rebels, 10 & sheweth how God hath deliuered Israel from great bondage and afflictions. 13 He promiseth to giue sacrifice, 16. and prouoketh all men to heare what God hath done for him, and to praise his Name.

(To him that excelleth. A song or Psalme.

a He prophesieth that all nations shall come to the knowledge of God, who then was only known in Iudea.
b As the faithfull shall obey God willingly, so the infidels for feare shall dissemble themselues to be subiect.

REioyce in God, a all ye inhabitants of the earth.
2 Sing foorth the glorie of his Name, make his prayse glorious.
3 Say vnto God, How terrible art thou in thy workes! though the greatnesse of thy power shall thine enemies be b in subiection vnto thee.
4 All the world shall worship thee, & sing vnto thee, euen sing of thy Name. Selah.
5 c Come and behold the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward d ỹ sonnes of men.

c He toucheth the sloothfull dulnesse of man, who is colde in the consideration of Gods workes. d His prouidence is wonderfull in maintaining their state.

6 He hath turned the sea into drie land: they passed through the riuer on foote: there did we reioyce in him.
7 Hee ruleth the world with his power: his eyes behold the nations: the rebellious shall not e exalt themselues. Selah.
8 Praise our God, yee people, and make the voice of his prayse to be heard.
9 (Which f holdeth our soules in life, and suffereth not our feete to slip.
10 For thou, O God, hast proued vs, thou hast tryed vs as siluer is tried.
11 Thou hast brought vs into the snare, and layd a strait chaine vpon our loynes.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride ouer our heads: we went into fire and into water, but thou broughtest vs out into a wealthy place.
13 I will go into thine h house with burnt offrings, and will pay thee my vowes,
14 (Which my lips haue promised, and my mouth hath spoken in mine affliction.
15 I will offer vnto thee the burnt offrings of fat rammes with incense: I will prepare bullockes and goats. Selah.
16 i Come and hearken all yee that feare God, and I will tell you what he hath done to my soule.
17 I called vnto him with my mouth, and he was exalted with my tongue.
18 k If I regard wickednesse in mine heart, the Lord will not heare me.
19 But God hath heard me, and considered the voyce of my prayer.
20 Praised bee God, which hath not put backe my prayer, nor his mercie from me.

e He prooueth that God wil extend his grace also to the Gentiles, because he punisheth among them such as will not obey his calling.
f He signifieth some speciall benefit, that God had shewed to his Church of the Iewes, in deliuering them from some great danger: whereof, or of the like hee promiseth that the Gentiles shall be partakers.
g The condition of the Church is here described, which is to be led by Gods prouidence into troubles, to be subiect vnto tyrants, and to enter into manifold dangers. h The duetie of the faithfull is here described, which are neuer vnmindfull to render God praise for his benefits. i It is not enough to haue received Gods benefits, and to be mindfull therof, but also wee are bound to make others to profit thereby, and praise God. k If I delight in wickednesse, God will not heare me: but if I confesse it, he will receiue me.

PSAL. LXVII.

1 A prayer of the Church to obtaine the fauour of God, and to be lightened with his countenance, 2 to the end that his way and iudgements may be knowen throughout the earth. 7 And finally is declared the kingdome of God, which should be vniuersally erected at the comming of Christ.

(To him that excelleth on Neginoth. a Psalme or song.

GOd bee mercifull vnto vs, and blesse vs, and a cause his face to shine among vs, (Selah.)
2 That b they may know thy way vpon earth, and thy sauing health among all nations.
3 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.
4 c Let the people bee glad and reioyce: for thou shalt iudge the people righteously, and gouerne the nations vpon the earth. Selah.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.
6 Then shall d the earth bring foorth her

a That is, moue our hearts with his holy Spirit, that wee may feele his fauour toward vs.
b That both Iewes and Gentiles may know Gods conenant made with them.
c By these often repetitions, he sheweth that the people can neuer reioyce sufficiently, and giue thankes for the great benefites that they shal receiue vnder the kingdome of Christ. d He sheweth that where God fauoureth, there shall be abundance of all other things.

increase,

e When they feele his great benefits both spirituall and corporall toward them.

increase, & God, euen our God shall blesse vs.
7 God shall blesse vs, and all the ends of the earth shall feare him.

PSAL. LXVIII.

1 In this Psalme Dauid setteth foorth as in a glasse the wonderfull mercies of God toward his people: 5 Who by all meanes and most strange sortes declared himselfe to them. 15 And therefore Gods Church by reason of his promises, graces and victories doeth excell without comparison all worldly things. 31 Hee exhorteth therefore all men to praise God for euer.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme or song of Dauid.

GOD a wil arise, and his enemies shal be scattered: they also that hate him, shall flee before him.
2 As the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou driue them away: and as wax melteth before the fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 b But the righteous shalbe glad, and reioyce before God: yea, they shal leape for ioy.
4 Sing vnto God, and sing praises vnto his name: exalt him, that rideth vpon the heauens, in his name c Iah, and reioyce before him.
5 Hee is a Father of the fatherlesse, and Iudge of the widowes, euen God in his holy habitation.
6 God d maketh the solitarie to dwell in families, and deliuereth them that were prisoners in stockes: but the rebellious shall dwell in a c drie land.
7 f O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou wentest thorow the wildernesse, (Selah)
8 The earth shooke, and the heauens dropped at the presence of this God: euen Sinai was moued at the presence of God, euen the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious raine vpon thine inheritance, & thou didst refresh it when it was wearie.
10 Thy congregation dwelled therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy g goodnesse prepared it for the poore.
11 The Lord gaue matter to the h women to tell of the great armie.
12 Kings of the armies did flee: they did flee, and i she that remained in the house, diuided the spoyle.
13 Though ye haue lien among k pots, yet shall yee be as the wings of a Doue that is couered with siluer, & whose feathers are like yellow golde.
14 When the Almightie scattered kings in it, it was white as the snow in Zalmon.
15 m The mountaine of God is like the mountaine of Bashan: it is an high mountaine, as mount Bashan.
16 n Why leape yee, ye high mountaines? as for this Mountaine, God delighteth to dwell in it: yea, the Lord will dwell in it for euer.
17 The Charets of GOD are twenty thousand thousand Angels, and the Lorde is among them, as in the Sanctuary of Sinai.
18 Thou art gone vp on high: thou hast o led captiuitie captiue, & receiued gifts for men: yea, euen the rebellious hast thou led, that the Lord God might dwell there.
19 Praised be the Lord, euen the God of our saluation, which ladeth vs daily with benefites. Selah.
20 This is our God, euen the God that saueth vs: and to the Lord God belong the issues of death.
21 Surely God will wound the head of his enemies, and the hairie pate of him that walketh in his sinnes.
22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people againe from p Bashan: I will bring them againe from the depths of the sea:
23 That thy foot may be dipped in blood, and the tongue of thy dogges in the blood of the enemies, euen in r it.
24 They haue seene, O God, thy f goings, the goings of my God, and my King, which art in the Sanctuary.
25 The s singers went before, the players of instruments after: in the middes were the maides playing with timbrels.
26 Praise ye God in the assemblies, & the Lord, ye that are of the fountaine t of Israel.
27 There was x little Beniamin with their y ruler, and the princes of Iudah with their assembly, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
28 Thy God hath appointed thy strength: stablish, O God, that, which thou hast wrought in vs,
29 z Out of thy Temple vpon Ierusalem: and kings shall bring presents vnto thee.
30 Destroy the company of the speare-men, and multitude of the mightie bulles with the calues of the people, that a tread vnder feete pieces of siluer: scatter the people that delight in warre.
31 Then shall the princes come out b of Egypt: Ethiopia shall haste to stretch her hands vnto God.
32 Sing vnto God, O yee kingdomes of the earth: sing praise vnto the Lord, (Selah)
33 To him that rideth vpon the most hie heauens, which were from the beginning: behold, he wil send out by his c voyce a mighty sound.
34 Ascribe the power to God: for his mightie

a The Prophet sheweth that albeit God suffreth the wicked tyrants to oppresse his Church for a time, yet at length he will be reuenged of them.
b Hee sheweth when God declareth his power against the wicked, that it is for the commoditie & saluation of his Church, which praise him therefore.
c Iah and Iehoua hare the names of God, which doe signifie his essence and maiestie incomprehensible, so that hereby is declared, that all idols are but vanitie, and that the God of Israel is y only true God.
d He giueth children to them that be childlesse, and increaseth their families.
e Which is barren of Gods blessings, which before they had abused.
f Hee teacheth that Gods fauour particularly belongeth to his Church, as appeareth by their wonderfull deliuerance out of Egypt.
g God blessed the land of Canaan, because hee had chosen that place for his Church. h The fashion then was, that women sang songs after the victorie, as Miriam, Deborah, Iudith and others.
i The pray was so great that not onely the souldiers, but women also had part thereof. k Though God suffer his Church for a time to lie in blacke darkenesse, yet hee will restore it and make it most shining and white. l In the land of Canaan, where his Church was.
m Zion the Church of God doeth excell all worldly things, not in pompe and outward shew, but by the inward grace of God, which there remaineth, because of his dwelling there.
n Why boast ye of your strength & beautie against this mountaine of God?
o As God ouercame the enemies of his Church, tooke them prisoners, and made them tributaries: so Christ, which is God manifested in flesh, subdued Satan and sinne vnder vs, & gaue vnto his Church most liberal gifts of his spirit, Ephe. 4. 8.
p In most extreme dangers God hath infinite wayes to deliuer his.
q As he deliuered his Church once from Og of Bashan, & other tyrants, & from the dangers of the red sea, so will he still do as oft as necessitie requireth
r That is, in the blood of that great slaughter, where dogges shall lap blood.
s That is, how thou, which art chiefe king, goest out with thy people to warre, and giuest them the victory.
t He describeth the order of the people, when they went to the Temple to giue thankes for the victory.
u Which come of the Patriarke Iaakob.
x Beniamin is called little, because he was the yongest son of Iaakob. y Who was some chiefe ruler of the tribe z Declare out of thine holy palace thy power for the defence of thy Church Ierusalem. a Hee desireth that the pride of the mightie may be destroyed, which accustomed to garnish their shooes with siluer: and therefore for their glittering pompe, thought themselues aboue all men. b He prophesied that the Gentiles shall come to the true knowledge & worship of God.
c By his terrible thunders he will make himselfe to be knowen the God of all the world.

terrible is vpon Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art [d] terrible out of thine holy [e] places: the God of Israel is hee that giueth strength and power vnto the people: praised be God.

d In shewing fearefull iudgements against thine enemies, for the saluation of thy people.

e Hee alludeth to the Tabernacle which was diuided into three parts.

PSAL. LXIX.

1 The complaints, prayers, feruent zeale and great anguish of Dauid set forth as a figure of Christ and all his members: 22 The malicious crueltie of the enemies, 23 and their punishments also, 26 where Iudas and such traitours are accursed. 30 He gathereth courage in his affliction, and offereth praises vnto God, 32 which are more acceptable then all sacrifice: whereof all the afflicted may take comfort. 35 Finally he doeth prouoke all creatures to prayse, prophecying of the kingdome of Christ, and the preseruation of the Church, where all the faithfull, 37 and their seed shall dwell for euer.

To him that excelleth vpon [a] Shoshannim. A Psalme of Dauid.

SAue me O God: for the [b] waters are entred euen to my soule.

2 I sticke fast in the deepe myre, where no [c] stay is: I am come into deepe waters, and the streames runne ouer me.

3 I am wearie of crying: my throte is drie: mine [d] eyes faile, whiles I waite for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause, are more then the haires of mine head: they that would destroy me, and are mine enemies [e] falsly, are mightie, so that I restored that which I [f] tooke not.

5 O God, thou knowest my [g] foolishnes, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hostes, bee ashamed for [h] me: let not them that seeke thee, be confounded through me, O God of Israel.

7 For thy sake haue I suffered reproofe: shame hath couered my face.

8 I am become a stranger vnto my brethren, euen an aliant vnto my mothers sonnes.

9 [i] For the zeale of thine house hath eaten me, and the rebukes of them that reuiled thee, are fallen vpon me.

10 I [k] wept, and my soule fasted, but that was to my reproofe.

11 I put on a sackecloth: and I became a prouerbe vnto them.

12 They that [l] sate in the gate, spake of me, and the drunkards sang of me.

13 But Lord, I make my prayer vnto thee in an acceptable time, euen in the multitude of thy mercy: O God, heare me in the trueth of thy saluation.

14 Deliuer mee out of the myre, that I sinke not: let mee bee deliuered from them that hate me, and out of the [m] deepe waters.

15 Let not the water flood drowne mee, neither let the deepe swallow me vp: and let not the pit shut her mouth vpon me.

16 Heare mee, O Lord, for thy louing kindnesse is good: turne vnto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And [n] hide not thy face from thy seruant, for I am in trouble: make haste and heare me.

18 Draw neere vnto my soule, & redeeme it: deliuer me, because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast knowen my reproofe and my shame, and my dishonour: all mine [o] aduersaries are before thee.

20 Rebuke hath broken mine heart, and I am full of heauinesse, and [p] I looked for some to haue pity on me, but there was none: and for comforters, but I found none.

21 For they gaue me gall in my meat, and in my thirst they gaue me vineger to drinke.

22 Let their [q] table be a snare before them, and their prosperitie their ruine.

23 Let their eyes bee blinded, that they see not: and make their [r] loynes alway to tremble.

24 Powre out thine anger vpon them, and let thy wrathfull displeasure take them.

25 [s] Let their [t] habitation be voyd, and let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him, whome thou hast smitten: and they adde vnto the sorowe of them, whom thou hast wounded.

27 Lay [u] iniquitie vpon their iniquitie, & let them not come into thy righteousnesse.

28 Let them be put out of the [x] booke of life, neither let them bee written with the righteous.

29 [y] When I am poore, and in heauinesse, thine helpe, O God, shall exalt me.

30 I will prayse the name of God with a song, and magnifie him with thanksgiuing.

31 This also shall [z] please the Lord better then a young bullocke, that hath hornes and hoofes.

32 The humble shall see this, and they that seeke God, shall be glad, and your heart shall liue.

33 For the Lord heareth the poore, and despiseth not his [a] prisoners.

34 Let heauen and earth prayse him: the seas and all that moueth in them.

35 For God will saue Sion, and build the cities of Iudah, that men may dwell there, and haue it in possession.

36 The [b] seede also of his seruaunts shall inherit it: and they that loue his Name, shal dwell therein.

a Of Shoshannim, reade Psal. 45.

b Dauid signifieth by the waters in what great dangers he was, out of the which God did deliuer him.

c No firmitie or stableuesse to settle my feete.

d Though his sences faile him, yet his faith was constant and incouraged him still to pray.

e Condemning me guiltlesse.

f They iudged me poore innocent as a theefe, and gaue my goods to others, as though I had stollen them.

g Though I be guiltie to thee-ward, yet am I innocent toward them.

h Let not mine euill intreatie of the enemies be an occasion, that the faithfull fall from thee.

i When I saw thine enemies pretend thy Name only in mouth, & in their life denie the same, thine holy spirit thrust me forward, to reproue them, and defend thy glorie.

k My zeale moued me to lament, and pray for my saluation.

l The more he sought to winne them to God, the more they were against him, both poore & rich.

m Knowing that albeit I suffer now trouble, yet thou hast a time, wherein thou hast appointed my deliuerance.

n He sheweth a liuely faith in that that he attireth himself that God is fauourable to him, when he seemeth to be angrie: and at hand, when he seemeth to be farre off.

o Not that hee feared that God would not heare him, but [f] care made him to thinke that God deferred long.

p Thou seest that I am beset as a sheepe among many wolues.

q He sheweth that it is in vaine to put our trust in men in our great necessities, but that our comfort onely dependeth on God, for man rather increaseth our sorowes, then diminisheth the[m]. Iob. 19. 22.

r He desireth God to execute his iudgement against the reprobate, which cannot by any meanes be turned. Rom. 11. 9.

[f] Take both iudgement and power frō them. Actes. 1. 20.

t Punish not onely them, but their posteritie, which shalbe like vnto them.

u By their continuance and increasing in their sinnes, let it be knowen that they be of the reprobate.

x They which seemed by their profession to haue bene written in thy booke, yet by their fruits proue the contrarie, let them be knowe as reprobate.

y There is no sacrifice, which God more esteemeth then thankesgiuing for his benefits.

z For as hee deliuered his seruant Dauid, so will hee doe all that are in distresse, and call vpon him.

a Vnder the temporall promise of the land of Canaan, hee comprehendeth the promise of life euerlasting to the faithfull and their posterity.

PSAL. LXX.

1 He prayeth to be right speedily deliuered. 2 He desireth the shame of his enemies, 4 and the ioyfull comfort of all those that seeke the Lord.

a Which might put him in remembrance of his deliuerance. *Psal.* 40. 13.

b He teacheth vs to be earnest in prayer, though God seeme to stay: for at his time hee will heare vs.

c He was assured that the more they raged, the neerer they were to destruction, and he the neerer to his deliuerance. d Hereby we are taught not to mocke at others in their miserie, lest the same fall on our owne neckes. e Because hee had felt Gods helpe before, hee grounded on experience, & boldly seeketh vnto him for succour.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid, to put in a remembrance.

O God, b haste thee to deliuer mee: make haste to helpe me, O Lord.

2 Let them be c confounded and put to shame, that seeke my soule: let them be turned backward & put to rebuke, that delite mine hurt.

3 Let them be turned backe for a reward of their d shame, which said, Aha, aha.

4 But let all those that seeke thee, bee ioyfull and glad in thee, and let all that loue thy saluation, say alwayes, God be praised.

5 Now I am e poore and needy: O God, make haste to me: thou art mine helper and my deliuerer: O Lord, make no tarying.

PSAL. LXXI.

f He prayeth in faith, established by the word of promise, 5 and confirmed by the worke of God from his youth. 10 Hee complaineth of the cruelties of his enemies, 17 and desireth God to continue his graces toward him; 22 promising to be mindfull and thankefull for the same.

In thee, O Lord, I trust: let mee neuer be ashamed.

2 Rescue me and deliuer me in thy a righteousnesse: encline thine eare vnto me, and saue me.

3 Be thou my strong rocke, whereunto I may alway resort: thou b hast giuen commandement to saue mee: for thou art my rocke, and my fortresse.

4 Deliuer mee, O my God, out of the hand c of the wicked: out of the hand of the euill and cruell man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord God, euen my d trust from my youth.

6 Vpon thee haue I beene staied from the wombe: thou art hee that tooke mee out of my mothers bowels: my praise shall be alwayes of thee.

7 I am become as it were f a monster vnto many: but thou art my sure trust.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, and with thy glorie euery day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of g age: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speake of mee, and they that lay waite for my soule, take their counsell together,

11 Saying, h God hath forsaken him: pursue and take him, for there is none to deliuer him.

12 Goe not farre from me, O God: i my God, haste thee to helpe me.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are against my soule: let them bee couered with reproofe and confusion, that seeke mine hurt.

14 But I will waite continually, and will praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall dayly rehearse thy righteousnesse, and thy saluation: k for I know not the number.

16 I will goe l forward in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousnesse, euen of thine onely.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth, euen vntill now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous workes.

18 m Yea, euen vnto mine olde age and gray head, O God: forsake mee not, vntill I haue declared thine arme vnto this generation, and thy power to all them n that shall come.

19 And thy o righteousnesse, O God, I will exalt on hie: for thou hast done great things: p O God, who is like vnto thee!

20 Which hast shewed me great troubles and q aduersities, but thou wilt returne and reuiue me, and wilt come againe, and take me vp from the depth of the earth.

21 Thou wilt increase mine honour, and returne and comfort me.

22 Therefore will I praise thee for thy r faithfulnesse, O God, vpon instrument and viole: vnto thee will I sing vpon the harpe, O holy one of Israel.

23 My lips will reioyce when I sing vnto thee, and my soule which thou hast deliuered.

24 My tongue also shall talke of thy righteousnes dayly: for they are confounded and brought vnto shame, that seeke mine hurt.

Psal 31. 1.

a He prayeth to God with full assurance of faith, that he will deliuer him from his aduersaries.

b By declaring thy selfe true of promise.

c Thou hast infinite meanes, and all creatures are at thy commandement: therefore shew some signe whereby I shall be deliuered.

d That is, from Absalom, Ahithophel and that conspiracie.

e He strengtheneth his faith by the experience of Gods benefits, who did not only preserue him in his mothers belly, but tooke him thence, and euer since hath preserued him.

f All the world wondereth at me because of my miseries, as well they in authoritie, as the common people: yet being assured of thy fauour I remained stedfast. g Thou diddest helpe me in my youth, when I had more strength, helpe me now so much the more in mine old age & weakenesse. h Thus the wicked both blaspheme God, & triumph against his Saints, as though he had forsaken them, if hee suffer them to fall into their hands. i In calling him his God, he pretcth backe the false reports of the aduersaries, that said, God had forsaken him.

k Because thy benefits toward me are innumerable, I cannot but continually meditate and rehearse them.

l I will remaine stedfast, being vpholden with the power of God.

m Hee desireth that as he hath begun, he would so continue his benefits, that his liberalitie may haue perfect praise.

n Thy iust performance of thy promise.

o His faith breaketh thorow all tentations, and by this exclamation hee praiseth the power of God.

p As he confesseth that God is the only author of his deliuerance: so he acknowledgeth that their euils were sent vnto him by Gods prouidence.

q Hee confesseth that this long tarriance was wel recompensed, when God performed his promise. r For there is no true praising of God, except it come from the heart: and therefore he promiseth to delight in nothing, but wherein God may be glorified.

PSAL. LXXII.

1 He praieth for the prosperous estate of the kingdome of Salomon, who was the figure of Christ, 4 vnder who shalbe righteousnes, peace, & felicitie, 10 vnto whom all kings and nations shal doe homage, 17 whose name and power shall endure for euer, and in whom all nations shall be blessed.

A Psalme a of Salomon.

Giue thy b iudgements vnto the king, O God, and thy righteousnes to the kings c sonne.

2 Then shall he iudge thy people in righteousnesse, and thy poore with equitie.

3 The d mountaines and the hilles shall bring peace to the people by iustice.

4 He shall e iudge the poore of the people: he shall saue the children of the needie, and shall subdue the oppressour.

5 They shall f feare thee as long as the sunne and moone endureth, from generation to generation.

a Composed by Dauid as touching the reigne of his sonne Salomon.

b Endue the king with the spirit of wisedome and iustice that hee reigne not as doe the worldly tyrants.

c To wit, to his posteritie.

d When iustice reigneth, euen the places most barren shall bee enriched with thy blessings. e He sheweth wherfore the sword is committed to kings: to wit, to defend the innocent, and suppresse the wicked. f The people shall imbrace thy true religion, when thou giuest a king that ruleth according to thy word.

g As this is true in all godly Kings, so it is chiefly verified in Christ, who with his heauenly dew maketh his Church euer to flourish.

h That is, from the red sea, to the sea called Syriacum, and from Euphrates forward: meaning, that Christes kingdom should be large and vniuersall.

i Of Cilicia and of all other countreys beyond the sea, which he meaneth by the yles.

k That is, of Arabia that rich countrey, where of Sheba was a part bordering vpon Ethiopia.

l Though tyrannes passe not to shed blood, yet this godly King shall preserue his subiects from all kind of wrong.

m God will both prosper his life, and also make the people most willing to obey him.

n Vnder such a King shall bee most great plentie both of fruit & also of the increase of mankind.

o They shall pray to God for his continuance, and know that God doth prosper them for his sake.

p He confesseth that except God preserue the people, that neither the King nor the Kingdome can continue.

q Concerning his sonne Salomon.

6 Her shall come † downe like the raine vpon the mowen grasse, and as the showers that water the earth.

7 In his dayes shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace shall be so long as the moone endureth.

8 His dominion shall bee also from ‡ sea to sea, and from the riuer vnto the endes of the land.

9 They that dwel in the wildernes, shall kneele before him, and his enemies shal licke the dust.

10 The kings of ‖ Tarsish and of the yles shal bring presents: the kings ᵏ of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall worship him: all nations shall serue him.

12 For he shall deliuer the poore when he crieth: the needy also and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall bee mercifull to the poore and needie, and shall preserue the soules of the poore.

14 He shall redeeme their soules from deceit and violence, and deare shal their blood be in his sight.

15 Yea, he shall liue, and vnto him shall they giue of the ᵐ gold of Sheba: they shall also pray for him continually, and daily blesse him.

16 An handfull of corne shall bee sowen in the earth, euen in the tops of the Mountaines: and the ⁿ fruit thereof shall shake like the trees of Lebanon: and the children shall flourish out of the citie like the grasse of the earth.

17 His name shall be for euer: his name shall endure as long as the Sunne: all nations shall blesse ° him, and be blessed in him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, euen the God of Israel, which onely doeth ᵖ wonderous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for euer: and let all the earth be filled with his glory. So be it, euen so be it.

HERE END THE ᵠ prayers of Dauid the sonne of Iesai.

PSALME LXXIII.

1 The Prophet teacheth by his example that prayer the meditation of the godly, unable to discourage of Gods children: but rather laugheth to scorne vers. 3. to consider our Fathers providence, for to cause vs to vnderstand Gods iudgements, 19 For as much as the wicked vanisheth away, 24 And the godly continue for euer and euer, 28 In hope whereof he resteth himselfe vpon Gods hands.

ᵃ A Psalme commited to Asaph.

YET ᵇ God is good to Israel: euen to the pure in heart.

2 As for me, my feete were almost gone: my steps had welnere slipt.

3 For I ᶜ fretted at the foolish, when I saw the prosperitie of the wicked.

4 For there are ᵈ no bandes in their death, but they are liuste and strong.

5 They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued with other men.

6 ᵉ Therefore pride is as a chaine vnto them, and cruelitie couereth them as a garment.

7 Their eies stand out for fatnesse: they haue more then heart can wish.

8 They are licentious, and speake wickedly of their oppression: they talke presumptuously.

9 They ᶠ set their mouth against heauen, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his ᵍ people turne hither: for waters of a full cup are wring out to them.

11 And they ʰ say, How doeth God know it? as if there knowledge were the most hie?

12 Loe, these are the wicked, yet prosper they alway, and increase in riches.

13 Certainly ⁱ I haue cleansed my heart in vaine, and washed mine handes in innocencie.

14 For dayly haue I beene punished, and chastened euery morning.

15 If ᵏ I say, I will speake thus, beholde, the generation of thy children I haue transgressed.

16 Then thought ˡ I to know this, but it was too painefull for me,

17 Until I went into the ᵐ Sanctuarie of God: then vnderstood I their end.

18 Surely thou hast set them in slipperie places, & castest them down into destruction.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, perished and horribly consumed.

20 As a dreame when one awaketh: O Lord, when ⁿ thou raisest vs vp, thou shalt make their image despised.

21 Certainely mine heart was vexed, and I was pricked in my reines:

22 So foolish was I and ignorant: I was a ° beast before thee.

23 Yet I was alway ᵖ with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou wilt guide me by thy counsell, and afterward receiue me to glory.

25 Whome haue I in ᵠ heauen but thee? and I haue desired none in the earth with thee.

26 My flesh faileth, and mine heart also: but God is the ʳ strength of mine heart, and my ˢ portion for euer.

27 For lo, they that withdraw themselues from thee, shall perish: thou destroyest all them that ᵗ go a whoring from thee.

28 As

a As it were betweene hope and despaire he breaketh forth into this affection, being assured that God would continue his fauour toward such as were godly indeede, and not hypocrites.

b The wicked in this life liue at pleasure, and are not drawen to death like prisoners: that is, by sickenesse, which is deaths messenger.

c They glory in their pride, as some do in their chaines: and in cruelte, as some doe in apparell.

‡ *Ebr. they passe the desires of the heart.*

d They blaspheme God and iudge not his power, and raile vpon men, because they esteeme themselues aboue all others.

e Not onely the reprobate, but also the people of God oftentimes fall backe, seeing the prosperous estate of the wicked, and are ouerwhelmed with sorrowes, thinking that God considereth not aright the state of the godly.

f Thus the flesh moueth euen the godly to dispute with God touching their poore estate, and the prosperitie of the wicked.

g I I giue place to this wicked thought, I offend against thy prouidence, seeing thou disposest all things most wisely: and preseruest thy children in their greatest dangers.

h Vntil I entred into thy schoole, and learned by thy word and holy spirit, that thou ordereſt all things most wisely & iustly.

i By thy fearefull iudgement.

k When thou openest our eyes to consider thy heauenly felicitie, wee contemne all their vaine pompe.

l For the more that man goeth about by his owne reason to seeke out Gods iudgements, the more doeth hee declare himselfe a beast.

m By faith I was assured that thy prouidence did watch alwaies ouer me to preserue me.

n He sought neither helpe nor comfort of any saue of God onely.

o Hee teacheth vs to denie our selues, to haue God our whole sufficiencie, and onely contentment.

p That is, forsake thee to seeke others.

q Though all the world shrinke from God, yet hee promiseth to trust in him, and to magnifie his workes.

28 As for me, it is good for me q to draw neere to God: therefore I haue put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy workes.

PSALME LXXVII.

1 The faithfull complaine of the destruction of the Church and true religion, 11 Vnder the name of Zion, & the Temple destroyed: 11 And trusting in the might and free mercies of God, 30 By his counsell, 21 They require helpe and succour for the glorie of Gods holy Name, for the saluation of his poore afflicted seruants, 23 And the confusion of his proud enemies.

1 ¶ A Psalme to giue instruction, committed to Asaph.

O God, r why hast thou put vs at this so long time? why is thy wrath kindled against the sheepe of thy pasture?

2 Thinke vpon thy Congregation, which thou hast possessed of old, and on the s rod of thine inheritance which thou hast redeemed, and on this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift vp thy ‖ strokes, that thou mayest for euer destroy euery enemie that doeth euil in the Sanctuary.

4 Thine aduersaries roare in the midst of thy Congregation, and t set vp their banners for signes.

5 He was u knowen as one that lifted vp axes vpon the thicke trees, was renowmed, as one that brought all thing to perfection.

6 But now they breake downe the carued worke thereof with axes and hammers.

7 They haue cast thy Sanctuarie into the fire, and x defiled it to the ground, and haue defiled the dwelling place of thy Name.

8 They said in their y hearts, Let vs destroy them all together: they haue burnt all the Synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signes: there is not one Prophet more, nor any with vs that knoweth z how long.

10 O God, how long shall the aduersarie reproch thee? shall the enemie blaspheme thy Name for euer?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hande, euen thy right hande? draw it out of thy bosome, and a consume them.

12 Euen God is my king of old, working b saluation in the mids of the earth.

13 Thou diddest diuide the sea by thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the head of c Leuiathan in pieces, and gauest him to be meate to the people in wildernesse.

15 Thou brakest vp the fountaine, and riuer: thou driedst vp mightie riuers.

16 The d day is thine: and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light e & the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made Summer and Winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemie hath reproched the Lord, and the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

19 Giue not the soule of thy f turtle done vnto the wicked: and forget not the Congregations of the poore for euer.

20 Consider thy couenant: for the darke places of the earth are full of the habitations of the cruell.

21 Oh let not the oppressed returne ashamed, but let the poore and needy prayse thy Name.

22 Arise, O God, maintaine thine g own cause: remember thy daily reproch by the foolish man.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: for the tumult of them that rise against thee, ‖ ascendeth continually.

PSALME LXXV.

1 The faithfull do praise the Name of the Lord, 2 which shall come to iudge at the time appointed, 3 When the wicked shall be put to confusion, and drinke of the cuppe of his wrath. 10 Their pride shalbe abated, and the righteous shalbe exalted as is meete.

¶ To him that excelleth. Destroy not.

A Psalme or song committed to Asaph.

WE will prayse thee, O God, we will prayse thee: for thy Name is neere: therefore h they will declare thy wonderous workes.

2 When I shall take a conuenient time, I will iudge righteously.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolued: but I will establish the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I saide vnto the i foolish, Be not so foolish, and vnto the wicked, Lift not vp the horne.

5 Lift not vp your k horne on hie, neither speake with a stiffe neck.

6 For promotion commeth l neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South.

7 But God is the Iudge: he maketh low and he maketh hie.

8 For in the hand of the Lord is a m cup, and the wine is red: it is full mixt, and he powreth out of the same: surely all the wicked of the earth shall wring out and drinke the dregs thereof.

9 But I will declare for euer, and sing prayses vnto the God of Iaakob.

10 All the hornes of the wicked also will I breake: but the hornes of the n righteous shalbe exalted.

q Though all the world shrinke from God, yet hee promiseth to trust.

r Reade Psalme 57.1.

s The Church of God being oppressed by the tyrannie either of the Babylonians, or of Antiochus, prayeth to God, by whose hand this yoke was layd vpon them for their sinnes.

b Which inheritance thou hast measured out for thy selfe as with a line or rod.

‖ Or, feet.

c They haue destroyed the true religio, & spread their banners in signe of defiance.

d He commendeth the Temple for the costly matter, the excellent workemanship, and beauty thereof, which notwithstanding the enemies did destroy.

e They encouraged one another to crueltie, that not onely Gods people might be destroyed, but also his religion vtterly in all places suppressed.

f They lament that they haue no Prophet among them to shew them how long their miseries should endure.

g They ioined their deliuerance with Gods glory and power, knowing that the punishment of the enemie should be their deliuerance.

h Meaning, in the sight of all the world.

i To wit, Pharaohs armie.

k Which was a great monster of the sea, or whale, meaning Pharaoh.

l His destruction did reioyce them as meat refresheth the body.

m Seeing that God by his prouidence gouerneth and disposeth all things, he gathereth that he will take care chiefly for his children.

n He meaneth the Church of God which is exposed as a pray to the wicked.

o That is, all places where thy word shineth not, there reigneth tyranny & ambition.

p He sheweth that God cannot suffer his Church to be oppressed, except he lose his owne right.

‖ Or, increaseth more and more.

15 Day Morning

q Though all things be brought to ruine, yet I can restore and preserue them.

r The Prophet warneth the wicked that they would not set themselues against them that rule

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme or song commited to Asaph.

GOd is a knowen in Iudah: his Name is great in Israel.

2 For in b Shalem is his Tabernacle, and his dwelling in Zion.

3 There brake hee the arrowes of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battell. Selah.

4 Thou art more bright and puissant then c the mountaines of praye.

5 The stout hearted are spoyled: they haue slept their sleepe, and all the men of strength haue not d found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Iaakob, both the chariot and horse are cast asleepe.

7 Thou, euen thou art to be feared: and who shall stand in thy e sight, when thou art angry?

8 Thou diddest cause thy iudgement to bee heard from heauen: therefore the earth feared and was still,

9 When thou, O God, arose to iudgement, to f helpe all the meeke of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the g rage of man shall turne to thy praise: the remnant of the rage shalt thou restraine.

11 Vow and performe vnto the Lord your God, all yee that bee h round about him: let them bring presents vnto him that ought to be feared.

12 Hee shall i cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

a He declareth that Gods power is euidently seene in preserving his people, and destroying his enemies.

b Which afterward was called Ierusalem.

c He compareth the kingdomes full of extortion and rapine, to the mountaines that are full of rauening beasts.

d God hath taken their spirits & strength from them, as though their hands were cut off.

e God with a looke is able to destroy all the power and actiuitie of the enemies, were they neuer so many or mightie.

f To reuenge the wrongs done to thy Church.

g For the end shall shew that the enemie was able to bring nothing to passe: also thou shalt bridle their rage, that they shall not compasse their purpose.

h To wit, the Leuites that dwell about the Tabernacle, or the people, among whom he doeth dwell.

i The Ebrew word signifieth to vintage, or gather grapes: meaning, that hee shall make the counsels and enterprises of wicked tyrants foolish and vaine.

PSAL. LXXVII.

1 The Prophet in the name of the Church rehearseth the greatnesse of his affliction, and his grieuous temptations, 6 whereby he was driuen to this end to consider his former conuersation, 11 and the continuall course of Gods works in the preseruation of his seruants, and so hee confirmeth his faith against these temptations.

¶ For the excellent musician a Jeduthun. A Psalme commited to Asaph.

MY a voyce came to God, when I cryed: my voyce came to God, and hee heard mee.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: ‖ my sore ranne and ceased not in the night: my soule refused comfort.

3 I did thinke vpon God, and was b troubled: I prayed, and my spirit was full of anguish. Selah.

4 Thou keepest mine eyes c waking: I was astonied, and could not speake.

5 Then I considered the dayes of old, and the yeeres of ancient time.

6 I called to remembrance my d song in the night: I communed with mine owne heart, and my spirite searched diligently.

7 Will the Lord absent himselfe for euer? and will he shew no more fauour?

8 Is his e mercie cleane gone for euer? doeth his promise faile for euermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to bee mercifull? hath hee shut vp his tender mercies in displeasure? Selah.

10 And I said, This is my a death: yet I remembred the yeeres of the right hand of the most High.

11 I remembred the workes of the Lord: certainely I remembred thy woonders of olde.

12 I did also meditate all thy works: and did deuise of thine acts, saying,

13 Thy way, O God, is b in the Sanctuarie: who is so great a c God as our God!

14 Thou art the God that doest woonders: thou hast declared thy power among the people.

15 Thou hast redeemed thy people with thine arme, euen the sonnes of Iaakob and Ioseph. Selah.

16 The b waters saw thee, O God: the waters saw thee, and were afrayd: yea, the depths trembled.

17 The cloudes powred out water: the heauens gaue a l sound: yea, thine arrowes went abroad.

18 The voyce of thy thunder was round about: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shooke.

19 Thy way is in the Sea, and thy paths in the great waters, and thy footesteps are not m knowen.

20 Thou diddest leade thy people like sheepe by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psal. 39. & 62. 1. chron. 16. 41.

a The Prophet teacheth vs by his example to flee vnto God for helpe in our necessities.

Or, mine hand was stretched out.

b He sheweth that we must patiently abide, although God deliuer vs not out of our troubles at the first crie.

c Meaning, that his sorowes were as watchmen that kept his eyes from sleeping.

d Of thanksgiuing which I was accustomed to sing in my prosperitie.

e Both the causes why I was chastened, and when my sorowes should haue an end.

f As if he should say, It is impossible: whereby he exhorteth himselfe to patience.

g Though I first doubted of my life, yet considering that God had his yeeres, that is, change of times, and was accustomed also to lift vp them, whom he hath beaten, I tooke heart againe.

h That is, in heauen, whereunto we must ascend by faith, if we will know the wayes of God.

i He condemneth all that worship any thing saue the onely true God, whose glory appeareth through the world.

k He declareth wherein the power of God was declared, when hee deliuered the Israelites thorow the red sea.

l That is, thundered and lightened.

m For when thou hadst brought ouer thy people, the water returned to her course, and the enemies that thought to haue followed them, could not passe thorow. Exod. 14. 28, 29.

PSAL. LXXVIII.

1 Hee sheweth how God of his mercie chose his Church of the posteritie of Abraham, 8 reproching the stubburne rebellion of their fathers, that the children might not only vnderstand, 11 that God of his free mercy made his couenant with their ancestours, 17 but also seeing them so malicious and peruerse, might be ashamed, and returne wholy to God. In this Psalme the holy Ghost hath comprehended as it were the summe of all Gods benefites, to the intent the ignorant and grosse people might see in few words the effect of the whole histories of the Bible.

¶ A Psalme to giue a instruction, commited to Asaph.

HEare my b doctrine, O my people: incline your eares vnto the wordes of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will declare high sentences of old,

3 Which wee haue heard and knowen, and our c fathers haue told vs.

4 We will not hide them from their children, but to the generation to come we will shew the prayses of the Lord, his power also, and his wonderfull workes that hee hath done:

a Reade Psal. 32.

b The Prophet vnder the name of a teacher calleth the people his, and the doctrine his, as Paul calleth ‖ Gospel his, whereof he was but the preacher, as Rom. 2. 16. and 16. 25.

c Which were ‖ people of God.

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d By the testimonie and law, he meaneth the law written, which they were commanded to teach their children, Deut 6.7.

e Hee sheweth wherein the children should be like their fathers, that is, in maintaining Gods pure religion.

f He sheweth wherein the vse of this doctrine standeth in faith, in the meditation of Gods benefits, and in obedience.

g Though these fathers were the seede of Abraham and the chosen people, yet he sheweth by their rebellion, prouocation, falshood and hypocrisie, that the children ought not to follow their examples.

h By Ephraim he meaneth also the rest of the tribes, because they were most in number: whose punishment declareth that they were vnfaithfull to God, and by their multitude and authoritie had corrupt all others.

i He prooueth that not onely the posteritie, but also their forefathers were wicked & rebellious to God. *Exod.14.21. Exod.14.24. Exod.17.6. numb 20.11.*

5 How hee established a [d] testimonie in Iaakob, & ordeined a Law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should teach their children:

6 That the [e] posteritie might know it, & the children which should be borne, should stand vp, and declare it to their children:

7 That they might [f] set their hope on God, and not forget the workes of God, but keepe his commandements:

8 And not to be as their [g] fathers, a disobedient and rebellious generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithfull vnto God.

9 The children of [h] Ephraim being armed, and shooting with the bowe, turned backe in the day of battell.

10 They kept not the couenant of God, but [i] refused to walke in his law,

11 And forgate his actes, and his wonderfull works that he had shewed them.

12 He did maruellous things in the sight of their [k] fathers in the land of Egypt: euen in the field of Zoan.

13 * He diuided the sea, and led them thorow: hee made also the waters to stand as an heape.

14 * In the day time also hee ledde them with a cloude, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 * He claue the rocks in the wildernes, & gaue them drinke as of the great depths.

16 * He brought floods also out of the stonie rocke, so that he made the waters to descend like the riuers.

17 Yet they [l] sinned still against him, and prouoked the Highest in the wildernesse,

18 And tempted God in their hearts in [m] requiring meate for their lust.

19 * They spake against God also, saying, Can God [n] prepare a table in the wildernesse?

20 * Beholde, hee smote the rocke, that the water gushed out, and the streames ouerflowed: can hee giue bread also? or prepare flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard and was angry, and the * fire was kindled in Jacob, and also wrath came vpon Israel,

22 Because they beleeued not in God, and * trusted not in his helpe.

23 Yet he had commanded the [o] cloudes aboue, and had opened the doores of heauen,

24 And had rained downe MANNA vpon them for to eate, and had giuen them of the wheate of heauen.

25 * Man did eate the bread of Angels: he sent them meate enough.

26 Hee caused the [p] East winde to passe in the heauen, and through his power hee brought in the South winde.

27 He rained flesh also vpon them as dust, and feathered foule as the sand of the sea.

28 And hee made it fall in the middes of their campe, euen round about their habitations.

29 So they did eate, and were wel filled: for he gaue them their desire.

30 They were not turned from their [q] lust, but the meat was yet in their mouthes,

31 When the wrath of God came euen vpon them, and slew [r] the strongest of them, and smote downe the chosen men in Israel.

32 For all this, they [s] sinned still, and beleeued not his wonderous works.

33 Therefore their dayes did he consume in vanitie, and their yeeres hastily.

34 And when hee [t] slewe them, they sought him, and they returned, and sought God early.

35 And they remembred that God was their strength, and the most high God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouth, and dissembled with him with their tongue.

37 For their * heart was not vpright with him: neither were they faithfull in his couenant.

38 Yet he being mercifull [u] forgaue their iniquitie, and destroyed them not, but oftimes called backe his anger, and did not stirre vp all his wrath.

39 For hee remembred that they were flesh: yea, a winde that passeth and commeth not againe.

40 How oft did they prouoke him in the wildernesse? and grieue him in the desert?

41 Yea, they [x] returned, and tempted God, and [y] limited the holy One of Israel.

42 They [z] remembred not his hand, nor the day when hee deliuered them from the enemie,

43 Nor him that set his signes in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan,

44 And turned their riuers into blood, and their floods, that they could not drinke.

45 Hee sent [a] a swarme of flies among them, which deuoured them, and froggs which destroyed them.

46 Hee [b] gaue also their fruites vnto the caterpiller, and their labour vnto the grashopper.

47 Hee destroyed their vines with haile, and their wilde figtrees with the hailestone.

48 He gaue their cattell also to the haile, and their flocks to the thunderbolts.

49 Hee cast vpon them the fiercenesse of his anger, indignation and wrath, and vexation by the sending out of [c] euill angels.

50 He made a way to his anger: he spared

p God vsed the meanes of the winde to teach them, that all elements were at his commandement, and that no distance of place could let his working.

q Such is the nature of concupiscence, that the more it hath, the more it lusteth.

r Though other were not spared, yet chiefly they suffered, which trusted in their strength against God.

s Thus sinne by continuance, maketh men insensible, so that by no plagues they can be amended.

t Such was their hypocrisie, that they sought vnto God for feare of punishment, though in their heart they loued him not.

u Whatsoeuer commeth not from the pure fountaine of the heart, is hypocrisie.

x Because hee would euer haue some remnant of a Church to praise his Name in earth, he suffered not their sinnes to ouercome his mercy.

y That is, they tempted him oftimes.

z As they all doe that measure the power of God by their capacitie.

a The forgetfulnesse of Gods benefites is the root of rebellion and all vice.

b This word signifieth a confused mixture of flies and venemous worms. Some take it for all sorts of Serpents: some for all wilde beasts.

c Hee repeateth not here all the miracles that God did in Egypt, but certain which might bee sufficient to conuince the people of malice and ingratitude.

d So called, either of the effect, that is, of punishing the wicked, or else because they were wicked spirits, whom God permitted to vexe men.

psalm.105.41. 1.cor.10.4. wisd.11.4. k Their wicked malice could bee ouercome by no benefites, which were great and many. l Then to require more then is necessary, and to separate Gods power from his will, is to tempt God. *Numb.11.1.* m Thus when we giue place to sinne, we are moued to doubt of Gods power, except he will alwayes be ready to serue our lust. *Exod.17.16. numb. 20.11. psal.105.41. 1.cor.10.4. Numb.11.1.* n That is, in his Fatherly prouidence, whereby he careth for his, and prouideth sufficiently. o So that they had that, which was necessarie and sufficient: but their lust made them to couet that which they knew God had denied them. *Iohn 6.31. 1.cor.10.3.*

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not their soule from death, but gaue their life to the pestilence,

51 And smote all the first borne in Egypt, euen the e beginning of their strength in the tabernacles of f Ham.

52 But he made his people to goe out like sheepe, and led them in the wildernesse like a flocke,

53 Yea, he caried them out safely, and they g feared not, and the Sea couered their enemies.

54 And hee brought them vnto the borders of his h Sanctuary: euen to this Mountaine, which his right hand purchased.

55 i Hee cast out the heathen also before them, and caused them to fall to the lot of his inheritance, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tabernacles.

56 Yet they tempted, and prouoked the most high God, & kept not his testimonies,

57 But turned backe and dealt l falsely like their fathers: they turned like a deceitfull bow.

58 And they k prouoked him to anger with their high places, and moued him to wrath with their grauen images.

59 God heard this and was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel,

60 So that hee l forsooke the habitation of Shilo, euen the Tabernacle where hee dwelt among men,

61 And deliuered his m power into captiuitie, and his beauty into the enemies hand.

62 And hee gaue vp his people to the sword, and was angry with his inheritance.

63 The fire n deuoured their chosen men, and their maids were not o praised.

64 Their Priests fell by the sword, and their p widowes lamented not.

65 But the Lorde awaked as one out of sleepe, and as a strong man that after his q wine crieth out,

66 And smote his enemies in the hinder parts, and put them to a perpetuall shame.

67 Yet he refused the tabernacle of r Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, and mount Zion which he loued.

69 And hee s built his Sanctuary as an hie place like the earth, which he established for euer.

70 Hee chose Dauid also his seruant, and tooke him from the sheepefolds.

71 Euen from behinde the Ewes with yong brought hee him to feede his people in Jaakob, and his inheritance in Israel.

72 So t he fedde them according to the simplicitie of his heart, and guided them by the discretion of his hands.

e The first borne are so called, as Gene 49.3.

f That is, Egypt: for it was called Mizraim or Egypt of Mizraim, that was the sonne of Ham.

g That is, they had none occasion to feare, for asmuch as God destroyed their enemies, and deliuered them safely.

h Meaning, Canaan, which God had consecrate to himselfe, and appointed to his people. *Iosh. 11.16. and 13.6.*

i Nothing more displeaseth God in the children, then when they continue in that wickednesse, which their fathers had begun.

k By seruing God otherwise then he had appointed.

l For their ingratitude he suffered the Philistims to take the Arke, which was the signe of his presence, from among them.

m The Arke is called his power and beautie, because thereby he defended his people, & beautifully appeared vnto them.

n They were suddenly destroyed, 1 Sam. 4.10.

o They had no mariage songs: that is, they were not maried.

p Either they were slaine before, or taken prisoners of their enemies, & so were forbidden.

q Because they were drunken in their sinnes, they iudged Gods patience to be a slumbring, as though he were drunken: therfore he answering their beastly iudgment, saith, he will awake and take sudden vengeance.

r Shewing that he spared not altogether the Israelites, though he punished their enemies.

s By building the Temple and establishing the kingdome, he declareth that the signes of his fauour were among them.

t Hee sheweth wherein a Kings charge standeth: to wit, to prouide faithfully for his people, to guide them by counsell, and defend them by power.

PSAL. LXXIX.

1 The Israelites complaine to God for the great calamitie & oppression that they suffered by Gods enemies, 8 and confessing their sinnes, flee to Gods mercies with full hope of deliuerance, 10 because their calamities were ioyned with the contempt of his Name, 13 for the which they promise to bee thankefull.

A Psalme committed to Asaph.

O God, a the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thine holy Temple haue they defiled, and made Jerusalem heapes of stones.

2 The b dead bodies of thy seruants haue they giuen to be meate vnto foules of the heauen: and the flesh of thy Saints vnto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood haue they shed like waters round about Jerusalem, and there was none to c bury them.

4 Wee are a reproch to our d neighbours, euen a scorne and derision vnto them that are round about vs.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry, for euer? shall thy iealousie e burne like fire?

6 f Powre out thy wrath vpon the heathen that haue not knowen thee, and vpon the kingdoms that haue not called vpon thy Name.

7 For they haue deuoured Jaakob, and made his dwelling place desolate.

8 Remember not against vs the g former iniquities, but s make haste, and let thy tender mercies preuent vs: for we are in great miserie.

9 Helpe vs, O God of our h saluation, for the glory of thy Name, and deliuer vs, and be mercifull vnto our sinnes for thy Names sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let them be knowen among the heathen in our sight by the vengeance of the blood of thy seruants that is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the i prisoners come before thee: according to thy mighty arme preserue k the children of death,

12 And render to our neighbours seuen fold into their bosome their reproch, wherewith they haue reproched thee, O Lord.

13 So wee thy people, and sheepe of thy pasture shall praise thee for euer: and from generation to generation l we will set forth thy praise.

a The people cry vnto God against the barbarous tyranny of the Babylonians, who spoiled Gods inheritance, polluted his Temple, destroyed his religion, and murthered his people.

b The Prophet sheweth to what extremities God suffereth sometime his Church to fall, to exercise their faith before he set to his hand to deliuer them.

c Their friends and kinsfolkes durst not bury them for feare of the enemies.

d Whereof some came of Abraham, but were degenerate: and others were open enemies to thy religion, but they both laughed at our miseries.

e Wilt thou vtterly consume vs for our sins, before thou takest vs to mercie? *Iere. 10.25.*

f Which we and our fathers haue committed.

g And stay not till we haue recompensed for our sinnes.

h Seeing we haue none other Sauiour, neither can wee helpe our selues, & also by our saluation thy Name shalbe praised, therefore, O Lord, helpe vs.

i Who though in respect of God they were iustly punished for their sins, yet in consideration of their cause, were vniustly murthered.

k Which were captiues among their enemies, and could looke for nothing but death.

l We ought to desire no benefite of God, but on this condition to praise his Name, *Ps. 43.21.*

PSAL. LXXX.

1 A lamentable prayer to God to helpe the miseries of his Church, 8 desiring him to consider their first estate, when his fauour shined towards them, to the intent that he might finish that worke which he had begunne.

To him that excelleth on Shoshannim Eduth, A Psalme committed to Asaph.

a This Psalme was made as a prayer for to desire God to be mercifull to the ten tribes.
b Moue their hearts that they may returne to worship God aright: that is, in the place where thou hast appointed
c Ioyne thy whole people & all thy tribes together againe.
d The faithfull feare Gods anger, when they perceiue that their prayers are not forthwith heard.
e Our neighbors haue continuall strife and warre against vs.
f Because that repentance onely cometh of God, they most instantly and oft times call to God for it, as a meane whereby they shall be saued.
g Seeing that of thy mercy thou hast made vs a most deare possession to thee, & we through our sinnes are made open for wilde beasts to deuoure vs, declare againe thy loue, & finish the worke that thou hast begun.
‡ *Ebr Cedars of God.*
h To wit, Euphrates.
i That is, aswell they that hate our Religion, as they that hate our persons.
k They gaue not place to temptation, knowing that albeit there were no helpe in earth, yet God was able to succour them from heauen.
l So that no power can preuaile against it, and which as a yong bud thou raisest vp againe as out of y burnt ashes.
m Only when thou art angry, and not with the sword of the enemy.
n That is, vpon this vine, or people, whom thou hast planted with thy right hand, that they should be as one man or one body.
o For none can call vpon God, but such as are raised vp, as it were, from death to life, and regenerate by the holy Spirit.

HEare, a O thou Shepheard of Israel, thou that leadest Ioseph like sheepe: shewe thy brightnesse, thou that sittest betweene the b Cherubims.
2 Before Ephraim and Beniamin and Manasseh stirre vp thy strength, and come to helpe vs.
3 c Turne vs againe, O God, and cause thy face to shine, that we may be saued.
4 O Lord God of hostes how long wilt thou bee d angry against the prayer of thy people?
5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of teares, & giuen them teares to drinke with great measure.
6 Thou hast made vs a e strife vnto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh at vs among themselues.
7 f Turne vs againe, O God of hostes: cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saued.
8 Thou hast brought a ‡ vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
9 Thou madest roome for it, and diddest cause it to take roote, and it filled the land.
10 The mountaines were couered with the shadow of it: and the boughes there of were like the ‡ goodly cedars.
11 Shee stretched out her branches vnto the Sea, and her boughs vnto the h River.
12 Why hast thou then broken downe her hedges, so that all they, which passe by the way haue plucked her?
13 The wilde i boze out of the wood hath destroyed it, and the wilde beasts of the field haue eaten it vp.
14 Returne wee beseech thee, O God of hostes: looke downe k from heauen and beholde and visite this vine,
15 And the vineyard, that thy right hand hath planted, and the yong vine, which thou madest l strong for thy selfe.
16 It is burnt with fire, and cut downe: and they perish at the m rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thine hand bee vpon the n man of thy right hande, and vpon the sonne of man, whō thou madest strong for thine owne selfe.
18 So wil not we go backe fro thee: o reuiue thou vs, & we shall call vpon thy Name.
19 Turne vs again, O Lord God of hosts; cause thy face to shine, and wee shalbe saued.

PSAL. LXXXI.

1 An exhortation to praise God both in heart and voice for his benefits, 8 and to worship him only. 11 God condemneth their ingratitude, 12 & sheweth what great benefits they haue lost through their owne malice.

a An instrumēt of musicke brought from Geth,

¶ To him that excelleth vpon a Gittith. A Psalme committed to Asaph.

SIng b ioyfully vnto God our strength: sing loud vnto the God of Iaakob.
2 Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harpe with the viole.
3 Blow the trumpet in the c new moone, euen in the time appointed, at our feast day.
4 For this is a statute for Israel, and a Law of the God of Iaakob.
5 He set this in d Ioseph for a testimony, when hee came out of the land of Egypt, where I heard a language, that e I vnderstood not.
6 I haue withdrawen his shoulder from the burden, and his hands haue left the pots.
7 Thou calledst in affliction, and I deliuered thee, and f answered thee in the secret of the thunder: I proued thee at the waters of ‖ Meribah. Selah.
8 g Heare, O my people, and I will protest vnto thee: O Israel if thou wilt hearken vnto me,
9 And wilt haue no strange God in thee, neither worship any strange God,
10 (For I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt) open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not heare my voyce, and Israel would none of me.
12 So I gaue them vp vnto the hardnes of their heart, and they haue walked in their owne counsels.
13 h Oh that my people had hearkened vnto me, and Israel had walked in my wayes!
14 I would soone haue humbled their enemies, and turned mine hande i against their aduersaries.
15 The haters of the Lord should haue bene subiect vnto him, & their time k should haue endured for euer.
16 And God would haue fed them with the l fat of wheate, and with hony out of the rocke would I haue sufficed thee.

‖ *Or, contention, Exod. 17.7.*
b It seemeth that this Psalme was appointed for solemne feasts and assemblies of the people to whom for a time these ceremonies were ordained, but now vnder the Gospel are abolished.
c Vnder this feast he comprehendeth all other solemne dayes.
d That is, in Israel: for Ioseph's family was counted the chiefe before that Iudah was preferred.
e God speaketh in the person of the people, because he was their leader.
f If they were neuer able to giue sufficient thanks to God for this deliuerance from corporall bondage, how much more are we indebted to him for our spirituall deliuerance from the tyranny of Satan and sinne?
g By a strange and wonderfull fashion.
h He condemneth all assemblies, where the people are not attentiue to heare Gods voyce, & to giue obedience to the same.
i God accuseth their incredulitie, because they opened not their mouths to receiue Gods benefits in such abundance as he powreth them out.
k God by his worde calleth all, but his secret election appointeth who shal heare with fruit.
l If their sinnes had not letted.
m If the Israelites had not broken covenant with God, hee would haue giuen them victory against their enemies.
n That is, with most fine wheat and abundance of hony.

PSAL. LXXXII.

1 The Prophet declaring God to be present among the Iudges & Magistrates, 2 reproueth their partialitie, 3 And exhorteth them to do iustice, 5 But seeing none amendment, 8 he desireth God to vndertake the matter, and execute iustice himselfe.

¶ A Psalme committed to Asaph.

GOd standeth in the assembly of a gods: he iudgeth among gods.
2 Howe long will ye iudge vniustly, and accept the persons of the b wicked? Selah.
3 Doe right to the poore and fatherlesse: doe iustice to the poore and needy.
4 Deliuer the poore and c needy: saue them from the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not & vnderstand nothing:

a The Prophet sheweth that if Princes & Iudges do not their duty, God, whose authority is aboue thē, wil take vengeance on them.
b For theeues & murderers find fauor in iudgmēs.
c Not onely when they cry for helpe, but when their cause requireth

when the cause of the godly cannot be heard.

d That is, all things are out of order either by their tyranny or careleſſe negligence.
e No title of honour ſhal excuſe you, but you ſhal be ſubiect to Gods iudgement, and render account as well as other men. f Therefore no tyrant ſhall plucke thy right and authoritie from thee.

they walke in darkneſſe, albeit all the d foundations of the earth be mooued.
6 I haue ſayd, Ye are gods, and ye all are children of the moſt High.
7 e But ye ſhall die as a man, and yee princes ſhall fall like others.
8 O God, ariſe, therefore iudge thou the earth: for thou ſhalt f inherite all nations.

PSAL. LXXXIII.

1 The people of Iſrael pray vnto the Lord to deliuer them from their enemies both at home and farre off, which imagined nothing but their deſtruction. 9 And they deſire that all ſuch wicked people may, according as God was accuſtomed, be ſtricken with the ſtormie tempeſt of Gods wrath, 18 that they may know that the Lord is moſt high vpon the earth.

A ſong or Pſalme committed to Aſaph.

a This Pſalme ſeemeth to haue bene compoſed, as a forme of prayer againſt the dangers that the Church was in, in the dayes of Iehoſhaphat.
b Hee calleth them Gods enemies, which are enemies to his Church.
c The elect of God are his ſecret ones: for he hideth thē in the ſecret of his tabernacle, and preſerueth them frō all dangers.
d They were not content to take the Church as priſoner, but fought vtterly to deſtroy it.
e By all ſecret meanes.
f They thought to haue ſubuerted thy counſell, wherein the perpetuitie of the Church was eſtabliſhed.
‖ Or, Zor.
g The wickednes of ‖ Ammonites and Moabites is deſcribed, in that they prouoked theſe other nations to fight againſt the Iſraelites their brethren. h By theſe examples, they were confirmed that God would not ſuffer his people to bee vtterly deſtroyed, Iudg. 7.21. and 4.15. i Troden vnder feete as mire. *Iudg.* 7.25. & 8.21. k That is, Iudea: for where his Church is, there dwelleth he among them. l Becauſe the reprobate could by no meanes be amended, he prayeth that they may bee vtterly deſtroyed, be vnſtable, and led with all windes.

KEepe a not thou ſilence, O God: be not ſtill, and ceaſe not, O God.
2 For loe, thine b enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee, haue lifted vp the head.
3 They haue taken crafty counſel againſt thy people, and haue conſulted againſt thy c ſecret ones.
4 They haue ſayd, Come, and let vs d cut them off from being a nation, and let the name of Iſrael be no more in remembrance.
5 For they haue conſulted together e in heart, and haue made a league f againſt thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Iſhmaelites, Moab and the Agarims:
7 Gebal and Ammon, and Amalech, the Philiſtims with the inhabitants of ‖ Tyrus.
8 Aſſhur alſo is ioyned with them: they haue bene an arme to the children g of Lot. Selah.
9 Doe thou to them as vnto the h Midianites: as to Siſera, and as to Iabin at the riuer of Kiſhon.
10 They periſhed at En-dor, and were i dung for the earth.
11 Make them, euen their princes like k Oreb and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes like Zeba and like Zalmunna.
12 Which haue ſaid, Let vs take for our poſſeſſion the l habitations of God.
13 O my God, make them like vnto a ‖ wheele, and as the ſtubble before the winde.
14 As the fire burneth the foreſt, and as the flame ſetteth the mountaines on fire:
15 So perſecute them with thy tempeſt, and make them afraid with thy ſtorme.
16 Fill their faces with ſhame, that they may m ſeeke thy Name, O Lord.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for euer: yea, let them bee put to ſhame and periſh.
18 That they may n knowe that thou, whoſe name alone is Iehouah, art alone, euen the moſt High ouer all the earth.

m That is, be compelled by thy plagues to confeſſe thy power.
n Though they beleeue not, yet they may proue by experience, that it is in vaine to reſiſt againſt thy counſell in Church.

PSAL. LXXXIIII.

1 Dauid driuen forth of his countrey, 2 Deſireth moſt ardently to come again to the Tabernacle of the Lord & the aſſembly of the Saints to praiſe God, 4 Pronouncing them bleſſed that may ſo doe. 6 Then he prayeth the courage of the people, that paſſe thorow the wildernes to aſſemble themſelues in Zion. 10 Finally with praiſe of this matter and confidence of Gods goodnes, he endeth the Pſalme.

To him that excelleth vpon Gittith. A Pſalme committed to the ſonnes of Korah.

O Lord of hoſtes, how amiable are thy Tabernacles!
2 My ſoule longeth, yea, and fainteth for the b courts of the Lord: for mine heart and my fleſh reioyce in the liuing God.
3 Yea, the ſparrow hath found her an houſe, and the ſwallow a neſt for her, where ſhee may lay her young: euen by thine c altars, O Lord of hoſtes, my King and my God.
4 Bleſſed are they that dwell in thine houſe: they will euer praiſe thee. Selah.
5 Bleſſed is the man, whoſe d ſtrength is in thee, and in whoſe heart are thy wayes.
6 They going through the vale of e Baca, make welles therein: the raine alſo couereth the pooles.
7 They goe from f ſtrength to ſtrength, till euery one appeare before God in Zion.
8 O Lord God of hoſtes, heare my prayer: hearken, O God of Iaakob. Selah.
9 Behold, O God, our ſhield, and looke vpon the face of thine g Anointed.
10 For h a day in thy courtes is better then a thouſand otherwhere: I had rather bee a dooze keeper in the houſe of my God, then to dwel in the Tabernacles of wickednes.
11 For the Lord God is the Sunne and ſhield vnto vs: the Lord will giue grace and glory, and no i good thing will he withhold from them that walke vprightly.
12 O Lord of hoſtes, bleſſed is the man that truſteth in thee.

a Dauid complaineth that he cannot haue acceſſe to the Church of God to make profeſſion of his faith and to profite in religion.
b For none but the Prieſts could enter into the Sanctuary, and the reſt of the people into the courts.
c So that the poore birds haue more libertie then I.
d Who truſteth nothing in himſelfe, but in thee onely, and learneth of thee to rule his life.
e That is, of mulberie trees which was a barren place, ſo that they which paſſed through, muſt digge pits for water: ſignifying that no lets can hinder them that are fully bent to come to Chriſts Church, neither yet that God will euer faile them.
f They are neuer weary, but increaſe in ſtrength and courage till they come to Gods houſe.
g That is, for Chriſts ſake, whoſe figure I repreſent.
h He would wiſh to liue but one day rather in Gods Church then a thouſand among the worldlings.
i But will from time to time increaſe his bleſſings toward his more and more.

PSAL. LXXXV.

1 Becauſe God withdrew not his rods from his Church after their returne from Babylon, firſt they put him in mind of their deliuerance, to the intent that he ſhould not leaue the worke of his grace vnperfit. 5 Next they complaine of their long afflictions.

fliction: 8 And thirdly they reioyce in hope of full saluation promised. 9 For their deliuerance was a figure of Christs kingdome, vnder the which should be perfect felicitie.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

a They confesse that Gods free mercie was the cause of their deliuerance, because he loued the land which he had chosen.

LORD, thou hast bene a fauourable vnto thy land: thou hast brought againe the captiuitie of Iaakob.

2 Thou hast forgiuen the iniquity of thy people, and b couered all their sinnes. Selah.

3 Thou hast withdrawen all thine anger, and hast turned backe from the c fiercenesse of thy wrath.

b Thou hast buried them that they shall not come into iudgement.

4 Turne vs, O God of our saluation, and release thine anger towards vs.

c Not onely in withdrawing thy rod, but in forgiuing our sinnes, and in touching our hearts to confesse them.

5 Wilt thou be angry with vs d for euer? and wilt thou prolong thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turne againe and quicken vs, that thy people may reioyce in thee?

7 Shew vs thy mercy, O Lorde, and graunt vs thy e saluation.

d As in times past they had felt Gods mercies: so now being oppressed by the long cõtinuance of euils, they pray vnto God, that according to his nature he would be merciful vnto them.

8 I will hearken what the Lorde God will say: for he will speake f peace vnto his people, and to his Saints, that they turne not againe to folly.

9 Surely his saluation is neere to them that feare him, that glory may dwell in our land.

e He confesseth that our saluation commeth onely of Gods mercy.

10 Mercy and trueth shall meete: righteousnes and peace shall kisse one another.

11 g Trueth shall budde out of the earth, and righteousnesse shall looke downe from heauen.

12 Yea, the Lord shall giue good things, and our land shall giue her increase.

13 h Righteousnesse shall goe before him, and shall set her steps in the way.

f He will send all prosperity to his Church, when hee hath sufficiently corrected them. Also by his punishments the faithful shal learne to beware that they returne not to like offences.

g Though for a time God thus exercise them with his rods, yet vnder the kingdome of Christ they should haue peace and ioy.

h Iustice shall then flourish and haue free course and passage in euery place.

PSAL. LXXXVI.

1 Dauid sore afflicted and forsaken of all, prayeth feruently for deliuerãce: 5 sometime rehearsing his miseries, 5 Sometimes the mercies receiued, 11 Desiring also to be instructed of the Lord, that he may feare him and glorifie his Name. 14 He complaineth also of his aduersaries, and requireth to be deliuered from them.

¶ A prayer of Dauid.

a Dauid persecuted of Saul, thus prayed, leauing the same to the Church as a monument, how to seeke redresse against their miseries.

INcline a thine eare, O Lord, and heare me: for I am poore and needie.

2 Preserue thou my soule, for I am b mercifull: my God, saue thou thy seruant, that trusteth in thee.

3 Be mercifull vnto me, O Lord: for I c cry vnto thee continually.

4 Reioyce the soule of thy seruant: for vnto thee, O Lord, doe I lift vp my soule.

5 For thou Lord, art good d and mercifull,

b I am not enemie to them, but pitie them, though they be cruell toward me

c Which was a sure token that he beleeued that God would deliuer him.

d He doeth confesse that God is good to all, but only merciful to poore sinners, and of great kindenesse vnto all them, that call vpon thee.

6 Giue eare, Lord, vnto my prayer, and e hearken to the voyce of my supplication.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call vpon thee: for thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there is none like thee, O Lord, and there f is none that can doe like thy works.

9 All nations, whom thou hast made, shall come, and g worshippe before thee, O Lord, and shall glorifie thy Name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wonderous things: thou art God alone.

11 h Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walke in thy trueth: knit mine heart vnto thee, that I may feare thy Name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all mine heart: yea, I will glorifie thy Name for euer.

13 For great is thy mercy toward mee, and thou hast deliuered my soule from i the lowest graue.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men haue k sought my soule, and haue not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a pitifull God and mercifull, slow to anger, and great in kindnesse and trueth.

16 Turne vnto me, and haue mercy vpon me: giue thy strength vnto thy seruant, and saue the l sonne of thy handmayd.

17 Shew a token of thy goodnesse toward me, that they which hate me, may see it, and be ashamed, because thou, O Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

e By crying and calling continually, hee sheweth how wee may not bee weary, though God graunt not forthwith our request, but that we must earnestly and often call vpon him.

f He condemneth all idols, forasmuch as they can doe no workes to declare that they are gods.

g This prooueth that Dauid prayed in the Name of Christ the Messias, of whose kingdome he doeth here prophesie.

h He confesseth himselfe ignorant til God hath taught him, and his heart variable and separate from God, till God ioyne it to him, and confirme it in his obedience.

i That is, from most great danger of death: out of the which none, but onely the mighty hand of God, could deliuer him.

k He sheweth that there can be no moderation nor equitie, where proud tyrants reigne, and that the lacke of Gods feare is as a priuiledge to all vice and cruelty.

l He boasteth not of his owne vertues, but confesseth that God of his free goodnesse hath euer bene merciful vnto him, and giuen him power against his enemies, as to one of his owne household.

PSAL. LXXXVII.

1 The holy Ghost promiseth that the condition of the Church, which was in miserie after the captiuitie of Babylon, should bee restored to great excellency, 4 so that there should bee nothing more comfortable, then to be numbred among the members thereof.

¶ A Psalme or song committed to the sonnes of Korah.

a God did chuse that place among the hilles to stablish Ierusalem and his Temple.

GOd laid his a foundations among the holy mountaines.

2 The Lord loueth the gates of Zion aboue all the habitations of Iaakob.

3 b Glorious things are spoken of thee, O citie of God. Selah.

b Though thy glorious estate doe not yet appeare, yet waite with patience, and God wil accomplish his promise

4 I will make mention of c Rahab and Babel among them that know mee: behold Palestina & Tyrus with Ethiopia, d There is he borne.

c That is, Egypt, and these other countreys shall come to the knowledge of God.

d It shall be said of him, that is regenerate and come to the Church, that he is as one that was borne in the Church.

5 And

e Out of all quarters they shall come into the Church, and be counted as citizens.

f When he calleth by his word them into the Church, whom hee had elected and written in his booke.

5 And of Zion it shalbe said, Many are borne in her: and he, euen the most High shal stablish her.

6 The Lord shal count, when he writeth the people, he was borne there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall praise thee: all my springs are in thee.

g The Prophet setteth his whole affections and comfort in the Church.

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

1 A grieuous complaint of the faithfull for afflicted by sickenesse, persecutions, and aduersitie, 7 Being as it were left of God without any consolation: 13 Yet hee calleth on God by faith, and striueth against desperation, 18 complaining himselfe to be forsaken of all earthly helpe.

A song or Psalme of * Heman the Ezrahite, to giue instruction, committed to the sonnes of Korah for him that excelleth vpon Mahalath * Leannoth.

1. King. 4. 31. psal. 53.

a That is, to humble. It was the beginning of a song, by the tune whereof this Psalme was sung.

O Lord God of my saluation, I crie day and night a before thee.

2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence: encline thine eare vnto my cry.

3 For my soule is filled with euils, and my life draweth neere to the graue.

b Though many crie in their sorowes, yet they cry not earnestly to God for remedie as he did: whom he confessed to be the authour of his saluation.

4 I am counted among them that goe downe into the pit, and am as a man without strength:

5 * Free among the dead, like the slaine lying in the graue, whom thou remembrest no more, and they are cut off from thine a hand.

c For he that is dead, is free from all cares and businesse of this life: and thus he saith, because he was vnprofitable for all matters concerning mans life, and as it were cut off from this world.

6 Thou hast layd mee in the lowest pit, in darkenesse, and in the deepe.

7 Thine indignation lieth vpon me, and thou hast vexed mee with all thy * waues. Selah.

d That is, from thy prouidence and care, which is meant according to y iudgement of the flesh.

8 Thou hast put away mine b acquaintance farre from me, and made me to be abhorred of them: I am shut vp, and cannot get foorth.

e The stormes of thy wrath haue ouerwhelmed me.

9 c Mine eye is sorowfull through mine affliction: Lord, I call dayly vpon thee: I stretch out mine hands vnto thee.

f He attributeth the losse and displeasure of his friends to Gods prouidence, whereby hee partly punisheth and partly trieth him.

10 Wilt thou shewe d a miracle to the dead? or shall the dead rise and praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy louing kindnesse bee declared in the graue? or thy faithfulnesse in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonderous workes bee knowen in the darke? and thy righteousnesse in the land e of oblition?

13 But vnto thee haue I cryed, O Lord, and earely shall my prayer come before thee.

14 Lord, why doest thou reiect my soule, and hidest thy face from mee?

15 I am afflicted, and at the point of death: f from my youth I suffer thy terrors, doubting of my life.

g I see none ende of my sorowes. h Mine eyes and face declare my sorowes. i Hee sheweth that the time is more conuenient for God to helpe, when men call vnto him in their dangers, then to tary till they be dead, and then raise them vp againe. k That is, in the graue, where onely the bodie lieth without all sence and remembrance. l I am euer in great dangers and sorowes, as though my life should vtterly be cut off euery moment.

16 Thine indignations goe ouer me, and thy feare hath cut me off.

17 They came round about me dayly like water, and compassed me together.

18 My louers and friends hast thou put away from me, and mine acquaintance † hid themselues.

† Ebr. were in darkenesse.

PSAL. LXXXIX.

1 With many wordes doeth the Prophet praise the goodnesse of God, 23 for his testament and couenant that he had made betweene him and his elect by Iesus Christ the sonne of Dauid: 38 Then doeth he complaine of the great ruine, and desolation of the kingdome of Dauid, so that to the outward appearance the promise was broken. 46 Finally hee prayeth to be deliuered from his afflictions, making mention of the shortnesse of mans life, and confirming himselfe by Gods promises.

A Psalme to giue instruction, of Ethan the Ezrahite.

I Will * sing the mercies of the Lorde for euer: with my mouth will I declare thy truth from generation to generation.

a Though the horrible confusion of things might cause them to despaire of Gods fauour: yet the manifolde examples of his mercies cause them to trust in God, though to mans iudgement they saw none occasion.

2 For I a said, Mercy shalbe set vp for euer: thy truth shalt thou * stablish in the very heauens.

3 b I haue made a conenant with my chosen: I haue sworne to Dauid my seruant,

4 Thy seede will I stablish for euer, and set vp thy throne from generation to generation. Selah.

b As hee that surely beleeued in heart.

5 O Lord, euen the * heauens shall praise thy wonderous worke: yea, thy truth in the c Congregation of the Saints.

c As thine inuisible heauen is not subiect to any alteration and change: so shall the truth of thy promise be vnchangeable.

6 For who is equall to the Lorde in the heauen? and who is like the Lord among the sonnes of the gods?

7 God is very terrible in the assembly of the d Saints, and to be reuerenced aboue all that are about him.

d The Prophet sheweth what was the promise of God, whereon he grounded his faith.

8 O Lord God of hostes, who is like vnto thee, which are a mightie Lorde, and thy truth is about thee?

9 e Thou rulest the raging of y sea: when the waues thereof arise, thou stillest them.

e The Angels shall praise thy power and faithfulnesse in deliuering thy Church.

10 Thou hast beaten downe Rahab as a man slaine: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy mighty arme.

11 The heauens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundation of the world, and all that therein is.

12 Thou hast created the North and the South: f Tabor and Hermon shall reioyce in thy Name.

f That is, in the heauens.

13 Thou hast a mighty arme: strong is thine hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 g Righteousnes and equity are the stablishment

g Meaning, the Angels. h If the Angels tremble before Gods maiestie and infinite iustice, what earthly creature by oppressing the Church, dare set himselfe against God? i For as he deliuered the Church by the red Sea, and by destroying Rahab, that is, the Egyptians: so will hee eftsoones deliuer it, when the dangers bee great. k Tabor is a mountaine Westward from Ierusalem, and Hermon Eastward: to the Prophet signifieth that all partes and places of the world shall obey Gods power for the deliuerance of his Church. l For hereby he iudgeth the world, and sheweth himselfe a merciful Father and faithfull protectour vnto his.

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blishment of thy throne, mercie and trueth go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people, that can m reioyce in thee: they shall walke in the light of thy n countenance, O Lord.

16 They shall reioyce continually in thy Name, and in thy righteousnesse shall they exalt themselues.

17 For thou art o glory of their strength, and by thy fauour our horne shalbe exalted.

18 For our p shield appertaineth to y Lord, and our king to the Holy one of Israel.

19 Thou spakest then in a vision vnto q thine Holy one, and saydest, I haue layde helpe vpon one that is r mightie: I haue exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I haue found Dauid my seruant: with mine holy oyle haue I anointed him.

21 Therefore mine hand shall be established with him, and mine arme shall strengthen him.

22 The enemie shall not oppresse him, neither shall the wicked hurt him.

23 But I will s destroy his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 My trueth also and my t mercy shalbe with him, and in my Name shall his u horne be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the x floods.

26 He shall crie vnto mee, Thou art my y Father, my God, and the rocke of my saluation.

27 Also I will make him my first borne, higher then the kings of the earth.

28 My mercie will I keepe for him for euermore, and my couenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seede also will I make to endure z for euer, & his throne as the daies of heauen.

30 But if his children forsake my Lawe, and walke not in my iudgements:

31 a If they breake my statutes, and keepe not my commandements:

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, & their iniquitie with strokes.

33 b Yet my louing kindnes will I not take from him, neither will I falsifie my trueth.

34 My couenant will I not breake, nor c alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 I haue sworne once by mine holinesse, d that I will not faile Dauid, saying,

36 His seed shall endure for euer, and his throne shalbe as the sunne before me.

37 He shall be established for euermore as the moone, and as a faithfull e witnesse in the heauen. Selah.

38 But thou hast reiected and abhorred, thou hast bene angrie with thine Anointed.

39 Thou hast f broken the couenant of thy seruant, and prophaned his g crowne, casting it on the ground.

40 Thou hast broken downe all his walles: thou hast laid his fortresses in ruine.

41 All that goe by the way, spoile him: he is a rebuke vnto his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set vp the right hand of his enemies, and made all his aduersaries to reioyce.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battell.

44 Thou hast caused his dignitie to decay, and cast his throne to the ground.

45 The dayes of his youth hast thou shortened, and couered him with shame. Selah.

46 h Lord, how long wilt thou hide thy selfe, for euer? shal thy wrath burne like fire?

47 Remember i of what time I am: wherefore shouldest thou create in vaine all the children of men?

48 What man liueth, and shall not see death? shall hee deliuer his soule from the hand of the graue? Selah.

49 Lorde, where are thy former mercies, which thou swarest vnto Dauid in thy trueth?

50 Remember, O Lord, the rebuke of thy seruants, which I beare in my k bosome of all the mighty people.

51 For l thine enemies haue reproched thee, O Lord, because they haue reproched the footsteps of thine Anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for euermore. So be it, euen so be it.

m Feeling in their conscience that God is their Father.

n They shall be preserued by thy fatherly prouidence.

o In that they are preserued and continue, they ought to giue the prayse and glory onely to thee.

p In that that our king hath power to defend vs, it is the gift of God.

q To Samuel and to others, to assure that Dauid was thy chosen one.

r Whom I haue both chosen and giuen him strength to execute his office, as verse 21.

s Though there shall be euermore enemies against Gods kingdome, yet he promiseth to ouercome them.

t I wil mercifully performe my promises to him, notwithstanding his infirmities and offences.

u His power, glory & estate.

x He shall enioy the land round about.

y His excellent dignitie shall appeare herein, that he shalbe named the sonne of God, and the first borne, wherin he is a figure of Christ.

z Though for the sinne of the people the state of this kingdome decayed: yet God reserued still a root, till he had accomplished this promise in Christ 2 Sam. 7. 14. a Though the faithful answer not in all points to their profession, yet God wil not breake his couenant with them. b For God in promising hath respect to his mercy, and not to mans power in performing. *Ebr. If I lie vnto Dauid: which is a maner of othe.* c As long as the Sunne and the Moone endure, they shalbe witnesses to me of this promise. d Because of the horrible confusion of things, the Prophet complaineth to God as though hee saw not the performance of his promise. And thus discharging his cares on God, he resisteth doubt and impatience.

e By this he meaneth the horrible dissipation and renting of the kingdome, which was vnder Ieroboam: or els by the spirit of prophesie, Ethan speaketh of those great miseries, which came soone afterward to passe at the captiuitie of Babylon.

f He sheweth that the kingdome fell before it came to perfection, or was ripe.

g The Prophet in ioyning prayer with his complaint, sheweth that his faith neuer failed.

h Seeing mans life is short, and thou hast created man to bestow thy benefits vpon him, except thou haste to helpe, death will preuent thee.

i He meaneth, that Gods enemies did not only slander him behind his backe, but also mocked him to his face, and as it were cast their iniurie in his bosome. k So hee calleth them that persecute the Church. l They laugh at vs, which patiently waite for the coming of thy Christ.

PSAL. XC.

1 Moses in his prayer setteth before vs the eternall fauour of God toward his. 3 who are neither admonished by the breuity of their life, 7 nor by his plagues to be thankefull, 12 therefore Moses prayeth God to turne their hearts & continue his mercies toward them, and their posteritie for euer.

A prayer of Moses the a man of God.

LOrd, thou hast bene our b habitation from generation to generation.

2 Before the c mountaines were made, and before thou hadst formed the earth, and the world, euen from euerlasting to euerlasting thou art our God.

3 Thou d turnest man to destruction: againe thou sayest, Returne, ye sonnes of Adam.

4 e For a thousand yeres in thy sight are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou hast f ouerflowed them: they are as a sleepe: in the morning he groweth like the grasse:

a Thus the Scripture vseth to call the Prophets

b Thou hast bin as an house and defence vnto vs in all our troubles and trauels now this foure hundred yeeres.

c Thou hast chosen vs to be thy people before the foundations of the world were laid.

d Moses by lamenting the frailty and shortnesse of mans life, moueth God to pity.

e Though man thinke his life long, which is in deede most short, yea, though it were a thousand yeeres: yet in Gods sight it is as nothing, and as the watch that lasteth but three houres.

f Thou takest them away suddenly as with a flood.

6 In the morning it flourisheth & groweth, but in the euening it is cut downe and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sinnes in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our dayes are past in thine anger: wee haue spent our yeeres as a thought.

10 The time of our life is threescore yeeres and tenne, and if they be of strength, fourescore yeeres: yet their strength is but labour and sorow: for it is cut off quickly, and wee flie away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thy wrath? for according to thy feare is thine anger.

12 Teach vs so to number our dayes, that wee may apply our hearts vnto wisedome.

13 Returne, (O Lord, how long?) and be pacified toward thy seruants.

14 Fill vs with thy mercy in the morning: so shall we reioyce and be glad in our dayes.

15 Comfort vs according to the dayes that thou hast afflicted vs, and according to the yeeres that we haue seene euill.

16 Let thy worke bee seene toward thy seruants, and thy glory vpon their children.

17 And let the beauty of the Lorde our God be vpon vs, & direct thou the worke of our hands vpon vs, euen direct the worke of our hands.

g Thou calleſt vs by thy rods to consider the shortneſſe of our life, and for our ſinnes thou abridgeſt our dayes.

h Our dayes are not onely short, but miſerable, forasmuch as our ſinnes daily prouoke thy wrath.

i Meaning, according to the common ſtate of life.

k If mans life for the breuitie be miſerable, much more if thy wrath lie vpon it, as they which feare thee, onely know.

l Which is by conſidering the shortneſſe of our life, & by meditating the heauenly ioyes.

m Meaning, vntil thou be angry?

n Or take comfort in thy ſeruants.

o Euen thy mercy, which is thy chiefeſt worke.

p As Gods promiſes appertained alwell to their poſteritie as to them, ſo Moſes prayeth for the poſteritie.

q Meaning, vntil it was obſcured when Chriſt ceaſed to doe good to his Church.

r For except thou guide vs with thine holy Spirit, our enterpriſes can haue no good ſucceſſe.

PSAL. XCI.

Here is deſcribed the aſſurance hee hath that putteth his whole truſt in God, and committeth himſelfe wholly to his protection in all tentations. 14 A promiſe of God to thoſe that loue him, know him, and truſt in him, to deliuer them and giue them immortall glory.

WHo so dwelleth in the ſecret of the most high, shall abide in the shadow of the Almightie.

2 I will say vnto the Lorde, O mine hope, and my fortreſſe: he is my God, in him will I truſt.

3 Surely hee will deliuer thee from the ſnare of the hunter, and from the noysome peſtilence.

4 Hee will couer thee vnder his wings, and thou shalt be sure vnder his feathers: his truth shall be thy sheild and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid of the feare of the night, nor of the arrowe that flieth by day:

6 Nor of the peſtilence that walketh in the darkeneſſe: nor of the plague that deſtroyeth at noone day.

7 A thousand shall fal at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come neere thee.

8 Doubteleſſe with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 For thou hast (o Lord) The Lord is mine hope: thou hast set the most High for thy refuge.

10 There shall none euill come vnto thee, neither shall any plague come neere thy tabernacle.

11 For hee shall giue his Angels charge ouer thee, to keepe thee in all thy wayes.

12 They shall beare thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foote against a stone.

13 Thou shalt walke vpon the lyon and aſpe: the yong lyon and the dragon shalt thou treade vnder feete.

14 Because he hath loued mee, therefore will I deliuer him: I will exalt him because he hath knowen my Name.

15 He shall call vpon mee, and I will heare him: I will be with him in trouble: I will deliuer him, and glorifie him.

16 With long life will I satisfie him, and shew him my ſaluation.

a He that maketh God his defence and truſt shall perceiue his protection to be a most sure ſafegard.

b Being aſſured of this protection, he prayeth vnto the Lord.

c That is, Gods helpe is most ready for vs whether Satan aſſaile vs secretly, which he calleth a snare: or openly, which is here meant by the peſtilence.

d That is, his faithfull keeping of promiſe to helpe thee in thy neceſſitie.

e The care that God hath ouer his, is most ſufficient to defend them from all dangers.

f The godly shall haue some experience of Gods iudgements against wicked men in this life, but fully they shall see it at that day, when all things shall be reueiled.

g God hath not appointed euery man one Angel, but many to be miniſters of his prouidence to keepe his and defend them in their vocation, which is the way to walke in without tempting God.

h Thou shalt not only be preſerued from all euill.

i To assure the faithfull of Gods protection, hee bringeth in God to confirme the same.

k For he is contented with that life that God giueth for by death the shortneſſe of this life is recompenſed with immortalitie.

PSAL. XCII.

The Pſalme was made to be ſung on the Sabbath, to stirre vp the people to acknowledge God, and to praiſe him in his workes: the Prophet reioyceth therein. 6 But the wicked are not able to conſider that the vngodly, when he is most flourishing, shall soddenly periſh. 12 In the end is deſcribed the felicitie of the iuſt planted in the house of God to praiſe the Lord.

A Pſalme or song for the Sabbath day.

IT is a good thing to praiſe the Lord, and to sing vnto thy Name, O most high,

2 To declare thy louing kindneſſe in the morning, and thy truth in the night,

3 Vpon an instrument of ten strings, and vpon the viole, with the song vpon the harpe.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad by thy workes, and I will reioice in the works of thine handes.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deepe.

6 An vnwiſe man knoweth it not, and a foole pooth not vnderstand this,

7 (Whē the wicked grow as the graſſe, and all the workers of wickednesse do flourish) that they shall be deſtroyed for euer.

8 But thou, O Lord, art most high for euermore.

9 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for lo, thine enemies shall periſh: all the workers of iniquitie shall be deſtroyed.

a Which reacheth that the vſe of the Sabbath standeth in praying God, and not onely in ceaſing from worke.

b For Gods mercy & fidelitie in his promiſes toward him, binde them to praiſe him continually, both day and night.

c Theſe inſtruments were then permitted, but at Chriſts coming abolished.

d He ſheweth what is the vſe of the Sabbath day: to wit, to meditate Gods works.

e That is, the wicked conſider not Gods workes, nor his iudgements against them, and therefore most iuſtly periſh.

f Thy iudgements are most constant against the wicked, and paſſe our reach.

10 But

h Thou wilt streng then them with all power, and bylle them with all felicitie.

i The children of God shal haue a power aboue nature, and their age shall bring foorth most fresh fruites.

10 But thou shalt exalt mine horne, like the Vnicornes, and I shall be anoynted with free oyle.

11 Mine eye also shal see my desire against mine enemies: and mine eares shall heare my wish against the wicked, that rise vp against me.

12 The righteous shall h flourish like a palme tree, and shall grow like a Cedar in Lebanon.

13 Such as bee planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring foorth fruite in their i age: they shalbe fat and flourishing,

15 To declare that the Lord my rocke is righteous, and that none iniquitie is in him.

PSAL. XCIII.

1 He praiseth the power of God in the creation of the world, and beateth downe all people which lift them vp against his Maiestie, 5 And pronoūceth to consider his promises.

THe Lord a reigneth, and is clothed with maiestie: the Lord is clothed, and girded with power: the world also shall bee established, that it cannot be mooued.

2 Thy b throne is established of olde: thou art from euerlasting.

3 c The floods haue lifted vp, O Lord: the floods haue lifted vp their voyce: the floods lift vp their waues.

4 The waues of the sea are marueilous through the noyse of many waters, yet the Lord on high is more mightie.

5 Thy d testimonies are very sure: holines becommeth thine house, O Lord, for euer.

a As God by his power and wisedome hath made and gouerneth the world: so must the same be our defence against al enemies and dangers.

b Wherein thou sittest and gouernest the world.

c Gods power appeareth in ruling the furious waters.

d Besides Gods power and wisedome in creating, and gouerning, his great mercy also appeareth in that hee hath giuen his people his word and couenant.

PSAL. XCIIII.

1 He prayeth vnto God against the violence and arrogancie of tyrants, 10 Warning them of Gods iudgements. 14 Then doth he comfort the afflicted by the good issue of their afflictions, as he felt in himselfe, and did see in others, and by the ruine of the wicked. 23 Whom the Lord will destroy.

O Lord God a the auenger, O God, the auenger, shew thy selfe b clearely.

2 Exalt thy selfe, O iudge of the world, and render a reward to the proud.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked c triumph?

4 They prate and speake fiercely: all the workers of iniquitie braue themselues.

5 They d smite downe thy people, O Lord, and trouble thine heritage.

6 They slay the widowe and the stranger, and murther the fatherlesse.

7 e Yet they say, The Lord shall not see: neither will the God of Iaakob regard it.

8 Vnderstand ye vnwise among the people: and ye fooles, when will ye be wise?

9 He that f planted the eare, shall he not heare? or he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 Or hee that chastiseth the g nations, shall he not correct? hee that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know?

11 The Lorde knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanitie.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou h chastisest, O Lord, and teachest him in thy Law.

13 That thou mayest giue him rest from the dayes of euill, whiles the pit is digged for the wicked.

14 Surely the Lord will not faile his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 For i iudgement shall returne to iustise, and all the vpright in heart shall follow after it.

16 Who will rise vp with me against the wicked, or who will take my part against the workers of iniquitie?

17 If the Lord had not k holpen mee, my soule had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, l My foote slideth, thy mercy, O Lord, stayed me.

19 In the multitude of my m thoughts in mine heart, thy comforts haue reioyced my soule.

20 Hath the throne of iniquitie fellowship with thee, which frameth wrong for a law?

21 They gather them together against the soule of the righteous, and condemne the innocent blood.

22 But the Lorde is my refuge, and my God is the rocke of mine hope.

23 And hee will recompence them their wickednes, and n destroy them in their owne malice: yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

a Whose office it is to take vengeance on the wicked.

b Shew by effect that thou art iudge of the world to punish the wicked.

c That is, bragge of their cruelty and oppression: or, esteeme themselues about all others.

d Seeing the Church was then so sore oppressed, it ought not to seeme strange to vs, if we see it so now, and therefore we must call to God to take our cause in hand.

e He sheweth that they are desperate in malice, forasmuch as they feared not God, but gaue themselues wholly to doe wickedly.

f He sheweth that it is impossible but God should heare, see and vnderstand their wickednes.

g If God punish whole nations for their sinnes, it is meere folly for any one man, or elle a fewe to thinke that God will spare them.

h God hath care ouer his, and chastiseth them for their wealth, that they should not perish for euer with the wicked.

i God wil restore the state and gouernement of things to their right vse, and then the godly shall follow him cheerefully.

k He complaineth of them, which would not helpe him to resist the enemies: yea was assured that Gods helpe would not faile.

l When I thought there was no way but death.

m In my trouble and difficulty thy present helpe.

n Though the wicked iudges oppressing the Church, yet they haue not that authoritie of God.

o It is a great token of Gods iudgement, when the purpose of the wicked is broken, but most, when they are destroyed in their owne malice.

PSAL. XCV.

1 An earnest exhortation to praise God, 4 for the gouernment of the world, & the election of his Church. 8 An admonition not to follow the rebellion of the old fathers, that tempted God in the wildernesse: 11 For the which they might not enter into the land of promise.

COme, let vs reioyce vnto the Lord: let vs sing a aloud vnto the rocke of our saluation.

2 Let vs come before his face with praise: let vs sing loud vnto him with Psalmes.

3 For the Lorde is a great God, and a great king aboue all b gods.

4 In whose hand are the deepe places of the earth, and the heights of the mountaines are his:

5 To whom the Sea belongeth: for hee made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let vs c worship and fall downe,

a He sheweth that Gods seruice standeth not in dead ceremonies, but chiefly in the sacrifice of praise and thankesgiuing.

b Euen the Angels (who in respect of men are thought as gods) are nothing in his sight: much lesse the idoles, which mans braine inuenteth.

c All things are gouerned by his prouidence.

d By these three words he signifieth one thing, meaning, that they must wholly giue themselues to serue God,

and

and kneele before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheepe of his hand: to day, if yee will heare his voice,

8 ‖ Harden not your heart, as in Meribah, and as in the day of ‖ Massah in the wildernesse,

9 Where your fathers tempted me, proued me, though they had seene my worke.

10 Fourtie yeeres long was I contended with this generation, and said, They are a people that erre in heart, for they haue not knowen my wayes.

11 Wherefore I sware in my wrath, saying, Surely they shal not enter into my rest.

PSAL. XCVI.

1 *An exhortatio both to the Iewes & Gentiles to prayse God for his mercie. And this specially ought to be referred to the kingdome of Christ.*

SIng vnto the Lord a new song: sing vnto the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing vnto the Lord, and prayse his Name: declare his saluation from day to day.

3 Declare his glorie among all nations, and his wonders among all people.

4 For the Lord is great and much to be praised: he is to be feared aboue all gods.

5 For all the gods of the people are ‖ idols: but the Lord made the heauens.

6 Strength and glorie are before him: power and beautie are in his Sanctuarie.

7 Giue vnto the Lord, yee families of the people: giue vnto the Lord glorie and power.

8 Giue vnto the Lord the glorie of his Name: bring an offering, and enter into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the glorious sanctuarie: tremble before him all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, The Lord reigneth: surely the world shall be stable, and not moone, and he shall iudge the people in righteousnesse.

11 Let the heauens reioyce, and let the earth be glad: let the sea roare, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be ioyfull, and all that is in it: let all the trees of the wood then reioyce

13 Before the Lord: for hee commeth, for he commeth to iudge the earth: he will iudge the world with righteousnesse, and the people in his truth.

PSAL. XCVII.

1. *The Prophet exhorteth all to reioyce for the comming of the kingdome of Christ, 7 dreadful to the rebels and idolaters, 8 and ioyfull to the iust, whom he exhorteth to mutuall loue, 12 to reioycing and thanksgiuing.*

THe Lord reigneth: let the earth reioyce: let the multitude of the yles be glad.

2 Cloudes and darkenesse are round about him: righteousnesse and iudgement are the foundation of his throne.

3 There shall goe a fire before him, and burne vp his enemies round about.

4 His lightenings gaue light vnto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraide.

5 The mountaines melted like waxe at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heauens declare his righteousnesse, and all the people see his glorie.

7 Confounded bee all they that serue grauen images, & that glorie in idoles: worship him all yee gods.

8 Zion heard of it, and was glad: and the daughters of Iudah reioyced, because of thy iudgements, O Lord.

9 For thou Lord art most high aboue all the earth: thou art much exalted aboue all gods.

10 Ye that loue the Lord, hate euill: he preserueth the soules of his Saints: hee will deliuer them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sowen for the righteous, and ioy for the vpright in heart.

12 Reioyce ye righteous in the Lord, and giue thankes for his holy remembrance.

a That is, the flocke whom he gouerneth with his owne hand. Hee sheweth wherein they are Gods flocke: that is, if they heare his voyce.

f By the contemning of Gods word

‖ *Or, in strife, whereof the place was so called.* ‖ *Or, tentation, reade Exod. 17. 7. Exo. 17. 2. num 14. 22.* g They were without iudgement & reason.

h That is, into the land of Canaan, where he promised them rest.

a The Prophet sheweth that the time shall come, that all nations shall haue occasion to praise the Lord for the reuealing of his Gospel.

b Seeing he will reueile himselfe to all nations contrary to their owne expectation, they ought all to worship him contrary to their owne imaginations, and onely as he hath appointed.

‖ *Or. vanities.*

c Then the idols, or whatsoeuer made not the heauens, are not God.

d God cannot be knowen but by his strength and glorie: the signes whereof appeare in his sanctuarie.

e As by experience yee see that it is only due vnto him

f By offering vp your liues wholly vnto God, declare that you worship him only.

g Hee prophesieth that the Gentiles shall be partakers with ‖ Iewes of Gods promise.

h He shall regenerate them anew with his Spirit, and restore them to the image of God.

i If the insensible creatures shall haue cause to reioyce, when God appeareth, much more wee, from whom hee hath taken malediction and sinne.

a He sheweth that where God reigned, there is all felicitie and spirituall ioy.

b For the Gospel shall not be onely preached in Iudea, but thorow all yles and countries.

c He is thus described to keepe his enemies in feare, which commonly contemne Gods power.

d This feare bringeth not the wicked to true obedience, but maketh them to run away from God.

e He signifieth that Gods iudgements are in a readinesse to destroy the idolaters.

f Let all ‖ which is esteemed in the world, fall downe before him.

g The Iewes shall haue occasion to reioyce, that the Gentiles are made partakers with them of Gods fauour.

h He requireth two things of his children: the one, that they detest vice, the other, that they put their trust in God for their deliuerance.

i Though Gods deliuerance appeare not suddenly, and laide vp in store for them.

k Be mindfull of onely trust in his defence.

PSAL. XCVIII.

1 *An earnest exhortation to all creatures to praise the Lord for his power, mercie, and fidelitie in his promise by Christ,* 10 *by whom he hath communicated his saluation to all nations.*

A Psalme.

SIng vnto the Lord a new song: for hee hath done marueilous things: his right hand, and his holy arme haue gotten him the victorie.

2 The Lord declared his saluation: his righteousnes hath he reueiled in the sight of the nations.

3 Hee hath remembred his mercie and his truetth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth haue seene the saluation of our God.

4 All the earth, sing yee lowde vnto the Lord: crie out and reioyce, and sing praises.

5 Sing praise to the Lord vpon the harpe, euen vpon the harpe with a singing voyce.

6 With ‖ trumpets and sound of trumpets sing lowde before the Lord the king.

7 Let the sea roare, and all that therein is, the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the mountaines reioyce together

9 Before the Lord: for he is come to iudge the earth: with righteousnesse shall he iudge the world, and the people with equity.

a That is, some song newly made in token of their wonderful deliuerance by Christ. *Isa. 59. 16.*

b He preserueth his Church miraculously.

c For the deliuerance of his Church.

d God was moued by none other meanes to gather his church of the Iewes and Gentiles, but because he would performe his promise.

e By this repetition and earnest exhortation to giue praises with signifieth that their deliuerance

instruments, and also of the dumbe creatures, he

world is neuer able to praise God sufficiently for

PSAL. XCIX.

1 He commendeth the power, equitie and excellencie of the kingdome of God by Christ ouer the Iewes and Gentiles, 5 and prouoketh them to magnifie the same, and to serue the Lord, 6 Following the example of the ancient fathers, Moses, Aaron, Samuel, who calling vpon God, were heard in their prayers.

THe Lord reigneth, let the [a] people tremble: he sitteth betweene the [b] Cherubims, let the earth be moued.

2 The Lord is great in Zion, and hee is hie aboue all the people.

3 They shal [c] praise thy great and fearefull Name (for it is holy,)

4 And the kings power that loueth iudgment: for thou hast prepared equitie: thou hast executed iudgement and iustice in Iaakob.

5 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his [d] footstoole: for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron were among his Priestes, [e] and Samuel among such as call vpon his Name: these called vpon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake vnto them in the cloudie pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the Law that he gaue them.

8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God: thou wast a fauourable God vnto them, though thou didst take vengeance for [f] their inuentions.

9 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his holy Mountaine: for the Lord our God is holy.

a When God deliuereth his Church, all the enemies shall haue cause to tremble. *Exod.* 25. 22.

b Though the wicked rage against God, yet the godly shall praise his Name and mightie power.

c That is, before his Temple or Arke, where hee promised to heare when they worshipped him, as now he promiseth his spirituall presence, whereseuer his Church is assembled.

d Vnder these three he cõprehendeth the whole people of Israel, with whom God made his promise.

e For the more liberally that God dealeth with his people, the more doeth he punish them that abuse his benefites.

PSAL. C.

1 Hee exhorteth all to serue the Lord, 3 who hath chosen vs, and preserued vs: 4 and to enter into his assemblies to praise his name.

A Psalme of prayse.

SIng [a] ye loud vnto the Lord, al the earth.

2 Serue the Lord with gladnesse: come before him with ioyfulnesse.

3 Know yee that euen the Lord is God: he hath [b] made vs, and not we our selues: we are his people, and the sheepe of his pasture.

4 [c] Enter into his gates with prayse, and into his courts with reioycing: prayse him, and blesse his Name.

5 For the Lord is good: his mercie is [d] euerlasting, and his trueth is from generation to generation.

a He prophesieth that Gods benefit in calling the Gentiles, shall be so great that they shall haue wonderfull occasion to praise his mercie and reioyce.

b Hee chiefly meaneth, touching the spirituall regeneration, whereby we are his sheepe and people.

c Hee sheweth that God will not be worshipped, but by that meanes which he hath appointed.

d He declareth that we ought neuer to be wearie in prayfing him, seeing his mercies toward vs last for euer.

PSAL. CI.

1 Dauid describeth what gouernment hee will obserue in his house and kingdome. 5 He will punish and correct by rooting forth the wicked, 6 and cherishing the godly persons.

A Psalme of Dauid.

I Will [a] sing mercie and iudgement: vnto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

a Dauid considereth what maner of king he would bee when God should place him in the throne, promising openly, that he would be mercifull and iust.

2 I will doe wisely in the perfect way [b] till thou comme vnto mee: I will walke in the vprightnesse of mine heart in the midst of mine house.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate [c] the worke of them that fall away: it shall not cleaue vnto me.

4 A froward heart shal depart from me: I will know none euill.

5 Him that priuily [d] slandereth his neighbour, will I destroy: him that hath a proude looke and hie heart, I cannot suffer.

6 Mine eyes shalbe vnto the [e] faithfull of the land, [f] they may dwel with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serue me.

7 There shall no deceitfull person dwell within mine house: he that telleth lies, shall not remaine in my sight.

8 [g] Betimes will I destroy all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all the workers of iniquitie from the city of the Lord.

b Though yet thou desirest to place me in the kingly dignitie, yet will I giue my selfe to wisedom and vprightnesse being a priuate man.

c He sheweth that magistrates doe not their dueties, except they be enemies to all vice.

d In promising to punish these vices, which are most pernitious in them that are about kings, he declareth that he will punish all.

e He sheweth what is the true vse of the sword: to punish the wicked, and to maintaine the good.

f Magistrates must immediatly punish vice, lest it grow to further inconueniences: and if heathen Magistrates are bound to doe this, how much more they that haue the charge of the Church of God?

PSAL. CII.

1 It seemeth that this prayer was appointed to the faithfull to pray in the captiuitie of Babylon. 16 A consolation for the building of the Church: 18 Wherof followeth the praise of God to be published vnto all posterous. 22 The conuersion of the Gentiles, 28 and the stablisht of the Church.

¶ A prayer [a] of the afflicted, when hee shall be in distresse, and powre foorth his meditation before the Lord.

O Lord, heare my prayer, and let my [b] crie come vnto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine eares vnto mee: when I call make haste to heare me.

3 For my daies are [c] consumed like smoke, and my bones are burnt like an hearth.

4 Mine heart is smitten, and withereth like grasse, because I forgate [d] to eate my bread.

5 For the voice of my groning my bones doe cleaue to my skinne.

6 I am like a [e] pelican of the wildernes: I am like an owle of the deserts.

7 I watch and am as a Sparrow alone vpon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reuile mee dayly, and they that rage against mee, haue [f] sworne against me.

9 Surely I haue [g] eaten ashes as bread, and mingled my drinke with weeping,

10 Because of thine [h] indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast heaued me vp, and cast me downe.

11 My dayes are like a shadow that fadeth, and I am withered like grasse.

12 But thou, O Lord, dost [i] remaine for my death.

a Whereby is signified, that albeit we be in neuer so great miseries, yet there is euer place left for prayer.

b He declareth by in our praier wee must liuely feele that which we desire, and stedfastly beleeue to obtaine.

c These excessiue kinds of speech shew how much affliction of the Church ought to wound the hearts of the godly.

d My sorrowes were so great that I passed not for mine ordinary foode.

e Euer mourning & solitarie casting out fearfull cries.

f Haue conspired to take my reputation.

g I haue not risen out of my mourning.

h He sheweth that the afflictions did not onely thus moue him, but chiefly the feeling of Gods displeasure

i How soeuer wee be frailes yet thy promise is sure, and the remembrance thereof shall confirme vs for euer.

euer, and thy remembrance from generation to generation.

13 Thou wilt arise, and haue mercy vpon Zion: for the time to haue mercie thereon, for the [k] appointed time is come.

14 For thy seruants delight in the [l] stones thereof, and haue pitie on the dust thereof.

15 Then the heathen shal feare the Name of the Lorde, and all the kings of the earth thy glory,

16 When the Lorde shall builde vp Zion, and shall appeare [m] in his glory,

17 And shall turne vnto the prayer of the desolate, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people wich shall bee [n] created, shall praise the Lord.

19 For hee hath looked downe from the height of his Sanctuary: out of the heauen did the Lord behold the earth,

20 That he might heare the mourning of the prisoner, and deliuer the children [o] of death:

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Zion, & his praise in Ierusalem,

22 When the people shalbe gathered [p] together, & the kingdomes to serue the Lord.

23 Hee [q] abated my strength in the way, and shortened my dayes.

24 And I sayde, O my God, take mee not away in the mids of my dayes: thy yeeres endure from generation to generation.

25 Thou hast afore time layd the foundation of the earth, and the heauens are the worke of thine hands.

26 [r] They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: euen they all shall ware olde as doeth a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shalbe changed.

27 But thou art the same, and thy yeeres shall not fatle.

28 The children of thy seruants shall continue, and their seede shall stand [s] fast in thy sight.

k That is, the seuentie yeeres, which by the Prophet Ieremie thou diddest appoint, Ier. 29. 12

l The more that the Church is in misery and desolation, the more ought the faithfull to loue and pitie it.

m That is, when he shal haue drawen his Church out of the darkenes of death.

n The deliuerance of the Church is a most excellent benefit, and therefore he compareth it to a new creation: for in their banishment the body of the Church seemed to haue bene dead, which by deliuerance was as it were created anew.

o Who now in their banishment could looke for nothing but death.

p Hee sheweth that Gods Name is neuer more praised then when religion flourisheth, & the Church increaseth: which thing is chiefly accomplished vnder the kingdome of Christ.

q The Church lament that they see not the time of Christ, which was promised, but haue but fewe yeeres and short dayes.

r If heauen and earth perish, much more man shall perish: but the Church by reason of Gods promise endureth for euer.

s Seeing thou hast chosen the Church out of the world, and ioyned it to thee, it cannot but continue for euer: for thou art euerlasting.

PSAL. CIII.

1 He prouoketh al to praise the Lord, which hath pardoned his sinnes, deliuered him frō destruction, & giuen him sufficient of al good things. 10 Then hee addeth the tender mercies of God, which hee sheweth like a most tender father towards his children. 14 The frailtie of mans life. 20 An exhortation to men and Angels to praise the Lord.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

MY soule, [a] prayse thou the Lord, and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

2 My soule, praise thou the Lord, & forget not all his benefits.

3 Which [b] forgiueth all thine iniquitie, and healeth all thine infirmities.

4 Which redeemeth thy life from the [c] graue, and crowneth thee with mercie and compassions.

5 Which satisfieth thy mouth with good things: and thy [d] youth is renued like the eagles.

6 The Lord executeth righteousnes and iudgement to all that are oppressed.

7 He made his wayes knowen vnto [e] Moses, & his workes vnto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion & mercie, slow to anger and of great kindnesse.

9 He will not alway [f] chide, neither keepe his anger for euer.

10 He hath not [g] dealt with vs after our sinnes, nor rewarded vs according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heauen is aboue the earth, so great is his mercie toward them that feare him.

12 As farre as [h] the East is from the West: so farre hath he removed our sinnes from vs.

13 As a father hath compassion on his children, so hath the Lorde compassion on them that feare him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we be made: he remembreth that we are but dust.

15 The dayes of man are as grasse: as a flowre of the field, so flourisheth he.

16 For the winde goeth ouer it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the louing kindnesse of the Lord endureth for euer and euer vpon them that feare him, and his [k] righteousnesse vpon children children,

18 Vnto them that keepe his [l] couenant, and thinke vpon his commandements to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in heauen, and his kingdome ruleth ouer all.

20 Praise ye the Lord, ye [m] his Angels, that excell in strength, that doe his commandement in obeying the voice of his word.

21 Praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye his seruants that doe his pleasure.

22 Praise the Lord, all ye his workes, in all places of his dominion: my soule, praise thou the Lord.

a He wakeneth his dulnesse to praise God, shewing that both vnderstanding and affections, minde and heart are too little to set foorth his praise

b This is the beginning and chiefest of all benefits: remission of sinne.

c For before that we haue remission of our sinnes, we are as dead men in the graue.

d As the eagle, when her beake ouergroweth, sucketh blood, and so is renued in strength, euen so God miraculously giueth strength to his Church aboue all mans expectation.

e As to his chiefe minister, and next to his people.

f He sheweth first his seuere iudgement, but so soone as the sinner is humbled, he receiueth him to mercy.

g We haue proued by continuall experience, that his mercie hath euer preuailed against our offences.

h As great as the world is, so full is it of signes of Gods mercies toward his faithfull, when he hath remooued their sinnes.

i He declareth that man hath nothing in himselfe to moue God to mercie, but onely the confession of his infirmitie & miserie.

k His iust and faithfull keeping of his promise.

l To whom hee giueth grace to feare him, and to obey his word

m In that that we, which naturally are slow to praise God, exhort the Angels which willingly do it, we stirre vp our selues to consider our duety, and awake out of our sluggishnesse.

PSAL. CIIII.

1 An excellent Psalme to praise God for the creation of the world, and the gouernance of the same by his marueilous prouidence, 35 wherin the Prophet prayeth against the wicked, who are occasions that God diminisheth his blessings.

MY soule, praise thou the Lord: O Lord my God, thou art exceeding great, thou art [a] clothed with glory and honour.

2 Which couereth himselfe with light as with a garment, and spreadeth the heauens like a curtaine.

a The Prophet sheweth that we need not to enter into the heauens to seeke God, forasmuch as all the order of nature, with the propriety and placing of the elements, are most liuely mirrours to see his maiesty in.

3 Which layeth the beames of his chambers in the waters, and maketh the cloudes his chariot, and walketh vpon the wings of the winde.

4 Which [b] maketh the spirits his messengers, and a flaming fire his ministers.

5 He set the earth vpon her foundations, so that it shall neuer moue.

6 Thou coueredst it with the [c] deepe, as with a garment: the [d] waters would stand aboue the mountaines.

7 But at thy rebuke they flee: at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.

8 And the mountaines ascend, and the valleyes descend to ỹ place which thou hast established for them.

9 But thou hast set them a bound, which they shall not passe: they shall not returne to couer the earth.

10 Hee sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run betweene the mountaines.

11 They shal giue drink to all the [e] beasts of the field, and the wilde asses shall quench their thirst.

12 By these [f] springs shal the foules of the heauen dwel, and sing among the branches.

13 Hee watereth the mountaines from his [g] chambers, and the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth grasse to grow for the cattell, and herbe for the vse of [h] man, that hee may bring forth bread out of the earth,

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oyle to make the face to shine, and bread that strengtheneth mans heart.

16 The high trees are satisfied, euen the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted,

17 That the birds may make their nests there: the storke dwelleth in the firre trees.

18 The high mountaines are for the ‖ goats: the rocks are a refuge for the conies.

19 He appointeth the moone for certaine seasons: [k] the sunne knoweth his going downe.

20 Thou makest darkenesse, and it is night, wherein all the beastes of the forrest creepe forth.

21 The lyons roare after their pray, and seeke their meat [l] at God.

22 When the sunne riseth, they retire, and couch in their dennes.

23 [m] Then goeth man forth to his worke, and to his labour till the euening.

24 O Lord, how [n] manifolde are thy workes! in wisedome hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the sea great and wide: for therein are things creeping innumerable, both small beasts and great.

26 There goe the ships: yea that ‖ Leuiathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 [o] All these waite vpon thee, that thou mayest giue them food in due season.

28 Thou giuest it to them, and they gather it: thou openest thine hand, and they are filled with good things.

29 But if thou [p] hide thy face, they are troubled: if thou take away their breath, they die, and returne to their dust.

30 Againe, if thou [q] send forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renuest the face of the earth.

31 Glorie bee to the Lord for euer: let the Lord reioyce in his works.

32 Hee looketh on the earth and it trembleth: hee toucheth the mountaines, and they [r] smoke.

33 I will sing vnto the Lord all my life: I will praise my God, while I line.

34 Let my wordes bee acceptable vnto him: I will reioyce in the Lord.

35 Let the sinners bee [s] consumed out of the earth, and the wicked till there bee no more: O my soule, praise thou the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

PSAL. CV.

1 *Hee praiseth the singular grace of God, who hath of all the people of the world chosen a peculiar people to himself: & hauing chosen them, neuer ceaseth to do the good, euē for his promise sake*

PRaise the Lord, and call vpon his Name: [a] declare his works among the people.

2 Sing vnto him, sing praise vnto him, and talke of all his wondrous works.

3 Reioyce in his holy name: let the heart of them that seeke the Lord, reioyce.

4 Seeke the Lord and his [b] strength: seeke his face continually.

5 Remember his [c] marueilous workes, that hee hath done, his wonders and the [d] iudgements of his mouth,

6 Yee seede of Abraham his seruant, ye children of Iaakob, which are his elect.

7 Hee is the Lord our God: his iudgement are through all the earth.

8 Hee hath alway remembred his couenant and promise, that hee made to a thousand generations,

9 Euen that which he [e] made with Abraham, and his [f] oth vnto Izhak:

10 And since hath confirmed it to Iaakob for a law: and to Israel for an euerlasting couenant,

11 Saying, [g] Vnto thee will I giue the land of Canaan: the lot of your inheritance.

12 Albeit they were fewe in number, yea, very fewe, and strangers in the land,

13 And walked about from nation to nation, from one kingdome to another people,

14 Yet suffered hee no man to doe them wrong, but reproued [h] Kings for their sakes, saying,

15 Touch not mine [i] annoynted, and do

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b As the Prophet here sheweth that all visible powers are ready to serue God: so the Apostle to the Heb. 1.7. beholdeth in this glasse, how the very Angels also are obedient to his commandement.

c Thou makest the sea be an ornament vnto the earth.

d If by thy power thou diddest not bridle the rage of ỹ waters, it were not possible but ỹ whole world should be destroyed.

e If God prouide for ỹ very beasts, much more will hee extend his prouident care to man.

f There is no part of the world so barren where most euident signes of Gods blessings appeare not.

g From ỹ clouds.

h He describeth Gods prouident care ouer man, who doeth not onely prouide necessary things for him, as herbs and other meat: but also things to reioyce, and comfort him, as wine and oyle, or ointments.

‖ *Or, does, roes, & such like.*

i As to separate the night from the day, and to note dayes, moneths and yeeres.

k That is, by his course either far or nere, it noteth summer, winter, & other seasons.

l That is, they onely finde meat according to Gods prouidence who careth euen for the bruite beasts.

m To wit, when the day springeth: for the light is as it were a shield to defend man against the tyrannie and fiercenesse of beasts

n Hee confesseth that no tongue is able to expresse Gods workes, nor minde to comprehend them.

o God is a most nourishing Father, who prouideth for all creatures their dayly food.

p As by thy presence all things haue life: so, if thou withdraw thy blessings, they all perish.

q As the death of creatures sheweth that we are nothing of our selues: so their generation declareth that we receiue all things of our Creator.

r Gods mercifull face maketh ſtrength to the earth, but his seuere countenance

s Who infect the world, and so cause God that he cannot reioyce in his works.

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21 Day Morne

a Forasmuch as the Israelites were exempted from the common condemnation of the world, and were elected to bee Gods people, the Prophet willeth them to shew themselues mindfull by thanksgiuing.

b By the strength and face, he meaneth the Arke where God declared his power and his presence.

c Which hee hath wrought in the deliuerance of his people.

d Because his power was thereby as liuely declared, as if hee should haue declared it by mouth.

e The promise which God made to Abraham to be his God, & the God of his seede after him, he renued and repeated it againe to his seede after him.

f He sheweth that they should not enioy the land of Canaan by any other meanes, but by reason of his couenāt made with their fathers.

g That is, the King of Egypt and the King of Gerar, Gen. 12.17. and 20.3.

h Those whom I haue sanctified to be my people.

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i Meaning, the old fathers, to whom God shewed himselefe plainely, & who were setters forth of his word.

k Either by sending scracitie, or by taking away the strength and nourishment thereof.

l So long he suffered aduersitie, as God had appointed, and till he had tried sufficiently his patience.

m That the very princes of the countrey should be at Iosephs commandement and learne wisedome at him.

n So it is in God, either to moue the hearts of the wicked to loue or to hate Gods children.

o Meaning, Moses and Aaron. *Exod.7 20. Exod.8.6.*

p So that this vermine came not by fortune, but as God had appointed, and his Prophet Moses spake.

q It was strange to see raine in Egypt, much more it was fearefull to see hayle.

r Hee sheweth that all creatures are armed against man, whē God is his enemie: as at his commandement the grashoppers destroyed the land. *Exod.12.29.*

s When their enemies felt Gods plagues, his children by his prouidence were exempted.

t For Gods plagues caused them rather to depart with the Israelites then with their liues.

u Not for necessitie, but for satisfying of their lust.

x Which he confirmeth to the posteritie, in whom after a sort the dead liue and inioy the promises.

my i Prophets no harme.

16 Moreouer he called a famine vpon the land, and vtterly brake the k staffe of bread.

17 But he sent a man before them: Ioseph was sold for a slaue.

18 They hurt his feete in the stockes, and he was layd in yrons,

19 Until l his appointed time came, and the counsell of the Lord had tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him: euen the ruler of the people deliuered him.

21 Hee made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance,

22 That hee should binde his m Princes vnto his will, and teach his Ancients wisedome.

23 Then Israel came to Egypt, and Iaakob was a stranger in the land of Ham.

24 And hee increased his people exceedingly, and made them stronger then their oppressours.

25 n Hee turned their heart to hate his people, and to deale craftily with his seruants.

26 Then sent hee Moses his seruant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed among them the message of his signes, and wonders in the land of Ham

28 He sent darkenes and made it darke: and they were not o disobedient vnto his commission.

29 *He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 * Their land brought forth frogs, euen in their kings chambers.

31 Hee p spake, and there came swarmes of flies, and lice in all their quarters.

32 Hee gaue them q haile for raine, and flames of fire in their land.

33 Hee smote their vines also and their figge trees, & brake downe the trees in their coastes.

34 *He spake, and the grashoppers came, and caterpillers innumerable,

35 And did eate vp all the grasse in their lande, and deuoured the fruit of their ground.

36 *Hee smote also all the first borne in their lande, euen the beginning of all their strength.

37 He brought them forth also with siluer and golde, and there was r none feeble among their tribes.

38 Egypt was s glad at their departing: for the feare of them had fallen vpon them.

39 He spred a cloud to be a couering, and fire to giue light in the night.

40 They t asked, and he brought quailes, and he filled them with the bread of heauen.

41 He opened the rocke, and the waters flowed out, and ranne in the drie places like a riuer.

42 For he remembred his x holy promise to Abraham his seruant.

43 And he brought forth his people with ioy, and his chosen with gladnesse,

44 And gaue them the lands of the heathen, and they tooke the labours of the people in possession,

45 That they might y keepe his statutes, and obserue his lawes. Praise ye the Lord.

y When the Egyptians lamented and were destroyed.

z This is the end, why God preserueth his Church, because they should worship, & cal vpon him in this world.

PSAL. CVI.

1 The people dispersed vnder Antiochus doe magnifie the goodnesse of God among the iust and repentant: 4 Desiring to be brought againe into the land by Gods merciful visitation. 8 And after the manifold marualls of God wrought in their deliuerance forth of Egypt, and the great ingratitude of the people rehearsed, 47 they do pray and desire to be gathered from among the heathen, to the intent they may praise the name of the God of Israel.

Praise ye the Lord.

PRaise a ye the Lord, because hee is good, for his mercie endureth for euer.

2 Who can expresse the noble acts of the Lord, or shew forth all his prayse?

3 Blessed are they that b keepe iudgment, and doe righteousnesse at all times.

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the c fauour of thy people: visit mee with thy saluation,

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and reioyce in the ioy of thy people, and glory with thine inheritance.

6 We haue d sinned with our fathers: we haue committed iniquity, & done wickedly.

7 Our fathers vnderstood not thy wonders in Egypt, neither remembred they the multitude of thy mercies, but rebelled at the Sea, euen at the red Sea.

8 Neuertheles, he e saued them for his Names sake, that he might make his power to be knowen.

9 And he rebuked the red sea, and it was dried vp, and he led them in the deepe, as in the wildernes.

10 And he saued them from the aduersaries hand, and deliuered them from the hand of the enemie.

11 *And the waters couered their oppressours: not one of them was left.

12 Then f beleeued they his words, and sang prayse vnto him.

13 But incontinently they forgate his workes: they waited not for his counsell,

14 But lusted with concupiscence in the wildernesse, and tempted God in the desert.

15 Then he gaue them their desire: but he sent h leannesse into their soule.

16 They enuied Moses also in the tents, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.

17 Therefore the earth opened and i swallowed vp Dathan, and couered the company of Abiram.

a The Prophet exhorteth the people to praise God for his benefits past, that thereby their mindes may be strengthened against all present trobles and despaire.

b He sheweth, that it is not enough to praise God with mouth except the whole heart agree thereunto, and all our life be thereunto framed.

c Let the good will that thou beareſt to thy people, extend vnto mee, that thereby I may be receiued into the number of thine.

d By earnest confession, aswell of their owne, as of their fathers sinnes, they shew that they had hope that God according to his promise would pitie them.

e The inestimable goodnesse of God appeareth in this, that he would change the order of nature rather then his people should not be deliuered, although they were wicked. *Exod.14.29.*

f The wonderful works of God caused them to beleeue for a time, and to praise him.

g They would preuent his wisedome and prouidence.

h The abundance that God gaue them profited not, but made them pine away, because God cursed it.

i By the greatnesse of the punishment the haynous offence may be considered: for they that rise against Gods ministers, rebell against him.

21 Day Evening

18 And the fire was kindled in their assembly: the flame burnt vp the wicked.
19 They made a calfe in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.
20 Thus they turned their [k] glory into the similitude of a bullocke, that eateth grasse.
21 They forgate God their Sauiour, which had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderous workes in the land of Ham, and fearefull things by the red sea.
23 Therefore he minded to destroy them, had [l] not Moses his chosen stoode in the breach before him to turne away his wrath, least he should destroy them.
24 Also they contemned that [m] pleasant land, and beleeued not his word,
25 But murmured in their tentes, and hearkened not vnto the voyce of the Lord.
26 Therefore [n] he lifted vp his hand against them, to destroy them in the wildernesse,
27 And to destroy their seede among the nations, and to scatter them throughout the countreys.
28 They ioyned themselues also vnto [o] Baal-peor, and did eate the offerings of the [p] dead.
29 Thus they [q] prouoked him vnto anger with their owne inuentions, and the plague brake in vpon them.
30 But [r] Phinehas stood vp, and executed iudgement, and the plague was stayed.
31 *And it was [s] imputed vnto him for righteousnesse from generation to generation for euer.
32 They angered him also at the waters of [*] Meribah, so that [t] Moses was punished for their sakes,
33 Because they vexed his spirit, so that he spake vnaduisedly with his lips.
34 Neither destroyed they the people, as the Lord had commanded them,
35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their workes,
36 And serued their idoles, which were their ruine.
37 Yea, they offered their [u] sonnes, and their daughters vnto deuils,
38 And shed innocent blood, euē the blood of their sonnes, & of their daughters, whom they offered vnto the idoles of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.
39 Thus were they stained with their owne workes, and went a [x] whoring with their owne inuentions.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, and he abhorred his owne inheritance.
41 And hee gaue them into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them, were lords ouer them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were humbled vnder their hand.
43 Many [y] a time did he deliuer them, but they prouoked him by their counsels: therefore they were brought downe by their iniquitie.
44 Yet he saw when they were in affliction, and he heard their cry.
45 And he remembred his couenant toward them, and [z] repented according to the multitude of his mercies,
46 And gaue them fauour in the sight of all them that led them captiues.
47 Saue vs, O Lord our God, and [a] gather vs from among the heathen, that wee may praise thine holy Name, and glory in thy praise.
48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for euer and euer, and let all the people say, So be it. Praise ye the Lord.

k He sheweth that all idolaters renounce God to be their glory, when in stead of him they worship any creature, much more wood, stone, metall, or calues.
l If Moses by his intercession had not obtained Gods fauour against their rebellions.
m That is, Canaan, which was as it were an earnest peny of the heauenly inheritance.
n That is, hee sware. Sometime also it meaneth, to punish.
o Which was the idole of the Moabites.
p Sacrifices offered to the dead idoles.
q Signifying, that whatsoeuer man inuenteth of himselfe to serue God by, is detestable and prouoketh his anger.
r When al other neglected Gods glory, he in his zeale killed the adulerers, and preuented Gods wrath.
Num. 25. 13.
s This acte declared his liuely faith, and for his faiths sake, was accepted.
Numb. 20. 13. *Psal.* 95. 80.
t If so notable a Prophet of God escape not punishment, though others prouoked him to sinne, how much more shall they be subiect to Gods iudgement, which cause, Gods children to sinne?
u Hee sheweth how monstrous a thing idolatrie is, which can win vs to things abhorring to nature, whereas Gods word cannot obtaine most small things.
x Then true chastitie is to cleaue wholy and onely vnto God.
y. The Prophet sheweth that neither by menaces nor promises we can come to God, except we be altogether newly reformed, and that his mercy ouercome & hide our malice.
z Not that God is changeable in himselfe, but that then he seemeth to vs to repent, when he altereth his punishment, and forgiueth vs.
a Gather thy Church, which is disperſed, and giue vs constancie vnder the crosse, that with one consent we my all praise thee.

PSAL. CVII.

1 The Prophet exhorteth all those that are redeemed by the Lord, and gathered vnto him, to giue thankes. 9 for thu mercifull prouidence of God, gouerning all things at his good pleasure, 20 sending good and euill, prosperitie and aduersitie to bring men vnto him. 42 Therefore as the righteous thereat reioyce, so shall the wicked haue their mouthes stopped.

22 Day Morne

PRaise [a] the Lord, because he is good: for his mercy endureth for euer.
2 Let them [b] which haue been redeemed of the Lord, shew how hee hath deliuered them from the hand of the oppressour,
3 And gathered them out of the landes, from the East and from the West, from the North and from the [||] South.
4 When they wandered in the desert and wildernesse out of the way, and found no city to dwell in,
5 [c] Both hungry and thirstie, their soule fainted in them.
6 Then they cried vnto the Lord in their trouble, and he deliuered them from their distresse,
7 And led them forth by the right way, that they might goe to a citie of habitation.
8 Let them therefore confesse before the Lord his louing kindnesse, and his wonderfull workes before the sonnes of men.
9 For he satisfied the thirstie soule, and filled the hungry soule with goodnesse.
10 They that dwell in darknesse and in the shadow of death, being bound in misery and yron,
11 Because they [d] rebelled against the words of the Lord, and despised the counsell of the most High.
12 When hee humbled their heart with heauinesse, then they fell downe, and there was no helper.
13 Then they [e] cried vnto the Lord in their trouble, and he deliuered them from their distresse.

a This notable sentence was in the beginning vsed as the foote or tenour of the song, which was oftentimes repeated.
b As this was true in the Iewes, so is there none of Gods elect, that feele not his helpe in their necessitie
||*Or, from the sea: meaning the red sea, which is on the South part of the land.*
c He sheweth that there is none affliction so grieuous out of the which God wil not deliuer his, and also exhorteth them, that are deliuered, to be mindfull of so great a benefit.
d Then the true way to obey God is to follow his expresse commandement: also hereby all are exhorted to descend into themselues, forasmuch as none are punished, but for their sinnes.
e He sheweth that the cause why God doeth punish vs extremely, is because we can be brought vnto him by none other meanes.

14 He

f When there seemeth to mans iudgement no recouerie, but all things are brought to despaire, then God chiefly sheweth his mightie power.

g They that haue no feare of God, by his sharp rods are brought to call vpon him, & so finde mercie.

h By healing them he declareth his good will toward them.

i Meaning, their diseases, which had almost brought them to the graue and corruption.

k Praise & confession of Gods benefits are the true sacrifices of the godly.

l He sheweth by the sea, what care God hath ouer man, for in that that he deliuereth them from the great dangers of the sea, he deliuereth them, as it were from a thousand deaths.

m Their feare and danger is so great.

n When their arte and meanes faile them, they are compelled to confesse that only Gods prouidence doth preserue them.

o Though before euery drop seemed to fight one against another, yet at his commandement they are as still, as though they were frosen.

p This great benefit ought not onely to be considered particularly, but magnified in all places, and assemblies. ‖ *Or, saltnesse.*

q For the loue that he beareth to his Church, he changeth the order of nature for their commoditie.

r Continuall increase and yeerely.

s As God by his prouidence doth exalt men, so doth he also humble them by afflictions to know themselues.

14 He brought them out of darkenesse, and out of the shadow of death, and brake their bands asunder.

15 Let them therefore confesse before the Lord his louing kindnesse, and his wonderfull works before the sonnes of men.

16 For he hath broken the gates of braſſe, and hewn the barres of yron asunder.

17 s Fooles by reason of their transgression, & because of their iniquities are afflicted.

18 Their soule abhorreth all meate, and they are brought to deaths doore.

19 Then they crie vnto the Lord in their trouble, and he deliuereth them from their distresse.

20 t He sendeth his word and healeth them, and deliuereth them from their graues.

21 Let them therefore confesse before the Lord his louing kindnesse, and his wonderfull works before the sonnes of men,

22 And let them offer sacrifices of u praise, and declare his works with reioycing.

23 They that goe downe to the x sea in ships, and occupie by the great waters,

24 They see the workes of the Lord, and his wonders in the deepe.

25 For he commandeth and raiseth the stormie winde, and it lifteth vp the waues thereof.

26 They mount vp to the heauen, and descend to the deepe, so that their soule y melteth for trouble.

27 They are tossed to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and all their z cunning is gone.

28 Then they crie vnto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresse.

29 He turneth the storme to calme, so that the waues thereof are still.

30 When they are a quieted, they are glad, and he bringeth them vnto the hauen where they would be.

31 Let them therefore confesse before the Lord his louing kindnesse, and his wonderfull works before the sonnes of men.

32 And let them exalt him in the b Congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the Elders.

33 He turneth the floods into a wildernes, and the springs of waters into drinesse,

34 And a fruitful land into ‖ barrennesse, for the wickednes of them that dwell therein.

35 Againe he c turneth the wildernesse into pooles of water, and the drie land into water springs.

36 And there he placeth the hungrie, and they build a citie to dwell in,

37 And sow the fields, & plant vineyards, which bring forth fruitfull d increase.

38 For he blesseth them, and they multiplie exceedingly, and bee diminished not their cattell.

39 e Againe men are diminished, and brought low by oppression, euill, and sorrow.

40 He powreth f contempt vpon princes, and causeth them to erre in desert places out of the way.

41 Yet hee raiseth vp the poore out of miserie, and maketh him families like a flocke of sheepe.

42 The g righteous shall see it, & reioyce, and all iniquitie shall stop her mouth.

43 Who is wise, that hee may obserue these things? for they shall vnderstand the louing kindnesse of the Lord.

PSAL. CVIII.

This Psalme is composed of two other Psalmes before, the seuen and fiftieth and the sixtieth. The matter here contained is, 1 That Dauid giueth himselfe with heart and voyce to praise the Lord, 7 And assureth himselfe of the promise of God concerning his kingdom ouer Israel, and his power against other nations: 11 Whe though he seeme to forsake vs for a time, yet he alone will in the end cast downe our enemies.

A song or Psalme of Dauid.

O God, mine heart is h prepared, so is my tongue: I will sing and giue praise.

2 Awake viole and harpe: I will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the i people, and I will sing vnto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great aboue the heauens, and thy truth vnto the clouds.

5 k Exalt thy selfe, O God, aboue the heauens, and let thy glory bee vpon all the earth.

6 That thy beloued may bee deliuered: l helpe with thy right hand and heare mee.

7 God hath spoken in his holines: therefore I will reioyce, I shall diuide Shechem, and measure the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead shall be mine, & Manasseh shall be mine: Ephraim also shall be the strength of mine head: Iudah is my law-giuer.

9 m Moab shall be my washpot: ouer Edom will I cast out my shoe: vpon Palestina will I triumph.

10 Who will leade me into the strong citie? who will bring me into Edom?

11 n Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst forsaken vs, and diddest not goe forth, O God, with our armies?

12 Giue vs helpe against trouble: for vaine is the helpe of man.

13 Through God we shall doe valiantly: for he shall tread downe our enemies.

t For their wickednes & tyranny he causeth the people & subiects to contemne them.

u They, whose faith is lightened by Gods Spirit, shal reioice to see Gods iudgements against the wicked & vngodly.

22 Day Euening

a This earnest affection declareth that hee is free from hypocrisie, and that sluggishnes stayeth him not. ‖ *Or, my glory, because it chiefly setteth forth the glory of God.*

b He prophesieth of the calling of the Gentiles: for except they were called, they could not heare the goodnesse of God.

c Let all the world see thy iudgements, in that that thou art God ouer all, and to confesse that thou art glorious.

d When God by his benefits maketh vs partakers of his mercies, he admonisheth vs to be earnest in prayer, to desire him to continue and finish his graces.

e As he hath spoken to Samuel concerning me, so will he shew himselfe constant and holy in his promise, so that these nations following shall be subiect vnto me. *Psal. 60. 8.*

f From the sixt verse of this Psalme vnto the last, reade the exposition in the 60. Psalme, and fift verse.

PSAL. CIX.

1 Dauid being falsly accused by flatterers vnto Saul, prayeth God to helpe him, and to destroy his enemies. 8 And vnder them he speaketh of Iudas the traitour vnto Iesus Christ, and of all the like enemies of the children of God: 27 And desireth so to be deliuered, that his enemies may knowe the worke to be of God. 30 Then doth hee promise to giue prayses vnto God.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

HOlde not thy tongue, O God of my praise.

2 For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth full of deceit are opened vpon mee: they haue spoken to mee with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed mee about also with words of hatred, and fought against mee without a cause.

4 For my friendship they were mine aduersaries, but I gaue my selfe to prayer.

5 And they haue rewarded mee euill for good, and hatred for my friendship.

6 Set thou the wicked ouer him, and let the aduersarie stand at his right hand.

7 When hee shall be iudged, let him bee condemned, and let his prayer bee turned into sinne.

8 Let his dayes bee few, and let another take his charge.

9 Let his children be fatherlesse, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children bee vagabonds and beg and seeke bread, comming out of their places destroyed.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that hee hath, and let the stranger spoyle his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy vnto him, neither let there be any to shew mercie vpon his fatherlesse children.

13 Let his posteritie bee destroyed, and in the generation following let their name bee put out.

14 Let the iniquitie of his fathers bee had in remembrance with the Lord: and let not the sinne of his mother bee done away.

15 But let them alway be before the Lord, that he may cut off their memorial from the earth.

16 Because hee remembred not to shew mercie, but persecuted the afflicted and poore man, and the sorrowfull hearted, to slay him.

17 As hee loued cursing, so shall it come vnto him, and as he loued not blessing, so shall it be farre from him.

18 As hee clothed himselfe with cursing like a raiment, so shall it come into his bowels like water, and like oyle into his bones.

19 Let it bee vnto him as a garment to couer him, and for a girdle, wherewith hee shall be alway girded.

20 Let this be the reward of mine aduersarie from the Lord, and of them, that speake euill against my soule.

21 But thou, O Lord my God, deale with mee according to thy Name: deliuer me, (for thy mercy is good.)

22 Because I am poore and needie, and mine heart is wounded within me.

23 I depart like the shadow that declineth, and am shaken off as the grashopper.

24 My knees are weake through fasting, and my flesh hath lost all fatnesse.

25 I became also a rebuke vnto them: they that looked vpon mee, shooke their heads.

26 Helpe me, O Lord my God: O saue me according to thy mercie.

27 And they shal know, that this is thine hand, and that thou, Lord, hast done it.

28 Though they curse, yet thou wilt blesse: they shall arise and bee confounded, but thy seruant shall reioyce.

29 Let mine aduersaries bee clothed with shame, and let them couer themselues with their confusion, as with a cloke.

30 I will giue thankes vnto the Lord greatly with my mouth, and praise him among the multitude.

31 For he will stand at the right hand of the poore, to saue him from them that would condemne his soule.

PSAL. CX.

1 Dauid prophesieth of the power and euerlasting kingdome giuen to Christ. 4 And of his Priesthood, which should passe vnto the Priesthood of Leui.

A Psalme of Dauid.

THe Lord said vnto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, vntill I make thine enemies thy footstoole.

2 The Lord shall send the rodde of thy power out of Sion: bee thou ruler in the middest of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall come willingly at the time of assembling thine armie in holy beautie: the youth of thy wombe shall bee as the morning dewe.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent, Thou art a Priest for euer after the order of Melchi-zedek.

5 The Lord that is at thy right hand, shall wound kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall be iudge among the heathen: he shall fil all with dead bodies, and smite the head ouer great countreys.

7 He shall drinke of the brooke in the way: therefore shall he lift vp his head.

a Though all the world condemne me, yet thou wilt approue mine innocencie, and that is a sufficient prayse to me.

b To declare that I had none other refuge, but in thee in whom my conscience was at rest.

c Whether it were Doeg or Saul, or some familiar friend, that had betrayed him, he prayeth not of priuate affection, but moued by Gods Spirit that God would take vengeance vpon him.

d As to the elect all things turne to their profit: so to the reprobate, euen those things that are good, turne to their damnation.

e This was chiefly accomplished in Iudas, Actes 1.20.

f He declareth that the curse of God lieth vpon the extortioners: who thinking to enrich their children by their vnlawfull gotten goods, are by Gods iust iudgement depriued of all.

g Thus punisheth the Lord to the third and fourth generation the wickednesse of the parents in their wicked children.

h He sheweth that God accustometh to plague them after a strange sort, that shew themselues cruell toward other.

i Thus giueth the Lord to euery man the thing wherein hee delighteth, that the reprobate cannot accuse God of wrong, when they are giuen vp to their lustes and reprobate mindes.

k For being destitute of mans helpe, hee fully trusted in the Lord, that hee would deliuer him.

l As thou art named merciful, gracious and long suffering, so shew thy selfe in effect.

m Meaning, that he hath no stay nor assurance in this world.

n For hunger, that came of sorrow, hee was leane, and his naturall moisture failed him.

o The more grieuous that Satan assailed him, the more earnest and instant was he in prayer.

p They shall gaine nothing by cursing me.

q Not onely in confessing it secretly in my selfe: but also in declaring it before all: he had not to doe with the Congregation.

r Hereby he sheweth that the iudges and princes of the world.

a Iesus Christ in the two and twentie of Mat. verse 44. giueth the interpretation hereof, and sheweth that this cannot properly be applied vnto Dauid, but to himselfe.

b And thence it shall stretch through all the world: and this power chiefly standeth in the preaching of his word.

c By thy word thy people shall be assembled into thy Church, whose increase shall be so abundant and wonderfull as the drops of the dewe.

d As Melchi-zedek the figure of Christ was both King and Priest: so the effect cannot bee accomplished in any King, saue only in Christ. Hebr. 7. 26.

e No power shall be able to resist him.

f Vnder this similitude of a captaine, that is so greedie to destroy his enemies, that he will not scarce drinke by the way, he sheweth how God will destroy his enemies.

PSAL. CXI.

1 He giueth thanks to the Lord for his wonderfull workes towarde his Church, 10 And declareth wherein true wisedome and right knowledge consisteth.

Dpraise.

¶ Praise ye the Lord.

I Will a praise the Lorde with my whole heart in the assembly and Congregation of the iust.

2 The works of the Lord are b great, and ought to be sought out of all them that loue them.

3 His worke is beautifull and glorious, and his righteousnesse endureth for euer.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be had in remembrance: the Lord is mercifull and full of compassion.

5 Hee hath giuen a || portion vnto them that feare him: he will euer be mindful of his couenant.

6 He hath shewed to his people the power of his workes in giuing vnto them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The c workes of his hands are trueth and iudgement: all his statutes are true,

8 They are stablished for euer and euer, and are done in trueth and equitie.

9 Hee sent redemption vnto his people: hee hath commanded his couenant for euer: holy and fearefull is his Name.

10 d The beginning of wisdome is the feare of the Lord: al they that obserue them haue good vnderstanding: his praise endureth for euer.

a The Prophet declareth that he will praise God both priuately and openly, and that from the heart, as he that consecrateth himselfe wholly and onely vnto God.

b He sheweth that Gods works are a sufficient cause wherefore we should praise him, but chiefly his benefits toward his Church.

c God hath giuen to his people all that was necessary for them, and will do still euen for his couenants sake: and in this sense the Hebrew word is taken, Prou. 30 8 and 31.15. ||*Or, pray and feede.*

d As God promised to take the care of his Church: so in effect doeth he declare himselfe iust & true ig the gouernment of the same.

e They onely are wise that feare God, and none haue vnderstanding, but they that obey his word.

f To wit, his commandements, as verse 7.

PSAL. CXII.

1 *Hee praiseth the felicitie of them that feare God,* 10 *And condemneth the cursed state of the contemners of God.*

¶ Praise ye the Lord.

BLessed is the man that a feareth the Lord and delighteth greatly in his commandements.

2 His seed shalbe mighty vpon earth, the generation of the righteous shalbe blessed.

3 b Riches & treasures shalbe in his house, and his righteousnesse endureth for euer.

4 Vnto the c righteous ariseth light in darkenesse: he is mercifull and full of compassion and righteous.

5 A good man is mercifull and d lendeth, & will measure his affaires by iudgement.

6 Surely he shall neuer bee moued: but the righteous shall be had in euerlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of euill tydings: for his heart is fixed, and beleeueth in the Lord.

8 His heart is stablished: therefore he will not feare, vntill he see his desire vpon his enemies.

9 He hath e distributed and giuen to the poore: his righteousnes remaineth for euer: his f horne shalbe exalted with glory.

10 The wicked shall see it and bee angry: he shal gnash with his teeth, and g consume away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

a Hee meaneth that reuerent feare which is in the children of God, which causeth them to delight only in the word of God.

b The godly shal haue abundance & contentment, because their heart is satisfied in God onely.

c The faithful in all their aduersities know that al shal go wel with them: for God will be mercifull and iust.

d He sheweth what is the fruit of mercie: to lend freely & not forgaine, and so to measure his doings, that he may be able to helpe where need requireth and not to bestow all on himselfe.

e The godly pinch not nigardly, but distribute liberally, as the necessitie of the poore requireth, and as his power is able.

f His power and prosperous estate should not earnestly extoll his name?

e By preferring the poore to high honour, and giuing the barren children, he sheweth that God worketh not onely in his Church by ordinarie meanes, but also by miracles.

g The blessings of God vpon his children shall cause the wicked to die for enuy.

PSAL. CXIII.

1 *An exhortation to praise the Lord for his prouidence,* 7 *In that that contrary to the course of nature he worketh in his Church.*

¶ Praise ye the Lord.

PRaise, O ye seruants of the Lord, a praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from henceforth and for euer.

3 The Lords name is praised from the rising of the sunne, vnto the going downe of the same.

4 The Lord is high aboue all b nations, and his glory aboue the heauens.

5 Who is like vnto the Lorde our God, that hath his dwelling on high!

6 Who abaseth himselfe to behold things in the heauen and in the earth!

7 He raiseth the needy out of the dust, and lifteth vp the c poore out of the dung,

8 That he may set him with the princes, euen with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh a barren woman to dwell with a family, and a ioyfull mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

a By this often repetition, hee stirreth vp our cold dulnesse to praise God seeing his works are so wonderfull, and that we are created for the same cause.

b If Gods glory shine through all the world, and therefore of all ought to be praised, what great condemnation were it to his people, among whom chiefly it shineth, if they

PSAL. CXIIII.

1 *How the Israelites were deliuered forth of Egypt, and of the wonderfull miracles that God wrought at that time. Which put vs in remembrance of Gods great mercie toward his Church, who when the course of nature faileth preserueth his miraculously.*

WHen a Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Iaakob from the b barbarous people,

2 Iudah was b his sanctification, and Israel his dominion.

3 The Sea saw it and fled: Iorden was turned backe.

4 The c mountaines leaped like rammes, and the hils as lambes.

5 What ayled thee, O Sea, that thou fleddest? O Iorden, why wast thou turned backe?

6 Yee mountaines, why leaped yee like rammes, and ye hils as lambes?

7 The c earth trembled at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Iaakob:

8 Which c turneth the rocke into waterpoole, & the flint into a fountaine of water.

23 Day Euening

Exod. 13.5.

a That is, from them that were of a strange language.

b The whole people were witnesses of his holy maiestie, in adopting them, and of his mighty power in deliuering them.

c Seeing that these dead creatures feele Gods power, and after a sort know it, much more his people ought to consider it and glorifie him for the same.

d Ought then his people to be insensible, when they see his power and Maiestie?

e That is, caused miraculously water to come out of the rocke in most abundance, Exod. 17.6.

PSAL. CXV.

1 *A praier of the faithful oppressed by idolatrous tyrants, against who they desire that God would succour the,* 9 *Trusting most constantly that God will preserue the in this their need, seeing that he hath adopted & receiued them to his fauour,* 18 *Promising finally that they will not be vnmindful of so*

a Because God promised to deliuer them, not for their sakes, but for his name, Ioa. 48. 11. therefore they ground their prayer vpon this promise.
b When the wicked see that God accomplisheth not his promise, as they imagine, they thinke there is no God.
c No impediments can let his worke, but he ſeeth euen the impediments to ſerue his will.
d Seeing that neither the matter nor the forme can commend the idols, it followeth that there is nothing why they ſhould be eſteemed.
e He ſheweth what great vanitie it is to aske helpe of them, which not onely haue no helpe in them, but lacke ſenſe and reaſon.
f As much without ſenſe, as blockes and ſtones.
g For they were appointed by God, as inſtructers & teachers of faith & religion for others to follow.
h That is, he will continue his graces toward his people.
i And therefore doth ſtill gouerne and continue all things therein.
k And they declare enough his ſufficiencie, ſo that the world leaueth him nothing, but to ſhew his fatherly care toward men.
l Though the dead ſet forth Gods glory, yet he meaneth here that they praiſe him not in his Church and congregation.

great a benefite, if it would pleaſe God to heare their prayer, and deliuer them by his omnipotent power.

NOt [a] vnto vs, O Lord, not vnto vs, but vnto thy Name giue the glory, for thy louing mercie, and for thy trueth ſake.
2 Wherefore ſhal the heathen ſay, [b] Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in heauen: hee doeth whatſoeuer he [c] will.
4 Their idoles are [d] ſiluer and gold, euen the worke of mens hands.
5 They haue a mouth and ſpeake not: they haue eyes and ſee not.
6 They haue eares and heare not: they haue noſes and ſmell not.
7 They haue [e] hands and touch not: they haue feete and walke not: neither make they a ſound with their throat.
8 They that make them are [f] like vnto them: ſo are all that truſt in them.
9 O Iſrael truſt thou in the Lord: for he is their helpe and their ſhield.
10 [g] O houſe of Aaron, truſt yee in the Lord: for hee is their helpe and their ſhield.
11 Yee that feare the Lord, truſt in the Lord: for he is their helper and their ſhield.
12 The Lord hath bene mindfull of vs: he will bleſſe, he [h] will bleſſe the houſe of Iſrael, he will bleſſe the houſe of Aaron.
13 He will bleſſe them that feare the Lord, both ſmall and great.
14 The Lorde will increaſe his graces toward you, euen toward you and toward your children.
15 Ye are bleſſed of the Lord, which [i] made the heauen and the earth.
16 The [k] heauens, euen the heauens are the Lords: but hee hath giuen the earth to the ſonnes of men.
17 The dead praiſe not the Lord, neither any that [l] goe downe into the place of ſilence.
18 But wee will praiſe the Lorde from hencefoorth and for euer. Praiſe yee the Lord.

PSAL. CXVI.

1 Dauid being in great danger of Saul in the deſert of Maon, perceiuing the great and ineſtimable loue of God toward him, magnifieth ſuch great mercies, 13 And proteſteth that he will be thankfull for the ſame.

I [a] Loue the Lord, because he hath heard my voyce and my prayers.
2 For he hath inclined his eare vnto me, when I did call vpon him [b] in my dayes.
3 When the ſnares of death compaſſed me, and the griefes of the graue caught me: whē I found trouble and ſorow,
4 Then I called vpon the name of the Lord, ſaying, I beſeech thee, O Lord, deliuer my ſoule.
5 The Lord is [c] merciful and righteous, and our God is full of compaſſion.
6 The Lord preſerueth the ſimple: I was in miſerie and he ſaued me.
7 Returne vnto thy reſt, O [d] my ſoule: for the Lord hath bene beneficiall vnto thee.
8 Because thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from death, mine eyes from teares, and my feete from falling,
9 I ſhall [e] walke before the Lord in the land of the liuing.
10 [f] I beleeued, therefore did I ſpeake: for I was ſore troubled.
11 I ſaid in my [g] feare, All men are lyars.
12 What ſhall I render vnto the Lorde, for all his benefits toward me?
13 I will [h] take the cup of ſaluation, and call vpon the Name of the Lord.
14 I will pay my vowes vnto the Lord, euen now in the preſence of all his people.
15 Precious in the ſight of the Lord is the [i] death of his Saints.
16 Behold, Lord: for I am thy ſeruant, I am thy ſeruant, and the ſonne of thine handmaid: thou haſt broken my bonds.
17 I will offer to thee a ſacrifice of praiſe, and will call vpon the Name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my [k] vowes vnto the Lord, euen now in the preſence of all his people,
19 In the courts of the Lorde houſe, euen in the mids of thee, O Ieruſalem. Praiſe ye the Lord.

b That is, in conuenient time to ſeeke helpe, which was when hee was in diſtreſſe.
c He ſheweth forth the fruit of his loue in calling vpon him, confeſſing him to be iuſt & mercifull, and to helpe them that are deſtitute of ayde and counſell
d Which was vnquieted before, now reſt vpon the Lord: for he hath bin beneficial toward thee.
e The Lord will preſerue me, and ſaue my life.
f I felt all theſe things, & therefore was moued by faith to confeſſe them, 2. Cor. 4. 13.
g In my great diſtreſſe I thought God would not regard man, which is but lies and vanitie, yet I ouercame this tentation, and felt the contrary.
h In the Law they vſed to make a banquet, when they gaue ſolemne thanks to God, and to take the cup and drinke in ſigne of thankeſgiuing.
i I perceiue that God hath a care ouer his, ſo that he both diſpoleth their death, & taketh an account.
k I will thanke him for his benefits: for that is a iuſt payment, to confeſſe that we owe all to God.

PSAL. CXVII.

1 He exhorteth the Gentiles to praiſe God, becauſe hee hath accompliſhed as well to them as to the Iewes the promiſe of life euerlaſting by Ieſus Chriſt.

ALl [a] nations, praiſe ye the Lord: all yee people, praiſe him.
2 For his louing kindneſſe is great toward vs, and the [b] trueth of the Lord endureth for euer. Praiſe ye the Lord.

Rom. 15. 11.
a That is, the moſt certaine & continuall teſtimonies of his fatherly grace.

PSAL. CXVIII.

1 Dauid reſcued of Saul and of the people, at the time appointed obtained the kingdome. 4 For the which he biddeth all them that feare the Lord, to be thankefull. And vnder his perſon in all this was Chriſt liuely ſet forth, who ſhould be of his people reſcued.

PRaiſe [a] ye the Lord, because he is good: for his mercy endureth for euer.
2 Let Iſrael now ſay, That his mercie endureth for euer.
3 Let the houſe of Aaron now ſay, That his mercie endureth for euer.
4 Let them that feare the Lord, now ſay, That his mercie endureth for euer.
5 I called vpon the Lord in [b] trouble, and the people to do the ſame.

a Because God by creating Dauid King, ſhewed his mercy toward his afflicted Church, the Prophet doeth not onely himſelfe thanke God, but exhorteth all
b We are here taught, that the more that troubles oppreſſe vs, the more we ought to be inſtant in prayer.

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the Lord heard me, and set me at large.
6 The Lord is with me: therefore I will not feare what c man can doe vnto me.
7 The Lord is with me among them that helpe me: therefore shall I see my desire vpon mine enemies.
8 It is better to trust in the Lord, then to haue confidence c in man.
9 It is better to trust in the Lord, then to haue confidence in princes.
10 All nations haue compassed me: but in the Name of the Lorde shall I destroy them.
11 They haue compassed mee, yea, they haue compassed me: but in the Name of the Lord I shal destroy them.
12 They came about mee like bees, but they were quenched as a fire of thornes: for in the Name of the Lord I shall destroy them.
13 c Thou hast thrust sore at mee, that I might fall: but the Lord hath holpen me.
14 The Lord is my strength and f song: for he hath bene my deliuerance.
15 The g voice of ioy and deliuerance shal be in the Tabernacles of the righteous, saying, The right hand of the Lord hath done valiantly.
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: h the right hand of the Lord hath done valiantly.
17 I shal not die, but liue, and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened me sore, but he hath not deliuered me to death.
19 Open yee vnto me the i gates of righteousnes, that I may go into them, and praise the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lorde: the righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will praise thee: for thou [illegible]eard me, and hast bene my deliuerance.
22 k The stone, which the builders l refused, is the head of the corner.
23 This was the Lords doing, and it is marueilous in our eyes.
24 This is the i day, which the Lord hath made: let vs reioyce and be glad in it.
25 m O Lord, I pray thee, saue now: O Lord I pray thee, now giue prosperity.
26 Blessed bee hee, that commeth in the Name of the Lord: n wee haue blessed you out of the house of the Lord.
27 The Lord is mighty, and hath giuen vs o light: binde the sacrifice with cordes vnto the hornes of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee, euen my God: therefore I will exalt thee.
29 Praise ye the Lord, because he is good: for his mercy endureth for euer.

c Being exalted to this estate, he assured himselfe to haue man ener to be his enemy: yet he doubted not, but God would maintaine him, because he had placed him.
d He sheweth that he had trusted in vaine, if he had put his confidence in man, to haue bene preferred to the kingdome, and therfore he put his trust in God, and obteined.
e He noteth Saul his chiefe enemie.
f In that he was deliuered, it came not of himselfe, nor of the power of man, but onely of Gods fauour: therefore he will praise him.
g He promiseth both to render graces himselfe, and to cause others to doe the same, because that in his person the Church was restored.
h So that all that are both farre & neere, may see his mighty power.
i He willeth the doores of the Tabernacle to be opened, that he may declare his thankfull minde. *Isa. 28. 16 matt. 21. 42. acts 4. 11. rom. 9. 33. 1. pet. 2. 6, 7.*
k Though Saul and the chiefe powers refused me to be king, yet God hath preferred me aboue them all. l Wherein God hath shewed chiefly his mercy in appointing mee king, and deliuering his Church. m The people pray for the prosperitie of Dauids kingdome, who was the figure of Christ. n Which are the Priests, and haue the charge thereof, as Numb. 6. 23. o Because he hath restored vs from darknesse to light, we will offer sacrifices and prayses vnto him.

PSAL. CXIX.

a The Prophet exhorteth the children of God to frame their liues according to his holy word. 129 Also he sheweth wherein the true seruice of God standeth: that is, when we serue him according to his word, and not after our owne fantasies.

ALEPH.

BLessed are b those that are vpright in their way, and walke in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are they that keepe his testimonies, and seeke him with their whole heart.
3 Surely they worke c none iniquity, but walke in his wayes.
4 Thou hast commaunded to keepe thy precepts diligently.
5 d Oh that my wayes were directed to keepe thy statutes!
6 Then should I not bee confounded, when I haue respect vnto all thy commandements.
7 I will prayse thee with an vpright e heart, when I shall learne the f iudgements of thy righteousnesse.
8 I will keepe thy statutes: forsake me not f ouerlong.

a Here they are not called blessed which thinke themselues wise in their owne iudgement, nor which imagine to themselues a certain holinesse, but they whose conuersation is without hypocrisie.
b For they are ruled by Gods spirit, and imbrace no doctrine but his.
c Dauid acknowledgeth his imperfection, desiring God to reforme it, that his life may be conformable to Gods word. d For true religion standeth in serueing God without hypocrisie. e That is, thy precepts, which conteine perfect righteousnes. f He refuseth not to be tried by tentations, but he feareth to faint, if God succour not his infirmity in time.

BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a g yong man reduse his way? in taking heed thereto according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart haue I sought thee: let me not wander from thy commandements.
11 I haue h hid thy promise in mine heart, that I might not sinne against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach mee thy statutes.
13 With my lippes haue I declared all the iudgements of thy mouth.
14 I haue had as great i delight in the way of thy testimonies, as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and consider thy wayes.
16 I will delight in thy statutes, and I will not forget thy word.

g Because youth is most giuen to licentiousnesse, he chiefly warneth them to frame their liues betime to Gods word.
h If Gods word be graue in our hearts, we shall be more able to resist the assaults of Satan: and therefore the Prophet desireth God to instruct him dayly more and more therein. c The Prophet doeth not boast of his vertues, but setteth forth an example for others to follow Gods word and leaue worldly vanities.

GIMEL.

17 Be beneficiall vnto thy seruant, that I may k liue and keepe thy word.
18 Open mine eyes, that I may see the wonders of thy Law.
19 I am a l stranger vpon earth: hide not thy commandements from me.
20 My heart breaketh for the desire to thy iudgements alway.
21 Thou m hast destroyed the proude: cursed are they that doe erre from thy commandements.

i He sheweth that we ought not to desire to liue, but to serue God, and that we cannot serue him aright, except he open our eyes and mindes.
b Seeing mans life in this world is but a passage, what should become of him, if thy word were not his guide? c In all ages thou hast plagued all such, which disobediently and contemptuously depart from thy truth.

22 Remoue

22 Remoue from me shame & contempt: for I haue kept thy testimonies.

d When the powers of the world gaue false sentence against me, thy worde was a guide and counseller to teach me what to doe, and to comfort me.

23 d Princes also did sit, & speake against me: but thy seruant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Also thy testimonies are my delight, and my counsellers.

DALETH.

a That is, it is almost brought to the graue, and without thy word I cannot liue.

25 My soule cleaueth to the a dust: quicken me according to thy word.

b I haue confessed mine offences, and now depend wholly on thee.

26 I haue b declared my wayes, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

c If God did not maintaine vs by his word, our life would drop away like water.

27 Make mee to vnderstand the way of thy precepts, and I will meditate in thy wonderous works.

28 My soule melteth for heauinesse: raise me vp according vnto thy c word.

d Instruct me in thy word, whereby my mind may be purged from vanity, and taught to obey thy will.

29 Take from me the d way of lying, and grant me graciously thy Law.

30 I haue chosen the way of trueth, and thy iudgements haue I layd before me.

e By this he sheweth that we can neither chuse good, cleaue to Gods word, nor run forward in his way, except he make our hearts large to receiue his grace, and willing to obey.

31 I haue cleaued to thy testimonies, O Lord: confound me not.

32 I will runne the way of thy commandements, when thou e shalt inlarge mine heart.

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HE.

a He sheweth that he cannot follow on to the end, except God teach him oft times, and leade him forward.

33 Teach a me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I will keepe it vnto the end.

b Not onely in outward conuersation, but also with inward affection

34 Giue me vnderstanding, and I will keepe thy Law: yea, I will keepe it with my whole b heart.

c Hereby meaning all other vices, because that couetousnes is the roote of all euill.

35 Direct me in the path of thy commandements: for therein is my delight.

36 Incline mine heart vnto thy testimonies, and not to c couetousnes.

37 Turne away mine d eyes from regarding vanity, and quicken me in thy way.

d Meaning all his senses. e Let me not fall to thy dishonour, but let mine heart stil delight in thy gracious word. f Giue me strength to continue in thy word euen to the end.

38 Stablish thy promise to thy seruant, because he feareth thee.

39 Take away e my rebuke that I feare: for thy iudgements are good.

40 Beholde, I desire thy commaundements: f quicken me in thy righteousnesse,

VAV.

a He sheweth that Gods mercie and loue is the first cause of our saluation.

41 And let thy a louing kindnesse come vnto me, O Lord, & thy saluation according to thy promise.

b By trusting in Gods word, he assureth himselfe to be able to confute the slanders of his aduersaries.

42 So shall I b make answere vnto my blasphemers: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of trueth vterly out of my mouth: for I waite for thy iudgements.

c They that simply walke after Gods word haue no lets to entangle them, whereas they that doe contrary, are euer in nets & snares.

44 So shall I alway keepe thy law for euer and euer.

45 And I will c walke at libertie: for I seeke thy precepts.

46 I will speake also of thy testimonies before a kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And my delight shall be in thy commandements, which I haue loued.

48 Mine hands also will I lift vp vnto thy commandements, which I haue loued, and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remember a the promise made to thy seruant, wherein thou hast caused mee to trust.

a Though hee feele Gods hand still to lie vpon him, yet he resteth on his promise and comforteth himselfe therein.

50 It is my comfort in my trouble: for thy promise hath quickened me.

51 The b proud haue had me exceedingly in derision: yet haue I not declined from thy Law.

b Meaning the wicked, which contemne Gods word, and tread his religion vnder foote.

52 I remembred thy c iudgements of old, O Lord, and haue bene comforted.

c That is, the examples, whereby thou declarest thy selfe to be iudge of ſ world.

53 d Feare is come vpon me for the wicked, that forsake thy Law.

54 Thy statutes haue bene my songs in the house of my e pilgrimage.

e That is, a vehement zeale to thy glory, and indignation against the wicked. e In the course of this life and sorrowfull exile.

55 I haue remembred thy Name, O Lord, in the f night, and haue kept thy Law.

f Euen when other sleepe. g That is, all these benefits.

56 g This I had because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 O Lord, that art my a portion, I haue determined to keepe thy words.

a I am perswaded that to keepe thy law is an heritage and great gaine for me.

58 I made my supplication in thy presence with my whole heart: be merciful vnto me according to thy promise.

59 I haue considered my b wayes, & turned my feete into thy testimonies.

b He sheweth that none can embrace the word of God, except he consider his owne imperfections and wayes.

60 I made haste, & delayed not to keepe thy commandements.

61 The bands of the wicked haue c robbed me: but I haue not forgotten thy Law.

c They haue gone about to draw mee into their company.

62 At midnight will I rise to giue thanks vnto thee, because of thy righteous iudgements.

63 I am d companion of all them that feare thee, and keepe thy precepts.

d Not onely in mutuall consent,

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: e teach me thy statutes.

but also with ayde and succour. e For the knowledge of Gods word is a singular token of his fauour.

TETH.

65 O Lorde, thou hast dealt a graciously with thy seruant according vnto thy word.

a Hauing proued by experience that God was true in his promise, he desireth that he would increase in him knowledge and iudgement.

66 Teach me good iudgement & knowledge: for I haue beleeued thy commandements.

67 Before I was b afflicted, I went astray: but now I keepe thy word.

b So Ieremie saith that before the Lord touched him, hee was like a calfe vntamed: so that the vse of Gods rods is to call vs home to God.

68 Thou art good and gracious: teach me thy statutes.

69 The proude haue imagined a lie against mee: but I will keepe thy precepts with my whole heart.

c Their heart is indurate and hardened, puffed vp with prosperitie and vaine estimation of themselues.
d He confesseth that before that he was chastened, he was rebellious, as man by nature is.

70 c Their heart is fat as grease: but my delight is in thy Law.
71 It is d good for mee that I haue bene afflicted, that I may learne thy statutes.
72 The Law of thy mouth is better vnto me, then thousands of gold and siluer.

25 day IOD. Evening

a Because God leaueth not his worke, that hee hath begun, he desireth a new grace, that is, that he would continue his mercies.
b When God sheweth his grace toward any, he testifieth to others, that he faileth not them that trust in him.
‡ Ebr. in trueth.
c He declareth that when hee felt not Gods mercies, hee was as dead.
d That is, be comforted my mine example.

73 Thine hands haue a made mee, and fashioned me: giue me vnderstanding therefore, that I may learne thy commaundements.
74 So they that b feare thee, seeing mee, shall reioyce, because I haue trusted in thy word.
75 I know, O Lord, that thy iudgements are right, and that thou hast afflicted mee ‡ iustly.
76 I pray thee that thy mercie may comfort mee according to thy promise vnto thy seruant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come vnto mee, that I may c liue: for thy Lawe is my delight.
78 Let the proud bee ashamed: for they haue dealt wickedly, and falsely with me: but I meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let such as feare thee, d turne vnto me, and they that e know thy testimonies.
80 Let mine heart bee vpright in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

e Hee sheweth that there can bee no true feare of God without the knowledge of his word.

CAPH.

a Though my strength faile me, yet my soule groneth and sigheth, resting stil in thy word.
b Like a skin-bottle or bladder that is parched in the smoke.
c How long wilt thou afflict thy seruant?
d They haue not onely oppressed me violently, but also craftily conspired against me.

81 My soule a fainteth for thy saluation: yet I wait for thy word.
82 Mine eyes faile for thy promise, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am like a b bottell in the [illegible]: yet doe I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the c dayes of thy seruant? c When wilt thou execute iudgement on them that persecute me?
85 The proud haue d digged pits for me, which is not after thy Law.
86 All thy commandements are true: they persecute me falsly: e helpe me.
87 They had almost consumed f me vpon the earth: but I forsooke not thy precepts.
88 Quicken mee according to thy louing kindnesse: so shall I keepe the testimonie of thy mouth.

e, f Hee assureth himselfe that God will deliuer him, and destroy such as vniustly persecute them. f Finding no helpe in earth, he lifteth vp his eyes to heauen.

LAMED.

a Because none should esteeme Gods word, according to the changes of things in this world, he sheweth that it abideth in heauen, and therefore is immutable.

89 O Lord, thy word endureth for euer in a heauen.
90 Thy truetly is from generation to generation: thou hast laide the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.
91 They b continue euen to this day by thine Ordinances: for all are thy seruants.
92 Except thy Law had bene my delight, I should now haue perished in mine affliction.
93 I will neuer forget thy precepts: for by them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am c thine, saue me: for I haue sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked haue waited for mee to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I haue d seene an end of all perfection: but thy commandement is exceeding large.

b Seeing the earth and all creatures remaine in that state, wherein thou hast created them, much more thy truth remaineth constant and vnchangeable.

c He proueth by effect, that he is Gods childe, because he seeketh to vnderstand his word.
d There is nothing so perfect in earth, but it hath an ende: onely Gods word lasteth for euer.

MEM.

a He sheweth that we cannot loue Gods word, except we exercise our selues therein and practise it.
b Whosoeuer doeth submit himselfe onely to Gods word, shall not onely be safe against the practises of his enemies, but also learne more wisedome, then they that professe it, and are men of experience.

97 Oh how loue I thy Law! a it is my meditation continually.
98 By thy commaundements thou hast made me wiser then mine enemies: for they are euer with me.
99 I haue had more b vnderstanding then all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I vnderstood more then the ancient, because I kept thy precepts.
101 I haue refrained my feet from euery euill way, that I might keepe thy word.
102 I haue not declined from thy iudgements: for c thou didst teach me.
103 How sweete are thy promises vnto my mouth? yea, more then honie vnto my mouth.
104 By thy precepts I haue gotten vnderstanding: therefore I hate all the wayes of falshood.

e So then of our selues we can doe nothing, but when God doth inwardly instruct vs with his Spirit, we feele his graces sweeter then honie.

2 day NVN. Noone

a Of our selues we are but darknesse, and cannot see, except we be lightened with Gods word.
b So al the faithful ought to bind themselues to God by a solemne othe and promise to stirre vp their zeale to imbrace Gods word.
c That is my praiers & thanksgiuing, which sacrifice Hosea calleth the calues of the lips, Chap 14. verse 3. d That is, I am in continuall danger of my life. e I esteemed no worldly things, but made thy word mine inheritance.

105 Thy word is a a lanterne vnto my feete, and a light vnto my path.
106 I haue b sworne and will performe it, that I will keepe thy righteous iudgements.
107 I am very sore afflicted: O Lord, quicken me, according to thy word.
108 O Lord, I beseech thee, accept the c free offerings of my mouth, and teach me thy iudgements.
109 My d soule is continually in mine hand: yet doe I not forget thy Law.
110 The wicked haue layde a snare for me: but I swarued not from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies haue I taken as an e heritage for euer: for they are the ioy of mine heart.
112 I haue applied mine heart to fulfill thy statutes alway, euen vnto the end.

SAMECH.

a Whosoeuer will imbrace Gods worde aright, must abhorre all fantasies and imaginations both of himself & the Law of the Lord.

113 I hate a vaine inuentions: but thy Law doe I loue.
114 Thou art my refuge and shield, and I trust in thy word.
115 b Away from me, yee wicked: for I will keepe the commandements of my God.

b And hinder me not to keepe the Law of the Lord and of others.

116 Stablish

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c He desireth Gods continuall assistance, lest he should faine in this race, which he had begun.
d The craftie practises of them that contemne thy law, shall be brought to nought.
e Which infected thy people, as drosse doth the mettall, not onely teach me obedience, but cause mee to feare, considering mine owne weaknesse, which feare causeth repentance.

116 Stablish mee according to thy promise, that I may liue, and disappoint me not of mine hope.
117 c Stay thou mee, and I shall be safe, & I will delight continually in thy statutes.
118 Thou hast troden downe all them that depart from thy statutes: for their d deceit is vaine.
119 Thou hast taken away all the wicked of the earth like e drosse: therefore I loue thy testimonies.
120 My flesh f trembleth for feare of thee, and I am afraid of thy iudgements.

AIN.

a Put thy selfe betweene mine enemies and me, as if thou were my pledge.
b He boasteth not that he is Gods seruant, but hereby putteth God in mind, that as he made him his by his grace, so he would continue his fauour toward him.
c The Prophet sheweth that when the wicked haue brought all things to confusion, and Gods word to vtter contempt, then it is Gods time to helpe, & send remedie. d That is, whatsoeuer disenteth from the purtie of thy word.

121 I haue executed iudgement and iustice: leaue me not to mine oppressours.
122 a Answere for thy seruaunt in that which is good, and let not the proud oppresse mee.
123 Mine eyes haue failed in waiting for thy saluation, and for thy iust promise.
124 Deale with thy b seruaunt according to thy mercie, and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy seruant: graunt mee therefore vnderstanding, that I may knowe thy testimonies.
126 It is c time for thee, Lord, to worke: for they haue destroyed thy Law.
127 Therefore loue I thy commandements aboue gold, yea, aboue most fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteeme all thy precepts most iust, and hate all false d wayes.

PE.

a Conteining high and secret mysteries, so that I am moued with admiration and reuerence.
b The simple idiots that submit themselues to God, haue their eyes opened, and their mindes illuminated so soone as they beginne to read Gods word.
c My zeale toward thy word was so great.
d He sheweth what ought to be the zeale of Gods children, when they see his word contemned.

129 Thy testimonies are a wonderfull: therefore doth my soule keepe them.
130 The entrance into thy b words sheweth light, and giueth vnderstanding to the simple.
131 I opened my mouth and c panted, because I loued thy commandements.
132 Looke vpon me and be merciful vnto me, as thou vsest to doe vnto those that loue thy Name.
133 Direct my steps in thy word, and let none iniquitie haue dominion ouer me.
134 Deliuer mee from the oppression of men, and I will keepe thy precepts.
135 Shewe the light of thy countenance vpon thy seruant, and teach me thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes gush d out with riuers of water, because they keepe not thy Law.

TSADDI.

a We cannot confesse God to be righteous, except we liue vprightly and truely as he hath commanded. *Psal. 69. 9. 1 Iohn 2. 17.*
b Gold hath need to be fined, but thy word is perfection it selfe.

137 Righteous art thou, O Lord, and iust are thy iudgements.
138 Thou hast commanded a iustice by thy testimonies and truth especially.
139 *My zeale hath euen consumed me, because mine enemies haue forgotte thy words
140 Thy word is proued b most pure, and thy seruant loueth it.

c This is the true tryall, to praise God in aduersity.
d So that the life of man without the knowledge of God is death.

141 I am c small and despised: yet doe I not forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousnesse is an euerlasting righteousnesse, and thy Law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish are come vpon mee: yet are thy commandements my delight.
144 The righteousnesse of thy testimonies is euerlasting: graunt me vnderstanding, and I shall d liue.

Evening

KOPH.

a He sheweth that all his affections and whole heart were bent to Godward for to haue helpe in his dangers.
b He was more earnest in the studie of Gods word, then they that kept the watch, were in their charge.
Or, customes.
c He sheweth the nature of the wicked to be to persecute against their conscience.

145 I haue a cried with my whole heart: heare me, O Lord, and I will keepe thy statutes.
146 I called vpon thee: saue mee, and I will keepe thy testimonies.
147 I preuented the morning light, and cryed: for I waited on thy word.
148 Mine eyes b preuent the night watches to meditate in thy word.
149 Heare my voyce according to thy louing kindnesse: O Lord, quicken me according to thy iudgement.
150 They draw neere, that follow after c malice, and are farre from thy Law.
151 Thou art neere, O Lord: for all thy commandements are true.
152 I haue knowen long since d by thy testimonies, that thou hast established them for euer.

d His faith is grounded vpon Gods word, that he would euer be at hand when his children be oppressed.

RESH.

a For without Gods promise there is no hope of deliuerance.
b According to thy promise made in the law, which because the wicked lack, they can haue no hope of saluation.
c My zeale consumed me when I saw their malice & contempt of thy glory.
d It is a sure signe of our adoption, when wee loue the law of God.
e Since thou first promisedst, euen to the end all thy sayings are true.

153 Behold mine affliction, and deliuer me: for I haue not forgotten thy Law.
154 Pleade my cause, and deliuer mee: quicken me according to thy a word.
155 [illegible]saluation is farre from the wicked, because they seeke not thy statutes.
156 [illegible]reat are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy b iudgements.
157 My persecuters and mine oppressours are many, yet doe I not swarue from thy testimonies.
158 I saw the transgressours and was c grieued, because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider, O Lord, how I d loue thy precepts: quicken mee according to thy louing kindnesse.
160 The e beginning of thy worde is trueth, and all the iudgements of thy righteousnesse endure for euer.

SCHIN.

a The threatnings & persecutions of princes could not cause me to shrinke to confesse thee, whom I more feare then men.
b That is, often & sundry times.

161 Princes haue a persecuted me without cause, but mine heart stood in awe of thy words.
162 I reioyced at thy word, as one that findeth a great spoyle.
163 I hate falshood and abhorre it, but thy Law doe I loue.
164 b Seuen times a day doe I praise thee, because of thy righteous iudgements.

165 They,

c For their conscience assureth them, that they please thee, wheras they that loue not thee, haue the contrary.
d He sheweth that we must first haue faith, before we can worke and please God.
e I had no respect of men, but set thee alwayes before mine eyes, as the iudge of my doings.

165 They, c that loue thy Law, shall haue great prosperitie, and they shall haue none hurt.
166 Lord, I haue d trusted in thy saluation, and haue done thy commandements.
167 My soule hath kept thy testimonies: for I loue them exceedingly.
168 I haue kept thy precepts & thy testimonies: e for all my wayes are before thee.

TAV.

a As thou hast promised to be the schoolmaster vnto all them that depend vpon thee.
b The word signifieth to powre foorth continually.
c All his prayer and desire is, to profite in the word of God.
d That is, thy prouident care ouer mee, and wherewith thou wilt iudge mine enemies.
e Being chased to and fro by mine enemies, and hauing no place to rest in.

169 Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord, & giue me vnderstanding, a according vnto thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee, and deliuer mee according to thy promise.
171 My lips shall b speake prayse, when thou hast c taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall intreate of thy word: for all thy commandements are righteous.
173 Let thine hand helpe me: for I haue chosen thy precepts.
174 I haue longed for thy saluation, O Lord, and thy Law is my delite.
175 Let my soule liue, and it shall praise thee, and thy d iudgements shall helpe me.
176 I haue e gone astray like a lost sheep: seeke thy seruant, for I doe not forget thy commandements.

27 day PSAL. CXX. Morn

1 The prayer of Dauid being vexed by the false reports of Sauls flatterers. 5 And therefore lamenteth his long abode among those [illegible], 7 Who were giuen to all kinde of wickednesse and contention.

a That is, of lifting vp the tune and rising in singing.
b Albeit the children of God ought to reioyce when they suffer for righteousnes sake, yet it is a great griefe to the flesh to heare euill for well doing.
c Hee assured himself that God would turne their craft to their owne destruction. d He sheweth that there is nothing so sharpe to pearce, nor so hot to set on fire as a slaunderous tongue. e These were people of Arabia, which came of Iaphar, Gen. 10 2. f That is, of the Ishmaelites. g He declareth what he meaneth by Meshech, and Kedar: to wit, the Israelites which had degenerate from their godly fathers, and hated and contended against the faithfull.

A song of a degrees.

1 Called vnto the Lord in my b trouble, and he heard me.
2 Deliuer my soule, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitfull tongue.
3 What doth thy c deceitful tongue bring vnto thee? or what doth it auaile thee?
4 It is as the d sharpe arrowes of a mighty man, and as the coles of iuniper.
5 Woe is to me that I remaine in e Meshech, and dwell in the tents of f Kedar.
6 My soule hath too long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 I seeke g peace, and when I speake thereof, they are bent to warre.

PSAL. CXXI.

1 This Psalme teacheth that the faithfull must be onely to looke for helpe at God, 7 Who onely doth maintaine, preserue and prosper his Church.

A song of degrees.

1 I will lift vp mine eyes || vnto the mountaines, from whence mine helpe shall come.
2 Mine helpe commeth from the Lord, which hath made the a heauen and the earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foote to slip: for he that keepeth thee, will not b slumber.
4 Beholde, he that keepeth Israel, will neither slumber nor sleepe.
5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shadow at thy right hand.
6 The Sunne shall not c smite thee by day, nor the Moone by night.
7 The Lord shall preserue thee from all euill: he shall keepe thy soule.
8 The Lord shall preserue thy d going out, and thy comming in from henceforth and for euer.

|| Or, about the mountaines: meaning, that there is nothing so high in the world, wherein he can trust, but onely in God.
a He accuseth mans ingratitude, which cannot depend on Gods power.
b He sheweth that Gods prouidence not onely watcheth ouer his Church in general, but also ouer euery member thereof. c Neither heate nor cold, nor any incommodity shalbe able to destroy Gods Church: albeit for a time they may molest it. d Whatsoeuer thou doest enterprise, shal haue good successe.

PSAL. CXXII.

1 Dauid reioyceth in the name of the faithfull that God hath accomplished his promise, & placed his Arke in Zion. 5 For the which hee giueth thanks, 8 And prayeth for the prosperitie of the Church.

A song of degrees, or Psalme of Dauid.

1 a Reioyced, when they said to me, Wee will goe into the house of the Lord.
2 Our b feete shall stand in thy gates, O Ierusalem.
3 Ierusalem is builded as a citie, that is c compact together in it selfe:
4 Whereunto the d Tribes, euen the Tribes of the Lord goe vp, according to the testimonie to Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
5 For there are thrones set for iudgment, euen the thrones of the house of e Dauid.
6 Pray for the peace of Ierusalem: let them prosper that loue thee.
7 Peace be within thy f walles, and prosperitie within thy palaces.
8 For my g brethren and neighbours sakes I will wish thee now prosperitie.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will procure thy wealth.

1. Chron. 23. 9.
a He reioyceth that God had appointed a place, where the Arke should still remaine.
b Which were wont to wander to and fro as the Arke remoued.
c By the artificiall ioyning and beauty of the houses, he meaneth the concord & loue that was betweene the citizens.
d All the tribes according to Gods couenant shall come and pray there. e In whose house God placed his throne of Iustice, & made it a figure of Christs kingdome.
f The fauour of God prosper thee both within and without.
g Not onely for mine owne sake, but for all the faithfull.

PSAL. CXXIII.

1 A prayer of the faithfull, which were afflicted either in Babylon, or vnder Antiochus by the wicked worldlings and contemners of God.

A song of degrees.

1 Lift vp mine eyes to thee, that dwellest in the heauens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of a seruants looke vnto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden vnto the hand of her mistresse: so our eyes waite vpon the Lord our God, vntill he haue mercie vpon vs.

a He compareth the condition of the godly to seruants that are destitute of all helpe, assuring that when all other helps faile, God is euer at hand & like himself.

3 Haue

b He declareth that when the faithfull are so full, that they can no more endure the oppressions, and scornings of the wicked, there is alway helpe aboue, if with hungry desires they call for it.

3 Haue mercy vpon vs, O Lorde, haue mercy vpon vs: for we haue [b] suffered too much contempt.

4 Our soule is filled too full of the mocking of the wealthy, and of the despitefulnesse of the proud.

PSAL. CXXIIII.

1 The people of God escaping a great perill, doe acknowledge themselues to be deliuered, not by their owne force, but by the power of God. 4 They declare the greatnesse of the perill, 6 And praise the Name of God.

¶ A song of degrees, or Psalme of Dauid.

a He sheweth that God was ready to helpe at neede, and that there was none other way to be saued, but by his onely meanes.

IF the Lord had not [a] bene on our side (may Israel now say)

2 If the Lord had not beene on our side, when men rose vp against vs,

3 They had then [b] swalowed vs vp [c] quick, when their wrath was kindled against vs.

4 Then the [c] waters had drowned vs, and the streame had gone ouer our soule:

5 Then had the swelling waters gone ouer our soule.

b So vnable were we to resist.

c He vseth most proper similitudes to expresse the great danger, that the Church was in, & out of the which God miraculously deliuered them.

6 Praised be the Lorde, which hath not giuen vs as a pray vnto their teeth.

7 Our soule is escaped, euen as a bird out of the [d] snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are deliuered.

d For the wicked did not only furiously rage against the faithfull, but craftily imagined to destroy them.

8 Our helpe is in the Name of the Lord, which hath made heauen and earth.

PSAL. CXXV.

1 He describeth the assurance of the faithfull in their afflictions, 4 And desireth their wealth, 5 And the destruction of the wicked.

¶ A song of degrees.

a Though the world be subiect to mutations, yet the people of God shall stand sure, and be defended by Gods prouidence.

THey that trust in the Lord, shall bee as mount Zion, which cannot be [a] remoued, but remaineth for euer.

2 As the mountaines are about Jerusalem: so is the Lorde about his people from henceforth, and for euer.

3 For the [b] rod of the wicked shall not rest on the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hand vnto wickednes.

4 Doe well, O Lord, vnto those that be good and true in their hearts.

b Though God suffer his to be vnder the crosse, lest they should imbrace wickednesse, yet this crosse shall not so rest vpon them, that it should driue them from hope and such as haue no zeale of the trueth.

5 [c] But these that turne aside by their crooked wayes, them shal the Lord lead with the workers of iniquitie: but peace shalbe vpon Israel.

c He desireth God to purge his Church from hypocrites

PSAL. CXXVI.

The 27 Day Evening

1 This Psalme was made after the returne of the people from Babylon, and sheweth that the meane of their deliuerance was wonderfull after the seuenty yeeres of captiuitie foretolde by Jeremie, Chap. 25. 12 and 29 10.

¶ A song of degrees, or Psalme of Dauid.

a Their deliuerance was as a thing incredible, & therefore tooke away all excuse of ingratitude.

WHen the Lorde brought againe the captiuitie of Zion, we were like them that [a] dreame.

2 Then was our mouth [b] filled with laughter, and our tongue with toy: then sayd they among the [c] heathen, The Lorde hath done great things for them.

3 The Lord hath done great things for vs, whereof we reioyce.

4 O Lorde, bring againe our captiuitie, as the [d] riuers in the South.

5 They that sowe in teares, shall reape in ioy.

6 They went weeping and carried [e] precious seede: but they shall returne with ioy and bring their sheaues.

b He sheweth how the godly ought to reioice, whe God gathereth his Church or deliuereth it.

c If the infidels confesse Gods wonderfull worke, the faithfull can neuer shew themselues sufficiently thankefull.

d It is no more impossible to God to deliuer his people, then to cause the riuers to runne in the wildernes & barren places. e That is, seed which was scarce and deare: meaning, that they which trusted in Gods promise to returne, had their desire.

PSAL. CXXVII.

1 He sheweth that the whole estate of the world, both domesticall and politicall standeth by Gods meere prouidence and blessing, 3 And that to haue children well nurtured, is a speciall grace and gift of God.

¶ A song of degrees, or Psalme. of Salomon.

a That is, gouerne, and dispose all things pertaining to the family.

EXcept the Lorde [a] builde the house, they labour in vaine that builde it: except the Lord keepe the [b] citie, the keeper watcheth in vaine.

2 It is in vaine for you to rise early, and to lie downe late, and eate the bread [c] of sorowe: but he will surely giue [c] rest to his beloued.

b The publique estate of the common wealth.

c Which watch and ward, and are also Magistrates, and rulers of the citie.

3 Beholde, children are the inheritance of the Lorde, and the fruite of the wombe his reward.

4 As are the arrowes in the hand of the strong man: so are the [f] children of youth.

d Either that which is gotten by hard labour, or eaten with

5 Blessed is the man, that hath his quiuer full of them: for they [g] shall not be asha[illegible] when they speake with their enemies in the gate.

griefe of mind. e Not exempting them from labour, but making their labours comfortable, and as it were a rest. f That is, indued with strength and vertues from God: for these are signes of Gods blessings, & not the number. g Such children shalbe able to stop their aduersaries mouthes, when their godly life is maliciously accused before Iudges.

PSAL. CXXVIII.

1 He sheweth that blessednesse appertaineth not to all vniuersally, but to them onely that feare the Lord, and walke in his wayes.

¶ A song of degrees.

a God approueth not our life, except it be reformed according to his word

BLessed is euery one that feareth the Lord, and walketh in his [a] wayes.

2 When thou carest the labours of thine [b] handes, thou shalt be blessed, and it shall be well with thee.

b The world esteemeth them happy, which liue in wealth and idlenes: but the holy Ghost approueth them best, that liue of the meane profite of their labours.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitfull vine on the sides of thine house, and thy [c] children like the olive plants round about thy table.

4 Loe, surely thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

5 The Lord out of Zion shal [d] bless thee,

c Because Gods fauour appeareth in none outward thing more then in increase of children, he promiseth to enrich the faithful with this

d Because of the spirituall blessing which God hath made to his Church, these temporall things shalbe graunted.

and

e For except God blessed his Church publickly, this priuate blessing were nothing.

and thou shalt see the wealthy[e] Ierusalem all the dayes of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy childrens children, and peace vpon Israel.

PSAL. CXXIX.

1 *He admonisheth the Church to reioyce though it be afflicted.* 4 *For by the righteous Lord it shall be deliuered,* 6 *and the enemies for all their glorious shew, shall suddenly be destroyed.*

¶ A song of degrees.

THey haue oftentimes afflicted me from my youth (may[a] Israel now say)

2 They haue often times afflicted mee from my youth: but they could not preuaile against mee.

3 The plowers plowed vpon my backe, and made long furrowes.

4 But the[b] righteous Lord hath cut the cordes of the wicked.

5 They that hate Zion, shall bee all ashamed and turned backward.

6 [c] They shall bee as the grasse on the house tops, which withereth afore it commeth forth.

7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand, neither the gleaner his lap:

8 [d] Neither they which go by, say, The blessing of the Lorde be vpon you, or, Wee blesse you in the name of the Lord.

a The Church now afflicted ought to remember, how her condition hath euer bene such from the beginning to be molested most grieuously by the wicked: yet in time it hath euer bene deliuered. b Because God is righteous, he cannot but plague his aduersaries, and deliuer his as oxen out of the plow. c The enemies that lift themselues most hie, and as it were, approch neere to the sunne, are consumed with the heat of Gods wrath, because they are not grounded in godly humilitie. d That is, the wicked shall perish and none shall passe for them.

PSAL. CXXX.

1 *The people of God from their bottomlesse miseries doe cry vnto God, and are heard.* 3 *They confesse their sinnes and flee vnto Gods mercie.*

¶ A song of degrees.

OVt of the[a] deepe places haue I called vnto thee, O Lord.

2 Lord, heare my voyce: let thine eares attend to the voyce of my prayers.

3 If thou, O Lord, straitly marketh iniquities, O Lord, [b] who shall stand?

4 But mercie is with thee, that thou [c] mayest be feared.

5 I haue waited on the Lord: my soule hath waited, & I haue trusted in his word.

6 My soule waiteth on the Lorde more then the morning watch watcheth for the morning.

7 Let Israel wait on the Lord: for with the Lord is [d] mercy, and with him is great redemption.

8 And he shall redeeme Israel from all his iniquities.

PSAL. CXXXI.

1 *Dauid charged with ambition & greedy desire to reigne, protesteth his humilitie & modestie before God, & teacheth all men what they should do.*

¶ A song of degrees, or Psalme of Dauid.

LOrd, [a] mine heart is not hautie, neither are mine eyes lofty, neither haue I walked in great [b] matters and hid from me.

2 Surely I haue behaued my self like one weaned from his mother, and kept silence: I am in my selfe as one that is [c] weaned.

a Being in great distres & sorrow. b Hee declareth y we cannot be iust before God, but by forgiuenesse of sinnes. c Because of nature thou art mercifull: therefore the faithfull reuerence thee. d He sheweth to whom the mercy of God doth appertaine: to Israel, that is, to the Church, and not to the reprobate.

a The humilitie he setteth forth his great humilitie, as an example to all rulers and gouernours. b Which passe the measure & limits of his vocation. c He was void of ambition & wicked desires.

3 Let Israel waite on the Lorde from henceforth and for euer.

PSAL. CXXXII.

1 *The faithfull grounding on Gods promise made vnto Dauid, desire that hee would establish the same, both as touching his posteritie and the building of the Temple, to pray there as was foretolde, Deut. 12.5.*

¶ A song of degrees.

LOrd, remember Dauid with all his [a] affliction.

2 Who sware vnto the Lord, and vowed vnto the mightie God of Iaakob, saying,

3 I [b] will not enter into the Tabernacle of mine house, nor come vpon my palet, or bed,

4 Nor suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye lids to slumber,

5 Until I find out a place for the Lorde, an habitation for the mighty God of Iaakob.

6 Loe, we heard of it in [c] Ephrathah, & found it in the fields of the forest.

7 We will enter into his Tabernacles, and worship before his footstoole.

8 Arise, O Lord, to come into thy [c] rest, thou, and the arke of thy strength.

9 Let thy Priests be clothed with [d] righteousnesse, and let thy Saints reioyce.

10 For thy [e] seruant Dauids sake refuse not the face of thine Anoynted.

11 The Lord hath sworne in trueth vnto Dauid, and hee will not shrinke from it, saying, Of the fruit of thy body will I set vpon thy throne.

12 If thy sonnes keepe my couenant, and my testimonies, that I shall teach them, their sonnes also shall sit vpon thy throne for [f] euer.

13 For the Lord hath chosen Zion, and loued to dwell in it, saying,

14 This is my rest for euer: here will I dwell, for I haue a [g] delight therein.

15 I will surely blesse her vitailes, and will satisfie her poore with bread,

16 And will clothe her priests with [h] saluation, and her Saints shall shout for ioy.

17 There will I make the [i] horne of Dauid to bud: for I haue ordeined a light for mine Anoynted.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame, but on him his crowne shall flourish.

a That is, with how great difficultie he came to the kingdom, and with how great zeale and care he went about to build thy Temple. b Because the chiefe charge of the king was to set forth Gods glory, he sheweth, that he could take no rest, neither would go about any worldly thing, were it neuer so necessarie, before he had executed his office. c That is, the Arke, which was a signe of Gods presence. d The common bruite was that the Arke should remaine in Ephrathah: that is, in Bethlehem a plentifull place: but after, we perceiued that thou wouldest place it in Ierusalem, which was barre as a forest, and compassed about onely with hils. e That is, Ierusalem, because that afterward his Arke should remoue to none other place. f Let the effect of thy grace both appeare in the Priestes and in the people. g As thou first madest promise to Dauid, so continue it to his posteritie, that whatsoeuer they shall aske for their people, it may bee granted. h Because this cannot bee accomplished but in Christ, it followeth that the promise was spirituall. i Meaning, for his owne sake, and not for the plentifulnesse of the place: for he promiseth to blesse it, declaring before, that it was barren. k That is, with my protection, whereby they shalbe safe. l Though his force for a time seemed to be broken, yet he promiseth to restore it.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

1 *This Psalme containeth the commendation of brotherly amitie among the seruants of God.*

¶ A song of degrees or Psalme of Dauid.

BEholde, howe good and howe comely a thing it is, brethren to dwell euen [a] together.

together.

2 It is like to the precious b ointment vpon the head, that runneth downe vpon the beard, euen vnto Aarons beard, which went downe on the border of his garments:

3 And as the dewe of c Hermon, which falleth vpon the mountaines of Zion: for d there the Lord appointed the blessing, and life for euer.

a Because the greatest part were against Dauid, though some fauored him, yet when he was established king, at length they ioyned all together like brethren: & therefore he sheweth by these similitudes the commoditie of brotherly loue. b The ointment was a figure of the graces, which come from Christ the head vnto his Church. c By Hermon and Zion he meaneth the plentifull countrey about Ierusalem. d Where there is such concord.

PSAL. CXXXIIII.

1 He exhorteth the Leuites, watching in the Temple, to prayse the Lord.

¶ A song of degrees.

BEholde, prayse yee the Lord, all yee a seruants of the Lord, ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift vp your b hands to the Sanctuarie, and prayse the Lord.

3 The Lorde that hath c made heauen and earth, blesse thee out of Zion.

a Ye that are Leuites, and chiefly appointed to this office.

b For their charge was not onely to keepe the Temple, but to pray there and to giue God thankes. c And therefore hath all power, blesse thee with his fatherly loue declared in Zion. Thus the Leuites vsed to praise the Lord, and blesse the people.

PSAL. CXXXV.

1 He exhorteth all the faithfull, of what estate soeuer they be, to praise God for his marueilous works, 13 & especially for his graces toward his people, wherein he hath declared his maiestie. 15 to the confusion of all idolaters, and their idoles.

¶ Prayse ye the Lord.

PRaise the Name of the Lorde: yee seruants of the Lord, praise him.

2 Ye that stande in the a house of the Lord, and in the b courts of the house of our God,

3 Prayse yee the Lord: for the Lord is good: sing prayses vnto his Name: for it is a comely thing.

4 For the Lord hath c chosen Iaakob to himselfe, and Israel for his chiefe treasure.

5 For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is aboue all gods.

6 Whatsoeuer pleased the Lord, that d did he in heauen and in earth, in the sea, and in all the depths.

7 Hee bringeth vp the cloudes from the endes of the earth, and maketh the * lightnings with the same: he draweth foorth the wind out of his treasures.

8 * Hee smote the first borne of Egypt both of man and beast.

9 Hee hath sent tokens & wonders into the mids of thee, O Egypt, vpon Pharaoh, and vpon all his seruants.

10 * He smote many nations, and slewe mighty Kings:

11 As Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdomes of Canaan:

12 And e gaue their lande for an inheritance, euen an inheritance vnto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O Lord, endureth for euer: O Lord, thy remembrance is from generation to generation.

14 For the Lord will f iudge his people, and be pacified towards his seruants.

15 The g idoles of the heathen are siluer and gold, euen the worke of mens hands.

16 They haue a mouth, and speake not: they haue eyes and see not.

17 They haue eares and heare not, neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 They that make them, are like vnto them: so are all that trust in them.

19 Prayse the Lord, yee house of Israel: prayse the Lord, ye house of Aaron.

20 Prayse the Lord, ye house of Leui: ye that feare the Lord, prayse the Lord.

21 Praysed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth in Ierusalem. Prayse ye the Lord.

a Ye Leuites that are in his Sanctuary.

b Meaning, the people: for the people and Leuites had their courtes, which were places of the Temple separate.

c That is, hath freely loued the posteritie of Abraham.

d He ioyneth Gods power with his will, to the intent that we should not separate them: and hereby he willeth Gods people to depend on his power, which he confirmeth by examples.

Iere. 10. 13. *Exod.* 12. 29. *Num.* 21. 24, 33.

e He sheweth what fruite the godly conceiue of Gods power, whereby they see how he destroyeth his enemies, & deliuereth his people.

f That is, gouern and defend his people.

g By shewing what punishmẽt God appointeth for the heathen idolaters he warneth his people to beware ỹ like offence, seeing that idols haue neither power nor life, and that their deliuerance came not by idoles, but by the mighty power of God, read Psal. 115. verse 4.

PSAL. CXXXVI.

1 A most earnest exhortatio to giue thanks vnto God for the creation and gouernance of all things, which standeth in confessing that he giueth vs all of his meere liberalitie.

PRaise ye the Lord, because he is good: for his a mercie endureth for euer.

2 Praise ye the God of gods: for his mercie endureth for euer.

3 Praise yee the Lord of lordes: for his mercie endureth for euer.

4 Which only doth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for euer:

5 Which by his wisedome made the heauens: for his mercy endureth for euer.

6 Which hath stretched out the earth vpon the waters: for his b mercy endureth for euer.

7 Which made great lights: for his mercie endureth for euer:

8 As the sunne to rule the day: for his mercy endureth for euer:

9 The moone and the starres to gouern the night: for his mercie endureth for euer:

10 Which smote Egypt with their first borne: (for his mercy endureth for euer)

11 And c brought out Israel from among them: (for his mercy endureth for euer)

12 With a mighty hand and d stretched out arme: (for his mercie endureth for euer)

13 Which diuided the red Sea in two parts: for his mercie endureth for euer:

14 And made Israel to passe thorow the middes of it: for his mercie endureth for euer:

15 And ouerthrewe Pharaoh and his hoste in the red Sea: for his mercie endureth for euer:

16 Which led his people thorow the wildernesse: for his mercie endureth for euer:

17 Which smote great Kings: for his mercie endureth for euer:

18 And slewe e mightie Kings: for his mercie endureth for euer:

a By this repetition he sheweth that the least of Gods benefites bind vs to thankesgiuing: but chiefly his mercie, which is principally declared towards his Church.

b This was a common kinde of thanksgiuing, which the whole people vsed, when they had receiued any benefit of God, as 2 Chron. 7. 6. and 20. 21 meaning, that God was not onely mercifull to their fathers but also continued the same to their posteritie.

c Gods mercifull prouidence toward man appeareth in all his creatures, but chiefly in that that he deliuered his Church from the thraldome of their enemies.

d In doing such other could doe, infinite and most strange wonders. e Where for the space of forty yeeres he shewed a worke as was neuer done before, nor that any

f Declaring thereby that no power, nor authoritie, was so deare vnto him, as the loue of his Church.

19 As Sehon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for euer:
20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for euer.
21 And gaue their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for euer.
22 Euen an heritage vnto Israel his seruant: for his mercy endureth for euer.
23 Which remembred vs in our a base estate: for his mercy endureth for euer:
24 And hath rescued vs from our oppressours: for his mercy endureth for euer:
25 Which giueth food to all b flesh: for his mercy endureth for euer.
26 c Praise ye the God of heauen: for his mercy endureth for euer.

g In our greatest affliction & slauerie, when wee looked for nothing lesse then to haue had any succour.
h Seeing g God prouideth, euen for h beasts: much more hath hee care ouer his.
i Seeing that all ages haue had most plaine testimonies of Gods benefits.

PSAL. CXXXVII.

1 The people of God in their banishment seeing Gods true religion decay, liued in great anguish & sorow of heart: the which grieued the Chaldeans did so little pitie, 3 that they rather encreased the same dayly with taunts, reproches & blasphemies against God. 7 Wherfore the Israelites desire God, first to punish the Edomites, who prouoked the Babylonians against them, 8 and moued by the spirit of God, prophesie the destruction of Babylon, where they were handled so tyrannously.

BY the riuers of Babel we sate, and there we wept, when we remembred Zion.
2 We hanged our harpes vpon the willowes in the midst thereof.
3 Then they that led vs captiues, a required of vs songs and mirth, when we had hanged vp our harpes, saying, Sing vs one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall wee sing, said wee, a song of the Lord in a strange land?
5 b If I forget thee, O Ierusalem, let my right hand forget to play.
6 If I doe not remember thee, let my tongue cleaue to the roofe of my mouth: yea, if I preferre not Ierusalem to my c chiefe ioy.
7 Remember the children of d Edom, O Lord, in the e day of Ierusalem, which said, Raise it, raise it, to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Babel, worthie to bee destroyed, blessed shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast serued vs.
9 f Blessed shall hee bee that taketh and daßheth thy children against the stones.

a That is, we abode a long time & albeit that the countrey was pleasant, yet could it not stay our teares, nor turne vs from the true seruice of our God.
b To wit, of that countrey.
c The Babylonians spake thus in mocking vs, as though by our silence we should signifie that we hoped no more in God.
d Albeit the faithfull are touched with their particular griefes yet the common sorrow of the Church is most grieuous vnto them, & is such as they cannot but remember and lament.
e The decay of Gods religion in their countrey was so grieuous, that no ioy could make them glad, except it were restored.
f According as Ezekiel 25.13. & Ier. 49.7. verse prophesied: & Obadiah verse 10 sheweth that the Edomites, which came of Esau, conspired with the Babylonians against their brethren & kinsfolke.
g When thou didst visit Ierusalem.
h He alludeth to Esaies prophesie, chap. 13. and 14. verse, promising good successe to Cyrus & Darius, whom ambition moued to fight against Babylon: but God vsed them as his rods to punish his enemies.

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 Dauid with great courage praiseth the goodnesse of God toward him, the which is so great, 4 that it is knowen to forraine princes, who shall praise the Lord together with him. 6 And hee is assured to haue the comfort of God in the time following, as he hath had heretofore.

A Psalme of Dauid.

I Will praise thee with my whole heart: euen before the a gods will I praise thee.
2 I will worshippe toward thine holy b Temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy louing kindnesse and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy Name aboue all things by thy word.
3 When I called, then thou heardest me, and hast c encreased strength in my soule.
4 All the d kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they haue heard the words of my mouth.
5 And they shall sing of the wayes of the Lord, because the glorie of the Lord is great.
6 For the Lord is hie: yet he beholdeth the lowly, but the proude hee knoweth e afarre off.
7 Though I walke in the middes of trouble, yet wilt thou reuiue mee: thou wilt stretch foorth thine hand vpon the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall saue mee.
8 The Lord will f perfourne his worke toward mee: O Lord, thy mercie endureth for euer: forsake not the worke of thine hands.

a Euen in the presence of Angels, and of them that haue authoritie among men.
b Both g Temple and ceremoniall seruice at Christs cõming were abolished: so that now God will be worshipped only in spirit & trueth Iohn 4.23.
c Thou hast strengthened me against mine outward & inward enemies.
d All the world shal confesse that thou hast wonderfully preserued me, and performed thy promise.
e Distance of place cannot hinder God to shew mercie to his, and to iudge the wicked though they thinke that he is farre off.
f Though mine enemies rage neuer so much, yet the Lord which hath begun this worke in me, will continue his grace to the end.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

1 Dauid by cleansing his heart from all hypocrisie, sheweth that there is nothing so hid, which God seeth not. 13 Which he confirmeth by the creation of man. 14 After declaring the zeale and feare of God, hee protesteth to bee enemie to all them that contemne God.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

O Lord, thou hast tried me, & knowen me.
2 Thou knowest my a sitting and my rising: thou vnderstandest my thought afarre off.
3 Thou b compassest my pathes, and my lying downe, and art acquainted with all my wayes.
4 For there is not a word in my c tongue, but loe, thou knowest it wholy, O Lord.
5 Thou holdest me strait behind and before, and layest thine d hand vpon mee.
6 Thy knowledge is too wunderfull for me: it is so hie that I cannot attaine vnto it.
7 Whither shall I goe from thy e Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend into heauen, thou art there: if I lie downe in hell, thou art there.
9 Let me take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the vttermost part of the sea:
10 Yet thither shall thine f hand lead me, and thy right hand hold me.
11 If I say, Yet the darknesse shall hide me, euen the night shalbe a light about me.
12 Yea, the darknesse hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darknesse and light are both alike.

a He confesseth that neither our actiõs, thoughts or any part of our life can be hid from God, though he seeme to be farre off.
b So g they are euidently knowen to thee.
c Thou knowest my meaning before I speake.
d Thou so guidest mee with thine hand, that I can turne no way but where thou appointest mee.
e From thy power & knowledge?
f Thy power doth so fast hold me, that I can escape by no meanes from thee.
g Though darknesse be an hinderance to mans sight, yet it serueth thine eyes as well as the light.

h Thou hast made me in all parts, and therefore must needes know mee.

i Considering thy wonderfull worke in forming me, I can not but praise thee, and feare thy mightie power.

k That is, in my mothers wombe: which he compareth to the inward parts of the earth.

l Seeing that thou diddest know me before I was composed of either flesh or bone, much more now must thou know me when thou hast fashioned mee.

m How ought we to esteeme the excellent declaration of thy wisedome in the creation of man!

13 For thou hast h possessed my reines: thou hast couered mee in my mothers wombe.

14 I will praise thee, for I am i fearefully and wonderfully made: marueilous are thy workes, and my soule knoweth it well.

15 My bones are not hidde from thee, though I was made in a secret place, and fashioned k beneath in the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see mee, when I was without forme: l for in thy booke were all things written, which in continuance were fashioned, when there was none of them before.

17 How m deare therefore are thy thoughts vnto me, O God! how great is the summe of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more then the sand: when I wake, n I am still with thee.

19 Oh that thou wouldest slay, O God, the wicked and bloodie men, to whom I say, Depart ye from me:

20 Which speake wickedly of thee, and being thine enemies are lifted vp in vaine.

21 Doe not I o hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and doe not I earnestly contend with those that rise vp against thee?

22 I hate them with an vnfeined hatred, as they were mine vtter enemies.

23 Trie mee, O God, and knowe mine heart: proouе me and knowe my thoughts,

24 And consider if there be any p way of wickednesse in me, and lead me in the q way for euer.

n I continually see new occasions to meditate in thy wisedome & to praise thee. o He teacheth vs boldly to contemne all the hatred of the wicked, and friendship of the world, when they would let vs to serue God sincerely. p Or any heinous way or rebellious: meaning, that though he were subiect to sinne, yet was he not giuen to wickednesse, and to prouoke God by rebellion. q That is, continue thy fauour towards me to the end.

PSAL. CXL.

1 Dauid complaineth of the crueltie, falshood, and enuries of his enemies. 8 Against the which he prayeth vnto the Lord, & assureth himselfe of his helpe and succour. 12 Wherefore he prouoketh the iust to praise the Lord, & to assure themselues of his tuition.

To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

DEliuer me, O Lord, from the euill man: preserue me from the a cruell man:

2 Which imagine euill things in their b heart, and make warre continually.

3 They haue sharpned their tongues like a serpent: c adders poyson is vnder their lips. Selah.

4 Keepe d me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked: preserue me from the cruell man, which purposeth to cause my steps to slide.

5 The proude haue layde a snare for me, and spread a net with cords in my pathway, and set grennes for me. Selah.

6 Therefore I said vnto the Lord; Thou art my God: heare, O Lord, the voice of my prayers.

7 O Lord God the strength of my saluation, thou e hast couered mine head in the day of battell.

8 Let not the wicked haue his desire, O Lord: f performe not his wicked thought, lest they be proud. Selah.

9 As for g the chiefe of them, that compasse mee about, let the mischiefe of their owne lips come vpon them.

10 Let coales fall vpon them: let h him cast them into the fire, and into the deepe pits that they rise not.

11 For the backbiter shall not bee established vpon the earth: euill shall i hunt the cruell man to destruction.

12 I know that the Lord will auenge the afflicted, and iudge the poore.

13 Surely the righteous shall praise thy Name, & the iust shall k dwel in thy presence.

a Which persecuteth mee of malice and without cause.

b That is, by their false cauillations and lies they kindle the hatred of the wicked against mee.

c Hee sheweth what weapons the wicked vse, when power and force faile them.

d He declareth what is the remedie of the godly, when they are oppressed by the worldlings.

e Hee calleth to God with liuely faith, being assured of his mercies because he had beforetime prooued, that God helped him euer in his dangers.

f For it is in Gods hand to ouerthrow the counsels and enterprises of the wicked.

g It seemeth that he alludeth to Saul.

h To wit, God: for Dauid sawe that they were reprobate, and that there was no hope of repentance in them. i Gods plague shall light vpon him in such sort, that he shall not escape. k That is, shall bee defended and preserued by thy fatherly prouidence and care.

PSAL. CXLI.

1 Dauid being grieuously persecuted vnder Saul, onely flieth vnto God to haue succour, 3 desiring him to bridle his affections, that hee may patiently abide till God take vengeance of his enemies.

A Psalme of Dauid.

O Lord, I a call vpon thee, haste thee vnto me: heare my voyce, when I crie vnto thee.

2 Let my prayer bee directed in thy sight as incense, & the b lifting vp of mine hands as an euening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keepe the c doore of my lips.

4 Encline not mine heart to euill, that I should commit wicked works with men that worke iniquitie: and let me not eate of their d delicates.

5 Let the righteous smite me: for that is a benefite: and let e him reprooue mee, and it shall be a precious oyle, that shall not breake mine head: for within a while I shall euen f pray in their miseries.

6 When their iudges shalbe cast downe in stonie places, they shall g heare my words, for they are sweete.

7 Our bones lie scattered at the h graues mouth, as hee that heweth wood or diggeth in the earth.

8 But mine eyes looke vnto thee, O Lord God: in thee is my trust: leaue not my soule destitute.

9 Keepe mee from the snare, which they haue layde for mee, and from the grennes of the workers of iniquitie.

10 Let the wicked fall into i his nets k together, whiles I escape.

a Hee sheweth that there is none other refuge in our necessities, but onely to flee vnto God for comfort of soule.

b Hee meaneth his earnest zeale and gesture, which he vsed in prayer, alluding to the sacrifices, which were by Gods commandement offered in the olde law.

c Hee desireth God to keepe his thoughts and wayes either from thinking or executing vengeance.

d Let not their prosperitie allure me to be wicked as they are.

e He could abide all corrections, that came of a louing heart.

f By patience I shall see the wicked so sharply handled, that I shall for pitie pray for them. g The people which followed their wicked rulers in persecuting the Prophet, shal repent and turne to God, when they see their wicked rulers punished. h Here appeareth that Dauid was miraculously deliuered out of many deaths, as 2 Cor. 1. 9, 10. i Into Gods nets, whereby he catcheth the wicked in their owne malice. k So that none of them escape.

PSAL.

29 Day Evening

PSAL. CXLII.

1 The Prophet neither astonied with feare, nor carried away with anger, nor forced by desperatio, would kill Saul: but with a quiet mind directed his earnest prayer to God, who did preserue him.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction, and a prayer when he was in the caue.

I Cryed vnto the Lord with my voyce: with my voyce I a prayed vnto the Lord.

2 I powred out my meditation before him, and declared mine affliction in his presence.

3 Though my spirit was in perplexitie in me, yet thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked, haue they priuily laide a snare for me.

4 I looked vpon my right hand, and beheld, but there was none that would knowe me: all refuge failed me, and none cared for my soule.

5 Then cryed I vnto thee, O Lord, and sayd, Thou art mine b hope, and my portion in the land of the liuing.

6 Hearken vnto my cry, for I am brought very low: deliuer mee from my persecuters, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring my soule out of c prison, that I may prayse thy Name: then shall the righteous d come about me, when thou art beneficiall vnto me.

a Dauids patience and instant prayer to God condemneth their wicked rage, whiche in their troubles either despaire and murmure against God, or else seeke to others then to God to haue redresse in their miseries.

‡ *Ebr. was filled: or wrapped in me, meaning, as a thing that could haue none issue.*

‖ *Or, sought for my soule.*

b Though all meanes failed him, yet he knew that God would neuer forsake him.

c For he was on all sides beset with his enemies, as though he had bene in a most strait prison. d Either to reioyce at my wonderfull deliuerance, or to set a crowne vpon my head.

PSAL. CXLIII.

1 A earnest prayer for remission of sinnes, acknowledging that the enemies did thus cruelly persecute him by Gods iust iudgements. 8 He desireth to be restored to grace, 10 To be gouerned by his holy Spirit that he may spend the remnant of his life in the true feare and seruice of God.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

HEare my prayer, O Lorde, and hearken vnto my supplication: answere me in thy a trueth and in thy b righteousnesse.

2 (And enter not into iudgement with thy seruant: for in thy c sight shall none that liueth be iustified.)

3 For the enemie hath persecuted my soule, he hath smitten my life downe to the earth: he hath laide me in the darkenes, as they that haue bene dead d long agoe:

4 And my Spirit was in perplexitie in me, and mine e heart within me was amased.

5 Yet do I remember the time f past: I meditate in all thy workes, yea, I doe meditate in the workes of thine handes.

6 I stretch forth mine handes vnto thee: my soule desireth after thee, as the thirstie land, Selah.

7 Heare me speedily, O Lord, for my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from mee, els I shall be like vnto them that goe downe into the pit.

8 Let mee heare thy louing kindnesse in the g morning, for in thee is my trust: h shew me the way that I should walke in, for I lift vp my soule vnto thee.

9 Deliuer me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for i I hid me with thee.

10 k Teach me to l doe thy will: for thou art my God: let thy good Spirit leade mee vnto the land of righteousnesse.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Names sake, and for thy righteousnesse bring my soule out of trouble.

12 And for thy mercie m slay mine enemies, and destroy all them that oppresse my soule: for I am thy n seruant.

a That is, as thou hast promised to be faithful in thy promise to all that trust in thee.

b That is, according to thy free goodnes, whereby thou defendest thine.

c He knew that his afflictions were Gods messengers to call him to repentance for his sinnes, though toward his enemies he was innocent, and that in Gods sight all men are sinners. d Hee acknowledgeth that God is the onely and true physition to heale him: and that he is able to raise him to life, though he were dead long ago, & turned to ashes e So that onely by faith, and by the grace of Gods spirit he was vpholden. f To wit, thy great benefits of olde, and the manifold examples of thy fauour toward thine.

g That is, speedily, and in due season.

h Let thine holy spirit counsell me how to come foorth of these great cares and troubles.

i I hid my selfe vnder thy shadow of thy wings, that I might be defended by thy power.

k He confesseth that both the knowledge and obedience of God will commeth by the spirit of God, who teacheth vs by his word, giueth vnderstanding by his spirit, and frameth our hearts by his grace to obey him.

l That is, iustly and aright: for so soone as we decline from Gods will, we fall into error. m Which shall be a signe of thy fatherly kindnesse toward me. n Resigning my selfe wholy vnto thee, and trusting in thy protection.

PSAL. CXLIIII.

1 He praiseth the Lord with great affection and humulity for his kingdom restored, & for his victories obtained, 5 demanding help & the destruction of the wicked, 9 promising to acknowledge the same with songs of praises, 15 and declareth wherein the felicitie of any people consisteth.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid.

30 Day Morning

BLessed be the Lord my strength, which a teacheth my hands to fight, and my fingers to battell.

2 He is my goodnes and my fortresse, my tower, and + my deliuerer, my shield, and in him I trust, which subdueth my b people vnder me.

3 Lord, what is man that thou c regardest him! or the sonne of man that thou thinkest vpon him!

4 Man is like to vanitie: his dayes are like a shadow that vanisheth.

5 d Bowe thine heauens, O Lord, and come downe: touch the mountaines, and they shall smoke.

6 e Cast forth the lightning and scatter them: shoote out thine arrowes, and consume them.

7 Send thine hand from aboue: deliuer mee, and take me out of the great f waters, and from the hand of strangers,

8 (Whose mouth talketh vanitie: & their right hand is a right hand g of falshood.

9 I will sing a h new song vnto thee, O God, and sing vnto thee vpon a viole, and an instrument of ten strings.

10 It is hee that giueth deliuerance vnto

a Who of a poore shepheard hath made me a valiant warriour and mighty conquerour.

‡ *Ebr. my deliuerer vnto me: for the Prophet cannot satisfie himselfe with any words.*

b He confesseth that neither by his owne authoritie, power, nor policie, his kingdome was quiet, but by the secret grace of God.

c To giue vnto God iust praise, is to confesse our selues to be vnworthy of so excellent benefits, and that he be-

stoweth them vpon vs of his free mercie. d He desireth God to continue his graces, and to send helpe for the present necessitie. e By these maner of speaches hee sheweth that all the lets in the world cannot hinder Gods power, which he apprehendeth by faith. f That is, deliuer me from the tumult of them that should be my people, but are corrupt in their iudgement & enterprises, as though they were strangers. g For though they shake handes, yet they keepe not promise. h That is, a rare and excellent song, as thy great benefits deserue.

i Though wicked kings bee called Gods seruants, as Cyrus, Isai. 45. 1. forasmuch as he vseth them to execute his iudgements: yet Dauid because of Gods promise, and they that rule godly, are properly so called, because they serue not their owne affections, but set foorth Gods glory.

k He desireth God to continue his benefits toward his people, counting the procreation of children and their good education among the chiefest of Gods benefits.

l That the very corners of our houses may bee full of store for the great abundance of thy blessings. m He attributeth not onely the great commodities, but euen the least also to Gods fauour. n And if God giue not to all his children all these blessings, yet he recompenseth them with better things.

Kings, and redeemeth Dauid his seruant from the hurtfull sword.

11 Redeme me, and deliuer mee from the hand of strangers, whose mouth talketh vanitie, and their right hand is a right hand of falshood:

12 That our [i] sonnes may be as the plants growing vp in their youth, and our daughters as the corner stones, grauen after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our [l] corners may be full, and abounding with diuers sortes, and that our sheepe may bring forth thousands and tenne thousand in our streetes:

14 That our [m] oxen may be strong to labour: that there be none inuasion, nor going out, nor no crying in our streetes.

15 Blessed are the people, that be [n] so, yea, blessed are [p] people, whose God is the Lord.

PSAL. CXLV.

This Psalme was composed, when the kingdom of Dauid flourished. 1 *Wherein hee describeth the wonderfull prouidence of God aswel in gouerning men, as in preseruing all the rest of his creatures.* 17 *He praiseth God for his iustice and mercie,* 18 *But specially for his louing kindnesse toward those that call vpon him, that feare him, and loue him:* 21 *For the which hee promiseth to praise him for euer.*

A Psalme of Dauid of prayse.

O My God, and King, [a] I will extoll thee, and will blesse thy Name for euer and euer.

2 I will blesse thee daily, and prayse thy Name for euer and euer.

3 [b] Great is the Lord, and most worthy to be praised, and his greatnesse is incomprehensible.

4 Generation shall praise thy works vnto [c] generation, and declare thy power.

5 I will meditate of the beauty of thy glorious maiestie, and thy wonderfull workes.

6 And they shall speake of the power of thy [d] fearefull actes, and I will declare thy greatnesse.

7 They shal breake out into the mention of thy great goodnesse, and shall sing aloude of thy righteousnesse.

8 [e] The Lord is gracious and [e] merciful, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all, and his mercies are ouer all his workes.

10 All thy workes praise thee, O Lorde, and thy Saints blesse thee.

11 [f] They shew the glory of thy kingdome, and speake of thy power,

12 To cause his [g] power to be knowen to the sonnes of men, and the glorious renowne of his kingdome.

13 Thy [h] kingdome is an euerlasting kingdome, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The Lord vpholdeth all [k] that fal, and liftеth vp all that are readie to fall.

15 The eyes of [i] all waite vpon thee, and thou giuest them their meate in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand and fillest all things liuing of thy good pleasure.

17 The Lorde is [k] righteous in all his wayes, and holy in all his workes.

18 The Lorde is neere vnto all that call vpon him: yea, to all that call vpon him in [l] truth.

19 He will fulfill the [m] desire of them that feare him: he also will heare their crie, and will saue them.

20 The Lorde preserueth all them that loue him: but he will destroy all the wicked.

21 My mouth shall speake the prayse of the Lorde, and all [n] flesh shall blesse his holy Name for euer and euer.

f The prayse of thy glory appeareth in all thy creatures: and though the wicked would obscure the same by their silence, yet the faithfull are euer mindfull of the same.

g Hee sheweth that all things are out of order, but onely where God reigneth. *Dan. 7. 14. Luke 1. 33.*

h Who being in miserie and affliction, would faint and fall away, if God did not vphold thē, and therefore they ought to reuerence him, that reigneth in heauen, and suffer themselues to bee gouerned by him.

i To wit, aswell of man as of beast. k He praiseth God, not only for that he is beneficiall to all his creatures, but also in that that he iustly punisheth the wicked, and mercifully examineth his by the crosse, giuing them strength and deliuering them. l Which only appertaineth to the faithful: & this vertue is cōtrary to infidelity, doubting, impatience, and murmuring. m For they will aske or wish for nothing, but according to his will, 1. Iohn 5. 14. n That is, all men shall be bound to prayse him.

PSAL. CXLVI.

1 *Dauid declareth his great zeale that he hath to prayse God,* 3 *and teacheth not to trust in mans but onely in God almightie,* 7 *which deliuereth the afflicted.* 9 *defendeth the strangers, comforteth the fatherlesse, and the widower,* 10 *and reigneth for euer.*

¶ Prayse ye the Lord.

PRayse thou the Lord, O my [a] soule.

2 I will prayse the Lorde during my life: as long as I haue any being, I will sing vnto my God.

3 Put not your trust in [b] princes, nor in the sonne of man, for there is none helpe in him.

4 His breath departeth, and he returneth to his earth: then his [c] thoughts perish.

5 Blessed is he, that hath the God of Iaakob for his helpe, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

6 Which made [d] heauen and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth his fidelitie for euer:

7 Which executeth iustice, [e] for the oppressed: which giueth bread to the hungry: the Lord looseth the prisoners.

8 The Lorde giueth sight to the blinde: the Lord raiseth vp the crooked: the Lorde

a He stirreth vp himselfe and all his affections to prayse God.

b That God may haue the whole prayse: wherein he forbiddeth all vaine cōfidence, shewing that of nature we are more inclined to put our trust in creatures, then in God the Creator.

c As their vaine opinions, whereby they flattered themselues, and so imagined wicked enterprises.

d Of thy terrible iudgements against the wicked. *Exod. 34. 6.* e He describeth after what sort God sheweth himselfe to all his creatures, though our sinnes haue prouoked his vengeance against all: to wit, mercifull, not only in pardoning the sinnes of his elect, but in doing good euen to the reprobate, albeit they cannot feele the sweet comfort of the same.

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f Though he visite them by affliction, hunger, imprisonment and such like, yet his fatherly loue & pitie neuer faileth them, yea rather to his these are signes of his loue. g Meaning all them, that are destitute of worldly meanes and succour. h Hee assureth the Church that God reigneth for euer for the preseruation of the same.

f loueth the righteous.

9 The Lord keepeth the s strangers: he relieueth the fatherlesse and widow: but hee ouerthroweth the way of the wicked.

10 The Lord shal h reigne for euer: O Zion, thy God endureth from generation to generation. Prayse ye the Lord.

PSAL. CXLVII.

1 *The Prophet praiseth the bountie, wisedome, power, iustice, and prouidence of God vpon all his creatures.* 2 *But specially vpon his Church, which hee gathereth together after their dispersion.* 19 *Declaring his word and iudgement so vnto them, as he hath done to none other people.*

30 day Euen

PRayse yee the Lord, for it is good to sing vnto our God: for it is a a pleasant thing, and prayse is comely.

2 The Lord doth build vp b Ierusalem, and gather together the dispersed of Israel.

3 Hee healeth those that are c broken in heart, and bindeth vp their sores.

4 He d counteth the number of the starres, and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power: his wisedome is infinite.

6 The Lord relieueth the meeke, and abaseth the wicked to the e ground.

7 Sing vnto the Lord with prayse: sing vpon the harpe vnto our God,

8 Which f coureth the heauen with clouds, and prepareth raine for the earth, and maketh the grasse to growe vpon the mountaines:

9 Which giueth to beasts their food, and to the yong rauens that g crie.

10 He hath not pleasure in the h strength of an horse, neither delighteth he in the legs of man.

11 But the Lord delighteth in them that feare him, and attend vpon his mercie.

12 Prayse the Lord, O Ierusalem: prayse thy God, O Zion.

13 For hee hath made the barres of thy gates i strong, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He setteth peace in thy borders, and satisfieth thee with the k floure of wheate.

15 He sendeth forth his l commandement vpon earth, and his worde runneth very l swiftly.

16 He giueth snow like wooll, and scatereth the hoare frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his yce like morsels: who can abide the cold thereof?

18 Hee sendeth his word and melteth them: he causeth his winde to blow, and the waters flow.

19 Hee sheweth his m word vnto Iaakob, his statutes and his iudgements vnto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with euery nation, neither haue they n knowen his iudgements. Prayse ye the Lord.

a He sheweth wherin we ought to exercise our selues cõtinually, and to take our pastime: to wit, in praysing God. b Because the Lord is the founder of the Church, it can not be destroyed, though the members thereof be dispersed, and seeme as it were for a time to be cut off. c With affliction, or sorrow for sinne. d Though it seeme to man incredible that God should assemble his Church, being so dispersed: yet nothing can be too hard to him, that can number and name all the starres. e For the more high that y wicked climbe, the greater is their fall in the end. f He sheweth by the examples of Gods mightie power, goodnesse and wisedome, that we can neuer want most iust occasion to prayse God. g For their crying is as it were a confession of their neede, which cannot be relieued but by God onely: then if God shew himselfe mindful of the most contemptible foules, can he suffer them to die with famine, whō he hath assured of life euerlasting? h Though to vse lawful meanes is both profitable and pleaseth God, yet to put our trust in them, is to defraud God of his honour. i He doth not only furnish his Church with all things necessary, but preserueth also the same, & maketh it strong against all outward force. ‡ *Eb. fur.* k His secret working in all creatures is as a commaundement to keepe them in order, and to giue them mouing and force. l For immediatly and without resisting, all things obey him.

m As before he called Gods secret working in all his creatures his word: so he meaneth here, by his word, the doctrine of life euerlasting, which he hath left to his Church, as a most precious treasure. n The cause of this difference, is Gods free mercie, which hath elected his in his Sonne Christ Iesus to saluation: and his iust iudgement, whereby he hath appointed the reprobate to eternall damnation.

PSAL. CXLVIII.

1 *He prouoketh all creatures to praise the Lord in heauen and earth, and all places,* 14 *Specially his Church, for the power that he hath giuen to the same after that hee had chosen them and soyned them vnto him.*

¶ Prayse yee the Lord.

PRayse yee the Lord from the heauen: prayse ye him in the high places.

2 Prayse yee him, all yee a his Angels: prayse him all his armie.

3 Prayse yee him, b sunne and moone: prayse yee him all bright starres.

4 Prayse yee him, c heauens of heauens, and d waters, that be aboue the heauens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 And he hath established them for euer and euer: he hath made an ordinance, which shall not passe.

7 Prayse ye the Lord from the earth, yee e dragons and all depths:

8 f Fire and haile, snowe and vapours, stormie wind, which execute his word:

9 Mountaines and all hilles, fruitfull trees and all cedars:

10 Beasts and all cattel, creeping things and feathered foules:

11 g Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all iudges of the world:

12 Yong men and maidens, also old men and children:

13 Let them prayse the name of the Lord: for his name onely is to bee exalted, and his prayse aboue the earth and the heauens.

14 For hee hath exalted the h horne of his people, which is a prayse for all his Saints, euen for the i children of Israel, a people that is neere vnto him. Prayse yee the Lord.

a Because they are members of the same body, he setteth them before our eyes, which are most willing hereunto, and by their prompt obedience teach vs to doe our duetie. b In that Gods glory shineth in these insensible creatures, this their beautie is as a continual praysing of God. c Not that there are diuers heauens: but because of the spheres & of the situation of the fixed starres and planets, he comprehendeth by this word the whole heauen. d That is, the raine which is in the middle region of the aire, which he here comprehendeth vnder the name of the heauens. e Meaning, the great & monstrous fishes, as whales and such like. f Which come not by chance or fortune, but by Gods appointed ordinance. g For the greater giftes that any hath receiued, and the more high that one is preferred, the more bound is he to praise God for the same: but neither hie nor low condition or degree can be exempted from this duetie. h That is, the dignitie, power and glory of his Church. i By reason of his couenant made with Abraham.

PSAL. CXLIX.

1 *An exhortation to the Church to prayse the Lord for his victorie and conquest, that hee giueth his Saints against all mans power.*

¶ Prayse ye the Lord.

SIng yee vnto the Lord a new song: let his prayse bee heard in the Congregation of Saints.

a For his rare and manifold benefits bestowed on his Church.

PSAL. CL.

1 An exhortation to prayse the Lord without cease by all maner of wayes, for all his mighty and wonderfull works.

¶ Prayse yee the Lord.

PRayse ye God in his [a] Sanctuary: prayse ye him in the [b] firmament of his power.

2 Prayse yee him in his mightie Actes: prayse yee him according to his excellent greatnesse.

3 Prayse yee him in the sound of the [c] trumpet: prayse ye him vpon the viole and the harpe

4 Prayse ye him with timbrel and flute: prayse yee him with virginals and organs.

5 Prayse yee him with sounding cymbals: prayse yee him with high sounding cymbals.

6 Let euery thing that hath [d] breath, prayse the Lord. Prayse yee the Lord.

a That is, in the heauen.
b For his wonderful power appeareth in the firmament, which in Ebrew is called a stretching out, or spreading abroad, wherein the mighty work of God shineth.
c Exhorting the people onely to reioyce in prayssing God, he maketh mention of those instruments, which by Gods commandement were appointed in the old Law, but vnder Christ the vse thereof is abolished in the Church. d Hee sheweth that all the order of nature is bound to this duetie, and much more Gods children, who ought neuer to cease to prayse him, till they bee gathered into that kingdome, which hee hath prepared for his, where they shall sing euerlasting prayse.

b In that that they were preferred before all other nations, it was as a new creation, and therefore Psal. 95.7 they were called the sheepe of Gods hands.
c For God as he is the Creator of the soule and body, so will he that both two serue him, and that his people be continually subiect vnto him as to their most lawfull King.
d He alludeth to that continuall rest and quietnesse, which they should haue, if they would suffer God to rule them. e This is chiefly accomplished in the kingdome of Christ, when Gods people for iust causes execute Gods iudgements against his enemies: and it giueth no libertie to any to reuenge their priuate iniuries. f Not onely the people, but the kings that were their enemies, should bee destroyed. g Hereby God bindeth the hands and minds of all his to enterprise no further then he appointeth.

2 Let Israel reioyce in him that [b] made him, and let the children of Zion reioyce in their [c] King.

3 Let them prayse his Name with the flute: let them sing prayses vnto him with the timbrell and harpe.

4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people: he will make the meeke glorious by deliuerance.

5 Let the Saints bee ioyfull with glory: let them sing lowde vpon their [e] beds.

6 [f] Let the high actes of God bee in their mouth, and a two edged sworde in their hands,

7 [g] To execute vengeance vpon the heathen, and corrections among the people:

8 To binde [f] their kings in chaines, and their nobles with fetters of yron,

9 That they may execute vpon them the iudgement that is [g] written: this honour shalbe to all his Saints. Praise ye the Lord.

The* Prouerbes of Salomon.

*This word Prouerbe, or parable, signifieth a graue and notable sentence, worthy to be kept in memorie: and is sometime taken in the euill part for a mocke, or scoffe.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe wonderfull loue of God toward his Church, is declared in this booke: forasmuch as the summe and effect of the whole Scriptures is here set forth in these briefe sentences, which partly containe doctrine, and partly maners, and also exhortations to both. Whereof the nine first Chapters are as a preface full of graue sentences, and deepe mysteries, to allure the hearts of men to the diligent reading of the parables that follow: which are left as a most precious iewell to the Church of those three thousand parables mentioned, 1. King 4 32. and were gathered & committed to writing by Salomons seruants, and indited by him.

25. June
1 Salomon

CHAP. I.

1 The power and vse of the word of God. 7 Of the feare of God & knowledge of his word. 10 We may not consent to the intising of sinners. 20 Wisdome complaineth that shee is contemned. 24 The punishment of them that contemne her.

THe Parables of Salomon the sonne of Dauid King of Israel,

2 To know wisedom, and instruction, to vnderstand the words [b] of knowledge,

3 To receiue [c] instruction to doe wisely, by [d] iustice and iudgement and equitie,

4 To giue vnto the [e] simple sharpenesse of wit, and to the childe knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man shall heare and increase in learning, and a man of [f] vnderstanding shal attaine vnto wise counsels,

6 To vnderstand a parable, and the interpretation, the words of the wise, and their darke sayings.

7 ¶ * The feare of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fooles despise wisedome and instruction.

8 My sonne, heare thy [g] fathers instruction, and forsake not thy [h] mothers teaching.

9 For they shall bee [i] a comely ornament vnto thine head, and as chaines for thy necke.

10 ¶ My sonne, if [k] sinners do intise thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with vs, wee will lay waite for [l] blood, and lie priuily for the innocent without a cause:

12 We will swallow them vp aliue like a [m] graue euen whole, as those that goe downe into the pit:

13 We shall finde all precious riches, and fill our houses with spoyle:

Psal. 111. 10. Eccles. 1. 16.

a That is, what wee ought to know & follow, and what wee ought to refuse.
b Meaning the word of God, wherein is [h] only true knowledge.
c To learne to submit our selues to the correction of those that are wise. d By liuing iustly, and rendring to every man that which appertaineth vnto him. e To such as haue not discretion to rule themselues f As hee sheweth that these parables, containing the effect of religion as touching maners and doctrine, do appertaine to the simple people: so doth hee declare, that the same are also necessary for them that are wise and learned.

g He speaketh this in the Name of God, which is the vniuersall Father of all creatures, or in the name of the pastour of the Church, who is as a father.
h That is, of the Church, wherein the faithfull are begotten by the incorruptible seed of Gods word.

†Ebr. Increase of grace.

i To wit, the wicked, which haue not the feare of God. k Hee speaketh not onely of the shedding of blood with hand, but of all craftie practises which tend to the detriment of our neighbour. l As the graue is neuer satiate, to the auarice of the wicked and their cruelties haue none end.

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14 Cast in thy lot among vs: we will all haue one [m] purse:
15 My sonne, walke not thou in the way with them: refraine thy foote from their [n] path.
16 For their feete run to euill, and make haste to shed blood.
17 Certainly as without cause the net is spred before the eyes of all that haue wings:
18 So they lay wait for blood, and lie priuily for [o] their liues.
19 Such are the wayes of euery one that is greedy of gaine: he would take away the [p] life of the owners thereof.
20 ¶ [q] Wisedome crieth without: she vttereth her voice in the [r] streetes.
21 She calleth in the hie streete, among the preasse in the entrings of the gates, and vttereth her words in the city, saying,
22 How [s] foolish, how long will yee loue foolishnes? and the scorneful take their pleasure in scorning? and the fooles hate knowledge?
23 Turne you at my correction: loe, I will powre out my mind vnto you, and make you vnderstand my words.
24 Because I haue called, and ye refused: I haue stretched out mine hand, and none would regard:
25 But ye haue despised all my counsell, and would none of my correction:
26 I will also [t] laugh at your destruction, and mocke when your feare commeth:
27 When [u] your feare commeth like sudden desolation, & your destruction shal come, like a whirlewind: when affliction and anguish shall come vpon you.
28 Then shall they call vpon mee, but I will not answere: they shall seeke me earely, but they shall not [x] find me,
29 Because they hated knowledge, & did not chuse the feare of the Lord:
30 They would none of my counsell, but [y] despised all my correction.
31 Therefore shall they eate of the [z] frut of their owne way, and bee filled with their owne deuises.
32 For [a] ease slayeth the foolish, and the prosperity of fooles destroyeth them.
33 But hee that obeyeth mee, shall dwell safely, and be quiet from feare of euill.

m He sheweth whereby the wicked are allured to ioyne together, because they haue euery one part of the spoile of the innocent.
n That is, haue nothing at all to do with them.
o He sheweth that there is no cause to moue the wicked to spoile the innocent, but their auarice & cruelty.
p Whereby he concludeth that the couetous man is a murtherer.
q This wisdome is the eternall word of God.
r So that none can pretend ignorance.
s Wisedome reproueth three kinds of men: the foolish or simple, which erre of ignorance, and the mockers, that cannot suffer to be taught, & the fooles which are drowned in worldly lusts & hate the knowledge of godlinesse.
t This is spoken according to our capacitie, signifying that the wicked which mocke & iest at Gods word, shal haue the iust reward of thir mocking.
u That is, your destruction, which thing you feared.
x Because they sought not with an affection to God, but for ease of their owne griefe.
y Shewing that without faith and obedience we can not call vpon God aright.
z They shal feele what commodity their wicked life shall giue them.
a That is, the prosperitie and sensuality wherein they delight.

22 Sun. Trinit. Feria 2. Lection. Deut. 8. 1. c. 30. 16.

CHAP. II.

1 Wisdome exhorteth to obey her. 5 She teacheth the feare of God. 6 She is giuen of God. 10 She preserueth from wickednesse.

MY sonne, if thou wilt receiue my words and [a] hide my commandements within thee,
2 And cause thine eares to hearken vnto wisedome, and encline [b] thine heart to vnderstanding.
3 (For if thou callest after knowledge, [c] and criest for vnderstanding:
4 If thou seekest her as siluer, & searchest for her as for [d] treasures,
5 Then shalt thou vnderstand the feare of the Lord, & finde the [e] knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord giueth wisedome, out of his mouth commeth knowledge and vnderstanding.
7 He preserueth [f] the state of the righteous, he is a shield to them that walke vprightly,
8 That they may keepe the wayes of iudgement: and hee preserueth the way of his saints.)
9 Then shalt thou vnderstand righteousnes, and iudgement, and equitie, and euery good path.
10 ¶ When wisedome entreth into thine heart, and knowledge delighteth thy soule,
11 Then shall [g] counsell preserue thee, and vnderstanding shall keepe thee,
12 And deliuer thee from the euill way, & from the man that speaketh froward things.
13 And from them that leaue the [h] wayes of righteousnesse, to walke in the wayes of darkenesse:
14 Which reioyce in doing euill, and delite [i] in the frowardnesse of the wicked,
15 Whose wayes are crooked, and they are lewd in their paths.
16 And it shal deliuer thee frō the strange [k] woman, euen from the stranger, which flattereth with her words,
17 Which forsaketh the [l] guide of her youth, & forgetteth the couenant of her God.
18 Surely her [m] house tendeth to death, and her paths vnto [n] the dead.
19 All they that goe vnto her, returne not againe, neither take they hold of the wayes of life.
20 Therefore walke thou in [o] the way of good men, and keepe the wayes of the righteous.
21 For the iust shal dwel in the [p] land, and the vpright men shall remaine in it.
22 But the wicked shalbe cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

a Long life is the blessing of God which he giueth to his so farre foorth as it is expedient for them.
b By mercy and trueth he meaneth the commandements of the first and second Table: or else the mercy & faithfulnesse that we ought to vse towarde our neighbours.
c Keepe them as a most precious iewel.
d And haue them euer in remembrance.
e Meaning that we must seeke the knowledge of God with care and diligence.
d Shewing that no labour must be spared.
e This (saith he) is the true wisedome to know and feare God.
‖ *Or, hideth the saluation.*
f The word of God shall teach thee and counsel thee how to gouerne thy selfe.
g That is, the word of God, which is the only light, to follow their owne fantasies which are darkenesse.
h When they see any giuen to euil as they are.
i Meaning, that wisedom, which is the word of God, shall preserue vs from all vices: naming this vice of whoredome whereunto man is most prone.
k That is, her husband, which is her head and guide to gouerne her, from whom shee ought not to depart, but remaine in his subiection.
l Which is the promise made in marriage.
m Her acquaintance with her familiars, & them that haunt her.
n To them that are dead in body and soule.
o They shall enioy the temporall and spirituall promises of God, as the wicked shalbe void of them.

22 Sun. Trinity Euen Lesson Morning Euening

CHAP. III.

1 The word of God giueth life. 5 Trust in God 7 Feare him. 9 Honour him. 11 Suffer his correction. 22 To them that follow the word of God, all things shall succeed well.

MY sonne, forget not thou my lawe, but let thine heart [a] keepe my commandements.
2 For they shal increase the length of thy [a] daies and the yeeres of life, and thy prosperitie.
3 Let not [b] mercie and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy [c] necke, and write them vpon the table of thine [d] heart.

4 So shalt thou find fauour & good vnderstanding in the sight of God and man.

5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and leane not vnto thine owne wisedome.

6 In al thy wayes acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy wayes.

7 ¶ Be not wise in thine owne eyes: but feare the Lord and depart from euill.

8 So healthy shall be vnto thy [q] nauill, and marrow vnto thy bones.

9 [r] Honour the Lord with thy riches, and with the first fruites of al thine increase.

10 So shall thy barnes be filled with abundance, and thy presses shall [s] burst with new wine.

11 ¶ My sonne, refuse not the chastening of the Lord, neither be grieued with his correction.

12 * For the Lord correcteth him, whom he loueth, euen as the father doeth the childe in whom he delighteth.

13 Blessed is the man that findeth wisedome, and the man that getteth vnderstanding.

14 For the merchandise thereof is better then the merchandise of siluer, and the gaine thereof is better then gold.

15 It is more precious then pearles: and al things that thou canst desire, are not to be compared vnto her.

16 Length of dayes is in her right hand, [h] and in her left hand riches and glory.

17 Her wayes are wayes of pleasure, and all her paths prosperitie.

18 She is a tree [i] of life to them that lay hold on her, and blessed is he that retaineth her.

19 The Lord by wisedome hath laid the [k] foundation of the earth, & hath established the heauens through vnderstanding.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken vp, & the clouds drop downe the deaw.

21 My sonne, let not these things depart from thine eyes, but obserue wisedome and counsell.

22 So they shall bee life to thy soule, and grace vnto thy ‖ necke.

23 Then shalt thou walke safely by thy way: and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 If thou sleepest, thou shalt not bee afraid, and when thou sleepest, thy sleepe shal be sweete.

25 Thou shalt not feare for any sudden feare, neither for the [l] destruction of the wicked, when it commeth.

26 For the Lord shalbe for thine assurance, and shall preserue thy foote from taking.

27 ¶ Withhold not the good from [m] the owners thereof, though there bee power in thine hand to doe it.

28 Say not vnto thy neighbour, Go and come againe, and to morow wil I giue thee, if thou now haue it.

29 ¶ Intend none hurt against thy neighbour, seeing hee dwelleth [n] without feare by thee.

30 ¶ Striue not with a man causeles, when he hath done thee no harme.

31 ¶ Bee not * enuious for the wicked man, neither chuse any of his wayes.

32 For the froward is abomination vnto the Lord: but his [p] secret is with the righteous.

33 The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.

34 Surely the scornefull [q] he scorneth, but he giueth grace vnto the humble.

35 The wise shal inherit glory: but fooles dishonour, though they be exalted.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Wisedome and her fruits ought to be searched. 14 The way of the wicked must be refused. 20 By the word of God, the heart, eyes, and course of life, must be guided.

HEare, O yee children, the instruction of a [a] father, and giue care to learne vnderstanding.

2 For I doe giue you a good doctrine: therefore forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my fathers sonne, tender and [b] deare in the sight of my mother.

4 When [c] he taught me, & said vnto me, Let thine heart hold fast my words: keepe my commandements, and thou shalt liue.

5 Get wisedome, get vnderstanding: forget not, neither decline from the wordes of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, & she shall keepe thee: loue her, and she shall preserue thee.

7 [d] Wisdome is the beginning: get wisedome therefore: and aboue all thy possession get vnderstanding.

8 Exalt her, & she shal exalt thee: she shall bring thee to honour, if thou imbrace her.

9 She shal giue a comely ornament vnto thine head, yea, she shall giue thee a crowne of glory.

10 ¶ Heare, my sonne, and receiue my words, & the yeeres of thy life shall be many.

11 I * haue taught thee in the way of wisdome, and led thee in the paths of righteousnesse.

12 When thou goest, thy gate shall not be [t] straite, and when thou runnest, thou shalt not fall.

13 Take hold of instruction, & leaue not: keepe her, for she is thy life.

14 ¶ Enter not into the way of the wicked, and walke not in the way of euillmen.

15 Auoid it, and go not by it: turne from it, and passe by.

16 For they cannot [u] sleepe, except they haue done euill, and their sleepe departeth, except they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of [k] wickednes, and drinke the wine of violence.

18 But the way of the righteous shineth as the light, that [l] shineth more and more vnto the perfect day.

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q By this part he comprehendeth the whole body, as by health he meaneth all the benefits promised in the Law both corporall and spirituall.

r As was commanded in the Law, Exod. 23. 19 Deut. 26. 2. and by this they acknowledged that God was the giuer of all things, and that they were ready to bestow all at his commandement.

s For to the faithful distributer, God giueth in greater abundance. *Hebr. 12. 5. Reuel. 3. 19.*

h Meaning, that he that seeketh wisdome, that is, suffereth himselfe to be gouerned by the word of God, shall haue all prosperitie both corporall and spirituall.

i Which bringeth forth such fruite that they that eate thereof, haue life: and he alludeth to the tree of life in Paradise.

k Hereby hee sheweth that this wisdome, whereof he speaketh, is euerlasting, because it was before al creatures, & that al things, euen the whole world were made by it. ‖ *Or, throat, read Chap. 1. 9.*

l For when God destroyeth the wicked he will saue his as he did Lot in Sodome.

m Not onely from them to whom the possession belongeth, but also thou shalt not keepe it from them, which haue need of the vse thereof.

n That is, putteth his trust in thee.

o Desire not to be like vnto him.

p That is, his couenant & fatherly affection which is hid and secret from the world.

q He will shew by his plagues that their scornes shal turn to their own destruction, as Chap. 1. 26.

a He speaketh this in the person of a preacher and minister which is as a father vnto the people, read Chap. 1. 8.

b In Hebrew, it is Onely: for though he had three others, as 1. Chron. 3. 5 yet, so tenderly she loued Salomon, that he was vnto her as her onely sonne.

c Meaning, Dauid his father.

d He sheweth that we must first begin at Gods word, if so be we will that other things prosper with vs, contrary to the iudgement of the world, which make it their last studie, or els care not for him at all.

e Salomon declareth what care his father had to bring him vp in the true feare of God: for this was Dauids protestation

f Thou shalt walke at liberty without offence. g Meaning, that to doe euill is more proper and naturall to the wicked, then to sleepe, eate or drinke. h Gotten by wicked meanes and cruel oppression. i Signifying, that the godly increase daily in knowledge and perfection, till they come to full perfection, which is, when they shall be ioyned to their head in the heauens.

19 The way of the wicked is as the darkneſſe: they know not wherein they ſhall fall.

20 ¶ My ſonne, hearken vnto my words, incline thine eare vnto my ſayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes, but keepe them in the mids of thine heart.

22 For they are life vnto thoſe that finde them, and health vnto all their [k] fleſh.

23 Keepe thine heart with all diligence: for therout commeth [l] life.

24 Put away frō thee a froward mouth, and put wicked lips farre from thee.

25 Let thine eyes behold the right, and let thine eye lids direct thy way before thee.

26 [m] Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy wayes be ordred aright.

27 Turne not to the right hand, nor to the left, but remoue thy foote from euill.

CHAP. V.

3 Whoredome forbidden, 9 And prodigalitie. 15 He willeth a man to liue on his labours, and to helpe others. 18 To loue his wife. 22 The wicked taken in their owne wickednesse.

MY ſonne, hearken vnto my wiſedome, and incline thine eare vnto my ‖ knowledge.

2 That thou mayeſt regard counſel, and thy lips obſerue knowledge.

3 For the lips [a] of a ſtrange woman drop as an honie combe, and her mouth is more ſoft then [b] oyle.

4 But the end of her is bitter as wormewood, and ſharpe as a two edged ſword.

5 Her [c] feete goe downe to death, and her ſteps take hold on hell.

6 She weigheth not the way of life: her paths are [d] moueable: thou canſt not know them.

7 Heare yee me now therefore, O children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Keepe thy way farre from her, & come not neere the doore of her houſe,

9 Leſt thou giue thine [e] honour vnto others, and thy yeeres to the cruell:

10 Leſt the ſtranger ſhould be filled with thy ſtrength, & thy [f] labours be in the houſe of a ſtranger,

11 And thou mourne at thine end, (when thou haſt conſumed thy fleſh and thy body)

12 And ſay, How haue I hated inſtruction, and mine heart deſpiſed correction!

13 And haue not obeyed the voice of them that taught me, nor inclined mine eare to them that inſtructed me!

14 I was almoſt brought into all euill in the mids of the Congregation & aſſembly.

15 ¶ Drinke the water of [h] thy ciſterne, and of the riuers out of the middes of thine owne well.

16 Let thy fountaines flow forth, and the riuers of waters in the ſtreetes.

17 But let them be thine owne [i] thine onely, and not the ſtrangers with thee.

18 Let thy [k] fountaine be bleſſed, and reioyce with the wife of thy [l] youth:

19 Let her be as the louing hinde and pleaſant roe: let her breaſtes ſatisfie thee at all times, and delight in her loue continually.

20 For why ſhouldeſt thou ‖ delight, my ſonne, in a ſtrange woman, or imbrace the boſome of a ſtranger?

21 For the wayes of man are before the [m] eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his paths.

22 His owne iniquities ſhal take the wicked himſelfe, and he ſhall be holden with the cords of his owne ſinne.

23 He ſhall [n] die for want of inſtruction, and ſhall goe aſtray through his great folly.

[a] That is, an harlot which giueth her ſelfe to another then to her husband.
[b] By oyle and honie he meaneth flattering and craftie inticements.
[c] All her doings leade to deſtruction.
[d] She hath euer new meanes to allure to wickednesſe.
[e] That is, thy ſtrength and goods to her that will haue no pitie vpon thee: as is read of Samſon, and the prodigall ſonne.
[f] The goods gotten by thy trauell.
[g] Although I was faithfully inſtructed in the trueth, yet had I almoſt fallen to vtter ſhame and deſtruction, notwithſtanding my good bringing vp in the aſſembly of the godly.
[h] He teacheth vs ſobriety, exhorting vs to liue of our owne labours, and to be beneficial to the godly that want.
[i] Diſtribute them not to the wicked and infidels, but reſerue them for thy ſelfe, thy familie, and them that are of the houſhold of faith.
[k] Thy children which ſhal come of thee in great abundance, ſhewing that God bleſſeth mariage, and curſeth whoredome.
[l] Which thou didſt marrie in thy youth.
‖ *Or, goe aſtray with a ſtranger.*
[m] He declareth that except man doe ioyne to his wife both in heart and in outward converſation, that hee ſhall not eſcape the iudgements of God.
[n] Becauſe hee will not heare word and be admoniſhed.

CHAP. VI.

1 Inſtruction for ſuretiſe. 6 The ſlothfull & ſluggiſh is ſtirred to work. 12 He deſcribeth the nature of the wicked. 16 The things that God hateth. 20 To obſerue the word of God. 24 To flee adultery.

MY ſonne, if thou be ſurety for thy neighbour, and haſt ſtricken hands with the ſtranger,

2 Thou art [a] ſnared with the wordes of thy mouth: thou art euen taken with the wordes of thine owne mouth.

3 Doe this now, my ſonne, and deliuer thy ſelfe: ſeeing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour, goe and humble thy ſelfe, and ſolicite thy friends.

4 Giue no ſleepe to thine eyes, nor ſlumber to thine eye lids.

5 Deliuer thy ſelfe as a Doe from the hand of the hunter, and as a birde from the hand of the fouler.

6 ¶ Goe to [b] the pismire, O ſluggard: behold her wayes, and be wiſe.

7 For ſhe hauing no guide, gouernour, nor ruler,

8 Prepareth her meate in the ſummer, and gathereth her foode in harueſt.

9 How long wilt thou ſleepe, O ſluggard? when wilt thou ariſe out of thy ſleepe?

10 [c] Yet a little ſleepe, a little ſlumber, [d] a little folding of the hands to ſleepe.

11 Therefore thy pouertie commeth as one that [d] trauelleth by the way, and thy neceſſity like [e] an armed man.

12 The vnthriftie man [f] and the wicked man walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He maketh a ſigne with his eyes, he [g] ſignifieth with his feete: hee [g] inſtructeth with his fingers.

14 Lewd things are in his heart: he imagineth euill at all times, and raiſeth vp contentions.

15 Therefore ſhall his deſtruction come ſpeedily: he ſhalbe deſtroyed ſuddenly without recouery.

16 ¶ Theſe ſixe things doeth the Lord hate: yea, his ſoule abhorreth ſeuen:

17 The hauty eyes, a lying tongue, and the hands that ſhed innocent blood,

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[a] He forbiddeth vs not to become ſuretie one for an other, according to the rule of charitie, but that we conſider for whom and after what ſort, ſo that the creditor may not be defrauded.
[b] If the word of God cannot inſtruct thee, yet learne at the little piſmire to labour for thy ſelfe and not to burden others. *Chap. 24. 33.*
[c] He expreſſedly liuely the nature of the ſluggards, which though they ſleepe neuer ſo long, yet haue neuer ynough, but euer ſeeke occaſions thereunto.
[d] That is, ſodenly, and when thou lookeſt not for it.
[e] It ſhall come in ſuch ſort as thou art not able to reſiſt it.
[f] He ſheweth to what inconuenience the idle perſons & ſluggards come, by calling them vnthriftie, or the men of Belial, and ſlanderous.
‖ *Ebr ſpeaketh.*
[g] Thus all his geſture tendeth to wickednesſe.

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h Meaning, the raging affections which cary a man away in such sort that he cannot tell what he doeth.

‖*Or, neighbours.*

i Reade Chap. 3. 3.

k By the commandement he meaneth the word of God: and by the instruction, the preaching and declaration of the same, which is committed to the Church.

l And reprehensions when the word is preached bring vs to life.

m With her wanton lookes and gesture.

n Meaning, that she will neuer cease till thee haue brought thee to beggery, and then seeke thy destruction.

o He approueth not theft, but sheweth that it is not so abominable as whoredome, forasmuch as theft might be redeemed: but adultery was a perpetuall infamie, and death by the Law of God.

p Meaning, for very necessitie.

18 An heart that imagineth wicked enterprises, h feete that be swift in running to mischiefe,

19 A false witnes that speaketh lies, and him that raiseth vp contentions among brethren.

20 ¶ My sonne, keepe thy fathers commaundement, and forsake not thy mothers instruction.

21 Binde them alway vpon thine i heart, and tie them about thy necke.

22 It shall leade thee, when thou walkest: it shall watch for thee when thou sleepest, & when thou wakest it shall talke with thee.

23 For the k commandement is a lantern, and instruction a light: and l corrections for instruction are the way of life,

24 To keepe thee from the wicked woman, and from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Desire not her beauty in thine heart, neither let her take thee with her m eye lids.

26 For because of the whorish woman, a man is brought to a morsell of bread, ‡ a woman will hunt for the precious life of a man.

27 n Can a man take fire in his bosome, and his clothes not be burnt?

28 Or can a man go vpon coales, and his feete not be burnt?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbours wife, shall not be innocent, whosoeuer toucheth her.

30 Men doe not o despise a theefe, when he stealeth, to satisfie his p soule, because he is hungry.

31 But if he be found, he shal restore seuen fold, or he shall giue all the substance of his house.

32 But he that committeth adultery with a woman, he ‡ is destitute of vnderstanding: he that doeth it, destroyeth his owne soule.

33 He shal finde q a wound and dishonour, and his reproch shall neuer be put away.

34 For iealousie is the rage of a man: therefore he will not r spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He cannot beare the sight of any ransome: neither will he consent, though thou augment the gifts.

‡ *Ebr. faileth in heart.*

q That is, death appointed by the Law.

r He sheweth that man by nature seeketh his death that hath abused his wife, and so concludeth, that neither Gods Law nor the law of nature admitteth any ransome for the adultery.

CHAP. VII.

1 *An exhortation to wisedome and to the word of God,* 5 *Which wil preserue vs from the harlot,* 6 *Whose maners are described.*

MY sonne, keepe my wordes, and hide my a commandements with thee.

2 Keepe my commandements, and thou shalt liue, and mine instruction as the a apple of thine eyes.

3 Binde them vpon thy fingers, and write them vpon the table of thine heart.

4 Say vnto wisedome, Thou art my sister: ‡ call vnderstanding thy kinswoman,

5 That they may keepe thee from the strange woman, euen from the stranger that is smoothe in her words.

6 ¶ b As I was in the window of mine house, I looked through my window,

7 And I saw among the fooles, and considered among the children a yong man destitute of vnderstanding,

8 Who passed through the streete by her corner, and went toward her house,

9 In the twilight in the euening, when the night began to be c blacke and darke.

10 And behold, there met him a woman, with an harlots ‖ behauiour, and ‖ subtill in heart.

11 (She d is babbling and lowd: whose feete cannot abide in her house.

12 Now she is without, now in the streets, and lieth in watte at euery corner)

13 So she caught him and kissed him, and ‡ with an impudent face sayd vnto him,

14 I haue e peace offerings: this f day haue I payed my vowes.

15 Therefore came I forth to meete thee, that I might seeke thy face: and I haue found thee.

16 I haue deckt my bed with ornaments, ‖ carpets and laces of Egypt.

17 I haue perfumed my bed with myrrhe, aloes, and cynamom.

18 Come, let vs take our fill of loue vntil the morning: let vs take our pleasure in dalliance.

19 For mine husband is not at home: he is gone a iourney farre off,

20 He hath taken with him ‡ a bag of siluer, & will come home at the day appointed.

21 Thus with her great craft she caused him to yeelde, and with her flattering lips she entised him.

22 And he followed her straightwayes, as an g oxe that goeth to the slaughter, and h as a foole to the stockes for correction,

23 Till a dart strike thorow his liuer, as a bird hasteth to the snare, not knowing that ‡ he is in danger.

24 ¶ Heare me now therefore, O children, and hearken to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her wayes: wander thou not in her paths.

26 For she hath caused many to fall down wounded, and the i strong men are all slaine by her.

27 Her house is the way * vnto the graue, which goeth downe vnto the chambers of death.

b Salomon vseth this parable to declare their folly that suffer themselues to be abused by harlots.

c He sheweth that there was almost none so impudent, but they were afrayd to be seene, and also their owne consciences did accuse them, which caused them to seeke the night to couer their filthinesse.

‖*Or, garment.*

‖*Or, hid.*

d He describeth certaine conditions, which are peculiar to harlots.

‡*Ebr. she strengthened her face.*

e Because that in peace offerings a portion returned to them that offred, she sheweth him that she hath meate at home to make good cheare with: or els she would vse some cloke of holinesse, till she had gotten him in her snares.

f Which declareth that harlots outwardly will seeme holy and religious: both because they may the better deceiue others, and also thinking by obseruing of ceremonies and offerings to make satisfaction for their sinnes. ‖*Or, caused worke.* ‡*Ebr. in his hand.*

g Which thinking hee goeth to the pasture, goeth willingly to his owne destruction.

h Which goeth cheerefully, not knowing that he shalbe chastised.

‡*Ebr. at it for his life.*

i Neither wit nor strength can deliuer them that fall into the hands of the harlot. *Chap* 2. 18.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Wisedome declareth her excellencie,* 11 *Riches,* 15 *Power,* 22 *Eternitie.* 32 *She exhorteth all to loue and follow her.*

DOeth * not a wisedome cry? and vnderstanding vtter her voyce?

2 She standeth in the top of the high places by the way in the place of the paths.

a Salomon declareth that man is cause of his owne perdition, & that he can pretend no ignorance, forasmuch as God calleth to all men by his word, & by his works, to follow vertue and to flee from vice.

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3 Shee cryeth beſides [b] the gates before the citie at the entrie of the doores,

4 O men, I call vnto you, and vſe my voyce to the children of men.

5 O yee fooliſh men, vnderſtand wiſedome, and yee O fooles, be wiſe in heart.

6 Giue eare, for I will ſpeake of excellent things, and the opening of my lips ſhall teach things that be right.

7 For my mouth ſhall ſpeake the trueth, and my lips abhorre wickednesse.

8 All the words of my mouth are righteous: there is no lewdneſſe, nor frowardneſſe in them.

9 They are all [c] plaine to him that will vnderſtand, & ſtreight to them that would find knowledge.

10 Receiue mine inſtruction and not ſiluer, and knowledge rather then fine gold.

11 For wiſedome is better then precious ſtones: and all pleaſures are not to be compared vnto her.

12 I wiſedome dwell with [d] prudence, and I finde forth knowledge and counſels.

13 The feare of the Lord is to hate [e] euill, as pride, and arrogancie, and the euill way: and a mouth that ſpeaketh lewde things, I doe hate.

14 I haue counſell and wiſedome: I am vnderſtanding, and I haue ſtrength.

15 By me kings [f] reigne, and princes decree iuſtice.

16 By mee princes rule, and the nobles, and all the iudges of the earth.

17 I loue them that loue mee: and they that ſeeke me [g] early, ſhall finde me.

18 Riches and honour are with mee: [h] euen durable riches and righteouſneſſe.

19 My fruite is better then golde, euen then fine golde, and my reuenues better then fine ſiluer.

20 I cauſe to walke in the way of righteouſneſſe, and in the middes of the pathes of [i] iudgement,

21 That I may cauſe them that loue me, to inherite ſubſtance, and I will fill their treaſures.

22 The Lord hath poſſeſſed me in the beginning of his way: I was [k] before his works of olde.

23 I was ſet vp from euerlaſting, from the beginning, and before the earth.

24 When there were no depthes, was I begotten, when there were no fountaines abounding with water.

25 Before the mountaines were ſetled: and before the hils, was I begotten.

26 He had not yet made the earth, nor the open places, nor the height of the duſt in the world.

27 When hee prepared the heauens, I was [l] there, when hee ſet the compaſſe vpon the deepe,

28 When hee eſtabliſhed the cloudes aboue, when hee confirmed the fountaines of the deepe,

29 When hee gaue his decree to the ſea, that the waters ſhould not paſſe his commandement, when he appointed the foundations of the earth,

30 Then was I with him as [m] a nourisher, and I was dayly his delight reioycing alway before him,

31 And tooke my [n] ſolace in the compaſſe of [o] his earth: and my delight is with the children of men.

32 Therefore now hearken, O children, vnto mee: for bleſſed are they that keepe my wayes.

33 Heare inſtruction, and be ye wiſe, and refuſe it not: bleſſed is the man that heareth me, watching dayly at my gates, and gaining attendance at the poſtes of my doores.

34 For hee that findeth me, findeth life, and ſhall obteine fauour of the Lord.

35 But he that ſinneth againſt me, hurteth his owne ſoule: & all that hate me, loue death.

o By earth he meaneth man, which is the worke of God in whom Wiſedome tooke pleaſure: in ſo much as for mans ſake the Diuine Wiſedome tooke mans nature, and dwelt among vs, and filled vs with vnſpeakeable treaſures, and this is that ſolace and paſtime whereof is here ſpoken.

CHAP. IX.

2 Wiſedome calleth all to her feaſt. 7 The ſcorner will not be corrected. 10 The feare of God. 13 The condaions of the harlot.

WIſedome hath built her [a] houſe, and hewen out her [b] ſeuen pillars.

2 She hath killed her victailes, drawen her wine, and [c] prepared her table.

3 She hath ſent forth her [d] maydens, and cryeth vpon the higheſt places of the citie, ſaying,

4 Who ſo is [e] ſimple let him come hither, and to him that is deſtitute of wiſedome, ſhe ſayth,

5 Come, and eate of my [f] meate, & drinke of the wine that I haue drawen.

6 Forſake your way, ye fooliſh, & yee ſhall liue: & walke in the way of vnderſtanding.

7 He that reproueth a ſcorner, purchaſeth to himſelfe ſhame: and he that rebuketh the wicked, getteth himſelfe a blot.

8 Rebuke not a [g] ſcorner, leſt he hate thee: but rebuke a wiſe man, and hee will loue thee.

9 Giue admonition to the wiſe, and he will be the wiſer: teach a righteous man, and he will increaſe in learning.

10 The beginning of wiſedom is the feare of the Lorde, and the knowledge of holy things is [i] vnderſtanding.

11 For thy dayes ſhall bee multiplyed by mee, and the yeeres of thy life ſhall be augmented.

12 If thou be wiſe, thou ſhalt be wiſe for [k] thy ſelfe, and if thou bee a ſcorner, thou

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a Chriſt hath prepared him a Church.

b That is, many chiefe ſtayes and principall parts of his Church, as were the Patriarkes, Prophets, Apoſtles, Paſtors and Doctors.

c He compareth wiſedome with great princes that keepe open houſe for all that come.

d Meaning, true preachers, which are not infected with mans wiſedome.

e Hee that knoweth his owne ignorance, and is voyde of malice.

f By the meate and drinke, is meant the word of God and the miniſtration of the Sacraments, whereby God nouriſheth his ſeruants in his houſe, which is the Church.

g For the wicked will contemne him and labour to defame him.

h Meaning, them that are incorrigible, which Chriſt calleth dogges and ſwine: or he ſpeaketh this in comparison, not that the wicked ſhould not be rebuked, but he ſheweth their malice, and the ſmall hope of profite.

i He ſheweth what true vnderſtanding is, to know the will of God in his word, which is meant by holy things.

k Thou ſhalt haue the chiefe profite and commoditie thereof.

m Some reade a chiefe worker: ſignifying that this wiſedome, euen Chriſt Ieſus was equall with God his Father, and created, preſerueth, and ſtill worketh with him, as Ioh. 5. 17

n Whereby is declared that the worke of the creation was no paine, but a ſolace vnto the wiſdome of God.

b Where the people did moſt reſort, and which was the place of iuſtice.

c Meaning, that the word of God is eaſie vnto all that haue a deſire vnto it, & which are not blinded by the prince of this world.

d That is, except a man haue wiſedome, which is the true knowledge of God, he can neither be prudēt, nor good counſeller.

e So that he that doth not hate euill, feareth not God.

f Whereby he declareth that honours, dignitie or riches come not of mans wiſedom or induſtrie, but by the prouidence of God.

g That is, ſtudie the word of God diligently, and with a deſire to profite.

h Signifying, that he chiefly meaneth the ſpiritual treaſures and heauenly riches.

i For there can be no true iuſtice or iudgement, which is not directed by this wiſedome.

k He declareth hereby the diuinitie and eternitie of this wiſedome which he magnifieth and prayſeth through this booke: meaning thereby the eternal Sonne of God Ieſus Chriſt our Sauiour, whō S. Iohn calleth the Word that was in the beginning, Iohn 1. 1.

l He declareth the eternitie of the Sonne of God, which is meant by this word Wiſedome, who was before all time, and euer preſent with the Father.

alone shall suffer.

13 ¶ A [1] foolish woman is troublesome: she is ignorant, and knoweth nothing.

14 But she litteth at ꝑ doore of her house, on a seat in the high places of the citie,

15 To cal them that passe by the way, that go right on their way, saying,

16 Who is simple, let him come hither, and to him that is destitute of wisedome, she saith also,

17 Stollen waters are sweete, and hid bread is pleasant.

18 But hee knoweth not, that the dead are there, and that her ghests are in the depth of hell.

meaning that they are but mens traditions, which are more pleasant to the flesh then the word of God: and therefore they themselues boast thereof.

1 By the foolish woman, some vnderstand the wicked preachers, who counterfeit the word of God, as appeareth verse 16. which were the words of the true preachers, as vers. 4. but their doctrine is but as stollen waters:

CHAP. X.

In this Chapter & al that folow vnto the thirtieth the wise man exhorteth by diuers sentences, which he calleth parables, to follow vertue, and flee vice: and sheweth also what profit commeth of wisdom, and what hinderance proceedeth of foolishnesse.

THE PARABLES OF SALOMON.

A Wise ᵃ sonne maketh a glad father: but a foolish sonne is an heauinesse to his mother.

2 The treasures of ᵃ wickednesse profite nothing: but righteousnesse deliuereth from death.

3 The Lord wil ᵇ not famish the soule of the righteous: but hee casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4 A ‖ slouthfull hand maketh poore: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 Hee that gathereth in summer, is the sonne of wisedome: but hee that sleepeth in harueſt, is the sonne of confusion.

6 Blessings are vpon the head of the righteous: but iniquitie shall couer the mouth of ᶜ the wicked.

7 The memorial of the iust shalbe blessed: but the name of the wicked shall ᵈ rot.

8 The wise in heart will receiue commandements: but the foolish in ǂ talke shall be beaten.

9 Hee that walketh vprightly, walketh ‖ boldly: but hee that peruerteth his wayes, shall be knowen.

10 Hee that ᵉ winketh with the eye, worketh sorrow, and he that is ᶠ foolish in talke, shall be beaten.

11 The mouth of a righteous man is a wellspring of life: but iniquitie couereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth vp contentions: ᵍ but loue couereth all trespasses.

13 In the lippes of him that hath vnderstanding, wisedome is found, and ᵍ a rod shall be for the backe of him that is destitute of wisedome.

14 Wise men lay vp knowledge: but the mouth of the foole is a present destruction.

15 The rich mans goods are his ʰ strong citie, but the feare of the needy is their pouerty.

16 The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: but the reuenues of the wicked to sinne.

17 Hee that regarded instruction, is in the way of life: but he that refuseth correction, goeth out of the way.

18 He that dissembleth hatred with lying lips, & he that inuenteth slander, is a foole.

19 In many wordes there cannot want iniquitie: but he that refraineth his lips, is wise.

20 The tongue of the iust man is as fined siluer: but the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous doe [i] feede many: but fooles shall die for want of wisedome.

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he doth adde [k] no sorowes with it.

23 It is as a pastime to a foole to doe wickedly: but wisedome is vnderstanding to a man.

24 That which the wicked feareth, shall come vpon him: but God will grant the desire of the righteous.

25 As the whirlewind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is as an euerlasting foundation.

26 As vineger is to the teeth, & as smoke to the eyes, so is the slouthfull to them that [l] send him.

27 The feare of the Lord increaseth the dayes: but the yeeres of the wicked ᵐ shalbe diminished.

28 The patient abiding of the righteous shalbe gladnesse: but the hope of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the Lord is strength to the vpright man: but feare shall be for the workers of iniquitie.

30 The righteous shall ⁿ neuer bee remooued: but the wicked shall not dwell in the land.

31 The mouth of the iust shal be fruitfull in wisedome: but the tongue of the froward shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh froward things.

CHAP. XI.

FAlse ᵃ balances are an abomination vnto the Lord: but a perfite ǂ weight pleaseth him.

2 When pride commeth, then commeth ᵇ shame: but with the lowly is wisedome.

3 The vprightnesse of the iust shall guide them: but the frowardnesse of the transgressors shall destroy them.

4 ᵃ Riches auaile not in the day of wrath: but righteousnesse deliuereth from death.

5 The righteousnesse of the vpright shal direct his way: but the wicked shall fall in his owne wickednesse.

6 The righteousnesse of the iust shal deliuer them: but the transgressors shall be taken in their owne wickednesse.

7 ᵃ When a wicked man dieth, his hope perisheth, and the hope of the vniust shall perish.

8 The righteous escapeth out of trouble, and the wicked shall come in his ᶜ stead.

9 An ᵈ hypocrite with his mouth hurteth his neighbour: but the righteous shalbe deliuered by knowledge.

10 In the prosperitie of the righteous the citie

[1] For they speake trueth and edifie many by exhortations, admonition and counsel.

[k] Meaning, that all worldly things bring care, and sorrow, whereas they that feele the blessings of God, haue none.

[l] He is but a trouble & griefe to him that setteth him about any businesse.

[m] The time of their prosperitie shall be short because of their great fall, though they seeme to liue long.

[n] They enioy in this life by faith and hope, their euerlasting life.

a Vnder this worde he condemneth all false weights, measures and deceite.

ǂ Ebr. stone

b When man forgetteth himselfe, and thinketh to be exalted aboue his vocation, then God bringeth him to confusion.

Ezek. 7. 19. eccl. 5. 1. W. sol. 5. 15.

c That is, shall enter into trouble.

d A dissembler that pretendeth friendship, but is a priuie enemie.

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a The countrey is blessed, where there are godly men, and they ought to rejoyce when the wicked are taken away.
‖ Or, prosperitie.
f Will not make light report of others.
g Where God giueth store of men of wisdome and counsell.
h Whose conuersation hee knoweth not.
i He that doeth not without iudgement and consideration of the circumstances put himselfe in danger, as Chap. 6. 1.
‖ Or, modestie.
k Is both good to himselfe and to others.
‖ Or, neighbour.
l Though they make neuer so many friends, or thinke themselues neuer so sure, yet they shall not escape.
‖ Or, a snare of vncomely behauiour.
m They can looke for nothing but Gods vengeance.
n Meaning them that giue liberally, whom God blesseth.
o That is, the niggard.
‡ Ebr. the soule of blessing shall be made fat.
p That prouideth for the vse of them that are in necessitie.
q The couetous men that spare their riches to the hinderance of their families, shalbe deprived thereof miserably.
r For though the wicked be rich, yet are they but slaues to the godly, which are the true possessors of the gifts of God.
s That is, bringeth them to the knowledge of God.
t Shall be punished as he deserueth, 1. Pet. 4. 18.

23 Saint Luke Euening Euen

citie a reioyceth, and when the wicked perish, there is ioy.

11 By the ‖ blessing of the righteous, the citie is exalted: but it is subuerted by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that despiseth his neighbour, is destitute of wisdome: but a man of vnderstanding will b keepe silence.

13 He that goeth about as a slanderer, discouereth a secret: but he that is of a faithfull heart concealeth a matter.

14 c Where no counsell is, the people fall: but where many d counsellers are, there is health.

15 Hee shall be sore vexed, that is suretie for a e stranger, and he f that hateth suretiship, is sure.

16 A ‖ gracious woman attaineth honor, and the strong man attaine riches.

17 He that is mercifull, g rewardeth his owne soule: but he that troubleth his owne ‖ flesh, is cruell.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but he that soweth righteousnes, shall receiue a sure reward.

19 As righteousnesse leadeth to life, so he that followeth euill, seeketh his owne death.

20 They that are of a froward heart, are abomination to the Lord: but they that are vpright in their way, are his delight.

21 h Though hand ioyne in hand, the wicked shall not be vnpunished: but the seede of the righteous shall escape.

22 As a iewell of gold in a swines snoute: so is a faire woman, which ‖ lacketh discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the hope of the wicked i is indignation.

24 There is that scattereth, k & is more increased: but he that spareth more l then is right, surely commeth to pouertie.

25 The m liberall person shal haue plentie: and he that watereth, shall also haue raine.

26 He that withdraweth the corne, the people will curse him: but blessing shalbe vpon the head of him that n selleth corne.

27 He that seeketh good things, getteth fauour: but he that seeketh euill, it shal come to him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches, shal fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a leafe.

29 Hee that troubleth his owne o house, shall inherite the wind, and the foole shall be p seruant to the wise in heart.

30 The fruite of the righteous is as a tree of life, and he that q winneth soules, is wise.

31 Beholde, the righteous shalbe r recompensed in the earth: how much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAP. XII.

HE that loueth instruction, loueth knowledge: but hee that hateth correction, is a foole.

2 A good man getteth fauor of the Lord: but the man of wicked imaginations will he condemne.

3 A man cannot be established by wickednes: but the a roote of the righteous shall not be mooued.

4 A ‡ vertuous woman is the crowne of her husband: but she that maketh him ashamed, is a corruption in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the iust are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceitfull.

6 The talking of the wicked is to lie in waite for blood: but the mouth of the righteous will b deliuer them.

7 God ouerthroweth the wicked, and they are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shalbe commended for his wisdome: but the froward of heart shall be despised.

9 Hee that is despised, c and is his owne seruant, is better then he that boasteth himselfe and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous man d regardeth the life of his beast: but the mercies of the wicked are cruell.

11 e He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but hee that followeth the idle, is destitute of ‖ vnderstanding.

12 The wicked desireth the f nette of euils: but the g roote of the righteous giueth fruite.

13 The euill man is snared by the wickednes of his lips, but the iust shall come out of aduersitie.

14 A man shall bee satiate with good things by the fruite of his mouth, and the recompense of a mans hands shall God giue vnto him.

15 The way of a foole is h right in his owne eyes: but hee that heareth counsell, is wise.

16 A foole in a day shall bee knowen by his anger: but hee that i couereth shame is wise.

17 Hee that speaketh trueth, will shewe righteousnesse: but a false witnesse vseth deceite.

18 k There is that speaketh words like the pickings of l a sworde: but the tongue of wise men is healthy.

19 The lip of trueth shall bee stable for euer: but a lying tongue varieth incontinently.

20 Deceite is in the heart of them that imagine euill: but to the counsellers of peace shall be ioy.

21 There shall none iniquitie come to the iust: but the wicked are full of euill.

22 The lying lips are an abomination to the Lorde: but they that deale truely are his delight.

23 A wise man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of the fooles publisheth foolishnes.

24 m The hand of the diligent shall beare rule: but the idle shalbe vnder tribute.

25 Heauinesse in the heart of man doeth bring it downe: but a n good worde reioyceth it.

26 The righteous is o more excellent then his neighbour: but the way of the wicked will

a They are so grounded in the fauour of God, that their roote shall prosper continually.
‡ Ebr. strong, or painefull.
b As their conscience is vpright, so shall they be able to speake for themselues against their accusers.
c The poore man that is contemned, and yet liueth of his owne trauaile.
d Is mercifull euen to the very beast that doeth him seruice. Chap. 28. 29. eccles. 30. 29.
‖ Or, delyteth.
e Continually imagineth meanes how to doe harme to others.
f Meaning their heart within, which is vpright and doth good to all.
g He standeth in his owne conceit, and condemneth all others in respect of himselfe.
h Which bridleth his affections. Chap. 14. 5.
i Which seeks nothing more then to prouoke others to anger.

Chap. 10. 4.
k That is, words of comfort or a cheerefull minde, which is declared by his words, reioyceth a man, as a couetous minde killeth him.
l That is more liberall in giuing.

m Although he get much by vnlawfull meanes, yet will he not spend it vpon himselfe.

a If he vse his tongue to Gods glorie, and the profit of his neighbour, God shall blesse him.
b He euer desireth, but taketh no paines to get any thing.

‡ Ebr. way.
c For his powertie, he is not able to escape the threatnings, which the cruell oppressorus vse against him.
d When as euery man contendeth to haue the preeminence, and will not giue place to another.
e That is, goods euill gotten.
f That is, with his owne labour.
g Meaning the word of God, whereby he is admonished of his duetie.

Chap. 25. 13.
h Bringeth many inconueniences, both to himselfe and to others.
i As he is partaker of their wickednesse, and beareth with their vices, so shall he be punished alike as they are.
k Reade Iob 27. 16, 17.
l God blesseth the labour of the poore, and consumeth their goods which are negligent, because they thinke they haue ynough.

Chap. 23. 13. ecclus 30. 1.

will deceiue them.
27 The deceitfull man roasteth not that he m taketh in hunting: but the riches of the diligent man are precious.
28 Life is in the way of righteousnes, and in that path way there is no death.

CHAP. XIII.

A Wise sonne will obey the instruction of his father: but a scorner will heare no rebuke.
2 A man shall eate good things by the fruit a of his mouth: but the soule of the trespassers shall suffer violence.
3 Hee that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life: but hee that openeth his lippes, destruction shalbe to him.
4 The sluggard b lusteth, but his soule hath nought: but the soule of the diligent shall haue plentie.
5 A righteous man hateth lying words: but the wicked causeth slaunder and shame.
6 Righteousnesse preserueth the vpright of ‡ life: but wickednesse ouerthroweth the sinner.
7 There is that maketh himselfe rich, and hath nothing, and that maketh himselfe poore, hauing great riches.
8 A man will giue his riches for the ransome of his life: but the poore c cannot heare the reproch.
9 The light of the righteous reioyceth: but the candle of the wicked shall be put out.
10 Onely by pride d doth man make contention: but with the well aduised is wisedome.
11 The e riches of vanitie shall diminish: but he that gathereth with the f hand, shall increase them.
12 The hope that is deferred, is the fainting of the heart: but when the desire commeth, it is as a tree of life.
13 He that despiseth g the word, he shalbe destroyed: but he that feareth the commandement, he shall be rewarded.
14 The instruction of a wise man is as the wellspring of life, to turne away from the snares of death.
15 Good vnderstanding maketh acceptable: but the way of the disobedient is hated.
16 Euery wise man will worke by knowledge: but a foole will spread abroad folly.
17 * A wicked messenger falleth h into euill: but a faithfull ambassadour is preseruation.
18 Powertie and shame is to him that refuseth instruction: but hee that regardeth correction, shalbe honoured.
19 A desire accomplished delighteth the soule: but it is an abomination to fooles to depart from euill.
20 Hee that walketh with the wise, shall be wise: but a companion of fooles shall bee i afflicted.
21 Affliction followeth sinners: but vnto the righteous God will recompense good.
22 The good man shall giue vnheritance vnto his childrens children: and the k riches of the sinner is layd vp for the iust.
23 Much food is in the field of the l poore: but the field is destroyed without discretion.
24 * Hee that spareth his rodde, hateth his sonne: but he that loueth him, chasteneth him betime.
25 The righteous eateth to the contentation of his minde: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAP. XIIII.

A Wise woman a buildeth her house: but the foolish destroyeth it with her owne hands.
2 * Hee that walketh in his b righteousnesse, feareth the Lord: but he that is lewde in his wayes, despiseth him.
3 In the mouth of the foolish is the c rod of pride: but the lippes of the wise preserue them.
4 Where none d oxen are, there the crib is emptie: but much increase commeth by the strength of the ore.
5 A faithfull witnesse will not lie: but a false record will speake lies.
6 A scorner e seeketh wisedome, and findeth not: but knowledge is easie to him that will vnderstand.
7 Depart from the foolish man, when thou perceiuest not in him the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisedome of the prudent is to vnderstand his way: but the foolishnes of the fooles is deceit.
9 The foole maketh a mocke f of sinne: but among the righteous there is fauour.
10 The heart knoweth the ‡ bitternesse of his soule, and the stranger shal not meddle with his ioy.
11 The house of the wicked shall bee destroyed: but the tabernacle of the righteous shall flourish.
12 * There is a way that seemeth right to a man: but the issues thereof are the wayes of death.
13 Euen in laughing the heart is sorowfull, g and the ende of that mirth is heauinesse.
14 The heart that declineth, h shalbe satiate with his owne wayes: but a good man shall depart from him.
15 The foolish will beleeue euery thing: but the prudent will consider his steps.
16 A wise man feareth, ‡ departeth from euill: but a foole rageth, and is careless.
17 Hee that is hastie to anger, committeth folly, and a ‡ wise body is hated.
18 The foolish doe inherite folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 The euill shall bow before the good, ‡ the wicked i at the gates of the righteous.
20 The poore is hated euen of his owne neighbour: but the friendes of the rich are many.
21 The sinner despiseth his neighbour: but hee that hath mercie vpon the poore, is blessed.
22 Doe not they erre that imagine euill? but to them that thinke on good things, shall be mercie and truetie.
23 In all labour there is abundance: but the talke of the lips bringeth onely want.
24 The crowne of the wise is their riches,

a That is, taketh paine to profit her family and to doe that which concerneth her duetie in her house.
Iob 12. 4.
b That is, in vprightnesse of heart and without hypocrisie.
c His proude tongue shall cause him to be punished.
d By the oxe is meant labour, and by the crib the barne: meaning without labour there is no profite.
e For the maintenance of his owne ambition, & not for Gods glory, as Simon Magus.
f Doeth not know the grieuousnes thereof, nor Gods iudgements against the same.
g As a mans conscience is witnesse of his owne griefe: so another cannot feele the ioy and comfort which a man feeleth in himselfe.
Chap. 16. 25.
h He sheweth that the allurement vnto sinne seemeth sweete, but the ende thereof is destruction.
i He that forsaketh God shall be punished, and made wearie of his sinnes wherein he delighted.
‡ Ebr. the man of imaginations.
k If this come not dayly to passe, we must consider that it is because of our sinnes, which let Gods working.

and the folly of fooles is foolishnesse.

25 A faithfull witnesse deliuereth soules: but a deceiuer speaketh lies.

26 In the feare of the Lord is an assured strength, and his children shall haue hope.

27 The feare of the Lord is as a welspring of life, to auoide the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of the [1] people is the honour of a king, and for the want of people commeth the destruction of the prince.

29 He that is slawe to wrath, is of great wisedome: but he that is of an hastie minde, exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart is the life of the ‖ flesh: but enuie is the rotting of the bones.

31 * He that oppresseth the poore, reproacheth him that made him: but he honoureth him, that hath mercy on the poore.

32 The wicked shall be cast away for his malice: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisedome resteth in the heart of him that hath vnderstanding, and is knowen [m] in the midst of fooles.

34 Iustice exalteth a nation, † but sinne is a shame to the people.

35 The pleasure of a king is in a wise seruant: but his wrath shalbe toward him that is lewde.

CHAP. XV.

A * soft answere putteth away wrath: but grieuous words stirre vp anger.

2 The tongue of the wise vseth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fooles * babbleth out foolishnesse.

3 The eyes of the Lord in euery place behold the euill and the good.

4 A wholsome tongue is as a tree of life: but the froward nesse thereof is the breaking of the minde.

5 A foole despiseth his fathers instruction: but he that regarded correction, is prudent.

6 The house of the righteous hath much treasure: but in the reuenues of the wicked is [a] trouble.

7 The lips of the wise doe spread abroad knowledge: but the heart of the fooles doth not so.

8 The [b] sacrifice of the wicked is abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the righteous is acceptable vnto him.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination vnto the Lord: but hee loueth him that followeth righteousnesse.

10 Instruction is euill to him that [c] forsaketh the way, and he that hateth correctio, shall die.

11 [d] Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more the hearts of the sonnes of men?

12 A scorner loueth not him that rebuketh him, neither will he goe vnto the wise.

13 * A ioyfull heart maketh a cheerefull countenance: but by the sorrow of the heart the minde is heauie.

14 The heart of him that hath vnderstanding, seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of the foole is fed with foolishnesse.

15 All the dayes of the afflicted are euill: but a good † conscience is a continuall feast.

16 * Better is a little with the feare of the Lord, then great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of greene herbes where loue is, then a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 * An angry man stirreth vp strife: but he that is slow to wrath, appeaseth strife.

19 The way of a slouthfull man is as an hedge of [e] thornes: but the way of the righteous is plaine.

20 * A wise sonne reioyceth the father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Foolishnesse is ioy to him that is destitute of vnderstanding: but a man of vnderstanding walketh vprightly.

22 Without counsell thoughts come to nought: but [f] in the multitude of counsellers there is stedfastnesse.

23 A ioy commeth to a man by the answer of his mouth: and how good is a word [g] in due season?

24 The way of life is on high to the prudent, to auoide from hell beneath.

25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proude men: but he will stablish the borders of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are abomination to the Lord: but the pure haue [h] pleasant wordes.

27 He that is greedy of gaine, troubleth his owne house: but hee that hateth giftes shall liue.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answere: but the wicked mans mouth babbleth euill things.

29 The Lord is farre off from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes reioyceth the heart, & a good name maketh the bones fat.

31 The eare that hearkeneth to the [i] correction of life, shall lodge among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his owne soule: but he that obeyeth correction, getteth vnderstanding.

33 The feare of the Lord is the instruction of wisedome: and before honour goeth [k] humilitie.

CHAP. XVI.

THe * preparations of the heart are in man: but the answere of the tongue is of the Lord.

2 All the wayes of a man are [b] cleane in his owne eyes: but the Lord pondereth the spirits.

3 ‡ Commit thy workes vnto the Lord, and thy thoughtes shalbe directed.

4 The Lord hath made all things for his owne sake: yea, euen the wicked for the day of [c] euill.

5 All that are proud in heart, are an abomination to the Lord: though * hand ioyne in hand, he shall not be vnpunished.

6 By [d] mercie and truetie iniquitie shall be forgiuen, and by the feare of ỹ Lorde they depart from euill.

7 When the wayes of a man please the Lord, he will make all his enemies at peace with him.

8 * Better is a little with righteousnesse,

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1 That is, the strength of a king standeth in many people.

‖ Or body.

Chap. 17. 5.

m Forasmuch as they are conuict thereby, and put to silence.

† Or, and the mercie of the people is a sacrifice for sinne.

Chap. 25. 15.

Verse 28.

a For though thay haue much, yet it is full of trouble and care.

b That thing is abhominable before God, which the wicked think to be most excellent, and whereby they thinke most to be accepted.

c He that swarueth from the word of God, can not abide to be admonished.

d There is nothing so deepe, or secret, that can be hid from the eyes of God, much lesse mans thoughts. Chap. 17. 22.

‡ Ebr. heart. Psal. 37. 16.

e That is, he euer findeth some let or stay, and dare not goe forward. Chap. 10. 1.

f Reade Chap. 11. 14.

g If we will that our talk be comfortable, we must wait for time and season.

h That is, wholsome and profitable to the hearers.

i That suffereth himselfe to be admonished by Gods word, which bringeth life, and so amendeth.

k Meaning, that God exalteth none but them that are truely humbled.

a He derideth the presumption of man, who dare attribute to himselfe any thing, as to prepare his heart, or such like, seeing that he is not able to speake a word, except God giue it him.

b He sheweth hereby, that man flattereth himself in his doings, calling ỹ vertue which God termeth vice. † Eb. rolle.

c So that the iustice of God shall appeare to his glorie, euen in the destruction of the wicked. Chap. 11. 21.

d Their vpright and repenting life shall be a token that their sinnes are forgiuen, then. Chap. 15. 16. Psal. 37. 16.

e Hee sheweth the folly of man which thinketh that his wayes are in his owne hand, and yet is not able to remoue one foote except God giue force.

Chap. 11. 5.

f If they be true and iust, they are Gods worke, and hee delighteth therein, but otherwise if they be false, they are the worke of the deuill, & to their condemnation that vse them.

g They are appointed by God to rule according to equitie and iustice.

h That is, he findeth out many meanes to execute his wrath.

i Which is most comfortable to the drie ground, Deut. 11. 14. *Chap.* 3. 10. *Psal.* 125. 1.

k The sweete words of consolation, which come forth of a godly heart.

l Either that which wicked teach others, or els it is folly to teach them that are malicious. *Chap.* 14. 12.

‡ *Ebr. boweth vpon him.*

m For he consumeth himselfe and others.

n With his whole indeuour he laboureth to bring his wickednes to passe.

o That is, when it is ioyned with vertue: or els the older that the wicked are, the more they are to bee abhorred.

p So that there is nothing that ought to be attributed to fortune: for all things are determined in the counsell of God, which shall come to passe.

then great reuenues without equitie.

9 The heart of man * purposeth his way: but the Lord doth direct his steps.

10 A diuine sentence shall be in the lips of the king: his mouth shall not transgresse in iudgement.

11 * A true weight and ballance are of the Lord: all the weights of the bagge are his ‡ worke.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickednesse: for the throne is stablished by iustice.

13 Righteous lippes are the delight of kings, and the king loueth him that speaketh right things.

14 The wrath of a king is as [k] messengers of death: but a wise man wil pacifie it.

15 In the light of the kings countenance is life: and his fauour is [l] as a cloude of the latter raine.

16 * How much better is it to get wisedome then gold? and to get vnderstanding, is more to be desired then siluer.

17 The path of the righteous is to decline from euill, and hee keepeth his soule that keepeth his way.

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an high minde before the fall.

19 Better it is to be of humble mind with the lowly, then to diuide the spoyles with the proud.

20 Hee that is wise in his businesse, shall finde good: and * hee that trusteth in the Lord, he is blessed.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and [k] the sweetenesse of the lips shall increase doctrine.

22 Vnderstanding is a wellspring of life vnto them that haue it: and the [l] instruction of fooles is folly.

23 The heart of the wise guideth his mouth wisely, & addeth doctrine to his lips.

24 Faire wordes are as an hony combe, sweetnesse to the soule, & health to the bones.

25 * There is a way that seemeth right vnto man: but the issue thereof are the wayes of death.

26 The person that trauaileth, trauaileth for himselfe: for his mouth craueth it of him.

27 A wicked man diggeth vp euill, and in his lips is like [m] burning fire.

28 A froward person soweth strife: and a talebearer maketh diuision among princes.

29 A wicked man deceiueth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

30 [n] Hee shutteth his eyes to deuise wickednesse: hee mooueth his lipes, and bringeth euill to passe.

31 Age is a crowne of glory, when it is found in the way of [o] righteousnesse.

32 Hee that is slow vnto anger, is better then the mightie man: and hee that ruleth his owne minde, is better then hee that winneth a citie.

33 The lot is cast into the lappe: but the whole disposition thereof is [p] of the Lord.

CHAP. XVII.

BEtter is a drie morsell, if peace bee with it, then an house full of [a] sacrifices with strife.

2 * A discreet seruant shal haue rule ouer a lewd sonne, and hee shall diuide the [b] heritage among the brethren.

3 As is the fining pot for siluer, and the fornace for gold, so the Lorde trieth the hearts.

4 The wicked giueth heede to false lips, and a lyar hearkneth to the naughty tongue.

5 * He that mocketh the poore, reproacheth him that made him: and he that reioyceth at destruction, shall not be vnpunished.

6 Childrens children are the crowne of the Elders: and the glory of the children are their fathers.

7 ‡ High talke becommeth not a foole, much lesse a lying talke a prince.

8 A reward is as a stone pleasant in the eyes of them that haue it: it prospereth, whithersoeuer it [c] turneth.

9 Hee that coueereth a transgression, seeketh loue: but he that repeateth a matter, separateth the [d] prince.

10 A reproofe entreth more into him that hath vnderstanding, then an hundred stripes into a foole.

11 A seditious person seeketh onely euill, and a cruell messenger [e] shall be sent against him.

12 It is better for a man to meete a beare robbed of her whelpes, then [f] a foole in his folly.

13 * Hee that rewardeth euill for good, euill shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is as one that openeth the waters: therefore per the contention be medled with, leaue off.

15 * He that iustifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the iust, euen they both are abomination to the Lord.

16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of the foole to get wisdome, and he hath none heart?

17 A friend loueth at all times: and [h] a brother is borne for aduersitie.

18 A man destitute of vnderstanding [i] toucheth the hand, and becommeth surety for his neighbour.

19 Hee loueth transgression that loueth strife: and he that exalteth his [k] gate, seeketh destruction.

20 The froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a naughtie tongue shal fall into euill.

21 Hee that begetteth a foole, getteth himselfe sorow, and the father of a foole can haue no ioy.

22 * A ioyfull heart causeth good health: but a sorowfull mind drieth the bones.

23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the [l] bosome to wrest the wayes of iudgement.

24 * Wisedome is in the face of him that hath vnderstanding: but the eyes of a foole are in the [m] corners of the world.

25 A foolish sonne is a griefe vnto his father, and a [n] bearme vnto her that bare him.

26 Surely it is not good to condemne the iust, nor that the princes should smite such [o] for equitie.

27 He

‡ *Ebr. the lip of excellence.*

c The reward hath great force to gaine the hearts of men.

d He that admonisheth the prince of his fault maketh him his enemie.

e By the messenger is meant such meanes as God vseth to punish the rebels.

f Whereby he meaneth the wicked in his rage, who hath no feare of God. *Rom.* 12. 17. 1. *thes.* 5. 15. 1 *pet.* 3. 9. *Isa.* 5. 20. *chap.* 24. 24.

g What auaileth it the wicked to be rich, seeing he setteth not his mind to wisdom?

h So that he is more then a friend, euen a brother that helpeth in time of aduersitie.

i Reade Chap. 6. 1.

k Lifteth vp himselfe aboue his degree. *Chap.* 15. 13.

l That is, secretly & out of the bosome of the rich. *Eccles.* 20. 14. and 8. 1.

m That is, wander to and fro, and seeke not after wisedome. *Chap.* 10. 1.

n For their well doing.

27 He that hath knowledge, spareth his wordes, and a man of vnderstanding is of an excellent spirit.
28 Euen a foole (when hee holdeth his peace) is counted wise, and he that stoppeth his lips, prudent.

CHAP. XVIII.

a He that loueth wisdome, will separate himselfe from all impediments, and giue himselfe wholly to seeke it.
b That is, that he may talke licentiously of whatsoeuer commeth to mind.
c Meaning, such one as contemneth all others.
d Which can neuer be drawen emptie, but bring euer profit.
e That is, to fauour him and support him.
f They are soone beleeued, and enter most deepely.
g Hee sheweth what is the refuge of the godly against all troubles.
Chap. 10.15. *Chap.* 16.18. *Eccl.* 11.8.
h The mind can wel beare the infirmitie of the body, but when the spirit is wounded, it is a thing most hard to susteine.
i Getteth him libertie to speak, and fauour of them that are most in estimation.
k He that speaketh first, is best heard of the wicked iudge, but when his aduersarie inquireth out the matter, it turneth to his shame.
l If a controuersie cannot otherwise be decided, it is best to cast lots to know whose the thing shal be.
m Appeaseth their cõtrouersie, which are so stout that can not otherwise be pacified.
n Which for the strength thereof will not bowe nor yeeld.
o By the vsing of the tongue well or euill, commeth the fruit thereof either good or bad.

1 HE that seeketh after the desire thereof hee will a separate himselfe to seeke it, and occupie himselfe in all wisedome.
2 A foole hath no delight in vnderstanding: but that his heart may be b discouered.
3 When the wicked commeth, then commeth c contempt, and with the vile man reproch.
4 The wordes of a mans mouth are like deepe d waters, and the welspring of wisedome is like a flowing riuer.
5 It is not good to e accept the person of the wicked, to cause the righteous to fall in iudgement.
6 A fooles lips come with strife, and his mouth calleth for stripes.
7 A fooles mouth is his owne destruction, and his lips are a snare for his soule.
8 The words of a talebearer are as flatterings, and they go down into the f bowels of the belly.
9 Hee also that is slothfull in his worke, is euen the brother of him that is a great waster.
10 The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth g vnto it, and is exalted.
11 * The rich mans riches are his strong citie: and as an high wall in his imagination.
12 * Before destruction the heart of a man is hautie, and before glorie goeth lowlinesse.
13 * Hee that answereth a matter before he heare it, it is folly and shame vnto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustaine his infirmitie: but h a wounded spirit, who can beare it?
15 A wise heart getteth knowledge, and the eare of the wise seeketh learning.
16 A mans gift i enlargeth him, and leadeth him before great men.
17 k Hee that is first in his owne cause, is iust: then commeth his neighbour, and maketh inquirie of him.
18 The lot l causeth contentions to cease, and m maketh a partition among the mightie.
19 A brother offended is harder to winne, then a strong citie, and their contentions are like the n barre of a pallace.
20 With the fruit of a mans mouth shall his belly bee satisfied, and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.
21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that o loue it, shall eate the fruit thereof.
22 He that findeth a p wife, findeth a good thing, and receiueth fauour of the Lord.
23 The poore speaketh with prayers: but the rich answereth roughly.
24 A man that hath friends, ought to shew himselfe friendly: for a friend is neerer then a brother.

p He that is ioyned with a vertuous woman in marriage, is blessed of the Lord, as Chap. 19.14.
p That is, oft times such are found, which are more ready to doe pleasure, then hee that is more bound by dutie.

CHAP. XIX.

Chap. 28.6.

BEtter * is the poore that walketh in his vprightnes, then he that abuseth his lips, and is a foole.
2 For without knowledge the minde is not good, and he that hasteth with his feete, sinneth.
3 The foolishnesse of a man perverteth his way, and his heart fretteth against the Lord.
4 Riches gather many friends: but the poore is separated from his neighbour.
5 * A false witnesse shall not bee vnpunished: and he that speaketh lies, shall not escape.

Deut. 19.19. *Ezek.* 13, 62.

6 Many reuerence the face of the prince, and euery man is friend to him that giueth gifts.
7 All the brethren of the poore doe hate him: how much more will his friends depart farre from him? though he be instant * with words, yet they will not.
8 He that possesseth vnderstanding, b loueth his owne soule, and keepeth wisedome to find goodnesse.
9 A false witnesse shall not bee vnpunished: and he that speaketh lies, shall perish.
10 c Pleasure is not comely for a foole, much lesse for a seruant to haue rule ouer princes.
11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger: and his glorie is d to passe by an offence.
12 * The kings wrath is like the roaring of a lion: but his fauour is like the dew vpon the grasse.
13 * A foolish sonne is the calamitie of his father, * and the contentions of a wife are like a continuall e dropping.
14 House and riches are the inheritance of the fathers: but a * prudent wife commeth of the Lord.
15 Slouthfulnesse causeth to fall asleepe, and a deceitfull person shall be affamished.
16 He that keepeth the commandement, keepeth his owne soule: but he that despiseth his wayes, shall die.
17 Hee that hath mercy vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the Lord: and the Lord will recompense him that which he hath giuen.
18 Chasten thy sonne while there is hope, and let not thy soule spare for his murmuring.
19 A man of much anger shall suffer punishment: and though thou f deliuer him, yet will his anger come againe.
20 Heare counsel, and receiue instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
21 Many deuises are in a s mans heart, but the counsell of the Lord shall stand.

a To haue comfort of them.
b He that is vpright in iudgement, findeth fauour of God.
c The free vse of things is not to be permitted to him that cannot vse them aright.
d That is, to couer it by charitie and to do therein as maymost serue to Gods glorie. *Chap.* 20.3. *Chap.* 17.21. *Chap.* 21.9.
e As raine that droppeth and rotteth the house. *Chap.* 18.22.

f Though for a time hee giue place to counsel, yet soone after will he giue place to his raging affections.
g Mans deuice shall not haue successe, except God gouerne it, whose purpose is vnchangeable.

It 22 That

h That is, that he be honest: for the poore man that is honest, is to be esteemed aboue the rich which is not vertuous. *Chap.* 26. 15. *Chap.* 21. 18.

i That is, the simple, and ignorant men learne, whē they see the wicked punished

k Taketh a pleasure and delight therein, as gluttons and drunkards in delicate meates & drinks.

a By wine here is meant him that is giuen to wine, and so by strong drinke. *Chap* 19. 13.

b Putteth his life in danger.

c It is hard to finde out: for it is as deepe waters, whose bottome cannot bee found: yet the wise man will know a man either by his words or maners.

d Where righteous iudgement is executed there sinne ceaseth, and vice dare not appeare. 1 *Kyng* 3. 46. 2 *chron.* 6 36. *eccles.* 7. 22. 1 *Iohn* 1. 8.

‡ *Ebr. stone and stone, ephah and ephah.*

e Reade Chap. 16, 11.

Chap. 27. 13.

f Teach him wit, that he cast not himselfe rashly into danger.

22 That that is to be desired of a man, is his [h] goodnesse, and a poore man is better then a lyar.

23 The feare of the Lord leadeth to life: and he that is filled therewith, shal continue, and shall not be visited with euill.

24 * The slouthfull hideth his hand in his bosome, and will not put it to his mouth againe.

25 * Smite a scorner, and the [i] foolish will beware: and reproue the prudent, and hee will vnderstand knowledge.

26 Hee that destroyeth his father, or chaseth away his mother, is a lewde & shamefull child.

27 My sonne, heare no more the instruction, that causeth to erre from the wordes of knowledge.

28 A wicked witnesse mocketh at iudgement, and the mouth of the wicked [k] swalloweth vp iniquitie:

29 But iudgements are prepared for the scorners, and stripes for the backe of the fooles.

CHAP. XX.

WIne [a] is a mocker, and strong drinke is raging: and whosoeuer is deceiued thereby, is not wise.

2 * The feare of the king is like the roaring of a lion: hee that prouoketh him vnto anger, [b] sinneth against his owne soule.

4 It is a mans honor to cease from strife: but euery foole will be medling.

4 The slouthfull will not plow, because of Winter: therefore shall he begge in Summer, but haue nothing.

5 The counsell in the heart of [c] man is like deepe waters: but a man that hath vnderstanding will draw it out.

6 Many men will boast, euery one of his owne goodnesse: but who can find a faithfull man?

7 Hee that walketh in his integritie, is iust: and blessed shall his children bee after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of iudgement, [d] chaseth away all euill with his eyes.

9 * Who can say, I haue made mine heart cleane, I am cleane from my sinne?

10 Diuers ‡ weights, and diuers measures, both * these are euen abomination vnto the Lord.

11 A childe also is knowen by his doings, whether his worke bee pure and right.

12 The Lord hath made both these, euen the eare to heare, and the eye to see.

13 Loue not sleepe, lest thou come vnto pouertie: open thine eyes, and thou shalt bee satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, sayeth the buyer: but when hee is gone apart, hee boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of precious stones: but the lips of knowledge are a precious iewel.

16 * Take his ‡ garment, that is suretie for a stranger, and a pledge of him for the stranger.

17 The bread of deceit is sweet to a man: but afterward his mouth shall be filled with grauell.

18 Establish thy thoughtes by counsell: and by counsell make warre.

19 He that goeth about as a slaunderer, discouereth * secrets: therfore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 * He that curseth his father or his mother, his light shall bee put out in obscure darknesse.

21 An heritage is hastily gotten at the beginning, but the end thereof shall not bee blessed.

22 Say not thou, * I will recompense euill: but waite vpon the Lord, and he shall saue thee.

23 * Diuers weights are an abomination vnto the Lord, and deceitfull ballances are not good.

24 * The steppes of man are ruled by the Lord: how can a man then vnderstand his owne way?

25 It is a destruction for a man to deuoure that which is sanctified, and after the vowes to inquire.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and causeth the [e] wheele to turne ouer them.

27 The [f] light of the Lord is the breath of man, and searcheth all the bowels of the belly

28 * Mercie and truetth preserue the King: for his throne shalbe established with mercie.

29 The beautie of young men is their strength, and the glorie of the aged is the gray head.

30 [g] * The blewnesse of the wound serueth to purge the euill, and the stripes within the bowels of the belly.

Chap. 11. 13. *Exod.* 21. 17. *leuit.* 20. 9. *matth.* 15. 4. *Deut.* 31. 35. *chap.* 17. 13. *and* 24. 29. *rom.* 12. 17. 1 *thes* 5. 15. 1 *pet.* 3 9. *Chap.* 11. 1. *and vers.* 10. 23. *Ier.* 10. 23.

g That is, to applie it, or take it to his owne vse, which was appointed to God, and then inquire how they may be exempted from the fault.

h Which was a kinde of punishment then vsed.

i The word of God giueth life vnto man, and causeth vs to see and trie the secrets of our dark hearts, Hebr 4. 12.

Chap. 29. 14.

k Sharpe punishment that pearceth euen the inward partes, is profitable for the wicked, to bring them to amendment.

CHAP. XXI.

THe * Kings heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the riuers of waters: he turneth it whithersoeuer it pleaseth him.

2 Euery * way of a man is right in his owne eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

3 * To do iustice and iudgement is more acceptable to the Lord then sacrifice.

4 A hautie looke, and a proude heart, which is the ‖ [b] light of the wicked, is sinne.

5 The thoughts of the diligent doe surely bring abundance: but [c] whosoeuer is hastie, commeth surely to pouertie.

6 * The gathering of treasures by a deceitfull tongue is vanitie tossed to and fro of them that seeke death.

7 The [d] robberie of the wicked shall destroy them: for they haue refused to execute iudgement.

8 The way of some is peruerted and strange: but of the pure man, his worke is right.

a Though kings seeme to haue all things at commandement, yet are they not able to bring their owne purposes to passe any otherwise then God hath appointed: much lesse are the inferiours able. *Chap* 16. 2. *Micah.* 6. 8.

‖ *Or, plowing.*

b That is, the thing whereby he is guided, or which he bringeth foorth as the fruit of his worke.

c Hee that goeth rashly about his businesse and without counsell. *Chap.* 13. 11.

d Hee meaneth this chiefly of Iudges and Princes, which leaue the vocation whereunto God hath called them, and poule their subiects to maintaine their lustes.

9 It

Chap. 19. 13. and 25. 24. †*Or, in a great familie.*

9 *It is better to dwel in a corner of the house top, then with a contentious woman in a † wide house.

10 The soule of the wicked wisheth euill: & his neighbour hath no fauour in his eyes.

11 *When the scorner is punished, the foolish is wise: and when one instructeth the wise, he will receive knowledge.

12 The righteous ᵉ teacheth the house of the wicked: but God ouerthroweth the wicked for their euill.

13 Hee that stoppeth his eare at the crying of the poore, he shall also cry and not be heard.

14 ᵍ A gift in secret pacifieth anger, and a gift in the bosome great wrath.

15 It is ioy to the iust to doe iudgement: but destruction shal be to the workers of iniquitie.

16 A man that wandreth out of the way of wisedome, shall remaine in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loueth pastime, shalbe a poore man: and he that loueth wine and oyle, shall not be rich.

18 The ʰ wicked shalbe a ransome for the iust, and the transgresser for the righteous.

19 *It is better to dwel in the wildernes, then with a contentious and angry woman.

20 In the house of the wise is a pleasant treasure and ⁱ oyle: but a foolish man deuoureth it.

21 He that followeth after righteousnesse and mercie, shall find life, righteousnes and glory.

22 A ᵏ wise man goeth vp into the citie of the mightie, and casteth downe the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Hee that keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soule from afflictions.

24 Proud, hauty & scorneful is his name that worketh in his arrogancie wrath.

25 The desire of the slouthfull ˡ slayeth him: for his hands refuse to worke.

26 Hee coueteth euermore greedily, but the righteous giueth, and spareth not.

27 The * sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 * A false witnesse shall perish: but hee that heareth, ᵐ speaketh continually.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but the iust, he will direct his way.

30 There is no wisedome, neither vnderstanding, nor counsell against the Lord.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battell: but saluation is of the Lord.

Chap. 29. 12. ᵍ He that is ioy to the iust, is a terror to the wicked.

ʰ God shall cause that to fall on their owne heads, which they intended against the iust, by deliuering the iust, and putting the wicked in their places. *Eccles. 25. 18, 22.*

ⁱ Meaning, abundance of all things

ᵏ Wisedome ouercommeth strength & confidence in worldly things

ˡ He thinketh to liue by wishing and desiring all things, but will take no paine to get ought. *Chap. 15. 8. Isa. 21. 11 eccles. 34. 21. Chap. 19. 5.*

ᵐ He may boldly testifie the trueth that he hath heard.

CHAP. XXII.

Eccles. 7. 3.

A * Good name is to be chosen aboue great riches, and ª louing fauour is aboue siluer and aboue gold.

2 * The rich and poore ᵇ meet together: the Lord is maker of them all.

3 * A prudent man seeth the ᶜ plague, and hideth himselfe: but the foolish goe on still, and are punished.

ª Which commeth by well doing. *Chap. 29. 13.*

ᵇ Liue together and haue neede the one of the other.

Chap 29. 13. ᶜ That is the punishment which is prepared for the wicked, and fleeth to God for succour.

4 The reward of humility, and the feare of God is riches, and glory and life.

5 Thornes and snares are in the way of the froward: but he that regarded his soule will depart farre from them.

6 Teach a child ª in the trade of his way, and when hee is olde, hee shall not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth the poore, and the borrower is seruant vnto the man that lendeth.

8 Hee that soweth iniquitie, shall reape affliction, and the ᵉ rodde of his anger shall faile.

9 * He that hath a good ᶠ eye, he shall be blessed ᵍ for he giueth of his bread vnto the poore.

10 Cast out the scorner, and strife shall goe out: so contention and reproch shall cease.

11 Hee that loueth pureneſſe of heart for the grace of his lips, the ʰ king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the Lord ᵇ preserue knowledge: but he ouerthroweth the words of the transgressour.

13 The slouthfull man sayth, ⁱ A lion is without, I shall be slaine in the streete.

14 The mouth of strange women is as a deepe pit: he with whom the Lord is angry ᵏ shall fall therein.

15 Foolishnes is bound ˡ in the heart of a childe: but the rod of correction shal driue it away from him.

16 Hee that oppresseth the poore to increase himselfe, and giueth vnto the rich, shall surely come to pouertie.

17 ¶ Incline thine heart, and heare the wordes of the wise, and applie thine heart vnto my knowledge.

18 For it shall be pleasant, if thou keepe them in thy belly, and if they be directed together in thy lips.

19 That thy confidence may be in ᵐ the Lorde, I haue shewed thee this day: thou therefore take heede.

20 Haue not I written vnto thee ⁿ three times in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might shew thee the assurance of the words of trueth to answere the words of trueth to them that send to thee?

22 Robbe not the poore, because hee is poore, neither oppresse the afflicted ‡ in iudgement.

23 For the Lord * will defend their cause, and spoyle the soule of those that spoyle them.

24 Make * no friendship with an angry man, neither goe with the furious man,

25 Least thou learne his wayes, and receiue destruction to thy soule.

26 Bee not thou of them that ᵖ touch the hand, nor among them that are suretie for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why cause shall thou that he should take thy bed from vnder thee?

28 Thou shalt not * remoone the ancient bounds which thy fathers haue made.

29 Thou seest that a diligent man in his businesse standeth before kings, and standeth not before the base sort.

ᵈ Bring him vp vertuously, and he shall so continue.

ᵉ His authority whereby he did oppresse others, shall be taken from him. *Eccles. 31, 23.*

ᶠ He that is mercifull & liberall.

ᵍ He sheweth that princes should vse their familiarity, whose conscience is good, & their talke wise and godly.

ʰ Fauour them that loue knowledge.

ⁱ He derideth them that inuent vaine excuses, because they would not doe their duetie.

ᵏ So God punisheth one sinne by another, when he suffereth the wicked to fall into the acquaintance of an harlot.

ˡ He is naturally giuen vnto it.

ᵐ He sheweth what the end of wisedome is: to wit, to direct vs to the Lord.

ⁿ That is, sundry times.

‡ *Ebr. in the gate.* *Chap. 23. 11.*

ᵒ Howe not to doe with him that is not able to rule his affections: for hee would hurt thee by his euill conuersation.

ᵖ Which rashly put themselues in danger for others, as Chap. 6. 1. *Deut. 27. 17. chap. 23. 10.*

CHAP. XXIII.

WHen thou sittest to eate with a ruler, * consider diligently what is before thee,

2 [b] And put thy knife to thy throte, if thou be a man giuen to the appetite.

3 Be not delirous of his dainty meates: [c] for it is a deceiueable meate.

4 Trauaile not too much to be rich: but cease from thy [d] wisedome.

5 Wilt thou cast thine eies vpon it, which is nothing? for riches taketh her to her wings as an eagle, and flyeth into the heauen.

6 Eate thou not the bread of him that hath an [e] euill eye, neither delire his dainty meates.

7 For as though hee thought it in his heart, so will he say vnto thee, Eate, and drinke: but his heart is not with thee.

8 Thou shalt vomit the [f] morsels that thou hast eaten, and thou shalt lose thy sweet words.

9 Speake not in the eares of a foole: for he will despise the wisedome of thy words.

10 * Remoue not the auncient bounder, and enter not into the fieldes of the fatherlesse.

11 For hee that redeemeth them, is mighty: he will * defend their cause against thee.

12 Apply thine heart to instruction, and thine eares to the words of knowledge.

13 * Withhold not correction from the child: if thou smite him with the rod, he shal not die.

14 Thou shalt smite him with the rod, and shalt deliuer his soule from [g] hell.

15 My sonne, if thine heart be wise, mine heart shall reioyce, and I also,

16 And my reines shall reioyce, when thy lips speake righteous things.

17 * Let not thine heart bee enuious against sinners: but let it be in the feare of the Lord continually.

18 For surely there is an ende, [h] and thy hope shall not be cut off.

19 O thou my sonne, heare and be wise, and guide thine heart in the [i] way.

20 Keepe not company with drunkards, nor with [‡] gluttons.

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shal be poore, and the sleeper shalbe clothed with ragges.

22 Obey thy father that hath begotten thee, and despise not thy mother when shee is olde.

23 Buy [k] the trueth but sell it not: likewise wisedome, and instruction, and vnderstanding.

24 The father of the righteous shal greatly reioyce, and he that begetteth a wise child shall haue ioy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall bee glad, and she that bare thee, shall reioyce.

26 My sonne, giue me [l] thine heart, and let thine eyes delight in my wayes.

27 * For a whore is as a deepe ditch, and a strange woman is as a narrow pit.

28 * Also she lieth in waite as for a pray, [m] and she increaseth the transgressers among men.

29 To whome is woe? to whom is sorowe? to whom is strife? to whom is murmuring? to whom are woundes without cause? and to whome is the redneſſe of the eyes?

30 Euen to them that tarie long at the wine, to them that go, and seeke mixt wine.

31 Looke not thou vpon the wine, when it is red, and when it sheweth his colour in the cup, or goeth downe pleasantly.

32 In the ende thereof it will bite like a serpent, and hurt like a cockatrile.

33 Thine * eyes shall looke vpon strange women, and thine heart shall speake lewd things.

34 And thou shalt be as one that sleepeth in the mids of the sea, and as he that sleepeth in the top of the mast.

35 They haue striken mee, shalt thou say, but I was not sicke: they haue beaten me, but I knew not, when I awoke: therefore will I [q] seeke it yet still.

CHAP. XXIIII.

BE * not thou enuious against euill men, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their heart imagineth destruction, and their lips speake mischiefe.

3 Through wisedome is an house builded, and with vnderstanding it is established.

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all pretious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong: for a man of vnderstanding increaseth his strength.

6 * For with counsel thou shalt enterprise thy warre, and in the multitude of them that can giue counsell, is strength.

7 Wisedome is hie to a foole: therefore he cannot open his mouth in the [a] gate.

8 He that imagineth to do euil, men shal call him an authour of wickednesse.

9 The wicked thought of a foole is sinne, and the scorner is an abomination vnto men.

10 If thou be [b] faint in the day of aduersitie, thy strength is small.

11 Deliuer them that are drawen * to death: and wilt thou not preserue them that are led to be slaine?

12 If thou say, Behold, we knew not of it: he that pondereth the hearts, doeth not hee vnderstand it? and he that keepeth thy soule, knoweth he it not? will not hee also recompense euery man according to his workes?

13 My sonne, eate [d] hony, for it is good, and the honie combe, for it is sweet vnto thy mouth:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisedome be vnto thy soule, if thou finde it, and there shall be an ‖end, and thine hope shall not be cut off.

15 Lay no waite, O wicked man, against the house of the righteous, and spoile not his resting place.

16 For a iust man * falleth seuen times, and riseth againe: but the wicked fall into mischiefe.

17 Be thou not glad when thine enemie falleth,

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a Eate with sobrietie.

b Bridle thine appetite, as it were by force and violence.

c For oft times the rich, when they bid their inferiours to their tables, it is not for the loue they beare them, but for their owne secret purposes.

d Bestow not the giftes that God hath giuen thee, to get worldly riches.

e That is, couetous, ascontrary, a good eye is taken for liberall, as chap. 22. 9.

f He will not cease, till he hath done thee some harme, and his flattering words shall come to no vse.

Deut. 27. 17.
chap. 22. 28.
Chap. 22. 23.
Chap 13. 24.
and 19. 18.
eccles. 30. 1.

g That is, from destruction.

Pſal. 37. 1.
Chap. 24. 1.

h The prosperitie of the wicked shall not continue.

i In the obseruation of Gods commandements.

‡ *Ebr wine bibbers.*

‡ *Ebr. deuourers of flesh.*

k Spare no cost for trueth sake, neither depart from it for any gaine.

l Giue thy selfe wholly to wisedome.

Chap 22. 14.
Chap 7. 12.

m She seduceth many, and causeth them to offend God.

n Which by arte make wine stronger, and more pleasant.

o This is, drunkennesse shall bring thee to whoredome.

p In such great danger shalt thou be.

q Though drunkennesse make them more insensible then beasts, yet can they not refraine.

Pſal. 37. 1.
chap. 23. 17.

Chap. 20. 18.

a In the place where wisedome should bee * shewed.

b Man hath no triall of his strength, till he be in troubles.

c None can be excused, if he helpe not the innocent when he is in danger.

d As honie is sweet and pleasant to the taste, so wisedome is to the soule.

‖ *Or, reward.*

e He is subiect to many perils, but God deliuereth him.

falleth, and let not thine heart reioyce when he stumbleth,

18 Lest the Lorde see it, and it displease him, and he turne his wrath f from him.

19 * Fret not thy selfe because of the malicious, neither be enuious at the wicked.

20 For there shall bee none end of plagues to the euill man: * the light of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My sonne, feare the Lord, g the king, & meddle not with them that are seditious.

22 For their destruction shall rise suddenly, and who knoweth the ruine of them both?

23 ALSO THESE THINGS PERTEINE TO THE WISE, It is not good i to haue respect to any person in iudgement.

24 He that sayth to the wicked, * Thou art righteous, him shall the people curse, and the multitude shall abhorre him.

25 But to them that rebuke him, shall be pleasure, and vpon them shall come the blessing of goodnesse.

26 They shall kisse the lippes of him that answereth vpright words.

27 Prepare thy worke without, and make ready thy things in the fielde, and h after, build thine house.

28 Bee not a witnesse against thy neighbour without cause: for wilt thou deceiue with thy lips?

29 * Say not, I will doe to him, as hee hath done to mee, I k will recompense euery man according to his worke.

30 I passed by the fielde of the slouthfull, and by the vineyard of the man destitute of vnderstanding.

31 And loe, it was all growen ouer with thornes, and nettles had couered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken downe.

32 Then I beheld, and I considered it well: I looked vpon it, and l receiued instruction.

33 Yet a little sleepe, l a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleepe:

34 So thy pouertie commeth as one that trauaileth by the way, and thy necessitie like an armed man.

CHAP. XXV.

1 THESE ARE ALSO PARABLES of Salomon, which the * men of Hezekiah King of Iudah b copied out.

2 The glory of God is to c conceale a thing secret: but the d Kings honour is to search out a thing.

3 The heauens in height, and the earth in deepenesse, and the d Kings heart can no man search out.

4 Take the e drosse from the siluer, and there shall proceede a vessell for the siuer.

5 Take away the wicked from the king, and his throne shall bee stablished in righteousnesse.

6 Boast not thy selfe before the king, and stand not in the place of great men.

7 * For it is better, that it bee said vnto thee, Come vp hither, then thou to bee put lower in the presence of the prince whome thine eyes haue seene.

8 Goe not forth hastily to strife, lest thou know not what to doe in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy matter with thy neighbor, and discouer not the secret to another,

10 Lest hee that heareth it, put thee to shame, and thine infamie doe not h ceale.

11 A word spoken in his place is like apples of gold with pictures of siluer.

12 He that reproueth the wise, and the obedient eare, is as a golden earring and an ornament of fine gold.

13 As the i colde of the snow in the time of haruest, so is a faithfull messenger to them that send him: for hee refresheth the soule of his masters.

14 A man that boasteth of false liberalitie, is like * clouds and winde without raine.

15 A prince is pacified by staying of l anger, and a soft tongue breaketh the m bones.

16 If thou haue found honie, eate that is * sufficient for thee, lest thou be ouer full, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foote from thy neighbours house, lest hee be wearie of thee, and hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witnesse against his neighbour, is like an hammer and a sword, and a sharpe arrow.

19 Confidence in an vnfaithfull man in time of trouble, is like a broken tooth and a sliding foot.

20 Hee that taketh away the garment in the colde season, is like vineger powred vpon * nitre, or like him that singeth songs to an heauie heart.

21 * If hee that hateth thee bee hungrie, giue him bread to eate, and if he bee thirstie, giue him water to drinke:

22 For thou shalt lay p coales vpon his head, and the Lord shall recompense thee.

23 As the North winde driueth away the raine, so doeth an angry countenance the slandering tongue.

24 * It is better to dwell in a corner of the house top, then with a contentious woman in a wide house.

25 As are the cold waters to a wearie soule, so is good newes from a farre countrey.

26 A righteous man falling downe before the wicked, is like a troubled q well, and a corrupt spring.

27 It is not good to eate much hony: * so to search their owne glory is not glory.

28 A man that refraineth not his appetite, is like a citie which is r broken downe, and without walles.

CHAP. XXVI.

As the snowe in the summer, and as the raine in the haruest are not meete, so is honour vnseemely for a foole.

2 As the sparrow by flying, and the swallow

f To be auenged on thee. *Psal.* 37.1. *chap.* 23.17. *Chap.* 13.9.

g Meaning either of the wicked, and seditious, as verse 19. & 21. or of them that feare not God, nor obey their king.

i *Ebr. to know the face. Chap.* 17.15. *Isa.* 5.23.

h Be sure of the meanes how to compasse it before thou take any enterprise in hand. *Chap.* 20.22.

i He sheweth what is the nature of the wicked, to reuenge wrong for wrong.

k That I might learne by another mans fault.

l Reade Chap. 6.10.

a Whom Hezekiah appointed for this purpose.

b That is, gathered out of diuers bookes of Salomon.

c God doth not reueale the cause of his iudgements to man.

d Because the king ruleth by the reuealed word of God, the cause of his doings must appeare, and therefore hee must vse diligence in trying out of causes. e He sheweth that it is too hard for man to attaine to the reason of all the secret doings of the king: euen when he is vpright, and doth his duetie. f When vice is removed from a king, he is a meet vessell for the Lords vse. g It is not enough that he be pure himselfe, but that he put away others that be corrupted.

h Left whereas thou thinkest by this meanes to haue an ende of the matter, it put thee to further trouble.

i In the time of great heat when men desire cold.

k Which haue an outward appearance, and are nothing within.

l By hot ministring occasion to prouoke him further.

m That is, the heart that is bent to anger, as Chap. 15.1.

n Vse moderately the pleasures of this world.

o Which melteth it, and consumeth it. *Or, alume. Rom.* 12.20.

p Thou shalt as it were by force ouercome him, insomuch that his owne conscience shall moue him to acknowledge thy benefites, and his heart shall be inflamed. *Chap.* 21.9.

Eccl. 3.22.

q And so is in extreme danger.

Luke 14.10.

Ephesians

low by flying escape, so the curse that is causelesse, shall not come.

3 Unto the horse belongeth a whippe, to the asse a bridle, and a rodde to the fooles backe.

4 Answere not a foole [a] according to his foolishnesse, lest thou also be like him.

5 Answere a foole [b] according to his foolishnesse, lest he be wise in his owne [‡] conceite.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a foole, is as hee that cutteth off [c] the feet, [d] and drinketh iniquitie.

7 As they that lift vp the legs of the lame, so is a parable in a fooles mouth.

8 As the closing vp of a precious stone in an heape of stones, so is hee that giueth glory to a foole.

9 As a thorne standing [e] vp in the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fooles.

10 [f] The excellent that formed al things, both rewardeth the foole and rewardeth the transgressors.

11 * As a dog turneth againe to his owne vomite, so a foole turneth to his foolishnesse.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his owne conceite? [g] more hope is of a foole then of him.

13 The slouthfull man sayeth, [h] A lyon is in the way: a lyon is in the streetes.

14 As the dooze turneth vpon his hinges, so doth the slouthfull man vpon his bed.

15 * The slouthfull hideth his hand in his bosome, and it grieueth him to put it againe to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his owne conceite, then seuen men that can render a reason.

17 Hee that passeth by and medleth with the strife that belongeth not vnto him, is as one that taketh a dog by the eares.

18 As hee that raineth himselfe mad, casteth firebrands, arrowes, & mortall things,

19 So deceiueth the deceitful man [i] with his friend, and sayth, Am not I in sport?

20 Without wood the fire is quenched, and without a talebearer strife ceaseth.

21 * As the cole maketh burning coles, and wood a fire, so the contentious man is apt to kindle strife.

22 * The words of a talebearer are as flatterings, and they go downe into the bowels of the belly.

23 As siluer dosse ouerlayed vpon a potsheard, so are burning lips, and [k] an euill heart.

24 Hee that hateth, will counterfeite with his lips, but in his heart hee layeth vp deceit.

25 Though hee speake fauourably, beleeue him not: for there are [l] seuen abominations in his heart.

26 Hatred may bee couered by deceite: but the malice thereof shall be discouered in the [m] congregation.

27 * Hee that diggeth a pit, shall fall therein, and hee that casteth a stone, it shall returne vnto him.

28 A false tongue hateth the afflicted, and a flattering mouth causeth ruine.

a Consent not vnto him in his doings.
b Reproue him as the matter requireth.
‡ Ebr. eyes.
c To wit, of the messenger, whom he sendeth.
d That is, receiueth dammage thereby.
e Whereby he both hurteth himselfe and others.
f Meaning, God.
2. Pet. 2. 22.
g For the foole will rather be counselled then he: also the foole sinneth of ignorance, and the other of malice.
h Reade Chap. 22. 13. Chap. 19. 24.
i Which dissembleth himselfe to be that he is not.
Eccles. 28. 10.
Chap. 18. 8.
k They will soone breake out and vtter themselues.
l Meaning, many: he vseth the number certaine for the vncertaine.
m In the assembly of the godly.
Eccles. 10. 8.
Eccles. 27. 26.

CHAP. XXVII.

BOast not thy selfe of to [a] morrowe: for thou knowest not what a day may bring foorth.

2 Let another man prayse thee, and not thine owne mouth: a stranger, and not thine owne lips.

3 * A stone is heauie, and the sand weighty: but a fooles wrath is heauier then them both.

4 Anger is cruell, and wrath is raging: but who can stand before [b] enuie?

5 Open rebuke is better then secret loue.

6 The woundes of a louer are faithfull, and the kisses of an enemie are [c] pleasant.

7 * The person that is full, despiseth an hony combe: but vnto the hungrie soule euery bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandreth from her nest, so is a man that wandreth from his owne place.

9 As ointment and perfume reioyce the heart, so doeth the sweetenesse of a mans friend by heartie counsell.

10 Thine owne friend and thy fathers friend forsake thou not: neither enter into thy brothers [d] house in the day of thy calamitie: for better is a neighbour that is neere, then a brother farre off.

11 My sonne, bee wise, and reioyce mine heart, that I may answere him that reproacheth me.

12 * A prudent man seeth the plague, and hideth himselfe: but the foolish goe on still, and are punished.

13 * Take his garment that is suretie for a stranger: and a pledge of him for the stranger.

14 Hee that ‡ prayseth his friend with a loude voyce, rising [f] early in the morning, it shall be counted to him as a curse.

15 * A continuall dropping in the day of raine, and a contentious woman are alike.

16 He that hideth her, hideth the winde, and she is as the oyle in his right hand, that vttereth it selfe.

17 Yron sharpneth yron, so doeth [g] man sharpen the face of his friend.

18 He that keepeth the fig tree, shall eate the fruite thereof: so hee that waiteth vpon his master, shall come to honour.

19 As in water face answereth to face, [h] so the heart of man to man.

20 The graue and destruction can neuer be full, so * the eyes of man can neuer be satisfied.

21 * As is the fining pot for siluer, and the fornace for gold, so is euery man according to his [i] dignitie.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a foole in a morter among wheate brayed with a pestell: yet will not his foolishnesse depart from him.

23 Bee diligent to know the state of thy flocke, and take heed to thy heards.

24 For riches remaine not alway, nor the crowne from generation to generation.

25 The hay discouereth it selfe, and the grasse appeareth, and the herbes of the mountaines are gathered.

a Delay not the time, but take occasion when it is offered.
Eccles. 22. 15.
b For the enuious are obstinate, and cannot be reconciled.
c They are flattering and seeme friendfull.
Iob 6. 6.
d Trust not to any worldly helpe in the day of thy trouble.
e Reade Chap. 22. 3.
Chap. 20. 16.
‡ Ebr. blesseth.
f Hastily and without cause.
Chap. 19. 13. and 21 9.
g One hastie man prouoketh another to anger.
h There is no difference betweene man and man by nature, but onely the grace of God maketh the difference.
Eccles. 14 9.
Chap. 17. 3.
i That is, he is either knowen to be ambitious, and glorious, or humble and modest.

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k This declareth the great goodnesse of God towards man, and the diligence that hee requireth of him for the preseruation of his gifts.

26 The [k] lambes are for thy clothing, and the goates are the price of the field.

27 And let the milke of the goates bee sufficient for thy foode, for the foode of thy family, and for the sustenance of thy maids.

CHAP. XXVIII.

a Because their owne conscience accuseth them.
b The state of the common weale is oftentimes changed.

THe wicked [a] flee when none pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of the land [b] there are many princes thereof: but by a man of vnderstanding and knowledge, a realme likewise endureth long.

3 A poore man, if he oppresse the poore, is like a raging raine, that leaueth no foode.

4 They that forsake the Law, praise the wicked: but they that keepe the Lawe, set themselues against them.

5 Wicked men vnderstande not iudgement: but they that seeke the Lord, vnderstand all things.

Chap 19.1.

6 *Better is the poore that walketh in his vprightnesse, then he that perverteth his wayes, though he be rich.

7 He that keepeth the Law, is a childe of vnderstanding: but he that feedeth the gluttons, shameth his father.

c For God will take away the wicked vsurer, and giue his goods to him that shall bestow them well.
d Because it is not of faith, which is grounded of Gods word or Law, which the wicked contemne.
e And iudge that he is not wise.
Chap.29.2.
f He is knowen by his doings to be wicked.
g Which standeth in awe of God & is afraide to offend him.
h For he can neuer be satisfied, but euer oppresseth and spoileth.
i None shall be able to deliuer him.

8 He that increaseth his riches by vsury and interest, gathereth [c] them for him that will be mercifull vnto the poore.

9 Hee that turneth away his eare from hearing the Lawe, euen his prayer shall bee [d] abommable.

10 Hee that causeth the righteous to goe astray by an euill way, shall fall into his owne pit, and the vpright shall inherit good things.

11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit: but the poore that hath vnderstanding, can try [e] him.

12 *When righteous men reioyce, there is great glory: but when the wicked come vp, the man [f] is tryed.

13 He that hideth his sinnes, shall not prosper: but he that confesseth, and forsaketh them, shall haue mercie.

14 Blessed is the man that [g] feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart, shall fall into euill.

15 As a roaring Lyon, and an hungry beare; so is [h] a wicked ruler ouer the poore people.

16 A prince destitute of vnderstanding, is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth couetousnesse, shall prolong his dayes.

17 A man that doeth violence against the bloud of a person, shall flee vnto the graue, and they shall not [i] stay him.

18 He that walketh vprightly, shall be saued: but hee that is froward in his wayes, shall once fall.

19 *He that tilleth his land, shalbe satisfied with bread: but hee that followeth the idle, shall be filled with pouerty.

20 A faithfull man shall abound in blessings, and he *that maketh haste to be rich, shall not be innocent.

Chap.11.11. ecclus.10.27.

Chap.13.11. & 20.21.

21 To haue respect of persons is not good: for that man will transgresse for a piece of [k] bread.

22 A man with a wicked [l] eye hasteth to riches, and knoweth not that pouerty shall come vpon him.

23 Hee that rebuketh a man, shall finde more fauour at the length, then he that flattereth with his tongue.

24 Hee that robbeth his father and mother, and saieth, It is no transgression, is the companion of a man that destroyeth.

25 He that is of a proud heart, stirreth vp strife: but he that trusteth in the Lord, shal be [m] fat.

26 He that trusteth in his owne heart, is a foole: but hee that walketh in wisedome, shall be deliuered.

27 Hee that giueth vnto the poore, shall not lacke: but hee that hideth his eyes, shall haue many curses.

28 *When the wicked rise vp, men hide themselues: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

k He will be abused for nothing.
l Meaning him that is couetous.
m Shall haue all things in abundance.

Chap.29.2.

CHAP. XXIX.

A Man that hardeneth his necke, when he is rebuked, shall suddenly be destroyed and cannot be cured.

2 *When the righteous [a] are in authoritie, the people reioyce: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people sigh.

3 A man that loueth wisedom, reioyceth his father: *but he that feedeth harlots, wasteth his substance.

4 A king by iudgement maintaineth the countrey: but a man receiuing gifts, destroyeth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour, [b] spreadeth a net for his steps.

6 In the transgression of an euill man is his [c] snare: but the righteous doth sing and reioyce.

7 The righteous knoweth the cause of the poore: but the wicked regardeth not knowledge.

8 Scornefull men bring a citie into a snare: but wise men turne away wrath.

9 If a wise man contend with a [d] foolish man, whether he be angry or laugh, there is no rest.

10 Bloody men hate him that is vpright: but the iust haue care of his soule.

11 A foole powreth out all his minde: but a wise man keepeth it in still afterward.

12 If a prince that hearkeneth to lies, all his seruants are wicked.

13 * The poore and the vsurer meete together, and the Lord lighteneth both their eyes.

14 *A king that iudgeth the poore in truth, his throne shalbe established for euer.

15 The rodde and correction giue wisedome: but a childe set at liberty maketh his mother ashamed.

16 When the wicked are increased, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he will giue thee rest, and will giue pleasures to thy soule.

18 [e] Where there is no vision, the people decay: but hee that keepeth the Lawe, is blessed,

Luke 15.13.

a He that giueth eare to the flatterer, is in danger as the bird is before the fouler.
b He is euer ready to fal into the snare that he layeth for others.
c He can beare no admonition, in what sort soeuer it is spoken.

Chap.22.2.

Chap.20.28.

d Where there are not faithfull ministers of the word of God.

19 A seruant will not be chastised with words: though he vnderstand, yet he will not ‖answere.

20 Seest thou a man hasty in his matters? there is more hope of a foole, then of him.

21 He that deliceately bringeth vp his seruant from youth, at length he will be euen as his sonne.

22 * An angry man stirreth vp strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 * The pride of a man shall bring him lowe: but the humble in spirit shall enioy glory.

24 He that is partner with a theefe, hateth his owne soule: he heareth cursing, and declareth it not.

25 The feare of man bringeth a f snare: but hee that trusteth in the Lord, shalbe exalted.

26 Many doe seeke the face of the ruler: but euery mans g iudgement commeth from the Lord.

27 A wicked man is abomination to the iust, and he that is vpright in his way, is abomination to the wicked.

Chap. 15.18.

Iob. 22.29.

e He that is of a seruile and rebellious nature.

‖Or, regard.

f He that feareth man more then God, falleth into a snare and is destroyed.

g He needeth not to flatter the ruler: for what God hath appointed, that shall come to him.

CHAP. XXX.

a To humble our selues in consideration of Gods works. 5 The word of God is perfit. 11 Of the wicked and hypocrites. 15 Of things that are neuer satiate. 18 Of others that are wonderfull.

¶ The words of a AGVR the sonne of IAKEH.

THe prophesie which the man spake vnto Ithiel, euen to b Ithiel, and Ucal.

2 Surely I am more c foolish then any man, and haue not the vnderstanding of a man in me.

3 For I haue not learned wisedome, nor attained to the knowledge of holy things.

4 Who hath ascended vp to d heauen, and descended? Who hath gathered the winde in his fist? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the world? What is his name, and what is his sonnes name, if thou canst tell?

5 * Euery word of God is pure: he is a shield to those, that trust in him.

6 * Put nothing vnto his words, lest he reproue thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two * things haue I required of thee: denie me them not before I die.

8 Remoue farre from me vanitie and lies: giue me not pouertie, nor riches: feede me with foode conuenient for me,

9 Least I be full and deny thee, and say, e Who is the Lord? or least I be poore, and steale, and take the name of my God in vaine.

10 Accuse not a seruant vnto his master, least he curse thee, f when thou hast offended.

11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doeth not blesse their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their owne conceite, and yet are not washed from their filthinesse.

13 There is a generation, whose eyes are haurie, and their eye lids are lifted vp.

14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their sawes as knines to eate vp the afflicted out of the earth, & the poore from among men.

15 The horseleach hath two * daughters which cry, Giue, giue. There be three things that will not be satisfied: yea, foure that say not, It is inough.

16 The graue, and the barren wombe, the earth that cannot bee satisfied with water, and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

17 The eye that mocketh his father, and despiseth the instruction of his mother, let the rauens * of the valley picke it out, and the yong eagles eat it.

18 There be three things hid from me: yea, foure that I know not.

19 The way of an eagle in the aire, the way of a serpent vpon a stone, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such is the way also of an adulterous woman: shee eateth and * wipeth her mouth, and saith, I haue not committed iniquitie.

21 For three things the earth is moued: yea, for foure it cannot suffaine it selfe.

22 For * a seruant when he reigneth, and a foole when he is filled with meat,

23 For the hatefull woman when shee is married, and for a handmaid that is m heire to her mistresse.

24 These bee foure small things in the earth, * yet they are n wise and full of wisedome:

25 The pismires a people not strong, yet prepare they their meate in summer:

26 The conies a people not mightie, yet make they their houses in the rocke:

27 The grashopper hath no king, yet goe they forth all by bands:

28 The spider taketh holde o with her hands, and is in kings palaces.

29 There be three things that order wel their going: yea, foure are comely in going.

30 A lion which is strong among beasts, and turneth not at the sight of any:

31 A lusty grayhound, and a goate, and a king against whom there is no rising vp.

32 If thou hast bene foolish in lifting thy selfe vp, and if thou hast thought wickedly, lay thine hand p vpon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milke, he bringeth forth butter: and he that wringeth his nose, causeth blood to come out: so he that forceth wrath, bringeth forth strife.

a Who was an excellent man in vertue & knowledge in the time of Salomon. b which were Agurs scholers or friends. c Herein he declareth his great humilitie, who would not attribure any wisedome to himselfe, but all vnto God. d Meaning, to know the secrets of God, as though he would say, None. Psal. 19 8. Deut. 4 2. and 12. 32. e He maketh this request to God. f Meaning, that they that put their trust in their riches, forget God, and that by too much wealth men haue an occasion to the same. g In accusing him without cause.

h The leach hath two forks in her tongue, which here he calleth her two daughters, whereby she sucketh the blood, & is neuer satiate: euen so are the couetous extortioners insatiable. i Which haunt in the valley for carions.

k Shee hath her desires, and after counterfaiteth as though she were an honest woman. l These commonly abuse the state whereunto they are called. m Which is maried to her master, after the death of her mistresse. n They containe great doctrine and wisedome.

o If man be not able to compasse these common things by his wisdome, we cannot attribute wisdom to man, but folly.

p Make a stay, and continue not in doing euill.

CHAP. XXXI.

a He exhorteth to chastitie and iustice, 10 And sheweth the conditions of a wise and worthy woman.

¶ THE WORDS OF KING a LEMVEL, The b prophesie which his mother taught him.

WHat my sonne! and what the sonne of * my wombe! and what, O sonne of my desires!

3 Giue not thy strength vnto women, d nor

a That is, of Salomon, who was called Lemuel, that is, of God, because God had ordained him to be King ouer Israel. b The doctrine, which his mother Bath-sheba taught him. c By this often repetition of one thing, she declareth her motherly affection. d Meaning, that women are the destruction of Kings, if they haunt them.

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thy wayes, which is to destroy Kings.

4 It is not for Kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drinke wine, nor for princes *strong drinke,

5 Lest he drinke, and forget the decree, and change the iudgement of all the children of affliction.

6 Giue yee strong drinke vnto him that is ready to perish, and wine vnto them that haue griefe of heart.

7 Let him drinke that he may forget [f] his pouertie, and remember his miserie no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the [z] dumbe, in the cause of all the children of destruction.

9 Open thy mouth: iudge righteously, and iudge the afflicted, and the poore.

10 ¶ Who shal find a vertuous woman? for her price is farre aboue the pearles.

11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her, and he shall haue no neede of [h] spoyle.

12 Shee will doe him good, and not euill all the dayes of her life.

13 Shee seeketh wooll and flaxe, and laboureth cheerefully with her hands.

14 She is like the ships of merchants: she bringeth her foode from afarre.

15 And shee riseth, while it is yet night: and giueth the ‖ portion to her household, and the [i] ordinary to her maydes.

16 She considereth a field, and [k] getteth it: and with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loines with strength, and strengtheneth her armes.

18 Shee feeleth that her marchandise is good: her candle is not put out by night.

19 She putteth her hands to the wheele, and her hands handle the spindle.

20 She stretcheth out her hands to the poore, and putteth foorth her hands to the needy.

21 She feareth not the snow for her familie: for all her family is clothed with ‖ scarlet.

22 She maketh herselfe carpets: fine linen and purple is her garment.

23 Her husband is knowen in the [l] gates, when he sitteth with the Elders of the land.

24 She maketh ‖ sheetes, & selleth them, and giueth girdles vnto the merchant.

25 [m] Strength & honour is her clothing, and in the latter day she shall reioyce.

26 She openeth her mouth [n] wisedome, and the [o] law of grace is in her tongue.

27 She ouerseeth the wayes of her household, and eateth not the bread of idlenesse.

28 Her children rise vp, and [p] call her blessed: her husband also shall praise her, saying,

29 Many daughters haue done vertuously: but thou surmountest them all.

30 Fauour is deceitfull, and beauty is vanity: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praysed.

31 Giue [q] her of the fruite of her handes, and let her owne workes praise her in the [q] gates.

e That is, the King must not giue himselfe to wantonnesse, and neglect his office which is to execute iudgement.

f For wine doeth comfort the heart, as Psal. 104.15.

g Defend their cause that are not able to helpe themselues.

h He shall not neede to vse any vnlawful meanes to gaine his liuing.

‖ Or, meate, as Psal. 111.5.

i She prepareth their meate betime.

k She purchaseth it with the gaines of her trauell.

‖ Or, with double.

l In the assemblies and places of iudgement.

‖ Or, linnen cloth.

m After that he had spoken of the apparell of the body, he now declareth the apparel of the spirit.

n Her tongue is as a booke whereby one might learne many good things: for she delighteth to talke of the word of God.

o That is, doe her reuerence.

p Confesse her diligent labours and commend her therefore.

q Forasmuch as the most honourable are clad in the apparel that she made.

Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher.

THE ARGVMENT.

SAlomon, as a Preacher and one that desired to instruct all in the way of saluation, describeth the deceiueable vanities of this world, that man should not be addicted to any thing vnder the Sunne, but rather inflamed with the desire of the heauenly life: therefore he confuteth their opinions, which set their felicitie either in knowledge, or in pleasures, or in dignitie and riches, shewing that mans true felicitie consisteth in that that he is vnited with God, and shal enioy his presence: so that all other things must be reiected, saue in as much as they further vs to attaine to this heauenly treasure, which is sure and permanent, and cannot be found in any other saue in God alone.

CHAP. I.

1 All things in this world are full of vanitie, and of none endurance. 13 All mans wisedome is but folly and griefe.

THe wordes of the [a] Preacher, the sonne of Dauid King in Ierusalem.

2 [b] Vanitie of vanities, saith the Preacher: vanity of vanities, all is vanitie.

3 What remaineth vnto man in all his [c] trauel, which he sustaineth vnder the sunne?

4 One generation passeth, and another generation succeedeth: but the earth remaineth for [d] euer.

5 The sunne riseth, and the sunne goeth downe and draweth to his place, where hee riseth.

6 The [e] wind goeth toward the South, and compasseth towarde the North: the winde goeth round about, and returneth by his circuits.

7 *All the riuers goe into the sea, yet the sea is not full: for the riuers goe vnto the place [f] whence they returne and goe.

8 All things are full of labour: man cannot vtter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the eare filled with hearing.

9 ‖ What is it that hath bene? that that shall be: and what is it that hath bene done? that which shal be done: and there is no new thing vnder the sunne.

10 Is there any thing, whereof one may

a Salomon is here called a Preacher, or one that assembleth the people, because he teacheth the true knowledge of God, and how men ought to passe their life in this transitory world.

b Hee condemneth the opinions of all men that set felicity in any thing, but in God alone, seeing that in this world all things are as vanity & nothing.

c Salomon doth not condemne mans labour or diligence, but sheweth that there is no full contentation in any thing vnder the heauen, nor in any creature, forasmuch as all things are transitory.

d One man dieth after another, & the earth remaineth longest, euen to the last day, which yet is subiect to corruption.

e By the sunne, wind and riuers, he sheweth that the greateft labour and longeft hath an ende, and therefore there can be no felicitie in this world. *Eccles. 40.11.*

f The sea which compasseth all the earth, filleth the veines thereof, the which powre out speaketh of riuers that they haue beene in

springs and riuers into the Sea againe.

g Hee speaketh of times and seasons, and things done in them, which as they haue beene in times past, so come they to passe againe.

h He proueth that if any could haue attained to felicitie in this world by labour and studie, he chiefly should haue obtained it, because he had gifts and aydes of God thereunto aboue all other.

i Man of nature hath a desire to know, and yet is not able to come to the perfection of knowledge, which is the punishment of sin, to humble man, and to teach him to depend onely vpon God.

k Man is not able by all his diligence to cause things to goe otherwise then they doe: neither can he number the faultes that are committed, much lesse remedie them.

say, Behold this, it is new? It hath bene already in the olde time that was before vs.

11 There is no memorie of the former, neither shall there be a remembrance of the latter that shalbe, with them that shall come after.

12 ¶ h I the Preacher haue bene king ouer Israel in Ierusalem:

13 And I haue giuen my heart to search and find out wisedome by all things that are done vnder the heauen: (this sore trauell hath God giuen to the sonnes of men, i to humble them therby)

14 I haue considered all the workes that are done vnder the sunne: and behold, all is vanitie and vexation of the spirit.

15 That which is k crooked, can none make streight: and that which lacketh, can not be numbred.

16 I thought in mine heart, and said, Behold, I am become great, and excell in wisedome all them that haue bene before mee in Ierusalem: and mine heart hath seene much wisedome and knowledge.

17 And I gaue mine heart to know wisedome and knowledge, l madnes and foolishnesse: I knew also that this is a vexation of the spirit.

18 For in the multitude of wisedome is much m griefe: and he that increaseth knowledge, increaseth sorow.

CHAP. II.

Pleasures sumptuous buildings, riches and possessions are but vanity. 15 *The wise and the foole haue both one end, touching the bodily death.*

I Said in mine heart, Goe to now, I will proone a thee with ioy: therefore take thou pleasure in pleasant things: and behold, this also is vanitie.

2 I said of laughter, Thou art mad: and of ioy, What is this that thou doest?

3 I sought in mine heart ‡ to giue my selfe to wine, and to leade mine heart in b wisedome, and to take holde of follie, till I might see where is that goodnesse of the children of men, which they ♯ enioy vnder the sunne, the whole number of the dayes of their life.

4 I haue made my great workes: I haue built mee houses: I haue planted mee vineyards.

5 I haue made me gardens ¶ ‡ orchards, and planted in them trees of all fruite.

6 I haue made me cisternes of water, to water therewith the woods that grow with trees.

7 I haue gotten seruants and maydes, and had children borne in the c house: also I had great possession of beeues and sheepe aboue all that were before mee in Ierusalem.

8 I haue gathered vnto mee also siluer, and gold, and the chiefe treasures of Kings and Prouinces: I haue prouided mee men singers and women singers, and the d delights of the sonnes of men: as a woman e taken captiue, and women taken captiues.

9 And I was great and increased aboue all that were before me in Ierusalem: also my wisedome f remained with me.

10 And whatsoeuer mine eyes desired, I withheld it not from them: I withdrew not mine heart from any ioy: for mine heart reioyced in all my labour: and this was my g portion of all my trauell.

11 Then I looked on all my workes that mine handes had wrought, and on the trauaile that I had laboured to doe: and beholde, all is vanitie and vexation of the spirit: and there is no profite vnder the sunne.

12 ¶ And I turned to behold h wisedom, and madnesse, and folly: (for who is the man that i will come after the King in things, which men now haue done?

13 Then I saw that there is profite in wisedome, more then in folly: as the light is more excellent then darkenesse.

14 * For the wise mans i eyes are in his head, but the foole walketh in darknesse: yet I know also that the same k condition falleth to them all.

15 Then I thought in mine heart, It befalleth vnto mee, as it befalleth to the foole: why therefore doe I then labour to bee more wise? And I said in mine heart, that this also is vanitie.

16 For there shall be no remembrance of the wise, nor of the foole l for euer: for that that now is, in the dayes to come shall all be forgotten. And m how dieth the wise man, as doeth the foole.

17 Therefore I hated life: for the worke that is wrought vnder the sunne is grieuous vnto me: for all is vanity, and vexation of the spirit.

18 I hated also all my labour, wherein I had trauelled vnder the sunne, which I shall leaue to the man that shall be after mee.

19 And who knoweth whether hee shall bee wise or foolish? yet shall hee haue rule ouer all my labour, wherein I haue trauelled, and wherein I haue shewed my selfe wise vnder the sunne. This is also vanitie.

20 Therefore I went about to make mine heart n abhorre all the labour, wherein I had trauelled vnder the sunne.

21 For there is a man whose trauell is in wisedome, and in knowledge and in equitie; yet to a man that hath not trauelled therein, shall he o giue his portion: this also is vanitie and a great griefe.

22 For what hath man of all his trauell and griefe of his heart, wherein he hath trauelled vnder the sunne?

23 For all his dayes are sorowes, and his paine graue: yea, his heart taketh no rest in the night. This is also vanitie.

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1 Labor
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a Salomon maketh this discourse with himselfe, as though he would try whether there were contentation in ease and pleasures.

‡ *Ebr. draw my flesh to wine.*

b Albeit I gaue my selfe to pleasures, yet I thought to keepe wisdome and the feare of God in mine heart, and gouerne mine affaires by the same.

‡ *Ebr. doe.*

‡ *Ebr paradises.*

c Meaning, of the seruants, or slaues, which he had bought: so the children borne in their seruitude, were ♯ masters.

d That is, whatsoeuer men take pleasure in.

e Which were the most beautifull of them that were taken in warre, as Iudg. 5. 30. Some vnderstand by these words, no women, but instruments of musicke.

f For all this God did not take his gift of wisedome from me.

g This was the fruite of all my labour, a certaine pleasure mixt with care, which he calleth vanity in the next verse.

h I bethought with my selfe whether it were better to follow wisedome, or mine owne affections and pleasures, which he calleth madnesse.

§ *Or, compare with the king.*

Prou 17.24.

i He foreseeth things, which the foole cannot for lacke of wisedome.

k For both die and are forgotten, as verse 16. or they both alike haue prosperitie or aduersitie.

l Meaning, in this world.

m He wondereth that men forget a wise man being dead, assoone as they doe a foole.

n That I might seeke the true felicitie which is in God.

o Among other griefes this was not the least, to leaue that which he had gotten by great trauell, to one that had taken no paine therefore, and whom hee knew not whether he were a wise man or a foole.

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his trauaile griefe: his heart also taketh not rest in the night: which also is vanitie.

24 There is no profite to man, but that hee eate and drinke, and p delight his soule with the profite of his labour: I sawe also this, that it was of the hand of God.

25 For who could eate, and who could haste to outward things more then I?

26 Surely to a man that is good in his sight, God giueth wisedom, and knowledge, and ioy: but to the sinner he giueth paine to gather, and to heape to giue to him that is good before God: this is also vanitie, and vexation of the spirit.

p When man hath all laboured, he can get no more then food and refreshing, yet he confesseth also that this commeth of Gods blessing, as Chap 3.13.

q Meaning, to pleasures.

CHAP. III.

1 All things haue their time. 14 The workes of God are perfite, and cause vs to feare him. 17 God shall iudge both the iust and vniust.

TO all things there is an a appointed time, and a time to euery purpose vnder the heauen.

2 A time to be borne, and a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to plucke vp that which is planted.

3 A time to slay, and a time to heale: a time to breake downe, and a time to build.

4 A time to weepe, and a time to laugh: a time to mourne, and a time to daunce.

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones: a time to embrace, and a time to be farre from embracing.

6 A time to seeke, and a time to lose: a time to keepe, and a time to cast away.

7 A time to rende, and a time to sewe: a time to keepe silence, and a time to speake.

8 A time to loue, and a time to hate: a time of warre, and a time of peace.

9 What profite hath he that worketh, of the thing wherein he trauaileth?

10 I haue seene the trauaile that God hath giuen to the sonnes of men b to humble them thereby.

11 Hee hath made euery thing beautifull in his time: also hee hath set the c world in their heart, yet cannot man finde out the worke that God hath wrought from the beginning euen to the end.

12 I know that there is nothing good in them, but to reioyce: and to doe good in his life.

13 And also that euery man eateth and drinketh, and seeth the commoditie of all his labour: this is the d gift of God.

14 I knowe that whatsoeuer God shall doe, it shall be for e euer: to it can no man adde, and from it can none diminish: for God hath done it, that they should feare before him.

15 What is that that hath beene? that is nowe: and that that shall bee, hath nowe beene: for God f requireth that which is past.

16 And moreouer I haue seene vnder the sunne the place of iudgement, where was wickednesse, and the place of iustice where was iniquitie.

17 I thought in mine heart, God will iudge the iust and the wicked: for time is there for euery purpose and for euery worke.

18 I considered in mine heart the state of the children of men, that God had g purged them: yet to see to, they are in themselues as beastes.

19 For the condition of the children of men, and the condition of beastes are euen as one h condition vnto them. As the one dieth, so dyeth the other: for they haue all one breath, and there is no excellencie of man aboue the beast: for all is vanity.

20 All goe to one place, and all was of the dust, and all shall returne to the dust.

21 Who k knoweth whether the spirite of man ascende vpward, and the spirite of the beast descende downeward to the earth?

22 Therefore I see that there is nothing better then that a man should l reioyce in his affaires, because that is his portion. For who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

a Hee speaketh of this diuersitie of time for two causes: first to declare that there is nothing in this world perpetuall: next to teach vs not to be grieued if we haue not all things at once according to our desires, neither enioy them so long as we would wish.

b Reade Chap. 1.13.

c God hath giuen man a delire and affection to seeke out the things of this world, and to labour therein.

d Reade Chap. 2.24. and these places declare that we should do al things with sobrietie, and in the feare of God, forasmuch as he giueth not his gifts to the intent that they should be abused.

e That is, man shall neuer bee able to let Gods worke, but as he hath determined, so it shall come to passe.

f God onely causeth that which is past to returne.

g Meaning, with God, howsoeuer man neglect his duety.

h And made them pure in their first creation.

i Man is not able by his reason and iudgement to put difference betweene man and beast, as touching those things whereunto both are subiect: for the eye cannot iudge any otherwise of a man being dead, then of a beast, which is dead: yet by the word of God and faith we easily know the diuersitie, as verse 21.

k Meaning, that reason cannot comprehend that which faith beleeueth herein.

l By the often repetition of this sentence, as Chap. 2.24. & 3.12,22. and 5.17. and 8.15. hee declareth that man by reason can comprehend nothing better in this life, then to vse the gifts of God soberly and comfortably: for to know further is a speciall gift of God reuealed by his spirit.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The innocent are oppressed. 4 Mens labours are full of abuse and vanitie. 4 Mans societie is necessary. 13 A yong man poore, and wise, is to be preferred to an old king, that is a foole.

SO I turned, and considered all the oppressions that are wrought vnder the sun, and behold, the teares of the oppressed, and none comforteth them: and loe, the strength is of the hand of them that oppresse them, and none comforteth them.

2 Wherefore I praysed the a dead which now are dead, about the liuing which are yet aliue.

3 And I counte him b better then them both, which hath not yet bene: for hee hath not seene the euil works which are wrought vnder the sunne.

4 Also I beheld all trauaile, and al c perfection of workes, that this is the enuie of a man against his neighbour: this also is vanitie and vexation of spirit.

5 The foole folded his hands, and d eateth vp his owne flesh.

6 Better is an handfull with quietnesse, then two handfuls with labour and vexation of spirit.

7 Againe I returned, and saw vanitie vnder the sunne.

8 There is one alone, and there is not a seconde, which hath neither sonne nor brother, yet is there none ende of all his trauaile, neither can his eye bee satisfied with riches: neither doeth hee thinke, For whome doe I trauaile, and defraude my soule

a Hee maketh here another discourse with himselfe concerning the tyrannie of them that oppressed the poore.

b Because they are no more subiect to these oppressions.

c He speaketh according to the iudgement of the flesh, which cannot abide to seele or see troubles.

d The more perfit that the worke is, the more is it enuied of the wicked.

e For idlenesse he is compelled to destroy himselfe.

soule of pleasure? this also is vanitie, and this is an euill trauaile.

9 [a] Two are better then one: for they haue better wages for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift vp his fellow: but woe vnto him that is alone: for hee falleth, and there is not a second to lift him vp.

11 Also if two sleepe together, then shall they haue heate: but to one how should there be heate?

12 And if one ouercome him, two shall stand against him: and a threefold [c] coard is not easily broken.

13 Better is a poore and wise childe, then an old and foolish King, which will no more be admonished.

14 For out of the [d] prison hee commeth forth to reigne: when as he that is [i] borne in his kingdome is made poore.

15 I beholde all the liuing, which walke vnder the sunne, [k] with the second childe, which shall stand vp in his place.

16 There is none [l] ende of all the people, nor of all that were before them, and they that come after, shall not reioyce in him: surely this is also vanitie and veration of spirit.

17 Take heede to thy [m] foote when thou enterest into the house of God, and bee more neere to heare, then to giue the sacrifice of [n] fooles: for they knowe not that they doe euill.

a Forasmuch as when man is alone, he can neither helpe himselfe nor others: he sheweth that men ought to liue in mutuall societie, to the intent they may be profitable one to another, and that their things may increase.

g By this prouerbe he declareth how necessarie it is, that men should liue in societie.

h That is, from a poore and base estate, or out of trouble, and prison, as Ioseph did, Gen. 41. 14.

i Meaning, that is borne a king.

k Which follow and flatter the kings sonne, or him that shall succeed: to enter into credit with them in hope of gaine.

l They neuer cease by all meanes to creepe into fauour: but when they obtaine not their greedy desires, they thinke themselues abused, as other haue bene in time past, and so care no more for him.

m That is, with what affection thou commest to heare the worde of God.

n Meaning, of the wicked, which thinke to please God with ceremonies, and haue neither faith nor repentance.

CHAP. V.

1 Not to speake lightly, chiefly in Gods matters. 9 The couetous can neuer haue enough. 11 The labourers sleepe is sweet. 14 Man when he dieth, taketh nothing with him. 18 To liue ioyfully, and with a contented mind, is the gift of God.

BEe not [a] rash with thy mouth, nor let thine heart be haiste to vtter a thing before God: for God is in the heauens, and thou art on the earth: therefore let thy words be [b] few.

2 For as a dreame commeth by the multitude of businesse: so the voyce of a foole is in the multitude of words.

3 [c] When thou hast vowed a vowe to God, deferre not to pay it: for he delighteth not in fooles: pay therefore that thou hast [c] vowed.

4 It is better that thou shouldest not vowe, then that thou shouldest vowe and not pay it.

5 Suffer not thy mouth to make thy [d] flesh to sinne: neither say before the [e] Angel, that this is ignorance: wherefore shall God bee angrie by thy voyce, and destroy

a Rash in vowing or in praying: meaning, that we should vse all reuerence to God ward.

b He heareth thee not for thy many words sake or often repetitions, but considereth thy faith and feruent minde. *Deut. 23. 21.*

c He speaketh of vowes, which are approued by Gods word, and serue to his glory.

d Cause not thy selfe to sinne by vowing rashly: as they do which make a vowe to liue vnmarried, and such like.

e That is, before Gods messenger, when hee shall examine thy doing: as though thy ignorance should be a iust excuse.

the worke of thine hands?

6 For in the multitude of dreames, and vanities, are also many words: but feare thou God.

7 If in a countrey thou seest the oppression of the poore, and the defrauding of iudgement and iustice, bee not astonied at the matter: for hee that is [f] higher then the highest, regardeth, and there be higher then they.

8 And the [g] abundance of the earth is ouer all: the King [h] also consisteth by the field that is tilled.

9 He that loueth siluer, shall not be satisfied with siluer, and hee that loueth riches, shall be without the fruite thereof: this also is vanity.

10 [i] When goods increase, they are increased that eate them: and what good commeth to the owners thereof, but the beholding thereof with their eyes?

11 The sleepe of him that trauelleth, is sweete, whether he eate little or much: but the [j] saciety of the rich will not suffer him to sleepe.

12 There is an euill sicknesse that I haue seene vnder the sunne: to wit, riches [k] reserued to the owners thereof for their euill.

13 And these riches perish by euil trauaile, and he begetteth a sonne, and in his [l] hand is nothing.

14 [m] As hee came foorth of his mothers belly, hee shall returne naked to goe as he came, and shall beare away nothing of his labour, which he hath caused to passe by his hand.

15 And this also is an euill sicknesse, that in all points as he came, so shall he goe, and what profite hath hee that he hath trauailed for the [n] winde?

16 Also all his dayes he eateth in [o] darkenesse with much griefe, and in his sorow and anger.

17 Behold then what I haue seene good, that it is comely [p] to eate, and to drinke, and to take pleasure in all his labour, wherein hee trauaileth vnder the sunne, the whole number of the dayes of his life, which God giueth him: for this is his portion.

18 Also to euery man to whom God hath giuen riches and treasures, and giueth him power to eate thereof and to take his part, and to enioy his labour: this is the gift of God.

19 Surely hee will not much remember the dayes of his [q] life, because God answereth to the ioy of his heart.

CHAP. VI.

The miserable estate of him to whom God hath giuen riches, and not the grace to vse them.

THere is an euill, which I saw vnder the sunne, and it is much among men.

2 A man to whom God hath giuen riches and treasures and honour, and hee wanteth nothing for his soule of all that it desireth: but [a] GOD giueth him not power to eate thereof, but a strange man shall eate it vp: this is vanitie, and this

f Meaning, that God will redresse these things, and therefore we must depend vpon him.

g The reuenues of the earth are to be preferred aboue all things, which appertaine to this life.

h Kings & princes cannot maintein their estate without tillage, which thing commendeth the excellencie of tillage.

i That is, his great abundance of riches, or the surfeting which commeth by his great feeding.

k When couetous men heape vp riches, which turne to their destruction.

l He doeth not enioy his fathers riches. *Iob 1. 21. wisd. 7. 6. 1. Tim. 6. 7.*

m Meaning, in vaine, and without profite.

n In affliction and griefe of minde.

o Reade Chap. 3. 22.

p He will take no great thought for the pains that he hath endured in time past.

a He sheweth that it is the plague of God when the rich man hath not a liberall heart to vse his riches.

this is an euill sickenesse.

3 If a man beget an hundreth children, and liue many yeeres, and the dayes of his yeres be multiplied, and his soule be not [b] satisfied with good things, and he be not [c] buried, I say that an vntimely fruite is better then he.

4 For [d] hee commeth to vanitie, and goeth into darkenes: and his name shall be couered with darkenesse.

5 Also he hath not seene the Sunne, nor knowen it: therefore this hath more rest then the other.

6 And if he had liued a thousand yeeres twise tolde, and had seene no good, shall not all goe to one place?

7 All the labour of man is for his mouth: yet the [e] soule is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise man more then the foole? what hath the poore that [f] knoweth how to walke before the liuing?

9 The [g] sight of the eye is better then to walke in the lustes: this also is vanitie, and veration of spirit.

10 What is that that hath beene? the name thereof is now named: it is knowen that it is man: and he cannot striue with him that is [h] stronger then he.

b If hee can neuer haue enough.
c As we see oftentimes, that the couetous maneither falleth into crimes that deserue death, or is murthered, or drowned, or hangeth himself, or such like, and so lacketh the honor of buriall, which is the last office of humanitie.
d Meaning the vntimely fruit whose life did neither profite nor hurt any.
e His desire and affection.
f That knoweth to vse his goods well in the iudgement of men.
g To be content with that which God hath giuen, is better then to follow the desires that neuer can be satisfied.
h Meaning God, who will make him to feele that he is mortall.

CHAP. VII.

Diuers precepts to follow that which is good, and to auoyd the contrary.

a There is no state wherein man can liue to haue perfect quietnesse in this life. *Iob.* 14.2. *Psal.* 144.4. *Prou.* 22 1.

SUrely there be many things that increase vanitie: and what auaileth it a man?

2 For who knoweth what is [a] good for man in the life and in the number of the dayes of the life of his vanitie, seeing he maketh them as a [a] shadow? For who can shew vnto man, what shall be after him vnder the Sunne?

b He speaketh thus after the iudgement of the flesh, which thinketh death to be the end of all euils: or else, because that thus corporall death is the entring into life euerlasting.

3 [b] A good name is better then a good ointment, and the day of [b] death, then the day that one is borne.

4 It is better to go to the house of [c] mourning, then to goe to the house of feasting, because this is the end of all men: and the liuing shall lay it to his heart.

c Where wee may see the hand of God, & learne to examine our liues.

5 Anger is better then laughter: for by a sad looke the heart is made better.

6 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: but the heart of fooles is in the house of mirth.

7 Better it is to heare the rebuke of a wise man, then that a man should heare the song of fooles.

8 For like the noyse of the [d] thornes vnder the pot, so is the laughter of the foole: this also is vanitie.

d Which crakle for a while and profit nothing.

9 Surely oppression maketh a wise man [e] madde: and the rewarde destroyeth the heart.

e A man that is esteemed wise, when he falleth to oppression, becommeth like a beast which enterprise a thing, and suddenly leaue off againe.

10 The [f] end of a thing is better then the beginning thereof, and the patient in spirit is better then the proud in spirit.

f He noteth their lightnes

11 Be not thou of an hastie spirit to bee angry: for anger resteth in the bosome of fooles.

12 Say not thou, Why is it that the former dayes were better then these? for thou doest not enquire wisely of this thing.

13 Wisedome is good with an [g] inheritance, and excellent to them that see the Sunne.

14 For man shal rest in the shadow of wisedome, and in the shadow of siluer: but the excellencie of the knowledge of wisdome giueth life to the possessors thereof.

15 Beholde the worke of God: for who can make [h] straight that which he hath made crooked?

16 In the day of wealth be of good comfort, and in the day of affliction [i] consider: God also hath made this contrary to that, to the intent that man should find [k] nothing after him.

17 I haue seene all things in the dayes of my vanitie: there is a iust man that perisheth in his [l] iustice, and there is a wicked man that continueth long in his malice.

18 Bee not thou iust [m] ouermuch, neither make thy selfe ouer wise: wherefore shouldest thou be desolate?

19 Be not thou wicked [n] ouermuch, neither bee thou foolish: wherefore shouldest thou perish not in thy time?

20 It is good that thou lay holde on [o] this: but yet withdrawe not thine hande from [p] that: for hee that feareth God, shall come forth of them all.

21 Wisedome shall strengthen the wise man more then ten mightie princes that are in the citie.

22 [q] Surely there is no man iust in the earth, that doeth good and sinneth not.

23 Giue not thine [q] heart also to all the wordes that men speake, lest thou doe heare thy seruant cursing thee.

24 For often times also thine heart knoweth that thou likewise hast [r] cursed others.

25 All this haue I proued by wisedome: I thought, I will be wise, but it went farre from me.

26 It is farre off, what may it be? and it is a profound deepenesse, who can finde it?

27 I haue compassed about, both I and mine heart to knowe and to enquire and to search wisedome, and reason, and to knowe the wickednes of folly, and the foolishnes of madnesse,

28 And I finde more bitter then death, the woman whose heart is as nets & snares, and her hands, as bands: he that is good before God, shall be deliuered from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her.

29 Beholde, saith the preacher, this haue I found, seeking one by one to [s] finde the count:

30 And yet my soule seeketh, but I find it not: I haue found one man of a thousand: but a woman among them all haue I not found.

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g Murmure not against God when he sendeth aduersities for mans sinnes.
h He answereth to them that esteeme not wisedome, except riches be ioyned therewith, shewing that both are the gifts of God, but that wisedome is farre more excellent, & may be without riches. *Chap.* 1.15.
i Consider wherefore God doeth send it, and what may comfort thee.
k That man should be able to controll nothing in his workes.
l Meaning, that cruell tyrants put the godly to death and let the wicked go free.
m Boast not too much of thine owne iustice and wisedome.
n Tary not long when thou art admonished to come out of the way of wickednesse.
o To wit, on these admonitions that goe before.
p Consider what desolation and destruction shall come, if thou do not obey them, 1. *King.* 8.46. 2. *Chron.* 6.36. *Prou.* 20 9. 1 *John* 1.8.
q Creates them not neither care for them.
r *Or spoken euill of others.*
s Meaning, wisedome.
t That is, to come to a conclusion.

t And so are cause of their own destruction.

31 Only lo, this haue I found, that God hath made man righteous: but they haue sought many t inuentions.

CHAP. VIII.

1 To obey Princes and Magistrates. 17 The works of God passe mans knowledge.

WHo is as the wise man? & who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? the wisedome of a man doeth make his a face to shine: and the b strength of his face shall be changed.

2 I aduertise thee to take heede to the c mouth of the king, and to the word of the othe of God.

3 d Haste not to goe from of his sight: stande not in an euill thing: for he will doe whatsoeuer pleaseth him.

4 Where the worde of the king is, there is power, and who shall say vnto him, What doest thou?

5 He that keepeth the commandement, shall knowe none euill thing, and the heart of the wise shall know the e time and iudgement.

6 For to euery purpose there is a time and iudgement, because the f misery of man is great vpon him.

7 For hee knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?

8 Man is not lord g ouer the spirit to retaine the spirit: neither hath he power in the day of death, nor deliuerance in the battell, neither shall wickednesse deliuer the possessours thereof.

9 All this haue I seene, and haue giuen mine heart to euery worke which is wrought vnto the Sunne, and I saw a time that man ruleth ouer man to his owne h hurt.

10 And likewise I sawe the wicked buried, and i they returned, and they that came from the holy k place, were yet forgotten in the citie where they had done right: this also is vanitie.

11 Because sentence against an euill work is not l executed speedily, therefore the heart of the children of men is fully set in them to doe euill.

12 Though a sinner do euill an hundreth times, and God prolongeth his dayes, yet I know that it shalbe well with the that feare the Lord, and doe reuerence before him.

13 But it shall not be well to the wicked, neither shal he prolong his dayes: he shall be like a shadow, because hee feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanitie which is done vpon the earth, that there bee righteous men to whome it commeth according to the m worke of the wicked: and there be wicked men to whom it commeth according to the worke of the iust: I thought also that this is vanitie.

15 And I praysed ioy: for there is no goodnes to man vnder the Sunne, saue to eate and to drinke and to reioyce: for this is adioyned to his labour, the dayes of his life that God hath giuen him vnder the Sunne.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisedome, and to behold the businesse that is done on earth, that neither day nor night the eyes of man take sleepe,

17 Then I beheld the whole worke of God, that man cannot finde out the worke that is wrought vnder the Sunne: for the which man trauaileth to seeke it, and cannot find it: yea, and though the wise man thinke to know it, he cannot find it.

CHAP. IX.

1 By no outward thing can man know whom God loueth or hateth. 11 No man knoweth his ende. 16 Wisedome excelleth strength.

I Haue surely giuen mine heart to all this, and to declare al this, that the iust, and the wise, and their workes are in the hand of God: and no man knoweth either loue or a hatred of all that is before them.

2 All things come alike to all: and the same condition is to the iust and to the wicked, to the good and to the pure, and to the polluted, and to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner, he that sweareth, as he that feareth an othe.

3 This is euill among all that is done vnder the Sunne, that there is one b condition to all, and also the heart of the sonnes of men is full of euil, and madnesse is in their hearts whiles they liue, and after that, they goe to the dead.

4 Surely whosoeuer is ioyned to all the liuing, there is hope: for it is better to a c liuing dogge, then to a dead lion.

5 For the liuing know that they shal die, but the dead know nothing at all: neither haue they any more a reward: for their remembrance is forgotten.

6 Also their loue, and their hatred, and their emule is now perished, and they haue no more portion for euer, in all that is done vnder the Sunne.

7 Go, eate thy bread with ioy, and drinke thy wine with a cheerefull heart: for God now d accepteth thy workes.

8 At al times let thy garments be e white, and let not oyle be lacking vpon thine head.

9 f Reioyce with the wife whom thou hast loued all the dayes of the life of thy vanitie, which God hath giuen thee vnder the Sunne all the dayes of thy vanitie: for this is thy portion in the life, and in thy trauell wherein thou labourest vnder the Sunne.

10 All that thine hand shall finde to doe, doe it with all thy power: for there is neither worke nor inuention, nor knowledge, nor wisedome in the graue whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and I saw vnder the sunne that the race is not to the swift, nor the battell to the strong, nor yet bread to the wise, nor also riches to men of vnderstanding: neither yet fauour to men of knowledge: but time and g chance commeth to them all.

a That is, doeth get him fauour and prosperitie.
b Whereas before hee was proud and arrogant, he shall become humble and meeke.
c That is, that thou obey the king, and keepe the othe that thou hast made for the same cause.
d Withdraw not thy selfe lightly from the obedience of thy prince.
e That is, when time is to obey, and how farre he should obey.
f Man of himselfe is miserable, and therefore ought to do nothing to increase the same, but to worke all things by wisdome and counsell.
g Man hath no power to saue his owne life, and therefore must not rashly cast himselfe into danger.
h As commeth oft times to tyrants and wicked rulers.
i That is, others as wickedas they
k They that feared God, and worshipped him according as he had appointed.
l Where iustice is decayed, there sinne reigneth.
m Which are punished as though they were wicked, as Chap. 7. 17.
n Reade Chap. 3. 22.

a Meaning, what things he ought to chuse or refuse: or man knoweth not by these outward things, that is, by prosperitie or aduersitie, whom God doth fauour or hate: for he sendeth them as well to the wicked as to the godly.
b In outward things, as riches, and pouerty, sicknesse and health, there is no difference betweene the godly and the wicked: but the difference is that the godly are assured by faith of Gods fauour & assistance.
c He noteth the Epicures & carnall men, which made their belly their God, and had no pleasure but in this life, wishing rather to be an abiect, and vile person in this life then a man of authoritie, & so to die, which is meant by the dogge and lyon.
d They flatter themselues to be in Gods fauour, because they haue all things in abundance.
e Reioyce, be merry, and spare for no cost: thus speake the wicked belly gods. f *Eccl. regard the life. Chap. 5 18.* f Thus the worldlings say to proue that all things are lawfull for them, and attribute that to chance & fortune, which is done by the prouidence of God.

12 For neither doth man know his a time, but as the fishes which are taken in an euill net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare: so are the children of men snared in the euil time when it falleth vpon them suddenly.

13 I haue also seene this wisedome vnder the sunne, and it is great vnto me:

14 A little citie and fewe men in it, and a great King came against it, and compassed it about, and builded forts against it.

15 And there was found therein a poore and wise man, and hee deliuered the citie by his wisedome: but none remembred this poore man.

16 Then said I, Better is wisedome then strength: yet the wisedome of the poore is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of the wise are more heard in quietnesse, then the crie of him that ruleth among fooles.

18 Better is wisedome then weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

CHAP. X.

1 The difference of foolishnesse and wisedome. 11 A slanderer is like a serpent that cannot bee charmed. 16 Of foolish kings, & drunken princes. 17 And of good kings and princes.

DEad flies cause to stink, and putrifie the ointment of the Apothecary: so doth a little folly him that is in estimation for wisedome, and for glory.

2 The heart of a a wise man is at his right hand: but the heart of a foole is at his left hand.

3 And also when the foole goeth by the way, his heart faileth, and hee b telleth vnto all that he is a foole.

4 If the c spirit of him that ruleth, rise vp against thee, leaue not thy place: for gentlenesse pacifieth great sinnes.

5 There is an euill that I haue seene vnder the sunne, as an d errour that proceedeth from the face of him that ruleth.

6 Folly is set in great excellencie, and the e rich set in low place.

7 I haue seene seruants on horses, & princes walking as seruants on the ground.

8 * He that diggeth a pit, shall fall into it, and hee that breaketh the hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Hee that remoueth stones, shall hurt himselfe therewith, and hee that cutteth wood, shall be in danger thereby.

10 If the yron be blunt, and one hath not whet the edge, hee must then put to more f strength: but the excellencie to direct a thing is wisedome.

11 If the serpent bite, when hee is not charmed: no better is a babbler.

12 The wordes of the mouth of a wise man haue grace: but the lips of a foole deuoure himselfe.

13 The beginning of the wordes of his mouth is foolishnesse, and the latter end of his mouth is wicked madnesse.

14 For the foole multiplieth wordes, saying, Man knoweth not what shall bee: and who can tell him what shall be after him?

15 The labour of the foolish doth weary him: for he knoweth not to go into the g citty.

16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a h child, and thy princes i eate in the morning.

17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the sonne k of nobles, and thy princes eate in time, for strength and not for drunkennesse.

18 By slouthfulnes the roofe of the house goeth to decay: and by the idlenesse of the hands, the house dropperth thorow.

19 They prepare bread for laughter, and wine comforteth the liuing, but siluer answereth to all.

20 Curse not the King, no not in thy thought, neither curse the rich in thy bed chamber: for the l foule of the heauen shall carie the voice, and that which hath wings, shall declare the matter.

CHAP XI.

1 To bee liberall to the poore. 4 Not to doubt of Gods prouidence. 8 All worldly prosperity is but vanitie. 9 God will iudge all

CAst thy bread vpon the a waters: for after many dayes thou shalt finde it.

2 Giue a portion to seuen, and also to eight: for thou knowest not what euill shall be vpon the earth.

3 If the b clouds be full, they will powre forth raine vpon the earth: and if the c tree doe fall toward the South, or toward the North, in the place that the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that obserueth the d wind, shal not sowe, and he that regardeth the clouds, shall not reape.

5 As thou knowest not which is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones doe growe in the wombe of her that is with child: so thou knowest not the worke of God that worketh all.

6 In the morning sowe thy seede, and in the euening let not thine hand e rest: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or f that, or whether both shal be alike good.

7 Surely the light is a pleasant thing: and it is a good thing to the eyes to see the sunne.

8 Though a man liue many yeeres, and in them all he reioyce, yet he shall remember the dayes of g darknesse, because they are many, all that commeth is vanity.

9 h Reioyce, O yong man, in thy youth, and let thine heart cheere thee in the dayes of thy youth: and walke in thy waies of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know that for all these things, God will bring thee to iudgement.

10 Therefore take away i griefe out of thine heart, and cause euill k to depart from thy flesh: for childhoode and youth are vanitie.

CHAP. XII.

1 To thinke on God in youth, and not to deferre till age. 7 The soule returneth to God. 12 Wisedome is the gift of God, and consisteth in feeling him and keeping his commandements.

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g That is, hee doth not foresee what shall come.

a So that he doth all things wel & iustly, whereas the foole doth the contrary.

b By his doings he bewrayeth himselfe.

c If thy superior be angrie with thee, be thou discreet, and not mooued.

d Meaning, that it is an euil thing when they that are in authoritie, faile, and do not their duetie.

e They that are rich in wisedom and vertue. *Psalm 7.16. prou 26 17. eccles. 27 26*

f Without wisedom, whatsoeuer a man taketh in hand, turneth to his owne hurt.

g The ignorance and beastlinesse of the wicked is such, that they know not common things, and yet will they discusse hie matters.

h That is, without wisedome and counsell.

i Are giuen to their lustes and pleasures.

k Meaning, when he is noble for vertue and with the gifts of God

l Thou canst not worke euil so secretly, but it shall be knowen.

a That is, be liberall to the poore, & though it seem to be as a thing ventured on the sea, yet it shall bring thee profite.

b As the clouds that are full, powre out raine, so the rich that haue abundance must distribute it liberally.

c He exhorteth to be liberall, while we liues for after, there is no power.

d He that feareth inconueniences, when necessity requireth, shall neuer doe his duetie.

e Be not weary of well doing.

f That is, which of thy works are most agreeable to God.

g That is, of affliction and trouble.

h He derideth them that see their delight in worldly pleasures, as though God would

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REmember nowe thy Creator in the dayes of thy youth, whiles the euill dayes come not, nor the yeeres approch wherein thou shalt say, I haue no pleasure in them:

2 Whiles the sunne is not darke, nor the light, nor the moone, nor the starres, nor the [a] cloudes returne after the raine.

3 When the [b] keepers of the house shall tremble, and the [c] strong men shall bowe themselues, and the [d] grinders shall cease, because they are few, and they ware darke that [e] looke out by the windowes:

4 And the [f] doores shall be shut without by the base sound of the grinding, and hee shal rise vp at the voyce of the [g] bird: and all the [h] daughters of singing shalbe abased.

5 Also they shall be afraide of the [k] high thing, and feare shall be in the [l] way, and the almond tree shall [m] flourish, & the [n] grashopper shall be a burden, and concupiscence shall be driuen away: for man goeth to the house of his age, and the mourners go about in the streete.

6 Whiles the [o] siluer coard is not loosened, nor the golden [p] viall broken, nor the [q] pitcher broken at the [r] well, nor the [s] wheele broken at the [t] cisterne:

7 And dust returne to the earth, as it was, and the [u] spirit returne to God that gaue it.

8 Vanitie of vanities, saith the Preacher, all is vanitie.

9 And the more wise the Preacher was, the more hee taught the people knowledge, and caused them to heare, & searched foorth, and prepared many parables.

10 The Preacher sought to find out pleasant words, and an vpright writing, euen the words of trueth.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nailes [x] fastened by the maisters of the assemblies, which are giuen by one [y] pastour.

12 And of other things besides these, my sonne, take thou heed: for there is none ende in making many [z] bookes, and much reading is a wearinesse of the flesh.

13 Let vs heare the end of all: Feare God and keepe his commandements: for this is the whole duetie of man.

14 For God will bring euery worke vnto iudgement, with euery secret thing, whether it be good or euill.

a Before thou come to a continuall miserie: for when the clouds remaine after the raine, mans griefe is increased.
b The hands which keepe the body.
c The legges.
d The teeth.
e The eyes.
f The lippes, or mouth.
g When the chawes shall scarce open and not be able to chewe any more.
h Hee shall not be able to sleepe.
i That is the wind pipes, or the eares shall be deafe, and not able to heare singing.
k To climbe high, because of their weaknesse, or they stoope down, as though they were afraid lest any thing should hit them.
l They shall tremble as they goe, as though they were afraide.
m Their head shall be as white as the blossoms of an almond tree.
n They shall bee able to beare nothing.
o Meaning, the marrow of the backe bone and the finewes.
p The little skin that coureth the braine, which is in colour like golde.
q That is, the veines.
r Meaning, the liuer.
f Which is the head.
t That is, the heart out of the which the head draweth the power of life.
u The soule incontinently goeth either to ioy, or torment, and sleepeth not as the wicked imagine.
x Which are well applied by the ministers, whom he calleth masters.
y That is, by God.
z These things cannot be comprehended in bookes, or learned by studie, but God must instruct thy heart that thou mayest only know that wisedome is the true felicitie, and the way thereunto is to feare God.

‡ *Ebr a song of songs: so called because it is the chiefest of those 1005. which Salomon made, as is mentioned, 1. King. 4. 32.*

An ‡excellent song which was Salomons.

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IN this song Salomon by most sweet and comfortable allegories and parables describeth the perfect loue of Iesus Christ, the true Salomon and king of peace, & the faithfull soule or his Church, which he hath sanctified & appointed to be his spouse, holy, chaste, & without reprehension. So that here is declared the singular loue of the bridegrome toward the bride, and his great and excellent benefites wherewith he doth inrich her of his pure bounty and grace without any of her deseruings. Also the earnest affection of the Church which is inflamed with the loue of Christ, desiring to bee more and more ioyned to him in loue, and not to be forsaken for any spot or blemish that is in her.

CHAP. I.

1 The familiar talke and mystical communication of the spirituall loue betweene Iesus Christ & his Church. 5 The domesticall enemies that persecute the Church.

LEt [a] him kisse mee with the kisses of his mouth: for thy loue is better then wine.

2 Because of the [b] sauour of thy good ointments, thy name is as an ointment powred out: Therefore the [c] virgins loue thee.

3 [d] Draw me: we will runne after thee: the king hath brought mee into his [e] chambers: we will reioyce and be glad in thee: we will remember thy loue more then wine: the righteous doe loue thee.

4 I am [f] blacke, O daughters of Ierusalem, but comely, as the tents of [g] Kedar, and as the [h] curtaines of Salomon.

5 Regard ye me not because I am [i] black: for the [k] sunne hath looked vpon mee. The [l] sonnes of my mother were angry against mee: they made me the keeper of the vines: but I [m] kept not mine owne vine.

6 Shew mee, [n] O thou, whom my soule loueth, where thou feedest, where thou liest at none: for why should I bee as shee that turneth aside to the flockes of [o] thy companions?

a This is spoken in the person of the Church, or of the faithfull soule inflamed with the desire of Christ, whom she loueth.
b The feeling of thy great benefits
c They that are pure in heart and conuersation.
d The faithfull confesse that they cannot come to Christ, except they be drawne.
e Meaning the secret ioy that is not knowen to the world.
f The Church confesseth her spots and sinne, but hath confidence in the fauour of Christ.
g Kedar was Ismaels sonne, of whom came the Arabians that dwelt in tents.
h Which within were all set with precious stones and iewels.
i Consider not the Church by the outward appearance.
k The corruption of nature, through sinne, and afflictions.
l Mine owne brethren, which should haue most fauoured mee.
m Shee confesseth her owne negligence.
n The spouse feeling her fault fleeth to her husband onely for succour.
o Whom thou hast called to the dignitie of pastours, and they set foorth their owne dreames in stead of thy doctrine.

p Christ speaketh to his Church, bidding them that are ignorant, to goe to the Pastours to learne.
q For thy spirituall beautie and excellencie, there was no worldly treasure to bee compared vnto thee.
r The Church reioyceth that she is admitted to the companie of Christ.
s He shalbe most deare vnto me.
t Christ accepteth his Church, and commendeth her beautie.
u That is, the heart of the faithfull wherein Christ dwelleth by his spirit.

7 p If thou know not, O thou the fairest among women, get thee footh by the steps of the flocke, and feede thy kids by the tents of the shepheardes.
8 I haue compared thee, O my loue, to the troupe of horses in the q charets of Pharaoh.
9 Thy cheekes are comely with rowes of stones, and thy necke with chaines.
10 We will make thee borders of golde with studs of siluer.
11 r While the king was at his repast, my spikenard gaue the smell thereof.
12 My welbeloued is as a bundle of myrrhe vnto me: he shall lie betweene my s breasts.
13 My welbeloued is as a cluster of Camphire vnto me in the vines of Engedi.
14 My loue, behold, thou art t faire: behold, thou art faire: thine eyes are like the doues.
15 My welbeloued, behold, thou art faire and pleasant: also our u bed is greene:
16 The beames of our house are cedars, our rafters are of firre.

CHAP. II.

1 The Church desireth to rest vnder the shadow of Christ. 8 She heareth his voyce. 14 She is compared to the doue, 15 And the enemies to the foxes.

1 I Am the rose of the field, and the lilie of the a valleys.
2 Like a lilie among the thornes, so is my b loue among the daughters.
3 b Like the apple tree among the trees of the forrest, so is my welbeloued among the sonnes of men: vnder his shadow had I desire and sate downe: and his fruit was sweete vnto my mouth.
4 He brought mee into the wine seller, and loue was his banner ouer me.
5 Stay me with flagons, and comfort me with apples: for I am sicke of loue.
6 His left hand is vnder mine head, and his right hand doth imbrace me.
7 c I charge you, O daughters of Ierusalem, by the roes and by the hindes of the fielde, that ye stirre not vp, nor waken my loue, vntill she please.
8 d It is the voyce of my welbeloued: behold, hee commeth leaping by the mountaines, and skipping by the hils.
9 My welbeloued is like a roe, or a young hart: loe, hee e standeth behinde our wall, looking foorth of the windowes, shewing himselfe through the f grates.
10 My welbeloued spake and sayd vnto me, Arise, my loue, my faire one, and come thy way.
11 For behold, g winter is past: the raine is changed, and is gone away.
12 The flowers appeare in the earth: the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voyce of the turtle is heard in our land.
13 The figge tree hath brought forth her yong figges: and the vines with their small grapes haue cast a sauour: arise my loue, my faire one, and come away.
14 My doue thou art in the h holes of the rocke, in the secret places of the staires, shew me thy sight, let me heare thy voyce: for thy voyce is sweete, and thy sight comely.
15 Take vs the foxes, the little i fores, which destroy the vines: for our vines haue small grapes.
16 My welbeloued is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.
17 Vntill the day breake, and the shadowes flee away: returne my welbeloued, and bee like a k roe, or, a yong hart vpon the mountaines of Bether.

a Thou that art ashamed of thy sinnes, come and shew thy selfe vnto me.
b Shewing that although we be not heard at the first, yet we must still continue in prayer till we feele comfort.
c Which declareth that wee must seeke vnto all, of whome we hope to haue any succour.
d Reade Chap. 2. 7.
e This is referred to the Church of Israel, which was led by the wildernesse fortie yeeres.
f *Ebr. powder.*
g By the bed is meant the Temple, which Salomon made.
h Thou that art of the number of the faithfull.
i Christ become man was crowned with his diuinitie.
k The Church desireth Christ to bee most readie to helpe her in all dangers.

CHAP. III.

1 The Church desireth to be ioyned inseparably to Christ her husband. 16 Her deliuerance out of the wildernesse.

1 IN my bed by night I sought him that my soule loued: I sought him, but I found him not.
2 I will rise therefore now, and goe about in the citie, by the streetes and by the open places, and will a seeke him that my soule loueth: I sought him, but I found him not.
3 The b watchmen that went about the citie, found mee: to whome I sayd, Haue you seene him whom my soule loueth?
4 When I had past a little from them, then I found him whom my soule loued: I tooke holde on him and left him not, till I had brought him vnto my mothers house, into the chamber of her that conceiued me.
5 c I charge you, O daughters of Ierusalem, by the roes and by the hindes of the field, that yee stirre not vp, nor waken my loue vntill shee please.
6 d Who is shee that commeth vp out of the e wildernesse like pillars of smoke perfumed with myrrhe and incense, and with all the f spices of the merchant?
7 Behold his g bed which is Salomons: threescore strong men are round about it, of the valiant men of Israel.
8 They all handle the sword, and are expert in warre, euery one hath his sword vpon his thigh for the feare h by night.
9 King Salomon made himselfe a i palace of the trees of Lebanon.
10 He made the pillars thereof of siluer, and the pauement thereof of golde, the hangings thereof of purple, whose middes was paued with the loue of the daughters of Ierusalem.
11 Come foorth, ye k daughters of Sion, and beholde the king Salomon with the l crowne, wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his marriage, and in the day of the gladnesse of his heart.

a The Church by night, that is, in troubles, seeketh to Christ, but is not incontinently heard.
b Shewing that although we be not heard at the first, yet we must still continue in prayer till we feele comfort.
c Which declareth that wee must seeke vnto all, of whome we hope to haue any succour.
d Reade Chap. 2. 7.
e This is referred to the Church of Israel, which was led by the wildernesse fortie yeeres.
f *Ebr. powder.*
g By the bed is meant the Temple, which Salomon made.
h Hee alludeth to the watch, which kept the Temple
i *Or, chaire.*
k All ye that are of the number of the faithfull.
l Christ become man was crowned with his diuinitie.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The praises of the Church. 7 She is without blemish in his sight. 9 The loue of Christ toward her.

BEhold, thou art a faire, my loue: behold, thou art faire: thine eyes are like the doues: among thy locks b thine haire is like

a Because Christ delighteth in his Church, he commendeth all that is in her.
b *Chap. 6. 4.*

f So that we can not haue full knowledge of him in this life.
g That is, sinne & errour is driuen back by the comming of Christ, which is here described by spring time, when all things flourish.

like the [a] flocke of goats, which looke downe from the mountaine of Gilead.

2 Thy teeth are like a flocke of sheepe in good order, which goe vp from the washing: which euery one bring out twinnes, and none is barren among them.

3 Thy lips are like a threed of skarlet, & thy talke is comely: thy temples are within thy lockes, as a piece of a pomegranate.

4 Thy necke is as the towre of Dauid built for defence: a thousand shieldes hang therein, and all the targets of the strong men.

5 Thy two [c] breastes are as two yong roes that are twinnes, feeding among the lilies.

6 Untill the day breake, & the shadowes flee away, I will goe into the mountaine of myrrhe and to the mountaine of incense.

7 Thou art all faire, my loue, and there is no spot in thee.

8 [d] Come with mee from Lebanon, my spouse, euen with mee from Lebanon, and looke from the toppe of Amanah, from the top of Shenir & Hermon, from the dennes of the lions and from the mountaines of the leopards.

9 My [e] sister my spouse, thou hast wounded mine heart: thou hast wounded mine heart with one of thine [f] eyes, and with a chaine of thy necke.

10 My sister, my spouse, how faire is thy loue? how much better is thy loue then wine, and the sauour of thine ointments then all spices?

11 Thy [g] lippes, my spouse, drop as honie combes: honie and milke are vnder thy tongue, & the sauour of thy garments is as the sauour of Lebanon.

12 My sister my spouse is as a garden inclosed, as a spring shut vp, and a fountaine sealed vp.

13 Thy plants are as an orchard of pomegranates with sweete fruites, as camphire, spikenard,

14 Euen spikenard, and saffron, calamus, and cinamom, with all the trees of incense, myrrhe and aloes, with all the chiefe spices.

15 [h] O fountaine of the gardens, O well of liuing waters, and the springs of Lebanon.

16 Arise, O [i] North, and come O South, and blow on my garden that the spices thereof may flow out: let my welbeloued come to his garden, and eate his pleasant fruit.

CHAP. V.

1 Christ calleth his Church to the participation of all his treasures. 2 Shee heareth his voyce. 3 Shee confesseth her nakednesse. 10 Shee praiseth Christ her husband.

I Am come into my [a] garden, my sister, my spouse: I gathered my myrrhe with my spice: I ate mine honie combe with mine honie: I dranke my wine with my milke: eate, O friends, drinke, and make you merie, O welbeloued.

2 [b] I sleepe, but mine heart waketh, it is the voyce of my welbeloued that knocketh, saying, Open vnto mee, my sister, my loue, my doue, my vndefiled: for mine head is full of dewe, and my lockes with the drops of the [c] night.

3 I haue put off my [d] coate, howe shall I put it on? I haue washed my feete, howe shall I defile them?

4 My welbeloued put in his hand by the hole of the doore, and mine heart was affectioned toward him.

5 I rose vp to open to my welbeloued, and mine hands did drop down myrrhe, and my [e] fingers pure myrrhe vpon the handles of the barre.

6 I opened to my welbeloued: but my welbeloued was gone and past: mine heart was gone when hee did speake: I sought him, but I could not find him: I called him, but hee answered me not.

7 The [f] watchmen that went about the citie, found me: they smote me and wounded me: the watchmen of the walles tooke away my vaile from me.

8 I charge you, [g] O daughters of Ierusalem, if yee find my welbeloued, that you tell him that I am sicke of loue.

9 [h] O the fairest among women, what is thy welbeloued more then other welbeloued? what is thy welbeloued more then another louer, that thou doest so charge vs?

10 My welbeloued is white and ruddie, the chiefest of ten thousand.

11 His [i] head is as fine gold, his locks curled, and blacke as a rauen.

12 His eyes are like doues vpon the riuers of waters, which are washed with milke, and remaine by the full vessels.

13 His cheekes are as a bed of spices, and as sweete flowres, and his lippes like lilies dropping downe pure myrrhe.

14 His hands as rings of golde set with the [k] chrysolite, his belly like white yuorie couered with Saphirs.

15 His legges are as pillars of marble set vpon sockets of fine golde: his countenance as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His mouth is as sweet things, and hee is wholy delectable: this is my welbeloued, and this is my louer, O daughters of Ierusalem.

17 [l] O the fairest among women, whither is thy welbeloued gone? whither is thy welbeloued turned aside, that we may seeke him with thee?

CHAP. VI.

1 The Church asswreth her selfe of the loue of Christ. 3 The prayses of the Church. 9 Shee is but one and vndefiled.

MY welbeloued is gone downe into his [a] garden to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

2 I am my welbeloueds, and my welbeloued is mine, who feedeth among the lilies.

3 Thou art beautifull, my loue, as [b] Tirzah, comely as Ierusalem, terrible as an armie with banners.

4 [c] Turne away thine eyes from me: for they ouercome mee: [*] thine haire is like a flocke of goates, which looke downe from Gilead.

5 Thy teeth are like a flocke of sheepe, which goe vp from the washing, which euery one bring out twinnes, and none is barren among them.

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[a] He hath respect to the multitude of the faithfull, which are many in number.

[c] Wherein are knowledge, and zeale, two precious iewels.

[d] Christ promiseth his Church to call his faithfull from all the corners of the world.

[e] Christ calleth his Church sister, in respect that he had taken the flesh of man.

[f] In that he made his Church beautifull and rich, he loued his gifts in her.

[g] Because of thy confession and thankesgining.

[h] The Church confesseth that al her glorie and beautie commeth of Christ, who is the true fountaine of all grace.

[i] She desireth Christ to cõfort her, & to powre the graces of his Spirit vpon her, which Spirit is meant by the North and South wind.

[a] The garden signifieth the kingdome of Christ, where he prepareth the banket for his elect

[b] The spouse saith that she is troubled with the cares of worldly things, which is meant by sleeping.

[c] Declaring the long patience of the Lord toward sinners.

[d] The spouse confesseth her nakednesse, and of her selfe she hath nothing: or seeing that she is once made cleane, she promiseth not to defile her selfe againe.

[*] *Ebr. my bowels were moued towards him.*

[e] The spouse which should be anointed of Christ, shall not find him if shee thinke to anoint him with her good workes.

[f] These are the false teachers, which woũd the conscience with their traditions.

[g] She asketh of them which are godly (forasmuch as the law and saluation should come out of Zion & Ierusalem) that they would direct her to Christ.

[h] Thus say they of Ierusalem.

[i] She describeth Christ to be of perfect beautie and comelinesse.

[*] *Ebr. Tarsshi.*

[k] Hearing of the excellencie of Christ, the faithfull desire to know how to finde him.

[a] That is, is conuersant here in earth among men.

[b] Which was a faire and strong citie, 1 King. 14. 17.

[c] This declareth the exceeding loue of Christ toward his Church.

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6 Thy temples are within thy locks as a piece of a pomegranate.

7 There are [4] threescore Queenes and fourescore concubines, and of the damsels without number.

8 But my doue is alone, and my vndefiled, she is the onely daughter of her mother, and she is deare to her that bare her: the daughters haue seene her and counted her blessed: euen the Queenes and the concubines, and they haue praysed her.

9 [e] Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, faire as the moone, pure as the sunne, terrible as an armie with banners?

10 I went downe to the [f] garden of nuts, to see the fruits of the valley, to see if the vine budded, and if the pomegranates flourished.

11 [g] I knew nothing, my soule set me [h] as the charets of my noble people.

12 Returne, returne, O [i] Shulamite, returne: returne that wee may beholde thee. What shall you see in the Shulamite, but as the companie of an armie?

13 The mandrakes haue giuen a smell, and in our gates are all sweete things, new and olde: my welbeloued, I haue kept them for thee.

d Meaning, that the gifts are infinite which Christ giueth to his Church. or that his faithfull are many in number.
e He sheweth the beginning of the Church was small, but that it grew vp to a great multitude.
f He went down into the Synagogue to see what fruits came of the Law and the Prophets.
g I found nothing but rebellion.
h I ran as swift as the nobles of my people in their charets.
i O ye people of Ierusalem: for Ierusalem was called Shalom, which signifieth peace.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Church will be taught by Christ.* 3 *Shee is vpholden by him.* 6 *The vehement loue wherewith Christ loueth her.* 11 *Shee is the vine that bringeth forth fruits to the spirituall Salomon, which is Iesus Christ.*

O [a] that thou weerest as my brother that sucked the breasts of my mother: I would find thee without, I would kisse thee, then they should not despise [‖] thee.

2 I will leade thee, & bring thee into my mothers house: there thou shalt teach me, and I will cause thee to drinke spiced wine, and new wine of the pomegranate.

3 [b] His left hand shalbe vnder mine head, and his right hand shall imbrace me.

4 [c] I charge you, O daughters of Ierusalem, that you stirre not vp, nor waken my loue, vntill she please.

5 (Who is this that commeth vp out of the wildernesse, leaning vpon her welbeloued?) I raised thee vp vnder an apple tree: there thy mother conceiued thee: there shee conceiued that bare thee.

6 [d] Set me as a seale on thine heart, & as a signet vpon thine arme: for loue is strong as death: iealousie is cruell as the graue: the coles therof are fierie coles, and a vehement flame.

7 Much water cannot quench loue, neither can the floodes drowne it: If a man should giue all the substance of his house for loue, they would greatly contemne it.

8 [e] We haue a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister when she shalbe spoken for?

9 [f] If thee be a wall, we will build vpon her a siluer palace: and if she be a doore, wee will keepe her in with boords of Cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breastes are as towers: then was I in his eyes as one that findeth peace.

11 [g] Salomon had a vine in Baal-hamon: hee gaue the vineyard vnto keepers: euerie one bringeth for the fruit therof a thousand pieces of siluer.

12 But my vineyard which is mine, is before me: to thee, O Salomon, appertaineth a thousand pieces of siluer, and two hundreth to them that keepe the fruit thereof.

13 O thou that dwellest in the [h] gardens, the companions hearken vnto thy voyce: cause me to heare it.

14 O my welbeloued, [i] flee away, and be like vnto the Roe, or to the yong Hart vpon the mountaines of spices.

a He describeth the comely beautie of the Church in euery part, which is to be vnderstood spiritually.
b Read Chap. 4.5.
c He delighteth to come neere thee, & to be in thy companie.
‖ Or, *Galaries.*
d This the spouse speaketh.
e If the people that are called to Christ bring forth any fruit.
a The Church called of the Gentiles speaketh thus to the Church of Ierusalem.
‖ Or, *meet.*
b Reade Chap. 2.6.
c Reade Chap. 3.5.
d The spouse desireth Christ to be ioyned in perpetuall loue with him.
e The Iewish Church speaketh this of the church of the Gentiles.
f If she be sure & fast, this is meet for the husband to dwell in.
g The Church promiseth fidelitie & constancie.
h This is the vineyard of the Lord hired out, Matth. 21.33.
i Christ dwelleth in his Church, whose voyce the faithfull heare.
k The Church desireth Christ that if he depart from them, yet that he would haste to helpe them in their troubles.

Isaiah.

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GOd, according to his promise, Deut. 18.15. that he would neuer leaue his Church destitute of a Prophet, hath from time to time accomplished the same: whose office was not onely to declare vnto the people the things to come, whereof they had a speciall reuelation, but also to interpret and declare the Law, and to apply particularly the doctrine contained briefly therein, to the vtilitie and

profit of thoſe, to whom they thought it chiefly to appertaine, and as the time & ſtate of things required. And priucipally in the declaration of the Law they had reſpect to three things, which were the ground of their doctrine: Firſt to the doctrine contained briefly in the two tables: ſecondly, to the promiſes and threatnings of the Law: and thirdly, to the couenant of grace and reconciliation, grounded vpon our Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt, who is the end of the Law. Whereunto they neither added not diminiſhed, but faithfully expounded the ſenſe and meaning therof. And according as God gaue them vnderſtanding of things, they applied the promiſes particularly for the comfort of the Church and the members thereof, and alſo denounced the menaces againſt the enemies of the ſame: not for any care or regard to the enemies, but to aſſure the Church of their ſafegard by the deſtruction of their enemies. And as touching the doctrine of reconciliation, they haue more clearely intreated it then Moſes, & ſet forth more liuely Ieſus Chriſt, in whom this couenant of reconciliation was made. In all theſe things Iſaiah did excell all the Prophets, and was moſt diligent to ſet out the ſame, with moſt vehement admonitions, reprehenſions, and conſolations: euer applying the doctrine, as he ſaw that ỹ diſeaſe of the people required. He declareth alſo many notable prophecies which he had receiued of God, as touching the promiſe of the Meſſiah, his office and his kingdome. Alſo of the fauour of God toward his Church, the vocation of the Gentiles, and their vnion with the Iewes. Which are as moſt principall points contained in this booke, and a gathering of his Sermons that he preached. Which after certaine dayes that they had ſtood vpon the Temple doore (for the maner of the Prophets was to ſet vp the ſumme of their doctrine for certaine dayes, that the people might the better marke it, as Iſa. 8. 1. and Habbak. 2. 2.) the Prieſts tooke it downe and reſerued it among the regiſters: and ſo by Gods prouidence theſe bookes were preſerued as a monument to the Church for euer. As touching his perſon and time, he was of the kings ſtocke (for Amos his father was brother to Azariah King of Iudah, as the beſt writers agree) and prophecied more then 64. yeeres, from the time of Vzziah vnto the reigne of Manaſſeh, whoſe father in law he was (as the Ebrewes write) and of whom he was put to death. And in reading of the Prophets, this one thing among other is to be obſerued, that they ſpeake of things to come, as though they were now paſt, becauſe of the certainty thereof, and that they could not but come to paſſe, becauſe God had ordained them in his ſecret counſell, and ſo reuealed them to his Prophets.

1. Tom. Ador. Ant. 23. Ioſeph. Egesip. Hegesip.

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CHAP. I.

2 Iſaiah reproueth the Iewes of their ingratitude and ſtubbornes, that neither for benefits nor puniſhment would amend. 11 He ſheweth why their ſacrifices are reiected, and wherein Gods true ſeruice ſtandeth. 24 He propheſieth of the deſtruction of Ieruſalem, 25 and of the reſtitution thereof.

a That is, a reuelation, or propheſie, which was one of the two meanes, whereby God declared himſelfe to his ſeruants in olde time, as Numb. 12. 6. and therefore the Prophets were called Seers, 1. Sam. 9. 9.

b Iſaiah was chiefly ſent to Iuda and Ieruſalem, but not only: for in this booke are propheſies concerning other nations alſo.

THE a viſion of Iſaiah, the ſonne of Amoz, which he ſawe b concerning Iudah and Ieruſalem in the dayes of c Vzziah, Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah Kings of Iudah.

2 Heare, O d heauens, and hearken, O earth: for the Lord hath ſaid, I haue nourished and brought vp e children, but they haue rebelled againſt me.

3 The f ore knoweth his owner, and the aſſe his maſters crib, but Iſrael hath not knowen: my people hath not vnderſtood.

4 Ah, ſinfull nation, a people laden with iniquitie: a g ſeede of the wicked, corrupt children: they haue forſaken the Lord: they haue prouoked the h holy one of Iſrael to anger: they are gone backward.

5 Wherefore ſhould yee be i ſmitten any more? for yee fall away more and more: the whole k head is ſicke, and the whole heart is heauie.

6 From the l ſole of the foot vnto ỹ head, there is nothing whole therein, but wounds and ſwelling, and ſores full of corruption: they haue not bene wrapped, m nor bound vp nor mollified with oyle.

7 Your land is waſte: your cities are burnt with fire: ſtrangers deuoure your land in your preſence, and it is deſolate like the ouerthrow n of ſtrangers.

8 And the daughter of o Zion ſhall remaine like a cottage in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumers, and like a beſieged citie.

9 Except the Lord of hoſtes p had reſerued vnto vs, euen a ſmall remnant, wee ſhould haue beene as q Sodome, and ſhould haue bene like vnto Gomorah.

10 Heare the word of the Lord, O r princes of Sodome: hearken vnto the Lawe of our God, O people of Gomorah.

11 What haue I to doe with the multitude of your ſacrifices, ſaith the Lord? I am full of the burnt offrings of rams, and of the fat of fed beaſts: and I t deſire not the blood of bullocks, nor of lambs, nor of goats.

12 When ye come to appeare before mee, who required this of your hands to tread in my courts?

13 Bring no more oblations: u in vaine: incenſe is an abomination vnto me: I cannot ſuffer your new moones, nor Sabbaths, nor ſolemne dayes (it is iniquitie) nor ſolemne aſſemblies.

c Called alſo Azariah, 2. King. 15. 1. of theſe Kings, read 2. King. from chap. 14 vnto chap. 21. and 2. Chro. from chap. 25. vnto chap. 33.

d Becauſe men were obſtinate and inſenſible, hee calleth to the dombe creatures, which were more prompt to obey Gods word, as Deut. 32. 1.

e Hee declareth his great mercy toward the Iewes, foraſmuch as he choſe them aboue al other nations to be his people and children, as Deut. 10. 15.

f The moſt brutt & dull beaſts do more acknowledge their duty toward their maſters, then my people do toward me, of whom they haue receiued benefits without compariſon.

g They were not only wicked, as were their fathers, but vtterly curſt, & by their euil example infected others.

h That is, him that ſanctifieth Iſrael.

i What auaileth it to ſeeke to amend you by puniſhment, ſeeing the more I correct you, the more ye rebell?

k By naming the chiefe parts of the body he ſignifieth, that there was no part of the whole body of the Iewes free from his rods.

l Euery part of the body, as well the leaſt as the chiefeſt was plagued.

m Their plagues were ſo grieuous that they were incurable, & yet they would not repent.

n Meaning, of them that dwell farre off, which becauſe they looke not for aduantage of that that remaineth, deſtroy all before them.

o That is, Ieruſalem.

p Becauſe that he will euer haue a Church to call vpon his Name.

q That is, all deſtroyed.

r Ye that for your vices deſerued all to be deſtroyed as they of Sodom, ſaue that God of his mercy reſerued a litle number Lam. 3 22.

s Although God commanded theſe ſacrifices for a time as aydes and exercies of their faith: yet becauſe the people had not faith nor repentance, God deſpiſeth them, Pſal. 50. 13. Ier. 6. 20. Amos. 5. 21 Mich. 6. 7.

t Without faith and repentance.

u Your sacrifices offred in the new moones and your appointed feastes: they are a burden vnto me: I am weary to beare them.

15 And when you shall stretch out your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: and though you make many prayers, I will not heare: for your hands are full x of blood.

16 y Wash you, make you cleane: take away the euill of your workes from before mine eyes: cease to do euill.

17 Learne to z do well: seeke iudgement, relieue the oppressed: iudge the fatherlesse and defend the widow.

18 Come now, a let vs reason together, saith the Lorde: though your sinnes were as crimsin, they shall bee made b white as snowe: though they were redde like scarlet, they shall be as woolle.

19 If ye c consent and obey, ye shall eate the good things of the land.

20 But if ye refuse and be rebellious, ye shall bee deuoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

21 How is the d faithfull citie become an harlot? It was full of iudgement, and iustice lodged therein, but nowe e they are murtherers.

22 Thy f siluer is become drosse: thy wine is mixt with water.

23 Thy princes are rebellious and companions of g theeues: euery one loueth gifres, and followeth after rewards: they iudge not the fatherlesse, neither doeth the widowes cause come before them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord God of hosts, the h mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will i ease me of mine aduersaries, and auenge me of mine enemies.

25 Then will I turne mine hand vpon thee, and purge out thy drosse, til it k be pure, and take away all thy tinne.

26 l And I will restore thy iudges as at the first, and thy counsellers as at the beginning: afterward thalt thou bee called a citie of righteousnesse, and a faithfull citie.

27 Zion shall be redeemed in iudgement, and they that returne in her, in m iustice.

14 My soule hateth your n new moones and your appointed feastes: they are a burden vnto me: I am weary to beare them.

15 And when you shall stretch out your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: and though you make many prayers, I will not heare: for your hands are full x of blood.

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27 Zion shall be redeemed in iudgement, and they that returne in her, in m iustice.

28 And the n destruction of the transgressours and of the sinners shall bee together: and they that forsake the Lord, shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be confounded for the o okes, which yee haue desired, and yee shall bee ashamed of the gardens, that yee haue chosen.

30 For yee shall be as an oke, whose leafe fadeth: and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as p towe, and the maker thereof as a sparke: and they shall both burne together, and none shall quench them.

x your confidence, shall be consumed as easily, as a piece of tow.

CHAP. II.

2 The Church shall bee restored by Christ, and the Gentiles called. 6 The punishment of the rebellious and obstinate.

THe word that Esaiah the sonne of Amoz saw vpon Iudah and Ierusalem.

2 a It q shall be in the last dayes, that the mountaine of the house of the Lord shall bee prepared in the top of the mountaines, and b shall be exalted aboue the hils, and all nations shall c flow vnto it.

3 And many people shall go, r say, Come, and let vs goe vp to the d mountaine of the Lorde, to the house of the God of Iaakob, and he will teach vs his wayes, and we will walke in his pathes: s for the e Lawe shall goe foorth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from f Ierusalem.

4 And hee t shall iudge among the nations, and u rebuke many people: they shall v breake their swordes also into mattockes, and their speares into sithes: nation shal not lift vp a sword against nation, neither shall they learne w to fight any more.

5 O house of Iaakob, come yee, and let vs x walke in the light of the Lord.

6 Surely thou y hast forsaken thy people, the house of Iaakob, because they are z full of the East maners, and are sorcerers as the Philistims, a and abound with strange children.

7 Their land also was ful of b siluer and golde, and there was none end of their treasures: and their land was full of horses, and their charets were infinite.

8 Their land also was full of idols: they worshipped the worke of their owne hands,

n The wicked shall not be partakers of Gods promise, Psal. 92. 9.

o That is, the trees and pleasant places, where ye commit idolatrie, which was forbidden, Deut. 16. 22.

p The false god, wherein ye put your confidence, shall be consumed as easily, as a piece of tow.

q Micah 4. 1.

a The decree and ordinance of God, touching the restauration of the Church, which is chiefly meant of the time of Christ.

b An euident place to be seene and discerned.

c When y kingdome of Christ shall be enlarged by the preaching of the doctrine. Here also is declared the zeale of the children of God, when they are called.

d Alluding to mount Zion, where the visible Church then was. Micah 4. 2.

e Meaning, the whole doctrine of Saluation.

f This was accomplished, when the Gospel was first preached in Ierusalem, and from thence went through all the world.

g The Lord, which is Christ, shall haue all power given him.

h That they may acknowledge their sinnes, and turne to him.

i Hee sheweth the fruite of the peace, which the Gospel should bring, to wit, that men should doe good one to another, whereas before they were enemies.

k He speaketh not against the vse of weapons and lawfull warre, but sheweth how the hearts of the godly shall bee affected one toward another: which peace and loue doeth beginne and growe in this life, but shall be perfited, when we are ioyned with our head Christ Iesus.

l Seeing the Gentiles will be so ready make you haste, and shew them the way to worship God.

m The Prophet seeing the small hope, that the Iewes would conuert, complaineth to God, as though he had vtterly forsaken them for their sinnes.

n Full of the corruptions that reigned chiefly in the East parts.

o They altogether giue themselues to the fashions of other nations.

p The Prophet first condemned their superstition and idolatry, next their courtousnesse, and thirdly, their vaine trust in worldly meanes.

q He noteth the nature of the idolaters which are neuer satisfied in their superstitions.

which their owne fingers haue made.

9 And a man bowed himselfe, and a man s humbled himselfe: therefore t spare them not.

10 Enter into the rocke, and hide thee in the dust from before the feare of the Lorde, and from the glory of his maiestie.

11 The hie looke of man shalbe humbled, and the loftinesse of men shall be abased, and the Lord onely shall be exalted in t that day.

12 For the day of the Lorde of hostes is vpon all the proud and hautie, and vpon all that is exalted: and it shall be made low.

13 Euen vpon all the Cedars of Lebanon, that are hie and exalted, and vpon all the okes of Bashan,

14 And vpon all the high u mountaines, and vpon all the hilles that are lifted vp,

15 And vpon euery high tower, and vpon euery strong wall,

16 And vpon all x the ships of Tarshish, and vpon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the hautinesse of men shall bee brought lowe, and the loftinesse of men shall be abased, and the Lorde shall onely be exalted in that day.

18 And the idoles will he vtterly destroy.

19 Then they shall goe x into the holes of the rockes, and into the caues of the earth, from before the feare of the Lorde, and from the glory of his maiesty, when he shall arise to destroy the earth.

20 At that day shall man cast away his siluer idoles, and his golden idoles (which they had made themselues to worship them) x to the mowles, and to the backes,

21 To goe into the holes of the rockes, and into the toppes of the ragged rockes, from before the feare of the Lord, and from the glory of his maiesty, when he shall rise to destroy the earth.

22 Cease you from the man whose breath is in his nostrels: for wherein is hee to bee esteemed?

r Thus the Prophet spake, being inflamed with the zeale of Gods glory, and that he might feare them with Gods iudgement.

s Meaning, as soone as God shal begin to execute his iudgements.

t By high trees and mountaines are meant them that are proud, and lofty, and thinke themselues most strong in this world.

u He condemneth their vaine confidence, which they had in strong holdes, and in their rich merchandise, which brought in vaine pleasures, wherewith mens mindes became effeminate. *Hose.* 10. 8 *Luke* 23. 30. *reuel* 6. 16 *and* 9. 6.

x They shal cast them into most vile and filthy places, when they perceiue that they are not able to helpe them.

y Cast off your vaine confidence of man, whose life is so fraile, that if his nose be stopped, he is dead, and consider that ye haue to do with God.

CHAP. III.

1 *For the sin of the people God will take away the wise men & giue them foolish princes.* 14 *The couetousnesse of the gouernours.* 16 *The pride of the women.*

FOr loe, the Lorde God of hostes will take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay a and the strength: euen all the stay of bread, and all the stay of water,

2 The strong man, and the man of warre, the iudge and the Prophet, the prudent and the aged,

3 The captaine of fifte, and the honourable, and the counseller, and the cunning artificer, and b the eloquent man.

4 And I will appoynt c children to be their princes, and babes shall rule ouer them.

5 The people shall bee c oppressed one of another, and euery one by his neighbour: the children shall presume against the ancient, and the vile against the honourable.

6 When euery one shal take hold of his brother of the house of his father, and say, Thou hast clothing: thou shalt bee our prince, and let this fall be vnder thine hand:

7 In that day he shall sweare, saying, I cannot be an helper: for there is no bread in mine house, nor clothing: therefore make me no prince of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is fallen, & Judah is fallen downe, because their tongue and workes are against the Lorde, to prouoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The d triall of their countenance testifieth against them, yea, they declare their sinnes, as Sodome, they hide them not. Woe be vnto their soules: for they haue rewarded euill vnto themselues.

10 e Say ye, Surely it shall bee well with the iust: for they shall eate the fruite of their workes.

11 Woe be to the wicked, it shall bee euill with him: for the reward of his handes shall be giuen him.

12 f Children are extortioners of my people, and women haue rule ouer them: O my people, they that leade thee, cause thee to erre, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The Lorde standeth vp to pleade, yea, he standeth to iudge the people.

14 The Lord shall enter into iudgement with the g ancients of his people and the princes thereof: for ye haue eaten vp the vineyarde: the spoyle of the poore is in your houses.

15 What haue ye to doe, that ye beate my people to pieces, h and grinde the faces of the poore, saith the Lord, euen the Lord of hostes?

16 The Lord also sayeth, i Because the daughters of Zion are hautie, and walke with k stretched out neckes, and with l wandering eyes, walking and m minsing as they go, and making a n tinkling with their feete,

17 Therefore shall the Lorde make the heads of the daughters of Zion balde, and the Lord shall discouer their secret parts.

18 In that day shall the Lorde take away the ornament of the slippers, and the calles, and the round tiers,

19 The sweete balles, and the bracelets, and the bonnets,

20 The tyres of the head, and the slops, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earerings,

21 The rings, and the nunskers,

22 The costly apparell and the vailes, and the wimples and the crisping pinnes,

23 And the glasses, and the fine linnen,

a Because they trusted in their abundance and prosperity, he sheweth that they should be taken from them.

b The temporall gouernour and the minister.

c By these he meaneth that God would take away euery thing that was in any estimation, & wherein they had any occasion to vaine themselues.

d Not onely in age, but in witte, maners, knowledge and strength.

e For lacke of good regiment and order.

f He sheweth that this plague shalbe so horrible, that contrarie to the common maner of men, which by nature are ambitious, none shall be found able or willing to be their gouernour.

g Feare shall rather cause him to forsweare himselfe, then to take such a dangerous charge vpon him.

h When God shall examine their deedes, whereupon they now set an impudent face, he shall find the marke of their impiety in their forehead.

i Be ye that are godly assured that God will defend you in the middes of these troubles.

k Because the wicked people were more addict to their princes, then to the commandements of God, he sheweth that he would giue them such princes, by whom they should haue no helpe, but that should be manifest tokens of his wrath, because they should be fooles and effeminate.

l Meaning, that the rulers and gouernours had destroyed his Church, and not preserued it according to their duety.

m That is, yet shew all crueley against them.

n He menaceth the people, because of the arrogancie and pride of their women, which gaue themselues to all wantonnesse and dissolution.

o Which declared their pride.

p As a signe, that they were not chaste.

q Which shewed their wantonnesse.

r They delited then in slippers that did creake, or had little plates sowed vpon them, which tinkled as they went.

and

f In rehearsing all these things particularly, he sheweth the lightnesse and vanitie of such as cannot be content with comely apparell according to their degree.

and the hoods, and the f launes.

24 And in stead of sweete sauour there shal be stinke, and in stead of a girdle, a rent, and in stead of dressing of the haire, baldnes, and in stead of a stomacher, a girding of sackcloth, and burning in stead of beautie.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy strength in the battell.

26 Then shall her gates mourne and lament, and she being desolate shal sit vpon the ground.

t Meaning, that God will not onely punish the women, but their husbands, which haue suffered this dissolutenesse, and also the common wealth, which hath not remedied it.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The small remnant of men after the destruction of Ierusalem. 2 The graces of God vpon them that remaine.

a When God shall execute this vengeance, there shall not be one man found to be the head to many women, and they, contrary to womanly shamefastnesse, shall seeke vnto men, and offer themselues to any condition.

AND in that day shall a seuen women take holde of one man, saying, Wee will eate our owne bread, and wee will weare our owne garments: onely b let vs bee called by thy name, and take away our c reproch.

b Be thou our husband, and let vs be called thy wiues.

c For so they thought it, to be without an head and husband.

2 In that day shall the d bud of the Lord be beautifull and glorious, and the fruite of the earth shall bee excellent and pleasant for them that are escaped of Israel.

d He comforteth the Church in this desolation, which shall spring vp like a bud, signifying that Gods graces should be as plentifull to ward the faithful, as though they sprang out of the earth, as Chap. 45. 8. Some by the bud of the Lord, meane Christ.

3 Then he that shalbe left in Zion, and he that shal remaine in Ierusalem, shall be called holy, and euery one shall be e written among the liuing in Ierusalem,

e He alludeth to the booke of life, whereof reade Exod. 32. 32. meaning Gods secret counsell, wherein his elect are predestinate to life euerlasting.

4 When the Lord shall wash the filthines of the daughters of Zion, and purge the f blood of Ierusalem out of the mids thereof by the spirit of s iudgement, and by the spirit of burning.

f That is, the cruelty, extortion, auarice, and all wickednesse.

5 And the Lord shall create vpon euery place of mount Zion, & vpon the assemblies thereof, h a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for vpon all the glory shall be a defence.

g When things shall be redressed that were amisse.

6 And a couering shal be for a shadow in the day for the heate, & a place of refuge, and a couert for the storme k and for the raine.

h He alludeth to the pillar of the cloud, Exod. 13. 21. meaning, that Gods sauour and protection should appeare in euery place.

i The faithful are called the glory of God, because his image, and tokens of his grace shine in them.

k God promiseth to be the defence of his Church against all troubles and dangers.

CHAP. V.

1 Vnder the similitude of the vine, hee describeth the state of the people. 8 Of their auarice, 11 Their drunkennesse. 13 Of their captiuitie.

NOw will a I sing to my beloued a song of my beloued touching his vineyard. b My beloued had a c vineyard in a very fruitfull hill,

a The Prophet by this song doeth set before the peoples eyes their ingratitude, and Gods mercy.

b That is, to God. *Iere. 2. 21. matth. 21. 33.*

2 And he hedged it, and gathered out the stones of it, and planted it with the best plants, d and built a tower in the mids thereof, and made a winepresse therein: then he looked that it should bring foorth grapes, but it brought e foorth wilde grapes.

c Meaning, that he had planted his Church in a place most plentifull and abundant.

d He spared no diligence nor cost.

e In the seuenth verse he declareth what they were.

3 Now therefore, O inhabitants of Ierusalem, and men of Iudah, iudge, I pray you, f betweene me and my vineyard.

f Hee maketh them iudges in their owne cause, forasmuch as it was euident that they were the cause of their owne ruine.

4 What could I haue done any more to my vineyarde, that I haue not done vnto it? why haue I looked that it should bring foorth grapes, and it bringeth foorth wilde grapes?

g I will take no more care for it: meaning that he would take from them his word and ministers, and all other comforts, and send them contrary plagues.

5 And now I will tell you what I will doe to my vineyard: I g will take away the hedge thereof, and it shalbe eaten vp: I will breake the wall thereof, and it shal be troden downe:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shal not bee cut, nor digged, but briers, and thornes shall grow vp: I will also command the cloudes that they raine no raine vpon it.

7 Surely the vineyard of the Lord of hostes is the house of Israel, and the men of Iudah are his pleasant plant, and hee looked for h iudgement, but beholde oppression: for righteousnesse, but beholde i a crying.

h Iudgement & righteousnesse are true fruits of the feare of God, and therefore in the stead oppressors there is no religion.

i Of them that are oppressed.

8 Woe vnto them that ioyne house to house, and lay fielde to fielde, till there bee no k place, that ye may be placed by your selues in the mids of the earth.

k To wit, for the poore to dwell in.

9 This is in mine l eares, saith the Lord of hostes. Surely many houses shall bee desolate, euen great, and faire without inhabitant.

l I haue heard the complaint and cry of the poore.

10 For ten acres of vines shall yeelde one m bath, and the seede of an n homer shal yeeld an o ephah.

m Which containeth about ten pottels: so that euery acre should but yeeld one pottell.

n Which containeth an hundreth pottels.

o An ephah containeth ten pottels, and is in drie things as much as Bath is in licours.

11 Woe vnto them that p rise vp early to follow drunkennesse, and to them that continue vntill q night, till the wine doe inflame them.

p That spare no paine nor diligence to follow their lusts.

12 And the harpe, and viole, timbrell, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they regard not the r worke of the Lord, neither consider the worke of his hands.

q Which are neuer wearie of their rioting and excessiue pleasures: but vse all meanes to prouoke to the same.

13 Therefore my people s is gone into captiuitie, because they had t no knowledge, and the glory thereof are men famished, and the multitude thereof is dried vp with thirst.

r They regard not the prouident care of God ouer them, nor for what end hee hath created them.

14 Therefore u hell hath enlarged it selfe, and hath opened his mouth without measure, and their glory, & their multitude, and their pompe, and hee that reioyceth among them, shall descend into it.

s That is, shall certainely goe: for so the Prophets vse to speake, as though the thing which shall come to passe, were done already.

t Because they would not obey the word of God.

15 And man shall be brought downe, and man shall bee humbled, euen the eyes of the proud shall be humbled.

u Meaning, the graue shall swallow vp them that shall die for hunger and thirst, and yet for all this great destruction, it shall neuer be satiate.

16 And the Lord of hostes shall be exalted in iudgement, & the holy God shall be sanctified in iustice.

x God comforteth the poore lambes of his Church which had bene strangers in other countreys, promising that they should dwell in those places againe, whereof they had bene deprived by the fat and cruell tyrants.

17 Then shall x the lambes feed after their maner, and the strangers shall eate the desolate places of the fat.

18 ¶ Woe vnto them that draw iniquity with y cordes of vanity, and sinne, as with cart ropes:

19 Which say, z Let him make speede: let him hasten his worke that we may see it: and let the counsell of the holy One of Israel draw neere and come, that wee may knowe it.

20 Woe vnto them that speake good of euill, and euill of good, which put darkenesse for light, and light for darkenesse, that put bitter for sweete, and sweet for sowre.

21 Woe vnto them that are a wise in their owne eyes, and prudent in their owne sight.

22 Woe vnto them that are b mighty to drinke wine, and to them that are strong to powre in strong drinke:

23 Which iustifie the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousnesse of the righteous from him.

24 Therefore as the flame of fire deuoureth the stubble, and as the chaffe is consumed of the flame: so their c roote shall be as rottennesse, and their bud shall rise vp like dust, because they haue cast off the Lawe of the Lord of hostes, and contemned the word of the holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the wrath of the Lorde kindled against his people, and he hath stretched out his d hand vpon them, e hath smitten them that the mountaines did tremble: and their carkeises were torne in the mids of the streetes, and for all this his wrath was not turned away, but his hande was stretched out still.

26 And hee will lift vp a signe f vnto the nations afarre, g will hisse vnto them from the end of the earth: and beholde, they shall come hastily with speed.

27 None shall h faint nor fal among them: none shall slumber nor sleepe, neither shall the girdle of his loynes bee loosed, nor i the latchet of his shooes be broken:

28 Whose arrowes shalbe sharpe, and all his bowes bent: his horse hooues shall bee thought like flint, and his wheeles like a whirlewind.

29 His roaring shall be like a lion, and he shal roare like lions whelps: they shall k roare and lay hold of the pray: they shall take it away, and none shall deliuer it.

30 And in that day they shall roare vpon them, as the roaring of the sea: and if k they looke vnto the earth, behold darkenesse, and sorow, and the light shal be darkened in their l skie.

a God sheweth not himselfe to man in his maiestie, but according as mans capacitie is able to coprehend him, that is, by visible signes, as Iohn Baptist saw the holy Ghost in the forme of a doue.

b As a iudge ready to giue sentence.

c Of his garment, or of his throne.

d They were Angels, so called, because they were of the fierie color, to signifie that they burnt in the loue of God, or were light as fire to execute his will.

e Signifying, that they were not able to endure the brightnesse of Gods glory.

f Whereby was declared that man was not able to see the brightnesse of God in them.

g Which thing declareth the prompt obedience of the Angels to execute Gods commandement.

h This often repetition signifieth, that the holy Angels cannot satisfie themselues in praysing God, to teach vs that in all our liues wee should giue our selues to the continuall prayse of God.

i His glory doeth not onely appeare in the heauens, but through all the world, and therefore all creatures are bound to prayse him.

k Which things were to confirme the Prophet that it was not the voice of man: and by the smoke was signified the blindnesse that should come vpon the Iewes.

l Hee speaketh this for two causes: the one, because he that was a mortal creature, and therefore had more need to glorifie God then the Angels, did it not: and the other, because the more neerer that man approcheth to God, the more doth hee know his owne sinne and corruption.

m Of the burnt offerings, where the fire neuer went out.

n This declareth that man cannot render true obedience to God, til he hath purged vs.

o Whereby is declared that for the malice of man God will not immediatly take away his word, but he will cause it to be preached to their condemnation, when as they will not learne thereby to obey his will, and be saued: hereby he exhorteth the ministers to do their duety, and answereth to the wicked murmurers, that through their owne malice their heart is hardened, Matth. 13. 14. Acts 28. 26. Rom. 11. 8.

p As he was moued with the zeale of Gods glory, so was he touched with a charitable affection toward the people.

begin to feele them.

f He will make the Babylonians to come against them at his becke, and to fight vnder his standerd.

g They shall be prompt, and lusty to execute Gods vengeance.

h The enemie shall haue none impediment.

i Whereby is declared the cruelty of the enemy.

k The Iewes shall finde no succour.

l In the hand of Iudah

CHAP. VI.

1 Isaiah sheweth his vocation by the vision of the diuine maiesty. 9 How sheweth the obstinacy of the people. 11 The destruction of the lande. 13 The remnant reserued.

IN the yeere of the death of king Vzziah, a I saw also the Lord sitting vpon an b high throne, and lifted vp, and the lower c partes thereof filled the Temple.

2 The d Seraphims stood vpon it: euery one had sixe wings: with twaine he couered his e face, and with twaine hee couered his e feet, and with twaine he did e flie.

3 And one cryed to another, and sayde, h Holy, holy, holy is the Lorde of hostes: the whole i world is full of his glory.

4 And the lintels of the doore cheekes k mooued at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, l Woe is me: for I am vndone, because I am a man of polluted lips, and I dwell in the mids of a people of polluted lips: for mine eyes haue seene the King and Lord of hostes.

6 Then flew one of the Seraphims vnto me with an hot cole in his hande, which hee had taken from the m altar with the tongs:

7 And hee touched my mouth, and sayd, Loe, this hath toucheth thy lips, and thine iniquity shall be taken away, and thy n sinne shall be purged.

8 Also I heard the voyce of the Lorde, saying, ¶Whom shall I send? and who shall goe for vs? Then I sayd, Here am I, send mee.

9 And he sayd, Go, and say vnto this people, o Ye shall heare in deede, but ye shall not vnderstand: ye shall plainly see, and not perceiue.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, make their eares heauy, and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, & vnderstand with their hearts, and conuert, and he heale them.

11 Then said I, Lord, p how long? And hee answered, Vntill the cities bee wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be vtterly desolate,

12 And the Lorde haue removed men farre away, and there be a great desolation in the mids of the land.

13 But

Hezekiah Hezekiah Manasseh Iotham Ahaz

13 But yet in it shalbe q a tenth, and shall returne, and shall be eaten vp as an elme r or as an oke, which haue a substance in them, when they cast their leaues: so the holy seede shall be the substance thereof.

CHAP. VII.

1 Jerusalem besieged. 4 Isaiah comforteth the King. 14 Christ is promised. 18 Ephraim is punished.

AND in the dayes of s Ahaz, the sonne of Iotham, the sonne of Vzziah King of Iudah, Rezin the King of ‖ Aram t came vp, and Pekah the sonne of Remaliah king of Israel, to Ierusalem to fight against it, but he could not ouercome it.

2 And it was told the house of u Dauid, saying, Aram is ioyned with x Ephraim: therefore his heart was y mooued, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are mooued by the winde.

3 ¶ Then said the Lord vnto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz (thou and z Sheariashub thy sonne) at the ende of the conduite of the vpper poole, in the path of the fullers field,

4 And say vnto him, Take heede, and be still: feare not, neither bee faint hearted for the two tailes of these smoking a firebrands, for the furious wrath of Rezin and of Aram, and of Remaliahs sonne:

5 Because Aram hath taken wicked counsell against thee, and Ephraim, and Remaliahs sonne, saying,

6 Let vs goe vp against Iudah, and let vs waken them vp, and make a breach therein for vs, and set a king in the mids thereof, euen the sonne of b Tabeal.

7 Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it be.

8 For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin: & within fiue and c threescore yeere Ephraim shall be destroyed from being a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliahs sonne. If ye beleeue not, surely ye shall not be established.

10 ¶ And the Lord spake againe vnto Ahaz, saying,

11 Aske d a signe for thee of the Lord thy God: aske it, either in the depth beneath, or in the height aboue.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not aske, neither will I e tempt the Lord.

13 Then hee said, Heare you now, O house of Dauid, Is it a small thing for you to grieue f men, that yee will also grieue my God?

14 Therefore the Lorde g himselfe will giue you a signe. Behold, the virgine shall conceiue and beare a sonne, and she shall call his name ‖ Immanu-el.

15 h Butter and hony shall he eate, till he haue knowledge to refuse the euill, & to chuse the good.

16 For afore the i child shall haue knowledge to eschew the euill, & to chuse the good, the land that thou abhorrest, shal be forsaken of both her kings.

17 The Lord shall bring vpon thee, and vpon thy people, and vpon thy fathers house (the dayes that haue not come from the day that k Ephraim departed from Iudah) euen the king of l Ashur.

18 And in that day shall the Lord hisse for the m flie that is at the vttermost part of the floods of Egypt, and for the bee which is in the land of Ashur,

19 And they shall come and shall light all in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rockes, and vpon all thorny places, and vpon all bushie n places.

20 In that day shall the Lord shaue with a rasor that is hired, euen by them beyond the riuer, by the king of Ashur, the head and the haire of the o feete, and it shall consume the beard.

21 And in the same day shall a man p nourish a yong kow, and two sheepe.

22 And for the q abundance of milke that they shall giue, he shall eate butter: for butter and hony shall euery one eate, which is left within the land.

23 And at r same day euery place, wherein shalbe a thousand vines, shall be at a thousand piece of siluer: it shalbe for the briers and for the thornes.

24 With arrowes and with s bowe shall one come thither: because all the land shall be briers and thornes.

25 But on t all u mountaines which shal be digged with the mattocke, there shall not come thither the feare of briers and thornes: but they shall bee for the sending out of bullockes, and for the treading of sheepe.

q Meaning, the tenth part: or as some write, it was reueiled to Isaiah for the confirmation of his prophesie, that ten kings should come before their captiuity, as were from Vzziah to Zedekiah. r For the fewnesse they shall seeme to be eaten vp: yet they shall after florish as a tree, which in winter looseth his leaues, and seemeth to bee dead, yet in summer is fresh and greene.

s 2 King. 16. 5.
‖ Or, Syria.
a To wit, the second time: for in the first battell Ahaz was ouercome.
b Meaning the Kings house.
c That is, Israel, because that tribe was the greatest, Gen. 48. 19.
d For feare.
e That is to say, the rest shall returne: which name Isaiah gaue his sonne, to signifie, that the rest of the people should returne out of their captiuitie.
f Which haue but a litle smoke, and shall quickly be quenched.
g Which was an Israelite, and as seemeth, enemie to the house of Dauid.
h Counting from the fiue & twentieth yeere of the reigne of Vzziah, at what time Amos prophesied this thing, and now Isaiah confirmeth that the Israelites should be led into perpetual captiuitie, which thing came to passe within twenty yeere after that Isaiah did this message.
i For the confirmation of this thing, that thine enemie shall be destroyed, and thou preserued.
k Not to beleeue Gods worde without signe, is to tempt God: but to refuse a signe when God offereth it for the ayde and helpe of our infirmitie, is to rebel against him.
l You thinke you haue to doe with men, when ye contemne Gods messengers: but it is God, against whom you bend your selues.
m Forasmuch as thou art vnworthy, the Lord for his owne promise sake will giue a signe, which shal be, that Christ the Sauiour of his Church and the effect of all signes and miracles, shall be reueiled.
Or, God with vs, which name can agree to none, but to him, that is both God and man.
n Meaning, that Christ is not only God but man also, because he shall be nourished as other men, vntill the age of discretion.
o Not meaning Christ, but any childe: for before a child can come to the yeeres of discretion, the Kings of Samaria and Syria shall be destroyed.
p Since the time that the twelue tribes rebelled vnder Roboam.
q In whom thou hast put thy trust.
r Meaning the Egyptians: for by reason the countrey is hot and moyst, it is full of Flies, as Assyria is full of Bees.
s Signifying, that no place shal be free from them.
t That is, that which is from the belly downward: meaning that he would destroy both great and small.
u Hee that before had a great number of cattel, shalbe content with one kow and two sheepe.
x The number of men shall be so small, that a few beasts shalbe able to nourish all abundantly.
y As they that goe to seeke wilde beasts among the bushes.
z The mountaines contrary to their woont, shall be tilled by such as shall flee to them for succour.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The captiuitie of Israel and Iudah by the Assyrians. 6 The infidelitie of the Iewes. 9 The destruction of the Assyrians. 14 Christ the stone of stumbling to the wicked. 19 The word of God must be inquired at.

MOreouer, the Lord said vnto me, Take thee a a great roll, and write in it b with a mans pen, Make speed to the spoile: haste to the praye.

a That thou mayest write in great letters, to the intent it may be more easily read.
b Meaning, after the common fashion: because all men might reade it.

2 Then I tooke vnto me [c] faithfull witnesses to record, Uriah the Priest, and Zechariah the sonne of Jeberechiah.

3 After, I came vnto the [d] Prophetesse, which conceiued, and bare a sonne. Then sayd the Lord to me, Call his name, ‖ Maher-shalalhash-baz.

4 For before [e] the child shall haue knowledge to cry, My father and my mother, [f] he shall take away the riches of Damascus, and the spoyle of Samaria, before the king of Ashur.

5 ¶ And the Lord spake yet againe vnto me, saying.

6 Because this people hath refused the waters of [g] Shiloah that runne softly, and reioyce with Rezin, and the sonne of Remaliah,

7 Now therefore beholde, the Lord bringeth vp vpon them the waters of [h] the River mightie and great, euen the king of Ashur with all his glory, and he shall come vp vpon all their riuers, and goe ouer all their bankes,

8 And shall breake into Judah, and shall ouerflow and passe through, and shall come vp to the [i] necke, and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O [k] Immanuel.

9 Gather together on heapes, O yee [l] people, and yee shall bee broken in pieces, and hearken all yee of farre countreys: gird your selues, and you shall be broken in pieces: gird your selues, and you shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, yet it shall bee brought to nought: pronounce a decree, yet shall it not stand: for God is with vs.

11 For the Lord spake thus to mee in taking [m] of mine hand, and taught mee, that I should not walke in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say yee not, A [n] confederacie to all them, to whom this people saieth a confederacie, neither feare you [o] their feare, nor bee afraid of them.

13 [p] Sanctifie the Lord of hosts, and let him be your feare, and let him be your dread,

14 And he shalbe as a [q] Sanctuarie: but as a stumbling stone, and as a rocke to fall vpon, to both the houses of Israel, and as a snare, and as a net to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and shall be broken, and shall be snared, and shalbe taken.

16 [r] Binde vp the testimonie: seale vp the Law among my disciples.

17 Therefore I will wait vpon the Lord that hath hid his face from the house of Iaakob, and I will looke for him.

18 Behold, I and the [s] children whom the Lord hath giuen me, are as signes [t] as wonders in Israel, [u] by the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 And when they shal say vnto you, Enquire at them that haue a spirite of diuination, [x] at the soothsayers, which whisper and murmure, [y] Should not a people enquire at their God? from the [z] liuing to the dead?

20 To the [a] Law, and to the testimonie, if they speake not according to this word: it is because there is no [b] light in them.

21 Then hee that is afflicted and famished, shall go to and fro in [c] it: and when he shall be hungry, hee shall euen fret himselfe, [d] and curse his king and his gods, and shall looke vpward.

22 And when he shall looke to the earth, behold trouble, and [e] darknesse, deration and anguish, and he is driuen to darknesse.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The vocation of the Gentiles.* 6 *A prophesie of Christ.* 9 *The destruction of the ten tribes for their pride and contempt of God.*

YET [a] the darkenes shall not bee according to the affliction, [b] that it had when at the first he touched lightly the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward when hee was more grieuous by the way of the sea beyond Jorden in Galile of [c] the Gentiles.

2 The people that [d] walked in darkenes, haue seene a great [e] light: they that dwelled in the land of the shadow of death, vpon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast [f] multiplied the nation, and not increased their ioy: they haue reioyced before thee according to the ioy in haruest, and as men reioyce when they diuide a spoyle.

4 For [g] the yoke of their burden, and the staffe of their shoulder, and the rod of their oppressour hast thou broken as in the day of Midian.

5 Surely euery battell of the warriour is

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e Because the thing was of great importance, he tooke these two witnesses, which were of credite with the people, when he sec this vp vpon the dore of the Temple, albeit Vriah was a flattering hypocrite. 2. King. 16. 11.

d Meaning, to his wife, and this was done in a vision.

‖ *Or, make speede to the spoile: haste to the praye.*

e Before any child be able to speake.

f That is, the armie of Assyria.

g Which was a fountaine at the foote of mount Zion, out of the which ran a small riuer through the citie: meaning, that they of Iudah distrusting their owne power, which was small, desired such power and riches as they saw in Syria and Israel.

h That is, the Assyrians, which dwel beyond Euphrates.

i It shall be ready to drowne them.

k He speaketh this to Messiah or Christ, in whom the faithfull were comforted, and who would not suffer his Church to be destroyed vtterly.

l To wit, ye that are enemies to the Church, as the Assyrians, Egyptians, Syrians, &c.

m To encourage me that I should not shrinke for the infidelitie of this people, and so neglect mine office.

n Consent not ye that are godly, to the league and friendship that this people seeke with strangers & idolaters.

o Meaning, that they should not feare the thing that they feared, which haue no hope in God.

p In putting your trust onely in him, in calling vpon him in aduersitie, patiently looking for his helpe, and fearing to do any thing contrary to his will.

q Hee will defend you which are his elect, and reiect all the rest, which is meant of Christ, against whom the Iewes should stumble and fall, Luke 2. 34. Rom. 9. 33. 1. Pet. 2. 7. 8.

r Though all forsake me, yet ye that are mine, keepe my word sure sealed in your hearts.

s Meaning them that were willing to heare & obey the word of God, whom the world hated, as though they were monsters and not worthy to liue.

t This was a consolation in their troubles, knowing that nothing could come vnto them, but by the will of the Lord.

u Answere the wicked thus, Should not Gods people seeke succour only at him?

x That is, Will they refuse to bee taught of the mouth of God, & seeke helpe at the dead, which is the illusion of Satan?

y Seeke remedy in the word of God where his will is declared.

z They haue no knowledge, but are blind leaders of the blind.

a That is, in Iudah, where they should haue had rest, if they had not thus grieuously offended God.

b In whom afore they put their trust.

c They shall thinke that heauen and earth and all creatures are bent against them to trouble them.

a He comforteth the Church againe after these great threatnings, promising to restore them to great glory in Messiah.

b Wherewith Israel was punished, first by Tiglath pilesar, which was a light scourge in respect of that which they suffered afterward by Shalmaneser, who caried the Israelites away captiues.

c Whereas the Iewes and Gentiles dwelt together by reason of those twentie cities, which Salomon gaue to Hiram.

d Which were captiue in Babylon: and the Prophet speaketh of that thing, which should come to passe three score yeeres after, as though it were now done.

e Meaning, the comfort of their deliuerance.

f This captiuitie and deliuerance were figures of our captiuitie by sinne, and of our deliuerance by Christ through the preaching of the Gospel, Matth. 4. 15, 16.

g Their number was greater when they went into captiuitie, then when they returned, but their ioy was greater at their returne, Hag. 2. 10.

h Thou giuest them perfite ioy, by deliuering them, and by destroying the tyrants that had kept them in cruell bondage, as thou didst deliuer them by Gideon from the Midianites, Iudg. 7. 22.

i He speaketh of the deliuerance of his Church, which he hath deliuered miraculously from his enemies, but specially by the comming of Christ, of whom he prophecieth in the next verse.

k The authour of eternity, and by whom the Church and euery member there of shal be preserued for euer, and haue immortall life.

l His singular loue and care for his elect.

m This is another prophesie against them of Samaria, which were mockers, & contemners of Gods promises and menaces.

n We were but weake, when the enemie ouercame vs, but we will make our selues so strong, that we will neither care for our enemies, nor feare Gods threatnings.

o Rezin king of Syria, who was in league with Israel, was slaine by the Assyrians, after whose death, Aram, that is, the Syrians were against Israel, which on the other side were assisted by the Philistims.

p Wickednes, as a bellowes kindleth the fire of Gods wrath, which consumeth all his obstinate enemies.

q Though there were no forrein enemie, yet they shall destroy one another.

r Their griedinesse shall be insatible, so that one brother shall eate vp another, as though he should eate his owne flesh.

with noyse, and with tumbling of garments in blood: but this shall be with burning and deuouring of fire.

6 For vnto vs a childe is borne, and vnto vs a Sonne is giuen: and the gouernement is vpon his shoulder, and hee shall call his Name ¶Counsellour, Counseller, The mightie God, The euerlasting [k] Father, The prince of peace.

7 The increase of his gouernement and peace shall haue none ende: he shall sit vpon the throne of Dauid, & vpon his kingdome, to order it, & to stablish it with iudgement and with iustice from henceforth, euen for euer: [l] the zeale of the Lorde of hostes will performe this.

8 ¶ The Lord hath sent a word into Iaakob, and it hath lighted vpon [m] Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, euen Ephraim, and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and presumption of the heart,

10 The [n] bricks are fallen, but we will build it with hewen stones: the wilde figge trees are cut downe, but we will change them into cedars.

11 Neuertheless, the Lorde will rayse vp the aduersaries of [o] Rezin against him, and ioyne his enemies together.

12 Aram before, and the Philistims behinde, and they shall deuoure Israel with open mouth: yet for all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hande is stretched out still.

13 For the people turneth not vnto him that smiteth them, neither doe they seeke the Lord of hostes.

14 Therefore wil the Lord cut off frō Israel head & taile, branch and rush in one day.

15 The ancient and the honourable man, he is the head: and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the taile.

16 For the leaders of the people cause them to erre: and they that are led by them, are deuoured.

17 Therefore shal the Lord haue no pleasure in their young men, neither will hee haue compassion of their fatherlesse and of their widowes: for euery one is an hypocrite and wicked, and euery mouth speaketh folly: yet for all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickednesse [p] burneth as a fire: it deuoureth the briers and the thornes, and will kindle in the thicke places of the forest: and they shall mount vp like the lifting vp of smoke.

19 By the wrath of the Lord of hosts shal the land be darkened, and the people shall be as the meate of the fire: no man shall [q] spare his brother.

20 And he shall snatch at the right hand, and be hungry: and he shall eate on the left hand, and shall not bee satisfied: euery one shall eate the [r] flesh of his owne arme.

21 Manasseh Ephraim: and Ephraim Manasseh, and they both shalbe against Iudah: yet for all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

CHAP. X.

1 Of wicked law makers. 5 God will punish his people by the Assyrians, and after destroy them. 21 The remnant of Israel shalbe saued.

WOe vnto them that decree wicked decrees, and [a] write grieuous things,

2 To keepe backe the poore from iudgement, and to take away the iudgement of the poore of my people, that widowes may bee their prayse, and that they may spoyle the fatherlesse.

3 ¶What wil ye doe now in the day of visitation, and of destruction, which shall come from [b] farre? to whom will ye flee for helpe? and where will ye leaue your [c] glory?

4 [d] Without mee euery one shall fall among them that are bound, and they shall fall downe among the slaine: yet for all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 ¶O [e] Ashur, the rod of my wrath: and the staffe in their hands is mine indignation.

6 I will send [f] him to a dissembling nation, and I will giue him a charge against the people of my wrath to take the spoyle and to take the prayse, and to tread them vnder feete like the mire in the streete.

7 But he thinketh not so, neither doeth his heart esteeme it so: but he imagineth to destroy and to cut off not a few nations.

8 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

9 Is not Calno as [g] Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria as Damascus?

10 Like as mine hand hath found the kingdomes of the idoles, seeing their idoles were aboue Ierusalem, and aboue Samaria:

11 Shall not I, as I haue done to Samaria, and to the idoles thereof, so doe to Ierusalem, and to the idoles thereof?

12 ¶But when the Lorde hath accomplished [h] all his worke vpon mount Zion and Ierusalem, I will visite the fruite of the proude heart [i] of the king of Ashur, and his glorious and proude lookes,

13 Because hee sayde, By the power of mine owne hand haue I done it, and by my wisedome, because I am wise: therefore I haue removed the borders of the people, and haue spoyled their treasures, and haue pulled downe the inhabitants like a valiant man.

14 And mine hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people, and as one gathereth egges that are left, so haue I gathered all the earth: and there was none to moue the wing, or to open the mouth, or to whisper.

15 Shall the [k] axe boast it selfe against

a Which write and pronounce a wicked sentence to oppresse the poore: meaning that the wicked magistrates, which were the chiefe cause of mischiefe, should be first punished.

b To wit, from Assyria.

c Your riches and authoritie, that they may be safe, and that ye may receiue them againe.

d Because they haue forsaken me, some shall goe into captiuitie, and the rest shall be slaine.

e God calleth for the Assyrians to be the executioners of his vengeance.

f That is, the Assyrians against the Iewes, which are but hypocrites: and in this first and seuenth verse is declared the difference of the worke of God, and of the wicked in one very thing and act: for Gods intention is to chastise them for their amendment, and the Assyrians purpose is to destroy them to enrich themselues: thus in respect of Gods iustice, it is Gods worke, but in respect of their owne malice, it is the worke of the deuill.

g Seeing that I haue ouercome as well one citie as another, so that none could resist, shall Ierusalem be able to escape mine hands?

h When he hath sufficiently chastised his people (for hee beginneth at his owne house) then will he burne the rodder.

i Meaning, of Sancherib.

k Here we see that no creature is able to doe any thing but as God appointeth him, and that they are all but his instruments to do his worke, though the intentions be diuers, as verse 6.

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him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw exalt it selfe against him that moueth it? as if the rodde should lift vp it selfe against him that taketh it vp, or the staffe should exalt it selfe, as it were no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord God of hosts send among his fatmen, leanesse, and vnder his glory he shall kindle a burning, like the burning of fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall bee as a fire, and the holy One thereof, as a flame, and it shall burne and deuoure his thornes and his briers in one day:

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful fields both soule and flesh: and hee shall bee as the fainting of a standerd bearer.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may tell them.

20 ¶ And at that day shall the remnant of Israel, & such as are escaped of the house of Iaakob, stay no more vpon him that smote them, but shall stay vpon the Lorde, the holy One of Israel in truth.

21 The remnant shall returne, euen the remnant of Iaakob vnto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people, O Israel, bee as the sande of the Sea, yet shall the remnant of them returne. The consumption decreed shall ouerflow with righteousnesse.

23 For the Lord God of hosts shall make the consumption, euen determined, in the mids of all the land.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lorde God of hostes, O my people, that dwellest in Zion, be not afrayd of Asshur: hee shall smite thee with a rodde, and shall lift vp his staffe against thee after the maner of Egypt:

25 But yet a very little time, & the wrath shall be consumed, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the Lord of hostes shall raise vp a scourge for him, according to the plague of Midian in the rocke Oreb: and as his staffe was vpon the Sea, so he will lift it vp after the maner of Egypt.

27 And at that day shall his burden bee taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy necke: and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anoynting.

28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed into Migron: at Michmash shal he lay vp his armour.

29 They haue gone ouer the foord: they lodged in the lodging of Geba: Ramah is afraid: Gibeah of Saul is fled away.

30 Lift vp thy voice, O daughter Gallim, cause Laish to heare, O poore Anathoth.

31 Madmenah is remooued: the inhabitants of Gebim haue gathered themselues together.

32 Yet there is a time that he will stay at Nob: hee shall lift vp his hand toward the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Beholde, the Lord God of hostes shall cut off the bough with feare, and they of hie stature shall be cut off, and the hie shall bee humbled.

34 And he shall cut away the thicke places of the forrest with yron, and Lebanon shall haue a mighty fall.

CHAP XI.

1 *Christ borne of the root of Ishai.* 2 *His vertues and kingdome.* 6 *The fruits of the Gospel.* 10 *The calling of the Gentiles.*

BVt there shall come a rod foorth of the stocke of Ishai, and a graffe shall grow out of his roots.

2 And the Spirit of the Lorde shall rest vpon him: the Spirit of wisdome and vnderstanding, the Spirit of counsell and strength, the Spirit of knowledge, and of the feare of the Lord,

3 And shall make him prudent in the feare of the Lord: for he shall not iudge after the sight of his eyes, neither reproue by the hearing of his eares:

4 But with righteousnesse shal he iudge the poore, and with equity shall he reproue for the meeke of the earth: and hee shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And iustice shall bee the girdle of his loynes, and faithfulnesse the girdle of his reines.

6 The wolfe also shall dwell with the lambe, and the leopard shall lie with the kidde, and the calfe and the lion, and the fatte beast together, and a little childe shall leade them.

7 And the cow and the beare shall feede: their yong ones shall lie together: and the lyon shall eate straw like the bullocke.

8 And the sucking childe shall play vpon the hole of the aspe, and the weaned childe shall put his hand vpon the cockatrice hole.

9 Then shall none hurt nor destroy in all the mountaine of mine holinesse: for the earth shall bee full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters that couer the sea.

10 And in that day the roote of Ishai, which shall stand vp for a signe vnto the people, the nations shall seeke vnto it, and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And in the same day shall the Lord stretch out his hand againe: the second time to possesse the remnant of his people (which shall be left) of Asshur, and of Egypt, and of Pathros, and of Cushi, and of Elam, and of Shinear, and of Hamath, and of the yles of the sea.

12 And he shall set vp a signe to the nations, and assemble the dispersed of Israel, and gather the scattered of Iudah from the foure corners of the world.

13 The

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1 Meaning, that God is a light to comfort his people and a fire to burne his enemies.

m That is, the Assyrians.

n To wit, body & soule vtterly.

o When the battel is lost, and the standerd taken.

p This is the end of Gods plagues towards his, to bring them to him, and to forsake all trust in others.

q This small number, which seemed to be consumed, and yet according to Gods decree is saued, shall be sufficient to fil all the world with righteousnesse.

r God will destroy this land as he hath determined, and after saue a small portion.

s As the Egyptians did punish thee.

t Reade Chap. 9.4.

u When the Israelites passed through by the lifting vp of Moses rod, and the enemies were drowned, Exod. 14.28.

x Because of the promise made to that kingdome, whereby Christs kingdome was prefigured.

y He describeth by what way the Assyrians should come against Ierusalem, to confirme the faithful when it should come to passe, that as their plague was come, so should they bee deliuered.

z Feare and destruction shal come vpon Iudah: for the princes and the people shal all be led away captiues.

a Because the captiuity of Babylon was a figure of the spirituall captiuity vnder sinne, he sheweth that our true deliuerance must come by Christ: for as Dauid came out of Ishai a mã without dignity: so Christ should come of a poore carpenters house, as out of a dead stocke, Chap. 53.2.

b All these properties can agree to none but onely vnto Christ: for it is he that toucheth the hearts of the faithfull, & mortifieth their concupiscences: and to the wicked he is the sauour of death, and to them that shall perish: so that all the world shall be smitten with this rod, which is his word.

c Men because of their wicked affections are named by the names of beasts, wherein the like affections reigne: but Christ by his Spirit shall reforme them, and worke in them such mutuall charitie, that they shall o

h Here he describeth the consent that shall be in his Church, & their victory against their enemies.

i Meaning, a corner of the sea that entreth into the land, & hath the forme of a tongue.

k To wit, Nilus the great riuer of Egypt, which entreth into the sea with seuen streames.

13 The hatred also of Ephraim shall depart, and the aduersaries of Iudah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not enuie [h] Iudah, neither shall Iudah vexe Ephraim:

14 But they shall flee vpon the shoulders of the Philistims towarde the West: they shall spoile them of the East together: Edom and Moab shalbe the stretching out of their hands, and the children of Ammon in their obedience.

15 The Lord also shal vtterly destroy the [i] tongue of the Egyptians sea, and with his mightie winde shall lift vp his hand [k] ouer the riuer, and shall smite him in his seuen streames, & cause men to walke therein with shoes.

16 And there shall be a path to the remnant of his people, which are left of Ashur, like as it was vnto Israel in the day that he came vp out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

A thankesgiuing of the faithfull for the mercies of God.

a Hee sheweth how the Church shall praise God, when they are deliuered from their captiuitie.

b Our saluation standeth onely in God, who giueth vs an assured cõfidence, constancie and occasion to praise him for the same.

Exod. 15.2. *psal.* 118. 14.

c The graces of God shall be so abundant, that ye may receiue them in as great plenty, as waters out of a fountaine that is full. 1. *Chro.* 1.68. d Ye that are of the Church.

AND thou [a] shalt say in that day, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thy wrath is turned away, and thou comfortest me.

2 Behold, God is my [b] saluation: I will trust, and will not feare: for the Lord God is [*] my strength and song: he also is become my saluation.

3 Therefore with ioy shall ye [*] draw waters out of the wels of saluation.

4 And ye shall say in that day, [*] Praise the Lord: call vpon his Name: declare his works among the people: make mention of them, for his Name is exalted.

5 Sing vnto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things: this is knowen in all the world.

6 Cry out and shout, [d] O inhabitant of Zion: for great is the holy One of Israel in the mids of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

The Medes and Persians shall destroy Babylon.

a That is, great calamitie which was prophesied to come on Babel as a most grieuous burden, which they were not able to beare. In these twelue chapters following, he speaketh of the plagues wherewith God would smite

THe [*] burden of Babel, which Isaiah the sonne of Amos did see.

2 Lift vp a standard vpon the high mountaine: lift vp the voice vnto them: wag the [b] hand, that they may goe into the gates of the nobles.

3 I haue commanded them that I haue [c] sanctified: and I haue called the mightie to my wrath, and them that reioyce in my [d] glory.

4 The noyse of a multitude is in the mountaines like a great people: a tumultuous voyce of the kingdomes of the nations gathered together: the Lord of hostes numbreth the hoste of the battell.

5 They come from a far country, from the ende of the heauen: euen the Lord with the [*] weapons of his wrath to destroy the whole land.

6 Howle [e] you, for the day of the Lord is at hand: it shall come as a destroyer from the Almighty.

7 Therfore shal all hands be weakened, and all mens hearts shall melt,

8 And they shall be afrayd: anguish and [f] sow shal take them, [g] they shall haue paine, as a woman that trauaileth: euery one shal be amazed at his neighbour, and their faces shalbe like [h] flames of fire.

9 Behold, the day of the Lord commeth, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger to lay the land waste: and he shall destroy the sinners out of it.

10 For the [i] starres of heauen and the planets thereof shall not giue their light: the sunne shall be darkened in his going foorth, and the Moone shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will visit the wickednesse vpon the [*] world, and their iniquity vpon the wicked, and I will cause the arrogancie of the [k] proud to cease, and will cast down the pride of tyrants.

12 I will make a [l] man more precious then fine gold, euen a man aboue the wedge of gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I wil shake the heauen, and the earth shall remoue out of her place in the wrath of the Lord of hostes, [*] in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And [*] it shal be as a chased Doe, and as a sherpe that no man taketh vp: euery man shall turne to his owne people, and flee euery one to his owne land.

15 Euery one that is found, shalbe striken thorow: and whosoeuer ioyneth himselfe, shall fall by the sword.

16 [*] Their [*] children also shall be broken in pieces before their eyes: their houses shal be spoyled, and their wiues rauished.

17 Behold, I will stirre vp the [m] Medes against them, which shall not regard siluer, nor be desirous of gold.

18 With bowes also shal they destroy the children, and shal haue no compassion vpon the fruit of the wombe, and their eyes shall not spare the children:

19 And Babel the glory of kingdomes, the beauty and pride of the Caldeans shall bee as the destruction of God [*] in Sodome and Gomorah.

20 It shall not be inhabited for euer, neither shall it bee dwelled in from generation to generation: neither shall the [*] Arabian pitch his tents there, neither shal the sherpeheards make their folds there.

21 But [n] Zim shal lodge there, and their houses shalbe full of Ochim: Ostriches shall dwell there, and the Satyres shall dance there.

b To wit, to the Medes and the Persians. c That is, prepared and appointed to execute my iudgements. d Which willingly goe about the worke whereunto I appoint them, but how the wicked doe this, read Chap. 10.6.

e The armie of the Medes and the Persians against Babylon.

f Ye Babylonians.

g The Babylonians anger and griefe shall be so much, that their faces shall burne as fire.

h They that are ouercome shall thinke that all the powers of heauen & earth are against them, Ezekiel 32.7. ioel. 3.15. matth. 24.29.

i He compareth Babylon to the whole world, because they so esteemed themselues by reason of their great empire.

k He noteth the principall vice, whereunto they were most giuen, as are all that abound in wealth.

l He noteth the great slaughter that shall be, seeing the enemie shall neither for gold, or siluer spare a mans life, as verse 17.

m Meaning, the power of Babylon with their hired souldiers. *Psal.* 137.9.

n This was not accomplished when Cyrus tooke Babylon, but after the death of Alexander the great. *Gen.* 19.24. *iere.* 50.40.

o Which vseth to go from country to countrey, to find pasture for their beasts, but there shall they

and none. p Which were either wild beasts, or foules, or wicked spirits whereby Satan deluded man, as by the fairies, goblins, and such like fantasies.

22 And

22 And Iun shall crie in their palaces, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and the time thereof is ready to come, and the dayes thereof shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The returne of the people from captiuitie. 4 The derision of the King of Babylon. 11 The death of the King. 29 The destruction of the Philistims.

FOr [a] the Lord will haue compassion of Iaakob, and will yet chuse Israel, and cause them to rest in their owne land: and the stranger [b] shal ioyne himselfe vnto them, and they shall cleaue to the house of Iaakob.

2 And the people shall receiue them, and bring them to their own place, and the house of Israel shall possesse them in the land of the Lord, for [c] seruants and handmaides: and they shall take them prisoners, whose captiues they were, and haue rule ouer their oppressors.

3 ¶ And in that day when the Lord shal giue thee rest from thy sorow, and from thy feare, and from the sore bondage, wherein thou didst serue,

4 Then shalt thou take vp this prouerbe against the king of Babel, & say, How hath the oppressour ceased? and the gold thirstie Babel rested?

5 The Lord hath broken the rod of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers:

6 Which smote the people in anger with a continuall plague, and ruled the nations in wrath: they any were persecuted, her did [d] not let.

7 The whole world is at [e] rest and is quiet: they sing for ioy.

8 Also the firre trees reioyced of thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art layde downe, no hewer came vp against vs.

9 Hell beneath is mooned for thee to [f] meete thee at thy comming, raising vp the dead for thee, euen al the princes of the earth, and hath rayled from their thrones all the Kings of the nations.

10 All they shall cry, and say vnto thee, Art thou become weake also as we? art thou become like vnto vs?

11 Thy pompe is brought downe to the graue, & the sound of thy viols: the wormes is spread vnder thee, and the wormes couer thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heauen, O [h] Lucifer, sonne of the morning? and cut downe to the ground, which didst cast lots vpon the nations?

13 Yet thou saydst in thine heart, I will ascend into heauen, and exalt my throne aboue beside the starres of God: I will sit also vpon the mount of the Congregation in the sides of the [i] North.

14 I will ascend aboue the height of the cloudes, and will be like the most High.

15 But thou shalt be brought downe to the graue, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall [k] looke vpon thee, & consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, and that did shake the kingdomes?

17 He made the world as a wildernesse, and destroyed the cities thereof, and opened not [l] the house of his prisoners.

18 All the kings of the nations, euen they all sleepe in glory, euery one in his owne house.

19 But thou art [m] cast out of the graue like an abominable branch: like the rayment of those that are slaine, and thrust thorow with a sword, which goe downe to the stones of the pit, as a carkeise troden vnder feete.

20 Thou shalt not be ioyned with them in the graue, because thou hast destroyed thine owne land, and slaine thy people: the seede of the wicked shall not be renowmed for euer.

21 [n] Prepare a slaughter for his children, for the iniquitie of their fathers: let them not rise vp, nor possesse the land, nor fill the face of the world with enemies.

22 ¶ For I will rise vp against them (saith the Lord of hosts), & I will cut off from Babel the name and the remnant, and the sonne, and the nephew, saith the Lord.

23 And I will make it a possession to the ‖ hedgehog, and pooles of water, and I will sweepe it with the besome of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

24 The Lord of hostes hath sworne, saying, Surely like as I haue purposed, so shall it come to passe, and as I haue consulted, it shall stand:

25 [o] That I will breake to pieces Asshur in my land, and vpon my mountaines will I tread him vnder foote: so that his yoke shall depart from [p] them, and his burden shall be taken from off their shoulder.

26 This is the counsell that is consulted vpon the whole world, and this is the hand stretched out ouer all the nations,

27 Because the Lord of hostes hath determined it, and who shall disanull it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turne it away?

28 ¶ In the yeere that King Ahaz died, was this [q] burden.

29 Reioyce not (thou whole [r] Palestina) because the rod of him that did beate thee, is broken: for out of the serpents root shal come forth a cocatrice, and the fruit thereof shalbe a fierie flying serpent.

30 For the [s] first borne of the poore shall be fed, and the needy shall lie downe in safetie: and I will kill thy roote with famine, and [t] it shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howle, O gate, cry, O city: thou whole land of Palestina art dissolued, for there shall come from the [u] North a smoke, & none shall be [x] alone at his time appointed.

32 What

a He sheweth why God will haste to destroy his enemies: to wit, because he will deliuer his Church.

b Meaning, that the Gentiles shal be ioyned with the Church, and worship God.

c Signifying, that the Iewes should be superiours to the Gentiles, and that they should be brought vnder the seruice of Christ by the preaching of the Apostles, whereby al are brought to the subiection of Christ, 2. Cor. 10. 5.

d That is, he suffred all violence and iniuries to be done.

e Meaning, that when tyrants reigne, there can be no rest nor quietnesse, and also how detestable a thing tyrannie is, seeing the insensible creatures haue occasion to reioyce at their destruction.

f As though they feared, lest thou shouldest trouble the dead, as thou didst the liuing: and here he derideth the proud tyrannie of the wicked which know not that all creatures wish their destruction that they may reioice.

g In stead of thy costly carpets and couerings.

h Thou y thoughtest thy selfe most glorious, and as it were placed in the heauen: for the morning starre that goeth before the sunne is called Lucifer, to whom Nebuchad nezzar is compared.

i Meaning Ierusalem, whereof the Temple was on the North side, as Psal. 48. 2. whereby he meaneth that tyrants fight against God, when they persecute his Church, and would set themselues in his place.

k In marueiling at thee.

l To set them at libertie: noting his crueltie.

m Thou wast not buried in the sepulchre of thy fathers, thy tyranny was so abhorred.

n He calleth to the Medes and Persians, and all those that should execute Gods vengeance.

‖ *Or turtle.*

o As I haue begun to destroy the Assyrians in Sancherib, so wil I continue & destroy them wholly, when I shall deliuer you from Babylon.

p From the Iewes.

q Read Chap. 13. 1.

r He willeth the Philistims not to reioyce because the Iewes are diminished in their power: for their strength shall be greater then euer it was.

s The Israelites which were brought to most extreme misery.

t To wit, my people.

u That is, from the Iewes or Assyrians: for they both were North from Palestina.

x But they shalbe all ready and ioyned together.

y Which shall come to enquire of the state of the Church.

32 What shall then one answere y messengers of the Gentiles? That the Lord hath established Zion, and the poore of his people shall trust in it.

z They shall answere, that the Lord doeth defend his Church, and them that ioyne themselues thereunto.

CHAP. XV.

A prophesie against Moab.

THE a burden of Moab. Surely b Ar of Moab was destroyed, and brought to silence in a night: surely Kir of Moab was destroyed, and brought to silence in a night.

2 c He shall goe vp to the temple, and to Dibon to the hie places to weepe: for d Nebo and for Medeba shal Moab howle: vpon all e their heads shall be baldnesse, and euery beard shauen.

3 In their streetes shall they bee girded with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streetes euery one shall howle, and come downe with weeping.

4 And Heshbon shall crie, and Elealeh: their voyce shall be heard vnto Jahaz: therefore the warriers of Moab shal shout: the soule of euery one shall lament in himselfe.

5 Mine f heart shall crie for Moab: his fugitiues shall flee vnto Zoar, g an heifer of three yeere olde: for they shall goe vp with weeping by the mounting vp of Luhith, and by the way of Horonaim they h shal raise vp a crie of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall bee dried vp: therefore the grasse is withered, the hearbes consumed, and there was no greene herbe.

7 Therefore what euery man hath left, and their substance shall they beare to the i brooke of the willowes.

8 For the crie went round about the borders of Moab: and the howling thereof vnto Eglaim, and the shriking thereof vnto Beer Elim.

9 Because the waters of Dimon shalbe full k of blood: for I will bring more vpon Dimon, euen lions l vpon him that escapeth of Moab, and to the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

The causes wherfore the Moabites are destroyed.

SEnd a ye a lambe to the ruler of the worl from the rocke of the wildernesse, vnto the mountaine of the daughter Zion.

2 For it shalbe as a bird that b flieth, and a nest forsaken: the daughters of Moab shal be at the foordes of Arnon.

3 Gather a counsell, execute iudgement: c make thy shadow as the night in the midday: hide them that are chased out: bewray not him that is fled.

4 Let my banished dwel with thee: Moab bee thou their couert from the face of the destroyer: for the extortioner d shall end: the destroyer shalbe consumed, and the oppressor shall cease out of the land.

5 And in mercie shal the throne be prepared, and e he shall sit vpon it in stedfastnesse, in the Tabernacle of Dauid, iudging, and seeking iudgement, and hasting iustice.

6 (We haue heard of the pride of Moab, (he is very proud) euen his pride and his arrogancie, and his indignation, but his f lyes shall not be so.

7 Therefore shal Moab howle vnto Moab: euery one shall howle: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shal ye mourne, yet they shall be g stricken.

8 For the vineyards of Heshbon are cut downe, & the vine of Sibmah: h the Lords of the heathen haue broken the principall vines thereof: they are come vnto i Jaazer: they wandred in the wildernesse: her goodly branches stretched out themselues, and went ouer the sea.

9 Therefore wil k I weepe with the weeping of Jaazer, and of the vine of Sibmah, O Heshbon: and Elealeh, I will make thee drunke with my teares, because vpon thy summer fruites, and vpon thy haruest l a shouting is fallen.

10 And gladnesse is taken away, and ioy out of the plentifull fielde: and in the vineyardes shall bee no singing nor shouting for ioy: the treader shall not tread wine in the wine presses: I haue caused the reioycing to cease.

11 Wherefore, my m bowels shall sound like an harpe for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-hareth.

12 And when it shall appeare that Moab shall be weary of his hie places, then shall he come to his n temple to pray, but hee shall not prevaile.

13 This is the word that the Lord hath spoken against Moab since that time.

14 And now the Lord hath spoken, saying, o In three yeeres, as the yeeres of an p hireling, and the glory of Moab shall bee contemned in all the great multitude, and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

CHAP. XVII.

A prophesie of the destruction of Damascus and Ephraim. 7 Calamitie moueth to repentance.

THE a burden of b Damascus. Beholde, Damascus is taken away from being a citie, for it shall be a ruinous heape.

2 The cities of c Aroer shalbe forsaken: they shall be for the flockes: for they shall lie there, and none shall make them afraid.

3 The munition also shall cease from d Ephraim, and the kingdome from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram shall bee as the e glorie of the children of Israel,

a Reade Chap. 13.1.
b The chiefe citie, whereby the whole countrey was meant.
c The Moabites shall flee to their idoles for succour, but it shall bee too late.
d Which were cities of Moab.
e For as in the West parts the people vsed to let their haire grow long, when they mourned, so in the East parts they cut it off.
f The Prophet speaketh this in the person of the Moabites, or as one that felt the great iudgement of God, that should come vpon them.
g Meaning, that it was a citie that euer liued in pleasure, and neuer felt sorrow.
h He describeth the miserable dissipation and flight of the Moabites.
i To hide themselues, and their gods there.
k Of them that are slaine.
l So that by no meanes they should escape the hand of God: thus will God punish the enemies of his Church.

a That is, offer a sacrifice: whereby hee derideth their long delay, which would not repent when the Lord called them, shewing them that this is now too late seeing the vengeance of God is vpon them.
b There is no remedie but you must flee.
c Hee sheweth what Moab should haue done, when Israel their neighbor was in affliction, to whom because they would giue no shadow nor comfort, they are now left comfortles.
d The Assyrians shall oppresse the Israelites, but for a while,

e Meaning, Christ.
f Their vaine confidence and proud brags shal deceiue them, as Iere. 48.2.
g For all your mourning, yet the city shall bee destroyed, euen vnto the foundations.
h That is, the Assyrians, and other enemies.
i Meaning, that the countrey of Moab was now destroyed, and all the precious things thereof were caried into the borders, yea into other countreyes, and ouer the sea.
k He sheweth that their plague was so great, that it would haue mooued any man to lament with them, as Psal. 141.5.
l The enemies are come vpon thee, and shout for ioy, when they carry thy commodities from thee, as Iere. 48.33.
m For very sorrow and compassion.
n They shall vse all meanes to seeke helpe of their idoles and all in vaine: for Chemos their great god shall not bee able to helpe them.
o Hee appointed a certaine time to punish the enemies in.
p Who will obserue iustly the time, for the which hee is hired, and serue no longer, but will euer long for it.

a Reade Chap. 13.1.
b The chiefe citie of Syria.
c It was a countrey of Syria by the river Arnon.
d It seemeth that the Prophet would comfort the Church in
e The ten tribes gloried in their multitude & alliance with other nations: therefore he saith that they shallbe brought downe, and the Syrians also.

saith the Lord of hostes.

4 And in that day the glorie of Iaakob shall be impouerished, and the fatnesse of his flesh shall be made leane.

5 And it shalbe as when the harueſt man gathereth the e corne, and reapeth the eares with his arme, and bee shall bee as hee that gathereth the eares in the valley of f Rephaim.

6 Yet a gathering of grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olme tree, two or three berries are in the toppe of the vtmoſt boughes, and foure or fiue in the high branches of the fruit thereof, saith the Lord God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man looke to his k maker, and his eyes shall looke to the holy one of Israel.

8 And he shall not looke to the altars, the workes of his owne hands, neither shall hee looke to those things, which his owne fingers haue made, as groues and images.

9 In that day shall the cities of their strength bee as the forsaking of boughs and branches, which they did forsake, because of the children of Israel, and there shall bee desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy saluation, and hast not remembred the God of thy strength, therefore shalt thou set pleasant plants, and shalt graffe strange vine branches.

11 In the day shalt thou make the plant to grow, & in the morning shalt thou make thy seede to flourish: but the harueſt shall be gone in the day of poſſeſſion, and there shall be desperate sorrow.

12 ¶ Ah, the multitude of many people, they shall make a sound like the noyse of the sea: for the noyse of the people shall make a sounde like the noyse of mightie waters.

13 The people shal make a sound like the noyse of many waters, but God shal i rebuke them, and they shall flee farre off, and shal be chased as the chaffe of the mountaines before the wind, and as a rowling thing before the whirlewind.

14 And loe, in the euening there is q trouble: but afore the morning it is gone. This is the portion of them that spoyle vs, and the lot of them that robbe vs.

f Meaning, of the ten tribes, which boasted themselues of their nobilitie, prosperitie, strength & multitude.
g As the abundance of corne doth not feare the harueſt men that should cut it downe: no more shall the multitude of Israel make the enemies to shrink, whom God shall appoint to destroy them.
h Which valley was plentifull & fertile.
i Because God would haue his couenant stable, he promiseth to reserue some of this people, and to bring them to repentance.
k Hee sheweth that Gods corrections euer bring forth some fruit, and cause his to turne from their sinnes, and to humble themselues to him.
l As the Canaanites left their cities, when God did place the Israelites there, so the cites of Israel shal no more be able to defend their inhabitãts, then bushes, whē God shall send the enemie to plague them. m Which are excellent, and brought out of other countreyes. n As the Lord threateth the wicked in his law, Leuit. 26. 16. o The Prophet lamenteth, considering the horrible plague that was prepared against Israel by the Assyrians, which were infinite in number and gathered of many nations. p Hee addeth this for the consolation of the faithfull which were in Israel. q Hee compareth the enemies the Assyrians to a tempeſt which riseth ouer night, and in the morning is gone.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Of the enemies of the Church,* 7 *and of the vocation of the Gentiles.*

Oh, the a land shadowing with winges which is beyond the riuers of Ethiopia
2 Sending ambaſſadours by the sea, euen in vessels of b reedes vpon the waters, saying, c Goe ye swift messengers, to a nation that is scattered abroad, and spoiled, vnto a terrible d people from their beginning euen hitherto: a nation by little and little euen troden vnder foote, whose land the e floods haue spoiled.

3 All ye the inhabitants of the world and dwellers in the earth, ſ all see when he lifteth vp a signe in the mountaines, and when he blowerth the trumpe, yee ſ all heare.

4 For so the Lord said vnto mee, I will ſ rest and behold in my tabernacle, as h the heate drying vp the raine, and as a cloud of drawe in the heate of harueſt.

5 For afore the harueſt when the flowre is finished, and the fruite is riping in the flowre, then he shall cut downe the branches with hookes, and shall take away, and cut off the boughes.

6 They shall bee left together vnto the foules of the mountaines, and to the beasts of the earth: for the foule ſ all summer vpon it, and euery beast of the earth shall winter vpon it.

7 At that time shal a k present be brought vnto the Lord of hostes, (a people that is scattered abroad, and spoiled, and of a terrible people from their beginning hitherto, a nation by little and little euen troden vnder foote, whose land the riuers haue spoiled) to the place of the Name of the Lord of hostes, euen the mount Zion.

b Which in those countreys were great: in so much as they made ſhips of this for ſwiftneſſe.
c This may be taken that they ſent other to cõfort the Iewes, & to promiſe them helpe against their enemies, and ſo the Lord did threaten to take away their ſtrength, that the Iewes ſhould not truſt therein: or that they did ſolicite the Egyptians, and promiſed them ayde to goe against Iudah.
d To wit, the Iewes, who became of Gods plagues made all other nations afraid of the like, as God threatned Deut. 28. 37.
e Meaning, the Aſſyrians as Chap. 8. 7. f When the Lord prepareth to fight against the Ethiopians. g I wil ſtay a while from punishing the wicked, h Which two ſeaſons are moſt profitable for the riping of fruites: whereby hee meaneth, that hee will ſeeme to fauour them, and giue them abundance for a time, but he will ſuddenly cut them off. i Not onely men ſhall contemne them, but the bruite beasts. k Meaning, that God will pitie his Church, and receiue that little remnant as an offering vnto himſelfe.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The deſtruction of the Egyptians by the Aſſyrians.* 18 *Of their conuerſion to the Lord.*

The a burden of Egypt. Beholde, the Lord b rideth vpon a ſwift cloud, and ſhall come into Egypt, and the idoles of Egypt ſhall bee moued at his preſence, and the heart of Egypt ſhall melt in the middes of her.

2 And I will ſet the Egyptians against the Egyptians: ſo euery one ſhall c fight against his brother, and euery one against his neighbour, citie against citie, and kingdome against kingdome.

3 And the d ſpirit of Egypt ſhall faile in the middeſt of her, and I will deſtroy their counſell, and they ſhall ſeeke at the idoles, and at the ſoothſayers, and at them that haue ſpirits of diuination, and at the ſoothſayers.

4 And I will deliuer the Egyptians into the hand of cruell lords, and a mighty King ſhall rule ouer them, ſayeth the Lord God of hoſtes.

a Reade Chap. 13. 1.
b Because the Egyptians truſted in the defence of their countrey, in the multitude of their idoles, and in the vaileantes of their men, the Lord ſheweth that he will come ouer all their munitions in a ſwift cloud, and that their idoles ſhall tremble at his comming, and that mens hearts ſ all faint. c As hee cauſed the Ammonites, Moabites, and Idumeans to kill one another, when they came to deſtroy the Church of God, 2. Chron. 20. 22. and Chap 49. 26. d Meaning, their policie, and wiſedome.

5 Then

e He sheweth ỹ the sea and Nilus their great riuer, whereby they thought themselues most sure, should not bee able to defend them from his anger, but that he would send the Assyrians among them, that should keepe them vnder as slaues

f For Nilus ran into the sea by seauen streames, as though they were so many riuers.

g The Ebrew word is mouth, whereby they meane the spring, out of the which the water gusheth as out of a mouth.

h The Scriptures vse to describe the destruction of a countrey by taking away of the commodities thereof, as by vines, flesh, fish, and such other things, whereby countreyes are enriched.

i Called also Tanes a famous citie vpon Nilus.

k He noteth the flatterers of Pharaoh: who perswaded the King that hee was wise, and noble, and that his house was most ancient,

5 Then the waters of the sea shall faile, and the riuer shalbe dried vp, and wasted.

6 And the riuers shall goe farre away: the riuers of defence shall bee emptied and dried vp: the reedes and flagges shall be cut downe.

7 The grasse in ỹ riuer, and at the s head of the riuers, and al that groweth by the riuer, shall wither, and be driuen away, and be no more.

8 The fishers also shall l mourne, and all they that cast angle into the riuer, shall lament, and they that spread their net vpon the waters, shalbe weakned.

9 Moreouer, they that worke in flaxe of diuers sortes, shalbe confounded, and they that weaue nets.

10 For their nets shall bee broken, and all they that make ponds, shall bee heauie in heart.

11 Surely the princes of t Zoan are fooles: the counsell of the wise counsellers of Pharaoh is become foolish: how say yee vnto Pharaoh, I k am the sonne of the wise: I am the sonne of the ancient kings?

12 Where are now thy wise men, that they may tell thee, or may know what the Lord of hostes hath determined against Egypt?

13 The Princes of Zoan are become fooles: the princes of u Noph are deceiued, they haue deceiued Egypt, euen the x corners of the tribes thereof.

14 The Lord hath mingled among them the spirit y of errours: and they haue caused Egypt to erre in euery worke thereof, as a drunken man erreth in his vomite.

15 Neither shall there bee any worke in Egypt, which the head may z doe, nor the taile, the branch nor the rush.

16 In that day shall Egypt bee like vnto women: for it shall bee afraid and feare because of the mooning of the hand of ỹ Lord of hostes, which he shaketh ouer it.

17 And the land of Iudah shall be a feare ỹ vnto Egypt: euery one that maketh mention of it, shalbe afraide thereat, because of the counsell of the Lord of hostes, which hee hath determined vpon it.

18 In that day shall fiue cities in the lande of Egypt a speake the language of Canaan, and shall b sweare by the Lorde of hostes: one shall be called the citie of c destruction.

19 In that day shall the altar of the Lord bee in the middes of the land of Egypt,

and so hee flattered himselfe, saying. I am wise. l Or Memphis others Alexandria, and now called the great Caira. m The principall vpholders thereof, are the chiefest cause of their destruction. n For the spirite of wisedome, hee hath made them drunke and giddie with the spirit of errour. o Neither the great nor the small, the strong nor the weake. p Considering that through their occasion the Iewes made not God their defence, but put their trust in them, and were therefore now punished, they shall feare left the like light vpon them. q Shall make one confession of faith with the people of God: by the speach of Canaan, meaning, the language, wherein God was then serued. r Shall renounce their superstitions, and proteste to serue God aright. s Meaning, of sixe cities, fiue should serue God, & the sixt remaine in their wickednes, and so of the sixt part, there should be but one lost.

and a pillar of the border thereof vnto the Lord.

20 And it shall bee for a signe and for a witnesse vnto the Lord of hostes in the land of Egypt: for they shall crie vnto the Lord, because of the oppressors, and hee shall send them u a Sauiour and a great man, & shall deliuer them.

21 And the Lord shall bee knowen of the Egyptians, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and doe x sacrifice and oblations, and shall vowe vowes vnto the Lord, and performe them.

22 So the Lord shall smite Egypt, he shal smite and heale it: for hee shall returne vnto the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heale them.

23 In that day shall there be a path from y Egypt to Asshur, and Asshur shall come into Egypt, and Egypt into Asshur: so the Egyptians shall worship with Asshur.

24 In that day shall Israell be the third with Egypt and Asshur, euen a blessing in the midst of the land.

25 For the Lord of hostes shall blesse it, saying; Blessed bee my people Egypt and Asshur, the worke of mine hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

t There shall be euident signes and tokens, that Gods religion is there: which maner of speech is taken of the Patriarks and ancient times, when God had not as yet appointed the place, and full maner how he would be worshipped.

u This declareth that this prophesie should be accomplished in the time of Christ.

x By these ceremonies, he comprehendeth the spirituall seruice vnder Christ.

y By these two nations, which were then chiefe enemies of the Church, he sheweth that the Gentiles and the Iewes should be ioyned together in one faith and religion, and should be all one fold vnder Christ their shepheard.

CHAP. XX.

a The three yeres captiuitie of Egypt & Ethiopia described by the three yeres going naked of Isaiah.

1 In the yeere that a Tartan came to b Ashdod, (when c Sargon king of Asshur sent him) and had fought against Ashdod, and taken it,

2 At the same time spake the Lord by the hand of Isaiah the sonne of Amoz, saying, Go, & loose the d sackcloth from thy loynes, and put off thy shooe from thy foote. And he did so, walking naked, and barefoote.

3 And the Lord said, Like as my seruant Isaiah hath walked naked, and barefoote three yeeres, as a signe and wonder vpon Egypt and Ethiopia,

4 So shall the king of Asshur take away the captiuitie of Egypt, and the captiuitie of Ethiopia, both yong men and olde men, naked and barefoote, with their buttockes vncouered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall feare and bee ashamed of e Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt f their glorie.

6 Then shall the inhabitant of this g yle say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither wee fled for helpe to be deliuered from the king of Asshur, and how shall we be deliuered?

a Who was a captaine of Sanecherib, 2 King. 18.17.

b A citie of the Philistims

c The Ebrewes write that Sanecherib was so called.

d Which signifieth that the Prophet did lament the miserie that hee saw prepared before the three yeeres, that hee went naked and barefooted.

e In whose ayde they trusted.

f Of whom they boasted and gloried

g Meaning, Iudea, as an yle with

des, which was compassed about with their enemies waters

CHAP. XXI.

1 Of the destruction of Babylon by the Persians and Medes. 11 The ruine of Idumea, 13 and of Arabia.

THe burden of a the desert sea. As the whirle-windes in the South vse to passe from the wildernesse, so shall it

a On the sea side betweene Iudea & Caldea was a wildernes, wherby he meaneth Caldea.

b That is, the ruine of Babylon by the Medes and Persians.
c The Assyrians and Caldeans, which had destroyed other nations, shall be ouercome of the Medes and Persians: & this he propheſied an hundreth yeere before it came to paſſe.
d By Elam hee meaneth the Persians.
e Because they ſhall finde no ſuccour they ſhall mourne no more, or I haue cauſed them to ceaſe mourning, whom Babylon had afflicted.
f This the Prophet ſpeaketh in the perſon of the Babylonians.
g He propheſieth the death of Belſhazzar, as Dan. 5. 30 who in the middes of his pleaſures was deſtroyed.
h Whiles they are eating and drinking, they ſhalbe commanded to runne to their weapons.
i To wit, in a viſion by the ſpirit of propheſie.
k Meaning, charets of men of warre, and others that caried the baggage.
l Meaning, Darius, which ouercame Babylon.
m The watchman, whom Iſaiah ſet vp, tolde him, who came toward Babylon, & the Angel declared that it ſhould bee deſtroyed: all this was done in a viſion. *Ierem.* 51. 8. *reuel* 18. 8.
n Meaning, Babylon. ‡ *Ebr. ſonne.*
o Which was a citie of the Iſhmaelites, and was ſo named of Dumah, Gene. 25. 14.
p A mountaine of the Idumeans.
q He deſcribeth the vnquietneſſe of the people of Dumah, who were night and day in feare of their enemies, and euer ranne to and fro to inquire newes.
r For feare, the Arabians ſhall flee into the woodes, and hee appointeth what way they ſhould take.
f Signifying that for feare they ſhall not tarie to eate nor drinke
t He appointeth them reſpite for one yeere onely, and then they ſhould be deſtroyed.
u Reade Chap 16. 14.

b come from the horrible land.

2 A grieuous viſion was ſhewed vnto mee, The c tranſgreſſour againſt a tranſgreſſour, and the deſtroyer againſt a deſtroyer, Goe vp d Elam, beſiege Media: I haue cauſed all the mourning • thereof to ceaſe.

3 Therefore are my f loynes filled with ſorrow: ſorrowes haue taken mee as the ſorrowes of a woman that trauaileth: I was bowed downe when I heard it; and I was amaſed when I ſaw it.

4 Mine heart failed: fearefulneſſe troubled me: the night g of my pleaſures hath he turned vnto feare vnto mee.

5 Prepare thou the table: watch in the watch towre: eate, drinke: h ariſe, ye princes, anoynt the ſhield.

6 For thus hath the i Lord ſaid vnto me, Goe, ſet a watchman, to tell what he ſeeth.

7 And hee ſaw a charet with two horſemen: k a charet of an aſſe, and a charet of a camell: and hee harkned, and tooke diligent heede.

8 And hee cried, A l lyon: my Lord, I ſtand continually vpon the watch towre in the day time, and I am ſet in my watch euery night:

9 And behold, this mans charet commeth with two horſemen. And m he anſwered and ſaid, Babel is fallen: it is fallen, and al the images of her gods hath he broken vnto the ground.

10 O • my threſhing, and the ‡ corne of my floore. That which I haue heard of the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, haue I ſhewed vnto you.

11 ¶ The burden of o Dumah. He calleth vnto mee out of p Seir, Watchman, what was in the night? Watchman, what was in the night?

12 The watchman ſaid, The q morning commeth, and alſo the night. If ye will aſke, enquire: returne and come.

13 ¶ The burden againſt Arabia. In r the foreſt of Arabia ſhall yee tarie all night, euen in the wayes of Dedanim.

14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema, bring forth s water to meete the thirſtie, and preuent him that fleeth with his bread.

15 For they flee from the drawen ſwords, euen from the drawen ſword, and from the bent bowe, and from the grieuouſneſſe of warre.

16 For thus hath the Lorde ſayde vnto mee, Yet a yeere t according to the yeeres of an • hireling, and all the glorie of Kedar ſhall faile.

17 And the reſidue of the number of the ſtrong archers of the ſonnes of u Kedar ſhal bee fewe: for the Lord God of Iſrael hath ſpoken it.

destruction of all these nations, he teacheth the Iewes that there is no place for refuge or to escape Gods wrath, but onely to remaine in his Church, and to liue in his feare.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He propheſieth of the deſtruction of Ieruſalem by Nebuchad-nezzar. 15 A threatning againſt Shebna, 20 To whoſe office Eliakim is preferred.

THe burden of the a valley of viſion. What b ayleſt thee now that thou art wholly gone vp vnto the houſe tops?

2 Thou that art full of c noyſe, a citie full of haute, a ioyous citie: thy ſlaine men ſhall not bee ſlaine d with ſword, nor die in battell.

3 All thy princes ſhall flee together from the bow: they ſhall be e bound: all that ſhall bee found in thee, ſhall bee bound together, which haue fled from f farre.

4 Therefore ſaid I, Turne away from mee: I will weepe g bitterly: labour not to comfort me for the deſtruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of trouble, and of ruine, and of perplexitie by the Lord God of hoſtes in the valley of viſion, breaking downe the citie: and a h crying vnto the mountaines.

6 ¶ And Elam i bare the quiuer in a mans charet with horſemen, and Kir vncouered the ſhield.

7 And thy chiefe valleyes were full of charets, and the horſemen ſet themſelues in aray againſt the gate.

8 And he diſcouered the k couering of Iudah: and thou diddeſt looke in that day to the armour of the houſe of the foreſt.

9 And ye haue ſeene l the breaches of the citie of Dauid: for they were many, and ye gathered the waters of the lower poole.

10 And ye numbred the houſes m of Ieruſalem, and the houſes haue ye broken downe to fortifie the wall.

11 And haue alſo made a ditch betweene the two walles, for n the waters of the olde poole: and haue not looked vnto the maker • thereof, neither had reſpect vnto him that formed it of olde.

12 And in that day did the Lord God of hoſtes call vnto weeping and mourning, and to baldneſſe and girding with ſackcloth.

13 And behold, ioy and gladneſſe, ſlaying oxen and killing ſheepe, eating fleſh, and

x Which was the name of a people of Arabia: and by the horrible

a Meaning, Iudea, which was compaſſed about with mountaines, and was called the valley of viſions, becauſe of the Prophets which were alwayes there, whom they named Seers.
b He ſpeaketh to Ieruſalem, whoſe inhabitants were fled vp to the houſe toppes for feare of their enemies.
c Which waſt wont to be full of people and ioy.
d But for hunger.
e And led into captiuitie.
f Which haue fled from other places to Ieruſalem for ſuccour.
g Hee ſheweth what is the duetie of the godly, when Gods plagues hang ouer the Church, and ſpecially of the miniſters, Iere. 9. 1.
h That is, the ſhoute of the enemies whom God had appoynted to deſtroy i citie.
i He putteth them in mind how God deliuered them once from Sancherib, who brought the Perſians and Cyrenians with him, that they might by returning to God, auoyde that great plague which they ſhould elſe ſuffer by Nebuchad-nezzar.
k The ſecrete place where the armour was: to wit, in the houſe of the foreſt, 1 Kings 7. 2.
l Yee fortified the ruinous places, which were neglected in time of peace: meaning, the whole citie & the citie of Dauid, which was within the compaſſe of the other.
m Either to pull downe ſuch as might hurt, or elſe to knowe what men they were able to make.
n To prouide if neede ſhould bee of water.
o To God that made Ieruſalem: that is, they truſted more in theſe worldly meanes then in God.

drinking

p In stead of repentance yee were ioyfull and made great cheare, contemning the admonitions of the Prophets, saying, Let vs eate and drinke: for our Prophets say, that we shall die to morrow.

q Because the Ebrewe worde doeth also signifie one that doeth nourish and cherish, there are of the learned that thinke, that this wicked man did nourish secret friendship with the Assyrians and Egyptians, to betray the Church, and to prouide for himselfe against all dangers: in the meane season he packt craftily, and gat of the best offices into his handvnder Hezekiah, euer aspiring to the hieft.

r Meaning, that he was a stranger and came vp of nothing.

s Whereas hee thought to make his name immortall by his famous sepulchre, he died most miserably among the Assyrians.

drinking wine, p eating and drinking: for to morow we shall die.

14 And it was declared in the eares of the Lorde of hostes, Surely this iniquite shal not be purged from you, till ye die, saith the Lord God of hostes.

15 Thus saith the Lorde God of hostes, Goe get thee to that q treasurer, to Shebna, the Steward of the house and say:

16 What hast thou to doe here? & whom hast thou r here? that thou shouldest here hewe thee out a sepulcher, as hee that heweth out his sepulcher in an hie place, or that grauerh an habitation s for him selfe in a rocke?

17 Behold, the Lord will carie thee away with a great captiuitie, and will surely couer thee.

18 Hee will surely roll and turne thee like a ball in a large countrey: there shalt thou die, and there the charets of thy glory shall be the t shame of the Lords house.

19 And I wil driue thee from thy station, and out of thy dwelling will he destroy thee.

20 And in that day will I u call my seruant Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah,

21 And with thy garments will I clothe him, and with thy girdle will I strengthen him: thy power also will I commit into his hande, and hee shall bee a father of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the house of Judah.

22 And the x key of the house of Dauid will I lay vpon his shoulder: so he shall open and no man shall shut: and he shall shut and no man shall open.

23 And I will fasten him as a y naile in a sure place, and he shalbe for a throne of glory to his fathers house.

24 And they shall hang vpon him all the glory of his fathers house, euen of the nephewes and posterity z all smal vessels from the vessels of the cups, euen to all the instruments of musicke.

25 In that day, saith the Lord of hostes, shall the a naile, that is fastened in the sure place, depart, and shall be broken, and fall: and the burden that was vpon it, shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 A prophesie against Tyrus. 17 A promise that it shalbe restored.

THe a burden of Tyrus. Howle, ye ships of b Tarshish: for it c is destroyed, so that there is none house: none shall come from the land of d Chittim: it is e reuealed vnto them.

2 Be still, ye that dwell in the yles: the merchants of Zidon, and such as passe ouer the sea, haue f replenished thee.

3 The g seede of Nilus growing by the abundance of waters, and the haruest of the riuer was her reuenues, and she was a marte of the nations.

4 Be ashamed, thou Zidon: for the h sea hath spoken, euen the strength of the sea, saying, I haue not i trauelled, nor brought vp children, neither nourished yong men, nor brought vp virgines.

5 (When the fame commeth to the Egyptians, they shall be k sory, concerning the rumor of Tyrus.

6 Goe you ouer to l Tarshish: howle, ye that dwell in the yles.

7 Is not this that your glorious citie? her antiquitie is of ancient dayes: her owne feete shall lead her afarre off to bee a sojourner.

8 Who hath decreed this against Tyrus (that m crowneth men) whose merchants are princes, whole chapmen are the nobles of the world?

9 The Lord of hosts hath decreed this, to staine the pride of all glory, and to bring to contempt all them that be glorious in the earth.

10 Passe through thy land like a flood o ye n daughter of Tarthish: there is no more strength.

11 Hee stretched out his hande vpon the sea: hee shooke the kingdomes: the Lorde hath giuen a commaundement concerning the place of merchandise, to destroy the power thereof.

12 And he sayd, Thou shalt no more reioyce, when thou art oppressed: O virgine p daughter of Zidon, rise vp, goe ouer vnto Chittim, yet there shalt thou haue no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Caldeans: this was no people: q Asshur founded it by the inhabitants of the wildernesse: they set vp the towers thereof: they raised the palaces thereof, and he r brought it to ruine.

14 Howle ye ships of Tarshish: for your s strength is destroyed.

15 And in that day shal Tyrus be forgotten seuentie yeeres (according to the yeeres of one king) at the ende of t seuentie yeeres, shall Tyrus u sing as an harlot.

16 Take an harpe, and goe about the city: (thou harlot that hast bene forgotten) x make sweete melody, sing mo songs that thou maiest be remembred.

17 And at the end of seuentie yeeres shall the Lord visit Tyrus, and she shall returne to her y wages, and shall commit fornication

a Reade chap. 13.1.

b Ye of Cilicia, that come thither for merchandise.

c Tyrus is destroyed by Nebuchad-nezzar.

d By Chittim they meant all the yles and countreyes Westwatd from Palestina.

e All men know of this destruction.

f Haue haunted thee, and enriched thee.

g Meaning, the corne of Egypt, which was fed by the ouerflowing of Nilus.

h That is, Tyrus, which was the chiefe port of the sea.

i I haue no people left in me, & am as a barren woman that neuer had child.

k Because these two countreyes were ioyned in league together.

l Tyrus willeth other merchants to goe to Cilicia, and to come no more there.

m Who maketh her merchants like Princes.

n Thy strength will no more serue thee: therefore flee to other countreys for succour.

o For Tyrus was neuer touched nor afflicted before.

p Because Tyrus was built by the e of Zidon.

q The Caldeans which dwelt in tents in the wildernesse were gathered by the Assyrians into cities.

r The people of the Caldeans destroyed the Assyrians: whereby the Prophet meaneth, that seeing the Caldeans were able to ouercome the Assyrians, which were so great a nation, much more shal these two nations of Caldea & Assyria be able to ouerthrow Tyrus.

s That is, Tyrus, by whom ye are enriched.

t Tyrus shall lie destroyed seuenty yeres, which he calleth y reigne of one King, or a mans age.

u Shal vse all craft and subtilty to entise men againe to her.

x She shall labour by all meanes to recouer her first credit, as an harlot when she is long forgotten, seeketh by al meanes to entertaine her louers.

y Though she haue bene chastised of the Lord, yet she shal returne to her old wicked practises, and for gaine shall giue her selfe to all mens lusts like an harlot.

with all the kingdomes of the earth, that are in the world.

18 Yet her occupying and her wages shal be [a] holy vnto the Lord: it shal not be laid vp nor kept in store, but her marchandise shall be for them that dwel before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and to haue durable clothing.

a He sheweth that God yet by the preaching of the Gospel will call Tyrus to repentance, and turne her heart from auarice & filthy gaine, vnto the true worshipping of God and liberalitie toward his Saints.

CHAP. XXIIII.

A prophesie of the curse of God for the sinnes of the people. 13 A remnant reserued shall praise the Lord.

BEhold, the Lord maketh the [a] earth emptie, and he maketh it waste: he turneth it vpside downe, and scatereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

2 And there shalbe like people, like [b] priest, and like seruant, like maister, like maide, like mistresse, like buyer, like seller, like lender, like borower, like giuer, like taker to vsury.

3 The earth shalbe cleane emptied, and vtterly spoyled: for the Lorde hath spoken this word.

4 The earth lamenteth and fadeth away: the world is feebled and decayed: the proud people of the earth are weakened.

5 The earth [c] also decaieth, because of the inhabitants thereof: for they transgressed the lawes: they changed the ordinances, and brake the euerlasting couenant.

6 Therefore hath the [d] curse deuoured the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are desolate. Wherefore the inhabitants of the land are [e] burned vp, and few men are left.

7 The wine faileth, the vine hath no might: all that were of merry heart, doe mourne.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth: the noise of them that reioyce, endeth: the ioy of the harpe ceaseth.

9 They shal not drinke wine with mirth: strong drinke shall bee bitter to them that drinke it.

10 The citie of [f] vanity is broken downe: euery house is shut vp, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets: all ioy is darkened: the [g] mirth of the world is gone away.

12 In the citie is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 Surely thus shall it be in the mids of the earth, among the people, [h] as the shaking of an olive tree, and as [i] grapes when the vintage is ended.

14 They shall lift vp their voyce: they shal shoute for the magnificence of the Lord: they shall reioyce from the sea.

15 Wherefore prayse yee the Lord in the valleyes, euen the Name of the Lord God of Israel, in the yles of the sea.

16 From the vttermost part of the earth wee haue heard prayses, euen glory to the [k] Iust, and I sayd, [l] My leannesse, my leannesse, woe is me: the transgressors haue offended: yea, the transgressors haue grieuously offended.

17 Feare, and the pit, and the snare are vpon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And hee that fleeth from the noise of the feare, shall fall into the pit: and he that commeth vp out of the pit, shall be taken in the snare: for the [m] windowes from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth doe shake.

19 The earth is vtterly broken downe: the earth is cleane dissolued: the earth is moued exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reele to and fro like a drunken man, and shall be remooued like a tent, and the iniquitie thereof shall be heauie vpon it: so that it shall fall, and rise no more.

21 And in that day shall the Lord [n] visit the hoste of the high ones that is on high, euen the kings of the world that are vpon the earth.

22 And they shall bee gathered together as the prisoners in the pit: and they shall be shut vp in the prison, and after many dayes shall they be [o] visited.

23 [p] Then the Moone shall bee abashed and the Sunne ashamed, when the Lord of hostes shall reigne in mount Zion and in Ierusalem: and glory shall bee before his ancient men.

b Because this was a name of dignitie, it was also applied to the which were not of Aarons family, & to signifie also a man of dignitie, as 2. Sam. 8. 18 & 20. 25. 1. chron. 18. 17. and by these words the Prophet signifieth an horible confusion, where there shall bee neither religion, order, nor policie. Hose 4 9.

c That is, rendereth not her fruit for the sinne of the people, whom the earth deceiued of their nouriture, because they deceiue God of his honour.

d Written in the Law, as Leuit. 26. 14 d ut. 28.

16. thus the Prophets vsed to apply particularly the menaces and promises, which are generall in the Law. e With heat & drought, or else, that they were consumed with the fire of Gods wrath. f Which as it was without order, so now should it bee brought to desolation and confusion: and this was not only meant of Ierusalem, but of all the other wicked cities. g Because they did not vse Gods benefits aright, their pleasures should faile, and they fall to mourning. h Hee comforteth the faithfull, declaring that in this great desolation the Lord will assemble his Church, which shall praise his Name, as Chap. 10. 32.

i From the vtmost coasts of the world, where the Gospel shall be preached, as verse 16.

k Meaning, to God, who will publish his Gospel through all the world.

l I am consumed with care, considering the affliction of the Church, both by forreine enemies and domesticall. Some reade, my secret, my secret: that is, it was reuealed to the Prophet, that the good should be preserued, and the wicked destroyed.

m Meaning, that Gods wrath and vengeance should be ouer and vnder them: so that they should not escape no more then they did at Noahs flood.

n There is no power so high or mighty, but God will visit him with his rods.

o Not with his rods, as verse 21. but shall be comforted.

p When God shall restore his Church, the glory thereof shall so shine, and his ministers (which are called his ancient men) that the Sunne and the Moone shall be darke in comparison thereof.

CHAP. XXV.

A thanksgiuing to God in that that he sheweth himselfe iudge of the world, by punishing the wicked, and maintaining the godly.

O Lord, thou [a] art my God: I will exalt thee, I will prayse thy Name: for thou hast done wonderful things, according to the counsels of old, with a stable truetth.

2 For thou hast made of a [b] citie an heape, of a strong citie, a ruine: euen the palace [c] of strangers of a citie, it shall neuer be built.

3 Therefore shall the [d] mightie people giue glory vnto thee: the citie of the strong nations shall feare thee.

4 For thou hast beene a strength vnto the poore, euen a strength to the needy in his trouble, a refuge against the tempest, a shadowe against the heat: for the blast

a Thus the Prophet giueth thanks to God, because he will bring vnder subiection these nations by his corrections, and make them of his Church which before were his enemies.

b Not onely of Ierusalem, but also of these other cities, which haue been thine enemies.

c That is, a place wherein all vagabonds may liue without danger, & as it were, at ease, as in a palace.

d The arrogant and proud, which before would not know thee, shall by thy corrections feare and glorifie thee.

e The rage of the wicked is furious, till God breake the force thereof.

f Meaning that as the heat is abated by the raine, so shal God bring downe the rage of the wicked.

g As a cloud shadoweth from the heat of the sunne, so shall God asswage the reioycing of the wicked against the godly.

h To wit, in Zion, whereby he meaneth his Church, which should vnder Christ be assembled of the Iewes and the Gentiles, and is here described vnder the figure of a costly banket, as Matt. 22.2.

i Meaning, that ignorance and blindnes, whereby we are kept backe from Christ.

k Hee will take away all occasions of sorrow, and fill his with perfect ioy, Reuel. 7.17. and 21.4.

l By Moab are meant all the enemies of his Church.

m There were two cities of this name: one in Iudah, 1. Chro 2.49. and another in the land of Moab, Iere. 48.2. which seemeth to haue beene a plentifull place of corne, Chap. 10.31.

of the mightie is like a storme against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring downe the noyse of the strangers, as the heat in a drie place: he will bring downe the song of the mightie, as the heat in the shadow of a cloud.

6 And in this [h] mountain shall the Lord of hostes make vnto all people a feast of fat things, euen a feast of tried wines, and of fat things full of marrow, of wines tried and purified.

7 And he wil destroy in this mountaine [i] the couering that couereth all people, and the vaile that is spread vpon all nations.

8 He will destroy death for euer: and the Lord God will [k] wipe away the teares from all faces, and the rebuke of his people wil he take away out of all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

9 And in that day shall men say, Lo, this is our God: we haue waited for him, and he wil saue vs. This is the Lord, we haue waited for him: we will reioyce and be ioyful in his saluation.

10 For in this mountaine shall the hand of the Lord rest, and [l] Moab shalbe threshed vnder him, euen as strawe is threshed in [m] Madmenah.

11 And he shal stretch out his hand in the mids of them (as he that swimmeth, stretcheth them out to swimme) and with the strength of his hands shall hee bring downe their pride.

12 The defence also of the height of thy walles shal he bring downe, and lay low, and cast them to the ground, euen vnto the dust.

CHAP. XXVI.

A song of the faithfull, wherein is declared, in what consisteth the saluation of the Church, and wherein they ought to trust.

a This song was made to comfort the faithfull, when their captiuitie should come, assuring them also of their deliuerance, for the which they should sing this song.

b Gods protection and defence shall bee sufficient for vs.

c Hee assureth the godly to returne after the captiuitie to Ierusalem. cannot be changed.

d Thou hast decreed so, and thy purpose

e There is no power so hie, that can let God, when he will deliuer his.

IN that day shall [a] this song be sung in the land of Iudah, Wee haue a strong citie: [b] saluation shall God set for walles and bulwarkes.

2 [c] Open yee the gates, that the righteous nation, which keepeth the trueth, may enter in.

3 By an assured [d] purpose wilt thou preserue perfit peace, because they trusted in thee.

4 Trust in the Lord for euer: for in the Lord God is strength for euermore.

5 For hee will bring them downe that dwell on high: [e] the high citie he wil abase: euen vnto the ground will hee cast it downe, and bring it vnto dust.

6 The foote shall treade it downe, euen the feete of the [f] poore, and the steppes of the needie.

7 The way of the iust is righteousnesse: thou wilt make equall the righteous path of the iust.

8 Also we, O Lord, haue waited for thee in the way of thy [g] iudgements: the desire of our soule is to thy Name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soule haue I desired thee in the night, and with my spirite within mee will I seeke thee in the morning: for seeing thy iudgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the worlde shall learne [h] righteousnesse.

10 Let mercy [i] be shewed to the wicked, yet hee will not learne righteousnesse: in the land of vprightnes wil he doe wickedly, and will not behold the maiestie of the Lord.

11 O Lorde, they will not beholde thine high hand: but they shall see it, and be confounded with [k] the zeale of the people, and the fire of thine [l] enemies shall deuoure them.

12 Lord, vnto vs thou wilt ordeine peace: for thou also hast wrought all our workes for vs.

13 O Lord our God, other [m] lords beside thee haue ruled vs, but wee will remember thee onely, and thy Name.

14 The [n] dead shall not liue, neither shall the dead arise, because thou hast visited and scattered them, and destroyed all their memorie.

15 Thou hast increased the [o] nation, O Lord: thou hast increased the nation: thou art made glorious: thou hast inlarged all the coasts of the earth.

16 Lorde, in trouble haue they [p] visited thee: they powred out a prayer when thy chastening was vpon them.

17 Like as a woman with childe, that draweth neere to the trauaile, is in sorrowe, and crieth in her paines, so haue wee bene in thy [q] sight, O Lord.

18 Wee haue conceiued, we haue borne in paine, as though wee should haue brought foorth [r] winde: there was no helpe in the earth, neither did the inhabitants of the world fall.

19 [s] Thy dead men shall liue: euen with my body shall they rise. Awake, and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy [t] dew is as the dew of herbes, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people: [u] enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doores after thee: hide thy selfe for a very little while, vntill the indignation passe ouer.

21 For loe, the Lorde commeth out of his place, to visite the iniquitie of the inhabitants of the earth vpon them: and the

f God will set the poore afflicted ouer the power of the wicked

g We haue constantly abode in the afflictities, wherewith thou hast afflicted vs.

h Meaning, that by afflictions men shall learne to feare God.

i The wicked though God shew them euident signes of his grace, shall be neuer the better.

k Through enuie and indignation against thy people.

l The fire and vengeance, wherewith thou doest destroy thine enemies.

m The Babylonians, which haue not gouerned according to thy word.

n Meaning, that the reprobate euen in this life shall haue the beginning of euerlasting death.

o To wit, the companie of the faithfull by the calling of the Gentiles.

p That is, the faithfull by thy rods were mooued to pray vnto thee for deliuerance.

q To wit, in extreme sorrow.

r Our sorrowes had none end, neither did we enioy the comfort that wee looked for.

s The wicked and men without religion were not destroyed. the faithfull in their afflictions, shewing them, they shall haue life: and that they should most glory: the contrary should come to the wicked, as herbes dead in winter, flourish again by the raine in the spring time: so they that lie in the dust, shall arise vp to ioy when they feele the dewe of Gods grace.

t He comforteth that euen in death certainely rise to

u As

x He exhorteth the faithfull to bee patient in their afflictions, and to wait vpon Gods worke.

y The earth shall vomite, and cast out the innocent blood, which it hath drunke, that it may crie for vengeance against the wicked.

earth shall disclose her y blood, and shall no more hide her slaine.

CHAP. XXVII.

A prophesie against the kingdome of Satan, 2 and of the joy of the Church for their deliverance.

IN that a day the Lord with his sore and great and mightie b sword shall visite Leviathan, that pearcing serpent, euen Leviathan that crooked serpent, and hee shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing of the vineyard c of red wine.

3 I the Lord doe keepe it: I will water it every moment: lest any assaile it, I will keepe it night and day.

4 Anger d is not in mee: who would set the briers and the thornes against me in battell? I would goe thorow them, I would burne them together.

5 Or will he e keepe my strength, that he may make peace with mee, and hee at one with mee?

6 f Hereafter, Iaakob shall take roote: Israel shal flourish and grow, and the world shall be filled with fruit.

7 Hath hee smitten g him as hee smote those that smote him? or is hee slaine according to the slaughter of them that were slaine by him?

8 In h measure in the branches thereof wilt thou contend with it, when hee bloweth with his rough winde in the day of the East winde.

9 By this therefore shall the iniquitie of Iaakob be purged, and this is all the i fruit, the taking away of his sinne: when he shall make all the stones of the altars, as chalke stones broken in pieces, that the groues and images may not stand vp.

10 Yet the k defenced citie shall bee desolate, and the habitation shall be forsaken, and left like a wildernesse. There shall the calfe feed, and there shall her lu, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughes of it are drie, they shall bee broken: the l women come and set them on fire: for it is a people of none understanding: therefore hee that made them, shall not have compassion of them, and hee that formed them, shall have no mercie on them.

12 And in that day shall the Lord thresh from the channell of the m River, vnto the riuer of Egypt, and yee shall bee gathered one by one, O children of Israel.

13 In that day also shal the great trumpe be n blowen, and they shall come, which perished in the land of Ashur: and they that were chased into the lande of Egypt, and they shal worship the Lord in the holy mount at Ierusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Against the pride and drunkennesse of Israel. 9 The vntowardnesse of them that should learne the word of God. 24 God doth all things in time and place.

WOe to the a crowne of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim: for his glorious beautie shall be a fading floure, which is vpon the head of the b valley of them that bee fat, and are ouercome with wine.

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mightie and c strong hoste, like a tempest of haile, and a whirlewind that ouerthroweth, like a tempest of mightie waters that ouerflow, which throw to the ground mightily.

3 They shall bee troden vnder foot, euen the crowne and the pride of the drunkards of Ephraim.

4 For his glorious beautie shall bee a fading floure, which is vpon the head of the valley of them that be fat, and as d the hastie fruit afore summer, which when he that looketh vpon it, seeth it, while it is in his hand, he eateth it.

5 In that day shall the Lord of hostes be for a crowne of glory, and for a diademe of beautie vnto the e residue of his people,

6 And for a spirite of iudgement to him that sitteth in iudgement, and for f strength vnto them that turne away the battell to the gate.

7 But sthey haue erred because of wine, and are out of the way by strong drinke: the Priest and the prophet haue erred by strong drinke, they are swallowed vp with wine: they haue gone astray through strong drinke: they faile in vision: they stumble in iudgement.

8 For all their tables are ful of filthie vomiting: no place is cleane.

9 h Whom shall hee teach knowledge? and whom shall hee make to vnderstand the things that he heareth? them that are weaned from the milke, and drawen from the breasts.

10 For i precept must be vpon precept, precept vpon precept, line vnto line, line vnto line, there a little, and there a little.

11 For with a stammering k tongue, and with a strange language shal he speake vnto this people.

12 Vnto whom l hee said, m This is the

y Meaning, shall discover her blood.

a At the time appointed.

b That is, by his mightie power, and by his word. He prophesieth here of the destruction of Satan and his kingdome vnder the name of Leuiathan, Asshur and Egypt.

c Meaning, of the best wine which this vineyard, that is, the Church should bring foorth as most agreeable to the Lord.

d Therefore he will destroy the kingdome of Satan, because he loueth his Church for his owne mercies sake, and cannot be angry with it, but wisheth that he may powre his anger vpon the wicked infidels, whom he meaneth by briers and thornes.

e He meaneth if Israel will not come by gentlenesse, except God make them to feele his rods, & so bring them vnto him.

f Though I afflict and diminish my people for a time, yet shall the roote spring againe and bring foorth in great abundance.

g Hee sheweth that God punisheth his in mercie, and his enemies in iustice.

h That is, thou wilt not destroy the roote of thy Church, though the branches thereof seeme to perish by the sharpe wind of affliction.

i He sheweth that there is no true repentance, nor full reconciliation to God, til the heart be purged from all idolatrie, and the monuments thereof destroyed.

k Notwithstanding his saiour that hee will shew them after: yet Ierusalem shall be destroyed, and grasse for cattell shall grow in it.

l God shall not haue regarde of mighty enemies: for the very Assyrians shall doe it to their great shame.

m He shall destroy all from Euphrates to Nilus: for some shall runne toward Egypt, thinking to haue escaped.

n In the time of Cyrus by whom they should be deliuered: but this was chiefly accomplished vnder Christ.

a Meaning, the proud kingdom of the Israelites, which were drunken with worldly prosperitie.

b Because the Israelites, for the most part dwelt in plentifull valleys, he meaneth here by the valley of them that had abundance of worldly prosperitie, and were, as it were crowned therewith, as with garlands.

c He seemeth to meane the Assyrians, by whom the ten tribes were caried away.

d Which is not of long continuance, but is soone ripe, and first eaten.

e Signifying, that the faithfull which put not their trust in any worldly prosperitie, but made God their glory, shall be preserued.

f He will giue counsell to the gouernour, and strength to the captaine, to driue the enemies in at their

g Meaning the hypocrites, which were among them, and were altogether corrupt in life & doctrine, which is here meant by drunkennesse and vomiting.

h For there was none that was able to vnderstand any good doctrine: but were foolish, and as vnmeet as yoong babes.

i They must haue one thing oftentimes told.

k Let one teach what he can, yet they shal no more vnderstand him, then if hee spake in a strange language.

l That is, the Prophet, whom God should send.

m This is the doctrine, wherevpon we ought to stay and rest.

n Shew to them that are wearie and haue need of rest, what is the true rest.
o Because they will not receiue the word of God when it is offered, it commeth of their owne malice, if after their hearts be so hardened, that they care not for it, as before, Chap. 6.9.
p They thought they had shifts to auoid Gods iudgements, and that they could escape though all other perished.
q Though the Prophets condemned their idoles and vaine trust of falsehood, and vanity, yet the wicked thought in themselues that they would trust in those things.
r That is, Christ by whom all the building must be tryed, and vpholden, Psal. 118. 22. Mat. 21. 42. Acts 4. 11. rom 9. 33. 1. pet. 2. 6.
s He shall be quiet, and seeke none other remedies, but be content with Christ.
t In the restitution of his Church, iudgement and iustice shall reigne.
u Gods corrections & affliction.
x Affliction shall discouer their vaine confidence, which they kept secret to themselues.
y Terrour and destruction shall wake you to learne that which exhortations & gentlenesse could not bring you vnto.
z Your affliction shalbe so sore that you are not able to endure it.
a When Dauid ouercame the Philistims, 2. Sam. 5. 20. 1. Chron. 14. 11.
b Where Iosua discomfited fiue kings of the Amorites, Iosh. 10. 12.
c As the plowman hath his appointed time, and diuers instruments for his labour, so hath the Lord for his vengeance: for hee punisheth some at one time, and some at another, some after one sort and some after another, so that his chosen seed is beaten, and tried, but not broken, as are the wicked.

rest: a giue rest to him that is weary: and this is the refreshing, but they would not heare.

13 Therefore shal the word of the o Lord bee vnto them precept vpon precept, precept vpon precept, line vnto line, line vnto line, there a little, and there a little, that they may go and fall backward, and be broken and be snared and be taken.

14 Wherefore heare the word of the Lord, ye scornefull men that rule this people, which is at Ierusalem.

15 Because ye haue said, Wee haue made a p couenant with death, and with hell are wee at agreement: though a scourge runne ouer, and passe through, it shall not come at vs: for wee haue made q falsehood our refuge, and vnder vanitie are wee hid,

16 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord God, Beholde, I will lay in Zion a stone, a r tryed stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. He that beleeueth, s shall not make haste.

17 Iudgement also will I lay to the rule, and t righteousnesse to the balance, and the u hayle shall sweepe away the vaine confidence, and the waters shal ouerflow x the secret place.

18 And your couenant with death shalbe disanulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stande: when a scourge shall runne ouer and passe through, then shal ye be trode downe by it.

19 When it passeth ouer, it shall take you away: for it shall passe through euery morning in the day, and in the night, and there shall be onely y feare to make you to vnderstand the hearing.

20 For the bed is z strait that it cannot suffice, and the couering narrowe that one cannot wrap himselfe.

21 For the Lord shall stand as in mount a Perazim: he shall be wroth as in the valley b of Gibeon, that he may doe his worke, his strange worke, and bring to passe his act, his strange act.

22 Nowe therefore bee no mockers, least your bonds increase: for I haue heard of the Lorde of hostes a consumption, euen determined vpon the whole earth.

23 Hearken ye, and heare my voyce, hearken ye, and heare my speech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all the day, to sowe? doth he open and breake the clots of his ground?

25 When he hath made it c plaine, will he not then sowe the fitches, and sowe cummin, and cast in wheate by measure, and the appointed barley and rie in their place?

26 For his God doeth instruct him to haue discretion, and doth teach him.

27 For fitches shall not be threshed with a threshing instrument, neither shall a cart wheele bee turned about vpon the cummin: but the fitches are beaten out with a staffe, and cummin with a rod.

28 Bread corne when it is threshed, bee doeth not alway thresh it, neither doeth the wheele of his cart still make a noyse, neither will he breake it with the teeth thereof.

29 This also commeth from the Lord of hostes, which is wonderfull in counsaile, and excellent in workes.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 A prophesie against Ierusalem. 13 The vengeance of God on them that follow the traditions of men.

Ah a altar, altar of the citie that Dauid dwelt in: adde yeere vnto yeere: b let them kill beastes.

2 But I will bring the altar into distresse, and there it shall be heauinesse, and sorow, and it shall be vnto me like c an altar.

3 And I will besiege thee as a circle, and fight against thee on a mount, and will cast vp ramparts against thee.

4 So shalt thou bee humbled, and shalt speake out of the d grounde, and thy speech shall be as out of the dust: thy voyce also shall be out of the ground like vnto that hath a spirit of diuination, and thy talking shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreouer, the multitude of thy e strangers shall be like small dust: and the multitude of strong men shall bee in a moment, passeth away, and it shall bee in a moment euen suddenly.

6 Thou shalt bee visited of the Lorde of hostes with thunder and shaking f a great noyse, a whirlewinde, and a tempest, and a flame of a deuouring fire.

7 And the g multitude of all the nations that fight against the altar, shall bee as a dreame or vision by night: euen all they that make the warre against it, and strong holds against it, and lay siege vnto it.

8 And it shall bee like as an hungry man dreameth, and behold, he h eateth: and when he awaketh, his soule is emptie: or like as a thirstie man dreameth, and loe, he is drinking, and when he awaketh, behold, hee is faint, and his soule longeth: so shall the multitude of all nations bee that fight against mount Zion.

9 i Stay your selues and wonder: they are blinde, k make you blinde: they are drunken, but not with wine: they stagger, but not by strong drinke.

10 For the Lord hath couered you with a spirit

a The Ebrewe word Ariel signifieth the lyon of God, and signifieth the Altar, because the Altar seemed to denoure the sacrifice that was offered to God, as Ezek. 43. 16.
b Your vaine confidence in your sacrifices shall not last long.
c Your citie shall be full of blood as an altar whereon they sacrifice.
d Thy speach shall be no more so lofty, but abased, and low, as the very chamers, which are in low places, and whisper, so that their voyce can scarce be heard.
e Thine hired souldiers in whome thou trustest shall be destroyed as dust or chaffe in a whirlewind.
f The enemies that I will bring to destroy thee,

& that which thou makest thy vaine trust, shall come at vnawares, euen as a dreame in the night. Some reade, as if this were a comfort to the Church for the destruction of their enemies.
g That is, hee thinketh that he eateth. h Muse hereon as long as you list, yet shal yee finde nothing but occasion to bee astonied: for your Prophets are blinde, and therefore cannot direct you.

spirit of slumber, and hath shut vp your eyes: the Prophets, and your chiefe Seers hath he couered.

11 And the vision of them all is become vnto you, as the words of a booke that is sealed vp, which they deliuer to one that can reade, saying, Reade this, I pray thee. Then shall he say, I can not: for it is sealed.

12 And the booke is giuen vnto him that cannot reade, saying, Reade this, I pray thee. And hee shall say, I can not reade.

13 Therefore the Lord said, Because this people [k] come neere vnto mee with their mouth, and honour mee with their lippes, but haue removed their heart farre from me, and their [l] feare toward mee was taught by the precept of men,

14 Therefore behold, I will againe doe a marueilous worke in this people, even a marueilous worke, and a wonder: for the wisedome of their wise men shall [m] perish, and the vnderstanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

15 Woe vnto them that [n] seeke deepe to hide their counsell from the Lorde: for their workes are in darkenesse, and they say, Who seeth vs? and who knoweth vs?

16 Your turning of deuises shall it not bee esteemed [o] as the potters clay? for shall the worke say of him that made it, Hee made mee not? or the thing formed, say of him that fashioned it, Hee had none vnderstanding?

17 Is it not yet but a little while, and Lebanon shall bee [p] turned into Carmel? and Carmel shalbe counted as a forest?

18 And in that day shall the deafe heare the wordes of the booke, and the eyes of the blinde shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkenesse.

19 The meeke in the Lorde shall receiue ioy againe, and the poore men shall reioyce in the holy one of Israel.

20 For the cruell man shal cease, and the scornefull shalbe consumed: and all that hasted to iniquitie shalbe cut off:

21 Which made a man to sinne in the [q] word, and tooke him in a snare: which reproued them in the gate, and made the iust to fall without cause.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lorde vnto the house of Iaakob, euen hee that redeemed Abraham, Iaakob shall not nowe bee confounded, neither now shall his face bee pale.

23 But when hee seeth his children, the worke of mine handes, in the midst of him they shall sanctifie my Name, and sanctifie the holy one of Iaakob, and shall feare the God of Israel.

24 Then they that erred in spirit, [r] shall haue vnderstanding, and they that murmured shall learne doctrine.

CHAP. XXX.

1 He reproueth the Iewes which in their aduersitie vsed their owne counsell, 3 And sought help of the Egyptians, 10 Despising the Prophets. 16 Therefore hee sheweth what destruction shall come vpon them, 18 But offereth mercie to the repentant.

WOe to the [a] rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsell, but not of mee, and [b] couer with a couering, but not by my Spirit, that they may lay sinne vpon sinne:

2 Which walke forth to goe downe into Egypt (and haue not asked at my mouth) to strengthen themselues with the strength of Pharaoh, and trust in the shadow of Egypt.

3 But the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

4 For his [c] princes were at Zoan, and his Ambassadours came vnto Hanes.

5 They shall be all ashamed of the people that cannot profite them, nor helpe nor doe them good, but shall be a shame and also a reproch.

6 The [d] burden of the beastes of the South, in a land of trouble and anguish, from whence shall come the yong and olde lyon, the viper, and fiery flying serpent against them that shall beare their riches vpon the shoulders of the colts, and their treasures vpon the bunches of the camels, to a people that cannot profite.

7 For the Egyptians are vanitie, and they shall helpe in vaine. Therefore haue I cryed vnto [e] her, Their strength [f] is to sit still.

8 Now goe, and write [g] it before them in a table, and note it in a booke that it may be for the [h] last day for euer and euer:

9 That it is a rebellious people, lying children, and children that would not [i] heare the Law of the Lord,

10 Which say vnto the Seers, See not: and to the Prophets, Prophesie not vnto vs right things: but speake flattering things vnto vs: prophesie [k] errours.

11 Depart out of the way: goe aside out of the path: cause the holy One of Israel to cease from vs.

12 Therefore thus saith the holy One of Israel, Because ye haue cast off this worde, and trust in [l] violence and wickednesse, and stay thereupon,

13 Therefore this iniquitie shall be vnto you as a breach that falleth, or a swelling in an hie wall, whose breaking commeth suddenly in a moment.

14 And the breaking thereof is like the breaking of a Potters vessell, which is broken without pitie, and in the breaking thereof is not founde [m] a sheard to take fire out of the hearth, or to take wa-

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3 Meaning, that it is all alike, either to reade or not to reade, except God open the heart to vnderstand.

k Because they are hypocrites and not sincere in heart, as Matth 15.8.

l That is, their religion was learned by mans doctrine, and not by my word.

m Meaning, that whereas God is not worshipped according to his word, both magistrates and ministers are but fooles and without vnderstanding.

n This is spoken of them which in heart despised Gods word, and mocked at the admonitions, but outwardly bare a good face.

o For all your craft saith the Lord, you cannot be able to escape mine hands, no more then the clay, that is in the potters hands, hath power to deliuer it selfe.

p Shall there not be a change of all things? and Carmel, that is a plentifull place in respect of that it shall be then, may be taken as a forrest, as Chap 32.15, and thus he speaketh to comfort the faithfull.

q They that were about to finde fault with the Prophets words, and would not abide admonitions, but would intangle them and bring them into danger.

r Signifying, that except God giue vnderstanding and knowledg, man cannot but murmure and murmure against him.

a Who contrary to their promise, take not me for their protectour, and contrary to my commandement seeke helpe at strangers.

b They seeke shifts to cloke their doings, and not godly meanes.

c The chiefe of Israel went into Egypt in ambassy to seeke helpe, and abode at their cities.

d That is, a heauie sentence or prophesie against the beasts that caried their treasures into Egypt, by the wildernesse, which was South from Iudah: signifying, that if the beasts should not be spared, the men should be punished much more grieuously.

e To wit, to Ierusalem.

f And not to come to and fro to seeke helpe.

g That is, this prophesie.

h That it may be a witnes against them for all posteritie.

i He sheweth what was the cause of their destruction, and bringeth also all miserie to man: to wit, because they would not heare the word of God, but delighted to be flattered and led in errour.

k To reason vs not by the word of God neither be so rigorous, nor talke vnto vs in the Name of the Lord, as Ierem. 11.21.

l Meaning, in their stubbornesse against God, and the admonitions of his Prophets.

m Signifying, that the destruction of the wicked shall be without recouerie.

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ter out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the n Lord God, the holy one of Israel, In rest and quietnesse shall ye be saued: in quietnesse and in confidence shall be your strength, but ye would not.

16 For ye haue sayd, No, but we will flee away vpon o horses. Therefore shall ye flee. Wee will ride vpon the swiftest. Therefore shall your persecuters be swifter.

17 A thousand as one shall flee at the rebuke of one: at the rebuke of fiue shall yee flee, till yee be left as a beacon vpon the p top of a mountaine, and as a beaken vpon an hill.

18 Yet therefore will the Lord waite, that he may haue q mercy vpon you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may haue compassion vpon you: for the Lord is the God of r iudgement. Blessed are all they that waite for him.

19 Surely a people shall dwell in Zion, and in Jerusalem: thou shalt weepe no more: hee will certainely haue mercy vpon thee at the voyce of thy cry: when he heareth thee, he will answere thee.

20 And when the Lorde hath giuen you the bread of aduersitie, and the water of affliction, thy raine shalbe no more kept backe, but thine eyes shall see thy s raine.

21 And thine eares shall heare a worde behinde thee, saying, This is the way, t walke yee in it, when thou turnest to the right hand, and when thou turnest to the left.

22 And yee shall u pollute the couering of the images of siluer, and the rich ornament of thine images of gold, and cast them away as a menstruous cloth, and thou shalt say vnto it, x Get thee hence.

23 Then shall hee giue raine vnto thy seede, when thou shalt sowe the ground, and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat, and as oyle: in that day shall thy cattell be fed in large pastures.

24 The oxen also and the yong asses that till the ground, shall eate cleane prouender, which is winowed with the shouel, and with the fanne.

25 And vpon euery hie y mountaine, and vpon euery hie hill shall there be riuers and streames of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers shall fall.

26 Moreouer, the light of the Moone shall be as the light of the z Sunne, and the light of the Sunne shall be seuen folde, and like the light of seuen dayes in the day that the Lorde shall binde vp the breache of his people, and heale the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, a the Name of the Lord commeth from farre, his face is burning, and the burden thereof is graue, his lippes are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a deuouring fire.

28 And his spirite is as a riuer that ouerfloweth vp to the necke: it diuideth asunder, to fanne the nations with the fanne of b vanitie, and there shall bee a bridle to cause them to erre in the tawes of the people.

29 But there shal be a song vnto you as in the c night, when a solemne feast is kept: and gladnesse of heart, as he that commeth with a pipe to goe vnto the mount of the Lord, to the mighty one of Israel.

30 And the Lord shall cause his glorious voyce to be heard, and shall declare the lighting downe of his arme, with the anger of his countenance, and flame of a deuouring fire, with scattering and tempest, and haile-stones.

31 For with the voyce of the Lord shall Asshur be destroyed, which smote with the d rodde.

32 And in euery place that the staffe shall passe, it shall e cleaue fast, which the Lorde shal lay vpon him with f tabrets and harps, and with battels, and lifting vp of hands shal he fight f against it.

33 For a Tophet is prepared of olde: it is euen prepared for the h King: he hath made it i deepe and large: the burning thereof is fire and much wood: the breath of the Lorde, like a riuer of brimstone, doeth kindle it.

n Oft times by his Prophets he put you in remembrance of this, that you should only depend on him.

o We will trust to escape by our horses.

p Whereas all the trees are cut downe saue two or three to make masts.

q He commendeth the great mercies of God, who with patience waiteth to call sinners to repentance.

r Not onely in punishing, but in vsing moderation in the same, as Iere. 10.24 and 30.11.

s Or, instruction.

t God shal direct al thy wayes, and appoint thee how to goe either hither or thither.

u Ye shall cast away your idoles which you haue made of golde and siluer, with all that belongeth vnto them, as a most filthy thing and polluted.

x Shewing, that there can be no true repentance, except both in heart and deede we shew our selues enemies to idolatry.

y By these diuers maners of speech he sheweth that the felicitie of the Church shall be so great, that none is able sufficiently to expresse it.

z When the Church shall be restored, the glory thereof shall passe seuen times the brightnesse of the Sunne: for by the Sunne and Moone, which are two excellent creatures, hee sheweth what shall be the glory of the children of God in the kingdome of Christ.

a This threatning is against the Assyrians, the chiefe enemies of the people of God.

a To driue them to nothing: and thus God consumeth the wicked by that meanes, whereby he cherisheth his.

b Ye shall reioyce at the destruction of your enemies, as they that sing for ioy of the solemne feast, which began in the euening.

c Gods plague.

d It shall destroy.

e With ioy and assurance of the victory.

f Against Babel: meaning the Assyrians and Babylonians.

g Here it is taken for hell, where the wicked are tormented, reade 2. King 23.10.

h So that their estate or degree cannot exempt the wicked.

i By these figuratiue speeches he declareth the condition of the wicked after this life.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 He curseth them that forsake God, and seeke for the helpe of men.

WOe vnto them that goe a downe into Egypt for helpe, and stay vpon horses, and trust in charets, because they are many, and in horsemen, because they bee very strong: but they looke not vnto the holy one of Israel, nor b seeke vnto the Lord.

2 But he yet is c wisest: therefore he will bring euil, and not turne backe his word, but he will arise against the house of the wicked, and against the helpe of them that worke vanitie.

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses flesh, and not spirite: and when the Lorde shall stretch out his hand, the d helper shall fall, and hee that is holpen shall fall, and they shall altogether faile.

4 For thus hath the Lorde spoken vnto mee, As the lyon or lyons whelpe roareth vpon his praye, against whome if a multitude of shepheardes bee called, hee will not bee afraid at their voyce, neither will humble himselfe at their noyse: so shall

a There were two speciall causes, why the Israelites should not ioyne amitie with the Egyptians: first, because the Lord had commanded them neuer to returne thither, Deut. 17.16 and 28.68: lest they should forget the benefite of their redemption: and secondly, lest they should bee corrupted with the superstition and idolatry of the Egyptians, and so forsake God, Iere. 2.18.

b Meaning, that they forsake the Lorde, that worldly things: for they cannot trust in both.

c And knoweth their crafty enterprises and will bring all to nought.

d Meaning, both the Egyptians and the Israelites.

e He sheweth the Iewes, that if they would put their trust in him, he is so able that none can resist his power: and so carefull ouer them, as a bird ouer her yong, which euer sheeth about them for their defence: which similitude the Scripture vseth in diuers places, as Deut. 32.11. matth. 23.37.

f He toucheth their conscience that they might earnestly feele their grieuous sinnes, and so truely repent, for almuch as now they are almost drowned, and past recouery g By these fruits your repentance shal be knowen, as Chap. 3.18. h When your repentance appeareth. i This was accomplished soone after when Sanherib's army was discomfited, and he fled to his castle in Nineueh for succour. k To destroy his enemies.

the Lord of hostes come ᵉ downe to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5 As birdes that flie, so shall the Lorde of hostes defend Ierusalem by defending and deliuering, by passing through and preseruing it.

6 Ye children of Israel, turne againe, in as much as yee are ᶠ sunken deepe in rebellion.

7 For in that day euery man shall ᵍ cast out his idoles of siluer, and his idols of gold, which your hands haue made you, euen a sinne.

8 ʰ Then shall Ashur fall by the sword, not of man, neither shall the sword of man deuoure him, ⁱ he shall flee from the sword, and his yong men shall faint.

9 And he shal goe for feare to his ⁱ tower, and his princes shall bee afraid of the standard, saith the Lord, whose ᵏ fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Ierusalem.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The condicions of good rulers and officers described by the gouernment of Hezekiah, who was the figure of Christ.

a This prophesie is of Hezekiah, who was a figure of Christ, and therfore it ought chiefly to be referred to him.

b By iudgement and iustice is meant an vpright gouernement, both in policie and religion.

c Where men are wearie with trauelling, for lacke of water.

d He promiseth to giue the true light, which is the pure doctrine of Gods word, and vnderstanding, and zeale of the same contrary to the threatnings against the wicked, Chap. 6.9. and 29.10.

e Vice shall no more be called vertue, nor vertue esteemed by power and riches. f He prophesieth of such calamity to come, that they will not spare the women and children, and therefore willeth them to take heede and prouide.

BEholde, ᵃ a King shall reigne in iustice, and the Princes shall rule ᵇ in iudgement.

2 And that man shall bee as an hiding place from the winde, and as a refuge for the tempest: as riuers of water in a drie place, and as the shadow of a great rocke in ᶜ a wearie land.

3 The eyes of ᵈ the seeing shall not bee shut, and the eares of them that heare, shall hearken.

4 And the heart of the foolish shall vnderstand knowledge, and the tongue of the stutters shall bee ready to speake distinctly.

5 ᵉ A niggard shall no more be called liberall, nor the churle rich.

6 But the niggard will speake of niggardnesse, and his heart will worke iniquitie, and doe wickedly, and speake falsely against the Lord, to make emptie the hungry soule, and to cause the drinke of the thirstie to faile.

7 For the weapons of the churle are wicked: hee deuiseth wicked counsels, to vndoe the poore with lying wordes, and to speake against the poore in iudgement.

8 But the liberall man will deuise of liberall things, and he will continue his liberalitie.

9 ¶ Rise vp, ye women that are at ease; heare my voyce, ye ᶠ careleſſe daughters: hearken to my words.

10 Ye women, that are careleſſe, shall be in feare ᵏ aboue a yeere in dayes: ˡ for the vintage shall faile, and the gathering shall come no more.

11 Bee women, that are at ease, be astonied: feare, O yee careleſſe women: put off the clothes: make bare, and girde sackecloth vpon the loynes.

12 Men shall lament for the ⁱ teates, euen for the pleasant fields, and for the fruitfull vine.

13 Vpon the land of my people shal grow thornes and briers: yea, vpon all the houses of ioy in the citie of reioycing.

14 Because the palace shall bee forsaken, and the ‖ noyse of the citie shall bee left: the tower and fortresse shall be dennes for euer, and the delite of wilde asses, and a pasture for flockes,

15 Until the ᵏ Spirit be powred vpon vs from aboue, and the wildernesse become a fruitfull field, and the ⁱ plenteous field bee counted as a forrest.

16 And iudgement shall dwell in the desert, and iustice shall remaine in the fruitfull field.

17 And the worke of iustice shalbe peace, euen the worke of iustice and quietnesse, and assurance for euer.

18 And my people shal dwel in the tabernacle of peace, and in sure dwellings, and in safe resting places.

19 When it haileth, it shall fall on the forrest, and the ᵐ citie shall be set in the low place.

20 Blessed are ye that ⁿ sow vpon all waters, and ᵒ driue thither the feete of the ore and the asse.

g Meaning, that the affliction should continue long, and when one yeere were past, yet they should looke for new plagues.

h God will take from you the meanes and occasions, which made you to contemne him: to wit, aboundance of worldly goods.

i By the teates he meaneth the plentifull fields, whereby men are nourished, as children with the teate: or the mothers for sorow and leanenesse, shall lacke milke.

‖ Or, multitude.

k That is, when the Church shall bee restored: thus the Prophets after they haue denounced Gods iudgements against the wicked, vse to comfort the godly, lest they should faint. l The field which is now fruitfull, shall be but as a barren forrest in comparison of that it shal be then, as Chap 29.17. which shall bee fulfilled in Christs time: for then they that were before as the barren wildernesse, being regenerate, shall bee fruitefull, and they that had some beginning of godlinesse, shall bring fooorth fruites in such abundance, that their former life shall seeme but as a wildernesse where no fruites were. m They shall not neede to builde it in high places for feare of the enemie: for God will defend it, and turne away the stormes from hurting of their commodities. n That is, vpon fat ground and well watered, which bringeth forth in abundance: or in places which before were couered with waters, and now made dry for your vse. o The fieldes shall be so rancke, that they shall send out their cattel to eate vp the first crop, which abundance shall be signes of Gods fauour and loue towards them.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The destruction of them, by whom God hath punished his Church.

WOe to thee that ᵃ spoylest, and wast not spoyled: and doest wickedly, and they did not wickedly against thee: when thou shalt ᵇ cease to spoyle, thou shalt be spoyled: when thou shalt make an

a Meaning, the enemies of the Church, as were the Caldeans, and Assyrians: but chiefly of Sanherib, but not onely. b When thine appointed time shall come that God shall take away thy power, and that which thou hast wrongfully gotten, shall be giuen to others, as Amos 5.11.

c The Caldeans shall doe like to the Assyrians, as the Assyrians did to Israel: and the Medes and Persians shall do the same to the Caldeans.
d He declareth hereby what is the chiefe refuge of the faithfull when troubles come, to pray and seeke helpe of God.
e Which helpedst our fathers so soone as they called vpon thee.
f That is, the Assyrians fled before the armie of the Caldeans, or the Caldeans for feare of the Medes and Persians.
g When thou, O Lord, diddest lift vp thine arme to punish thine enemies.
h Ye that as caterpillers destroyed with your number the whole world, shall haue no strength to resist your enemies the Caldeans, but shall be gathered on an heape and destroyed.
i Meaning, the Medes and Persians against the Caldeans.
k That is, in the dayes of Hezekiah.
l Sent from Sancherib.
m Whom they of Ierusalem sent to intreate of peace.
n These are the wordes of the Ambassadours, when they returne from Sancherib.
o Which was a plentifull countrey, meaning, that Sancherib would destroy all.
p To helpe and deliuer my Church.
q This is spoken against the enemies, who thought all was their owne: but hee sheweth that their enterprise shall be in vaine, and that the fire which they had kindled for others, should consume them.
r His vengeance shall be so great, that all the world shall talke thereof.
s Which doe not beleeue the wordes of the Prophet, and the assurance of their deliuerance.
t Meaning, that God will bee a sure defence to all them that liue according to his word.

end of doing wickedly, t they shall doe wickedly against thee.

2 u O Lord haue mercie vpon vs, wee haue waited for thee: bee thou, which wast x their arme in the morning, our helpe also in time of trouble.

3 At the noyse of the tumult, the y people fled: at thine z exalting, the nations were scattered.

4 And your spoyle shall be gathered like the gathering of a caterpillers: and b he shal goe against him like the leaping of grashoppers.

5 The Lord is exalted: for hee dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with iudgement and iustice.

6 And there shall bee stabilitie of c thy times, strength, saluation, wisedome and knowledge: for the feare of the Lord shall be his treasure.

7 Behold, d their messengers shall crie without, and the e ambassadours of peace shall weepe bitterly.

8 The f paths are waste: the waykaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the couenant: he hath contemned the cities: hee regarded no man.

9 The earth mourneth and fainteth: Lebanon is ashamed, and hewen downe: g Sharon is like a wildernesse, and Bashan is shaken and Carmel.

10 Now will I h arise, sayeth the Lord: now will I bee exalted, now will I lift vp my selfe.

11 i Yee shall conceiue chaffe, and bring foorth stubble: the fire of your breath shall deuoure you.

12 And the people shall be as the burning of lime: and as the thornes cut vp, shall they be burnt in the fire.

13 Heare, yee that are k farre off, what I haue done, and yee that are neere, know my power.

14 The l sinners in Zion are afraide: a feare is come vpon the hypocrites: who among vs shall dwel with the deuouring fire? who among vs shall dwell with the euerlasting burnings?

15 Hee that walketh in iustice, and speaketh righteous things, refusing gaine of oppression, shaking his hands from taking of gifts, stopping his eares from hearing of blood, and shutting his eyes from seeing euill,

16 Hee shall dwell on m high: his defence shall bee the munitions of rockes: bread shall bee giuen him, and his waters shall bee sure.

17 Thine eyes shall n see the King in his glory: they shall behold the land o farre off.

18 Thine heart p shall meditate feare, Where is the Scribe? Where is the receiuer? Where is hee that counted the towers?

19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a darke speech, that thou canst not perceiue, and of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not vnderstand.

20 Looke vpon Zion the citie of our solemne feastes: thine eyes shall see Ierusalem a quiet habitation, a Tabernacle that cannot bee remooued, and the stakes thereof can neuer bee taken away, neither shall any of the coardes thereof bee broken.

21 For surely there the mightie Lorde will bee vnto vs, as a place q of floods and broad riuers, wherein shall passe no shippe with oares, neither shall great shippe passe thereby.

22 For the Lord is our Iudge, the Lord is our Lawgiuer: the Lord is our King, he will saue vs.

23 Thy r coardes are loosed: they could not wel strengthen their mast, neither could they spread the saile: then shall the s praye bee diuided for a great spoyle: yea, the lame shall take away the praye.

24 And none inhabitant shall say, I am sicke: the people that dwell therein, shall haue their iniquitie forgiuen.

u They shall see Hezekiah deliuered from his enemies, and restored to honour and glorie.
x They shall be no more shut in as they were by Sancherib, but goe where it pleaseth them.
y Before that this libertie commeth, thou shalt thinke that thou art in great danger: for the enemie shall to sharpely assaile you, that one shall cry, Where is the clerke that writeth the names of them that are taxed? another, Where is the receiuer? another shall cry for him that valueth the rich houses, but God will deliuer you from this feare.
z Let vs be content with this small riuer of Shiloah, and not desire the great streames and riuers, whereby the enemies may bring in shippes, and destroy vs.
a He derideth the Assyrians and enemies of the Church, declaring their destruction, as they that perish by shipwracke.
b Hee comforteth the Church, and sheweth that they shall be enriched both of body and soule.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 *Hee sheweth that God punisheth the wicked for the loue that he beareth toward his Church.*

COme neere, ye a nations and heare, and hearken, ye people: let the earth heare, and all that is therein, the world and al that proceedeth thereof.

2 For the indignation of the Lord is vpon all nations, and his wrath vpon all their armies: he hath b destroyed them and deliuered them to the slaughter.

3 And their slaine shall be cast out, and their stinke shall come out of their bodies, and the mountaines shall bee melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of heauen c shalbe dissolued, and the heauens shalbe folden like a booke: and all their hostes shall fall as the leafe falleth from the Vine, and as it falleth from the figge tree.

5 For my sword shall be d drunken in the thiuketh that heauen and earth perish.
d in my secret counsell, and in the heauens to destroy them, till my sword be weary with shedding blood.

a He propheseth of the destruction of the Edomites and other nations which were enemies to the Church.
b God hath determined in his counsell, and hath giuen sentence for their destruction.
c He speaketh this in respect of mans iudgement, who in great feare and horrible troubles I haue determined

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heauen: beholde, it shall come downe vpon Edom, euen vpon the people of [e] my curse to iudgement.

6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood: it is made fatte with the fatte and with the blood of the [f] Lambes, and the goates, with the fatte of the kidnies of the Rammes: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in [g] Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7 And the [h] Vnicorne shall come downe with them, and the heifers with the bulles, and their lande shall bee dronken with blood, and their dust made fatte with fatnesse.

8 For it is the day of the Lordes vengeance, and the yeere of recompence for the iudgement of Zion.

9 And the riuers thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into [i] Brimstone, and the land thereof shall be burning pitch.

10 It shall not bee quenched night nor day: the smoke thereof shall goe vp euermore: it shall bee desolate from generation to generation: none shall passe thorow it for euer.

11 But the Pelicane [k] and the Hedgehog shall possesse it, and the great Owle, and the Rauen shall dwell in it, and hee shall stretch out vpon it the line of [l] vanitie, & the stones of emptinesse.

12 [m] The nobles thereof shall call to the kingdome, and there shall bee none, and all the Princes thereof shall bee as nothing.

13 And it shall bring foorth thornes in the palaces thereof, nettles and thistles in the strong holdes thereof, and it shall bee an habitation for Dragons, and a court for Ostriches.

14 There shall [n] meete also Iim and Iim, and the Satyre shall crie to his fellowe, and the Scrichowle shall rest there, and shall finde for her selfe a quiet dwelling.

15 There [o] shall the Owle make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather them vnder her shadowe: there shall the Vultures also bee gathered, euery one with her make.

16 Seeke in the [p] booke of the Lord, and reade: none of [q] these shall faile, none shall want her make: for [r] his mouth hath commanded, and his very Spirit hath gathered them.

17 And hee hath cast the [s] lot for them, and his hand hath diuided it vnto them by line: they shall possesse it for euer: from generation to generation shall they dwell in it.

[e] They had an opinion of holinesse, because they came of the Patriarch Izhak, but in effect were accursed of God, and enemies vnto his Church, as the Papistes are.
[f] That is, both of young and old, poore and rich of his enemies.
[g] That famous citie shall be consumed as a sacrifice burnt to ashes.
[h] The mightie and rich shalbe aswell destroyed as the interiours.
[i] He alludeth to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen. 19.24.
[k] Reade Chap. 13.21. and Zephan. 2.14
[l] In vaine shall any man goe about to build it againe.
[m] Meaning, there shall bee neither order nor policie, nor state of commonweale.
[n] Reade Chap. 13.21.
[o] Signifying, that Idumea should be an horrible desolation and barren wildernesse.
[p] That is, in the Law where such curses are threatned against the wicked.
[q] To wit, beasts and foules.
[r] That is, the mouth of the Lord.
[s] Hee hath giuen the beasts and foules Idumea for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *The great ioy of them that beleeue in Christ.* 3 *Their office which preach the Gospel.* 8 *The fruits that follow thereof.*

THe [a] desert and the wildernesse shall reioyce: and the waste ground shalbe glad and flourish as the rose.

2 It shall flourish abundantly, and shall greatly reioyce also and ioy, the glory of Lebanon shall be giuen vnto it: the beautie of [b] Carmel, and of Sharon. They shall [c] see the glory of the Lord, and the excellencie of our God.

3 [d] Strengthen the weake hands, and confirme the feeble knees.

4 Say vnto them that are fearefull, Bee you strong, feare not: beholde, your God commeth [e] with vengeance: euen God with a recompense, he will come and saue you.

5 Then shall the eyes of the [f] blinde bee lightened, and the eares of the deafe be opened.

6 Then shall the lame man leape as an hart, and the dumbe mans tongue shall sing: for in the [g] wildernesse shall waters breake out, and riuers in the desert.

7 And the dry ground shalbe as a poole, and the thirstie as [h] springs of water: in the habitation of Dragons, where they lay, shalbe a place for reedes and rushes.

8 And there shall be a path and a way, and the way shall be called [i] holy: the polluted shall not passe by it: for [k] he shall be with them, and walke in the way, and the fooles shall not erre.

9 There shall be no [l] lyon, nor noysome beastes shall ascend by it, neither shall they bee found there, that the redeemed may walke.

10 Therefore the [l] redeemed of the Lord shall returne and come to Zion with prayse: and euerlasting ioy shalbe vpon their heads: they shall obteine ioy and gladnesse, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

[a] He prophesieth of the full restauration of the Church both of the Iewes and Gentiles vnder Christ, which shall bee fully accomplished at the last day: albeit as yet it is compared to a desert and wildernesse.
[b] The Church which was before compared to a barren wildernesse, shall by Christ bee made most plenteous and beautifull.
[c] He sheweth that the presence of God, is the cause that the Church doeth bring forth fruit and flourish.
[d] Hee willeth all to encourage one another, and specially the ministers, to exhort and strengthen the weake, that they may patiently abide the coming of God, which is at hand.
[e] To destroy your enemies.
[f] When the knowledge of Christ is reuealed.
[g] They that were barren and destitute of the graces of God, shall haue them giuen by Christ.
[h] It shall be for the Saints of God, and not for the wicked.
[i] God shall leade and guide them, alluding to the bringing forth of Egypt.
[k] As hee threatned to the wicked to be destroyed hereby, Chap. 30.6.
[l] Whom the Lord shall deliuer from the captiuitie of Babylon.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Sanacherib sendeth Rabshakeh to besiege Ierusalem.* 15 *Hu blasphemies against God.*

NOw [a] in the [b] fourteenth yeere of King Hezekiah, Sancherib King of Assiur came vp against all the strong cities of Iudah, and tooke them.

2 And the king of Assiur sent Rabshakeh from Lachish toward Ierusalem vnto King Hezekiah, with a great hoste, and hee stood by the conduit of the vpper poole in the path of the fullers field.

3 Then came forth vnto him Eliakim the

[a] This historie is rehearsed because it is as a seale and confirmation of the doctrine afore, both for the threatnings and promises: to wit, that God would suffer his Church to bee afflicted, but at length would send deliuerance.
[b] When hee had abolished superstition and idolatry, and restored religion, yet God would exercise his Church to try their faith and patience.

cFor he was now restored to his office, as Isaiah had prophesied, Chap 22.20.
d This declareth that there were fewe godly to be found in y kings house, when hee was driuen to send this wicked man in such a weighty matter.
e Sancheribs chiefe chapeaine.
f Hee speaketh this in the person of Hezekiah, falsly charging him, that he put his truste in his wit and eloquence, whereas his only confidence was in the Lord.
g Satan laboured to pull the godly king from one vaine confidence to another, to wit, from truste in the Egyptians, whose power was weake and would deceiue them, to yeeld himselfe to the Assyrians, and so not to hope for any helpe of God.
[Or, turne backe.
h He reprocheth to Hezekiah his small power, which is not able to resist one of Sancheribs least captaines.
i Thus the wicked to deceiue vs, will pretend the Name of the Lord, but wee must trie the spirits, whether they be of God or no.
k They were afraid, lest by his words, he should haue stirred the people against the king and also pretended to

sonne of Hilkiah the k steward of the house, and Shebna the chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder.

4 And l Rabshakeh saide vnto them, Tell you Hezekiah, I pray you: Thus sayth the great king, the King of Assur, What confidence is this, wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, m Surely I haue eloquence, but counsell and strength are for the warre: in whom then doest thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Loe, thou trustest in this broken staffe of reede, on Egypt, whereupon if a man leane, it will goe into his hand, and pierce it: so is n Pharaoh King of Egypt, vnto all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say vnto me, We trust in the Lorde our GOD: Is not that hee whose hie places and whose altars Hezekiah tooke downe, and said to Iudah and to Ierusalem, Yee shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore giue hostages to my lord the king of Assur, and I will giue thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders vpon them.

9 For how canst thou despise any captaine of the o least of my lords seruants? and put thy trust on Egypt for charets and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come vp without the Lord to this land to destroy it? The Lorde said vnto me, p Go vp against this land, and destroy it.

11 ¶ Then said Eliakim, and Shebna, q Ioah vnto Rabshakeh, r Speake, I pray thee, to thy seruants in the Aramites language, (for wee vnderstand it) s talke not with vs in the Iewes tongue, in the audience of the people that are on the wall.

12 Then said Rabshakeh, Hath my master sent mee to thy master, and to thee to speake these words, and not to the men that sit on the wall? that they may eat their owne dongue, and drinke their owne t pisse with you?

13 So Rabshakeh stood, and cryed with a loud voyce in the Iewes language, and said, Heare the words of the great King, of the King of Assur.

14 Thus saith the King, Let not Hezekiah deceiue you: for hee shall not be able to deliuer you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you to trust in y Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliuer vs: this citie shall not be giuen ouer into the hand of the King of Assur.

16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the King of Assur, u Make [with] appointment with me, and come out to me, that euery man may eat of his owne vine, and euery man of his owne figtree, and drinke euerie man the water of his owne well,

17 Till I come and bring you to a lande like your owne land, euen a lande of wheat

and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 Least Hezekiah deceiue you, saying, The Lord will deliuer vs. Hath any of the gods of the nations deliuered his land out of the hand of the king of Assur?

19 Where is the god of x Hamath, and of Arpad? where is the god of Sepharuaim? or how haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

20 Who is he among all the gods of these lands, that hath deliuered their country out of mine hand, that the Lorde should deliuer Ierusalem out of mine hand?

21 Then they y kept silence, and answered him not a word: for the kings commandement was, saying, Answere him not.

22 Then came Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah the steward of the house, and Shebna the chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder, vnto Hezekiah with rent clothes, z told him the words of Rabshakeh.

k That is, of Antiochia in Syria, of the which these two other cities also were: whereby we see how euery towne had his god or idole, and how the wicked make God an idole, because they doe not vnderstand that God maketh them his scourge, and punisheth cities for sinne.
n Not that they did not shew by euident signes that they did detest his blasphemie: for they had nowe rent their clothes, but they knew it was in vaine to vse long reasoning with this infidel, whose rage they should haue so much more prouoked.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 *Hezekiah asketh counsel of Isaiah, who promiseth him the victorie.* 10 *The blasphemie of Sancherib.* 16 *Hezekiahs prayer.* 36 *The ouerthrow of Sancherib by flame of the Angel,* 38 *and he himselfe of his owne sonnes.*

AND a when the king Hezekiah heard it, he b rent his clothes, c put on sackcloth, and came into the house of the Lord.

2 And hee sent Eliakim the steward of the house, and Shebna the chancellor, with the elders of the Priests, clothed in sackcloth, vnto d Isaiah the Prophet, the sonne of Amoz.

3 And they sayde vnto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of tribulation and of rebuke and blasphemie: for the children are come to the e birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.

4 It is be the Lord thy God hath f heard the words of Rabshakeh whom the king of Assur his master hath sent to raile on the liuing God, and to reproch him with words which the Lord thy God hath heard, then g lift thou vp thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the seruants of the king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said vnto them, Thus say vnto your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of h words that thou hast heard, wherewith the seruants of the king of Assur haue blasphemed me.

7 Beholde, I will send a blast vpon him,

declare by effect that he hath heard it: for when God punisheth, it seemeth to the flesh, that hee knoweth not the sinne, or heareth not the cause.
e Declaring that the ministers office doth not only stand in comforting by the word, but also in praying for the people.

and

1 Sam. 24. 2 Sam. 1. 1 Kings 21. 27. Ioel 2. 13. Ionah 3. 6.

2 King. 19. 2.
a In signe of griefe and repentance.
b To haue comfort of him by the word of God, that his faith might be confirmed, and so his prayer be more earnest: teaching hereby, that in all dangers these two are the onely remedies, to seeke vnto God and his ministers.
c We are in as great sorow as a woman that trauaileth of child, & cannot be deliuered.
d That is, will God deferreth to

f Of the Egyptians and Ethiopians, that shall come and fight against him.

and he shall heare a f noise, & returne to his owne land, and I will cause them to fall by the sword in his owne land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assur fighting against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 Yee heard also men say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: and when he heard it, he sent other messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shal ye speake to Hezekiah king of Iudah, saying, Let not thy God h deceiue thee, in whom thou trustest, saying, Ierusalem shall not be giuen into the hande of the king of Assur.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what i kings of Assur haue done to all lands in destroying them, and shalt thou be deliuered?

12 Haue the gods of the nations deliuered them, which my fathers haue destroyed? as k Gozan, and l Haran, and Reseph, and the children of Eden,, which were at Telassar?

13 Where is the king of Hamah, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharuaim, Hena, and Iuah?

14 ¶ So Hezekiah receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went vp into the house of the Lord, and Hezekiah spread it before the Lord.

15 And Hezekiah prayed vnto the Lord, saying,

16 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, which m dwellest betweene the Cherubims, thou art very God alone ouer all the kingdomes of the earth: thou hast made the heauen and the earth.

17 Incline thine eare, O Lord, and heare: open thine eyes, O Lord, and see, and heare all the words of Sanherib, who hath sent to blaspheme the liuing God.

18 Trueth it is, O Lord, that the kings of Assur haue destroyed all lands, and n their countrey.

19 And haue cast their gods in the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of mens hands, euen wood or stone: therefore they destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, saue thou vs out of his hand, that o all the kingdomes of the earth may know, that thou only art the Lord.

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the sonne of Amoz sent vnto Hezekiah, saying, Thus sayeth the Lorde God of Israel, Because thou hast prayed vnto me concerning Sanherib king of Assur,

22 This is the word that the Lord hath spoken against him. The p virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorne: The daughter of Ierusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou railed on, and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voyce, and lifted vp thine eies on hie? euen against the q holy One of Israel.

24 By thy seruants hast thou rayled on the Lord, and sayd, By the multitude of my charets I am come vp to the toppe of the mountaines, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut downe the hie cedars thereof, and the faire fierre trees thereof, and I will goe vp to the heights of his top and to the forest of his fruitfull places.

25 I haue digged r and drunke the waters, and with the plant of my feete haue I dried all the riuers closed in.

26 Hast thou not heard howe I haue of olde time made it? and haue formed it long agoe? and should I now bring it, that it should bee destroyed, and layed on ruinous heapes, as cities defenced,

27 Whose inhabitants haue small power, and are afraid and confounded? they are like the grasse of the field and greene herbe, or grasse on the house tops, or corne blasted s afore it be growen.

28 But I know thy dwelling, and thy t going out, and thy comming in, and thy furie against me.

29 Because thou ragest against me, and thy tumult is come vp vnto mine eares, therefore will I put mine u hooke in thy nostrels, and my bridle in thy lippes, and will bring thee backe againe the same way thou x camest.

30 And this shalbe a y signe vnto thee, O Hezekiah, Thou shalt eate this yeere such as groweth of it selfe: and the z second yeere, such things as grow without sowing: and in the third yeere, sowe ye and reape, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And a the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudah, shall againe take roote downeward, and beare fruit vpward.

32 For out of Ierusalem shall goe a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Sion: the zeale of the Lorde of hosts shall doe this.

33 Therefore thus sayth the Lord, concerning the king of Assur, He shall not enter into this citie, nor shoote an arrow there, nor come before it with shielde, nor cast a mount against it.

34 By the same way that he came, he shal returne, and not come into this citie, sayth the Lord.

35 For I will defend this citie to saue it for mine owne sake, and for my seruant b Dauids sake.

36 ¶ c Then the Angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of Assur an hundreth, fourescore and fiue thousand: so when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

g He boasteth of his policie, in that what he can find meanes to nourish his army: & of his power, in that that his army is so great, that it is able to dry vp whole riuers, and to destroy the waters, which the Iewes had closed in.

r Signifying, that God made not his Church to destroy it, but to preserue it, and therefore he saith that he formed it of old, euen in his eternall counsell, which cannot be changed.

s *Ebr. are short in hand.*

t He sheweth that the state and power of most flourishing cities endureth but a moment in respect of the Church, which shall remaine for euer, because God is the maintainer thereof.

u Meaning, his counsels and enterprises.

x Because Sanherib shewed himselfe as a deuouring fish and furious beast, he vseth these similitudes to teach how he will take him and guide him.

y Thou shalt lose thy labour.

z God giueth signes after two sorts: some go before the things, as the signes that Moses wrought in Egypt, which were for the confirmation of their faith: and some goe after the thing, as the sacrifice, which they were commaunded to make three dayes after their departure. & these latter are to keepe a benefits of God in our remembrance, of the which sort this here is.

a He promiseth that for two yeeres the ground of it selfe should feed them.

b They whom God had deliuered out of the hands of the Assyrians, shall prosper: and this properly belongeth to the Church.

h Thus God would haue him to vtter a most horrible blasphemie before his destruction: as to cal the author of all trueth, a deceiuer: some gather hereby that Sheba had disclosed vnto Sanherib the answere that Isaiah sent to the King.

i Which was a citie of the Medes.

k Called also Charre a citie in Mesopotamia, whence Abraham came after his fathers death.

l He groundeth his prayer on Gods promise, who promised to heare them from betweene the Cherubims.

m Meaning, of the ten tribes.

n He declareth for what cause he prayed that they might be deliuered: to wit, that God might be glorified thereby through all the world.

o Whom God had chosen to himselfe as a chaste virgine, and ouer whom he had a care to preserue her frō the lustes of the tyrant, as a father would haue ouer his daughter.

p Declaring hereby, that they that are enemies to Gods Church, fight against him, whose quarell his Church onely maintaineth.

q He boasteth of his policie, in that what he can find meanes to nourish his army: & of his power, in that that his army is so great, that it is able to dry vp whole riuers, and to destroy the waters, which the Iewes had closed in.

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a He promiseth that for two yeeres the ground of it selfe should feed them.

b For my promise sake made to Dauid. 2 *King.* 19.35. *2 chron.* 32.21. *Iob.* 1. 18, *ecclus.* 48.22. 1 *maccab.* 7.41. 2 *maccab.* 8.19.

c Which was the chiefest citie of the Assyrians. *Tobit 1.21.*

Or, Armenia.

d Who was also called Sardanapalus, in whose dayes tenne yeeres after Sanheribs death, the Caldeans ouercame the Assyrians by Merodach their king.

38 So Sanherib king of Assur departed, and went away and returned d dwelt at e Nineueh.

39 And as hee was in the Temple worshipping of Nisroch his god, Adramelech and Sharezer his sonnes * slew him with the sword, and they escaped into the land of ‖ Ararat: and f Esarhaddon his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Hezekiah is sicke. 5 He is restored to health by the Lord, and liueth fifteene yeeres after. 10 He giueth thankes for his benefite.

2 *King. 20. 1.*
2 *chron. 32. 24.*

IN * that a time was Hezekiah sicke vnto the death, and the Prophet Iesaiah sonne of Amoz came vnto him, and said vnto him, Thus sayth the Lord, Put thine house in an order, for thou shalt die, and not liue.

a Soone after that the Assyrians were slaine: so that God will haue the exercise of his children continuall, that they may learne onely to depend vpon God, and aspire to the heauens.

2 Then Hezekiah b turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord,

b For his heart was touched with feare of Gods iudgement, seeing he had appointed him to die so quickly after his deliuerance from so great calamitie, as one vnworthy to remaine in that estate, and also, foreseeing the greatchange, that should come in the Church, forasmuch as he left no sonne to reigne after him: for as yet Manasseh was not borne, and when he reigned, we see what a tyrant he was.

3 And said, I beseech thee, Lord, remember now how I haue walked before thee in trueth, and with a perfect heart, and haue done that which is good in thy sight: and Hezekiah wept sore.

4 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord to Iesaiah, saying,

5 Goe, and say vnto Hezekiah, Thus sayth the Lord God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy prayer, and seene thy teares: behold, I will adde vnto thy dayes fifteene yeeres;

6 And I will deliuer thee * out of the hand of the king of Assur, and this citie: for I will defend this citie.

7 And c this signe shalt thou haue of the Lord, that the Lord will doe this thing that he hath spoken,

8 Behold, I will bring againe the shadow of d degrees (whereby it is gone down in the diall of Ahaz by the e sunne) tenne degrees backward: so the sunne returned by ten degrees, by the which degrees it was gone downe.

9 f The writing of Hezekiah king of Iudah, when he had beene sicke, and was recouered of his sicknesse.

10 I said in the g cutting off of my dayes, I shall goe to the gates of the graue: I am depriued of the residue of my yeeres.

11 I said, h I shall not see the Lord, euen the Lord in the land of the liuing: I shall see man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine habitation is departed, and is remooued from mee, like a shepheards tent: I haue cut off like a weauer, my life: he will cut mee off from the height: from day * to night, thou wilt make an end of me.

13 I reckoned i to the morning: but hee brake all my bones, like a lion: from day to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I k chatter: I did mourne as a doue: mine eyes were lift vp on high: O Lord * it hath oppressed me, comfort me.

15 What shall I say? l he hath said it to me, and hee hath done it: I shall walke m weakely all my yeeres in the bitternesse of my soule.

16 O Lord, n to them that liue thus, and to all that are in them, the life of my spirit shall bee knowen, that thou causedst me to * sleepe, and hast giuen life to me.

17 Behold, for o felicitie I had bitter griefe, but it was thy pleasure to deliuer my soule from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my p sinnes behinde thy backe.

18 For q the graue cannot confesse thee: death cannot praise thee: they that goe downe into the pit, cannot hope for thy trueth.

19 But the liuing, the liuing, hee shall confesse thee, as I doe this day: the father to the r children shall declare thy trueth.

20 The Lord was ready to saue me: therefore wee will sing my song, all the dayes of our life in the house of the Lord.

21 Then sayde Iesaiah, Take a lumpe of drie figges and s lay it vpon the boyle, and he shall recouer.

22 Also Hezekiah * had said, t What is the signe that I shall goe vp into the house of the Lord?

i By my sinne I haue prouoked God to take my life from me.

k That is, in one day, or shortly.

l Ouer night I thought that I should liue till morning, but my panges in y night perswaded me the contrarie, the which the horrour, that the faithfull haue, when they apprehend Gods iudgment against their sinne.

m I was so oppreſt with sorow that I was not able to vtter my words, but onely to grone and sigh.

n To wit, sorow and griefe both of body and minde.

o God hath declared by his Prophet that I shall die, and therefore I will yeelde vnto him.

p I shall haue no release, but continuall sorowes whiles I liue. q They that shall ouer liue the men that are now aliue, and al they that are in these yeeres, shal acknowledge this benefite. r That after that thou haddest condemned me to death thou restoredst me to life. s Whereas I thought to haue liued in rest & ease, being deliuered from mine enemie, I had griefe vpon griefe. t He esteemeth more the remission of his sinnes, and Gods fauour, then a thousand liues. u For as much as God hath placed man in this world to glorifie him, the godly take it as a signe of his wrath when their dayes were shortened, either because that they seemed vnworthy for their sinnes to liue longer in his seruice, or for their zeale to Gods glory, seeing that there are so few in earth, that doe regard it, as Psal. 6.5. and 115.17. x All posteritie shal acknowledge, & the fathers according to their duety toward their children, shall instruct them in thy graces and mercies toward me. y Hee sheweth what is the vse of the Congregation and Church: to wit, to giue the Lord thankes for his benefits. 2 Reade 2. King. 20.7. a As verse 7.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Hezekiah is reproued, because hee shewed his treasures vnto the ambassadours of Babylon.

AT * the same time, a Merodach-Baladan, the sonne of Baladan, king of Babylon, which ouercame the Assyrians in the tenth yeere of his reigne.

2. *King.* 20.12.

a This was the first King of

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b Partly moued with the greatnes of the myracle, partly because he shewed himselfe enemie to his enemies, but chiefly, because he would ioyne with them whom God fauoured, and haue their helpe if occasion serued.
c Reade 2 King. 20.13 & 2 chr. 32.25,31.
d He asketh him of the particulars to make him vnderstand the craft of the wicked, which he before, being ouercome with their flatterie, and blinded with ambition, could not see.
e By the grieuousnes of the punishment, is declared how greatly God detesteth ambition and vaine glorie.
f That is, officers and seruants,
g Reade 2 Kings 20.19.

of Babel, sent b letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that hee had beene sicke, and was recouered.
2 And Hezekiah was c glad of them, and shewed them the house of the treasures, the siluer and the golde, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house nor in all his kingdome that Hezekiah shewed them not.
3 Then came Isaiah the Prophet vnto king Hezekiah, and sayde vnto him, What sayde these men? and from whence came they to thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a farre countrey vnto mee, from Babel.
4 Then said he, What haue d they seene in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house haue they seene: there is nothing among my treasures, that I haue not shewed them.
5 And Isaiah sayd to Hezekiah, Heare the word of the Lord of hosts.
6 Behold, the dayes come, that all that is in thine house, and which thy fathers haue layed vp in store vntill this day, shall bee e carried to Babel: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord.
7 And of thy sonnes, that shall proceede out of thee, and which thou shalt beget, shall they take away, and they shall bee f eunuches in the palace of the king of Babel.
8 g Then sayd Hezekiah to Isaiah, The word of the Lord is good, which thou hast spoken: and hee said, Yet let there be peace and trueth in my dayes.

CHAP. XL.

1 Remission of sinnes by Christ. 3 The comming of Iohn Baptist. 18 The Prophet reproueth the idolaters, and them that trust not in the Lord.

a This is a consolation for the Church, assuring them that they shall be neuer destitute of Prophets, whereby he exhorteth the true ministers of God chat then were, and those also that should come after him, to comfort the poore afflicted, and to assure them of their deliuerance both of body and soule.
b The time of her affliction.
c Meaning, sufficient, as Chap. 61.7. and full correction, or double grace, where as shee deserued double punishment.
d To wit, of the Prophets.
e That is, in Babylon and other places where they were kept in captiuitie and miserie.
f Meaning, Cyrus, and Darius which should deliuer Gods people out of captiuitie, and make them a ready way to Ierusalem: & this was fully accomplished, when Iohn the Baptist brought tidings of Iesus Christs cõming, who was the true deliuerer of his Church from sinne and Satan. Math. 3.3.
g Whatsoeuer may let or hinder this deliuerance, shall be removed.

COmfort ye, comfort ye my people, will your God say.
2 Speake comfortably to Ierusalem, and crie vnto her, that her a warfare is accomplished, that her iniquitie is pardoned: for she hath receiued of the Lords hand b double for all her sinnes.
3 c A voyce crieth in the d wildernesse, f Prepare yee the way of the Lord: make straight in the desart a path for our God.
4 Euery valley shall be exalted, and euery e mountaine and hill shall bee made low: and the crooked shall be straight, and the rough places plaine.
5 And the glorie of the Lord shall bee reuealed, and all h flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
6 A i voyce said, Crie, And he said, What shall I crie? All flesh is grasse, and all the k grace thereof is as the floure of the field.
7 The grasse withereth, the floure fadeth, because the l Spirit of the Lord bloweth vpon it: surely the people is grasse.
8 The grasse withereth, the floure fadeth: but the m word of our God shall stand for euer.
9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee vp into the hie n mountaine: O Ierusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift vp thy voice with strength: lift it vp, bee not afraide: say vnto the cities of Iudah, Behold o your God.
10 Behold, the Lord God will come with power, and p his arme shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his worke before him.
11 Hee shall feede his flocke like a shepheard: hee shall gather the lambes with his arme, and carie them in his bosome, and shall guide them with q yong.
12 Who hath measured the waters in his r fist? and counted heauen with the spanne, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure? and weighed the mountaines in a weight, and the hilles in a balance?
13 Who hath instructed the Spirite of the Lord? or was his s counseller, or taught him?
14 Of whom tooke he counsell, and who instructed him and taught him in the way of iudgement? or taught him knowledge, and shewed vnto him the way of vnderstanding?
15 Behold, the nations are as a droppe of a bucket, and are counted as the dust of the balance: behold, he taketh away the yles as a little dust.
16 And Lebanon is not sufficient for fire, nor the beastes thereof sufficient for a burnt offring.
17 All nations before him are as t nothing, and they are counted to him lesse then nothing, and vanity.
18 To whom then u will yee liken God? or what similitude will yee set vp vnto him?
19 The workeman melteth an image, or the goldsmith beateth it out in gold, or the goldsmith maketh siluer plates.
29 Doth not x the poore chuse out a tree

h This miracle shall be so great that it shall bee knowen through all the world.
i The voyce of God, which spake to the Prophet Isaiah.
k Meaning, all mans wisdome & naturall powers, Iam. 1.10, 1. pet. 1.24.
l The Spirit of God shall discouer the vanitie in all that seeme to haue any excellencie of themselues.
m Though considering the frailtie of mans nature, many of the Iewes should perish, and so not be partakers of this deliuerance, yet Gods promise should be fulfilled, and they that remained, should feele the fruite thereof.
n To publish this benefite through all the world.
o He sheweth at one word the perfection of all mans felicitie, which is to haue Gods presence.
p His power shalbe sufficient without helpe of any other, and shall haue all meanes in himselfe to bring his will to passe.
q Hee shall shewe his care and fauour ouer them that are weake and tender.
r Declaring that as GOD onely hath all power, so doeth hee vse the same for the defence and maintenance of his Church.
s Hee sheweth Gods infinite wisedome for the same ende and purpose.
t Hee speaketh all this to the intent that they should neither feare man, nor put their trust in any, saue onely in GOD.
u Hereby hee armeth them against the idolatry wherewith they shoulde bee attempted in Babylon.
x Hee sheweth the rage of the idolaters, seeing that the poore that haue not to suffice their owne necessities, will defraude themselues to serue their idoles.

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that will not rot, for an oblation? hee seeketh also vnto him a cunning workeman, to prepare an image, that shall not bee mooued.

21 Know ye nothing? haue ye not heard? is it not bene told you from the beginning? haue ye not vnderstood it by the [a] foundation of the earth?

22 He sitteth vpon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grashoppers, he stretcheth out the heauens, as a curtaine, and spreadeth them out, as a tent to dwell in.

23 Hee bringeth the princes to nothing, and maketh the Iudges of the earth, as vanitie,

24 As though they were not planted, as though they were not sowen, as though their stocke tooke no roote in the earth: for he did euen [a] blow vpon them, and they withered, and the whirlewinde will take them away as stubble.

25 To whom now will ye liken mee, that I should be like him, saith the Holy one?

26 Lift vp your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, and bringeth [b] out their armies by number, and calleth them all by names: by the greatnesse of his power and mightie strength nothing faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Iaakob, and speakest, O Israel, [c] My way is hid from the Lord, and my iudgement is passed ouer of my God?

28 Knowest thou not? or hast thou not heard, that the euerlasting God, the Lord hath created the [d] ends of the earth? he neither fainteth, nor is weary: there is no searching of his [e] vnderstanding.

29 But he giueth strength vnto him that fainteth, & vnto him that hath no strength, he encreaseth power.

30 [f] Euen the yong men shall faint, and bee weary, and the yong men shall stumble and fall.

31 But they that waite vpon the Lorde, shall renew their strength: they shall lift vp the wings as the egles: they shall runne, and not be weary, and they shall walke and not faint.

y Haue ye not the word of God which plainely condemneth idolatrie?

z Can you not learne by the visible creatures whom God hath made to serue yourvse, that you should not serue them nor worship them?

a So that his power appeareth in euerie place whersoeuer wee turne our eyes.

b Who hath set in order the infinite number of the starres.

c He rebuketh the Iewes, because they did not rest on the prouidence of God, but thought that he had forsaken them in their troubles.

d And therefore all power is in his hand to deliuer when his time commeth.

e Shewing, that man must patiently abide, and not curiously seeke out the cause of Gods delay in our afflictions.

f They that trust in their owne vertue, and doe not acknowledge that all commeth of God.

CHAP. XLI.

2 Gods iustice in chusing his people. 6 Their idolatrie. 27 Deliuerance promised to Zion.

KEepe [a] silence before mee, O ilands, and let the people [b] renew their strength: let them come neere, and let them speake: let vs come together into iudgement.

2 Who raised vp [c] iustice from the East, and called him to his foote? and gaue the nations before him, and subdued the kings? he gaue them as dust to his sword, and as scattered stubble vnto his bow.

3 He pursued them, & passed safely by the way that he had not gone with his feete.

a God, as though he pleade his cause with al nations requireth silence, that he may be heard in his right.

b That is, gather all their power and supports.

c Who called Abraham (who was the patterne of Gods iustice in deliuering his Church) from the idolatrie of the Caldeans to goe to and fro at his commaundement, and placed him in the land of Canaan?

4 Who hath wrought and done it? hee that calleth the [d] generations from the beginning. I the Lord am the [e] first, and with the last I am the same.

5 The yles saw it, and did [f] feare, and the endes of the earth were abashed, drewe neere, and came.

6 Euery man helped his neighbour, and sayd to his brother, [g] Be strong.

7 So the workeman comforted the founder, and he that smote with the hammer, him that smote by course, saying, It is ready for the sodering, and he fastened it with nailes that it should not be moued.

8 ¶ But thou, Israel, art my [h] seruant, and thou Iaakob, whom I haue chosen, the seede of Abraham my friend.

9 For I haue taken thee from the endes of the earth, and called thee before the chiefe thereof, and sayde vnto thee, Thou art my seruant: I haue chosen thee, & not cast thee away.

10 Feare thou not, for I am with thee: bee not afraide, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, & helpe thee, & will sustaine thee with the [k] right hand of my iustice.

11 Beholde, all they that prouoke thee, shall be ashamed, and confounded: they shall be as nothing, and they that striue with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seeke them, and shalt not [l] find them: to wit, the men of thy strife, for they shall bee as nothing, and the men that warre against thee, as a thing of nought.

13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying vnto thee, Feare not, I will helpe thee.

14 Feare not, thou [m] worme Iaakob, and yee men of Israel: I will helpe thee, sayth the Lord and thy redeemer the holy one of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a roller, and a new threshing instrument hauing teeth: thou shalt thresh the [n] mountaines, & bring them to powder, and shalt make the hils as chaffe.

16 Thou shalt fanne them, and the wind shall cary them away, and the whirlewind shall scatter them: and thou shalt reioyce in the Lord, and shalt glorie in the holy one of Israel.

17 When [o] the poore and the needie seeke water, & there is none, (their tongue faileth for thirst: I the Lord will heare them: I the God of Israel will not forsake them:)

18 I will open riuers in [p] tops of the hils, and fountaines in the mids of the valleyes: I will make the wildernesse as a poole of water, and the waste [p] land as springs of water.

19 I will set in the wildernesse the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrthe tree, and the pine tree, and I will set in the wildernesse the firre tree, the elme and the boxe tree together.

d Who hath created man and maintained his succession?

e Though the world set vp neuer so many gods, yet they diminish nothing of my glory: for I am all one, vnchangeable, which haue euer bene, and shalbe for euer.

f Considering mine excellent workes among my people.

g They assembled themselues and conspired against me to maintaine their idolatrie.

h He mooueth the obstinacie of the idolaters to maintaine their superstitions.

i And therefore oughtest not to pollute thy selfe with the superstition of the Gentiles.

k That is, by the force of my promise, in the performance whereof I will shew my selfe faithful and iust.

l Because they shalbe destroyed.

m Thus he calleth them because they were contemned of all the world, & that they considering their owne poore estate, should seeke vnto him for helpe.

n I will make thee able to destroy all thine enemies, be they neuer so mightie: and this chiefly is referred to the kingdome of Christ.

o That is, they that shall bee afflicted in the captiuitie of Babylon, rather change the order of nature, then they should want any thing, that crie to him by true faith in their miseries: declaring to them hereby that they shal lacke nothing by the way, when they returne from Babylon.

p God will rather change the order of nature, then they should want any thing, that crie to him by true faith in their miseries: declaring to them hereby that they shal lacke nothing by the way, when they returne from Babylon.

q That is, hath appointed, and determined that it shall come to passe.

20 Therefore let them see and knowe, and let them consider and vnderstand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the holy one of Israel hath q created it.

r Hee biddeth the idolaters to proue their religion, and to bring forth their idoles, that they may bee tried whether they know all things, and can doe all things: which if they cannot doe, hee concludeth that they are no gods, but vile idoles.

21 r Stand to your cause, saith the Lord: bring foorth your strong reasons, sayeth the King of Iaakob.

22 Let them bring them forth, & let them tell vs what shall come: let them shew the former things what they be, that wee may consider them, and know the latter ende of them: either declare vs things for to come.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that wee may knowe that you are gods: yea, doe good or do euill, that we may declare it, and behold it together.

24 Behold, yee are of no value, and your making is of nought: s man hath t chosen an abomination by them.

s So that a man cannot make an idole, but hee must doe that, which God detesteth and abhorreth: for he chuseth his owne deuises, and forsaketh the Lords.

25 ¶ I haue raised vp u from the North, and he shall come: from the East sunne shal u he call vpon my Name, and shall come vpon x princes as vpon clay, and as the potter treadeth mire vnder the foote.

t Meaning, the Chaldeans.

u That is, Cyrus, who shall do all things in my Name, and by my direction: whereby he meaneth, that both their captiuitie, and deliuerance shall be ordered by Gods prouidence and appointment. x Both of the Chaldeans and others.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning that wee may knowe? or beforetime, that we may say, Wee is righteous? Surely there is none that sheweth: surely there is none that declareth: surely there is none that heareth y your words.

y Meaning, that none of the Gentiles gods can worke any of these things.

27 I am the first, that sayeth to Zion, Behold, behold z them: and I will giue to Ierusalem a one that shall bring good tidings.

z That is, the Israelites, which returne from the captiuitie.

28 But when b I beheld, there was none, and when I enquired of them, there was no counsellour, and when I demaunded of them, they answered not a word.

a To wit, a continuall succession of Prophets and ministers.

29 Beholde, they are all vanitie: their worke is of nothing, their images are wind and confusion.

b When I looked whether the idols could doe these things, I found that they had neither wisedome nor power to doe any thing: therefore hee concludeth that all are wicked, that trust in such vanitie.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *The obedience & humilitie of Christ.* 6 *Why he was sent into the world.* 11 *The vocation of the Gentiles.*

BEholde, a my seruant: b I will stay vpon him: mine elect, in whom my soule c delighteth: I haue put my Spirit vpon him: he shall bring forth d iudgement to the Gentiles.

a That is, Christ, who in respect of his manhood is called here seruant. The Prophets vse to make mention of Christ after that they haue declared any great promise, because he is the foundation whereupon all the promises are made and ratified. b For I haue committed all my power to him, as to a most faithfull steward. Some reade I will establish him, to wit, in his office, by giuing him the fulnesse of my Spirit. c Hee onely is acceptable vnto me, and they that come vnto me by him: for there is no other meanes of reconciliation, Mat 12.18. eph.1.4. d He shall declare himselfe gouernour ouer the Gentiles, and call them by his worde, and rule them by his spirit.

2 He shall not e cry, nor lift vp, nor cause his voyce to be heard in the streete.

e His comming shall not be with pompe and noise, as earthly princes.

3 A f bruised reed shall he not breake, and the smoking g flaxe shall he not quench: hee shall bring forth iudgement in h trueth.

f Hee will not hurt the weake and feeble, but support & comfort them.

g Meaning, the wick of a lampe, or candle, which is almost out, but hee will cherish it and snuffe it, that it may shine brighter.

h Although hee fauor the weake, yet will he not spare the wicked, but will iudge them according to trueth and equitie.

4 Hee shall not faile nor be discouraged till he haue i set iudgement in the earth: and the k yles shall waite for his law.

i Till he haue set all things in good order.

k The Gentiles shalbe desirous to receiue his doctrine.

5 Thus sayeth God the Lord, (hee that created the heauens & spread them abroad: he that stretched foorth the earth, and the buddes thereof: he that giueth breath vnto the people vpon it, and spirit to them that walke therein)

6 I the Lord haue called thee in l righteousnesse, and will holde m thine hand, and I will keepe thee, and giue thee for a n couenant of the people, and for a light of the Gentiles,

l Meaning, vnto a lawfull and iust vocation.

m To assist and guide thee.

n As him by whom the promise made to all nations in Abraham, shalbe fulfilled.

7 That thou mayest open the eyes of the blinde, and bring out the prisoners from the prison: and them that sit in darkenesse, out of the prison house.

8 I am the Lord, this is my Name, and my o glory will I not giue to another, neither my prayse to grauen images.

o I will not suffer my glorie to be diminished: which I should doe, if I were not faithfull in perfourming the same, & the idolaters thereby would extoll their idoles aboue mee.

9 Behold, the former things are p come to passe, and new things doe I declare: before they come forth, I tell you of them.

p As in times past I haue bene true in my promises, so will I be in time to come.

10 Sing vnto the Lord a new song, and his prayse from the end of the earth: ye that goe downe to the sea, and all that is therein: the yles and the inhabitants therof.

11 Let the wildernesse & the cities therof lift vp their voyce, the townes that q Kedar doeth inhabite: let the inhabitants of the rocks sing: let them shout from the toppe of the mountaines.

q Meaning, the Arabians, vnder whom he comprehendeth all the people of the East.

12 Let them giue glory vnto the Lord, and declare his prayse in the yles.

13 The Lord shall go forth as a r gyant: hee shall stirre vp his courage like a man of warre, he shall shout and cry, and shall preuaile against his enemies.

r Hee sheweth the zeale of the Lorde, and his power in the conseruation of his Church.

14 I haue a long time holden my peace: I haue bene still and refrained my selfe: now will I cry like a s trauailing woman: I will destroy and deuoure at once.

s I will haste to execute my vengeance, which I haue so long deferred, as a woman that desireth to bee deliuered, when shee is in trauaile.

15 I will make waste mountaines and hilles, and dry vp all their herbes, & I will make the floods yles, and I will dry vp the pooles.

16 ¶ And I will bring the t blinde by a way that they knew not, and leade them by paths that they haue not knowen: I will make darknesse light before them, and crooked things streight. These things will I do vnto them, and not forsake them.

t That is, my poore people, which are in perplexitie and care.

17 They shall be turned backe: they shall bee greatly ashamed, that trust in grauen images, and say to the molten images, Yee are our gods.

18 ¶ Heare, yee deafe: and yee blinde, regard, that ye may see.

19 Who is blinde but my u seruant? or

u To wit, Israel, which should haue most light, because of my Law.

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deafe as my messenger, that I sent? who is blind as the perfect, & blind as the Lords seruant?

20 Seeing many things, but thou keepest them not, opening the eares, but he heareth not?

21 The Lorde is willing for his righteousnesse sake that he may magnifie the Law, and exalt it.

22 But this people is robbed and spoyled, and shall be all snared in dungeons, and they shall be hid in prison houses: they shall be for a pray, and none shall deliuer: a spoile, and none shall say, Restore.

23 Who among you shall hearken to this, and take heede, and heare for afterwards?

24 Who gaue Iaakob for a spoyle, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the Lorde, because we haue sinned against him? for they would not walke in his wayes, neither be obedient to his Law.

25 Therefore he hath powred vpon him his fierce wrath, and the strength of battell: and it set him on fire round about, and hee knew not, and it burned him vp, yet he considered not.

a After these threatnings, he promiseth deliuerance to his Church, because he hath regenerate them, adopted them, and called them.

b When thou feest dangers and conspiracies on all sides, remember this benefit and the loue of thy God, and it shall encourage thee.

c By water and fire he meaneth all kind of troubles and perils.

d I turned Sancheribs power against these countries, and made thē to suffer that affliction which thou shouldst haue

CHAP. XLIII.

1 *The Lord comforteth his people. He promiseth deliuerance to the Iewes.* 11 *There is no God but one alone.*

BVt now thus saith the Lord, a that created thee, O Iaakob: and he that formed thee, O Israel, b feare not: for I haue redeemed thee: I haue called thee by thy name, Thou art mine.

2 When thou passest thorowe the c waters, I will bee with thee, and thorow the floods, that they doe not ouerflowe thee. When thou walkest thorowe the very fire thou shalt not bee burnt, neither shall the flame kindle vpon thee.

3 For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel, thy Sauiour: I gaue d Egypt for thy ransome, Ethiopia, & Seba for thee.

4 Because thou wast precious in my sight, and thou wast honourable, and I loued thee, therefore wil I giue e man for thee, and people for thy sake.

5 Feare not, for I am with thee: I will bring thy seede from the f East, and gather thee from the West.

6 I will say to the North, Giue: and to the South, Keepe not back: bring my sonnes from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.

7 Euery one shalbe called by mine Name: for I created him for my glory, formed him and made him.

8 I will bring forth the blind people, and they shall haue eyes, and the deafe, and they shall haue eares.

9 Let all the nations be gathered g together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew vs former things? let them bring forth their h witnesses, that they may bee iustified: but let them i heare, and say, It is truth.

10 You k are my witnesses, (sayth the Lord, and my l seruant, whom I haue chosen: therefore ye shall know and beleeue me, and ye shall vnderstand that I am: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, euen I am the Lord, and beside me there is no Sauiour.

12 I haue declared, and I haue saued, and I haue shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my witnesses, (sayeth the Lord, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day was, I am, and there is none that can deliuer out of mine hand: I will doe it, and who shall let it?

14 Thus saith the Lord your redeemer, the holy one of Israel, For your sake I haue sent to Babel, and m brought it downe: they are all fugitiues, and the Chaldeans crie in the ships.

15 I am the Lord your holy one, the creator of Israel, your king.

16 Thus saith the Lord which maketh a way in n the sea, and a path in the mighty o waters.

17 Which he p bringeth out the q chariot and horse, the armie and the power lie together, and shall not rise: they are extinct, and quenched as towe.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither regard the things of old.

19 Behold, I doe a new thing: now shall it come forth: shall you not know it? I will euen make a way in the r desert, and floods in the wildernesse.

20 The wilde s beasts shall honour me, the dragons & the ostriches, because I gaue water in the desert, and floods in the wildernes to giue drinke to my people, euen to mine elect.

21 This people haue I formed for my selfe: they shall shew forth my praise.

22 And thou hast not t called vpon me, O Iaakob, but thou hast v wearied me, O Israel.

23 Thou x hast not brought me the sheepe of thy burnt offerings, neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I haue not caused thee to serue with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

b Meaning Gods wrath.

e If he prophesieth of their deliuerance from the captiuitie of Babylon, and so of the calling of the vniuersall Church, alluding to that which is written, Deut. 30.3 f Meaning, that he could not be vnmindful of them, except he would neglect his owne name & glory.

g Signifying, that no power can resist him in doing this miraculous worke, nor al their idols are able to doe the like, as chap. 41.22.

h To proove that the things which are spoken of them, are true.

i Shewing, that the malice of the wicked hindereth them in the knowledge of the trueth, because they will not heare when God speaketh by his word.

k The Prophets and people to whom I haue giuen my Law.

l Meaning specially Christ, and by him, all the faithfull.

m By Darius and Cyrus.

n They shall cry whē they would escape by water, seeing that the course of Euphrates is turned another way by the enemie.

o When he deliuered Israel from Pharaoh, Exod. 14.22.

p When the Israelites passed through Iorden, Iosh. 3.17.

q When he deliuered his people out of Egypt.

r Pharaoh and his mightie armie.

s Meaning, that the very beasts shall feele my benefits, and shall acknowledge them: much more men ought to be thankefull for the same.

t Thou hast not worshipped me as thou oughtest to haue done.

u They shall haue such abundance of all things as they returne home, euen in the dry and barren places, that the very beasts shall feele my benefits, and shall acknowledge them: much more men ought to be thankefull for the same.

x Thou hast not worshipped me as thou oughtest to haue done. y Because thou hast not willingly receiued y which I did commandthee, thou didst grieue me. Whereby he sheweth that his mercies were the onely cause of their deliuerance, forasmuch as they had deserued the contrarie.

z Meaning, in true faith and obedience.

24 Thou boughtest me no sweete a sauor with money, neither hast thou made mee dunke with the fatte of thy sacrifices, but thou hast made me b to serue with thy sinnes, and wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, euen I am hee that putteth away thine iniquities for mine owne sake, and wil not remember thy sinnes.

26 Put me in c remembrance: let vs bee iudged together: count thou that thou mayest be iustified.

27 Thy d first father hath sinned, and thy e teachers haue transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I haue f prophaned the rulers of the Sanctuary, and haue made Iaakob a curse, and Israel a reproch.

a Either for the composition of the sweete ointment, Exod. 30. 34 or for the sweete incense, Exod. 30 7.
b Thou hast made mee to beare an heauie burden by thy sinnes.
c If I forget any thing that may make for thy iustification, put me in remembrance and speake and thy prophets.
d Thine ancestors. e Thy priests
f That is, reiected, abhorred, and destroyed them in the wildernesse, and at other times.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 The Lord promiseth comfort, and that he will assemble his Church of diuers nations. 9 The vanitie of idoles. 17 The beastlines of idolaters.

YEt now heare, O Iaakob my seruant, and Israel whom I haue chosen.

2 Thus saith the Lorde that made thee, and formed a thee from the wombe: he will helpe thee. Feare not, O Iaakob, my seruant, and thou righteous, b whom I haue chosen.

3 For I will powre water vpon the c thirstie, and floods vpon the dry ground: I will powre my Spirit vpon thy seede, and my blessing vpon thy buds,

4 And they d shall growe as among the grasse, and as the willowes by the riuers of waters.

5 One shal say, I am the Lords: another e shall be called by the name of Iaakob: and another shall subscribe with his hand vnto the Lord, and name himselfe by the name of Israel.

6 Thus sayth the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts, f I am the first, and I am the last, and without me there is no God.

7 And who is like me, that shall g call, and shal declare it, and set h it in order before me, since I appointed the i ancient people? and what is at hand, and what things are to come? let k them shew vnto them.

8 Feare ye not, neither be afraid: haue not I told thee of old, and haue declared it? l you are euen my witnesses, whether there bee a God beside mee, and that there is no God that I know not.

9 All they that make an image, are vanitie, m and their delectable things shall no-

a He created and chose thee from the beginning of his own mercy, and before thou couldest me it any thing.
b Whom God accepted as righteous: or which haddest occasion thereunto because of the Law, and of thine holy vocation.
c Because man of himselfe is as the dry and barren land, he promiseth to moysten him with the waters of his holy Spirit, Ioel 2.28. Ioh. 7.38. acts. 2.17.
d That is, thy children and posteritie shall increase wonderfully after their deliuerance from Babylon.
e By this diuersitie of speech, he meaneth one thing, that is, that the people shall be holy and receiue the true religion of God, as Psalme 87.5. f I am alwayes like my selfe, that is, mercifull toward my Church, and most able to maintaine it, as chap. 41.4. and 48.12. reuelat. 1.17. and 22.13. g And appoint them that shall deliuer the Church. h That is, declare vnto mee, how I ought to proceede herein. i God calleth the Israelites ancient, because he preferred them to all other, in his eternall election. k Meaning their idoles. l Reade Chap. 43.10. m Whatsoeuer they bestowe vpon their idoles to make them seeme glorious.

thing profit: and they are their owne witnesses, n that they see not nor know: therefore they shall be confounded.

10 Who hath made o a god, or molten an image, that is p profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all that are of the q fellowship thereof shall bee confounded: for the workemen themselues are men: let them all be gathered together, and r stand vp, yet they shall feare, and be confounded together.

12 The smith taketh an instrument, and worketh in the coles, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his armes: yea he is an s hungred, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out a line: he fashioneth it with a red chalke, he planeth it, and he purtreyeth it with the compasse, and maketh it after the figure of a man, and according to the beautie of a man that it may remaine in t an house.

14 He will hewe him downe cedars, and take the pine tree and the oke, and taketh courage among the trees of the forest: hee planteth a firre tree, and the raine doth nourish it.

15 And man burneth thereof: for he will take thereof and u warme himselfe: he also kindleth it, and baketh bread, yet he maketh a god and worshippeth it: hee maketh it an idole and boweth vnto it.

16 He burneth the halfe thereof euen in the fire, and vpon the halfe therof he x eateth flesh: he rosteth the roste and is satisfied: also he warmeth himselfe and sayth, Aha, I am warme, I haue bene at the fire.

17 And the residue thereof hee maketh a god, euen his idole: he boweth vnto it, and worshippeth and prayeth vnto it, and sayth, Deliuer me: for thou art my God.

18 They haue not knowen, nor vnderstood: y for God hath shut their eyes that they cannot see, and their hearts, that they cannot vnderstand.

19 And none z considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor vnderstanding to say, I haue burnt halfe of it, euen in the fire, and haue baked bread also vpon the coales thereof: I haue rosted flesh, and eaten it, and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I bow to the stocke of a tree?

20 He feedeth = of ashes: a seduced heart hath deceiued him, that hee cannot deliuer his soule, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

n That is, the idolaters seeing their idoles blinde, must needes be witnesses of their owne blindnesse, and feeling that they are not able to helpe them, must confesse that they haue no power.
o Meaning, that whatsoeuer is made by the hand of man, if it be esteemed as God, is most detestable.
p Whereby appeareth their blasphemie, which call images the bookes of the laitie, seeing that they are not onely here called vnprofitable, but chap. 41.24. abominable: and Ieremie calleth them the worke of errors, Ierem. 10.15. Habakkuk, a lying teacher, 2.18.
q That is, which by any way consent either to the making, or worshipping.
r Signifying, that the multitude shall not then saue the idolaters, when God will take vengeance, although they excuse themselues thereby among men.
s He describeth the raging affection of the idolaters, which forget their owne necessities to set forth their deuotion towards their idoles.
t To place it in some Temple.
u Hee setteth foorth the obstinacie and malice of the idolaters, which though they see by dayly experience that their idoles are no better then the rest of the matter whereof they are made, yet they refuse the one part, and make a God of the other, as the Papists make their cake god, and the rest of their idoles.
x That is, hee either maketh a table or trenchers.
y The Prophet giueth heere an answere to all them that wonder howe it is possible that any should be so blinde to commit such abomination, saying, that God hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts. ‡ *Ebr. turneth.*
z Hee is abused as one that would eate ashes, thinking to satisfie his hunger.

21 a Remember

21 Remember these (O Iaakob and Israel) for thou art my seruant: I haue formed thee: thou art my seruant: O Israel forget me not.

22 I haue put away thy transgressions like a cloud, and thy sinnes as a mist: turne vnto me, for I haue redeemed thee.

23 Reioyce yee heauens: for the Lord hath done it: shoute, yee lower partes of the earth: breake forth into prayses, ye mountaines, O forrest, and euery tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Iaakob, and will be glorified in Israel.

24 Thus sayeth the Lord thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the wombe. I am the Lord that made all things, that spread out the heauens alone, and stretched out the earth by my selfe.

25 I destroy the tokens of the soothsayers, and make them that coniecture, fooles, and turne the wisemen backward, & make their knowledge foolishnesse.

26 He confirmeth the word of his seruant, & performeth the counsell of his messengers, saying to Ierusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited: and to the cities of Iudah, Yee shall bee built vp, and I will repaire the decayed places thereof.

27 He saith to the deepe, Be drie, and I will drie vp thy floods.

28 He sayeth to Cyrus, Thou art my shepheard: and he shall performe all my delire: saying also to Ierusalem, Thou shalt bee built: and to the Temple, Thy foundation shall be surely laide.

a Shewing that mans heart is most inclined to idolatrie, and therfore he warneth his people by these examples, that they should not cleaue to any but to the liuing God, when they should be among the idolaters

b He sheweth that the worke of the Lord toward his people shalbe so great, that the insensible creatures shalbe moued therewith.

c Hee armeth them against the soothsayers of Babylon, which would haue borne them in hand that they knew by the starres that God would not deliuer them, and that Babylon should stand.

d Of Isaiah & the rest of his Prophets, which did assure the Church of Gods fauour and deliuerance. e He sheweth that Gods worke should be no lesse notable in this their deliuerance, then when he brought them out of Egypt through the Sea. f To assure them of their deliuerance, hee nameth the person, by whom it should bee, more then a hundreth yeere before he was borne.

CHAP. XLV.

1 The deliuerance of the people by Cyrus. 9 God is iust in all his workes. 20 The calling of the Gentiles.

THus sayeth the Lord vnto a Cyrus his b anoynted, whose right hand I haue holden, to subdue nations before him: therefore will I weaken the loynes of kings, and open the doores before him, and the gates shall not be shut.

2 I will goe before thee and make the d crooked straight: I will breake the brasen doores, and burst the yron barres.

3 And I will giue thee the treasures of darknesse, and the things hid in secret places, that thou mayest e know that I am the Lord which call thee by thy name, euen the God of Israel.

4 For Iaakob my seruants f sake, and Israel mine elect, I will euen call thee by thy name, and name thee, though thou hast not knowen mee.

a To assure the Iewes of their deliuerance against the great tentations that they should abide, he nameth the person and the meanes.

b Because Cyrus should execute the office of a deliuerer, God called him his anoynted for a time, but after an other sort then he called Dauid.

c To guide him in his deliuerance of my people. d I will take away all impediments and lets. e Not that Cyrus did know God to worship him aright, but he had a certaine particular knowledge, as prophane men may haue of his power, and so was compelled to deliuer Gods people. f Not for any thing that is in thee, or for thy worthinesse.

5 I am the Lord and there is none other: there is no God beside mee: I a girded thee though thou hast not knowen me,

6 That they may know from the rising of the sunne and from the West, that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is none other.

7 I forme the b light and create darkenesse: I make peace and create euill: I the Lord doe all these things.

8 Yee heauens send the dewe from aboue, and let the cloudes droppe downe c righteousnesse: let the earth open, and let saluation and iustice grow forth: let it bring them forth together: I the Lord haue d created him.

9 e Woe bee vnto him that striueth with his maker, the potsherd with the potsherds of the earth: shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy worke, f It hath none hands?

10 Woe vnto him that saith to his father, What hast thou begotten? or to his mother, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus sayth the Lord, the Holy one of Israel, and his maker, Aske me of g things to come concerning my sonnes, and concerning the workes of mine hands: commaund you me.

12 I haue made the earth, and created man vpon it: I, whose hands haue spread out the heauens, I haue euen commanded all their h armie.

13 I haue raysed i him vp in righteousnesse, and I will direct all his wayes: he shal build my citie, and hee shall let goe my captiues, not for k price nor reward, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

14 Thus saith the Lord, The labour of Egypt, and the marchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, men of stature shall come vnto thee, and they shalbe l thine: they shall follow thee, and shall goe in chaines: they shall fall downe before thee, and make supplication vnto thee, saying, Surely, God is in thee, and there is none other God besides.

15 Verily thou, O God, m hidest thy selfe, O God, the sauiour of Israel.

16 All they shalbe ashamed and also confounded: they shall go to confusion together, that are the makers of images.

17 But Israel shall bee saued in the Lord, with an euerlasting saluation: yee shall not be ashamed nor confounded: world without ende.

18 For thus sayth the Lord (that created heauen, God himselfe, that formed the earth,

g I haue giuen thee strength, power and authoritie.

h I send peace and warre prosperitie and aduersitie, as Amos 3.6.

i He comforteth the Iewes, as if he would say, Though when yee looke to the heauens, & earth for succour, ye see nothing nowbut signes of Gods wrath, yet I will cause them to bring forth most certaine tokens of your deliuerance, and of the performance of my promise, which is meant by righteousnes.

k I haue appointed Cyrus to this vse and purpose.

l Hereby he bridleth their impaciencie, which in aduersitie and trouble murmure against God, and will not tarie his pleasure: willing that man should match with his like. & not contend against God

m That is, it is not perfitely made.

n In stead of murmuring, humble your selues, and aske what ye will for the consolation of my children, and you shall be sure of it, as ye are of these things which are at your cõmandement. Some reade it with an interrogation, & make it the application of the similitude o That is, the starres. p To wit, Cyrus, that I may shew by him the faithfulnesse of my promise in deliuering my people. p Meaning, freely, and without ransome, or any grieuous condition. r These people were tributaries to the Persians, and so King Artahshasthe gaue this money toward the building of the Temple, Ezra 7 21. f Whereas before they were thine enemies, they shall now honour thee. & thou shalt rule them: which was accomplished in the time of Christ t Hereby hee exhorteth the Iewes to patience, though their deliuerance bee deferred for a time: shewing that they should not repent their long patience, but the wicked and idolaters shall be destroyed.

u To wit, of man, but chiefly of his Church.
x As do the false gods, which giue vncertaine answeres.
y Al ye Idolaters which though you seeme to haue neuer so much worldly dignity, yet in Gods sight you are vile & abiect.
z He calleth the idolaters to repentãce, willing them to looke vnto him with the eye of faith.
a That is, that the thing which I haue promised shalbe faithfully performed.
b The knowledg of God, and the true worshipping shalbe through al the world, Rom. 14.11. Phil. 2.10. whereby he signifieth ỳ we must not onely serue God in heart, but declare the same also by outward profession.
c Meaning, the faithfull shall feele and confesse this.
d All the contemners of God.

and made it: hee hath prepared it, hee created it not in vaine: hee formed it to bee [u] inhabited) I am the LORD, and there is none other.

19 I haue not spoken [x] in secret, neither in a place of darkenesse in the earth: I said not in vaine vnto the seed of Iaakob, Seeke you mee: I the Lord doe speake righteousnesse, and declare righteous things.

20 Assemble your selues, and come: draw neere together, [y] yee abiect of the Gentiles: they haue no knowledge, that set vp the wood of their idole, and pray vnto a god, that cannot saue them.

21 Tell ye and bring them, and let them take counsell together, who hath declared this from the beginning? or haue told it of olde? haue not I the Lord? & there is none other God beside me, a iust God, and a Sauiour: there is none beside me.

22 Looke vnto me, and ye shall be saued [z]: all the [a] ends of the earth shall be saued: for I am God, and there is none other.

23 I haue sworne by my selfe: the word is gone out of my mouth in [a] righteousnesse, and shall not returne, That euery [b] knee shall bowe vnto mee, and euery tongue shall sweare by me.

24 Surely [c] he shall say, In ỳ Lord haue I righteousnesse and strength: he shall come vnto him, and all that [d] prouoke him, shall be ashamed.

25 The whole seede of Israel shall be iustified, and glorie in the Lord.

CHAP. XLVI.

1. The destruction of Babylon & of their idoles. 3. He calleth the Iewes to the consideration of his workes.

a These were the chiefe idoles of Babylon.
b Because they were of gold and siluer, the Medes and Persians carried them away.
c The Beastes that caried the idoles, fel downe vnder their burden.
d He derideth the idoles, which had neither soule nor sense.
e He sheweth the difference betweene the idoles and the true God: for they must be caried of other, but God himselfe carieth his, as Deut. 32.11.
f Seeing I haue begotten you, I will nourish and preserue you for euer.
g The people of God, seeing their own calamitie and the flourishing state of the Babylonians, should be tempted to thinke ỳ their God was not so mightie as the idoles of their enemies: therefore he describeth the originall of all the idoles, to make them to bee abhorred of all men: shewing that the most that can bee spoken in their commendation, is but to prouoke them vile, Baruch 6. 25.

BEl is bowed downe: [a] Nebo is fallen: their idoles were vpon the [b] beastes, and vpon the cattell: they which did beare you, were laden with a wearie burden.

2 [c] They are bowed downe, and fallen together: for they could not ridde them of the burden, and their [d] soule is gone into captiuitie.

3 Heare yee me, O house of Iaakob, and all that remaine of the house of Israel, which are [e] borne of mee from the wombe, and brought vp of me from the birth.

4 Therefore vnto olde age, I the same, euen I will beare you vntil the hoare haires: I haue made you: I will also beare you, and I will carie you, [f] and I will deliuer you.

5 ¶ To whom will yee make mee like, or make mee equall, or [g] compare mee, that I should be like him?

6 They draw gold out of the bagge, and weigh siluer in the balance, and hire a goldsmith to make a god of it, and they bow down and worship it.

7 They beare it vpon the shoulders: they cary him and set him in his place: so doeth hee stand, and cannot remoue from his place. Though one cry vnto him, yet can he not answere, nor deliuer him out of his tribulation.

8 Remember this, and be ashamed: bring it againe [h] to minde, O ye transgressers.

9 Remember the former things of olde: for I am God, and there is none other God, and there is nothing like me,

10 Which declare the last thing from the beginning: and from of olde, the things that were not done, saying, My counsell shall stand, and I will doe whatsoeuer I will.

11 I call a [i] bird from the East, and the man of my [k] counsell from farre: as I haue spoken, so will I bring it to passe: I haue purposed it, and I will doe it.

12 Heare me, ye stubburne hearted, that are farre from [l] iustice.

13 I bring [m] neere my iustice: it shall not be farre off, and my saluation shall not tarie: For I will giue saluation in Zion, and my glorie vnto Israel.

CHAP. XLVII.

The destruction of Babylon, and the causes wherefore.

COme downe and sit in the dust, O [a] virgine, daughter Babel, sit on the ground: there is no [b] throne, O daughter of the Caldeans: for thou shalt no more bee called, Tender and delicate.

2 Take the milstones, and [c] grind meale: loose thy locke: [d] make bare the feete: vncouer the legge, and passe through the floods.

3 Thy filthinesse shall bee discouered, and thy shame shall bee seene: I will take vengeance, and I will not meete thee as a [e] man.

4 [f] Our redeemer, the Lord of hostes is his Name, the Holy one of Israel.

5 [g] Sit still, and get thee into darkenesse, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The Ladie of kingdomes.

6 I was wroth with my people: I haue polluted mine inheritance, and giuen them into thine hand: thou diddest shew them no [h] mercy, but thou diddest lay thy very heauie yoke vpon the ancient.

7 And thou saydest, I shall be a Lady for euer, so that thou diddest not set thy minde to these things, neither didst thou remember the latter end thereof.

8 Therefore now heare, thou that art giuen to pleasures, and dwellest careles, ỳe saith in her heart, I am and none else: I shall not sit as a widow, neither shal know the losse of children.

9 But these two things shal come to thee suddenly in one day, the losse of children, and widowhoode, they shall come vpon thee

h Become wise, meaning that all idolaters are without wit or sense, like mad men.
i That is, Cyrus, which shal come as swift as abird, and fight against Babylon.
k Him by whom I haue appointed to execute that, which I haue determined.
l Which by your incredulitie would let the performance of my promise.
m He sheweth that mans incredulitie cannot abolish the promise of God, Rom. 3.3.

a Which hast liued in wealth & wantonnes, and hast not yet been ouercome by any enemie.
b Thy gouernement shall be taken from thee.
c Thou shalt be brought to most vile seruitude: for to turne the mill was the office of slaues.
d The things where in she setteth her greatest pride shall be made vile, euen from the head to the foote.
e I will vse no humanitie nor pitie toward thee.
f The Israelites shall confesse, that the Lord doeth this for his Churches sake.
g For very shame, and hide thy selfe.
h They abused Gods iudgements, thinking that he punished the Israelites, because he would vtterly cast them off, and therefore in stead of pitying their miserie, thou diddest increase it.

iSo that thy punishment shalbe so great as is possible to be imagined.

k Thou didst think: that thine own wisdome, & policie would haue saued thee.

l He derideth their vaine confidence, that put their trust in any thing but in God condemning also such vaine sciences, which serue to no vse, but to delude y people, & to bring them from depending onely on God.

m They shall vterly perish, and no part of them remaine.

n They shall flee euery one to that place, which he thought by his speculations to be most sure: but they should deceiue them.

a He detecteth their hypocrisie which vaunted themselues to be Israelites and were not so in deed.

b Meaning, the fountaine and stocke.

c They make a shew, as though they would haue none other God.

d He sheweth that they could not accuse him in any thing, forasmuch as he had performed whatsoeuer he had promised.

e I haue done for thee more then I promised, that thy stubburnnes and impudence might haue bene ouercome. Babylon. g Will ye not acknowledge this my benefite and declare it vnto others?

thee in their perfection, for the multitude of thy diuinations, & for the great abundance of thine inchanters.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickednesse: thou hast sayd, None seeth me. Thy wisedome & thy knowledge, they haue caused thee to rebell, and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none els.

11 Therefore shall euill come vpon thee, and thou shalt not know the morning thereof: destruction shall fall vpon thee, which thou shalt not be able to put away: destruction shall come vpon thee suddenly, yer thou beware.

12 Stand now among thine inchanters, and in the multitude of thy sothsayers (with whom thou hast wearied thy selfe from thy youth) if so be thou mayest haue profite, or if so be thou mayest haue strength.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels: let now the Astrologers, the starre-gazers, the Prognosticators stand vp, and saue thee from these things, that shal come vpon thee.

14 Beholde, they shall be as stubble: the fire shall burne them: they shall not deliuer their owne liues from the power of y flame: there shall be no coales to warme at, nor light to sit by.

15 Thus shal they serue thee, with whom thou hast wearied thee, euen the merchants from thy youth: euery one shal wander to his owne quarter: none shall saue thee.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 The hypocrisie of the Iewes is reproued. 11 The Lord alone will be worshipped. 20 Of their deliuerance.

HEare ye this, O house of Iakob, which are called by the name of Israel, & are come out of the waters of Iudah: which sware by the Name of the Lorde, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in trueth nor in righteousnesse.

2 For they are called of the holy city, and stay themselues vpon the God of Israel, whose name is the Lorde of hostes.

3 I haue declared the former things of olde, and they went out of my mouth, and I shewed them: I did them suddenly, and they came to passe.

4 Because I knew, that thou art obstinate, and thy necke is an yron sinew, and thy browe brasse,

5 Therefore I haue declared it to thee of old: before it came to passe, I shewed it thee, lest thou shouldest say, Mine idole hath done them, and my caued image, & my molten image hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, behold all this, and will not ye declare it? I haue shewed thee new things, euen now, & hid things, which thou knewest not.

7 They are created now, and not of old, and euen before this thou heardest them not, least thou shouldest say, Beholde, I knew them.

8 Yet thou heardest them not, neither diddest know them, neither yet was thine eare opened of olde: for I knewe that thou wouldest grieuously transgresse: therefore haue I called thee a transgressour from the womb.

9 For my Names sake will I defarre my wrath, and for my praise will I refraine it from thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, I haue tried thee, but not as siluer: I haue chosen thee in the fornace of affliction.

11 For mine owne sake, for mine owne sake will I doe it: for how should my Name be polluted? surely I will not giue my glory vnto another.

12 Heare me, O Iaakob, and Israel my called, I am, I am the first, and I am the last.

13 Surely mine hand hath layd the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heauens: when I call them, they stand vp together.

14 All you, assemble your selues & heare: which among them hath declared these things? The Lord hath loued him: he will doe his will in Babel, and his arme shall bee against the Caldeans.

15 I, euen I haue spoken it, and I haue called him, I haue brought him, and his way shall prosper.

16 Come neere vnto mee: heare ye this: I haue not spoken it in secret from the beginning: from the time that the thing was, I was there, and nowe the Lord God and his spirit hath sent me.

17 Thus sayth the Lord thy Redeemer, the holy one of Israel, I am the Lorde thy God, which teach thee to profite, and lead thee by the way, that thou shouldest goe.

18 Oh that thou haddest hearkened to my commandements: then had thy prosperitie bene as the flood, and thy righteousnesse as the waues of the Sea.

19 Thy seede also had beene as the sand, & the fruit of thy body like the grauel thereof: his name should not haue bene cut off nor destroyed before me.

20 Go ye out of Babel: flee ye from the Caldeans, with a voice of ioy: tell & declare this: shew it vnto the end of the earth: say yee, The Lord hath redeemed his seruant Iaakob.

21 And they were not thirstie: hee led them through the wildernesse: he caused the waters to flowe out of the rocke for them: for he claue the rocke, and the water gushed out.

22 There is no peace, sayeth the Lorde, vnto the wicked.

h Shewing that mans arrogancie is the cause why God doeth not declare all things at once, least they should attribute this knowledge to their owne wisedome

i From the time that I brought thee out of Egypt: for that deliuerance was as the birth of the Church.

k As it was my free mercy that I did chuse thee: so is it my free mercie that must saue thee.

l For I had respect to thy weaknes and infirmity: for in state there is some purenesse, but in vs there is nothing but drosse.

m I tooke thee out of the fornace where thou shouldest haue bene consumed.

n God ioyneth the saluation of his with his own honour: so that they cannot perish, but his glory should be diminished, as Deut 32.27.

o Reade Chap. 42.8.

p Reade Chap. 41.4.

q To obey me and to do whatsoeuer I command them.

r Meaning, Cyrus, whom he had chosen to destroy Babylon.

s Since the time that I declared my selfe to your fathers.

t This the Prophet speaketh for himselfe, & to assure them of these things.

u What things shall do thee good.

x That is, the prosperous estate of Israel.

y After that he had forwarned them of their captiuitie, and the cause thereof, he sheweth them the great ioy that shall come of their deliuerance.

z He sheweth that it shalbe as easie to deliuer them, as he did their fathers out of Egypt.

a Thus he speaketh, that the wicked hypocrites should not abuse Gods promise, in whom was neither faith nor repentance, as chap 57 21.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 The Lord exhorteth all nations to beleeue his promises. 6 Christ is the saluation of all that beleeue, and will deliuer them from the tyrannie of their enemies.

HEare ye me, O Iles, and hearken, yee people from farre. The Lord hath called a me from the b wombe, and made mention of my name from my mothers belly.

2 And hee hath made my mouth like a sharpe c sword: vnder the shadowe of his hand hath he d hid me, and made me a chosen shaft, and hid me in his quiuer,

3 And sayd vnto mee, Thou art my seruant e Israel, for I will be glorious in thee.

4 And I said, I haue f laboured in vaine: I haue spent my strength in vaine & for nothing: but my iudgement is with the Lord, and my worke with my God.

5 And now sayeth the Lord that formed mee from the wombe to be his seruant, that I may bring Iaakob againe to him (though Israel be not gathered,) g yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord: and my God shal be my strength.)

6 And hee sayd, It is a small thing that thou shouldest be my seruant, to raise vp the tribes of Iaakob, and to restore the desolations of Israel: I wil also giue h thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my saluation vnto the ends of the world.

7 Thus sayth the Lord the redeemer of Israel, and his holy one, to him that is despised in soule, to a nation that is abhorred, to a i seruant of rulers, Kings shal see, and k arise, and princes shall worship, because of the Lord, that is faithfull: and the Holy one of Israel, which hath chosen thee.

8 Thus sayth the Lord, l In an acceptable time haue I heard thee, and in the day of saluation haue I helped thee: and I will preserue thee, and will giue m thee for a couenant of the people, that thou mayest raise vp the n earth, and obtaine the inheritance of the desolate heritages:

9 That thou maiest say to the o prisoners, Go forth: and to them that are in darknes, Shewe your selues: they shall feede in the wayes, and their p pastures shall be in all the tops of the hils.

10 They shall not be hungry, neither shal they be thirstie, neither shall the heate smite them, nor the sunne: for he that hath compassion q on them, shall leade them: euen to the springs of waters shall he driue them.

11 And I will make all the mountaines, as a way, and my paths shalbe exalted.

12 Beholde, these shall come from farre: and loe, these from the North, and from the West, and these from the land of r Sinim.

13 Reioice, O heauens: and be ioyfull, O earth: burst foorth into praise, O mountaines: for God hath comforted his people, and will haue mercy vpon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The Lord hath s forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her child, and not haue compassion on the sonne of her wombe? though they should forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I haue grauen thee vpon the palme of mine t hands: thy u walls are euer in my sight.

17 Thy builders make x haste: thy destroyers and they that made thee waste, are departed from thee.

18 Lift vp thine eies round about, and beholde: all these gather themselues together and come to thee: as I liue, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely y put them all vpon thee as a garment, & girde thy selfe with them like a bride.

19 For thy desolations, and thy waste places, and thy land destroyed, shal surely be now narrow for them that shall dwell in it, and they that deuoure thee, shall be farre away.

20 The children of thy barrennes shall say againe in mine eares, The place is straite for mee: giue place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, z Who hath begotten me these, seeing I am barren and desolate, a captiue and a wanderer to and fro? and who hath nourished them? behold, I was left alone: whence are these?

22 Thus sayth the Lord God, Behold, I will lift vp mine hand to the a Gentiles, and set vp my standard to the people, and they shal bring thy sonnes in their armes, and thy daughters shall bee caried vpon their shoulders.

23 And kings b shall bee thy nursing fathers, and Queenes shall bee thy nurses: they shall worship thee with their faces toward the earth, and licke vp the c dust of thy feete: and thou shalt knowe that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that waite for me.

24 Shall the pray be d taken from the mightie? or the iust captiuitie deliuered?

25 But thus sayth the Lord, e Euen the captiuitie of the mightie shall bee taken away: and the pray of the tyrant shall be deliuered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will saue thy children,

26 And will feede them that spoyle thee, with f their owne flesh, and they shall bee drunken with their owne blood, as with sweete

a This is spoken in the person of Christ, to assure the faithfull that these promises should come to passe: for they were all made in him, and in him should be performed.

b This is meant of the time that Christ should be manifested to the world, as Psa. 2.7.

c By the sword and shaft, he signifieth the vertue and efficacie of Christs doctrine.

d God hath taken me to his protection and defence: this chiefly is meant of Christ, & may also be applied to the ministers of his word.

e By Israel is meant Christ, & all the body of the faithfull, as the members and their head.

f Thus Christ in his members complaineth that his labour and preaching take none effect, yet he is contented that his doings are approued of God.

g Though the Iewes refuse my doctrine, yet God wil approue my ministerie.

h To declare my Gospel to the Gentiles, Chap. 42.6. acts 13.47. luke 2.32.

i Meaning the Iewes whom tyrants kept in bondage

k The benefit of their deliuerance shalbe so great that great & small shal acknowledge, & reuerence God for it.

l Thus he speaketh of his Church, when he would shew his mercy toward it, 2. Cor. 6.2.

m Meaning, Christ alone

n Signifying, that before Christ renew the earth by his word, there is nothing but confusion and disorder.

o To them that are in the prison of sinne and death.

p Being in Christs protection, they shall be safe against all dangers, and free from the feare of the enemies.

q Meaning that there should be nothing in their way from Babylon, that should hinder or hurt them: but this is accomplished spiritually.

r Meaning, the South countrey, so that Christ shall deliuer his frō all the parts of the world.

s Read Chap. 44. 23.

t He obiecteth what y faithfull might say in their long affliction, and answereth thereunto to comfort them, with a most proper similitude and ful of consolation.

u Because I would not forget thee.

x Meaning, the good order of policie and discipline.

y I haue a continuall care to build thee vp againe, and to destroy thine enemies.

z He sheweth what are the ornaments of the Church: to haue many children, which are assembled by the word of God, & gouerned by his Spirit.

a He sheweth that Christ will not only gather this great number of the Iewes, but also of the Gentiles.

b Meaning, that kings shall be conuerted to the Gospel, and bestow their power and authoritie for the preseruation of the Church

c Being ioyned with y Church, they shall humble themselues to Christ their head, and giue them all honour.

d He maketh this as an obiection, as though the Caldeans were strong, & had them in iust possession.

e This is the answere of this obiection, that none is stronger then the Lord, neither hath a more iust title vnto them.

f I will cause them to destroy one another, as Iudges 7.22.2 Chron. 20.22. Chap. 19.2.

swerete wine: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Sauiour & thy Redeemer, the mightie one of Iaakob.

CHAP. L.

1 The Iewes forsaken for a time. 2 Yet the power of God is not diminished. 5 Christes obedience and victory.

THus sayth the Lord, Where is that a bill of your mothers diuorcement, b whom I haue cast off? or who is the creditor to whom I sold you? Behold, for your iniquities are ye sold, and because of your transgressions is your mother forsaken.

2 Wherefore c came I, and there was no man? I called, and none answered: is mine hand so d shortened, that it cannot helpe? or haue I no power to deliuer? Behold, at my rebuke I drie vp the sea: I make the floods desert: their fish rotteth for want of water, and dieth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heauens with darknesse, and make a f sacke their couering.

4 The LORD GOD hath giuen me a tongue of the learned, that I should know to minister a word in time to him that is g wearie: hee will raise mee vp in the morning: in the morning hee will waken mine eare to heare as the learned.

5 The Lord God hath opened mine eare, and I was not rebellious: neither turned I backe.

6 I gaue my backe vnto the h smiters, and my cheekes to the nippers: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 For the Lord God will helpe me, therefore shall I not bee confounded: therefore haue I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is neere that iustifieth me: who will contend with mee? Let vs stand together: who is mine aduersarie? let him come neere to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will helpe me: who is he that can condemne me? loe, they shall waxe old as a garment: the moth shall eate them vp.

10 i Who is among you that feareth the Lorde? let him heare the voyce of his seruant: he that walketh in darknes, and hath no light, let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay vpon his God.

11 Behold, all you kindle k a fire, and are compassed about with sparkes: walke in the light of your fire, and in the sparkes that ye haue kindled. This shall yee haue of mine hand: ye shall lie downe in sorow.

7 *Not to feare men.* 17 *The great affliction of Ierusalem,* 22 *and her deliuerance.*

HEare me, ye that follow after righteousnes, & ye that seeke the Lord: looke vnto the b rocke, whence ye are hewen, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

2 Consider Abraham your father, and Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

3 Surely the Lord shall comfort Zion: he shall comfort all her desolations, & he shal make her desert like Eden, and her wildernes like the garden of the Lord: ioy & gladnesse shall be found therein: prayse, and the voyce of singing.

4 Hearken ye vnto mee, my people, and giue eare vnto mee, O my people: for a c Lawe shall proceede from mee, and I will bring forth my iudgement for the light of the people.

5 My d righteousnes is neere: my saluation goeth forth, and mine e armes shal iudge the people: the iles shal wait for me, and shal trust vnto mine arme.

6 Lift vp your eyes to the heauens, and looke vpon the earth beneath: for the f heauens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall waxe olde like a garment, and they that dwell therein, shall perish in like maner: but my saluation shall bee for euer, and my righteousnesse shall not bee abolished.

7 Hearken vnto me, ye that know righteousnesse, the people in whose heart is my Law. Feare ye not the reproch of men, neither be ye afraid of their rebukes.

8 For the moth shall eate them vp like a garment, and the worme shall eate them like wooll: but my righteousnesse shalbe for euer, and my saluation from generation to generation.

9 Rise vp, rise vp, and put on strength, O arme of the Lord: rise vp, as h in the olde time in the generations of the world. Art not thou the same, that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the i dragon?

10 Art not thou the same which hast dried the sea, euen the waters of the great deep, making the depth of the sea a way for the redeemed to passe ouer?

11 Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall k returne, and come with ioy vnto Zion, and euerlasting ioy shalbe vpon their head: they shall obteine ioy and gladnes: and sorow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, euen I am he, that comfort you. Who art thou, that thou shouldest feare a mortall man, and the sonne of man, which shall bee made as grasse?

13 And forgettest the Lorde thy maker, that hath spread out the heauens, and layed the foundations of the earth? and hast feared continually all the day, because of the rage of the oppressour, which is ready to destroy? Where is now the rage of the oppressour?

14 The captiue l hasteneth to be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should faile.

15 And I am the Lorde thy God that diuided

a He comforteth the Church that they should not be discouraged for their small number.

b That is, to Abraham, of whō ye were begotten, and to Sarah of whom yee were borne.

c As plentifull as Paradise, Gen. 2. 3.

d I will rule and gouerne my Church by my word and doctrine.

e The time that I wil accomplish my promise.

f My power and strength.

g He forewarneth them of the horrible changes and mutations of al things, & how he will preserue his Church in the mids of all these dangers.

h He putteth them in remembrance of his great benefit for their deliuerance out of Egypt, that thereby they might learne to trust in him constantly.

i Meaning Egypt Psal. 87. 4.

k To wit, Pharaoh, Ezek. 29. 3.

l From Babylon.

m He comforteth them by the short time of their banishment for in 70 yeeres they were restored, & the greatest Empire of the world destroyed.

a Meaning, that hee had not forsaken her, but through her owne occasion, as Hosea 2. 2.

b Which should declare that I haue cut her off: meaning, that they could shew none.

c Signifying, that he sold them not for any debt or pouerty, but that they sold themselues to sinnes to buy their own lusts & pleasures.

d He came by his Prophets and ministers, but they would not beleeue their doctrine & conuert.

e Am I not as able to helpe you, as I haue holpen your fathers of olde, when I dried vp the red sea, and killed the fish in the riuers, and also afterward in Iorden?

f As I did in Egypt in token of my displeasure, Exod. 10. 21.

g The Prophet doeth represent here the person and charge of them that are iustly called to the mystery of Gods word.

h To him that is oppressed by affliction and misery. i As they that are taught, & made meet by him. k I did not shrinke from God for any persecution or calamitie. Whereby he sheweth that the true ministers of God can looke for none other recompense of the wicked but after this sort, & also what is their comfort. l Shewing that it is a rare thing that any should obey aright Gods true ministers, though they labour to bring them from hell to heauen. m You haue sought consolation by your owne deuises, and haue refused the light and consolation, which God hath offered: therefore ye shall remaine in sorow, and not be comforted

CHAP. LI.

1 To trust in God alone by Abrahams example.

uided the Sea, when his waues roared: the Lord of hosts is his name.

16 And I haue put my wordes in thy mouth, and haue defended thee in the shadowe of mine hande, that I may plant the heauens, and lay the foundation of the earth, and say vnto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, and stand vp, O Ierusalem, which hast dronke at the hande of the Lord the cup of his wrath: thou hast dronken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

18 There is none to guide them among all the sonnes, whome thee hath brought foorth: there is none that taketh her by the hand of all the sonnes that she hath brought vp.

19 These two things are come vnto thee: who will lament thee? desolation and destruction and famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy sonnes haue fainted, they lie at the head of al the streets as a wild bull in a net, and are full of the wrath of the Lord, and rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore heare now this, thou miserable and dronken, but not with wine.

22 Thus saith thy Lord God, euen God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I haue taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, euen the dregs of the cup of my wrath: thou shalt drinke it no more.

23 But I will put it into their hand that spoyle thee: which haue said to thy soule, Bow downe, that we may go ouer, and thou hast layd thy body as the ground, and as the streete to them that went ouer.

m Meaning of Isaiah, and of all true ministers, who are defended by his protection.

o That al things may be restored in heauen and earth, Eph. 1. 10.

p Thou hast bin iustly punished & sufficiently, as Chap. 40. 2. this punishment in the elect is by measure, and according as God giueth grace to beare it: but in there probate it is the iust vengeance of God to driue them to an insensiblenes and madnes, as Iere. 25. 15, 16.

q Whereof the one is outward, as of the things that come to the bodie: as war & famine: and the other is inward, and appertaineth to the mind: that is, to be without comfort: therefore he saith, How shalt thou be comforted?

r But with trouble and feare.

CHAP. LII.

1 A consolation to the people of God. 7 Of the messengers thereof.

ARise, arise: put on thy strength, O Zion: put on the garments of thy beautie, O Ierusalem, the holy Citie: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the vncircumcised and the vncleane.

2 Shake thy selfe from the dust: arise and sit downe, O Ierusalem: loose the bands of thy necke, O thou captiue daughter, Zion.

3 For thus saith the Lorde, Ye were solde for nought: therefore shall ye be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the Lorde God, My people went downe aforetime into Egypt to sojourne there, & Ashur oppressed them without cause.

5 Nowe therefore what haue I here, saith the Lorde, that my people is taken away for nought, and they that rule ouer them, make them to howle, saith the Lorde? and my Name all the day continually is blasphemed?

6 Therefore my people shall knowe my Name: therefore they shall knowe in that day, that I am he that doe speake: behold, it is I.

7 How beautifull vpon the mountaines are the feete of him that declareth and publisheth peace! that declareth good tidings, and publisheth saluation, saying vnto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 The voyce of the watchmen shall bee heard: they shal lift vp their voice, and shoute together: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring againe Zion.

9 O yee desolate places of Ierusalem, be glad and reioyce together: for the Lord hath comforted his people: he hath redeemed Ierusalem.

10 The Lorde hath made bare his holy arme in the sight of all the Gentiles, and all the ends of the earth shall see the saluation of our God.

11 Depart, depart yee: goe out from thence, and touch no vncleane thing: go out of the midst of her: be ye cleane, that beare the vessels of the Lord.

12 For yee shall not goe out with haste, nor depart by fleeing away: but the Lorde will goe before you, and the God of Israel will gather you together.

13 Beholde, my seruant shall prosper: he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonied at thee (his visage was so deformed of men and his forme of the sonnes of men) so shall hee sprinkle many nations: the Kings shall shut their mouthes at him: for that which had not bene tolde them, shall they see, and that which they had not heard, shall they vnderstand.

a No wicked tyrant, which shall subuert Gods true religion, and oppresse the consciences.

b Put off the garments of sorow & heauines, and put on the apparel of ioy and gladnes.

c The Babylonians paied nothing to me for you: therefore I will take you againe without raunsome.

d When Iaakob went thither in time of famine

e The Egyptians might pretend some cause to oppresse my people, because they went thither & remained among them, but the Assyrians haue no title to excuse their tyranny by: and therefore will I punish them more then I did the Egyptians.

f To wit, by the wicked, which thinke that I haue no power to deliuer them.

g Signifying, that the ioy and good tidings of their deliuerance should make their affliction in the meane time more easie: but this is chiefly meant of the spiritual ioy, as Nahum. 1. 15. rom. 13. 15.

h The Prophets which are thy watchmen, shall publish this thy deliuerance: this was begun vnder Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah, but was accomplished vnder Christ.

i As ready to smite his enemies and to deliuer his people.

k He watneth the faithfull not to pollute themselues with the superstitions of the Babylonians, as Chap 48. 20. 2. cor. 6 17.

l For the time is at hand, that the Priests and Leuites chiefly (and so by them all the people which shall be as Leuites in this office) shall carie home the vessels of the Temple, which Nebuchad-nezzar had taken away.

m As your fathers did out of Egypt.

n Meaning Christ, by whom our spirituall deliuerance should be wrought, wherof this was a figure.

o In the corrupt iudgement of man, Christ in his person was not esteemed.

p He shall spread his word through many nations.

q In signe of reuerence, and as being astonished at his excellencie

r By the preaching of the Gospell.

CHAP. LIII.

1 Of Christ and his kingdome, whose word few will beleeue. 6 All men are sinners. 11 Christ is our righteousnes, 12 And is dead for our sinnes.

WHo will beleeue our report? and to whom is the arme of the Lorde reuealed?

2 But hee shall growe vp before him as a braunch, and as a roote out of a drie ground: hee hath neither forme nor beautie: when we shall see him, there shall be no forme that we should desire him.

a The Prophet sheweth that very fewe shall receiue this their preaching of Christ and of their deliuerance by him, Iohn 12. 38.

rom 10. 16.

b Meaning, that none can beleeue, but whose hearts God toucheth with the vertue of his holy Spirit.

c The beginning of Christs kingdome shall be small, & contemptible in the sight of man but it shal grow wonderfully, & flourish before God.

d Read Chap. 11. 1.

3 He is despised and reiected of men: he is a man full of sorowes, and hath experience of e infirmities, wee hid as it were our faces from him: hee was despised, and wee esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our infirmities, and caried f our sorowes: yet we did iudge him as plagued, and smitten of God, and humbled.

5 But hee was wounded for our transgressions, hee was broken for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was vpon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheepe haue gone astray, we haue turned euery one to his owne way, and the Lord hath layde vpon him the i iniquitie of vs all.

7 He was oppressed, and hee was afflicted, yet did he not k open his mouth: hee is brought as a sheepe to the slaughter, and as a sheepe before her shearer is dumme, so hee openeth not his mouth.

8 Hee was taken out from l prison, and from iudgement: m and who shal declare his age? for he was cut out of the land of the liuing: for the transgression of my people was he plagued.

9 n And he made his graue with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no wickednesse, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet p Lord would breake him, & make him subiect to infirmities: when o hee shall make his soule an offering for sinne, he shall see his seede and shall prolong his dayes, & the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shal see of the p trauaile of his soule, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my q righteous seruant iustifie many: for he shall beare their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I giue him a portion with the great, and he shall deuide the spoyle with the strong, because hee r hath powred out his soule vnto death, and he was counted with the transgressors, and he bare the sinne s of many, and prayed for the transgressors.

e Which was by Gods singular prouidence for the comfort of sinners, Heb. 4 15
f That is, the punishment due to our sinnes: for
g which he hath both suffred, and made satisfaction, Matth. 8 17. 1 Pet. 2. 24.
g We iudged euil, thinking that hee was punished for his owne sinnes, and not for ours.
h He was chastised for our reconciliation, 1 Cor. 15. 3.
i Meaning, the punishment of our iniquitie, and not the fault it selfe.
k But willingly and patiently obeyed his fathers appointment, Matth. 26. 63. actes 8. 32.
l From the crosse and graue, after that he was condemned.
m Though he died for vnrighteous, yet after his resurrection he shall liue for euer: and this his death is to restore life to his members, Rom 6. 9.
n God the Father deliuered him into the hands of the wicked, & to the powers of the world to do with him what they would.
o Christ by offering vp himselfe shal giue life to his Church, & so cause them to liue with him for euer.
p That is, the fruit and effect of his labour, which is the saluation of his Church.
q Christ shal iustifie by faith through his word, where as Moses could not iustifie by the Law
r Because he humbled himselfe, therefore he shalbe exalted to glorie, Phil. 2. 7, 8.
s That is, of all that beleeue in him.

CHAP. LIIII.

1 Most of the Gentiles shall beleeue the Gospel, when of the Iewes. 7 God leaueth his for a time, to whom afterward he sheweth mercie.

REioyce, O a barren that didst not beare: breake forth into ioy and reioyce, thou that diddest not trauaile with childe: for the b desolate hath more children then the married wife, sayeth the Lord.

2 c Enlarge the place of thy tents, and let them spred out the curtaines of thine habitations: spare not, stretch out thy cordes, and make fast thy stakes.

3 For thou shalt increase on the right hand and on the left, and thy seede shall possesse the Gentiles and dwell in the desolate cities.

4 Feare not: for thou shalt not bee ashamed, neither shalt thou bee confounded: for thou shalt not be put to shame: yea, thou shalt forget the shame of thy d youth, and shalt not remember the reproch of thy e widowhoode any more.

5 For hee that f made thee, is thine husband (whose Name is the Lord of hostes) and thy redeemer the holy one of Israel, shall be called the God of the whole g world.

6 For the Lord hath called thee being as a woman forsaken, and afflicted in spirite, and as a h yong wife when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 For a litle while I haue forsaken thee, but with great compassion will I gather thee.

8 For a moment in mine anger I hid my face from thee for a little season, but with euerlasting mercy haue I had compassion on thee, saith the Lord thy redeemer.

9 For this is vnto mee as the i waters of Noah: for as I haue sworne that the waters of Noah should no more goe ouer the earth, so haue I sworne that I would not be angry with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For the mountaines shall remoue, and the hils shall fall downe: but my mercie shal not depart from thee, neither shall the couenant of my peace fall away, sayeth the Lord, that hath compassion on thee.

11 O thou afflicted and tossed with tempest, that hast no comfort, behold, I will lay thy stones with the k carbuncle, and lay thy foundation with saphires.

12 And I will make thy windowes of Emeraudes, and thy gates shining stones, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall bee l taught of the Lord, and much peace shall be to thy children.

14 In m righteousnes shalt thou bee established, & be farre from oppression: for thou shalt not feare it: and from feare, for it shall not come neere thee.

15 Behold, the enemie shall gather himselfe, but without mee: whosoeuer shall gather himselfe in thee, o against thee, shall fall.

16 Behold, I haue created the p smith that bloweth the coales in the fire, and him that bringeth forth an instrument for his worke, and I haue created the destroyer to destroy.

17 But all the weapons that are made against thee, shall not prosper: and euery tongue, that shall rise against thee in iudgement, thou shalt condemne. This is the heritage of the Lordes seruauntes,

a After that hee hath declared the death of Christ, he speaketh to the Church, because it should feele the fruit of the same, & calleth her barren, because that in the captiuitie she was as a widow without hope to haue any children.
b The Church in this her affliction and captiuitie shal bring forth no children then when she was at liberty: or this may be spoken by admiration, considering the great number that should come of her. Her deliuerance vnder Cyrus was as her childhood, & therfore this was accomplished, when she came to her age, which was vnder the Gospel.
c Signifying that for y great number of children, that God should giue her, shee should seeme to lacke roome to lodge them.
d The afflictions which thou hast suffered at the beginning.
e When as thou wast refused for thy sinnes, Chap. 50. 1.
f That did regenerate thee by his holy Spirit.
g His glory shal shine through y whole world, which seemed before to be shut vp in Iudea.
h As a wife which wast forsaken in thy youth.
i As sure as the promise that I made to Noah, that the waters should no more ouerflowe the earth.
k Hereby hee declareth the excellent estate of the Church vnder Christ
Or, Iasper, or Pearles.
l By the hearing of his word and inward mouing of his Spirit.
m In stability and surenesse, so that it shal stand for euer.
n And therefore shall not preuaile.
o Meaning, the domesticall enemies of the Church, as are the hypocrites.
p Signifying hereby that man can do nothing but so farre as God giueth power: for seeing that al are his creatures, he must needs gouerne and guid them.

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Noah. 1 Pet. 3 Vers. 20 Psal. 45 Esa.

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and their righteousnesse is of mee, saith the Lord.

CHAP. LV.

1 An exhortation to come to Christ. 8 Gods counsels are not as mans. 12 The ioy of the faithfull.

HO, euery one that a thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and ye that haue b no siluer, come, buy, and eate: come, I say, buy c wine and milke without siluer and without money.

2 Wherefore do ye lay out siluer and not for bread? d and your labour without being satisfied? hearken diligently vnto mee, and eate that which is good, and let your soule delite in e fatnesse.

3 Encline your eares, & come vnto me: heare, and your soule shall liue, and I will make an euerlasting Couenant with you, euen the f sure mercies of Dauid.

4 Behold, I gaue him for a witnesse to the people, for a Prince and a master vnto the people.

5 Beholde, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, h and a nation that knew not thee, shal runne vnto thee, because of the Lord thy God, and the Holy one of Israel: for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seeke ye the Lord while hee may i be found, call ye vpon him while he is neere.

7 Let the wicked k forsake his wayes, and the vnrighteous his owne imaginations, and returne vnto the Lord, and he will haue mercy vpon him: and to our God, for he is very ready to forgiue.

8 For my l thoughts are not your thoghts, neither are your wayes my wayes, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heauens are higher then the earth, so are my wayes higher then your wayes, and my thoughts aboue your thoughts.

10 Surely as the raine commeth downe and the snow from heauen, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring foorth and bud, that it may giue seede to the sower, and bread vnto him that eateth:

11 So shall my m word be, that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not returne vnto mee voyde, but it shall accomplish that which I will, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 Therefore yee shall goe out with ioy, and bee led foorth with peace: the n mountaines and the hils shall breake forth before you into ioy, and all the trees of the field shal clap their hands.

13 For thornes, there shall growe firre trees: for nettles shall grow the myrthe tree, and it shall be to the Lord o for a name, and for an euerlasting p signe that shall not bee taken away.

CHAP. LVI.

1 An exhortation to iudgement and iustice. 10 Against Shepheards that deuour their flocke.

THus saith the Lord, a Keepe iudgement and doe iustice: for my saluation is at hand to come, and my b righteousnesse to bee reuealed.

2 Blessed is the man that doth this, and the sonne of man which layeth hold on it: bee that keepeth the c Sabbath and polluteth it not, and keepeth his hand from doing any euill.

3 And let not the sonne of the stranger, which d is ioyned vnto the Lord, speake and say, The Lord hath surely separated me from his people: neither let the Eunuch say, Behold, I am a drie tree.

4 For thus saith the Lord vnto the Eunuches, that keepe my Sabbaths, and chuse the thing that pleaseth me, and take hold of my couenant,

5 Euen vnto them will I giue in mine e house and within my walles, a place and a f name better then of the sonnes and of the daughters: I will giue them an euerlasting name, that shall not be put out.

6 Also the strangers that cleaue vnto the Lord, to serue him, and to loue the Name of the Lord, and to be his seruants: euery one that keepeth the Sabbath, and polluteth it not, and embraceth my couenant,

7 Them will I bring also to mine holy mountaine, and make them ioyfull in mine house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall bee accepted vpon mine altar: for mine house shalbe called an house of prayer for g all people.

8 The Lord God saith, which gathereth the scattered of Israel, Yet will I gather to them those that are to be gathered to them.

9 All yee beasts of the field, come to deuour, euen all yee beasts of the forrest.

10 Their h watchmen are all blind: they haue no knowledge: they are all dumbe dogs: they cannot barke: they lie and sleepe and delight in sleeping.

11 And these greedy dogs can neuer haue ynough: and these shepheards cannot vnderstand: for they all looke to their owne way, euery one for his aduantage, and for his owne purpose.

12 Come, I will bring wine, and we will fill our selues with strong drinke, and to morow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

a Christ by proposing his graces and gifts to his Church, exempteth the hypocrites which are full with their imagined works, and the Epicures, which are full with their worldly lusts, and so thirst not after these waters.

b Signifying, that Gods benefites cannot bee bought for money.

c By waters, wine, milke and bread, he meaneth all things necessarie to the spirituall life, as these are necessarie to this corporall life.

d Hee reproueth their ingratitude which refuse those things that God offereth willingly, and in the meane time spare neither cost nor labor to obteine those which are nothing profitable.

e You shall be fed, abundantly.

f The same couenant, which through my mercie I ratified and confirmed to Dauid that it should be eternall, 2 Sam. 7. 13. actes 13. 34.

g Meaning, Christ, of whom Dauid was a figure.

h To wit, the Gentiles, which before them diddest not receiue to be thy people.

i When he offereth himselfe by the preaching of his word.

k Hereby hee sheweth that repentance must be ioyned with faith, and how we cannot cal vpon God aright, except the fruites of our faith appeare.

l Although you are not soone reconciled one to another, and iudge me by your selues, yet I am most easie to be reconciled, yea, I offer my mercies to you.

m If these small things haue their effect, as dayly experience sheweth, much more shall my promise which I haue made and confirmed, bring to passe the things which I haue spoken for your deliuerance

n Reade Chap. 44 23. and 49 13.

o To set forth his glory.

p Of Gods deliuerance, and that he will neuer forsake his Church.

a God sheweth what he requireth of them after that he hath deliuered them, to wit, the works of charity, wherby true faith is declared.

b Which I will declare toward you, and powre into your hearts by my spirit.

c Vnder the Sabbath he comprehendeth the whole seruice of God and true religion.

d Let none thinke himselfe vnmeete to receiue the graces of the Lord: for the Lord will take away all impediments, and will forsake none which will keepe his true religion and beleeue in him.

e Meaning, in his Church

f They shall bee called after my people, and be of the same religion, yea, vnder Christ the dignitie of the faithful shalbe greater then the Iewes were at that time

g He reby hee meaneth the spirituall seruice of God, to whom the faithfull offer continuall thankesgiuing, yea, themselues

h Not only for the Iewes, but for all others, Mat 21. 13.

i Meaning, the enemies of the Church, as Babylonians, Assyrians, &c. Thus he speaketh to feare the hypocrites, & to assure the faithful, that when this commeth they may know that it was told them before

k He sheweth that this affliction shall come through the fault of the gouernors, prophets, and pastors, whose ignorance, negligence, auarice & obstinacie prouoked Gods wrath against them.

l We are well yet, and to morrow shalbe better: therefore let vs not feare the plagues, before they come: thus the wicked contemned the admonitions & exhortations, which were made them in the Name of God.

CHAP. LVII.

1 *God taketh away the good, that he should not see the horrible plagues to come.* 3 *Of the wicked idolaters,* 9 *And their vaine confidence.*

THe righteous perisheth, and no man considereth it in heart: and mercifull men are taken away, and no man vnderstandeth that the righteous is taken away [a] from the euill to come.

2 [b] Peace shall come: they shall rest in their beds, every one [c] walketh before him.

3 But you [d] sorcheres children, come hither, the seede of the adulterer, and of the whore.

4 On whom haue ye iested? vpon whom haue yee gaped and thrust out your tongue? are not ye rebellious children, & a false seed,

5 Inflamed with idoles vnder euery greene tree? and sacrificing the [e] children in the valleyes vnder the tops of the rocks?

6 Thy portion is in the smooth stones of the riuer: they, they are thy lot: euen to them hast thou powred a drinke offering: thou hast offered a sacrifice. Should I delight in [f] these?

7 Thou hast made thy [g] bed vpon a very hie mountaine: thou wentest vp thither, euen thither wentest thou to offer sacrifice.

8 Behinde the [h] doores also and postes hast thou set vp thy remembrance: for thou hast discouered thy selfe to another then me, and wentest vp, & diddest [i] enlarge thy bed, and make a couenant betweene thee & them, and louedst their bed in euery place where thou sawest it.

9 Thou wentest [k] to the Kings with oyle, and diddest increase thine ornaments, and send thy messengers farre off, and didst humble thy selfe vnto hell.

10 Thou weariedst thy selfe in thy manifolde iourneyes, yet saidst thou not, [l] There is no hope: thou [m] hast found life by thine hand, therefore thou hast not grieued.

11 And whom diddest thou reuerence or feare, seeing thou hast [n] lyed vnto mee, and hast not remembred mee, neither set thy minde thereon? is it not because I holde my peace, and that of [o] long time: therefore thou fearest not me.

12 I will declare thy [p] righteousnesse and thy workes, and they shall not profite thee.

13 When thou cryest, let them that thou hast gathered together, deliuer thee: but the wind shal take them all away: vanitie shal driue them away: but he that trusteth in me, shall inherite the land, and shal possesse mine holy Mountaine.

14 [q] And he shal say, Cast vp, cast vp: prepare the way: take vp the stumbling blocks out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith he, that is high and excellent, her that inhabiteth the eternitie, whose Name is the Holy one, I dwell in the hie and holy place: with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to reuiue the spirit of the humble, & to giue life to them that are of a contrite heart.

16 For I will not contend for euer, neither will I be alwayes wroth, [r] for the spirit should faile before me: and I haue made the breath.

17 For his wicked [s] couetousnesse I am angrie with him, and haue smitten him: I hid me and was angrie, yet he went away, and turned after the way of his owne heart.

18 I haue seene his wayes, and will [t] heale him: I will leade him also, and restore comfort vnto him, and to those that lament him.

19 I create the [x] fruite of the lippes to be peace: peace vnto them that are far off, and to them that are neere, saith the Lord: for I will heale him.

20 But the wicked are like the raging sea, that can [y] not rest, whose waters cast vp mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

a From the plague that is at hand, and also because God will punish the wicked.
b The soule of the righteous shalbe inioy, and their body shall rest in the graue vnto the time of the resurrection, because they walked before the Lord.
c He threatneth the wicked hypocrites, whovnder the pretence of the Name of Gods people, derided Gods worde and his promises: boasting openly that they were the children of Abraham, but because they were not faithfull and obedient as Abraham was, he calleth them bastards, and the children of forcerers, whichforsooke God and fled to wicked meanes for succour.
d Reade Leuit. 18.21.2 King. 23.10.
e Meaning, euery place was polluted with their idolatrie; or euery faire stone that they found, they made an idole of it.
f In the sacrifices which you offering before these idoles, thought you did serue God.
g To wit, thine altars in an open place like an impudent harlot, that careth not for the sight of her husband.
h In stead of setting vp the word of God in the open places on the postes and doores to haue it in remembrance, Deut. 6 9. & 27.1. thou hast set vp signes and markes of thine idolatry in euery place.
i That is, diddest increase thine idolatry more and more.
k Thou diddest seeke the fauour of the Assyrians by gifts and presents, to helpe thee against the Egyptians: and when they failed, thou soughtest to the Babylonians, & more & more diddest torment thy selfe.
l Although thou sawest all thy labors to be in vaine, yet wouldest thou neuer acknowledge thy fault and leaue off.
m He derideth their vnprofitable diligence, which thought to haue made all sure, and yet were deceiued.
n Broken promise with me.
o Meaning, that the wicked abuse Gods lenitie & grow to further wickednesse.
p That is, thy naughtinesse, idolatries and impieties: which the wicked call Gods seruice: thus he derideth their obstinacie.
q Meaning, the Assyrians and other, whose helpe they looked for.
r God shall say to Darius and Cyrus.
s I will not vse my power against fraile man whose life is but a blast.
t That is, for the vices and faults of the people, which is meant here by couetousnesse.
u Though they were obstinate, yet did I not withdraw my mercy frō them.
x That is, I frame the speach and wordes of my messengers which shal bring peace.
y As well to him that is in captiuitie, as to him that remaineth at home.
z Their euill conscience doeth euer torment them, and therefore they can neuer haue rest. Reade Chap. 48.22.

CHAP. LVIII.

1 *The office of Gods ministers.* 3 *The workes of the hypocrites.* 6 *The fast of the faithfull.* 13 *Of the true Sabbath.*

CRy [a] aloude, spare not: lift vp thy voyce like a trumpet, and shewe my people their transgression, and to the house of Iaakob, their sinnes.

2 Yet they [b] seeke mee dayly, and will know my wayes, euen as a nation that did righteously, and had not forsaken the statutes of their God: they aske of me the ordinances of iustice: they will draw neere vnto God, saying,

3 [c] Wherefore haue we fasted, and thou seest it not? we haue punished our selues, and thou regardest it not. Behold, in the day of your fast you will seeke [d] your will, and require all your debts.

4 Beholde, ye fast to strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickednesse: ye shall not fast as yee doe to day, to make your voyce to be [e] heard aboue.

5 Is it such a fast that I haue chosen, that a man should afflict his soule for a day, and to bow downe his head like a bull rush, and to lie downe in sackecloth, and ashes? wilt thou call this a fasting, or an acceptable day to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fasting, that I haue chosen,

a The Lord thus speaketh to the Prophet, willing him to vse all diligence and seueritie to rebuke the hypocrites.
b They wil seeme to worship me, and haue outward holinesse.
c He setteth forth the malice and disdaine of the hypocrites, which grudge against God, if their workes be not accepted.
d Thus he conuinceth the hypocrites by the second table and by their dutie toward their neighbour, that they haue neither faith nor religion.
e So long as ye vse contention and oppression, your fasting and prayer shall not be heard.

chosen, to loose the bandes of wickednesse, to take off the heauie burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye breake euery yoke?

7 Is it not to deale thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poore that wander, vnto thine house? when thou seest the naked, that thou couer him, and hide not thy selfe from thine owne flesh.

8 Then shall thy [h] light breake forth as the morning, and thine health shall growe speedily: thy [i] righteousnesse shall goe before thee, and the glory of the Lord shall imbrace thee.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shal answere: thou shalt cry, and he shal say, Here I am: if thou take away from the middes of thee the yoke, the putting foorth of the [k] finger, and wicked speaking:

10 If thou [l] powre out thy soule vnto the hungry, and refreth the troubled soule: then shall thy light spring out in the [m] darkenesse, and thy darkenesse shall be as the noone day.

11 And the Lorde shall guide thee continually, and satisfie thy soule in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters faile not.

12 And they shall bee of thee, that shall builde the olde [n] waste places: thou shalt raise vp the foundations of many generations, and thou shalt bee called the repairer of the breach, and the restorer of the paths to dwell in.

13 If thou [o] turne away thy foote from the Sabbath, from doing thy will on mine holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, to consecrate it, as glorious to the Lord, & shalt honour him, not doing thine owne waies, nor seeking thine owne will, nor speaking a vaine word,

14 Then shalt thou delight in the Lorde, and I will cause thee to mount vpon the hie places of the earth, and feede thee with the heritage of Iaakob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

CHAP. LIX.

2 The wicked perish through their owne iniquities. 12 The confessions of sinnes. 16 God alone will preserue his Church, though all men faile.

BEhold, the Lords hand is not shortened, that it cannot saue: neither is his eare heauie, that it cannot heare.

2 But [a] your iniquities haue separated betweene you and your God, & your sinnes haue hid his face from you, that yee will not heare.

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquitie: your lips haue spoken lies, and your tongue hath murmured iniquitie.

4 No man calleth for iustice: no man [b] contendeth for trueth: they trust in vanitie, and speake vaine things: they conceiue mischiefe, and [c] bring forth iniquitie.

5 They hatch cockatrice [d] egges, and weaue the spiders [e] webbe: he that eateth of their egges, dieth, and that which is trod vpon, breaketh out into a serpent.

6 Their webbes shall bee no garment, neither shall they couer themselues with their labours: for their workes are workes of iniquitie, and the worke of crueltie is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to euill, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are wicked thoughts: desolation and destruction is in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not, and there is none equitie in their goings: they haue made them crooked paths: whosoeuer goeth therein, shall not know peace.

9 Therefore is [f] iudgement farre from vs, neither doeth [g] iustice come neere vnto vs: we wait for light, but loe, it is darkenes: for brightnesse, but we walke in darkenesse.

10 We grope for the wall like the [h] blind, and wee grope as one without eyes: wee stumble at the noone day as in the twilight: we are in solitarie places, as dead men.

11 We roare all like [i] beares, and mourne like doues: wee looke for equitie, but there is none: for health, but it is farre from vs.

12 For our trespasses are many before thee, and our [k] sinnes testifie against vs: for our trespasses are with vs, and we know our iniquities.

13 In trespassing and lying against the Lord, and we haue departed away from our God, and haue spoken of crueltie and rebellion, conceiuing and vttering out of the heart false [l] matters.

14 Therefore [m] iudgement is turned backeward, and iustice standeth farre off: for trueth is fallen in the streete, and equitie cannot enter.

15 Yea, trueth faileth, and he that refraineth from euill, maketh himselfe a [n] praye: and when the Lord saw it, it displeased him, that there was no iudgement,

16 And when hee sawe that there was no man, hee wondered that none would offer himselfe. [o] Therefore his arme did [p] saue it, and his righteousnes it selfe did sustaine it.

17 For he put on righteousnes, as an habergion, and an [q] helmet of saluation vpon his head, and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeale as a cloke.

18 As to make recompense, as to requite the furie of the aduersaries with a recompense to his enemies: he will fully repay the [r] Ilands.

19 So shall they feare the Name of the Lord from the West, and his glory from the rising of the Sunne: for the enemie shall come like a flood: but the Spirit of the Lord shall chase him away.

20 And the Redeemer shall come vnto Zion, and vnto [s] them that turne from iniquitie in Iaakob, saith the Lord.

21 And I will make this my Couenant with them, sayth the Lorde, My Spirit that is vpon thee, and my wordes, which I haue put in thy mouth, [t] shall not de-

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f That you leaue off all your extortions.

g For in him thou seest thy selfe as in a glasse

h That is, the prosperous estate wherewith God will blesse thee.

i The testimonie of thy goodnesse shall appeare before God and man.

k Whereby is meant all maner of iniurie.

l That is, haue compassion on their miseries.

m Thine aduersitie shalbe turned into prosperitie.

n Signifying, that of the Iewes should come such as should build againe the ruines of Ierusalem and Iudea: but chiefly this is meant of the spiritual Ierusalem, whose builders were the Apostles.

o If thou refraine thy selfe from thy wicked works.

Numb. 11.23. chap. 50.2. Iere. 5.25.

a Read cha. 1.15.

b All men winke at the iniuries & oppressions, and none goe about to remedy them.

c According to their wicked deuises they hurt their neighbours

d Whatsoeuer commeth from them, is poison, & bringeth death.

e They are profitable to no purpose.

f That is, Gods vengeance to punish our enemies.

g Gods protection to defend vs.

h We are altogether destitute of counsell, and can find no end of our miseries.

i We expresse our sorowes by outward signes, some more, some lesse.

k This confession is generall to the Church to obteine remission of sinnes, and the Prophets did not exempt themselues from the same.

l To wit, against our neighbours.

m There is neither iustice nor vprightnesse among men.

n The wicked wil destroy him.

o Meaning, to doe iustice, and to remedie the things that were so farre out of order.

p That is, his Church: or his arme did helpe it selfe, and did not seeke ayde of any other.

q Signifying, that God hath al meanes at hand to deliuer his Church, and to punish their enemies.

r To wit, your enemies which dwell in diuers places, and beyond the sea.

s He sheweth that there shalbe great afflictiō in the Church, but God wil euer deliuer his.

t Whereby he declareth that the true deliue-

part out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seede, nor out of the mouth of the seede of thy seede, saith the Lord, from henceforth euen for euer.

CHAP. LX.

3 The Gentiles shall come to the knowledge of the Gospel. 8 They shall come to the Church in abundance. 16 They shall haue abundance, though they suffer for a time.

ARise, O Ierusalem: bee bright, for thy a light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen vpon thee.

2 For behold, darkenesse shall couer the b earth, and grosse darkenesse the people: but the Lord shall arise vpon thee, and his glory shalbe seene vpon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall walke in c thy light, and kings at the brightnesse of thy rising vp.

4 Lift vp thine eyes round about, and beholde: all d these are gathered, and come to thee: thy sonnes shall come from farre, and thy daughters shall bee nourished at thy side.

5 Then shalt thou see e thine eyes, thine heart shall be astonied and e enlarged, because the multitude of the sea shall be conuerted vnto thee, f the riches of the Gentiles shall come vnto thee.

6 The f multitude of camels shall couer thee: and the dromedaries of Midian and of Ephah: all they of Sheba shall come: they shall bring golde and incense, and shew forth the prayses of the Lord.

7 All the sheepe of g Kedar shalbe gathered vnto thee: the rammes of Nebaioth shal serue thee: they shall come vp to be accepted vpon mine h altar: and I will beautifie the house of my glory.

8 Who are these i that flee like a cloude, and as the doues to their windowes?

9 Surely the yles shall waite for me, and the shippes k of Tarshish, as at the beginning, that they may bring thy sonnes from farre, and their siluer and their golde with them, vnto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the holy one of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

10 And the sonnes of strangers shall build vp thy walles, and their l kings shall minister vnto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my mercie I had compassion on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates shal be open continually: neither day nor night shall they be shut, that men may bring vnto thee the riches of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

12 For the nation and the m kingdome, that will not serue thee, shall perish: and those nations shall be vtterly destroyed.

13 The n glorie of Lebanon shal come vnto thee, the firre tree, the elme and the boxe tree together, to beautifie the place of my Sanctuary: for I will glorifie the place of my o feete.

14 The sonnes also of them that afflicted thee, shall come and bowe vnto thee: and all they that despised thee, shall fall p downe at the soles of thy feete: and they shall call thee, The citie of the Lord, Zion of the holy one of Israel.

15 Whereas thou hast bene forsaken and hated, so that no man went by thee, I will make thee an eternall glory, and a ioy from generation to generation.

16 Thou shalt also sucke the milke of the Gentiles, and shalt sucke the q breasts of kings: and thou shalt knowe, that I the Lord am thy Sauiour, and thy Redeemer, the mightie one of Iaakob.

17 For brasse will I bring golde, and for yron will I bring siluer, and for wood brasse, and for stones yron. I will also make thy gouernement r peace, and thine exactours righteousnesse.

18 Violence shall no more be heard of in thy land, neither desolation, nor destruction, within thy borders: but thou shalt call f saluation, thy walles, and praise, thy gates.

19 Thou shalt haue no more sunne to shine by day, neither shall the brightnesse of the s moone shine vnto thee: for the Lorde shalbe thine euerlasting light, and thy God, thy glory.

20 Thy sunne shall neuer go downe, neither shall thy moone be hidde: for the Lorde shalbe thine euerlasting light, and the dayes of thy sorow shalbe ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall possesse the lande for euer, the t graffe of my planting shall be the worke of mine hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become as a u thousand, and a small one as a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in due time.

a The time of thy prosperitie and felicitie: whereas speaking of Babylon, he commanded her to goe downe, Chap. 47.1.

b Signifying, that all men are in darkenesse, till God giue them the light of his spirit, and that this light shineth to none but to those that are in his Church.

c Meaning, that Iudea should be as the morning starre and that the Gentiles should receive light of her.

d An infinite number from all countreyes, as Chap. 49.18.

e For ioy: as the heart is drawen in for sorrow.

f Meaning, that euerie one shall honour the Lord with that wherewith he is able: signifying, that it is no true seruing of God, except we offer our selues to seruehis glorie, and all that we haue.

g That is, the Arabians, that haue great abundance of cattel.

h Because the altar was a figure of Christ, Heb 13.10 he sheweth that nothing can be acceptable to him which is not offered to him by this altar, who was both the offering and the altar it selfe.

i Shewing what great number shall come to the Church, and with what great deligence & zeale.

k The Gentiles that are now enemies, shall become friends and seruers forth of the Church.

l Meaning, Cyrus and his successours: but chiefly this is accomplished in them that serue Christ, being conuerted by his Gospel.

m He sheweth that God hath giuen all power and authoritie here in earth for the vse of his Church: and that they which will not serue and profite the same, shall be destroyed.

n There is nothing so excellent, which shall not serue the necessitie of the Church.

o Signifying, that Gods maiestie is not included in the temple, which is but the place for his feete, that we may learne to lift vp to the heauens.

p To worship their head Christ by obeying his doctrine.

q Both hie and low shalbe ready to helpe and succour thee.

r Thy gouernors shall loue thee, & seeke thy wealth and prosperitie.

f Meaning, not a temporal felicitie, but a spirituall, which is fulfilled in Christs kingdome.

t Signifying that al worldly means shall cease, and that Christ shall be all in all, as Reuel. 21.22. & 22.5.

u The children of the Church.

x Meaning, that the Church should bee miraculously multiplied.

CHAP. LXI.

4 He propheseth that Christ shalbe anointed, and sent to preach. 10 The ioy of the faithfull.

THE a Spirit of the Lorde God is b vpon mee, therefore hath the Lorde anointed me: he hath sent me to preach good tidings vnto the poore, to binde vp the b broken hearted, to preach libertie to the c captiues, and to them that are bound, the opening of the prison,

2 To preach the d acceptable yeere of the Lorde, and the day of c vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourne,

Luke 4.18.

a This appertaineth to all the Prophets & ministers of God, but chiefly to Christ, of whose abundant graces euery one receiueth according as it pleaseth him to distribute.

b To them that are liuely touched with the feeling of their sinnes.

c Which are in the bondage of sinne.

d The time when it pleased God to shew his good fauour to man, which S. Paul calleth the fulnesse of time, Gal. 4.4.

e For when God deliuereth his Church, he punisheth his enemies.

3 To

f Which was the signe of mourning.
g Trees ſ bring forthgood fruits as Matth. 3. 8.
h That is, for a long time.
i They ſhall be ready to ſerue you in all your neceſſities.
k This is accompliſhed in the time of Chriſt, by whom all the faithful are made Prieſts & Kings, 1 Pet. 2. 9. reuel. 1. 6. and 5. 10. 1 Reade Chap. 60. 11, 16.
m Abundant recompenſe, as this word is vſed, Chap 40. 2.
n That is, the Iewes.
o To wit, of the Gentiles.
p Whereas the Gentiles had dominion ouer the Iewes in times paſt, now they ſhal haue double authoritie ouer them, & poſſeſſe twiſe ſo much.
q I will not receiue their offering, which are extortioners, deceiuers, hypocrites, or that depriue me of my glory.
r That is affection, when

3 To appoynt vnto them that mourne in Sion, and to giue vnto them beauty for aſhes, the oyle of ioy for mourning, the garment of gladnes for the ſpirit of heauineſſe, that they might be called s trees of righteouſneſſe, the planting of the Lord, that hee might be glorified.

4 And they ſhall build the olde waſte places, and rayſe vp the former deſolations, and they ſhall repaire the cities that were deſolate and waſte throlow many t generations.

5 And the ſtrangers ſhall u ſtand & feede your sheepe, and the ſonnes of the ſtrangers ſhall be your plowmen and dreſſers of your vines.

6 But ye ſhall be named x the Prieſts of the Lord, and men ſhall ſay vnto you, The miniſters of our God: yee ſhall eate the y riches of the Gentiles, and ſhall be exalted with their glory.

7 For your ſhame you ſhall receiue z double, and for confuſion a they ſhall reioyce in b their portion: for in their land they ſhall poſſeſſe the c double: euerlaſting ioy ſhall be vnto them.

8 For I the Lord loue iudgement & hate d robberie for burnt offering, and I will direct their worke in trueth, and will make an euerlaſting couenant with them.

9 And their e ſeed ſhalbe knowen among the Gentiles, and their buddes among the people. All that ſee them, ſhall know them, that they are the ſeed which the Lord hath bleſſed.

10 f I will greatly reioyce in the Lord, and my ſoule ſhall be ioyfull in my God: for hee hath clothed mee with the garments of ſaluation, and couered me with the robe of righteouſneſſe: hee hath decked mee like a bridegrome, and as a bride tyeth her ſelfe with her iewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth foorth her bud, and as the garden cauſeth to grow that which is ſowen in it: ſo the Lord God will cauſe righteouſneſſe to grow, and prayſe before all the heathen.

of the Church. ſ He ſheweth what ſhalbe the they feele this their deliuerance.

CHAP. LXII.

1 The great deſire that the Prophets haue had for Chriſts comming. 6 The diligence of the Paſtours to preach.

a The Prophet ſayth that hee will neuer ceaſe to declare vnto the people the goods tidings of their deliuerance b Till they haue full deliuerance: and this the Prophet ſpeaketh to incourage all other miniſters to

FOR Sions ſake I will not a holde my tongue, and for Ieruſalems ſake I will not reſt, vntill the righteouſneſſe thereof breake foorth as the b light, and ſaluation thereof as c a burning lampe.

2 And the Gentiles ſhall ſee thy righteouſneſſe, and all Kings thy glory: and thou ſhalt be called by c a new name, which the mouth of the Lord ſhall name.

3 Thou ſhalt alſo be a d crowne of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royall diademe in the hand of thy God.

4 Ie ſhall no more be ſayde vnto thee, e Forſaken, neither ſhall it be ſaid anymore to thy land, Deſolate, but thou ſhalt be called ‖ Hephzi bah, and thy land ‖ Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land ſhall haue an f husband.

5 For as a yong man marrieth a virgin, ſo ſhall thy ſonnes g marrie thee: and as a bridegrome is glad of the bride, ſo ſhall thy God reioyce ouer thee.

6 I haue ſet h watchmen vpon thy walls, O Ieruſalem, which all the day and all the night continually ſhall not ceaſe: i yee that are mindefull of the Lord, keepe not ſilence,

7 And giue him no reſt, till hee repaire, and vntill he ſet vp Ieruſalem the k praiſe of the world.

8 The Lord hath ſwome by his right hand and by his ſtrong arme, Surely I will no more giue thy corne to be meate for thine enemies, and ſurely the ſonnes of the ſtrangers ſhall not drinke thy wine, for the which thou haſt laboured.

9 But they that haue gathered it, ſhall eate it, and praiſe the Lord, and the gatherers thereof ſhall drinke it in the courts of my Sanctuary.

10 l Goe thorow, goe thorow the gates: prepare you the way for the people: caſt vp, caſt vp the way, and gather out the ſtones, and ſet vp a ſtandard for the people.

11 Beholde, the Lord hath proclaymed vnto the ends of the world: m tell the daughter Sion, Beholde, thy Sauiour commeth: beholde, his wages is with him, and his worke is before him.

12 And they ſhal call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord, & thou ſhalt be named, A citty ſought out, & not forſaken.

e Thou ſhalt no more be contemned as a woman forſaken of her husband.
‖ Or, my delight in her.
‖ Or, married.
f That it may be repleniſhed with children.
g Forasmuch as they confeſſe one faith & religion with thee, they are in the ſame bond of mariage with thee: and they are called the children of the Church, inaſmuch as Chriſt maketh her plentifull to bring foorth children vnto him.
h Prophets, paſteurs and miniſters.
i He exhorteth the miniſters neuer to ceaſe to call vpon God by prayer for the deliuerance of his Church, and to teach others to doe the ſame.
k For the reſtauration whreof all the world ſhall praiſe him.
l Signifying the great number that ſhould come to the Church, & what meanes he would prepare for the reſtitution of the ſame, as chap 57. 14.
m Yee Prophets and miniſters ſhew the people of this their deliuerance: which was chiefly meant of our ſaluation by Chriſt, Zech. 9. 9. Mat. 21. 5.
n He ſhall haue all power to bring his purpole to paſſe, as chap. 40. 10.
o That is, one, ouer whom God hath had a ſingular care to recouer her when ſhee was luſt.

CHAP. LXIII.

1 God ſhall deſtroy his enemies for his Churches ſake. 7 Gods benefits towards his Church.

WHo is this that commeth a from Edom, with red garments from Bozrah? he is glorious in his apparell, and walketh in his great ſtrength. b I ſpeak in righteouſnes, and am mighte to ſaue.

2 c Wherefore is thine apparel red, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winepreſſe?

3 I haue troden the wine preſſe alone, and of all people there was none with mee: for

a This propheſie is againſt the Idumeans, and enemies, which perſecuted the Church, on whom God will take vengeance, and is here ſet forth all bloody after that he hath deſtroyed them in Bozrah, f chiefe citie of the Idumeans: for theſe were their greateſt enemies, and vnder the title of circumciſion, & the kinred of Abraham, claimed to themſelues the chiefe religion & hated the true worſhippers, Pſal 137. 7.
b God anſwereth them that asked this queſtion, Who is this? &c. and ſaith, Yee ſee now performed indeed the vengeance which my Prophets threatned.
c An other queſtion to the which the Lord anſwereth.

d Shewing, that when God punisheth his enemies, it is for the prout and deliverance of his Church.

e God sheweth that he hath no neede of mans helpe for the deliverance of his, and though men refuse to doe their duetie through negligence and ingratitude, yet hee himselfe will deliuer his Church, and punish the enemies, reade Chap 59.16.

f I will astonish them, and make them so giddie, that they shall not know which way to goe

g The Prophet speaketh this to moue the people to remember Gods benefits in times past, that they may be confirmed in their troubles.

h For I did chuse them to be mine, that they should bee holy and not deceiue mine expectation.

i He bare their afflictions and griefes as though they had bene his owne.

k Which was a witnesse of Gods presence: and this may be referred to Christ, to whom belongeth the office of Saluation.

l That is, the people of Israel being afflicted, called to remembrance Gods benefits, which he had bestowed vpon their fathers in times past. m Meaning, Moses. n That is, in Moses, that he might well gouerne the people: some refere this guiing of the Spirit to the people o Peaceably and gently, as an horse is ledde to his pasture. p Hauing declared Gods benefites shewed to their forefathers, he turneth himselfe to God by prayer, desiring him to continue the same graces toward them. q Thy great affection which thou bareft toward vs. r Meaning, from the whole body of the Church. s Though Abraham would refuse vs to bee his children, yet thou wilt not refuse to be our father.

I will tread them in mine anger, and tread them vnder foote in my wrath, and their blood shall be sprinkled vpon my garments, and I will staine all my rayment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the d yeere of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to helpe, and I wondered that there was none to vpholde: therefore mine owne e arme helped mee, and my wrath it selfe sustained me.

6 Therefore I wil tread downe the people in my wrath, and make them f drunken in mine indignation, and will bring downe their strength to the earth

7 I will g remeinber the mercies of the Lord, and the prayses of the Lord according vnto all that the Lorde hath giuen vs, and for the great goodnesse toward the house of Israel, which he hath giuen them according to his tender loue, & according to his great mercies.

8 For he sayd, Surely they are my h people, children that wil not lie: so he was their sauiour.

9 In all their troubles he was i troubled, and the Angel k of his presence saued them: in his loue and in his mercie hee redeemed them, and he bare them and caried them alwayes continually.

10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore was he turned to be their enemie, and he fought against them.

11 Then he l remembred the old time of Moses and his people, saying, Where is hee that brought them vp out of the sea with the m shepheard of his sheepe? where is hee that put his holy Spirit within n him?

12 He led them by the right hand of Moses with his owne glorious arme, diuiding the water before them, to make himselfe an euerlasting Name.

13 He led them through the deepe, as an o horse in the wildernes, that they should not stumble.

14 As the beast goeth downe into the valley, the spirit of the Lord gaue them rest: so diddest thou leade thy people, to make thy selfe a glorious Name.

15 p Looke downe from heauen, and behold from the dwelling place of thine holinesse, and of thy glory. Where is thy q zeale and thy strength, the multitude of thy mercies, and of thy compassions? they are restrained from r me.

16 Doubtles thou art our father: though s Abraham bee ignorant of vs, and Israel know vs not, yet thou, O Lorde, art our Father, and our redeemer: thy Name is for euer.

17 O Lord, why hast t thou made vs to erre from thy wayes? and hardened our heart from thy feare? Returne for thy u seruants sake, and for the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thine holinesse haue possessed it but a little x while: for our aduersaries haue troden downe thy Sanctuarie.

19 Wee haue beene as they, ouer whom thou neuer barest rule, and vpon whom thy Name was not called.

t By taking away thy holy Spirit from vs by who we were gouerned and so for our ingratitude diddest deliuer vs vp to our owne concupiscence, & didst punish sin by sin according to thy iust iudgement.

u Meaning, for the couenants sake made to Abraham, Izhak & Iaakob his seruants. x That is, in respect of the promise which is perpetual: albeit they had now possessed the land of Canaan a thousand and foure hundreth yeere: and thus they lament, to moone God rather to remember his couenant, then to punish their sinnes.

CHAP. LXIIII.

1 The Prophet prayeth for the sinnes of the people. 6 Mans righteousnesse is like a stinking clath.

O That thou wouldest a breake the heauens, and come downe, and that the mountaines might melt at thy presence!

2 As the melting fire burneth, as the fire caused b the waters to boyle, (that thou mightest declare thy Name to thy aduersaries) the people did tremble at thy presence.

3 When thou diddest terrible things, which wee looked not for, thou camest downe, and the mountaines melted at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the worlde they haue not c heard nor vnderstood with the eare, neither hath the eye seene another God beside thee, which doeth so to him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou diddest meete him, d that reioyced in thee, and did iustly: they remembred thee in thy e wayes: behold, thou art angry, for we haue sinned: yet in f them is continuance, and we g shall be saued.

6 But we haue all bene as an vncleane thing, and al our h righteousnesse is as filthy cloutes, and we all doe fade like a leafe, and our iniquities like the winde haue taken vs away.

7 And there is none that calleth vpon thy Name, neither that stirreth vp himselfe to take holde of thee: for thou hast hidde thy face from vs, and hast consumed vs because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O Lord, thou art our Father: we are the i clay, and thou art our potter, and we al are the worke of thine hands.

9 Bee not angry, O Lord, k aboue measure, neither remember iniquitie for euer: lo, we beseech thee, behold, we are al thy people.

a The Prophet continueth his prayer, desiring God to declare his loue toward his Church by miracles, and mighty power, as hee did in mount Sinai.

b Meaning, the raine, haile, fire, thunder, and lightenings.

c Saint Paul vseth the same kinde of admiration, 1 Cor. 2.9. marueiling at Gods great benefite shewed to his Church by the preaching of the Gospel.

d Thou shewedst fauour toward our fathers when they trusted in thee, and walked after thy commandements.

e They considered thy great mercies.

f That is, in thy mercies, which hee calleth the wayes of the Lord

g Thou wilt haue pitie vpon vs. h Wee are iustly punished and brought into captiuitie, because wee haue prouoked thee to anger, and though wee would excuse our selues, yet our righteousnesse and best vertues are before thee as vile cloutes, or, (as some reade) like the menstruous clothes of a woman i Albeit, O Lord, by thy iust iudgement thou mayest vtterly destroy vs, as the potter may his pot, yet we appeale to thy mercies, when by it hath pleased thee to adopt vs to be thy children. k For so the flesh iudgeth when God deeth not immediatly send succour.

l Which were dedicated to thy seruice and to call vpon thy Name.

m Wherein we reioyced and worshipped thee.

n That is, at the contempt of thine owne glory? though our sinnes haue deserued this, yet thou wilt not suffer thy glory thus to be diminished.

10 l Thine holy cities lie waste: Zion is a wildernesse, and Ierusalem a desert.

11 The house of our Sanctuarie and of our glorie, m where our fathers praysed thee, is burnt vp with fire, and all our pleasant things are wasted.

12 Wilt thou holde thy selfe still n at these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace and afflict vs aboue measure?

CHAP. LXV.

1 *The vocation of the Gentiles and the reiection of the Iewes.* 13 *The ioy of the elect, and the punishment of the wicked.*

a Meaning, the Gentiles, which knew not God, should seeke after him when he had moued their hearts with his holy spirit, Rom. 10.20

b Hee sheweth the cause of the reiection of the Iewes, because they would not obey him for any admonition of his Prophets by whom hee called them continually, and stretched out his hand to draw them.

c Hee sheweth that to delite in our owne fantasies, is the declining from God, and the beginning of all superstition and idolatrie.

d Which were dedicate to idoles.

e Meaning, their altars, which he thus nameth by contempt.

f To consule with spirits and to coniure deuils, which was forbidden, Deut. 18. 11.

I Haue beene sought of them that a asked not: I was found of them that sought mee not: I sayde, Beholde mee, beholde mee, vnto a nation that called not vpon my Name.

2 I haue b spread out mine hands all the day vnto a rebellious people, which walked in a way that was not good, euen after their owne c imaginations:

3 A people that prouoked mee euer vnto my face: that sacrificeth in d gardens, and burneth incense vpon e bricks.

4 Which remaine among the f graues, and lodge in the deserts, which eate e swines flesh, and the broth of things polluted are in their vessels.

5 Which say, b Stand apart, come not neere to me: for I am holier then thou: these are a smoke in my wrath, & a fire that g burneth all the day.

6 Beholde, it is h written before me: I will not keepe silence, but will render it and recompense it into their bosome.

7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers shalbe i together (saith the Lord) which haue burnt incense vpon the mountaines, and blasphemed me vpon the hilles: therefore will I measure their olde worke into their bosome.

8 Thus saith the Lord, As the wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a m blessing is in it, so will I doe for my seruants sakes, that I may not destroy them whole.

9 But I will bring a seede out of Iaakob, and out of Iudah, that shall inherite my mountaine: and mine elect shal inherite it, and my seruants shall dwell there.

10 And n Sharon shall be a sheepefolde, and the valley of Achor shall bee a resting place for the cattell of my people, that haue sought me.

11 But yee are they that haue forsaken the Lorde, and forgotten mine holy Mountaine, and haue prepared a table for the o multitude, & furnith the drinke offerings vnto the number.

12 Therefore will I p number you to the sworde, and all you shall bowe downe to the slaughter, because I called, and yee did not answere: I spake, and yee heard not, but did euil in my sight, and did chuse that thing which I would not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lorde God, Beholde, my seruants shall q eate, and yee shall be hungry: beholde, my seruants shall drinke, and yee shall be thirstie: beholde, my seruants shall reioyce, and yee shall bee ashamed.

14 Beholde, my seruants shall sing for ioy of heart, and yee shall crie for sorowe of heart, and shall howle for vexation of minde.

15 And yee shall leaue your name as a curse vnto my r chosen: for the Lord God shall slay you, and call his seruants by s an other name.

16 He that shall blesse in the t earth, shall blesse himselfe in the true God, and hee that sweareth in the earth, shall sweare by the true God: for the former u troubles are forgotten, and shal surely hide themselues from mine eyes.

17 For loe, I wil create x new heauens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembred nor come into minde.

18 But bee you glad and reioyce for euer in the things that I shall create: for beholde, I will create Ierusalem as a reioycing, and her people as a ioy,

19 And I will reioyce in Ierusalem, and ioy in my people, and the voyce of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voyce of crying.

20 There shall be no more there a childe of yeeres, nor an olde man that hath y not fulled his dayes: for he that shall be an hundreth yeeres old, shall die as a yong man: but the sinner being z an hundreth yeres old shal be accursed.

21 And they shal a build houses and inhabite them, and they shall plant vineyardes, and eate the fruite of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabite: they shal not plant, and another eat: for as the dayes of the tree are the dayes of my people, and mine elect shall inioy in olde age the worke of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vayne, nor bring foorth in feare, for they are the seede of the blessed of the Lorde, and their budde

g By the multitude and number he meaneth their innumerable idoles of whom they thought they could neuer haue ynough.

p Seeing you cannot number your gods, I will number you with the sword.

q By my Prophets whom ye would not obey.

r By these words, Eate and drinke, hee meaneth the blessed life of the faithfull, which haue alwayes consolation and full contentment of all things in their God, though sometimes they lacke these corporall things.

s Meaning, that he would call the Gentiles, who should abhorre euen the very name of the Iewes for their infidelities sake.

t Then by the name of the Iewes.

u By blessing, and by swearing is meant the praysing of God for his benefits, and the true worshipping of him, which shall not be onely in Iudea, but through all the world.

x I will no more suffer my Church to bee desolate as in times past.

y I will so alter and change the state of my Church, that it shall seeme to dwell in a newe worlde.

z Meaning, in this wonderfull restauration of the Church, there should be no weakenesse of youth, nor infirmities of age, but all should bee fresh and flourishing: and this is accomplished in the heauenly Ierusalem when all sinnes shal cease, and the teares shall bee wiped away.

a Whereby he sheweth that the infidels & vnrepentant sinners haue no part of this benediction.

b He proposeth to the faithfull the blessings which are contained in the law, and so vnder temporall things comprehendeth the spirituall promises.

m That is, it is profitable: meaning, that God will not destroy the faithfull branches of his vineyarde, when he destroyeth the rotten stockes, that is, the hypocrites.

n Which was a plentifull place in Iudea, to feede sheepe, as Achor was for cattell.

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24 Yea, before they call, I will answere, and whiles they speake, I will heare.

25 The c wolfe and the lambe shall feede together, and the lion shall eate straw like the bullocke: and to the serpent dust shall be his meate. They shall no more hurt nor destroy in all mine holy mountaine, sayeth the Lord.

c Reade Chap. 12.6.

CHAP. LXVI.

1 God dwelleth not in temples made with hands. 3 He despiseth sacrifices done without mercy and faith. 5 God comforteth them that are troubled for his sake. 19 The vocation of the Gentiles 23 The perpetuall Sabbath. 24 The punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

THus sayeth the Lorde, a The heauen is my throne, and the earth is my footestoole: where is that house that yee will build vnto mee? and where is that place of my rest?

a My maiestie is so great, that it filleth both heauen and earth, and therfore can not be included in a Temple like an idole: condemning hereby their vaine confidence, which trusted in the Temple and sacrifices.

2 For all these things hath mine hand made, b and all these things haue been, saith the Lord: and to him will I looke, euen to him that is poore, and of c a contrite spirite and trembleth at my words.

b Seeing that both the Temple and the things therein with the sacrifices, were made and done by his appointment he sheweth that he hath no need thereof and that he can be without them, Psal. 50. 10.

c To him that is humble and pure in heart, which receiueth my doctrine with reuerence and feare.

3 Yee that killeth a bullocke, is as if hee d slewe a man, he that sacrificeth a sheepe, as if he cut off a dogs necke: he that offereth an oblation, as if hee offered swines blood: he that remembreth incense, as if he blessed an idole: yea, they haue chosen their owne waies, and their soule delighteth in their abominations.

d Because the Iewes thought themselues holy by offering of their sacrifices,

4 Therefore will I e chuse out their delusions, and I will bring their feare vpon them, because I called, and none would answere: I spake and they would not heare: but they did euill in my sight, and chose the things which I would not.

e Reade the word of the Lord, all ye that tremble at his f word, Your brethren that hated you, and cast you out for my names sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appeare to your ioy, and they shall bee ashamed.

f Before whose face they should tremble.

6 g A voyce soundeth from the citie, euen a voyce from the Temple, the voyce of the Lorde, that recompenseth his enemies fully.

g The enemies shall shortly heare a more terrible voice, euen fire and slaughter, seeing they would not heare the gentle voyce of the Prophets which called them to repentance.

7 Before h shee trauelled, shee brought foorth: and before her paine came, she was deliuered of a man child.

h This shall passe the capacitie of man to see such a multitude that shall come vp at once, meaning, vnder the preaching of y Gospell whereof they that came vp out of Babylon, were a figure.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seene such things? shall the earth bee brought forth in one i day? or shall a nation be borne at once? for assoone as Zion trauelled, she brought foorth her children.

i Declaring hereby, that as by his power and prouidence woman trauelleth, and is deliuered: so hath he power to bring forth his Church at his time appointed.

9 Shall I k cause to trauell, & not bring forth? shall I cause to bring forth and shalbe barren, saith thy God?

k That ye may reioyce for all the benefits that God bestoweth vpon his Church:

10 Reioyce ye with Ierusalem, & be glad with her, all ye that loue her: reioyce for ioy with her, all ye that mourne for her,

11 That yee may suckle l and bee satisfied with the breasts of her consolation: that yee may milke out and bee delighted with the brightnesse of her glory.

l That ye may reioyce for all the benefits that God bestoweth vpon his Church:

12 For thus sayeth the Lorde, Beholde, I will extend m peace ouer her like a flood, and the glory of the n Gentiles like a flowing streame: then shall yee suckle, ye shall be o borne vpon her sides, and be ioyfull vpon her knees.

m I wil giue her felicity and prosperitie in great abundance.

n Reade Chap. 60. 16.

o Ye shall be cherished, as her dearely beloued children.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted in Ierusalem.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall reioyce, and your p bones shall flourish like an herbe: and the hand of the Lord shall be knowen among his seruants, and his indignation against his enemies.

p Ye shall haue new strength and new beautie.

15 For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and his charets like a whirlewinde, that he may q recompense his anger with wrath, and his indignation with the flame of fire.

16 For the Lord will iudge with fire, and with his sword all flesh, and the slaine of the Lord shalbe many.

17 They that sanctifie r themselues, and purifie themselues in the gardens behinde one tree in the middes eating s swines flesh, and such abomination, euen the mouse, shall be consumed together, sayeth the Lord.

q This vengeance God began to execute at the destruction of Babylon, and hath euer continued it against the enemes of his Church, and will doe till the last day, which shalbe the accomplishment thereof.

r Meaning, the hypocrites.

s Whereby are meant them that did maliciously transgresse the Law, by eating beasts forbidden, euen to the mouse which nature abhorreth.

18 For I will visite their workes, and their imaginations: for it shall come that I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come, and see my t glory.

t The Gentiles shall bee partakers of that glorie which before I shewed to the Iewes.

19 And I will set a u signe among them, and will send those that x escape of them, vnto the nations of y Tarshish, z Pul, & a Lud, and to them that draw the b bowe, to c Tubal, and d Iauan, Iles a farre off, that haue not heard my fame, neither haue seene my glorie, & e they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

u I will marke these that I chuse, that they perish not with the rest of the Infidels, whereby he alludeth to the marking of the postes of his people, whom he preserued, Exodus 12.7.

x I will scatter the rest of the Iewes which escaped destruction into diuers nations.

y That is, Cilicia.

z Meaning Affrica.

a To wit, Lydia, or Asia minor.

b Signifying the Parthians.

c Italy.

d Grecia

e Meaning, the Apostles, Disciples and others, which hee did first chuse of the Iewes to preach vnto the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your f brethren for an offering vnto the Lord out of all

f Whereby are meant the Iewes as they are the children of Abraham as you are.

g Whereby he meaneth that no necessary meanes shall want when God shall call the Gentiles to the knowledge of the Gospell.

nations, vpon horses and in charets, and in horse litters, and vpon mules, and swift beasts to Ierusalem mine holy mountaine, saieth the Lord, as the children of Israel offer in a cleane vessell in the house of the Lord.

21 And I will take of them for h priests, and for Leuites, saith the Lord.

22 For as the new i heauens, and the new earth which I will make, shall remaine before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name continue.

23 And from moneth to moneth, & from Sabbath to Sabbath shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

24 And they shall goe forth and looke vpon the k carcases of the men that haue transgressed against mee: for their l worme shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched, and they shall be an abhorring m vnto all flesh.

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k As he hath declared § felicitie that shalbe within the Church for the comfort of the godly, so doth he shew what horrible calamity shal come to the wicked, that are out of the Church. l Meaning, a continuall torment of conscience, which shall euer gnaw them & neuer suffer them to be at rest, Mark. 9 44. m This is the iust recompense for the wicked, which contemning God and his word, shal be by Gods iust iudgement abhorred of all his creatures.

h To wit, of the Gentiles, as he did Luke, Timothie, and Titus first, and others after, to preach his word. i Hereby he signifieth the kingdome of Christ, wherein his Church shall be renewed: and whereas before there were appointed seasons to sacrifice, in this there shall be one continuall Sabbath, so that all times and seasons shall be meete.

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THE ARGVMENT.

THe Prophet Ieremiah borne in the citie of Anathoth in the countrey of Beniamin, was the sonne of Hilkiah, whom some thinke to be he that found out the booke of the Law, and gaue it to Iosiah. This Prophet had excellent gifts of God, and most euident reuelations of prophesie, so that by the commandement of the Lord he began very yong to prophesie, that is, in the thirteenth yeere of Iosiah, and continued eighteene yeeres vnder the said King, and three moneths vnder Iehoahaz, and vnder Iehoiakim eleuen yeeres, and three moneths vnder Iehoiakin, and vnder Zedekiah eleuen yeeres: vnto the time that they were caried away into Babylon. So that this time amounteth to aboue fortie yeeres, beside the time that hee prophesied after the captiuitie. In this booke he declareth with teares and lamentation the destruction of Ierusalem, and the captiuitie of the people for their idolatry, couetousnesse, subtiltie crueltie. excesse, rebellion and contempt of Gods word: and for the consolation of the Church, reuealeth the iust time of their deliuerance. And here chiefly are to be considered three things. First the rebellion of the wicked, which waxe more stubburne and obstinate, when the Prophets doe admonish them most plainely of their destruction. Next how the Prophets and ministers of God ought not to be discouraged in their vocation, though they be persecuted & rigorously handled of the wicked for Gods cause. And thirdly though God shew his iust iudgment against the wicked, yet will hee euer shew himselfe a preserver of his Church, and when all meanes seeme to mans iudgment to be abolished, then will hee declare himselfe victorious in preserving his.

CHAP. I.

1 In what time Ieremiah prophesied. 6 He acknowledgeth his imperfection, and is strengthened of the Lord. 11 The Lord sheweth him the destruction of Ierusalem. 17 He commandeth him to preach his word without feare.

THe a wordes of Ieremiah the sonne of b Hilkiah one of the Priestes that were at c Anathoth in the land of Beniamin.

2 To whom the d word of the Lord came in the dayes of Iosiah the sonne of Amon king of Iudah in the thirteenth yeere of his reigne:

3 And also in the dayes of Iehoiakim the e sonne of Iosiah King of Iudah, vnto the ende of the eleuenth yeere of Zedekiah, the sonne of Iosiah king of Iudah, euen vnto the carying away of Ierusalem captiue in the fift f moneth.

4 Then the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

5 Before I g formed thee in the wombe, I knewe thee, and before thou camest out of the wombe, I sanctified thee, and ordeined thee to bee a Prophet vnto the h nations.

6 Then said I, i Oh, Lord God, behold, I cannot speake, for I am a child.

7 But the Lorde sayd vnto mee, Say not, I am a childe: for thou shalt goe to all that I shall send thee, and what soeuer I commaund thee, shalt thou speake.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliuer thee, saith the Lord.

9 Then the Lord stretched out his hand

a That is, the sermons and prophesies.

b Which is thought to be he that found the booke of § Law vnder king Iosiah, 2. King. 22 8.

c This was a city about 3. miles distant from Ierusalem, & belonged to the priests the sonnes of Aaron, Iosh. 21. 18.

d This is spoken to confirme his vocation & office: forasmuch as he did not presume of himselfe to preach and prophesie, but was called thereunto by God.

e Meaning the Nephew of Iosiah: for Iehoahaz was his father, who reigned but three moneths, & therefore is not mentioned, no more is Ioachim that reigned no longer.

f Of the eleuenth yeere of Zedekiah, who was also called Mattaniah, and at this time the Iewes were caried away into Babylon by Nebuchad-nezzar.

g The Scripture vseth this maner of speech to declare that God hath appointed his ministers to their offices before they were borne,

as Isaiah 49. 1. Galatian. 1. 15. h For Ieremiah did not onely prophesie against the Iewes, but also against the Egyptians, Babylonians, Moabites and other nations. i Considering the great iudgements of God, which according to his threatnings should come vpon the world, he was moued with a certaine compassion on the one side to pittie them that should thus perish, and on the other side by the infirmitie of mans nature, knowing how hard a thing it was to enterprise such a charge, as Isaiah 6. 11. Exod. 3. 11. and 4. 1.

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k Which declareth, that God maketh them meet & assureth them, whom he calleth to set forth his glory, giuing them all meanes necessarie for the same, Exod. 4.12. isa. 6 7.

l He sheweth, what is the authoritie of Gods true ministers, which by his word haue power to beate downe whatsoeuer lifteth it selfe vp against God: and to plant and assure the humble and such as giue themselues to the obedience of Gods word, 2. Cor. 10.4. heb. 4.12. and these are the keyes which Christ hath left to loose and binde, Matt. 18.18.

m He ioyneth the signe with the word for a more ample confirmation, signifying by the rod of the almond tree, which first buddeth, the hastie comming of the Babylonians against the Iewes.

n Signifying, that the Caldeans & Assyrians should be as a pot to seeth the Iewes which boyled in their pleasures and lustes. o Syria and Assyria were Northward in respect of Ierusalem, which were the Caldeans dominion. p I will giue them charge and power to execute my vengeance against the idolaters, which haue forsaken mee for their idoles. q Which declareth that Gods vengeance is prepared against them, which dare not execute their duety faithfully, either for feare of man, or for any other cause, 1. Cor 9.16. r Signifying on the one part, that the more that Satan and the world rage against Gods ministers, the more present will he be to helpe them, Iosh. 1.5. hebr. 13.5. and on the other part, that they are vtterly vnmeete to serue God and his Church which are afraid, and doe not resist wickednesse, whatsoeuer danger depend thereon, Isa. 50.7. ezek. 3 8.

and k touched my mouth, and the Lord said vnto mee, Behold, I haue put my words in thy mouth.

10 Behold, this day haue I set thee ouer the l nations and ouer the kingdomes, to plucke vp, and to roote out, and to destroy and throw downe, to build, and to plant.

11 After this the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying, Ieremiah, what seest thou? And I sayde, I see a m rodde of an almond tree.

12 Then said the Lord vnto mee, Thou hast seene aright: for I wil hasten my word to performe it.

13 Againe the word of the Lord came vnto mee the second time, saying, What seest thou? and I said, I see a seething n pot looking out of the North.

14 Then said the Lord vnto mee, Out of the o North shall a plague be spread vpon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For loe, I will call all the families of the kingdomes of the North, sayeth the Lord, and they shall come, and euery one shall set his throne in the entring of the gates of Ierusalem, and on all the walles thereof round about, and in all the cities of Iudah.

16 And I will declare vnto them my p iudgements touching all the wickednesse of them that haue forsaken mee, and haue burnt incense vnto other gods, and worshipped the workes of their owne hands.

17 Thou therefore trusse vp thy loynes, and arise, and speake vnto them all that I command thee: be not afraid of their faces, lest I q destroy thee before them.

18 For I, behold, I this day haue made thee a defenced citie, and an r yron pillar, and walles of brasse against the whole land, against the kings of Iudah, and against the princes thereof, against the Priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 For they shall fight against thee: but they shall not preuaile against thee: for I am with thee to deliuer thee, sayeth the Lord.

CHAP. II.

2 God rehearseth his benefites done vnto the Iewes. 8 Against the Priests and false prophets. 12 The Iewes are destroyed, because they forsake God.

MOreouer, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Goe, and crie in the eares of Ierusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I remember thee, with the a kindnes of thy youth, and the loue of thy marriage, when thou wentest after mee in the wildernesse, b in a land that was not sowen.

3 Israel was as a thing c hallowed vnto the Lord, and his first fruites: all they d that eate it, shall offend: euill shall come vpon them, saith the Lord.

4 Heare yee the word of the Lord, O house of Iaakob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 Thus saith the Lord, What iniquitie haue your fathers found in me, that they are gone e farre from me, and haue walked after vanitie, and are become f vaine?

6 For they said not, Where is the Lord that brought vs vp out of the lande of Egypt? that led vs thorow the wildernes, thorow a desert and waste land, thorow a drie land, and g by the shadow of death, by a land that no man passed thorow, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentifull countrey, to eate the fruite thereof, and the commodities of the same: but when yee entred, yee h defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The Priests said not, i Where is the Lord? and they that should minister the k Law, knew me not: the l pastours also offended against mee, and the Prophets prophesied in m Baal, and went after things that did not profit.

9 Wherefore I wil yet n plead with you, saith the Lord, and I will pleade with your childrens children.

10 For goe yee to the yles of o Chittim, and behold, and send vnto p Kedar, and take diligent heed, and see whether there be such things.

11 Hath any nation changed their gods, which yet are no gods? but my people haue changed their q glory, for that which doeth not r profit.

12 Be ye s heauens, be astonied at this: be afraide, and vtterly confounded, sayeth the Lord.

13 For my people haue committed two euils: they haue forsaken me t the fountaine

a According to that grace and fauour, which I shewed thee from the beginning, when I did first chuse thee to be my people, and married thee to my selfe, Ezekiel 16.8.

b When I had deliuered thee out of Egypt.

c Chosen aboue all others to serue the Lord onely, and the first offered to the Lord of all other nations.

d Whosoeuer did challenge this people, or selfe did annoy them, was punished.

e That is, fallen to most vile idolatrie.

f Altogether giuen to vanitie, and are become blinde and insensible as the idols that they serue.

g Where for lack of all things necessary for life, ye could looke for nothing euery houre but present death.

h By your idolatry and wicked maners, Psal 78.58. and 106. 38.

i They taught not the people to seeke after God. k As the Scribes, which should haue expounded the Law to the people. l Meaning, the princes and ministers: signifying, that all estates were corrupt. m That is, spake vain things, and brought the people from the true worship of God to serue idoles: for by Baal, which was the chiefe idole of the Moabites, are meant all idoles. n Signifying, that he would not as he might, straightway cõdemne them, but sheweth them by euident examples their great ingratitude, that they might be ashamed & repent. o Meaning, the Grecians and Italians. p Vnto Arabia, q That is, God which is their glory, & who maketh them glorious aboue all other people: reprouing the Iewes, that they were lesse diligent to serue the true God, then were the idolaters to honour their vanities. r Meaning, the idols, which were their destruction, Psal. 106.36. s Hee sheweth that the insensible creatures abhorre this vile ingratitude, & as it were tremble for feare of Gods great iudgements against the same. t Signifying, that when men forsake Gods word, which is the fountaine of life, they reiect God himselfe, and so fall to their owne inuentions, and vaine confidence, and procure to themselues destruction, Ionah 2.8. zech. 10.2.

of liuing waters, to dig them pits, euen broken pits, that can holde no water.

14 Is Israel a [t] seruant, or is he borne in the house? why then is he spoyled?

15 The [x] lyons roared vpon him and yelled, and they haue made his land waste: his cities are burnt without [y] an inhabitant.

16 Also the children of [z] Noph and Tahapanes haue [a] broken thine head.

17 Hast not thou procured this vnto thy selfe, because thou hast forsaken the Lorde thy God, when hee [b] ledde thee by the way?

18 And what hast thou now to doe in the way of [c] Egypt? to drinke the water of Nilus? or what makest thou in the way of Assur? to drinke the water of the [d] River?

19 Thine owne wickednesse shall [e] correct thee, and thy turnings backe shall reproue thee: know therefore and beholde, that it is an euill thing, and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my feare is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hostes.

20 For of olde time I haue broken thy yoke, and burst thy bonds, and thou saydest, [f] I will no more transgresse, but like an harlot thou runnest about vpon all hie hils, and vnder all greene trees.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, whole [g] plantes were all naturall: how then art thou turned vnto mee into the plants of a strange vine?

22 Though thou wash thee with [h] nitre, and take thee much sope, yet thine iniquitie is marked before mee, saith the Lord God.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, neither haue I [k] followed Baalim? beholde thy wayes in the valley, & know, what thou hast done: thou art like a swift [l] dromedarie, that runneth by his wayes:

24 And as a wilde [m] asse, vsed to the wildernesse, that snuffeth vp the winde by occasion at her pleasure: who can turne her backe? all they that seeke her, will not wearie themselues, but will find her in her [n] moneth.

25 Keepe thou thy feete from [o] barenesse, and thy throte from thirst: but thou saydest desperatly, No, for I haue loued strangers, and them will I follow.

26 As the [p] theefe is ashamed when he is found, so is [q] the house of Israel ashamed, they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a tree, Thou art my [r] father, and to a stone, Thou hast begotten mee: for they haue turned their backe vnto mee, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and helpe vs.

28 But where are thy gods, that thou hast made thee? Let them arise if they can helpe thee in the time of thy trouble: for according [s] to the number of thy cities, are thy gods, O Iudah.

29 Wherefore will [t] ye pleade with mee? yee all haue rebelled against mee, sayeth the Lord.

30 I haue smitten your children in vaine, they receiued no correction: your [u] owne sword hath deuoured your Prophets like a destroying lyon.

31 O generation, take heed to the word of the Lord: haue I beene as a [x] wildernesse vnto Israel? or a land of darkenesse? Wherefore sayeth my people then, Wee are lordes, [y] wee will come no more vnto thee?

32 Can a maide forget her ornament, or a bride her attire? yet my people haue forgotten me, dayes without number.

33 Why dreſt thou prepare thy way, to [z] seeke amitie? euen therefore will I teach thee, that thy wayes are wickednesse.

34 Also in thy [a] wings is found the blood of the soules of the poore innocents: I haue not found it in holes, but vpon all these places.

35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am guiltlesse, surely his wrath shall turne from mee: beholde, I will enter with thee into iudgement, because thou sayest, I haue not sinned.

36 Why runnest thou about so much to change thy wayes? for thou shalt bee confounded of Egypt, as thou art confounded of Assur.

37 For thou shalt goe forth from thence, and thine hands vpon [b] thine head, because the Lord hath reiected thy confidence, and thou shalt not prosper therein.

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a Haue I ordered them like seruants, and not like dearely beloued children? Exod. 4. 22 therefore it is their fault onely, if the enemy spoyle them.

x The Babylonians, Caldeans, and Assyrians.

y Not one shall be left to dwell there.

z That is, the Egyptians: for these were two great cities in Egypt.

a Haue grieuously vexed thee at sundrie times.

b Shewing, that God would haue still ledde them aright, if they would haue followed him.

c To seeke helpe of mã, as though God were not able enough to defend thee, which is to drinke of [§] puddles, and to leane the fountaine, reade Isa. 31. 1.

d To wit, Euphrates.

e Meaning, that the wicked are insensible till the punishment for their sinne waken them, as verse 26. Isai. 3. 9.

f When I deliuered thee out of Egypt, Exod. 19. 8. deut. 5. 27. iosh. 24. 16. ezra. 10. 12. nehe. 8 6. ‡*Ebr. seede was all true.* g Though thou vse all the purification and ceremonies of the Law, thou canst not escape punishment, except thou turne to me by faith and repentance. h Meaning, that hypocrites denie that they worshippe the idoles, but that they honour God in them, and therefore they call their doings Gods seruice. i He compareth their idolaters to these beastes, because they neuer cease running to and fro: for both valleys and hilles are full of their idolatrie. k Hee compareth the idolaters to a wilde asse: for shee can neuer be tamed, nor yet wearied: for as she runneth, shee can take her winde at euery occasion. l That is, when shee is with foale, and therefore the hunters waite their time: so, though thou canst not be turned backe nowe from thine idolatrie, yet when thine iniquitie shall bee at the full, God will meete with thee. m Hereby he warneth them that they should not goe into strange countries to seeke helpe: for they should but spend their labour, and hurt themselues, which is here meant by the bare foot and thirst, Isa. 57. 10.

n As a thiefe will not acknowledge his fault, till hee bee taken with the deede, and readie to be punished: so they will not confesse their idolatrie, till the plagues due to the same light vpon them.

o Meaning, that idolaters spoyle God of his honour: and whereas he hath taught to call him the father of al flesh, they attribute this title to their idoles.

p Thou thoughtest that thy gods of blockes and stones could haue holpen thee, because they were many in number and present in euery place: but now let vs see whether either the multitude, or their presence can deliuer thee from my plagues, Chap. 11. 13.

q 5 though I did you iniurie in punishing you seeing that your faults are so euident.

r That is, you haue killed your Prophets that exhorted you to repentance, as Zechariah, Isaiah, &c.

s Haue I not giuen them abundance of all things? t But will trust in our owne power & police u With strangers. and the faithful are slaine in euery corner of your countrey. x The Prophets y For the Assyrians had taken away the tenne tribes out of Israel, and destroyed Iuda, euen vnto Ierusalem, and the Egyptians slewe Iosiah, and vexed the Iewes in sundrie sortes. z In signe of lamentation, as 2 Sam. 13. 19.

CHAP. III.

God calleth his people to repentance. 14 Hee promiseth the restitution of his Church. 20 He reproueth Iudah and Israel, comparing them to a woman disobedient to her husband.

They [a] say, If a man put away his wife, and shee goe from him, and become another mans, shall hee returne againe

a According as it is written, Deut. 24. 4.

b If he take such one to wife againe.
c That is, with idoles, and with them who thou hast put thy confidence in.
d And I will not cast thee off, but receiue thee according to my mercie.
e Which dwelleth in tents and waiteth for them that passe by to spoile them.
f As God threatned by his law, Deut. 28.24.
g Thou wouldest neuer be ashamed of thine acts and repent: and this impudencie is common to idolaters, which will not giue off, though they be neuer so manifestly conuicted.
h He sheweth that the wicked in their miseries will cry vnto God & vse outward prayer, as the godlie doe, but because they turne not from their euill, they are not heard, Isa. 58.4.
i Meaning, the ten tribes.
k And gaue her vnto the hands of the Assyrians.
l The Ebrewe word may either signifie lightnes and wantonnes, or noise & bruit.
m Iudah fained for a time that she did returne, as vnder Iosiah and other good Kings but she was neuer truely touched or wholy reformed, as appeared, when occasion was offered by any wicked prince.
n Israel hath not declared her selfe so wicked as Iudah, which yet hath had more admonitions and examples to call her to repentance.
o Whereas the Israelites were now kept in captiuity by the Assyrians, to whom he promiseth mercy, if they will repent.
p There was no way, which thou didst not haunt to seeke after the idoles, and to trot a pilgrimage.
q This is to be vnderstood of the comming of Christ: for then they shall not seeke the Lord by ceremonies, and all figures shall ceate.
r Meaning the Church, where the Lord will be present to the worlds end, Mat. 28.20.
f Where they are now in captiuitie.
t The Ebrewe word signifieth a friend or companion, and here may be taken for a husband, as it is vsed also, Hose. 3.1.
u Signifying that God whom they had forsaken, would bring their enemies vpon them who should lead them captiue & make them to cry and lament.
x This is spoken in the person of Israel to the shame of Iudah, which stayed so long to turne vnto God.
y For their idolatry, Gods vengeance hath light vpon them and theirs.
z They iustifie not themselues, or say that they would follow their fathers, but condemne their wicked doings, and desire forgiuenesse of the same, as Ezra. 9 7. Psal. 106.6. Isa. 64.6.

gaine vnto her? shall not this land b be polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many c louers: yet d turne againe to me, saith the Lord.

2 Lift vp thine eyes vnto the hie places, and beholde, where thou hast not played the harlot: thou hast sit waiting for them in the wayes, as the e Arabian in the wildernesse: and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredomes, and with thy malice.

3 Therefore the showres haue beene restreined, and the f latter raine came not, and thou hadst a g whores forehead: thou wouldest not be ashamed.

4 Didst thou not still cry vnto me, Thou art my father, and the guide of my youth?

5 Will he keepe his anger for euer? will he reserue it to the end? thus hast thou spoken, but thou doest euill, euen more and more.

6 The Lorde sayd also vnto mee, in the dayes of Iosiah the King, hast thou seene what this rebell i Israel hath done? for thee hath gone vp vpon euery high mountaine, and vnder euery greene tree, & there played the harlot.

7 And I sayd, when she had done all this, Turne thou vnto mee: but thee returned not, as her rebellious sister Iudah saw.

8 When I sawe, how that by all occasions rebellious Israel had played the harlot, I cast k her away, and gaue her a bill of diuorcement: yet her rebellious sister Iudah was not afraide, but she went also, and played the harlot.

9 So that for the lightnes of her whoredome she hath euen defiled the land: for she hath committed fornication with stones and stocks.

10 Neuertheles for all this, her rebellious sister Iudah hath not returned vnto me with m her whole heart, but fainedly, saith the Lord.

11 And the Lorde said vnto me, The rebellious Israel hath n iustified her selfe more then the rebellious Iudah.

12 Goe and cry these words toward o the North, and say, Thou disobedient Israel, returne, saith the Lord, and I will not let my wrath fall vpon you: for I am mercifull, saith the Lord, and I will not alway keepe mine anger.

13 But knowe thine iniquitie: for thou hast rebelled against the Lord thy God, and hast p scattered thy wayes to the strange gods vnder euery greene tree, but ye would not obey my voice, saith the Lord.

14 O yee disobedient children, turne againe, saith the Lord, for I am your Lord, and I will take you one of a city, and two of a tribe, and will bring you to Zion,

15 And I will giue you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feede you with knowledge and vnderstanding.

16 Moreouer, when ye be increased, and multiplied in the land, in those dayes, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The q Arke of the couenant of the Lord: for it shall come no more to mind, neither shall they remember it, neither shall they visit it, for that shall be no more done.

17 At that time they shall call Ierusalem, r The throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered vnto it, euen to the Name of the Lord in Ierusalem: and thence forth they shall followe no more the hardnesse of their wicked heart.

18 In those dayes the house of Iudah shal walke with the house Israel, and they shall come together out of the lande of the s North, into the land, that I haue giuen for an inheritance vnto your fathers.

19 But I sayde, Howe did I take thee for children, and giue thee a pleasant land, euen the glorious heritage of the armies of the heathen, and said, Thou shalt call me, saying, My father, and shalt not turne from mee?

20 But as a woman rebelleth against her t husband: so haue ye rebelled against me, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.

21 u A voyce was heard vpon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they haue peruerted their way, and forgotten the Lorde their God.

22 Yee disobedient children, returne and I will heale your rebellions. x Beholde, we come vnto thee, for thou art the Lord our God.

23 Truely the hope of the hilles is but vaine, nor the multitude of mountaines: but in the Lorde our God is the health of Israel.

24 For confusion hath deuoured our y fathers labour, from our youth, their sheepe and their bullockes, their sonnes and their daughters.

25 We lie downe in our confusion, and our shame coureth vs: z for we haue sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers from our youth, euen vnto this day, and haue not obeyed the voyce of the Lorde our God.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *True repentance.* 4 *He exhorteth to the circumcision of the heart.* 5 *The destruction of Iudah is prophesied for the malice of their hearts.* 19 *The Prophet lamenteth it.*

O Israel, if thou returne, a returne vnto mee, saith the Lord: and if thou put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remoone.

a That is, wholly and without hypocrisie, Ioel 2. 12. not dissembling to turne and serue God as they doe which

2 And thou shalt b sweare, The Lord liueth, in truetly, in iudgement, and in righ-

b Thou shalt detest the name of idoles, Psal. 16.4. and shalt with reuerence sweare by the liuing God, when thine othe may aduance Gods glory, and profit others: and here by swearing he meaneth the true religion of God.

teousnesse, and the nations shall be blessed in him, and shall glory in him.

3 For thus saith the Lord to the men of Iudah, and to Ierusalem,

4 Breake vp your fallow ground, and sow not among the thornes: be circumcised to the Lord, and take away the foreskinnes of your hearts, ye men of Iudah, and inhabitants of Ierusalem, least my wrath come forth like fire, and burne, that none can quench it, because of the wickednesse of your inuentions.

5 Declare in Iudah, and shew forth in Ierusalem, and say, Blowe the trumpet in the land: cry, and gather together, and say, Assemble your selues, and let vs goe into strong cities.

6 Set vp the standard in Zion: prepare to flee, and stay not: for I will bring a plague from the North, and a great destruction.

7 The lion is come vp from his denne, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is departed, and gone forth of his place to lay thy land waste, and thy cities shall bee destroyed without inhabitant.

8 Therefore girde you with sackcloth: lament and howle, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is not turned backe from vs.

9 And in that day, sayeth the Lord, the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the Princes, and the Priestes shalbe astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lorde God, surely thou hast deceived this people, and Ierusalem, saying, Ye shall haue peace, and the sword pearceth vnto the heart.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Ierusalem, A drie wind in the high places of the wildernesse commeth toward the daughter of my people, but neither to fanne, nor to cleanse.

12 A mightie winde shall come vnto mee from those places, and now will I also giue sentence vpon them

13 Beholde, hee shall come vp as the cloudes, and his charets shall be as a tempest: his horses are lighter then eagles. Woe vnto vs, for we are destroyed.

14 O Ierusalem, wash thine heart from wickednesse, that thou mayest be saued: how long shall thy wicked thoughts remaine within thee?

15 For a voyce declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

16 Make ye mention of the heathen, and publish in Ierusalem, Beholde, the skoutes come from a farre countrey, and cry out against the cities of Iudah.

17 They haue compassed her about as the watchmen of the fielde, because it hath prouoked me to wrath, saith the Lord.

18 Thy waies & thine inuentions haue procured thee these things, such is thy wickednesse: therefore it shalbe bitter, therefore it shall pearce vnto thine heart.

19 My belly, my belly, I am pained, euen at the very heart: my heart is troubled within mee: I cannot be still: for my soule hath heard the sound of the trumpet, and the alarme of the battell.

20 Destruction vpon destruction is cryed, for the whole land is wasted: suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtaines in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, and heare the sound of the trumpet?

22 For my people is foolish: they haue not knowen me: they are foolish children, and haue none vnderstanding: they are wise to doe euill, but to do well they haue no knowledge.

23 I haue looked vpon the earth, and loe, it was without forme and void: and to the heauens, and they had no light.

24 I beheld the mountaines, and lo, they trembled, and all the hilles shooke.

25 I beheld, and loe, there was no man, and all the birdes of the heauen were departed.

26 I beheld, and loe, the fruitfull place was a wildernesse, and all the cities thereof were broken downe at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce wrath.

27 For thus hath the Lord sayde, The whole land shall be desolate: yet will I not make a full end.

28 Therefore shal the earth mourne, and the heauens aboue shalbe darkened, because I haue pronounced it: I haue thought it, and will not repent, neither will I turne backe from it.

29 The whole city shall flee, for the noise of the horsemen and bowemen: they shal goe into thickets, and clime vp vpon the rockes: euery citie shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And when thou shalt bee destroyed, what wilt thou doe? Though thou clothest thy selfe with skarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of golde, though thou paintest thy face with colours, yet shalt thou trimme thy selfe in vaine: for thy louers wil abhorre thee, and seeke thy life.

31 For I haue heard a noyse as of a woman trauailing, or as one labouring of her first childe, euen the voyce of the daughter Zion that sigheth and stretcheth out her handes: woe is me now: for my soule fainteth because of the murtherers.

c He willeth them to plucke vp the impietie and wicked affection & worldly respects out of their heart, that the true seede of Gods word may be sowen therin, Hos. 10.12. and this is the true circumcision of the heart, Deut 10.16 rom. 2.29 col 2.11.

d He warneth them of the great dangers that shal come vpon them by the Caldeans, except they repent and turne to the Lord.

e He speaketh this to admonish them of the great danger when euery man shall prepare to saue himselfe, but it shalbe too late, 2. King. 25.4.

f Meaning Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babylon, 2. King 24.1.

g That is, the false prophets which still prophesied peace and securitie.

h By the false prophets, which promised peace and tranquility: and thus thou hast punished their rebellious stubburnes by causing them to hearken vnto lies which would not beleeue thy trueth, 1. King. 22.23. ezek. 14 9.2 thess. 2.11.

i The North winde, whereby he meaneth Nebuchad-nezzar.

k But to cary away both corne & chaffe.

l Meaning that Nebuchad-nezzar should come as suddenly as a cloud that is carried with the winde.

m This is spoken in the person of all the people, who in their affliction should cry thus.

n Which was a citie in the vtmost border of Israel Northward toward Babylon.

o Which was in the midway betwixt Dan and Ierusalem.

p Which keepe the fruites so straitly, that nothing can come in nor out, so should the Babylonians compasse Iudah.

q He sheweth that the true ministers are liuely touched with the calamities of the Church, so that all the parts of their body feele the griefe of their heart, albeit with zeale to Gods glory they pronounce his iudgements against the people.

r Meaning the cities which were as easily cast downe as a tent.

s Their wisedom and policie tend to their owne destruction, and pulleth them from God.

t By these maner of speeches he sheweth the horrible destruction that should come vpon the land, & also condemneth the obstinacie of the people, who repent not at the feare of these terrible tidings, seeing that the insensible creatures are moued therewith as if the order of nature should bee changed, Isa. 13.10. and 24.23. ezek. 32.7. ioel. 2.31. and 3.15.

u But for his mercies sake he will reserue himselfe a residue to be his Church, and to praise him in earth, Isa 29.

x Neither thy ceremonies nor rich gifts shall deliuer thee.

y As the Prophets were moued to pitie the destruction of their people, so they declared it to the people to moue them to repentance, Isa. 22.4. chap. 9.1.

CHAP. V.

1 *In Iudah no righteous man found neither among the people nor the rulers.* 15 *Wherefore Iudah is destroyed of the Caldeans.*

RVnne to and fro by the streetes of Ierusalem, and beholde nowe, and knowe and inquire in the open places thereof, if

yee can finde a man, or if there bee any that executeth iudgement, and seeketh the truth, and I will spare it.

2 For though they say, The [b] Lord liueth, yet doe they sweare falsly.

3 O Lorde, are not thine eyes vpon the [c] truth? thou hast [d] stricken them, but they haue not sorowed: thou hast consumed them, but they haue refused to receiue correction: they haue made their faces harder then a stone, and haue refused to returne.

6 Therefore I sayde, Surely they are poore, they are foolish, for they know not the way of the Lord, nor the iudgement of their God.

5 I will get mee vnto the [e] great men, and will speake vnto them: for they haue knowen the way of the Lord, and the iudgement of their God, but these haue altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore [f] a Lion out of the forrest shall slay them, and a [g] Wolfe of the wildernesse shall destroy them: a Leopard shall watch ouer their cities: euery one that goeth out thence shalbe torne in pieces, because their trespasses are many, and their rebellions are increased.

7 How should I spare thee for this? thy children haue forsaken me, and sworne by them that are no gods: though I fed them to the full, yet they committed adultery, and assembled themselues by companies in the harlots houses.

8 They rose vp in the morning like fed horses: for euery man [h] neyed after his neighbours wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things, saith the Lord? shall not my soule be auenged on such a nation as this?

10 [b] Climbe vp vpon their wals, and destroy them, but make not a full ende, [i] take away their battlements, for they are not the Lords.

11 For the house of Israel, and the house of Iudah haue grieuously trespassed against me, saith the Lord.

12 They haue [k] denyed the Lorde, and sayd, It is not he, neither shall the plague come vpon vs, neither shall we see sword nor famine.

13 And the Prophets shall be as [l] winde, and the word is [m] not in them: thus shall it come vnto them.

14 Wherefore thus sayeth the Lord God of hostes, Because ye speake such words, behold, I will put my words into [n] thy mouth, like a fire, and this people shall be as wood, and it shall deuoure them.

15 Loe, I will bring a nation vpon you [o] from farre, O house of Israel, sayeth the Lord, which is a mighty nation, and an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither vnderstandest what they say

16 Whose quiuer is as an [p] open sepulchre: they are all very strong.

17 And they shall eate thine harueſt and thy bread: they shall deuoure thy sonnes, and thy daughters: they shall eate vp thy sheepe and thy bullocke: they shall eate thy vines and thy figge trees: they shall destroy with the sword thy fenced cities, wherein thou diddest trust.

18 Neuertheleſſe at those dayes, sayth the Lord, I will not make a full end of [q] you.

19 And when [r] ye shall say, Wherefore doth the Lord our God do these things vnto vs? then shalt [r] thou answere them, Like as ye haue forsaken me & serued strange gods in your land, so shall ye serue strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare this in the house of Iaakob, and publish it in Iudah, saying,

21 Heare now this, O foolish people, and [s] without vnderstanding, which haue [t] eyes and see not, which haue eares and heare not.

22 Feare yee not me, sayth the Lord? or will ye not be afrayd at my presence, which haue placed the sand for the [u] bounds of the sea by the perpetuall decree, that it cannot passe it, and though the wawes thereof rage, yet can they not prevaile, though they roare, yet can they not passe ouer it?

23 But this people hath an vnfaithfull and rebellious heart: they are departed and gone.

24 For they say not in their heart, Let vs now feare the Lord our God, that giueth raine both early and late in due season: he reserueth vnto vs the appointed weekes of the harueſt.

25 Yet your [x] iniquities haue turned away these things, and your sinnes haue hindred good things from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked persons, that lay waite as hee that setteth snares: they haue made a pit to catch men.

27 As a cage is ful of birdes, so are their houses full of deceite: thereby they are become great and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen fat and shining: they doe ouerpasse the deedes of the wicked: [y] they execute no iudgement, no not the iudgement of the fatherlesse, yet they [z] prosper, though they execute no iudgement for the poore

29 Shall I not visite for these things, saith the Lord? or shal not my soule be auenged on such a nation as this?

30 An horrible and filthy thing is committed in the land.

31 The [a] prophets prophesie lies, and the priests ‖ receiue gifts in their hands, and my people delight therein. What will ye then doe in the end thereof?

CHAP. VI.

1 The comming of the Assyrians and Caldeans.
16 He exhorteth the Iewes to repentance.

O Ye children of [a] Beniamin, prepare to flee out of the middes of Ierusalem, and blow the trumpet in [b] Tekoa: set vp a standart vpon [c] Beth-hacherem: for a plague appeareth out of the North and great destruction.

a That is, the citie.
b Though they pretend religion and holinesse, yet all is but hypocrisie: for vnder this kinde of swearing is conteined the true religion.
c Doest not thou loue vprightnesse and faithful dealing?
d Thou hast oft times punished them, but all is in vaine, Isa. 9.13
e He speaketh this to the reproch of them which would gouerne and teach others, and yet are farther out of the way then the simple people.
f Meaning, Nebuchad-nezzar and his armie.
g He sheweth, that to sweare by any thing then by God, is to forsake him. *Ezek. 22.11.*
h He commandeth the Babylonians and enemies to destroy them.
i Reade Chap. 4.27.
k Because they gaue no credite to the words of his Prophets, as Isa. 28.15.
l Their words shalbe of none effect, but vaine.
m They are not sent of the Lord, and therefore that which they threaten to vs, shall come vpon them.
n Meaning, Ieremiah.
o To wit, the Babylonians and Caldeans.
p Who shal kill many with their arrowes.
q Here the Lord declareth his vnspeakeable fauour toward his Church, as Chap. 4.27. *Chap. 16.10.*
r Meaning, the Prophet Ieremiah.
s *Ebr. without heart.* *Isa. 6.9. matth. 13.14. acts 28.27. rom 11.8. Iob 26.10.*
t
u
x If there be any stay, that we receiue not Gods blessings in abundance, we must consider that it is for our owne iniquities, Isa. 59.1,2.
y *Isa. 1.23. zech. 7.9.*
z They feele not the plague of God for it.
a He speaketh of them chiefly, because they should take heede by the example of their brethren the other halfe of their tribe, which were now caried away prisoners.
b Which was a citie in Iudah sixe miles from Beth-lehem, 2. Chron. 20.20.
c Reade Nehemiah 3.14.

2 Thaue

2 I haue compared the daughter of Zion to [d] a beautifull and dainty woman.

3 The pastors with their flockes [e] shall come vnto her: they shall pitch their tents round about by her, and euery one shall feed in his place.

4 [f] Prepare warre against her: arise, and let vs goe vp toward the South: woe vnto vs: for the day declineth, and the shadowes of the euening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let vs goe vp by night, and destroy her palaces.

6 For thus hath the Lord of hostes said, Hew downe wood, and cast a mount against Ierusalem: this citie must be visited: all oppression is in the midst of it.

7 As the fountaine casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her malice: [g] cruelty and spoile is continually heard in her before me with sorow and strokes.

8 [h] Be thou instructed, O Ierusalem, lest my soule depart from thee, lest I make thee desolate as a land that none inhabiteth.

9 Thus sayth the Lord of hostes, They shall gather as a vine, the remnant of Israel: turne [i] backe thine hand as the grape gatherer into the baskets.

10 Vnto whom shall I speake, and admonish, that they may heare? Behold, their eares are [k] vncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the worde of the Lord is vnto them as a reproch: they haue no delite in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of the Lord: I am weary with holding it: [l] I will powre it out vpon the [m] children in the streete, and likewise vpon the assembly of the yong men: for the husband shall euen be taken with the wife, and the aged with him that is full of dayes.

12 And their houses with their landes, and wiues also shall bee turned vnto strangers: for I will stretch out mine hande vpon the inhabitants of the lande, sayeth the Lord.

13 For from the least of them, euen vnto the greatest of them, euery one is giuen vnto couetousnesse, and from the prophet euen vnto the priest, they all deale falsly.

14 They haue healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people with sweete wordes, saying, [n] Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not ashamed, no neither could they haue any shame: therefore they shall fall among the [1] slaine: when I shall visite them, they shall be cast downe, saith the Lord.

16 Thus sayth the Lord, Stand in the wayes and beholde, and aske for [o] the olde way which is the good way, and walke therein, and ye shall find rest for your soules: but they said, We will not walke therein.

17 Also I set [p] watchmen ouer you, which said, Take heed to the sound of the trumpet: but they said, We will not take heed.

18 Heare therefore, yee [q] Gentiles, and thou Congregation knowe, what is among them.

19 Heare, O earth, behold, I will cause a plague to come vpon this people, euen the fruite of their owne imaginations: because they haue not taken heede vnto my wordes, nor to my lawe, but cast it off.

20 To what purpose bringest thou mee incense from Sheba, and sweete calamus from a farre country? Your burnt offrings are not pleasant, nor your sacrifices sweete vnto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will lay stumbling blockes before this people and the fathers and the sonnes together shall fall vpon them: the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people commeth from the [r] North countrey, and a great nation shall arise from the sides of the earth.

23 With bowe and shielde shall they bee weaponed: they are cruell, and will haue no compassion: their voyce roareth like the sea, and they ride vpon horses, well appointed, like men of warre against thee, O daughter Sion.

24 We haue heard their fame, and our hands [s] ware feeble: sorow is come vpon vs, as the sorow of a woman in trauaile.

25 Goe not forth into the field, nor walke by the way: for the sworde of the enemie and feare is on euery side.

26 O daughter of my people, girde thee with sackcloth, and wallow thy selfe in the ashes: make lamentation, and bitter mourning as for thine onely sonne: for the destroyer shall suddenly come vpon vs.

27 I haue set [u] thee for a defence and fortresse among my people, that thou mayest know and try their wayes.

28 They are all rebellious traitours, walking craftily: they are brasse, and yron, they all are destroyers.

29 The [x] bellowes are burnt: the lead is consumed in the fire: the founder melteth in vaine: for the wicked are not taken away.

30 They shall call them reprobate siluer, because the Lord hath reiected them.

CHAP. VII.

2 Ieremiah is commanded to shew vnto the people the word of God, which trusteth in the outward seruice of the Temple. 13 The euils that shall come to the Iewes for the despising of their Prophets. 21 Sacrifices doth not the Lord chiefly require of the Iewes, but that they should obey his word.

THe words that came to Ieremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the Lords House and crie this word there, and say, Heare the word of the Lord, all ye of Iudah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

3 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, [*] Amend your wayes and your workes, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 Trust

d I haue intreated her gently, and giuen her abundance of all things.

e Shee shal be so destroyed, that the sheepe may be led in her.

f He speaketh this in the person of the Babylonians, which complaine that the time faileth them before they haue brought their enterprites to passe.

g He sheweth the cause why it should be destroyed, and how it commeth of themselues.

h He warneth them to amend by his corrections, and to turne to him by repentance.

i He exhorteth the Babylonians to be diligent to search out all and to leaue none.

k They deligite to heare vaine things, and to shut vp their eares to true doctrine.

l As the Lord had giuen him his word to be as a fire of his indignation to burne the wicked, Chap. 5. 14. so he kindleth it now when he seeth that all remedies are past.

m None shall be spared.

n When the people began to feare Gods iudgments, the false prophets comforted them by flatterings, shewing that God would send peace and not warre.

q God taketh all the world to witnesse, and the insensible creatures, of the ingratitude of the Iewes.

r Reade Isa. 1. 11. and Amos 5. 21.

s From Babylon by Dan, which was North from Ierusalem.

t For feare of the enemie: he speaketh this in the person of the Iewes.

u Meaning, Ieremiah, whom God had appointed to trie out the godly from the wicked, as a founder doth the pure metall from the drosse.

x All the paine and labour that hath been taken with them, is lost.

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Chap. 26. 13.

1 *Ebr. them that fall*

o Wherein the Patriarkes and Prophets walked directed by the word of God: signifying, that there is no true way, but that which God prescribeth. p Prophets which should warne you of the dangers that were at hand.

a Beleeue not the false prophets, which say } for the Temples sake and the sacrifices there, the Lord wil preserue you, and so nourish you in your sin, and vaine confidence.

b God sheweth on what conditiō hee made his promise to this Temple: that they should bee an holy people vnto him, as hee would be a faith full God to them.

c As theeues hid in holes and dennes, thinke themselues safe, so when you are in my Temple, you thinke to be couered with the holinesse therof, and that I cannot see your wickednesse, Mat. 21. 13.

d Because they depend so much on the Temple, which was for his promise, that hee would bee present, and defend them where the Arke was: he sendeth them to Gods iudgements against Shilo, where the Arke had remained about 300. yeares, and after was taken, the Priest slaine, and the people miserably discomfited, 1 Sam. 4. 11. chap 26. 6

e That is, I neuer ceased to warne you, as Isa 65. 2 Pro 1. 23.

f He sheweth what is the only remedy to redresse our faults: to suffer God to leade vs into the way, and to obey his calling. Isa. 66. 4.

g I will send you into captiuitie as I haue done Ephraim, that is, the ten tribes

h To assure them that God had determined with himselfe to punish their wickednesse, he sheweth that the prayer of the godly can nothing auaile them, while they remaine in their obstinacie against God, and will not vse the meanes that he vseth to call them to repentance, Chap. 11. 14. & 14. 11.

i That is, They sacrifice to the sunne, moone, and starres, which they called the Queene of heauen, Chap. 44. 17. 2 king. 23 5.

4 Trust not in • lying words, saying, The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord: this is the Temple of the Lord.

5 For if you amend and redresse your wayes and your workes: if you execute iudgement betweene a man and his neighbour,

6 And oppresse not the straunger, the fatherlesse and the widow, and shed no innocent blood in this place, neither walke after other gods to your destruction,

7 Then b will I let you dwell in this place in the land that I gaue vnto your fathers, for euer and euer.

8 Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will you steale, murder, and commit adultery, and sweare falsely, and burne incense vnto Baal, and walke after other gods whom ye know not,

10 And come and stand before me in this house, whereupon my Name is called, and say, We are deliuered, though we haue done all these abominations?

11 Is this House become • a denne of theeues, whereupon my Name is called before your eyes? Behold, euen I see it, saith the Lord.

12 But goe yee nowe vnto my place which was in Shilo, d where I set my Name at the beginning, and behold what I did to it for the wickednesse of my people Israel.

13 Therefore now because yee haue done all these workes, saith the Lord (and I • rose vp early and spake vnto you: but when I spake, ye would not heare me, neither when I called, would ‘ ye answere)

14 Therefore will I doe vnto this House, whereupon my Name is called, wherein also ye trust, euen vnto the place that I gaue to you and to your fathers, as I haue done vnto Shilo.

15 And I will cast e you out of my sight, as I haue cast out all your brethren, euen the whole seede of Ephraim.

16 Therefore thou shalt not h pray for this people, neither lift vp crie or prayer for them, neither intreat me, for I will not heare thee.

17 Seest thou not what they doe in the cities of Iudah and in the streetes of Ieruselem?

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough to make cakes to i the Queene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offerings vnto other gods, that they may prouoke me vnto anger.

19 Doe they prouoke mee to anger, saith the Lord, and not themselues to the confusion of their owne faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, mine anger and my wrath shall be powred vpon this place, vpon man and vpon beast, and vpon the tree of the field, and vpon the fruit of the ground, & it shall burne and not be quenched.

21 Thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel, Put your burnt offerings vnto your sacrifices, and eat the flesh.

22 For k I spake not vnto your fathers, nor commanded them, whē I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will bee your God, and ye shalbe my people: and walke ye in al the wayes which I haue commaunded you, that it may be well vnto you.

24 But they would not obey, nor incline their eare, but went after the counsels and the stubburnnesse of their wicked heart, and went backeward and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came vp out of the land of Egypt, vnto l this day, I haue euen sent vnto you all my seruaunts the Prophets, m rising vp earely euery day, and sending them.

26 Yet would they not heare me, nor incline their eare, but hardned their neck, and did worse then their fathers.

27 Therefore shalt thou speake all these words vnto them, but they n will not heare thee: thou shalt also crie vnto them, but they will not answere thee.

28 But thou shalt say vnto them, This is a nation that heareth not the voyce of the Lord their God, nor receiueth discipline: trueth is perished, and is cleane gone out of their mouth.

29 Cut off thine • haire, O Ieruselem, and cast it away, and take vp a complaint on the high places: for the Lord hath reiected and forsaken the generation of his p wrath.

30 For the children of Iudah haue done euill in my sight, saith the Lord: they haue set their abominations in the house, whereupon my Name is called, to polute it.

31 And they haue built the high place of q Topheth, which is in the valley of Ben-hinnom to burne their sonnes and their daughters in the fire, which I ‘ commaunded them not, neither came it in mine heart.

32 Therefore behold, the dayes come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor the valley of Ben hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall burie in Topheth, till there be no place.

33 And the carkeises of this people shall be meate for the foules of the heauen and for the beastes of the earth, and none shall fray them away.

34 • Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Iudah and from the streetes of Ierusalem, the voyce of myrth and the voyce of gladnesse, the voyce of the bride-

groome

k Shewing that it was not his chiefe purpose and intent that they should offer sacrifices: but that they should regard, wherfore they were ordeined: to wit, to be ioyned to the word, as seales & confirmations of remission of sinnes in Christ: for without the word they were vaine and vnprofitable.

l Which was about fourteene hundred yeeres.

m Reade verf 13.

n Whereby he sheweth that the Pastours ought not to leaue their flockes in their obstinacie: for the Lord will vse the meanes of his seruants to make the wicked more faultie, and to prooue his.

o In signe of mourning, as Iob 1. 20. mich. 1. 16.

p Against whom he had iust occasion to powre out his wrath.

q Of Topheth reade 2. King. 23. 10.

r But commanded the contrary, as Leuit. 18. 21 and 20 3. deut. 18. 10.

Ezek. 16. 23.

grome and the voyce of the bride: for the land shalbe desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The destruction of the Iewes. 4 The Lord moueth the people to amendment. 10 Hee reprehendeth the lying doctrine and the couetousnesse of the Prophets and Priests.

AT that time, sayeth the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the Kings of Iudah, and the bones of their Princes, and the bones of the Priestes, and the bones of the Prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Ierusalem out of their [a] graues.

2 And they shall spread them before the sunne and the moone, and all the hoste of heauen, whom they haue loued, and whom they haue serued, and whom they haue followed, and whom they haue sought, and whom they haue worshipped: they shall not be gathered nor be buried, but shalbe as dung vpon the earth.

3 And death shalbe desired [b] rather then life of all the relidue that remaineth of this wicked familie, which remaine in all the places where I haue scattered them, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

4 Thou shalt say vnto them also, Thus saith the Lord, Shal they [c] fal and not arise? shall he turne away and not turne againe?

5 Wherefore is this people of Ierusalem turned backe by a perpetuall rebellion? they haue stablished them selues to deceit, and would not returne.

6 I hearkned and heard, but none spake aright: no man repented him of his wickednesse, saying, What haue I done? euery [d] one turned to their race, as the horse rusheth into the battell.

7 Euen the stoorke in the ayre knoweth her appointed times, and the Turtle, and the crane, and the swallow obserue the time of their comming, but my people knoweth not the [e] iudgement of the Lord.

8 How doe ye say, Wee are wise, and the Law [f] of the Lord is with vs? Loe, certainly in vaine made hee it, the pen of the Scribes is in vaine.

9 The [g] wise men are ashamed: they are afraid and taken: loe, they haue reiected the word of the Lord, and what wisedome is in them?

10 Therefore wil I giue their wiues vnto others, and their fields to them that shall possesse them: [*] for euery one from the least euen vnto the greatest is giuen to couetousnesse, and from the Prophet euen vnto the Priest, euery one dealeth falsly.

11 For they haue healed the hurt of the daughter of my people with sweete words, saying, [h] Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not ashamed, neither could they haue any shame: therefore shall they fall among the slaine: when I shall visit them, they shall bee cast downe, saith the Lord.

13 I will surely consume them, saith the Lord: there shall bee no grapes on the vine, nor figges on the fig tree, and the leafe shall fade, and the things that I haue giuen them shall depart from them.

14 Why doe we stay? [i] assemble your selues, and let vs enter into the strong cities, and let vs be quiet there: for the Lord our God hath put vs to silence, and giuen vs water with [k] gall to drinke, because we haue sinned against the Lord.

15 [*] We looked for peace, but no good came, and for a time of health, and behold troubles.

16 The neying of his horses was heard from [l] Dan, the whole land trembled at the noyse of the neying of his strong horses: for they are come, and haue deuoured the land with all that is in it, the citie and those that dwell therein.

17 For behold, I will [m] send serpents, and cockatrices among you, which will not be charmed: and they shall sting you, sayeth the Lord.

18 I would haue [n] comforted my selfe against sorow, but mine heart is heauy in me.

19 Beholde, the voyce of the cry of the daughter of my people for feare of them of a farre countrey, Is not the Lord in Zion? is not her King in her? Why [o] haue they prouoked me to anger with their grauen images, and with the vanities of a strange god?

20 The [p] haruest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not holpen.

21 I am [q] sore vexed for the hurt of the daughter of my people: I am heauie, and astonishment hath taken me.

22 Is there no balme [r] at Gilead? is there no Physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recouered?

a The enemie for greedinesse of gaine shall rifle your graues, and lay you before those idoles, which in your life you worshipped, to see if they can helpe you.

b Because of the afflictions that they shall feele through Gods iudgements.

c Is there no hope that they will returne?

d They are ful of hypocrisie, and euery one followeth his owne fantasie without any consideration.

e He accuseth them in that that they are more ignorant of Gods iudgements, then these birds are of their appointed seasons, to discerne the colde and heate, as Isa. 1. 3.

f The Law doth not profit you, neither needed it to haue bene written for ought that you haue learned by it.

g They that seeme wise may be ashamed of their ignorance, for all wisedom consisteth in Gods word. *Isa. 56. 11. chap. 5. 31. & 6. 13.*

h Reade Chap. 6. 14.

i He speaketh in the person of the people, who whē the enemie commeth, will runne about to hide themselues, and acknowledge that it is Gods hand.

k That is, hath brought vs into extreme affliction, and thus they shall not attribute this plague to fortune, but to Gods iust iudgement, Chap 9 15 and 23. 15. *Chap. 14. 19.*

l Reade cha. 4. 15

m God threatneth to send the Babylonians among them, who shall vtterly destroy them in such sort as by no meanes they shall escape.

n Read cha. 4 19

o Thus the Lord speaketh.

p The people wonder that they haue so long time looked for succour in vaine.

q The Prophet speaketh this.

r Meaning, that no mans helpe or meanes could saue them: for in Gilead was precious balme, Chap. 46 11. or els deriding the vaine confidence of the people, who looked for helpe at their Priests, who should haue bene the Physicians of their soules, and dwelt at Gilead, Hos. 6. 8.

CHAP. IX.

1 The complaint of the Prophet for the malice of the people. 24 In the knowledge of God ought we only to reioyce. 26 The vncircumcision of the heart.

OH that mine head were full of [a] water, and mine eyes a fountaine of teares, that I might weepe day and night for the slaine of the daughter of my people.

2 Oh that I had in the wildernes a [b] cottage of wayfaring men, that I might leaue my people and goe from them: for they be all [c] adulterers and an assembly of rebels,

3 And they bend their tonges like their bowes for [d] lies: but they haue no courage for the truth vpon the earth: for they proceede from euil to worse, and they haue not knowen me, sayth the Lord.

4 Let euery one take heede of his neighbour, and trust you not in any [e] brother: for euery brother wil vse deceit, and euery friend will deale deceitfully,

a The Prophet sheweth the great compassion that he had toward this people, seeing that hee could neuer sufficiently lament the destruction that he saw to hang ouer them. Which is a speciall note to discerne the true pastors from the hirelings: Reade Chap 4. 19.

b He sheweth that this were more quietnesse, and greater safetie for him to dwell among the wilde beastes, then among this wicked people, saue that God hath enioyned him this charge.

c Vtterly turned from God.

d To belie and slander their neighbours.

e Meaning, that all were corrupt, and none could find an honest man.

5 And euery one will deceiue his friend, and will not speake the truth: for they haue taught their tongues to speake lies, and take great paines to doe wickedly.

6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceiuers: through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.

7 Therfore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them: for what should I else doe for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out, and speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth waite for him.

9 Shall I not visit him for these things, saith the Lord? shall not my soule be auenged on such a nation as this?

10 Vpon the mountaines will I take vp a weeping and a lamentation, and vpon the faire places of the wildernesse a mourning, because they are burnt vp, so that none can passe through them: neither can men heare the voyce of the flocke: both the foule of the ayre, and the beast are fled away, and gone.

11 And I will make Ierusalem an heape, and a den of dragons, and I will make the cities of Iudah waste, without an inhabitant.

12 Who is wise to vnderstand this? and to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken that he may declare it, Why doeth the land perish, and is burnt vp like a wildernesse, and none passeth through?

13 And the Lord saith, Because they haue forsaken my lawe, which I set before them, and haue not obeyed my voyce, neither walked therafter,

14 But haue walked after the stubbornes of their owne heart, and after Baalims, which their fathers taught them,

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel, Behold, I will feede this people with wormewood, and giue them waters of gall to drinke:

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers haue knowen, and I will send a sword after them, till I haue consumed them.

17 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Take heed, and call for the mourning women, that they may come, and send for skilfull women, that they may come.

18 And let them make haste, and let them take vp a lamentation for vs, that our eyes may cast out teares, and our eye lids gush out of water.

19 For a lamentable noise is heard out of Zion, How are we destroyed, and vtterly confounded, for we haue forsaken the land, and our dwellings haue cast vs out.

20 Therefore heare the word of the Lord, O ye women, and let your eares regard the words of his mouth, and teach your daughters to mourne, and euery one her neighbour to lament.

21 For death is come vp into our windowes, and is entred into our palaces, to destroy the children without, and the young men in the streetes.

22 Speake, Thus saieth the Lord, The carkeises of men shall lie euen as the dung vpon the fielde, and as the handfull after the mower, and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisedome, nor the strong man glory in his strength: neither the rich man glory in his riches.

24 But let him that glorieth, glorie in this, that he vnderstandeth, and knoweth me: for I am the Lord which shew mercie, iudgement, and righteousnesse in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

25 Behold, the daies come, saith the Lord, that I will visite all them, which are circumcised, with the vncircumcised:

26 Egypt, and Iudah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all the vtmost corners of them that dwell in the wildernesse: for all these nations are vncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are vncircumcised in the heart.

f They haue so practised deceit, that they cannot forsake it.

g They had rather forsake God then leaue their wicked trade.

h With the fire of affliction. *Psal.* 28.3. *and* 120.4.

i Signifying all the places about Ierusalem should be destroyed.

k Meaning, that they are all without sense and vnderstanding, and that God hath taken his spirit from them.

l Hee sheweth that the children cannot excuse themselues by their fathers: for both father and child, if they be wicked, shall perish.

m Reade Chap. 8.14.

n Seeing you can not lament your owne sinnes, call for those foolish women, whom of a superstition you haue to lament for the dead, that they by their fained teares may prouoke you to some sorow.

o As though they were weary of vs because of our iniquities, Leuit. 18.28. & 20.22.

p He derideth the superstition of the women, which made an art of mourning, and taught to weepe with fained teares.

q Signifying, that there is no means to deliuer the wicked from Gods iudgements: but when they thinke to be most sure, and most farre off, then are they soonest taken.

r Forasmuch as none can saue himselfe by his owne labour or any worldly meanes, he sheweth that it is in vaine to put our trust therein, but that we trust in the Lord, and reioice in him, who only can deliuer vs, 1. Cor. 1.31. 2. Cor. 10.17.

s These three points are necessary to know a right: his mercy, wherin consisteth our saluation: his iudgement, which he executeth continually against the wicked: & his iustice, wherby he defendeth and maintaineth the faithfull.

t Meaning both Iewes & Gentiles as in the next verse he sheweth the cause, reade Chap. 4.4.

CHAP. X.

1 *The constellations of the starres are not to be feared.* 5 *The weakenes of idoles.* 6 *Of the power of God.* 21 *Their pastors are become brute beasts.*

HEare yee the worde of the Lord that hee speaketh vnto you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus saith the Lorde, Learne not the way of the heathen, and be not afraid for the signes of heauen, though the heathen be afrayd of such.

3 For the customes of the people are vaine: for one cutteth a tree out of the forrest (which is the worke of the hands of the carpenter) with the axe.

4 And another decketh it with siluer, and with golde: they fasten it with nailes and hammers, that it fall not.

5 The idoles stand vp in the palme tree, but speake not: they are borne because they cannot goe: feare them not, for they cannot doe euil, neither can they doe good.

6 There is none like vnto thee, O Lord: thou art great, and thy Name is great in power.

7 Who would not feare thee, O king of nations? for to thee appertaineth the dominion: for among all the wise men of the Gentiles, and in all their kingdoms there is none like thee.

8 But altogether they dote, and are foolish: for the stocke is a doctrine of vanitie.

u Foretelling the destruction of Babylon, Chap. 50.38. & 51.36.

v Meaning, that the Gentiles were deceiued in the starres, but their Lawes and ceremonies, whereby they confirme their idolatrie, which is forbidden, Deut. 12.30.

w The Prophets absurditie of the idolaters, that men might learne to be ashamed of that, whereunto their corrupt nature is most subiect, read Isa. 44.12.

x He teacheth the people to lift vp their eyes to God, who hath all power, & therfore ought only to be feared: and herein he sheweth them not only the euil that they ought to eschew, but the good which they ought to follow, Reuel. 15.4.

y Because the people thought to haue images, was a meane to serue God, & to bring them to the knowledge of him, he sheweth that nothing more displeaseth God, nor bringeth man into greater errors and ignorance of God: and therefore he calleth them the doctrine of vanity, the worke of errors, vers. 15. and Hab. 2.18. calleth them the teachers of lies, contrary to that wicked opinion that they are the bookes of the lay people.

z Siluer.

f Whereas they found the best gold, shewing that they thought nothing too deare for their idoles: some read Ophir, as 1. King. 9. 28.

g This declareth that all that hath beene in this Chapter spoken of idoles, was to anne the Iewes whē they should be in Caldea among the idolaters, and now with one sentence he instructeth them both how to protest their owne religion against the idolaters, & how to answere them to their shame which should exhort them to idolatry, & therefore he writeth this sentence in the Caldeans tongue for a memorial, whereas all the rest of his writing is Ebrew.

h The more that man thinketh to doe any thing well by his owne wisedome, & not as God instructeth him, the more doeth he prooue himselfe to be a vile beast.

i By these words, portion and rod, he signifieth their inheritāce: meaning that God should be al sufficient for them, and that their felicitie consisted in him alone, and therfore they ought to renounce all other helps and succours, as of idoles, &c. Deut. 32. 9. Psal. 16. 5.

k The Prophet willeth the Iewes to prepare themselues to this captiuitie, shewing that it was now at hand that they should feele the things whereof he had tolde them.

l It is my iust plague, and therfore I will take it patiently: wherby hee teacheth the people howe to behaue themselues towards God.

m He sheweth how Ierusalem shall lament.

n The gouernours and ministers.

o Reade Chap 4. 15

p He speaketh this, because that Nebuchadnezzar purposed to haue made war against the Moabites and Ammonites, but hearing of Zedekiahs rebellion, he turned his power to goe against Ierusalem, Ezek. 21. 21. therefore the Prophet saith, that this was the Lords direction.

q Considering that God had reuealed vnto him the certitude of their captiuitie, Chap. 7. 16. hee onely prayeth, that he would punish them with mercie, which Isaiah calleth in measure, Chap. 27. 8. measuring his rods by their infirmitie, 1. Cor. 10. 13. for here by iudgment is meant not only the punishment, but also the merciful moderation of the same, as Chap. 30. 11.

r Forasmuch as God cannot onely be knowen and glorified by his mercie, that he vseth toward his Church, but also by his iustice in punishing his enemies, hee prayeth that his glory may fully appeare both in the one and in the other, Psal. 79. 6.

9 Siluer plates are brought from Tarshish, and gold ᵗ from Vphaz, for the worke of the workeman, and the hands of the founder: the blue silke, and the purple is their clothing: all these things are made by cunning men.

10 But the Lord is the God of truth: he is the liuing God, and an euerlasting King: at his anger the earth shall tremble, and the nations cannot abide his wrath.

11 (Thus shall you say vnto them, The gods ᵘ that haue not made the heauens and the earth shall perish from the earth, ᵠ from vnder these heauens)

12 He hath made the earth by his power, and established the world by his wisedome, and hath stretched out the heauen by his discretion.

13 Hee giueth by his voyce the multitude of waters in the heauen, and he causeth the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth: he turneth lightnings to raine, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Euery man is a ʰ beast by his owne knowledge: euery founder is confounded by the grauen image: for his melting is but falshood, and there is no breath therein.

15 They are vanitie, and the worke of errors: in the time of their visitation they shal perish.

16 The ⁱ portion of Iaakob is not like them: for he is the maker of all things, and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his Name.

17 ¶ ᵏ Gather vp thy wares out of the lande, O thou that dwellest in the strong place.

18 For thus saith the Lord, Behold, at this time I will throwe as with a sling the inhabitants of the land, and will trouble them, and they shall finde it so.

19 Woe is me for my destruction, and my grieuous plague: but I thought, Yet it is my sorrow, and I will beare it.

20 ˡ My tabernacle is destroyed, and all my coards are broken: my children are gone from me, and are not: there is none to spread out my tent any more, and to set vp my curtaines.

21 For the Pastors ᵐ are become beastes, and haue not sought the Lord: therfore haue they none vnderstanding: and all the flocks of their pastures are scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the bruite is come, and a great commotion out of the ⁿ North countrey to make the cities of Iudah desolate, and a den of dragons.

23 O Lord, I know, that ᵖ the way of man is not in himselfe, neither is it in man to walke and to direct his steps.

24 O Lord correct me, but with ᵠ iudgement, not in thine anger, least thou bring me to nothing.

25 Powre out ʳ thy wrath vpon the heathen that know thee not, and vpon the families that call not on thy Name: for they haue eaten vp Iaakob, and deuoured him & consumed him, and haue made his habitation desolate.

CHAP. XI.

1 A curse of them that obey not the word of Gods couenant. 10 The people of Iudah following the steps of their fathers, worship strange gods. 15 The Lorde forbiddeth Ieremiah to pray for them.

THe word that came to Ieremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Heare ye the wordes of this couenant, and speake vnto the men of Iudah, & to the inhabitants of Ierusalem,

3 And say thou vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, ᵃ Cursed bee the man that obeyeth not the wordes of this couenant,

4 ᵇ Which I commanded vnto your fathers, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do according to all these things, which I commaund you: so shall yee be my people, and I will be your God,

5 That I may confirme the othe that I haue sworne vnto your fathers, to giue them a land which floweth with milke and hony, as appeareth this day. Then answered ᶜ I and said, So be it, O Lord.

6 Then the Lord said vnto me, Cry all these words in the cities of Iudah, and in the streetes of Ierusalem, saying, Heare yee the words of this couenant, and doe them.

7 For I haue protested vnto your fathers, when I brought them vp out of the land of Egypt vnto this day, ᵈ rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voyce.

8 Neuertheles they would not obey, nor incline their eare: but euery one walked in the stubburnnes of his wicked ᵉ heart: therfore I will bring vpon them all the ᶠ words of this couenant, which I commanded them to doe, but they did it not.

9 And the Lord said vnto me, A ᵍ conspiracie is found among the men of Iudah, and among the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

10 They are turned backe to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to heare my wordes: and they went after other gods to serue them: thus the house of Israel, and the house of Iudah haue broken my couenant which I made with their fathers,

11 There-

a He calleth the Iewes to the consideration of Gods mercies who freely chose them, made a couenant of eternal felicitie with them, & how he euer performed it on his behalfe, & how they euer shewed themselues rebellious and ingrate toward him, and brake it on their part, and so are subiect to the curse of the Law, Deut. 27. 26.

b Thus he speaketh in the person of the people which agreed to the couenant.

c Read Chap. 7. 13.

d According to his own fantasie, and not as my word appointed him.

e Meaning the menaces & curses contained in the Law, Leuit. 26. 14. Deut. 28. 16.

f That is, a generall consent to rebell against me,

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g Because they wil not pray with true faith and repentance, but for the smart and griefe which they feele, Prou. 1. 28.

h Reade Chap. 2. 28.

i Reade Chap. 7. 16 and 14. 11.

k My people of Israel whom I haue hitherto so greatly loued.

l Meaning that they offer not in the Temple to God, but vpon the altars of Baal and the idoles, & so reuoyced in their wickednes.

m Of the Babylonians and Caldeans.

n Which went about priuily to conspire my death.

o Let vs destroy the Prophet and his doctrine. Some reade, Let vs corrupt his meate with wood, meaning poyson.

p Thus he spake not for harred but being mooned with ȝ spirit of God, he desireth the aduancement of Gods glorie, and the verifying of his word, which is by the destruction of his enemies.

q To wit, both the priests & the rest of ȝ people: for this towne was the Priests, & they dwelt in it, read Chap. 1. 1

r Not that they could not abide to heare God named: (for herein they would shew themselues most holy) but because they could not abide to be sharpely reproued, and therefore desired to be flattered, Isa. 30. 10. and to be maintained in their pleasures, Micah. 2. 11. and not to heare vice condemned, Amos 7. 12.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lorde, Behold, I will bring a plague vpon them, which they shall not be able to escape, and though they crie vnto me, I will not heare them.

12 Then shall the cities of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem goe, and crie vnto the gods vnto who they offer incense, but they shall not bee able to helpe them in time of their trouble.

13 [b] For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Iudah, and according to the number of the streetes of Ierusalem haue yee set vp altars of confusion, euen altars to burne incense vnto Baal.

14 Therefore thou shalt not pray [i] for this people, neither lift vp a crie, or prayer for them: for when they crie vnto me in their trouble, I will not heare them.

15 What should my [k] beloued worke in mine house, seeing they haue committed abomination with many? and the holy flesh [l] goeth away from thee: yet when thou doest euill, then reioycest.

16 The Lord called thy name, A greene oliue tree, faire, and of goodly fruite: but with [m] noyse and great tumult hee hath set fire vpon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the Lorde of hostes that planted thee, hath pronounced a plague against thee for the wickednesse of the house of Israel, and of the house of Iudah, which they haue done against themselues to prouoke mee to anger in offering incense vnto Baal.

18 And the Lord hath taught mee, and I know it, euen then thou shewedst me [n] their practises.

19 But I was like a lambe, or a bullocke, that is brought to the slaughter, and I knew not that they had deuised thus against mee, saying, Let vs [o] destroy the tree with the fruite thereof, and cut him out of the land of the liuing, that his name may be no more in memorie.

20 But O Lord of hostes, that iudgest righteously, and tryest the reines and the heart, let me see thy [p] vengeance on them: for vnto thee haue I opened my cause.

21 Therefore speaketh thus of the men of [q] Anathoth, (that seeke thy life, and say, [r] Prophesie not in the name of the Lord, that thou die not by our hands)

22 Thus therefore saieth the Lord of hostes, Behold, I will visite them: the yong men shall die by the sword: their sonnes and their daughters shall die by famine.

23 And none of them shall remaine: for I will bring a plague vpon the men of Anathoth, euen the yeere of their visitation.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Prophet murmureth at the prosperitie of the wicked, although he confesse God to be righteous.* 7 *The Iewes are forsaken of the Lord.* 10 *He speaketh against pastors and preachers, that seduce the people.* 14 *The Lord threateneth destruction vnto the nations that troubled Iudah.*

O Lord, if I dispute with thee, thou art [a] righteous: yet let me talke with thee of thy iudgements: wherefore doth the way of the wicked [b] prosper? why are all they in wealth that rebelliously transgresse?

2 Thou hast planted them, and they haue taken roote: they growe, and bring foorth fruit: thou art neere in their mouth, and farre from their [c] reines.

3 But thou, Lord, knowest me: thou hast seene me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheepe from the slaughter, and [d] prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourne, and the herbes of euery fielde wither, for the wickednesse of them that dwell therein? the beastes are consumed and the birdes, because they said, [e] He will not see our last end.

5 If thou hast run with the [f] footemen, and they haue wearied thee, then how canst thou match thy selfe with horses? and if thou thoughtest thy selfe safe in a peaceable land, what wilt thou doe in the [g] swelling of Iorden?

6 For euen thy brethren, and the house of thy father, euen they haue dealt vnfaithfully with thee, and they haue cried out altogether vpon thee, but beleeue them not, though they speake faire to thee.

7 I haue forsaken mine house: I haue left mine heritage: I haue giuen the dearely beloued of my soule into the hands of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is vnto mee, as a [h] lyon in the forest: it crieth out against me, therefore haue I hated it.

9 Shall mine heritage be vnto mee as a [i] bird of diuers colours? are not the birdes about her, saying, Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to eat her?

10 Many pastours haue destroyed my [k] vineyard, and troden my portion vnder foote: of my pleasant portion they haue made a desolate wildernesse.

11 They haue laid it waste, and it being waste, mourneth vnto mee: and the whole lande [l] perth waste, because no man setteth

a The Prophet confesseth God to be iust in all his doings, although man be not able to giue a reason of all his actes.

b This question hath bene alway a great tentation to the godly, to see the wicked enemies of God in prosperity, and his deare children in aduersitie as Iob. 21. 7. psal. 37. 1. and 73. 3. Hab. 1. 3.

c They professe God in mouth, but deny him in heart, which is here ment by the reines, Iere. 29 13. matth. 15. 8.

d The Ebrewe word is, Sanctifie them, meaning, that God would be Sanctified in the destruction of the wicked, to whom God for a while giueth prosperity that after ward they should the more feele his heauy iudgement when they lacke their riches, which were a signe of his mercie.

e Abusing Gods lenitie and his promises, they flattered themselues as though God would euer be merciful, and not vtterly destroy them: therefore they hardened themselues in sinne, till at length the beasts and insensible creatures felt the punishment of their stubborne rebellion against God.

f Some thinke that God reproueth Ieremiah, in that that he would reason with him, saying, that if he were not able to match with men, that he were far vnable to dispute with God. Others, by the footemen, meane them of Anathoth, & by the horsemen them of Ierusalem, which should trouble the Prophet worse then his owne countrey men did.

g God willeth the Prophet denounce his iudgements against Ierusalem notwithstanding that they shal both by threatnings and flatteries labour to put him to silence.

h Euer ramping and raging against me, and my Prophets.

i In stead of bearing my liuery and wearing onely my colours, they haue change and diuersity of colours of their idols and superstitions: therefore their enemies, as thicke as the foules of the ayre, shall come about them to destroy them.

k He prophesieth of the destruction of Ierusalem by the captaines of Nebuchad-nezzar, whom he calleth pastors.

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l Because no man regardeth my word, or the plagues that I haue sent vpon the land.

his minde on it.

12 The destroyers are come vpon all the high places in the wildernesse: for the sword of the Lord shall deuoure from the one ende of the land, euen to the other end of the land: no flesh shall haue peace.

13 m They haue sowen wheate, and reaped thornes: they were n sicke & had no profite: & they were ashamed of o your fruites, because of the fierce wrath of the Lord.

m To wit, the Prophets.

n They lamented the sinnes of the people.

14 Thus saith the Lord against all mine euill p neighbours, that touch the inheritance, which I haue caused my people Israel to inherite, Behold, I will plucke them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Iudah from among them.

o For in stead of amendment, you grew worse, and worse as Gods plagues testified.

15 And after that I haue plucked them out, I q will returne, and haue compassion on them, and will bring againe euery man to his heritage, and euery man to his land.

p Meauing, the wicked enemies of his Church, which blaspheme his name and whom hee would punish after that he hath deliuered his people.

16 And if they will learne the r wayes of my people, to sweare by my Name (s The Lorde liueth, as they taught my people to sweare by Baal) then shall they be built t in the mids of my people.

q After that I haue punished the Gentiles, I will haue mercy vpon them.

17 But if they will not obey, then will I vtterly plucke vp, and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.

r The true doctrine and maner to serue God.

s Reade Chap. 4. 2

t They shall bee of the number of the faithfull, and haue a place in my Church.

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CHAP. XIII.

1 The destruction of the Iewes is prefigured. Why Israel was receiued to be the people of God, and why they were forsaken. 15 He exhorteth them to repentance.

THus saith the Lord vnto mee, Goe, and buy thee a linnen girdle, and put it vpon thy loynes, and put it not in water.

2 So I bought the girdle according to the commandement of the Lord, and put it vpon my loynes.

3 And the word of the Lord came vnto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought which is vpon thy loynes, and arise, goe toward a Perath, and hide it there in the cleft of the rocke.

5 So I went, and hid it by Perath, as the Lord had commanded me.

6 And after many dayes, the Lorde said vnto me, Arise, goe toward Perath & take the girdle from thence, which I commaunded thee to hide there.

7 Then went I to Perath, and digged, and tooke the girdle from the place where I had hid it, and behold, the girdle was corrupt, and was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I destroy the pride of Iudah, and the great pride of Ierusalem.

10 This wicked people haue refused to heare my words, and walke after the stubbornesse of their owne heart, and walke after other gods to serue them, and to worship them: therefore they shal be as this girdle, which is profitable to nothing.

a Because this riuer Perath or Euphrates was farre from Ierusalem, it is euident that this was a vision, whereby was signified that the Iewes should passe ouer Euphrates to bee captiues in Babylon, and there for length of time shou'd seeme to be rotten, although they were ioyned to the Lord be fore as a girdle about a man.

11 For as the girdle cleaueth to the loynes of a man, so haue I tyed to mee the whole house of Israel, and the whole house of Iudah, saith the Lorde, that they might be my people: that they might haue a name and praise, and glory, but they would not heare.

12 Therefore thou shalt say vnto them this worde, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Euery b bottle shalbe filled with wine, & they shall say vnto thee, Do we not know, that euery bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this lande, euen the Kings c that sit vpon the throne of Dauid, & the Priests, and the Prophets, and all the inhabitants of Ierusalem with drunkennesse,

14 And I will dash d them one against another, euen the fathers and the sonnes together, saith the Lord: I will not spare, I will not pitie nor haue compassion, but destroy them.

15 Heare and giue eare, be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken it.

16 Giue glory to the Lord e our God before he bring f darkenesse, and or euer your feete stumble in the darke mountaines, and whiles ye looke for g light, hee turne it into the shadow of death, and make it as darkenesse.

17 But if yee will not heare this, my soule shall h weepe in secret for your pride, & mine eye shall weepe and drop downe teares, because the Lords flocke is carried away captiue.

18 Say vnto the i King & to the Queene, Humble your selues, sit down, for the crown of your glory shall come downe from your heads.

19 The cities of k the South shall be shut vp, and no man shall open them: all Iudah shall be carried away captiue: it shall be wholy carried away captiue.

20 Lift vp your eyes, and beholde them that come from the North: where is the l flocke that was giuen thee, euen the beautifull flocke?

21 What wilt thou say, when he shall visite thee? (for thou hast k taught them to bee captaines and as chiefe ouer thee) shall not sorowe take thee as a woman in trauaile?

22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things vpon mee? For the multitude of thine iniquities are thy skirts l discouered and thine heeles made bare.

23 Can the blacke Moore change his skin? or the leopard his spots? then may yee also doe good, that are accustomed to doe euill.

24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that is taken away with the South wind.

25 This is thy portion, and the part of thy measures from mee, (sayeth the Lord, because thou hast forgotten mee, and trusted in lyes.

26 Therefore I haue also discouered thy skirts vpon thy face, m that thy shame may appeare.

27 I haue seene thine adulteries, and thy

m neyings,

b Euery one of you shalbe filled with spirituall drunkennesse & be without all knowledge to seeke how to helpe your selues.

c It shalbe as easie to me to destroy the greatest and the strongest, as it is for a man to breake earthen bottels.

d That is, affliction and misery by the Babylonians, Isa. 8. 22.

e Meaning, for helpe and support of the Egyptians.

f You shal surely be led away captiue, and I according to mine affection toward you, shall weepe and lament for your stubbornnesse.

g For Iehoiachin and his mother rendred themselues by Ieremiahs counsell to the king of Babylon, 2 King. 24. 12.

h That is, of Iudah, which lyeth Southward from Babylon.

i He asketh the king where his people is become.

k By seeking to strangers for helpe, thou hast made them skilfull to fight against thee.

l Thy cloke of hypocrisie shalbe pulled off, and thy shame seene.

m As thine iniquities haue bene manifest to all the world: so shall thy shame and punishment.

neyings, the filthinesse of thy whoredome on the hilles in the fieldes, and thine abominacions. Woe vnto thee, O Ierusalem: wilt thou not bee made cleane? when shall it once bee?

a He compareth idolaters to horses inflamed after mares.

o There is no place so hie nor low, whereas the markes and figues of thine idolatrie appeare not.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Of the dearth that should come. 7 The prayer of the people asking mercie of the Lord. 10 The vnfaithfull people are not heard. 12 Of prayer, fasting, & of false prophets that seduce the people

THE word of the Lord that came vnto Ieremiah, concerning the a dearth.

2 Iudah hath mourned, and the gates thereof are desolate, they haue bin b brought to heauinesse vnto the ground, and the crie of Ierusalem goeth vp.

3 And their nobles haue sent their inferiours to the water, who came to the wels, and found no water: they returned with their vessels emptie: they were ashamed and confounded, and c couered their heads.

4 For the ground was destroyed, because there was no raine in the earth: the plowmen were ashamed, and couered their heads.

5 Yea, the hinde also calued in the field, & forsooke it, because there was no grasse.

6 And the wilde asses did stand in the high places, and drewe in their winde like d dragons: their eyes did faile, because there was no grasse.

7 e O Lord, though our iniquities testifie against vs, deale with vs according to thy Name: for our rebellions are many, we sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Israel, the sauiour thereof in the time of trouble, why art thou as a stranger in the land, as one that pitieth by to tarie for a night?

9 Why art thou as a man astonied, and as a f strong man that can not helpe? yet thou O Lord, art in the mids of vs, and thy name is called vpon vs: forsake vs not.

10 Thus saith the Lord vnto his people, Thus haue they delighted to wander: they haue not refrained their feete, therefore the Lord hath no delight in them: but hee will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sinnes.

11 Then said the Lord vnto me, g Thou shalt not pray to doe this people good.

12 When they fast, I will not heare their crie, and when they offer burnt offering, and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine and by the pestilence.

13 Then answered I, Ah Lord God, behold, the h Prophets say vnto them, Ye shal not see the sword, neither shall famine come vpon you, but I will giue you assured peace in this place.

14 Then the Lord said vnto me, The prophets prophesie lies in my Name: * I haue not sent them, neither did I commaunde them, neither spake I vnto them, but they prophesie vnto you a false vision, and diuination and vanity, and deceitfulnes of their owne heart.

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Concerning the prophets that prophesie in my Name, whom I haue not sent, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land, by sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16 And the people to whome these prophets doe prophesie shall bee cast out in the streetes of Ierusalem because of the famine, and the sword, and there shall be none to burie them, both they and their wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters: for I will powre their wickednesse vpon them.

17 Therefore thou shalt say this word vnto them, Let mine eyes drop downe i teares night and day without ceasing: for the virgine daughter of my people is destroyed with a great destruction, and with a sore grieuous plague.

18 For if I goe into the field, behold the slaine with the sword: and if I enter into the citie, behold them that are sicke for hunger also: moreouer, the prophet also & the Priest goe a wandering * into a lande that they know not.

19 Hast thou vtterly reiected l Iudah, or hath thy soule abhorred Zion? why hast thou smitten vs, that we cannot be healed? We looked for peace, and there is no good, and for the time of health, and behold trouble.

20 We * acknowledge, O Lord, our wickednesse, and the iniquities of our fathers: for we haue sinned against thee.

21 Doe not abhorre vs: for thy Names sake cast not downe the throne of thy glorie: remember and breake not thy couenant with vs.

22 Are there any among the * vanities of the Gentiles, that can giue raine? or can the heauens giue showres? is it not thou, O Lord our God? therefore we will waite vpon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Lord would heare no praier for the Iewes, 3 but threatneth to destroy thē with foure plagues

THen said the Lord vnto mee, a Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet mine affectiō could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them depart.

2 And if they say vnto thee, Whither shall we depart? then tell them, Thus saith the Lord, * Such as are appointed to death, vnto death: and such as are for the sword, to the sword: and such as are for the famine, to the famine: and such as are for the captiuitie, to the captiuitie.

3 And I will appoint ouer them foure kindes, saith the Lord, the sword to slay, and the b dogs to teare in pieces, and the foules of the heauen, and the beastes of the earth to deuoure, and to destroy.

4 I wil * scatter them also in al kingdoms

1 The false prophets promised peace and assurance, but Ieremiah calleth to teares and repentance for their affliction, which is at hand, as Chap. 9. 1 Lam. 1. 16 and 2. 18.

m Both hie and low shall be led captiues into Babylon.

n Though the Prophet knew that God had cast off the multitude which were hypocrites and bastard childre, yet he was assured that for his promise sake, hee would stil haue a Church, for the which he praieth.

o Hee teacheth the Church a forme of prayer, to humble themselues to God by true repentance, which is theonly meane to auoide this famine, which was the beginning of Gods plagues.

p Meaning their idoles, reade Chap. 10. 15.

a Meaning, that if there were any man liuing mooued with so great zeale toward the people, as were these two, yet that he would not graunt this requeste, for as much as he had determined the contrary, Ezek. 14. 14. Zach. 11. 9.

b The dogges, birds and beasts should deuoure them that were fro for feare and

slaine. c The word signifieth to runne to and vnquietnesse of conscience as did Kain.

d Not that the people was punished for the kings sinne onely, but for their owne sinnes also, because they consented to his wickednesse, 2 King. 21. 9.

c That is, I will not call backe my plagues, or spare thee any more.

‖Hearing, the cities.

g Because I had slaine their husbands.

‖Or, mother.

‖Or, fearefully.

h She that had many lost all her children.

i Shee was destroyed in the middes of her prosperitie.

k These are the Prophets words, complaining of the obstinacie of the people, and that he was reserued to so wicked a time: wherein also he sheweth what is the condition of Gods ministers: to wit, to haue all the world against them, though they giue none occasion.

l Which is an occasion of contention and hatred.

m In this perplexitie the Lord comforted mee, and said that my last dayes should be quiet: and by the enemie here meaneth here, Nebuzar-adan the captaine of Nebuchad-nezzar, who gaue Ieremiah the choyse either to remaine in his countrey, or to go whither he would: or by the enemie he meaneth the Iewes, which should after win Ieremiahs fidelitie, and therefore fauour him. n As for the people though they seemed strong as yron, yet should they not bee able to resist the hard yron of Babylon, but should bee led captiue. ‖Or, ransome. o He speaketh not this for desire of reuengeance, but wishing that God would deliuer his Church of them whom he knew to be hardened & incorrigible p I receiued them with as great ioy, as he that is athamished, eateth meate. q I had nothing to doe with the wicked contemners of thy word, but lamented bitterly for thy plagues: shewing what the faithfull should doe when they see tokens of Gods anger.

of the earth, because of Manasseh the sonne of Hezekiah king of Iudah, for that which he did in Ierusalem.

5 Who shall then haue pitie vpon thee, O Ierusalem? or who shall be sorie for thee? or who shall goe to pray for thy peace?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, and gone backward: therefore will I stretch out mine hand against thee, & destroy thee: for I am c wearie with repenting.

7 And I will scatter them with the fan in the gates of the earth: I haue walked, and destroyed my people, yet they would not returne from their wayes.

8 Their widowes s are increased by me aboue the sand of the sea: I haue brought vpon them, and against the ‖assembly of the yong men a destroyer at noone day: I haue caused him to fall vpon them, and the citie suddenly, and t speedily.

9 She that hath borne h seuen, hath bene made weake: her heart hath failed: the sunne hath failed her, whiles it was day: she hath bene confounded, and ashamed, and the residue of them will I deliuer vnto the sword before their enemies, saith the Lord.

10 ¶ k Wo is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me, a contentious man, & a man that striueth with the whole earth: I haue neither lent on vsury, nor men haue lent vnto me on vsury, yet euery one doth curse me.

11 The Lord said, u Surely thy remnant shall haue wealth: surely I will cause thine enemy to entreat thee in the time of trouble, and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall the x yron breake the yron, and the brasse that commeth from the North?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I giue to be spoyled without ‖ gaine, & that for all thy sinnes, euen in all thy borders.

14 And I will make thee to go with thine enemies into a land that thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burne you.

15 O Lord, thou knowest, remember me, and visit me, and reuenge me of my o persecuters: take mee not away in the continuance of thine anger: know that for thy sake I haue suffered rebuke.

16 Thy wordes were found by me, and I did y eate them, and thy word was vnto me the ioy and reioycing of mine heart: for thy name is called vpon mee, O Lord God of hostes.

17 I sate not in the assembly of the mockers, neither did I reioyce, but sate alone z because of thy plague: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is mine heauinesse continuall? and my plague desperate and cannot be healed? why art thou vnto me a as a lyar, and as waters that faile?

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou b returne, then will I bring thee againe, and thou shalt stand before mee: and if thou take away the c precious from the vile, thou shalt be d according to my word: let them returne d vnto thee, but returne not thou vnto them.

20 And I will make thee vnto this people a strong brasen wall, and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not e preuaile against thee: for I am with thee to saue thee and to deliuer thee, saith the Lord.

21 And I wil deliuer thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeeme thee out of the hand of the tyrants.

r And hast not assisted me according to thy promise? wherin appeareth, that in the Saints of God is imperfection of faith, which through impatiencie is oft times assailed, as Chap. 20. 7.

f If thou forget these carnal considerations, and faithfully execute thy charge.

t That is, seeke to win the good

from the bad. u To wit, as my mouth hath pronounced, Chap. 1. 18. and as here followeth verse 20. x Conforme not thy selfe to their wickednesse, but let them follow thy godly example. y I will arme thee with an inuincible strength and constancie, so that all the powers of the world shall not ouercome thee.

CHAP. XVI.

2 The Lord forbidding Ieremiah to marrie, sheweth him what should bee the afflictions vpon Iudah. 13 The captiuitie of Babylon 15 Their deliuerance. 19 The calling of the Gentiles.

THe word of the Lord came also vnto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take a thee a wife, nor haue sonnes nor daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith the Lord concerning the sonnes, and concerning the daughters that are borne in this place, and concerning their mothers that beare them, and concerning their fathers that beget them in this land.

4 They shall die of deathes and diseases: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried, but they shall be as dung vpon the earth, and they shall bee consumed by the sword and by famine, and their carkeises shall bee meate for the foules of the heauen, and for the beastes of the earth.

5 For thus sayeth the Lord, b Enter not into the house of mourning, neither goe to lament, nor bee mooued for them: for I haue taken my peace from this people, sayeth the Lord, euen mercie and compassion.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, c nor cut themselues, nor make themselues bald for them.

7 They shall not stretch out the hands for them in the mourning to comfort them for the dead, neither shall they giue them the d cup of consolatio to drinke for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also goe into the house of feasting to sit with them to eate and to drinke.

9 For thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, euen in your dayes the voyce of mirth, and the voyce of gladnesse, the voyce of the bridegroome and the voyce of the bride.

10 And when thou shalt shew this people all

a Meaning, that the affliction should be so horrible in Ierusalem, that wife and children should but increase his sorrow.

b Signifying, that the affliction should bee so great, that one should not haue leasure to comfort another.

c That is, should not rent their clothes in signe of mourning.

d For in these great extremities all consolation & comfort shall be in vaine.

Chap.5.19.
c Because the wicked in all ages are rebellious and vnreasonable their own workes, and murmure against Gods iudgements as though he had no iust cause to punish them, he sheweth him what to answer. Chap.7.26.
Chap.23.7.
f Signifying the benefit of their deliuerance out of Babylon should be so great, that it should abolish the remembrance of their deliuerance from Egypt: but he hath here chiefly respect to the spirituall deliuerance vnder Christ.
g By the fishers and hunters are meant the Babylonians and Caldeans, who should destroy them in such sort, that if they escaped the one, the other should take them.
h That is, their sonnes and daughters, which they offered to Molech.
i He wondereth at the great mercy of God, in this deliuerance, which shall not onely extend to the Iewes, but also the Gentiles.
k Our fathers were most vile idolaters: therefore it commeth only of Gods mercy, that he performeth his promise, & hath not vtterly cast vs off. l They shall once againe feele my power, and mercy for their deliuerance, that they may learne to worship me.

all these words, and they shall say vnto thee, *Wherefore hath the Lorde pronounced all this great plague against vs? or what is our iniquity? and what is our sinne that we haue committed against the Lord our God?*
11 Then shalt thou say vnto them, Because your fathers haue forsaken me, saieth the Lord, and haue walked after other gods, and haue serued them, and worshipped them, and haue forsaken me, and haue not kept my Lawe,
12 (*And ye haue done worse then your fathers: for behold, you walke euery one after the stubbornesse of his wicked heart, and will not heare me.)
13 Therefore will I driue you out of this land into a land that yee know not, neither you nor your fathers, and there shall ye serue other gods day and night: for I will shewe you no grace.
14 *Behold therefore, saith the Lord, the dayes come that it shall no more bee sayde, The Lord liueth, which brought vp the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,
15 But, The Lord liueth, that brought vp the children of Israel *from the land of the North, and from all the lands where he had scattered them, & I will bring them again into their land that I gaue vnto their fathers.
16 Behold, saith the Lord, I will send out many fishers, & they shall fish them, & after will I send out many hunters, and they shall hunt them from euery mountaine, and from euery hill, and out of the caues of the rockes.
17 For mine eies are vpon all their waies: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquitie hid from mine eyes.
18 And first I will recompense their iniquitie and their sinne double, because they haue defiled my land, and haue filled mine inheritance with their filthy *carions and their abominations.
19 O Lord, thou art my *force, and my strength and my refuge in the day of affliction: the Gentiles shall come vnto thee from the ends of the world, and shall say, Surely our fathers haue inherited *lies, and vanity, wherein there was no profite.
20 Shall a man make gods vnto himselfe, and they are no gods?
21 Behold, therefore I will this once *teach them: I will shew them mine hand and my power, and they shall know that my Name is the Lord.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The frowardnesse of the Iewes.* 5 *Cursed be those that put their confidence in man.* 9 *Mans heart is wicked.* 10 *God is the searcher of the heart.* 13 *The liuing waters are forsaken.* 21 *The right keeping of the Sabbath commanded.*

THe sinne of Iudah is *written with a pen of yron, and with the point of a diamond, and grauen vpon the *table of their heart, and vpon the hornes of your *altars.
2 *They remember their altars as their children, with their groues by their greene trees vpon the high hils.
3 *O my mountaine in the field, I will giue thy substance, and all thy treasures to be spoyled, for the sin of thy hie places throughout all thy borders.
4 And thou shalt rest, *and in thee shalbe a rest from thine heritage that I gaue thee, and I will cause thee to serue thine enemies in the land, which thou knowest not: for ye haue kindled a fire in mine anger, which shal burne for euer.
5 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arme, and withdraweth his heart from the Lord.
6 For he shalbe like the heath in *the wildernes, & shall not see when any good commeth, but shall inhabite the parched places in the wildernes, in a salt land, and not inhabited.
7 Blessed be the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.
8 *For he shall be as a tree that is planted by the water, which spreadeth out her roots by the riuer, & shall not feele when the heate commeth, but her leafe shall be greene, and shall not care for the yeere of drought, neither shall cease from yeelding fruit.
9 *The heart is deceitfull and wicked aboue all things, who can know it?
10 I the Lord search the heart, and trie the reines, euen to giue euery man according to his waies, and according to the fruite of his workes.
11 *As the partrich gathereth the young, which she hath not brought foorth: so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leaue them in the middes of his dayes, and at his end shall be a foole.
12 As a glorious throne *exalted from the beginning, so is the place of our Sanctuary.
13 O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee, shall bee confounded: they that depart from thee, shall bee written *in the earth, because they haue forsaken the Lord the fountaine of liuing waters.
14 Heale me, O Lord, and I shall bee whole: *saue me, and I shall be saued: for thou art my prayse.
15 Behold, *they say vnto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now.

b In stead of the law of God, they haue written idolatry and all abominations in their heart.
c Your sinnes appeare in all the altars that you haue erected to idoles.
d Some reade, So that their children remember their altars, that is, follow their fathers wickednesse.
e Zion that was my mountaine, shall now be leit as a waste field.
f Because thou wouldest not giue the lande rest at such times, dayes, and yeeres as I appointed, thou shalt hereafter be caried away, and it shall rest for lacke of labourers.
g The Iewes were giuen to worldly policies and thought to make themselues strong by the friendship of the Egyptians, Isa.31.3. and strangers, and in the meane season did not depend on God, and therefore he denounceth Gods plagues against them, shewing that they preferre corruptible man to God, Reade Psal.1.3.
i Because the wicked haue euer some excuse to defend their doings, he sheweth, that their owne lewd imaginations deceiue them, and bring them to these inconueniences: but God will examine their deeds by the malice of their hearts, 1.Sam.16.7. 1.Chro 28.9. Psal. 7.10. Chap.11.20. and 20.12. Reue 2.23. k As the partrich by calling gathereth others, which forsake her, when they see that she is not their damme: so the conetous man is forsaken of his riches, because he cõmeth by them falsly. l Shewing that the godly ought to glory in nothing, but in God: who doth exalt his, and hath left a signe of his fauour in his Temple. m Their names shall not be registred in the booke of life. n Hee desired God to preserue him that hee fall not into tentation, considering the great contempt of Gods word, and the multitude that fall from God. o The wicked say, that my prophesie shall not come to passe, because thou deferrest the time of thy vengeance.

a The remembrance of their contempt of God cannot passe, albeit, for a time he deferre the punishment, for it shall be manifest to men and Angels.

p I am assured of my vocation, & therefore know that the thing which thou speakest by me, shall come to passe, and that I speake not of any worldly affection.

q Howsoeuer the wicked deale rigorously with me, yet let me finde comfort in thee.

r Reade Chap. 11.20.

s Whereas thy doctrine may be best vnderstood both of hie and lowe.

t By naming the Sabbath day, he comprehendeth the thing that is therby signified: for if they transgressed in the ceremonie, they must needes be culpable of the rest, reade Exod. 20.8. and by the breaking of this one commandement, he maketh them transgressors of the whole Law, forasmuch as the first and second Table are conteined herein.

Chap. 22.4.

16 But p I haue not thrust in my selfe for a pastour after thee, neither haue I desired the day of misery, thou knowest: that which came out of my lips, was right before thee.

17 Bee not q terrible vnto mee: thou art mine hope in the day of aduersity.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be afraid, but let not me be afraid: bring vpon them the day of aduersitie, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus hath the Lord said vnto me, Go and stand in the s gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Iudah come in, and by the which they goe out, and in all the gates of Ierusalem,

20 And say vnto them, Heare the worde of the Lord, ye kings of Iudah, and all Iudah, and all the inhabitants of Ierusalem, that enter in by these gates.

21 Thus saith the Lord, Take heede to your soules, and beare no burden in the t Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Ierusalem.

22 Neither cary foorth burthens out of your houses in the Sabbath day: neither do ye any worke, but sanctifie the Sabbath, as I commaunded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their eares, but made their necks stiffe, and would not heare, nor receiue correction.

24 Neuertheless, if ye wil heare me, saith the Lord, and beare no burthen through the gates of the citie in the Sabbath day, but sanctifie the Sabbath day, so that ye doo no worke therein,

25 Then shall the kings and the princes enter in at the gates of this citie, and shal sit vpon the throne of Dauid, and shal ride vpon charets, and vpon horses, both they and their princes, the men of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem: and this citie shall remaine for euer.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Iudah, and from about Ierusalem, and from the land of Beniamin, and from the plaine, and from the mountaines, and from the South, which shall bring burnt offrings and sacrifices, and meate offerings, and incense, and shall bring sacrifice of praysle into the house of the Lord.

27 But if yee will not heare me to sanctifie the Sabbath day, and not to beare a burthen, nor to go through the gates of Ierusalem in the Sabbath day, then wil I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall deuoure the palaces of Ierusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 God shroweth by the example of a potter, that it is in his power to destroy the despisers of his word. 18 The conspiracy of the Iewes against Ieremiah. 19 His prayer against his aduersaries.

The word which came to Ieremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Arise and goe downe into the potters house, and there shall I shew thee my words.

3 Then I went downe to the potters house, and behold, he wrought a worke on the wheeles.

4 And the vessell that he made of a clay, was broken in the hand of the potter: so he returned and made it another vessell, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, cannot I doe with you as this potter, saith the Lord? behold, as the clay is in the potters hand, so are you in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 I wil speake suddenly against a nation or against a kingdome to plucke it vp, and to roote it out, and to destroy it.

8 But if this nation, against whom I haue pronounced, turne from their wickednesse, I will u repent of the plague that I thought to bring vpon them.

9 And I wil speake suddenly concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdome to build it and to plant it.

10 But if it do euil in my sight, and heare not my voyce, I will repent of the good that I thought to doe for them.

11 Speake thou now therefore vnto the men of Iudah, and to the inhabitants of Ierusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I prepare a plague for you, and purpose a thing against you: returne you therefore euery one from his euill way, and make your wayes and your workes good.

12 But they said x desperately, Surely we will walke after our owne imaginations, and doe euery man after the stubbornnesse of his wicked heart.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Aske now among the heathen, who hath heard such things? the virgin of Israel hath done very filthily.

14 Will a man forsake the snow of Lebanon, which commeth from the rocke of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters, that come from another place, be forsaken?

15 Because my people hath forgotten me, and haue burnt incense to vanity, & their prophets haue caused them to stumble in their wayes from the y ancient wayes, to walke in the paths and way that is not troden,

16 To make their land desolate & a perpetuall derision, so that euery one that passeth thereby, shall be astonished and wagge his head,

17 I will scatter them with an Eastwind before the enemie: I will shew them the backe, and z not the face in the day of their destruction.

18 Then said they, Come, and let vs imagine some deuise against Ieremiah: for the Lawe a shall not perish from the Priest, nor counsell from the wise, nor the word from the Prophet: come, and let vs smite

u As the potter hath power ouer the clay to make what pot hee will, or to breake them when hee hath made them: so haue I power ouer you to doe with you as seemeth God to me, Isa. 45.9. wisedom. 15.7. rom. 9.20, 21.

b When the Scripture attributeth repentance vnto God, it is not that he doth contrary to that which hee hath ordained in his secret counsell: but when he threateneth it is a calling to repentance, and when he giueth man grace to repent, the threatning, (which euer containeth a condition it it) taketh no place: and this the Scripture calleth repentance in God, because it so appeareth to mans iudgement.

c As men that had no remorse, but were altogether bent to rebellion and to their owne selfe-will.

d As no man that hath thirst, refuseth fresh conduit waters which he hath at home, to goe and seeke waters abroad to quench his thirst: so they ought not to seeke for helpe and succour at strangers, and leaue God, which was present with them. e That is, the way of trueth, which God hath taught by his Law, reade Chap. 6.16. f I will shew mine anger, and not my fauour toward them. g This argument the wicked haue euer vsed against the seruants of God, The Church cannot erre: we are the Church, and therefore whosoeuer speaketh against vs, they ought to die, 1. King. 22.24 chap. 7.4. and 20 2. malachi. 2.4. and thus the false Church persecuteth the true Church, which standeth not in outward pompe, and in multitude, but is knowen by the graces of the holy Ghost.

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him with the [b] tongue, and let vs not giue heed to any of his words.

19 Hearken vnto me, O Lord, and heare the voyce of them that contend with me.

20 Shall euill be recompensed for good? for they haue digged a pit for my soule: remember that I stoode before thee, to speake good for them, and to turne away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore [i] deliuer vp their children to famine, and let them droppe away by the force of the sword, and let their wiues be robbed of their children, and bee widowes: and let their husbands bee put to death, and let their yong men be slaine by the sword in the battell.

22 Let the crie bee heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring an hoste suddenly vpon them: for they haue digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet Lord thou knowest all their counsell against me tendeth to death: forgiue not their iniquitie, neither put out their sinne from thy light, but let them be ouerthrowen before thee: deale thus with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAP. XIX.

He propheſieth the deſtruction of Ieruſalem for the contempt and deſpiſing of the word of God.

THus ſayde the Lord, Goe, and buy an earthen bottel of a potter, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the Prieſts,

2 And goe forth vnto the valley of Ben-hinnom, which is by the entrie of the [a] Eaſt gate: and thou ſhalt preach there the words, that I ſhall tell thee,

3 And ſhalt ſay, Heare ye the word of the Lord, O [a] Kings of Iudah, & inhabitants of Ieruſalem, Thus ſayeth the Lord of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, Beholde, I will bring a plague vpon this place, the which whoſoeuer heareth, his eares ſhall [b] tingle.

4 Becauſe they haue forſaken mee, and prophaned this place, and haue burnt incenſe in it vnto other gods, whom neither they, nor their fathers haue knowen, nor the Kings of Iudah (they haue filled this place alſo with the blood of innocents.

5 And they haue built the high places of Baal, to burne their ſonnes with fire for burnt offrings vnto Baal, which I [c] commanded not, nor ſpake it, neither came it into my minde.)

6 Therefore behold, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that this place ſhall no more bee called [d] Topheth, nor the valley of Ben-hinnom, but the valley of ſlaughter.

7 And I will bring the counſel of Iudah and Ieruſalem to nought in this place, and I will cauſe them to fall by the ſword before their enemies, and by the hand of them that ſeeke their liues: and their karkeſſes will I giue to be meate for the foules of the heauen, and to the beaſtes of the field.

8 [e] And I will make this citie deſolate, and an hiſſing, ſo that euery one that paſſeth thereby, ſhall be aſtonished and hiſſe becauſe of all the plagues thereof.

9 [f] And I will feede them with the fleſh of their ſonnes, and with the fleſh of their daughters, and euery one ſhall eate the fleſh of his friend in the ſiege and ſtraitneſſe, wherewith their enemies, that ſeeke their liues, ſhall hold them ſtrait.

10 Then ſhalt thou breake the bottell in the ſight of the men that goe with thee,

11 And ſhalt ſay vnto them, Thus ſayeth the Lord of hoſts, Euen ſo will I breake this people and this citie, as one breaketh a [g] potters veſſell, that cannot bee made whole againe, and they ſhall burie them in Topheth, till there be no place to burie.

12 Thus will I doe vnto this place, ſaith the Lord, and to the inhabitants thereof, and I will make this citie like Topheth.

13 For the houſes of Ieruſalem, and the houſes of the Kings of Iudah ſhall be defiled as the place of Topheth, becauſe of all the [f] houſes vpon whoſe [a] rooffes they haue burnt incenſe vnto all the hoſte of heauen, and haue powred out drinke offerings vnto other gods.

14 Then came Ieremiah from Topheth, where the Lord had ſent him to propheſie, and he ſtood in the court of the Lords houſe, and ſaid to all the people,

15 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will bring vpon this citie, and vpon all her townes, all the plagues that I haue pronounced againſt it, becauſe they haue hardned their neckes, and would not heare my words.

CHAP. XX.

Ieremiah is ſmitten and caſt into priſon for preaching the word of God. 3 He propheſieth the captiuitie of Babylon. 7 He complaineth that he is a mocking ſtocke for the word of God. 9 He is compelled by the ſpirit to preach the word.

WHen Pashur the ſonne of Immer, the Prieſt, which was appointed gouernour in the houſe of the Lord, heard that Ieremiah propheſied theſe things,

2 Then Pashur ſmote Ieremiah the Prophet, and put him in the [a] ſtockes that were in the high gate of Beniamin which was by the houſe of the Lord.

3 And on the morning Pashur brought Ieremiah out of the ſtockes. Then ſaid Ieremiah vnto him, The Lord hath not called thy name Pashur, but [a] Magor-miſſabib.

4 For thus ſayeth the Lord, Behold, I will make thee to be a terror to thy ſelfe, and to all thy friends, and they ſhall fall by the ſword of their enemies, and thine eyes ſhall behold it, and I will giue all Iudah into the hand of the king of Babel, and he ſhall carie them captiue into Babel, and ſhall ſlay them with the ſword.

5 Moreouer, I wil deliuer all the ſubſtance of this citie, and all the labours thereof, and all the pretious things thereof, and all the treaſures of the kings of Iudah will I giue into the hand of their enemies, which ſhall ſpoyle them, and take them away and carie them to Babel.

6 And thou Pashur, and all that dwell in thine houſe, ſhall goe into captiuitie, and thou ſhalt come to Babel, and there thou ſhalt die, and ſhalt bee buried there, thou and all thy [b] friendes, to whome thou haſt

h Let vs ſlander him, and accuſe him: for we ſhall be beleeued.

i Seeing the obſtinate malice of the aduerſaries, which grewe daily more and more, the Prophet being moued with Gods Spirite, without any carnall affection prayeth for their deſtruction, becauſe hee knew that it ſhuld tend to Gods glory, and profit of his Church.

[a] Or, gate of the ſauue.

a By kings here and in other places are meant counſellers and gouernours of the people: which he called the ancients, verſe 1.

b Reade of this phraſe, 1. Sam. 3. 11.

c Whereby is declared, that whatſoeuer is not commanded by Gods word touching his ſeruice, is againſt his word.

d Reade Chap. 7. 31. and 2. Kin. 23. 10. iſa. 30. 33

Chap. 18. 16. and 49. 13. & 50. 13

Deut. 28. 53. Lament. 4. 10.

e This viſible ſigne was to confirme them, touching the aſſurance of this plague which the Lord threatned by his Prophet.

f He noteth the great rage of the idolaters, which left no place free from their abominations, in ſo much as they polluted their owne houſes therewith, as we ſee yet among the Papiſts.

g Reade Deut. 32. 8.

a Thus we ſee that the thing which neither the king, nor the princes nor the people durſt enterpriſe againſt the Prophet of God, this Prieſt as a chiefe inſtrument of Satan firſt attempted, reade Chap. 18. 18.

[a] Or, feare round about.

b Which haue inſtructed themſelues to be ſubtill by thy falſe propheſies.

prophesied lies.

7 O Lord, thou hast deceiued me, and I am c deceiued: thou art stronger then I, and hast d preuailed: I am in derision daily: euery one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out of wrong, and proclaimed e deolation: therefore the word of the Lord was made a reproch vnto me, and in derision daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speake any more in his Name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut vp in my bones, and I was wearie with forbearing, & I could not stay.

10 For I had heard the cayling of many, and feare on euery side. f Declare, said they, and wee will declare it: all my familiars watched for my halting, saying, It may bee that hee is deceiued: so wee shall preuaile against him, and we shall execute our vengeance vpon him.

11 g But the Lord is with me like a mightie giant: therefore my persecuters shall bee ouerthrowen, and shall not preuaile, and shall bee greatly confounded: for they haue done vnwisely, and their euerlasting shame shal neuer be forgotten.

12 h But, O Lord of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reines and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for vnto thee haue I opened my cause.

13 Sing vnto the Lord, praise ye the Lord: for hee hath deliuered the soule of the poore from the hand of the wicked.

14 i Cursed be the day wherein I was borne: and let not the day wherein my mother bare me, be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man that shewed my father, saying, A man child is borne vnto thee, and comforted him.

16 And let that man bee as the k cities, which the Lord hath ouerturned and repented not: and let him heare the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide,

17 Because hee hath not slaine mee, euen from the wombe, or that my mother might haue beene my graue, or her wombe a perpetuall l conception.

18 How is it, that I came forth of the wombe, to see labour and sorrow, that my dayes should be consumed with shame?

c Herein appeareth the impatiencie which oftentimes ouercommeth the seruants of God, when they see not their labours to profit, and also feele their owne weaknesse, reade Chap. 15.18.

d Thou diddest thrust me forth to this worke against my will.

e He sheweth that he did his office, in that he reprooued the people of their vices, and threatned them with Gods iudgements: but because he was derided and persecuted for this, he was discouraged, and thought to haue ceased to preach, saue that Gods spirit did force him thereunto.

f Thus the enemies conferred together to know what they had heard him say, that they might accuse him thereof, reade Isa. 29 21.

g Here he sheweth how his faith did striue against tentation, and sought to the Lord for strength. 1.Sam.26.7. 1.chro.28.9.psal.7.9.chap.11.20.and 17.10.

h How the children of God are ouercome in this battel of the flesh and the spirit, and into what inconueniences they fall til God raise them vp againe, reade Iob 3.1 & chap. 15.10.

i Alluding to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen. 19.25.

k Meaning, that the fruit thereof might neuer come to profit.

CHAP. XXI.

Hee propheseth that Zedekiah shall bee taken, and the citie burned.

THe word which came vnto Ieremiah from the Lord, when king Zedekiah sent vnto him Pashur, the sonne of Malchiah, and Zephaniah, the sonne of Maaseiah the Priest, saying,

2 a Enquire, I pray thee, of the Lord for vs: (for Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel maketh warre against vs) if so be that the Lord will deale with vs according to all his wonderous workes, that hee may returne vp from vs.

3 Then said Ieremiah, Thus shall you say to Zedekiah,

4 Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I will b turne backe the weapons of warre that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babel, and against the Caldeans, which beliege you without the walles, and I will assemble them into the mids of this citie.

5 And I my selfe will fight against you with an outstretched hand, & with a mightie arme, euen in anger and in wrath, and in great indignation.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this citie, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And after this, saieth the Lord, I will deliuer Zedekiah the King of Iudah, and his seruaunts, and the people, and such as are left in this city, from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seeke their liues, and he shal smite them with y edge of the sword: he shal not spare them, neither haue pitie nor compassion.

8 ¶ And vnto this people thou shalt say, Thus saieth the Lord, Behold, I set before you the c way of life, and the way of death.

9 d He that abideth in this city, shal die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Caldeans, that beseige you, he shall liue, and his life shall be vnto him for a e pray.

10 For I haue set my face against this citie, for euill, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be giuen into the hand of the King of Babel, and he shall burne it with fire.

11 ¶ And say vnto the house of the king of Iudah, Heare ye the word of the Lord.

12 O house of Dauid, thus saith the Lord, f Execute iudgement in the morning, and deliuer the oppressed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath goe out like fire and burne, that none can quench it, because of the wickednesse of your works.

13 Behold, I come against thee, g O inhabitant of the valley, & rocke of the plaine, saith the Lord, which say, Who shall come downe against vs? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 But I will visite you according to the fruit of your workes, saith the Lord, and I will kindle a fire h in the forrest thereof, and it shall deuoure round about it.

CHAP. XXII.

2 Hee exhorteth the king to iudgement and righteousnesse. 9 Why Ierusalem is brought into captiuitie. 11 The death of Shallum the sonne of Iosiah is propheried.

THus said the Lord, Goe downe to the house of the king of Iudah, and speake there this thing.

2 And say, Heare the word of the Lord,

a Not that the King was touched with repentance of his sinnes, and so sought to God as did Hezekiah when he sent to Esaih, 2 King. 19.1. Isa. 37.2. but because the Prophet might pray vnto God to take this present plague away, as Pharaoh sought vnto Moses, Exod. 9.28.

b To wit, from your enemies to destroy your selues.

c By yeelding your selues to Nebuchad-nezzar.

d By resisting him. *Chap.* 38.2.

e As a thing recouered from extreme danger, Chap. 37.2. and 39.18. and 45.5. *Chap.* 22.3.

f Be diligent to doe iustice.

g Meaning, Ierusalem, which was builded part on the hill, and part in y valley, and was compassed about with mountaines.

h That is, in the houses thereof, which stood as thicke as trees in the forrest.

Chap. 21. 12.

a This was his ordinary maner of preaching before the Kings from Iosiah vnto Zedekiah, which was about fortie yeeres.

Chap. 17. 25.

b Shewing that that there is none greater then he is, Heb. 6. 13. and that he will most certainely performe his othe.

c He compareth Ierusalem to Gilead, which was beyond Iorden, and the beauty of Iudea to Lebanon.

d The Ebrew word signifieth to sanctifie, because the Lord doth dedicate to his vse and purpose, such as he prepareth to execute his worke, Isa. 13. 3. Chap. 6 4. and 22. 7.

e Thy buildings made of Cedar trees.

f As they shall wonder at a thing which they thought would neuer haue come so to passe, Deut. 29. 24. 1. Kin. 9. 8

g Signifying that they should lose their King: for Iehoiakin went foorth to meet Nebuchadnezzar, and yeelded himselfe and was caried into Babylon, 2. King. 24. 12.

h Whom some thinke to be Iehoiachin, & that Iosiah was his grandfather: but as seemeth, this was Iehoiakim, as verse 18.

i By bribes and extortion. k Meaning Iosiah, who was not giuen to ambition, and superfluitie, but was content with mediocritie, and did onely delite in setting forth Gods glory and to doe iustice to all.

D King of Iudah, that sittest vpon ‖ throne of Dauid, thou and thy seruants, & thy people that enter in by these gates.

3 Thus saith the Lord, a Execute yee iudgement and a righteousnesse, and deliuer the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor, and vexe not the stranger, the fatherlesse, nor the widow: doe no violence, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if yee doe this thing, then shall the kings sitting vpon the throne of Dauid enter in by the gates of this house, * and ride vpon chariots, and vpon horses, both he and his seruants and his people.

5 But if ye will not heare these words, I b sweare by my selfe, saith the Lord, that this house shalbe waste.

6 For thus hath the Lord spoken vpon the Kings house of Iudah, Thou art c Gilead vnto me & the head of Lebanon, yet surely I will make thee a wildernesse, and as cities not inhabited.

7 And I will d prepare destroiers against thee, euery one with his weapons, and they shall cut downe thy chiefe e cedar trees, and cast them in the fire.

8 f And many nations shall passe by this citie, and they shall say euery man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus vnto this great citie?

9 Then shall they answere, Because they haue forsaken the couenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods and serued them.

10 ¶ Weepe not for the dead, and be not mooued for them, but weepe for him g that goeth out: for he shall returne no more, nor see his native countrey.

11 For thus saith the Lorde, as touching h Shallum the sonne of Iosiah King of Iudah, which reigned for Iosiah his father, which went out of this place, He shal not returne thither.

12 But hee shall die in the place, whither they haue led him captiue, and shall see this land no more.

13 ¶ Woe vnto him that buildeth his house by i vnrighteousnes, and his chambers without equitie: he vseth his neighbour without wages, and giueth him not for his worke.

14 He saith, I will builde me a wide house and large chambers: & he wil make himselfe arge windowes, and sieling with cedar, and paint them with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reigne, because thou closest thy selfe in cedar? did not thy k father eate and drinke and prosper when he executed iudgement and iustice?

16 When hee iudged the cause of the afflicted and the poore, he prospered: was not this because he knew me, saith the Lord?

17 But thine eyes and thine heart are but onely for thy couetousnes, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for destruction, euen to doe this.

18 Therefore thus saith the Lord against Iehoiakim, the sonne of Iosiah King of Iudah, They shall l not lament him, saying, Ah, my brother, or Ah, sister: neither shall they mourne for him, saying, Ah, lord, or Ah, his glory.

19 He shall be buried as an asse m is buried, euen drawen and cast foorth without the gates of Ierusalem.

20 ¶ Go vp to n Lebanon, and crie: shout in o Bashan and crie by the passages: for all thy louers are destroyed.

21 I spake vnto thee when thou wast in prosperity: but thou saidst, I will not heare, this hath beene thy maner from thy youth, that thou wouldest not obey my voice.

22 The wind shall feed all thy pastours, p and thy louers shall go into captiuitie: and then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded of all thy wickednesse.

23 Thou that dwellest in Lebanon, and makest thy nest in the q cedars, how beautifull shalt thou be when sorowes come vpon thee, as the sorow of a woman in trauel?

24 As I liue, saith the Lord, though r Coniah the sonne of Iehoiakim king of Iudah, were the signet of my right hand, yet would I plucke thee thence.

25 And I will giue thee into the hand of them that seeke thy life, and into the hand of them, whose face thou fearest, euen into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, and into the hand of the Caldeans.

26 And I will cause them to cary thee away: and thy mother that bare thee into an other country, where ye were not borne, and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land, whereunto they desire to returne, they shall not returne thither.

28 Is not this man Coniah as a despised and broken idole? or as a vessel, wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they carried away, hee & his seede, and cast out into a land that they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, heare the word of the Lord.

30 Thus saith the Lorde, Write this man destitute of children, a man that shall not prosper in his dayes: for there shalbe no man of his seed that shall prosper and sit vpon the throne of Dauid, or beare rule any more in Iudah.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Against false pastors.* 5 *A propheſie of the great pastour Iesus Christ.*

WOe be vnto the * pastors that destroy and scatter b the sheepe of my pasture, saith the Lord.

2 Therefore thus saieth the Lorde God of Israel vnto the pasteurs that c feede my

l For euery one shal haue enough to lament for himselfe.

m Not honorably among his fathers, but as carions are cast in a hole because their stinke should not infect, read 2. king. 24. 9. Iosephus Antiq. 10. 8. writeth that the enemie slew him in the citie, & commanded him to be cast before the wals vnburied, looke chap. 36. 30.

n To call to the Assyrians for helpe.

o For this was the way out of Iudea to Assyria: whereby is ment that all helpes should faile: for the Caldeans haue subdued both them and the Egyptians.

p Both thy gouernours & they that should helpe thee, shall vanish away as winde.

q Thou that art built of the faire cedar trees of Lebanon.

r Who was called Iehoiachin or Ieconiah, whom he calleth here Coniah in contempt, who thought his kingdome could neuer depart from him, because hee came of the ſtocke of Dauid, and therefore for the promiſe ſake, could not be taken from his house: but he abused Gods promise, and therfore was iustly depriued of the kingdome. s He sheweth that all posteritias shalbe witnesses of this iust plague, as though it were registred for perpetuall memorie. t Not that he had no children (for after hee begate Salathiel in the captiuitie, Mat. 1. 12.) but that none should reigne after him as King.

* Against false pastors. 5 A propheſie of the great pastour Iesus Christ.

a Meaning, the princes, gouernours, and false prophets, as Ezekiel 34 2.

b For the which I haue speciall care, and haue prepared good pastures for them.

c Whose charge is to feede the flocke, but they eate the fruit thereof, Ezekiel 34 3.

people, Ye haue scattered my flocke & thrust them out, and haue not visited them: behold, I will visite you for the wickednesse of your workes, saith the Lord.

3 And I wil gather the [a] remnant of my sheepe out of all countries, whither I had driuen them, and will bring them againe to their folds, and they shal grow and increase.

4 And I will set vp shepheardes ouer them, which shal feede them: and they shall dread no more nor be afraid, neither shal any of them be lacking, saith the Lord.

5 Behold, the dayes come, saith the Lord, that I will raise vnto Dauid a righteous [b] branch, & a king shall reigne, and prosper, and shall execute iudgement, and iustice in the earth.

6 In his dayes Iudah shalbe saued, and * Israel shall dwell safely, and this is the Name whereby they shall call him, * The Lord our righteousnesse.

7 Therefore behold, the dayes come, saith the Lorde, that they shall no more say, The [c] Lord liueth, which brought vp the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,

8 But, the Lord liueth, which brought vp and led the seede of the house of Israel out of the North countrey, and from all countreys where I had scattered them, and they shall dwell in their owne land.

9 Mine heart breaketh within me, because of the [e] prophets, all my bones shake: I am like a drunken man (and like a man whom wine hath ouercome) for the presence of the Lord, and for his holy words.

10 For the land is full of adulterers, and because of othes the land mourneth, the pleasant places of the wildernesse are dryed vp, and their [h] course is euill, and their force is not right.

11 For both the prophet and the priest [i] do wickedly: & their wickednesse haue I found in mine [k] house, saith the Lord.

12 Wherefore their way shalbe vnto them as [l] slippery wayes in the darknes: they shalbe driuen forth and fal therein: for I wil bring a plague vpon them, euen the yeere of their visitation, saith the Lord.

13 And I haue seene foolishnes in the prophets of Samaria, that prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to erre.

14 I haue seene also in the Prophets of Ierusalem [m] filthinesse: they commit adulterie and walke in lies: they strengthen also the handes of the wicked that none can returne from his wickednesse: they are all vnto [n] me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof, as Gomorah.

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets, Behold, I will feede them with [m] wormewood, and make them drinke the water of gall: for from the prophets of Ierusalem is ‖ wickednes gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Heare not the words of the prophets that prophesie vnto you and teach you vanity: they speake the vision of their owne [o] heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

17 They say still vnto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye [p] shal haue peace, and they say vnto euery one that walketh after the stubburnnesse of his owne heart, No euill shall come vpon you.

18 For [q] who hath stood in the counsell of the Lord that he hath perceiued and heard his word? Who hath marked his word and heard it?

19 Behold, the tempest of the Lord goeth forth in his wrath, and a violent whirlewind shal fall downe vpon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the Lord shal not returne vntill he haue executed, and till he haue performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter dayes ye [r] shall vnderstand it plainely.

21 * I haue not sent these Prophets, saith the Lord, yet they ran: I haue not spoken to them, and yet they prophecied.

22 But if they had stoode in my counsell and [s] had declared my words to my people, then they should haue turned them from their euill way, and from the wickednesse of their inuentions.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God [t] farre off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him, saith the Lord? Doe not I fill heauen and earth, saith the Lord?

25 I haue heard what the prophets sayd, that prophesie lies in my Name, saying, I [u] haue dreamed, I haue dreamed.

26 How long? † Doe the prophets delite to prophesie lies, euen prophesying the deceit of their owne heart?

27 Thinke they to cause [x] my people to forget my Name by their dreames, which they tell euery man to his neighbour, as their forefathers haue forgotten my Name for Baal?

28 The Prophet that hath a dreame, let him [x] tell a dreame, & he that hath my word, let him speake my word faithfully: what is the chaffe to the wheate, saith the Lord?

29 Is not my word euen like a fire, saith the Lord? and like a hammer that breaketh the stone?

30 Therefore behold, I will come against the prophets, saith the Lord, that [x] steale my word euery one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I wil come against [y] prophets, saith the Lord, which haue sweete tongues, and say, [z] He saith.

32 Behold, I will come against them that prophesie false dreames, saith the Lord, and doe tell them, and cause my people to erre by their lies, and by their flatteries, and I sent them not, nor commaunded them: therefore they bring no profite vnto this people, saith the Lord.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a Priest shall aske thee, saying, What is the [b] burden of the Lord? thou shalt then say

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a Thus the prophets euer vse to mixe the promises with threatnings, least the godly should be too much beaten downe, and therfore he sheweth how God wil gather his Church after this dispersion.

b This prophesie is of the restitution of the Church in the time of Iesus Christ, who is the true branch, read Isa. 11.1 and 45.8. chap. 33.15. dan. 9.24. *Deut. 33.28. Chap. 33.16.*

c Read Chap. 16.14.

d Meaning, the false prophets which deceiue the people: wherein appeareth his great loue toward his nation, read Chap. 14.13. ‡*Heb. passed ouer, or troubled.*

e They runne headlong to wickednes, and seeke vaine helpe. ‖*Or, are hypocrites.*

f My Temple is full of their idolatrie and superstitions.

g They which should haue profited by my rods against Samaria, are become worse then they. ‖ Though to the world they seeme holy fathers, yet I detest them as I did these abominable cities.

h Read Chap. 8.14. ‖*Or hypocrisie.*

i Which they haue inuented of their owne braine.

k Read Chap. 6.14 and 8.11.

l Thus they did deride Ieremiah as though the word of God were not reueiled vnto him: to also spake Zedekiah to Michah, 1 King. 22.24.

m Both that God hath sent me, and that my words shall be true. (*Chap. 14.13, 14. and 27.15. and 29.8, 9.*

n He sheweth the difference betweene the true prophets and the false, betweene the hireling and the true minister.

o Doe not I see your falshood, howsoeuer you cloke it, and whersoeuer you commit it?

p I haue a prophesie reueiled vnto me, as Numb. 12.6. ‡*Ebr is it in the heart of the prophets?*

q He sheweth that Satan raiseth vp false prophets to bring the people from God.

r Let the false prophet declare that it is his own fantasie, and not slander my word as though it were a cloke to couer his lies.

s Meaning, that it is not sufficient for Gods ministers to abstaine from lies, and to speake the word of God: but that there be iudgement in alleaging it, and that it may appeare to be applied to the same purpose that it was spoken, Ezek. 3.17.1. Corinth. 2.13 & 4.2 2. Tim. 2.15. 1. Pet. 4.10, 11.

t Which set foorth in my Name that which I haue not commanded.

a To wit, the Lord.

b The Prophets called their threatnings Gods burde, which the sinners were not able to sustain: therefore the wicked in deriding the worde, would aske of the prophets, What was the burden? As though they would say, You seeke nothing else but to lay burdens on our shoulders: and thus they reiected the word of God, as a grieuous burden.

say vnto them, What burden? I will euen forsake you, sayeth the Lord.

c Because this worde was brought to contempt and derision, he will teach them an other maner of speech, and will cause this word Burden to cease, & teach them to aske with reuerence, What sayth the Lord?

24 And the prophet, or the priest, or the people that shall say, The c burden of the Lord, I will euen visite euery such one, and his house.

35 Thus shall yee say euery one to his neighbour, & euery one to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and what hath the Lord spoken?

36 And the burden of the Lord shall yee mention no more: for euery mans c worde shall be his burden: for yee haue peruerted the wordes of the liuing God, the Lorde of hostes our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the Prophet, What hath the Lord answered thee? and what hath the Lord spoken?

38 And if you say, The burden of the Lord. Then thus saith the Lord, Because ye say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I haue sent vnto you, saying, Ye shal not say, The burden of the Lord,

39 Therefore beholde, I, euen I will vtterly ‖ forget you, and I will forsake you, and the citie that I gaue you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence,

40 And will bring c an euerlasting reproch vpon you, and a perpetual shame which shal neuer be forgotten.

‖ Or, take you away.

Chap. 20.11.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 *The vision of the baskets of figs,* 5 *signifieth that part of the people should bee brought againe from captiuitie,* 8 *And that Zedekiah and the rest of the people should be caried away.*

THe Lord shewed mee, and beholde, two a baskets of figges were set before the Temple of the Lord, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babel had caried away captiue Jeconiah, the sonne of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah with the workemen, and cunning men of Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babel.

a The good figs signified them that were gone into captiuity, & so saued their life, as Cha. 21.8. and the naughtie figs them that remained, which were yet subiect to the sword, famine and pestilence.

2 One basket had very good figges, euen like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so euill.

3 Then sayd the Lord vnto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs: the good figs very good, and the naughtie very naughtie, which cannot be eaten, they are so euill.

4 Againe the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Like these good figges, so will I know them, that are caryed away captiue of Judah to bee good, whom I haue sent out of this b place, into the land of the Caldeans.

b Whereby he approueth the yeelding of Iecoiah & his company, because they obeyed the Prophet, who exhorted them thereunto.

6 For I will set mine eyes vpon them for good, and I will bring them againe to this land, and I will build them, and not destroy them, and I will plant them, and not roote them out,

7 And I will giue them an c heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my * people, and I will be their God: for they shall returne vnto me with their whole heart.

c Which declareth that man of himselfe can know nothing, till God giue the heart and vnderstanding.

Chap 31 33. hebr. 8.10. Chap. 29.17.

8 * And as the naughtie figges which cannot bee eaten, they are so euill (surely thus saith the Lord) so will I giue Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remaine in this land, and them that dwell d in the land of Egypt:

d Which fled thither for succour.

9 I will euen giue them for a terrible plague to all the kingdomes of the earth, and for a reproch, and for a prouerbe, for a common talke, and for a curse, in al places, where I shall cast them.

10 And I wil send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, till they bee consumed out of the land, that I gaue vnto them and to their fathers.

N B CHAP. XXV.

1 *He prophesieth that they shalbe in captiuitie seuentie yeeres,* 12 *And that after the seuentie yeres the Babylonians should be destroyed.* 15 *The destruction of all nations is prophesied.*

THe word that came to Jeremiah, concerning all the people of Judah in the a fourth yeere of Jehoiakim the sonne of Josiah king of Judah, that was in the first yere of Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel:

a That is, in the third yeere accomplished, & in the beginning of the fourth: for though Nebuchad-nezzar began to reigne in the ende of the third yeere of Iehoiakims reigne, yet that yeere is not here counted, because it was almost expired, Dan. 1.1.

2 The which Jeremiah the Prophet spake vnto al the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth yere of Josiah the sonne of Amon king of Judah, euen vnto b this day (that is the three and twentieth yeere) the word of the Lord hath come vnto me, & I haue spoken vnto you c rising early and speaking, but ye would not heare.

b Which was the fift yere and the ninth moneth of Iehoiakims reigne.

c That is, I haue spared no diligence or labour, Cha. 7.13.

4 And the Lorde hath sent vnto you all his seruants the Prophets, rising early and sending them, but ye would not heare, nor incline your eares to obey.

5 They d sayd, Turne againe now euery one from his euill way, and from the wickednes of your inuentions, & ye shal dwell in the land that the Lord hath giuen vnto you, and to your fathers for euer and euer.

d He sheweth that the Prophets wholly with one consent did labour to pull the people from those vices, which then reigned: to wit, from idolatry, and the vaine confidence of men: for vnder these two all other were conteined, 2. Kin. 17. 13. chap. 18.11. and 35.15. Ionah 3.8.

6 And goe not after other gods to serue them and to worship them, and prouoke me not to anger with the workes of your hands, and I will not punish you.

7 Neuertheless ye would not heare me, saith the Lord, but haue prouoked me to anger with the workes of your handes to your owne hurt.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hostes, Because ye haue not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take to me all the e families of the North, saith the Lorde, and Nebuchad-nezzar the king of Babel my seruant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations e round about, and will destroy them, and make them an astonishment and an hissing, and a continuall desolation.

e The Caldeans, and all their power.

10 * Moreouer I will f take from them the voyce of mirth, and the voyce of glad-

f So the wicked and Satan himselfe are Gods seruants, because he maketh them to serue him by constraint, and turneth that which they do of malice, to his honour and glory.

g As the Philistims, Ammonites, Egyptians & others.

Chap. 16.9. ‖ Or, destroy.

mirth,

neſſe, the voyce of the bridegroome, and the voyce of the bride, the noyſe of the h mil-ſtones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land ſhall be deſolate, and an aſtoniſhment, and theſe nations ſhall ſerue the king of Babel ſeuenty yeeres.

12 And when the i ſeuenty yeeres are accompliſhed, I will viſite k the king of Babel and that nation, ſayeth the Lorde, for their iniquities, euen the land of the Caldeans, and will make it a perpetuall deſolation,

13 And I will bring vpon that lande all my words which I haue pronounced againſt it, euen all that is written in this booke, which Ieremiah hath propheſied againſt all nations.

14 For many nations and great kings ſhall euen l ſerue themſelues of them: thus will I recompenſe them according to their deedes, and according to the workes of their owne hands.

15 For thus hath the Lord God of Iſrael ſpoken vnto me, m Take the cup of wine of this mine indignation at mine hand, and cauſe all the nations to whom I ſend thee, to drinke it.

16 And they ſhall drinke, and be moued, and be mad, becauſe of the ſword, that I will ſend among them.

17 Then tooke I the cup at the Lordes hand, and made all people to drinke, vnto whom the Lord had ſent me:

18 Euen Ieruſalem, and the cities of Iudah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them deſolate, an aſtoniſhment, an hiſſing and a curſe, n as appeareth this day:

19 Pharaoh alſo king of Egypt, and his ſeruants, and his princes, and all his people:

20 And all ſorts of people, o all the kings of the land o of Uz: and all the kings of the lande of the Philiſtims, and p Aſhkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Aſhdod:

21 q Edom, and Moab, and the Ammonites,

22 And all the kings of Tyrus, r all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the r Iles, that are beyond the Sea,

23 And f Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that dwel in the vttermoſt corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of Arabia that dwell in the s deſert,

25 And all the Kings of Zimri, and all the kings of ‖ Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the Kings of the North, farre and neere one to another, and all the kingdomes of the world, which are vpon t earth, and the king of u Sheſhach ſhall drinke after them.

27 Therefore ſay thou vnto them, Thus ſayth the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, Drinke and be drunken, and ſpew and fall, and riſe no more, becauſe of the ſword, which I will ſend among you.

28 ¶ But if they refuſe to take the cup at thine hand to drinke, then tell them, Thus ſayth the Lord of hoſtes, Ye ſhall certainely drinke.

29 For loe, I begin to plague the x citie, where my name is called vpon, and ſhould you goe free? Ye ſhal not go quite: for I wil call for a ſword vpon all the inhabitants of the earth, ſayeth the Lord of hoſts.

30 Therefore propheſie thou againſt them all theſe words, and ſay vnto them, * The Lord ſhall roare from aboue, and thruſt out his voyce from his holy habitation: he ſhall roare vpon his habitation, and cry aloud, as they that preſſe the grapes, againſt all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 The ſound ſhal come to the ends of the earth: for the Lord hath a controuerſie with the nations, and will enter into iudgement with all flesh, and he will giue them that are wicked to the ſword, ſaith the Lord.

32 ¶ Thus ſayeth the Lord of hoſts, Behold, a plague ſhall goe forth from nation to nation, and a * great whirlewind ſhalbe raiſed vp from the coaſts of the earth,

33 And the y ſlaine of the Lord ſhal be at that day from one end of the earth, euen vnto the other end of the earth: they ſhal not be mourned, neither gathered nor buried, but ſhalbe as the dung vpon the ground.

34 Howle, z ye ſhepheards, and cry, and wallow your ſelues in the aſhes, ye principall of the flocke: for your dayes of ſlaughter are accompliſhed, and of your diſperſion, and ye ſhall fall like a precious veſſels.

35 And the b flight ſhall faile from the ſhepheards, and the eſcaping from the principall of the flocke.

36 A voyce of the cry of the ſhepheards, and an howling of the principal of the flocke ſhall be heard: for the Lorde hath deſtroyed their paſture.

37 And the ‡ beſt paſtures are deſtroyed becauſe of the wrath and indignation of the Lord.

38 He hath forſaken his couert, as the lion: for their land is waſte, becauſe of the wrath of the oppreſſour, and becauſe of the wrath of his indignation.

CHAP. XXVI.

2 Ieremiah mourneth the people to repentance. 7 Hee is taken of the falſe prophets and prieſts, and brought to iudgement. 23 Vriah the Prophet is killed of Iehoiakim contrary to the will of God.

IN the beginning of the reigne of Iehoiakim the ſonne of Ioſiah King of Iudah, came this word from the Lord, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith the Lorde, Stand in the a court of the Lords houſe, and ſpeake vnto all the cities of Iudah, which come to worſhip in the Lords houſe, all the wordes that I command thee to ſpeake vnto them: keepe not b a word backe,

3 If ſo bee they will hearken, and turne

h Meaning, that bread & al things that ſhould ſerue vnto their feaſts, ſhould be taken away.

i This reuelation was for the confirmation of his propheſie, becauſe he tolde them of the time, that they ſhould enter and remaine in captiuitie, 2. Chron. 36.29. ezra 1.1. chap. 29.10. dan 9.2.

k For ſeeing the iudgement began at his owne houſe the enemies muſt needes bee puniſhed moſt grieuouſly, Ezek. 9.6. 1. pet. 4 17.

l That is, of the Babylonians, as Chap 27.7.

m Signifying the extreme afflictions that God had appointed for euery one, as Pſal 75 8. Iſai. 51.17. and this cup which the wicked drinke, is more bitter then that which he giueth to his children, for he meaſureth the one by mercy, and the other by iuſtice.

n For now it beginneth and ſhall ſo continue till it be accompliſhed.

o Reade Iob 1.1.

p Which were cities of the Philiſtims.

q Edom is here taken for the whole countrey, and Vz for a part thereof.

r As Grecia, Italy, and the reſt of thoſe countreyes.

ſ Theſe were people of Arabia, which came of Dedan the ſonne of Abraham and Keturah

t For there were two countreys ſo named, the one called plentiful, and the other barren, or deſert.

‖ Or, Perſia.

u That is, of Babylon, as Chap. 51.41.

x That is, Ieruſalem, reade verſ. 12.

Ioel 3.16. amos 1.2.

Chap. 30.23.

y They which are ſlaine at the Lords appointment.

z Ye that are chiefe rulers, and gouernours.

a Which are moſt eaſily broken.

b It ſhall not helpe them to ſeeke to flee.

‡ *Ebr peaceable.*

a That is, in that place of the Temple whereunto the people reſort out of all Iudah to ſacrifice.

b To the intent that they ſhould pretend no ignorance, Act. 20.27

every man from his euill way, that I may c repent mee of the plague, which I haue determined to bring vpon them, because of the wickednesse of their works.

4 And thou shalt say vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord, If yee will not heare mee to walke in my lawes, which I haue set before you,

5 And to heare the words of my seruants the Prophets, whom I sent vnto you, both rising vp early, and sending them, and will not obey them,

6 Then will I make this house like d Shiloh, and will make this citie a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 So the Priests and the Prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord.

8 Now when Jeremiah had made an ende of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speake vnto all the people, then the Priests and the Prophets, and all the people tooke him, and said, Thou shalt die the death.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the Name of the Lord, saying, This e house shalbe like Shiloh, and this citie shall be desolate without an inhabitant? and all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10 And when the Princes of Judah heard of these things, they came vp from the kings house vnto the house of the Lord, and sate downe in the entrie of the f new gate of the Lords House.

11 Then spake the Priests and the Prophets vnto the princes, and to all the people, saying, g This man is worthie to die: for he hath prophesied against this citie, as ye haue heard with your eares.

12 Then spake Jeremiah vnto all the princes, and to all the people, saying, The Lord hath h sent me to prophesie against this house and against this citie all the things that ye haue heard.

13 Therefore nowe amend your wayes and your workes, and heare the voyce of the Lord your God, that the Lord may repent him of the plague, that hee hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hands: doe with me as ye thinke good and right.

15 But know yee for certaine, that if yee put mee to death, yee shall surely bring innocent blood vpon your selues, and vpon this citie, and vpon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the Lord hath sent mee vnto you to speake all these words in your eares.

16 Then said the princes and all the people vnto the Priestes, and to the Prophets, This man is not worthie to die: for he hath spoken to vs in the Name of the Lord our God.

17 ¶ Then arose vp certaine of the Elders of the land, and spake to all the assemblie of the people, saying,

18 Michah the Morashite i prophesied in the dayes of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, Zion shall bee plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall bee as heape, and the mountains of the k house shalbe as the high places of the forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah, and all Judah put him to death? did hee not feare the Lord, and prayed before the Lord, and the Lord repented him of the l plague, that hee had pronounced against them? thus might wee procure great euill against our soules.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the Name of the Lord, one Urijah the sonne of Shemaiah, of Kiriath-iarim, who prophesied against this citie, and against this land, according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 Now when Jehoiakim the king with all his men of power, and all the Princes heard his words, the King sought to slay him. But when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt.

22 Then Jehoiakim the King sent men into Egypt, euen Elnathan the sonne of Achbor, and certaine with him into Egypt.

23 And they fet Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him vnto Jehoiakim the king, who slew him with the sword, and m cast his dead body into the graues of the children of the people.

24 But the hand of Ahikam n the sonne of Shaphan was with Jeremiah that they should not giue him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

c Reade Chap. 18.8.

d Reade Chap. 7.12.

e So that when they would curse any, they shall say, God do to thee as to Ierusalem.

f Because of Gods promise to the Temple, Psal.132.14. that he would for euer remaine there, the hypocrites thought this Temple could neuer perish, & therefore thought it blasphemie to speake against it, Matt. 26.61. Acts 6. 13. not considering that this was meant of the Church where God wil remaine for euer.

g So called, because it was repaired by Ioatham, 2. Kings 15.35.

h For iudgement of death belongeth to this man.

i That is, of the House of the Lord, to wit, Zion: and these examples the godly alledged to deliuer Ieremiah out of the Priests hands, whose rage else would not haue bene satisfied, but by his death.

k So that the citie was not destroyed, but by miracle was deliuered out of the hands of Sanherib.

l Here is declared the furie of tyrants, who cannot abide to heare Gods word declared, but persecute the ministers thereof, and yet in the ende they preuaile nothing, but pronoke Gods iudgements so much the more.

m As in the first, Hezekiahs example is to be followed, so in this other Iehoiakims act is to be abhorred: for Gods plague did light on him, and his household.

n Which declareth that nothing could haue appeased their furie, if God had not moued this noble man to stand valiantly in his defence.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Jeremiah at the commandement of the Lord sendeth bonds to the king of Iudah, and to the other kings that were neere, whereby they are moued to be subiects to Nebuchad-nezzar. 9 He warneth the people and the kings and rulers that they beleeue not false prophets.

1 In the beginning of the reigne of a Jehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah king of Judah came this word vnto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Thus saith the Lord to me, Make thee b bonds, and yokes, and put them vpon thy necke,

3 And send them to the King of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon by the hand of the messengers, which come to Jerusalem vnto Zedekiah the king of Judah,

4 And command them to say vnto their masters, Thus sayth the Lord of hostes the God of Israel, Thus shall yee say vnto your masters,

5 I haue made the earth, the man, and the beast that are vpon the ground, by my great

a As touching the disposition of these prophesies, they that gathered them into a booke, did not altogether obserue the order of times, but did set some afore, which should be after, and contrariwise: which if the reader marke well, it shall auoyde many doubts & make the reading much more easie.

b By such signes the Prophets vsed sometime to confirme their prophesies, which notwithstanding they could not doe of themselues, but in as much as they had a reuelation for the same, Isa 20.2. and therefore these false prophets to get more credit, did vse also such visible signes, but they had no reuelation, 1. King. 22, 11.

great power, and by my outstretched arme, and haue giuen it vnto whome it pleased mee.

6 But now I haue giuen all these landes into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar the King of Babel my c seruant, and the beastes of the fielde haue I also giuen him to serue him.

7 And all nations shall serue him, and his d sonne, and his sonnes sonne, vntill the very time of his land come also: then many nations and great Kings shall e serue themselues of him.

8 And the nation and kingdome which will not serue the same Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, and that will not put their necke vnder the yoke of the King of Babel, the same nation will I visite, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, vntill I haue wholly giuen them into his hands.

9 Therefore heare not your prophets nor your soothsayers, nor your dreamers, nor your enchanters, nor your sorcerers, which say vnto you thus, Ye shal not serue the king of Babel,

10 For they prophesie a lie vnto you to cause you to goe farre from your land, and that I should cast you out, and you should perish.

11 But the nation that put their neckes vnder the yoke of the King of Babel, and serue him, those will I let remaine still in their owne land, saith the Lord, and they shall occupie it, and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these wordes, saying, Put your neckes vnder the yoke of the King of Babel, and serue him and his people, that ye may liue.

13 Why will yee die, thou, and thy people by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord hath spoken against the nation, that will not serue the King of Babel?

14 Therefore heare not the words of the prophets, that speake vnto you, saying, Ye shall not serue the King of Babel: for they prophesie a lie vnto you.

15 For I haue not f sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesie a lie in my Name, that I might cast you out, and that ye might perish, both you, and the Prophets that prophesie vnto you.

16 ¶ Also I spake to the Priests, and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Heare not the wordes of your Prophets that prophesie vnto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the House of the Lord shall now shortly bee f brought againe from Babel, for they prophesie a lie vnto you.

17 Heare them not, but serue the King of Babel, that yee may liue: wherefore should this citie be desolate?

18 But if they bee Prophets, and if the word of the Lord be with them, let them intreate the Lord of hostes, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, goe not to Babel.

19 For thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, concerning the g pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remaine in this citie,

20 Which Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel tooke not, when hee caried away captiue Jeconiah the sonne of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babel, with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 For thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remaine in the House of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem,

22 They shall bee brought to Babel, and there they shall be vntil the day that I visite them, sayeth the Lord: then will I bring them vp, and restore them vnto this place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The false prophesie of Hananiah. 12 Jeremiah reproueth Hananiah, and prophesieth.

AND that same yeere, in the beginning of the a reigne of Zedekiah King of Judah in the b fourth yeere, and in the fifth moneth, Hananiah the sonne of Azur the Prophet, which was of c Gibeon, spake to mee in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests, and of all the people, and sayd,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, saying, I haue broken the yoke of the king of Babel.

3 ‡ Within two yeres space I will bring into this place all the vessels of the Lordes house, that Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel tooke away from this place, and caried them into Babel.

4 And I will bring againe to this place Jeconiah the sonne of Jehoiakim King of Judah, with all them that were caried away captiue of Judah, and went into Babel, saith the Lord: for I will breake the yoke of the king of Babel.

5 Then the Prophet Jeremiah said vnto the d prophet Hananiah in the presence of the Priestes, and in the presence of all the people that stoode in the house of the Lord,

6 Euen the Prophet Jeremiah said, Go beeit: the e Lord do so, the Lord confirme thy words which thou hast prophesied, to restore the vessels of the Lordes house, and all that is caried captiue from Babel, into this place.

7 But heare thou now this word that I will speake in thine eares, and in the eares of all the people.

8 The Prophets that haue bene before me and before thee in time past, f prophesied against many countreyes, and against great kingdomes, of warre, and of plagues, and of pestilence.

9 And the Prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the Prophet shall come to passe, then shall the Prophet bee knowen that the Lord hath truely sent him.

10 Then Hananiah the Prophet tooke the yoke from the Prophet Jeremiahs

c Reade Chap. 25.9.

d Meaning, Euilmerodach, and his sonne Belshazar.

e They shall bring him, and his kingdome in subiection, as Chap. 25.14.

Chap. 14.14. and 23.21. and 29.9. Chap. 18.3.

f Which were taken when Iechoniah was led captiue into Babel.

g For it was not onely the Prophets office to shew the word of God, but also to pray for the sinnes of the people, Gen. 20.7. Which these could not doe, because they had no expresse word: for God had pronounced the contrary.

2. *King.* 25.13.

3. *King.* 24.13, 13.

h That is, for the space of seuenty yeeres, till I haue caused the Medes and Persians to ouercome the Caldeans.

a When Jeremiah beganne to beare these bonds and yokes.

b After that the land had rested, as Leuit. 25.2.

c This was a city in Beniamin, belonging to the sonnes of Aaron, Iosh 21.17.

‡ *Ebr. two yeres of dayes.*

d He was so esteemed, though he was a false prophet.

e That is, I would wish the same for Gods honour, and wealth of my people, but hee hath appointed the contrary.

f Meaning, that the Prophets that did either denounce warre or peace, were tried either true or false by the successe of their prophesies. Albeit God maketh to come to passe sometime that which the false prophet speaketh, to try the faith of his, Deut. 13.3.

necke,

g This declareth the impudency of the wicked hirelings, which haue no zeale to the trueth, but are led with ambition to get the fauour of men, and therefore cannot abide any that might diſcredite them, but burſt forth into rages and contrary to their owne conſcience paſſe not what lies they report, or how wickedly they doe, ſo that they may maintaine their eſtimation.

h That is, a hard and cruell ſeruitude.

i Signifying, that all ſhould be his, as Dan. 2. 38.

k Seeing this thing was euident in the eyes of the people, & yet they returned not to the Lord, it is manifeſt, that miracles cannot moue vs, neither the word it ſelfe, except God touch the heart.

necke, and e brake it.

11 And Hananiah ſpake in the preſence of all the people, ſaying, Thus ſayeth the Lord, Euen ſo will I breake the yoke of Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, from the necke of all nations within the ſpace of two yeeres: and the Prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ¶ Then the worde of the Lord came vnto Jeremiah the Prophet, (after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the necke of the Prophet Jeremiah) ſaying,

13 Goe, and tell Hananiah, ſaying, Thus ſayeth the Lord, Thou haſt broken the yokes of wood, but thou ſhalt make for them yokes of yron.

14 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, I haue put a h yoke of yron vpon the necke of all theſe nations, that they may ſerue Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel: for they ſhall ſerue him, and I haue giuen him the i beaſtes of the fielde alſo.

15 Then ſaid the Prophet Jeremiah vnto the prophet Hananiah, Heare now Hananiah, the Lord hath not ſent thee, but thou makeſt this people to truſt in a lie.

16 Therefore thus ſaith the Lorde, Behold, I will caſt thee from off the earth: this yeere thou ſhalt die, becauſe thou haſt ſpoken rebelliouſly againſt the Lord.

17 So Hananiah the prophet k died the ſame yeere in the ſeuenth moneth.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Jeremiah writeth vnto them that were in captiuitie in Babylon. 10 Hee propheſieth their returne after ſeuentie yeeres. 16 Hee propheſieth the deſtruction of the King and of the people that remaine in Jeruſalem. 21 He threatneth the prophets that ſeduce the people. 25 The death of Shemaiah is propheſied.

NOw theſe are the wordes of the ‖ booke that Jeremiah the Prophet ſent from Jeruſalem vnto a the reſidue of the Elders which were caried away captiues, and to the Prieſtes and to the Prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchad-nezzar had caried away captiue from Jeruſalem to Babel:

2 (After that Jeconiah the King, and the b Queene, and the Eunuches, the c princes of Judah, and of Jeruſalem, and the workemen and cunning men were departed from Jeruſalem)

3 By the hand of Elaſah the ſonne of Shaphan, and Gemariah the ſonne of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah d ſent vnto Babel to Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel) ſaying,

4 Thus hath the Lord of hoſts, the God of Iſrael ſpoken vnto all that are caried away captiues, whom I haue e cauſed to be caried away captiues from Jeruſalem vnto Babel:

5 Build you houſes to dwell in, and plant you gardens, and eate the fruits of them.

6 Take you wiues, & beget ſonnes and daughters: and take wiues for your ſonnes, and giue your daughters to huſbands, that they may beare ſonnes and daughters, that yee may bee increaſed there, and not diminiſhed.

7 And ſeeke the proſperitie of the citie, whither I haue cauſed you to bee caried away captiues, and f pray vnto the Lorde for it: for in the peace thereof ſhall you haue peace.

8 ¶ For thus ſayth the Lord of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Let not your prophets and your ſoothſayers that be among you, deceiue you, neither giue eare to your dreames, which you dreame.

9 For they propheſie you a lie in my Name: I haue not ſent them, ſayeth the Lord.

10 But thus ſayth the Lord, That after ſeuentie yeeres bee accompliſhed at Babel, I will viſite you, and performe my good promiſe toward you, and cauſe you to returne to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I haue thought towards you, ſayeth the Lord, euen the thoughts of peace, and not of trouble, to giue you an end, and your hope.

12 Then ſhall you cry vnto mee, and yee ſhall goe and pray vnto me, and I will heare you.

13 And you ſhall ſeeke mee, and find me, becauſe yee ſhall ſeeke mee with all g your heart.

14 And I will bee found of you, ſayeth the Lord, and I will turne away your captiuitie, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places, whither I haue caſt you, ſaith the Lord, and will bring you againe vnto the place, whence I cauſed you to be caried away captiue.

15 ¶ Becauſe yee haue ſayd, The Lord hath raiſed vs vp h prophets in Babel,

16 Therefore thus ſayeth the Lord of the king, that ſitteth vpon the throne of Dauid, and of all the people that dwell in this citie, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captiuitie:

17 Euen thus ſaith the Lord of hoſts, Behold, I will ſend vpon them the i ſword, the famine, and the peſtilence, and will make them like vile i figges, that cannot be eaten, they are ſo naughtie.

18 And I will perſecute them with the ſword, with the famine, and with the peſtilence: and I will make them a terrour to all kingdomes of the earth, and k a curſe, and aſtoniſhment and an hiſſing, and a reproch among all the nations whither I haue caſt them.

19 Becauſe they haue not heard my wordes, ſaith the Lord, which I ſent vnto them by my ſeruants the Prophets, riſing vp early, and ſending them, but ye would not heare, ſaith the Lord.

20 ¶ Heare ye therefore the word of the Lord all yee of the captiuitie, whom I haue ſent from Jeruſalem to Babel.

‖ Or, letter.

a For ſome died in the way.

b Meaning, Jeconiahs mother. Chap. 24. 1.

c To entreate of ſome equall conditions.

d To wit, the Lord, whoſe worke this was.

e The Prophet ſpeaketh not this for the affection that he bare to the tyrant, but that they ſhould pray for the common reſt and quietneſſe, that their troubles might not be increaſed, and that they might with more patience and leſſe griefe waite for the time of their deliuerance which God had appointed moſt certaine: for elſe not onely the Iſraelites, but all the worlde, yea, and the inſenſible creatures ſhould reioyce when theſe tyrants ſhould be deſtroyed, as Iſa. 14. 4.

f When your oppreſſion ſhall be great, and your afflictions cauſe you to repent your diſobedience, and alſo when the ſeuenty yeeres of your captiuitie ſhall bee expired, 2. Chron. 36. 22. ezra. 1. 1. chap. 25. 12. dan. 9. 2.

g As Ahab, Zedekiah, and Shemaiah.

h Whereby he aſſureth them that there ſhall be no hope of returning before the time appointed.

i According to the compariſon, Chap. 24. 1, 2. Chap. 7. 13, and 25. 3. and 26. 5.

k Reade Chap. 26. 6.

l Reade

21 Thus

21 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the sonne of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the sonne of Maaseiah, which prophesie lies vnto you in my Name, Beholde, I will deliuer them into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, and hee shall slay them before your eyes.

22 And all they of the captiuitie of Iudah, that are in Babel, shall take vp this curse against them, and say, The Lord make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babel burnt [m] in the fire.

23 Because they haue committed [a] villanie in Israel, and haue committed adulterie with their neighbours wiues, and haue spoken lying words in my name, which I haue not commanded them, euen I know it, and testifie it, saith the Lord.

24 ¶ Thou shalt also speake to Shemaiah the ‖ Nehelamite, saying,

25 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name vnto all the people, that are at Ierusalem, and to Zephaniah the sonne of Maaseiah the Priest, and to all the Priests, saying,

26 The Lord hath made thee Priest, for [o] Iehoiada the Priest, that ye should be officers in the House of the Lorde, for euery man that raueth and maketh himselfe a Prophet, to put him in prison and in the stockes.

27 Now therefore why hast not thou reproued Ieremiah of Anathoth, which prophecieth vnto you?

28 For, for this cause hee sent vnto vs in Babel, saying, This captiuitie is long: build houses to dwell in, and plant gardens, and eate the fruits of them.

29 And Zephaniah the Priest read this letter in the eares of Ieremiah the Prophet.

30 Then came the word of the Lord vnto Ieremiah, saying,

31 [b] Send to all them of the captiuitie, saying, Thus saith the Lord of Shemaiah the Nehelamite, Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied vnto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie,

32 Therefore thus saith the Lorde, Beholde, I will visite Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: hee shall not haue a man [p] to dwell among this people, neither shal he behold the good, that I will doe for my people, saith the Lord, because he hath spoken rebellionsly against the Lord.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The returne of the people from Babylon.* 16 *He menaceth the enemies,* 18 *and comforteth the Church.*

THe worde that came to Ieremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, [a] Write thee all the words that I haue spoken vnto thee, in a booke.

3 For lo, the dayes come, saith the Lord, that I will bring againe the captiuitie of my people Israel and Iudah, sayeth the Lorde: for I will restore them vnto the land that I gaue to their fathers, and they shall possesse it.

4 Againe, these are the wordes that the Lord spake concerning Israel, and concerning Iudah.

5 For thus saith the Lord, Wee haue heard a [b] terrible voyce, of feare, and not of peace.

6 Demaund now and beholde, if man trauaile with childe. Wherefore doe I beholde euery man with his hands on his loynes as a woman in trauaile, and all faces are turned into paleneſſe?

7 Alas, for this [c] day is great: none hath been like it: it is euen the time of Iaakobs trouble, yet shall he be deliuered from it.

8 For in that [d] day, sayeth the Lord of hostes, I will breake [e] his yoke from off thy necke, and breake thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serue themselues [f] of him.

9 But they shall serue the Lord their God, and [g] Dauid their King, whom I will raise vp vnto them.

10 Therefore feare not, O my seruant Iaakob, saith the Lord, neither be afraid, O Israel: for loe, I will deliuer thee from a farre countrey, and thy seede from the land of their captiuitie, and Iaakob shall turne againe, and shalbe in rest and prosperitie, and none shall make him afraid.

11 For I am with thee, sayeth the Lord, to saue thee: though I vtterly destroy all the nations where I haue scattered thee, yet will I not vtterly destroy thee, but I will correct thee by iudgement, and not [h] vtterly cut thee off.

12 For thus saith the Lord, Thy bruising is incurable, and [i] thy wound is dolorous.

13 There is none to iudge thy cause, or to lay a plaister: there are no medicines, nor helpe for thee.

14 All thy [k] louers haue forgotten thee: they seeke thee not: for I haue striken thee with the wound of an enemie, and with a sharpe chastisement for the multitude of thine iniquities, because thy sinnes were increased.

15 Why cryest thou for thine affliction? thy sorow is incurable, for the multitude of thine iniquities: because thy sinnes were increased, I haue done these things vnto thee.

16 [l] Therefore all they that deuoure thee, shall bee deuoured, and all thine enemies euery one shall goe into captiuitie: and they that spoyle thee, shall bee spoyled, and all they that robbe thee, will I giue to bee robbed.

17 For I will restore health vnto thee, and I will heale thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord, because they called thee, The cast-away, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

18 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring againe the captiuitie of Iaakobs tents, and haue compassion on his dwelling places: and the citie shall be builded vpon her owne heape, [m] and the palace shall remaine after the maner thereof.

19 And

m Because they gaue the people hope of speedy returning.
n Which was adultery, and falsifying the word of God.
‖ *Or, dreamer.*
o Shemaiah the false prophet flattereth Zephaniah the chiefe priest as though God had giuen him the spirit & zeale of Iehoiada to punish whosoeuer trespassed against the word of God, of the which he would haue made Ieremiah one, calling him a rauer and a false prophet.
p Hee and his seede shalbe destroyed, so that none of them should see the benefit of this deliuerance.
a Because they should be assured, & their posterity confirmed in the hope of this deliuerance promised.
b He sheweth that before that this deliuerance shall come, the Caldeans should be extremely afflicted by their enemies, and that they should be in such perplexitie and sorow as a woman in her trauaile, as Isa. 13.8.
c Meaning, that the time of their captiuitie should be grieuous.
d When I shall visite Babylon.
e Of the king of Babylon.
f To wit, of Iaakob.
g That is, Messiah, which should come of the stocke of Dauid, according to the flesh, and should be the true pastour, as Ezekiel 34.23. who is set forth, and his kingdome that should be euerlasting in the person of Dauid, Hosea 3.5.
h Reade Chap. 10.24.
i Meaning, that no man is able to finde out a meane to deliuer them, but that it must be the worke of God.
k The Assyrians and Egyptians whom thou didst entertaine with gifts, who left thee in thine affliction.
l Herein is commended Gods great mercie toward his, who doeth not destroy them for their sinnes, but correct and chastise them, til he haue purged and pardoned them, and so burneth the rods by the which he did punish them, Isa. 33.1.
m Meaning that the citie and the Temple should be restored to their former state.

19 And

g He sheweth how the people shall with praise & thankesgiuing acknowledge this benefit.

19 And out of them shal proceed a thanksgiuing, and the voyce of them that are ioyous, and I will multiplie them, and they shal not be fewe: I will also glorifie them, and they shall not be diminished.

20 Their children also shall bee as afore-time, and their congregation shall bee established before mee: and I will visit all that beare them.

21 And their a noble ruler shal be of themselues, and their gouernour shall proceede from the middes of them, and I will cause him to drawe neere, and approch vnto mee: for who is this that directeth his b heart to come vnto mee, saith the Lord?

22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, c the tempest of the Lord goeth forth with wrath: the whirlewind that hangeth ouer, shall light vpon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce wrath of the Lord shall not returne, vntill hee haue done, and vntill hee haue performed the intents of his heart: in the d latter dayes yee shall vnderstand it.

a Meaning, Zerubbabel, who was the figure of Christ, in whom this was accomplished.

b Signifying, that Christ doth willingly submit himselfe to the obedience of God his Father.

c Lest the wicked hypocrites should flatter themselues with these promises, the Prophet sheweth what shalbe their portion. d When this Messiah & deliuerer is sent.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Hee rehearseth Gods benefits after their returne from Babylon, 23 and the spirituall ioy of the faithfull in the Church.

A The a same time, saith the Lord, will I bee the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the Lord, The people which b escaped the sword, found grace in the wildernesse: c he walked before Israel to cause him to rest.

3 The Lord hath appeared vnto me d of old, saying they: e Yea, I haue loued thee with an euerlasting loue, therefore with mercie I haue drawen thee.

4 Againe I will build thee, and thou shalt be builded, O virgine Israel: thou shalt still f be adorned with thy tymbrels, and shalt go forth in the dance of them that be ioyfull.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines vpon the mountaines of g Samaria, and the planters that plant them h shal make them common.

6 For the dayes shall come that the i watchmen vpon the mount of Ephraim shall crie, Arise, and let vs go vp vnto k Zion, to the Lord our God.

7 For thus saith the Lord, Reioyce with gladnesse for Iaakob, & shout for ioy among the chiefe of the l Gentiles: publish prayse, and say, O Lord, saue thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the North countrey, and gather them from the coastes of the world, with the blind and the lame among them, with the woman with child, and her that is deliuered also: a great company shall returne hither.

9 They shall come m weeping, and with mercy will I bring them againe: I will leade them by the riuers of n water in a straight way, wherin they shal not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is o my first borne.

10 ¶ Heare the word of the Lord p yee Gentiles, and declare in the yles affarre off, and say, he that scattered Israel, will gather him, and will keepe him as a shepheard doth his flocke.

11 For the Lord hath redeemed Iaakob, and ransomed him from the hand of q him, that was stronger then he.

12 Therefore they shall come and reioyce in the height of Zion, and shall runne to the bountifulnesse of the Lorde, euen for the r wheate, and for the wine, and for the oyle, and for the increase of sheepe and bullockes: and their soule shal be as a watered garden, and they shall haue no more sorrow.

13 Then shall the virgine reioyce in the s dance, and the yong men, and the old men together: for I will turne their mourning into ioy, and will comfort them, and giue them ioy for their sorrowes.

14 And I will replenish the soule of the Priests with t fatnes, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodnesse, saith the Lord.

15 Thus saith y Lord, A voyce was heard on hie, a mourning and bitter weeping. u Rahel weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16 Thus saieth the Lord, Refraine thy voyce from weeping, and thine eyes from teares: for thy worke shalbe rewarded saith the Lord, and they shall come againe from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come againe to their owne borders.

18 I haue heard x Ephraim lamenting thus, Thou hast corrected mee, and I was chastised as an x vntamed calfe: y conuert thou me, and I shall be conuerted: for thou art the Lord my God.

19 Surely after that I conuerted, I repented: and after that I was instructed, I smote vpon my z thigh: I was ashamed, yea, euen confounded, because I did beare the reproch of my youth.

20 Is Ephraim a my deare sonne or pleasant childe? yet since I spake vnto him, I still b remembred him: therefore my bowels are troubled for him: I will surely haue compassion vpon him, saith the Lord.

21 Set thee vp signes: make thee heaps:

e That is, lamenting their sinnes, which had not giuen eare to the Prophets, and therefore it followeth that God receiued them to mercie, Chap 50.4. Some take it that they should weepe for ioy.

n Where they found no impediments, but abundance of all things.

o That is, my deerely beloued, as the first childe is to the father.

p That is, from the Babylonians and other enemies.

q By these temporall benefits he meaneth the spirituall graces which are in the Church, and whereof there should be euer plenty, Isa 58. 11, 12.

r In the companie of the faithfull, which euer praise God for his benefits.

f Meaning, the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and zeale.

t To declare the greatnesse of Gods mercie in deliuering the Iewes, he sheweth them that they were like to the Beniamites or Israelites: that is, vtterly destroyed, and carried away, insomuch that if Rahel u mother of Beniamin could haue risen againe to seek for her children, she should haue found none remaining.

x That is, the people that were led captiue

x Which was wanton, and could not be subiect to the yoke.

y He sheweth how the faithfull vse to pray: that is, desire God to turne them, forasmuch as they cannot turne of themselues

z In signe of repentance, and detestation of my sinne.

a As though he would say, No: for by his iniquitie, hee did what lay in him to cast me off.

b To wit, in pitying him for my promise sake.

c Marke by what way thou doest goe into captiuity, and thou shalt returne againe by the same.

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set thine heart toward the path e way, that thou hast walked: turne againe, O virgine of Israel: turne againe to these thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou go aslray, O thou rebellious daughter? for the LORD hath created d a new thing in the earth: A WOMAN shall compasse a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet shall they say this thing in the land of Iudah, and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring againe their captiuitie, The LORD bl esse thee, O habitation of iustice and holy mountaine.

24 And Iudah shal dwel in it, and all the cities thereof together, the husbandmen and they that go forth with the flocke.

25 For I haue satiate the weary soule, & I haue replenished euery sorowfull soule.

26 Therefore I waked, and beheld, and my sleepe f was sweete vnto me.

27 Beholde, the dayes come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel, and the house of Iudah g with the seede of man and with the seede of beast.

28 And like as I haue watched vpon them, to plucke vp, and to roote out, and to throw downe, and to destroy, and to plague them, so wil I watch ouer them, to build and to plant them, saith the LORD.

29 In those dayes shall they say no more, The fathers haue eaten a sowre grape, and the childrens teeth are set on edge.

30 But euery one shall die for his owne iniquitie: euery man that eateth the sowre grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 ¶ Behold, the dayes come, saith the LORD, that I will make a h new couenant with the house of Israel, & with the house of Iudah,

32 Not according to the couenant that I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, the which my couenant they i brake, although I was ‖ an husband vnto them, saith the LORD.

33 But this shall bee the couenant that I will make with the house of Israel, After k those dayes, saith the LORD, I will put my Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall l teach no more euery man his neighbour, and euery man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for they shall all know mee from the least of them vnto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgiue their iniquitie, and will remember their sinnes no more.

35 Thus saieth the LORD, which giueth m the Sunne for a light to the day, and the courses of the Moone and of the starres for a light to the night, which breaketh the sea, when the waues thereof roare: his Name is the LORD of hostes.

36 If these ordinances depart out of my sight, saith the LORD, then shall the seede of Israel cease from being a nation before me, for euer.

37 Thus saith the LORD, If the heauens can be measured, n or the foundations of the earth bee searched out beneath, then will I cast off all the seede of Israel, for all that they haue done, saith the LORD.

38 Behold, the dayes come, saieth the LORD, that the o city shalbe built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel, vnto the gate of the corner.

39 And the line of the measure shall goe foorth in his presence vpon the hill Gareb, and shall compasse about to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields vnto the brooke of Kidron, and vnto the corner of the horsegate toward the East, shall bee holy vnto the LORD, neither shall it be plucked vp nor destroyed any more for euer.

d Because their deliuerance from Babylon was a figure of their deliuerance from sin, he sheweth how this should bee procured, to wit, by Iesus Christ, whom a woman should conceiue and beare in her wombe. Which is a strange thing in earth, because hee should bee borne of a virgin without man: or, he meaneth, that Ierusalem which is like a barren woman in hercapitinitie should bee fruitfull, as she is ioyned in mariage, and whom God blesseth with children.

e Hauing vnderstood this visiō of the Messiah to come, in whom the twohouses of Israel and Iudah should be ioyned, I reioyced.

f I will multiply and enrich them with people and cattell.

g The wicked vsed this prouerbe, when they did murmure against Godsiudgements pronounced by the Prophets, saying that their fathers had committed the fault, & that the children were punished, Exe. 18.3.

h Though the couenant of redemption made to the fathers, & this which was giuen after, seeme diuers, yet they are all one, and grounded on Iesus Christ, saue that this is called new, because of the manifestation of Christ, and the abundant graces of the holy Ghost giuen to his Church vnder the Gospel. i And so were the occasion of their owne distorcement through their infidelitie, Isa. 50.1. ‖ Or, master.

k In the time of Christ, my Law shall in stead of tables of stone be written in their hearts by mine holy Spirit, Heb. 8.8, 10.

l Vnder the kingdom of Christ there shall none bee blinded with ignorance, but I will giue them faith and knowledge of God for remission of their sinnes and dayly increase the same, so that it shall not seeme to come so much by the preaching of my ministers as by the instruction of my holy Spirit, Isa. 54.13. but the full accomplishing hereof is referred to y kingdome of Christ, when we shalbe ioyned with our head.

m If the Sunne, Moone and starr cannot but giue light according to their ordinance, so long as this world lasteth, so shall my Church neuer faile, neither shal any thing hinder it: and as sure as I will haue a people, so certaine is it, y I will leaue them my word for euer to gouern them with.

n The one and the other is impossible.

o As it was performed, Nehem. 3.1 By this description hee sheweth that the cities should be as ample and beautifull as euer it was: but he alludeth to the spirituall Ierusalem whose beauty should be incomparable.

CHAP. XXXII.

Ieremiah u cast into prisō because he prophesied that the citie should be taken of the King of Babylon. 7 Hee sheweth that the people should come againe to their owne possession. 38 The people of God are his seruants, and he is their Lord.

THe word that came vnto Ieremiah from the LORD, in the a tenth yeere of Zedekiah King of Iudah, which was the eighteenth yeere of Nebuchad-nezzar.

2 For then the king of Babels hoste besieged Ierusalem: and Ieremiah the Prophet was shut vp in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Iudahs house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Iudah had shut him vp, saying, Wherefore doest thou prophesie, and say, Thus saieth the LORD, b Behold, I will giue this citie into the hands of the king of Babel, and he shall take it?

4 And Zedekiah the king of Iudah shal not escape out of the hand of the Caldeans, but shall surely bee deliuered into the hands of the king of Babel, and shall speake with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his face.

5 And he shall leade Zedekiah to Babel, and there shall he bee, vntill c I visite him, saith the LORD: though yee fight with the Caldeans, yee shall not prosper.

6 ¶ And Ieremiah said, The word of the LORD came vnto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel, the sonne of Shallum thine vncle, shall come vnto thee and say, d Buy vnto thee my field, that is in Anathoth: for the ‖ title by kinred appertaineth vnto thee d to buy it.

8 So Hanameel mine vncles sonne, came to

a So that Ieremiah had now prophesied from the thirteenth yeere of Iosiah, vnto the last yeere saue one of Zedekiahs reigne, which was almost forty yeeres. *Chap. 29.16, 17, and 34.2.*

b Till I take Zedekiah away by death: for he shall not die by the sword, as Chap. 34.4.

c Whereby was meant that the people should returne againe out of captiuitie, and enioy their possessions & vineyardes, as verse 15. and 44.

‖ Or, right to redeeme it.

d Because he was next of kin, as Ruth. 4.4.

e Of the possession of the Leuites, reade Leuit. 25. 32.

f Which mounteth to of our money about ten shillings sixe pence, if this shekel were the common shekel, reade Gen. 23. 15. for the shekel of the Temple was of double value, and ten pieces of siluer were halfe a shekel: for twentie made the shekel.

g According to the custome, the instrument, or euidence was sealed vp with the common seale, & a copie thereof remained, which conteined the same in effect, but was not so authenticall as the other, but was left open to be seene, if any thing should bee called into doubt.

h And so to hide them in the ground, that they might be preserued as a token of their deliuerance.

i Or, bid. Exod 34.7. Deut 5.9.

k Because the wicked are subiect to the curse of God, he sheweth, that their posteritie, which by nature are vnder this malediction, shall be punished both for their owne wickednesse, and that the iniquitie of their fathers, which is likewise in them, shall be also reuenged on their head.

l Meaning, that his miracles in deliuering his people, should neuer bee forgotten.

to me in the court of the prison, according to the worde of the Lord, and sayde vnto mee, Buy my e fielde, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the countrey of Beniamin: for the right of the possession is thine, and the purchase belongeth vnto thee: buy it for thee. Then I knewe that this was the worde of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel, mine vncles sonne, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the siluer, euen seuen f shekels, and ten pieces of siluer.

10 And I writte it in the booke, and signed it, and tooke witnesses, and weighed him the siluer in the balances.

11 So I tooke the booke of the possession, being sealed g according to the Law, and custome, with the booke that was open,

12 And I gaue the booke of the possession vnto Baruch the sonne of Neriah, the sonne of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine vncles sonne, and in the presence of the witnesses, written in the booke of the possession, before all the Iewes that sate in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 Thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes the God of Israel, Take the writings, euen this booke of the possession, both that is sealed, and this booke that is open, and put them in an earthen h vessell, that they may continue a long time.

15 For the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel saith thus, Houses and fields, and vineyards shall be possessed againe in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had deliuered the booke of the possession vnto Baruch, the sonne of Neriah, I prayed vnto the Lorde, saying,

17 Ah Lorde God, beholde, thou hast made the heauen and the earth by thy great power, and by thy stretched out arme, and there is nothing i hard vnto thee.

18 k Thou shewest mercie vnto thousands, and recompensest the iniquitie of the fathers into the bosome of their l children after them: O God the great and mighty, whose name is the Lord of hosts,

19 Great in counsell, & mighty in worke, (for thine eyes are open vpon all the wayes of the sonnes of men, to giue to euery one according to his wayes, and according to the fruit of his works)

20 Which hast set signes and wonders in the land of Egypt vnto this m day, and in Israel, and among all men, and hast made thee a Name, as appeareth this day,

21 And hast brought thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signes, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, with a stretched out arme, and with great terrour,

22 And hast giuen them this land, which thou diddest sweare to their fathers to giue them, euen a lande that floweth with milke and hony.

23 And they came in, and possessed it, but they obeyed not thy voyce, neither walked in thy Law: all that thou commandedst them to doe, they haue not done: therefore thou hast caused this whole plague to come vpon them.

24 Behold, the n mounts, they are come into the citie to take it, and the citie is giuen into the hand of the Caldeans, that fight against it, by meanes of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence, and what thou hast spoken, is come to passe, & behold, thou seest it.

25 And thou hast sayd vnto me, O Lord God, Buy vnto thee the field for siluer, and take witnesses: for the citie shall be giuen into the hand of the Caldeans.

26 ¶ Then came the worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiah, saying,

27 Beholde, I am the LORD GOD of all o flesh: is there any thing too hard for mee?

28 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord, Behold, I will giue this citie into the hand of the Caldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, & he shall take it.

29 And the Caldeans shall come and fight against this city, and set fire on this citie, and burne it, with the houses, vpon whose rooffes they haue offered incense vnto Baal, and powred drinke offerings vnto other gods, to prouoke me vnto anger.

30 For the children of Israel, and the children of Iudah haue surely done euill before me from their p youth: for the children of Israel haue surely prouoked mee to anger with the workes of their handes, sayeth the Lord.

31 Therefore this city hath bene vnto me as a prouocation of mine anger, and of my wrath, from the day that they built it, euen vnto this day, that I should remoue it out of my sight,

32 Because of all the euill of the children of Israel, & of the children of Iudah, which they haue done to prouoke mee to anger, euen they, their Kings, their Princes, their Priestes, and their Prophets, and the men of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

33 And they haue turned vnto mee the backe & not the face: though I taught them, o rising vp early, and instructing them, yet they were not obedient to receiue doctrine,

34 But they set their abominations in the house, whereupon my Name was called, to defile it,

35 And they built the hie q places of Baal, which are in the valley of r Ben-hinnom, to cause their sonnes and their daughters to s passe through the fire vnto Molech, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my minde, that they should doe such abomination to cause Iudah to sinne.

36 And now t therefore, thus hath the Lord God of Israel spoken concerning this citie, whereof ye say, It shal be deliuered into the hand of the king of Babel by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence,

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countreyes, whereto I haue scattered them in mine anger, and in my wrath: and in great indignation, and I will bring them againe vnto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

38 And

i The word signifieth any thing that is cast vp, as a mount or rampart, and is also vsed for engins of warre, which were layd on an hie place to shoote into a citie, before that gunnes were in vse.

m That is, of euery creature: who as they are his worke, so doth he gouerne and guide them as pleaseth him, whereby hee sheweth that as he is the author of this their captiuitie for their sinnes, so will he for his mercies be their redeemer to restore them againe to liberty.

n From the time that I brought them out of Egypt, and made them my people, and called them my first borne.

o Reade Prou. 1.24. isa. 65.2. chap 7.13. & 25 3. & 26.5. & 29. 19. & 35.14 and 44.4. 2 chr. 36.15.

p That is, the altars which were made to offer sacrifice vpon to their idoles.

q Reade Chap. 7.31. 2 King. 21. 4.6.

r Reade 2 King 16 3.

s Reade Chap. 30. 16. Deut. 30, 3.

*Chap.*30.22.

t One consent and one religion, as Ezek. 11.19. and 36.27.

u Reade Chap. 31.32,33.

38 And they shall be * my people, and I will be their God.

39 And I will giue them t one heart and one way, that they may feare me for euer for the wealth of them, and of their children after them.

40 And I will make an u euerlasting couenant with them, that I will neuer turne away from them to doe them good, but I will put my feare in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, I wil delight in them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart, and with all my soule.

42 For thus sayeth the Lord, Like as I haue brought all this great plague vpon this people, so will I bring vpon them al the good that I haue promised them.

43 And the fields shall be possessed in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast, and shall bee giuen into the hand of the Caldeans.

x This is the declaration of that which was spoken, verse 8.

44 Men shall buy x fieldes for siluer, and make writtings, and seale them, & take witnesses in the land of Beniamin, and round about Ierusalem, and in the cities of Iudah, and in the cities of the mountaines, and in the cities of the plaine, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captiuitie to returne, sayeth the Lord.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The Prophet is monished of the Lord to pray for the deliuerance of the people, which the Lord promised. 8 God forgiueth sinnes, for his owne glory. 15 Of the birth of Christ. 20 The kingdom of Christ in the Church shall neuer be ended.

MOreouer, the word of the Lord came vnto Ieremiah the second time (while hee was yet shut vp in the a court of the prison) saying,

2 Thus saith the Lord, the maker b thereof, the Lord that formed it, and established it, the Lord is his Name.

3 Call vnto me, and I wil answere thee, and shew thee great and mightie things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, concerning the houses of this citie, and concerning the houses of the Kings of Iudah, which are destroyed by the c mounts, and by the sword,

5 They come to d fight with the Caldeans, but it is to fill themselues with the dead bodies of men, whom I haue slaine in mine anger and in my wrath: for I haue hid my e face from this citie, because of al their wickednesse.

6 ¶ Behold, f I will giue it health and amendment: for I will cure them, and will reueile vnto them the abundance of peace, and trueth.

7 And I will cause the captiuitie of Iudah, and the captiuitie of Israel to returne, and will build them as at the first.

8 And I will g clense them from all their iniquitie, whereby they haue sinned against me: yea, I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they haue sinned against me, and whereby they haue rebelled against me.

9 And it shall be to me a name, a h ioy, a praise, and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall heare all the good that I doe vnto them: and they shall feare, and tremble for all the goodnesse, and for all the wealth, that I shew vnto this citie.

10 Thus sayeth the Lord, Againe there shal be heard in this place (which ye say shal be desolate, without man, and without beast, euen in the cities of Iudah, and in the streets of Ierusalem, that are desolate without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast)

11 The voyce of the toy and the voyce of gladnesse, the voyce of the bridegrome, and the voyce of the bride, the voyce of them that shall say, i Praise the Lord of hostes, because the Lord is good: for his mercie endureth for euer, and of them that offer the sacrifice of praise in the house of the Lord, for I will cause to returne the captiuitie of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.

12 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Againe in this place, which is desolate without man, and without beast, and in all the cities thereof there shalbe dwelling for shepheards to rest their flocks.

13 In the cities of the k mountaines, in the cities in the plaine, & in the cities of the South, and in the land of Beniamin, and about Ierusalem, and in the cities of Iudah shall the sheepe passe againe, vnder the hand of him that telleth them, saith the Lord.

14 Behoulde, the dayes come, (sayeth the Lord) that I will performe that good thing, which I haue promised vnto the house of Israel, and to the house of Iudah.

15 In those dayes and at that time will I cause l the branch of righteousnesse to grow vp vnto Dauid, and hee shall execute iudgement, and righteousnesse in the land.

16 In those dayes shall Iudah be saued, and Ierusalem shall dwel safely, and be that shall call m her, is n Lord our righteousnes.

17 For thus sayeth the Lord, Dauid shall neuer want a man to sit vpon the throne of the house of Israel.

18 Neither shall the Priests and Leuites want a man before me to offer o burnt offerings, and to offer meate offerings, and to doe sacrifice continually.

19 ¶ And the word of the Lord came vnto Ieremiah, saying,

20 Thus sayeth the Lorde, If you can breake my couenant of the p day, and my couenant of the night, that there should not be day, and night in their season,

21 Then may my couenant bee broken with Dauid my seruant, that he should not haue a sonne to reigne vpon his throne, and with the Leuites, and Priestes my ministers.

22 As the armie of heauen cannot bee numbred, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seede of Dauid my seruant, and the Leuites, that minister vnto me.

23 ¶ Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came to Ieremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what q this people hath spoken, saying, The two families,

* Which was in the kings house at Ierusalem, as Chap. 32.1,2.

b To wit, of Ierusalem, who as he made it, so will he preserue it, reade Isa. 37.26.

c Reade Chap. 31.24

d The Iewes thinke to ouercome the Caldeans, but they seeke their owne destruction.

e He sheweth that Gods fauour is cause of all prosperitie, as his anger is of all aduersitie.

f In the midst of his threatnings, God remembreth his, and comforteth them.

g Declaring that there is no deliuerance nor ioy, but where as wee feele remission of sinnes.

h Whereby he sheweth that the Church, wherein is remission of sinnes, is Gods honour & glory, so that whosoeuer is enemie to it, laboureth to dishonour God.

i Which was a song appointed for the Leuites to praise God by, 1 Chro. 16.8 psal. 105.1. isa 12.4. psal. 106.1. & 107.1. & 118.1. and 136.1.

k Meaning, that all the countrey of Iudah shall be inhabited againe

l That is, I will send the Messiah which shal come of the house of Dauid, of whom this prophesie is meant, as testifie all the Iewes, and that which is written, Chap. 23.5.

m To wit, Christ that shal call his Church.

n That is, Christ is our Lord God, our righteousnes sanctification & redemption, 1 Cor. 1.30.

o This is chiefly meant of the spiritual sacrifice of thankesgiuing, which is left to the Church in the time of Christ, who was the euerlasting Priest, and the euerlasting sacrifice, figured by the sacrifices of the Law.

p Reade Chap. 31.35.

q Meaning, the Caldeans and other infidels, which thought God had vtterly cast off Iudah and Israel, or Beniamin, because he did correct them for a time for their amendment.

lies, which the Lord hath chosen, hee hath euen cast them off? thus they haue despised my people, that they should be no more a nation to be in their sight.

25 Thus saith the Lord, If my couenant be not with day and night, and if I haue not appointed the order of heauen and earth,

26 Then will I cast away the seede of Iaakob and Dauid my seruant, & not take of his seede to be rulers ouer the seede of Abraham, Ishak, and Iaakob: for I will cause their captiuitie to returne, and haue compassion on them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Hee threatneth that the citie and the King Zedekiah shalbe giuen into the hands of the King of Babylon. 11 He rebuketh their cruelty toward their seruants.

THE word which came vnto Ieremiah from the Lord (when * Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel, and all his hoste, and all the kingdomes of the earth, that were vnder the power of his hand, and all people fought against Ierusalem, and against all the cities thereof) saying,

2 Thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, Goe, and speake to Zedekiah king of Iudah, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, * I will giue this citie into the hand of the king of Babel, and he shal burne it with fire,

3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and deliuered into his hand, and thine eyes shal behold the face of the king of Babel, and hee shall speake with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt goe to Babel.

4 Yet heare the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah king of Iudah: Thus saith the Lord of thee, thou shalt not die by the sword.

5 But thou shalt die in b peace: and according to the burning for thy fathers the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burne odours for thee, and they shall lament thee, saying, Oh Lord: for I haue pronounced the word, saith the Lord.

6 Then Ieremiah the Prophet spake all these words vnto Zedekiah king of Iudah in Ierusalem,

7 (When the king of Babels host fought against Ierusalem, and against all the cities of Iudah that were left, euen against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these strong cities remained of the cities of Iudah)

8 This is the worde that came vnto Ieremiah from the Lord, after that the King Zedekiah had made a couenant with all the people which were at Ierusalem, d to proclaime libertie vnto them,

9 That euery man should let his e seruant goe free, and euery man his handmaid, which was an Ebrewe or an Ebrewesse, and that none should serue himselfe of them, to wit, of a Iew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people which had agreed to the couenant, heard that euery one should let his seruant goe free, and euery one his handmaid, and that none should serue themselues of them any more, they obeyed and let them go.

11 But afterward they f repented, and caused the seruants and the handmaides, whom they had let goe free, to returne, and held them in subiection as seruants & handmaides.

12 Therefore the word of the Lord came vnto Ieremiah from the Lord, saying,

13 Thus sayth the Lord God of Israel, I made a couenant with your fathers, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of seruants, saying,

14 * At the terme of seuen yeres let ye goe, euery man his brotheran Ebrew which hath bene sold vnto thee: and when he hath serued thee sixe yeres, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers obeyed me not, neither inclined their eares.

15 And yee were now turned, & had done right in my sight in proclaiming libertie, euery man to his neighbour, and ye had made a couenant before me in g the House, whereupon my Name is called.

16 But yee repented, and polluted my Name: for ye haue caused euery man his seruant, & euery man his handmaid, whom yee had set at liberty at their pleasure, to returne and hold them in subiection to be vnto you as seruants and handmaids.

17 Therefore thus sayth the Lorde, Yee haue not obeyed me, in proclaiming freedom euery man to his brother, and euery man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaime a libertie for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine, and I will make you a terrour to all the kingdomes of the earth.

18 And I will giue those men that haue broken my couenant, and haue not kept the wordes of the couenant, which they had made before me, when they h cut the calfe in twaine, and passed betweene the partes thereof:

19 The princes of Iudah, and the princes of Ierusalem, the Eunuches, and the Priests, and all the people of the land, which passed betweene the parts of the calfe,

20 I will euen giue them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hands of them that seeke their life: and their dead bodies shalbe for meat vnto the foules of the heauen, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Iudah, and his princes will I giue into the hand of their enemies, & into the hand of them that seeke their life, & into the hand of the king of Babels hoste which i are gone vp from you.

22 Beholde, I will command, saith the Lord, and cause them to returne to this city, and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burne it with fire: and I will make the cities of Iudah desolate without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

Hee proposeth the obedience of the Rechabites, and thereby confoundeth the pride of the Iewes.

THE word which came vnto Ieremiah from the Lord, in the dayes * of Iehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah king of Iudah, saying,

a Whocommonly of Ieremiah was called Nebuchad-rezzar, and of others Nebuchad-nezzar.

2. Chro. 36.19. chap 39.16,17. and 32.3.

b Not of any violent death.

c The Iewes shall lament for thee their Lord and King.

d When the enemie was at hand, and they sawe themselues in danger, they would seem holy & so began some kind of reformation: but soone after they vttered their hypocrisie.

e According to the Law, Exo 21 2. Deut 15.12.

f Ebr. returned.

g Or, bondage. Deut. 15.1,12.

h Meaning, in the Temple, to declare that it was a most solemne and strait couenant made in the Name of the Lord.

i That is, I giue the sword liberty to destroy you.

k As touching this maner of solemne couenant which the ancient vsed by passing between the two parts of a beast, to signifie that the transgressor of the same couenant should be so deuided in pieces, read Gen. 15.10.

l To fight against the Egyptians, as Chap. 37.11.

* For § disposition & order of these prophecies, read chap. 27.1.

2 Go vnto the house of the [a] Rechabites, and speake vnto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and giue them wine to drinke.

3 Then tooke I Iaazaniah, the sonne of Ieremiah the sonne of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sonnes, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 And I brought them into the House of the Lord, into the chamber of the sonnes of Hanan, the sonne of Igdaliah a man [c] of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was aboue the chamber of Maaseiah the sonne of Shallum, the keeper of the [‖] treasure.

5 And I set before the sonnes of the house of the Rechabites, pots full of wine, & cups, and [d] said vnto them, Drinke wine.

6 But they said, We will drinke no wine: For [e] Ionadab the sonne of Rechab our father commaunded vs, saying, [f] Yee shall drinke no wine, neither you nor your sonnes for euer.

7 Neither shall you build house, nor sowe seede, nor plaint vineyard, nor haue any, but all your dayes yee shall dwell in tents, that ye may liue a long time in the land where ye be strangers.

8 Thus haue we obeyed the voyce of Ionadab the sonne of Rechab our father, in all that he hath charged vs, and we drinke no wine all our daies, neither we, our wiues, our sonnes, nor our daughters.

9 Neither build we houses for vs to dwell in, neither haue wee vineyard, nor field, nor seede,

10 But wee haue remained in tents, and haue obeyed, and done according to [g] all that Ionadab our father commanded vs.

11 But when Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel came vp into the land, wee said, Come, and let vs goe to Ierusalem, from the hoste of the Caldeans, and from the host of Aram: so we [h] dwell at Ierusalem.

12 Then came the word of the Lord vnto Ieremiah, saying,

13 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Go, and tell the men of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem, Will [i] ye not receiue doctrine to obey my words, saith the Lord?

14 The commandement of Ionadab the sonne of Rechab that hee commaunded his sonnes, that they should drinke no wine, is surely kept: for vnto this day they drinke none, but obey their fathers commandement: notwithstanding I haue spoken vnto you, [k] rising early, & speaking, but ye would not obey me.

15 I haue sent also vnto you all my seruants the Prophets, rising vp early, and sending them, saying, Returne now euery man from his euill way, and amend your workes, and goe not after other gods to serue them, and yee shall dwell in the land which I haue giuen vnto you, and to your fathers, but yee would not incline your eare, nor obey me.

16 Surely, the sonnes of Ionadab the sonne of Rechab, haue kept the commaundement of their father, which he gaue them, but this people hath not obeyed me.

17 Therfore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring vpon Iudah, and vpon all the inhabitants of Ierusalem, all the euil that I haue pronounced against them, because I haue [l] spoken vnto them, but they would not heare, and I haue called vnto them, but they would not answere.

18 And Ieremiah sayde vnto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hostes the God of Israel, Because yee haue obeyed the commandement of Ionadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according vnto all that he hath commaunded you,

19 Therfore thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel, Ionadab the sonne of Rechab shall [m] not want a man to stand before me for euer.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Baruch writeth, as Ieremiah endyteth, the booke of the curses against Iudah and Israel. 9 He is sent with the booke vnto the people, & readeth it before them all. 14 He is called before the rulers, and readeth it before them also. 23 The king casteth it in the fire. 28 There is another written at the commandement of the Lord.

AND in the fourth [a] yeere of Iehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah king of Iudah, came this worde vnto Ieremiah from the Lorde, saying,

2 Take thee a roll or booke, and write therein all the words that I haue spoken to thee against Israel, and against Iudah, and against all the nations, from the day that I spake vnto thee, euen [b] from the dayes of Iosiah vnto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Iudah will heare of all the euill, which I determined to doe vnto them, that they may returne euery man from his euill way, that I may forgiue their iniquitie and their sinnes.

4 Then Ieremiah called Baruch the sonne of Neriah, and Baruch wrote [c] at the mouth of Ieremiah all the wordes of the Lord, which he had spoken vnto him, vpon a roll, or booke.

5 And Ieremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am [d] shut vp, and cannot goe into the house of the Lord.

6 Therefore goe thou, and read the roll, wherein thou hast written at my mouth the wordes of the Lorde, in the audience of the people in the Lords house vpon the [e] fasting day: also thou shalt read them in the hearing of all Iudah, that come out of their cities.

7 It may be that they will [f] pray before the Lord, and euery one returne from his euill way, for great is the anger, & the wrath that the Lorde hath declared against this people.

8 So Baruch the sonne of Neriah did according vnto all, that Ieremiah the Prophet commaunded him, reading in the booke the wordes of the Lorde in the Lords

b They came of Hobab Moses father in lawe, who was no Israelite, but after ioyned with them in the seruice of God.

c That is, a Prophet.

‖ *Or, doore.*

d The Prophet saith not, The Lord saith thus: for then they ought to haue obeyed: but he tendeth to another end: that is, to declare their obedience to man, seeing the Iewes would not obey God himselfe.

e Whom Iehu the king of Israel fauoured for his zeale, 2. king. 10 15.

f Teaching them hereby to flee all occasion of intemperancie, ambition, and auarice, and that they might know that they were strangers in the earth, and be ready to depart at all occasions.

g Which was now for ſ space of three hundreth yeres from Iehu to Iehoiakim.

h Which declareth that they were not so bound to their vowe, that it could not bee broken for any necessitie: for where they were commanded to dwell in tents, they dwel now at Ierusalem for feare of the warres.

i Whom I haue chosen to be my children, seeing these which were the children of an heathen man, obeyed the commandement of their father.

k I haue most diligently exhorted and warned you both by my selfe and my Prophets. *Chap. 18. 11. and 25. 5.*

l That is, by his Prophets & ministers: which sheweth that it is as muches though hee should speake to vs himselfe, when he sendeth his ministers to speake in his Name.

m His posteritie shall continue and be in my fauour for euer.

a Reade Chap. 25. 1.

b Which were twentie & three yeeres, as cha. 25 3. counting from the thirteenth yeere of Iosiahs reigne.

c As he did indite.

d Meaning, in prison, through the malice of the Priests.

e Which was proclaimed for feare of ſ Babylonians as their custome was whē they feared war or any great plague of God.

f Hee sheweth ſ fasting without praier & repentance auailes nothing, but is mere hypocrisie.

Lords house.

9 ¶ And in the fifth yeere of Iehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah King of Iudah, in the ninth moneth, they proclaimed a fast before the Lord to all the people in Ierusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Iudah vnto Ierusalem.

10 Then read Baruch in the booke the wordes of Ieremiah in the house of the Lorde, in the chamber of Gemariah the sonne of Shaphan the Secretarie, in the higher court at the entrie of the [h] new gate of the Lords house, in the hearing of all the people.

11 When Michaiah the sonne of Gemariah the sonne of Shaphan had heard out of the booke all the words of the Lord,

12 Then hee went downe to the kings house into the Chancellours chamber, and loe, all the Princes sate there, euen Elishama the Chancellour, and Delaiah the sonne of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the sonne of Achbor, and Gemariah the sonne of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the sonne of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared vnto them all the words that hee had heard when Baruch read in the booke in the audience of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Iehudi the sonne of Nethaniah, the sonne of Shelemiah, the sonne of Chushi, vnto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roule, wherein thou hast read in the audience of the people, and come. So Baruch the sonne of Neriah, tooke the roule in his hand, and came vnto them.

15 And they sayd vnto him, Sit downe now, and reade it, that wee may heare. So Baruch read it in their audience.

16 Now when they had heard all the wordes, they were [i] afrayde, both one and other, and sayd vnto Baruch, We will certifie the king of all these words.

17 And they examined Baruch, saying, Tell vs now, how diddest thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, Hee pronounced all these wordes vnto mee with his mouth, and I wrote them with yncke in the booke.

19 Then sayd the Princes vnto Baruch, Goe, [k] hide thee, thou and Ieremiah, and let no man know where ye be.

20 ¶ And they went in to the King to the court, but they layde vp the roule in the chamber of Elishama the Chancellour, and told the King all the words, that hee might heare.

21 So the King sent Iehudi to fetche the roule, and hee tooke it out of Elishama the Chancellours chamber, and Iehudi read it in the audience of the King, and in the audience of all the Princes, which stood beside the King.

22 Now the King sate in the winterhouse, in the [l] ninth moneth, and there was a fire burning before him.

23 And when Iehudi had read three or foure sides, he cut it with the pen-knife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, vntil all the roule was consumed in the fire, that was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afrayde, nor rent [m] their garments, neither the king, nor any of his seruants that heard all these words.

25 Neuertheless, Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had besought the king, that hee would not burne the roule, but hee would not heare them.

26 But the king commanded Ierahmeel the sonne of Hammelech, and Seraiah the sonne of Azriel, and Shelemiah the sonne of Abdiel, to take Baruch the scribe, and Ieremiah the Prophet: but the Lord [n] hid them.

27 ¶ Then the word of the Lord came to Ieremiah (after that the king had burnt the roule and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Ieremiah) saying,

28 Take thee againe [o] another roule, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roule which Iehoiakim the king of Iudah hath burnt.

29 And thou shalt say to Iehoiakim king of Iudah, Thus sayth the Lord, Thou hast burnt this roule, saying, [p] Why hast thou written therein, saying, that the king of Babel shall certainely come [q] & destroy this land, and shall take thence both man and beast?

30 Therefore thus sayth the Lord of Iehoiakim king of Iudah, He shall haue [r] none to sitte vpon the throne of Dauid, and his [r] dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heate, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will visit him and his seed, and his seruants for their iniquitie, and I will bring vpon them, and vpon the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and vpon the men of Iudah all the euill that I haue pronounced against them: but they would not heare.

32 Then tooke Ieremiah another roule, and gaue it Baruch the Scribe the sonne of Neriah, which wrote therein at the mouth of Ieremiah all the wordes of the booke which Iehoiakim king of Iudah had burnt in the fire, and there were added besides them many like wordes.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Zedekiah succeedeth Ieconiah. 3 He sendeth vnto Ieremiah to pray for him. 12 Ieremiah going into the land of Beniamin, is taken. 15 He is beaten, and put in prison.

AND [a] King Zedekiah the sonne of Iosiah reigned for [a] Koniah the sonne of Iehoiakim, whom Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel [b] made King in the lande of Iudah.

2 But neither hee, nor his seruants, nor the people of the land would obey the words of the Lord, which he spake by the [‡] ministerie of the Prophet Ieremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the King [c] sent Iehucal the sonne of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the sonne of Maaseiah the Priest to the Prophet Ieremiah, saying, Pray now vnto the Lord our God for vs.

4 (Now Ieremiah [d] went in and out among the people: for they had not put him into the prison.

g The fast was then proclaimed, and Baruch read this roule, which was a litle before that Ierusalem was first taken, and then Iehoiakim and Daniel and his companions were led away captiues.

h Which is the East gate of the Temple.

i The godly were afrayd, seeing God so offended, and the wicked were astonied for the horrour of the punishment.

k They that were godly among the princes, gaue this counsell, by whose meanes it is like that Ieremiah was deliuered: for they knew the rage of the King and of the wicked to bee such, that they could not escape without danger of their liues

l Which conteined part of November and part of December.

m Shewing that the wicked in stead of repenting when they heare Gods iudgements, grow into further malice against him and his word.

n Thus we see the continuall care that God hath euer ouer his to preserue them from the rage of the wicked.

o Though the wicked thinke to haue abolished the word of God, when they haue burnt the booke thereof: yet this declareth that God wil not only raise it vp againe, but also increase it in greater abundance to their condemnation, as verse 32.

p These are Iehoiakims words.

q Though Iehoiachin his sonne succeeded him, yet because he reigned but three moneths, it was esteemed as no reigne.

r Reade Chap. 22.19.

2.King.24.17. 2.chron.36 10. chap.52.1.

a Who was called Iehoiachin, or Ieconiah.

b And called him Zedekiah, whereas before his name was Mattaniah, 2.King.24.17.

‡ Ebr. hand.

c Because he was afraid of the Caldeans that came against him

d That is, was out of prison, and at libertie.

e To helpe the Iewes.

‡Ebr. went vp.

5 Then Pharaohs hoſt was e come out of Egypt: and when the Caldeans that beſieged Ieruſalem, heard tidings of them, they ‡ departed from Ieruſalem)

6 Then came the word of the Lord vnto the Prophet Ieremiah, ſaying,

7 Thus ſayeth the Lord God of Iſrael, Thus ſhall ye ſay to the king of Iudah, that ſent you vnto me, to enquire of me, Behold, Pharaohs hoſte, which is come forth to helpe you, ſhall returne to Egypt into their owne land.

8 And the Caldeans ſhall come againe, and fight againſt this citie, and take it, and burne it with fire.

‖Or, lift not vp your minds.

9 Thus ſayeth the Lord, ‖ Deceiue not your ſelues, ſaying, The Caldeans ſhal ſurely depart from vs: for they ſhall not depart.

10 For though yee had ſmitten the whole hoſt of the Caldeans that fight againſt you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet ſhould euery man riſe vp in his tent, and burne this citie with fire.

11 ¶ When the hoſt of the Caldeans was broken vp from Ieruſalem, becauſe of Pharaohs armie,

f As ſome thinke to goe to Anathoth his owne towne.

12 Then Ieremiah went out of Ieruſalem to goe into the f lande of Beniamin, ſeparating himſelfe thence from among the people.

g By the which men went into the countrey of Beniamin.

13 And when hee was in the g gate of Beniamin, there was a chiefe officer, whoſe name was Iriah, the ſonne of Shelemiah, the ſonne of Hananiah, and he tooke Ieremiah the Prophet, ſaying, Thou ‡ fleeſt to the Caldeans.

‡Ebr. falleſt.

14 Then ſayd Ieremiah, That is falſe, I flee not to the Caldeans: but hee would not heare him: ſo Iriah tooke Ieremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were angrie with Ieremiah, and ſmote him, and laid him in priſon in the houſe of Ionathan the ſcribe: for they had made that the h priſon.

h Becauſe it was a vile and ſtreit priſon.

16 When Ieremiah was entred into the dungeon, and into the priſons, and had remained there a long time,

17 Then Zedekiah the king ſent, ‡ tooke him out, and the king aſked him ſecretly in his houſe, and ſayd, Is there any word from the Lord? And Ieremiah ſayd, Yea: for, ſaid he, thou ſhalt be deliuered into the hand of the king of Babel.

18 Moreouer, Ieremiah ſayd vnto king Zedekiah, What haue I offended againſt thee, or againſt thy ſeruants, or againſt this people, that ye haue put me in priſon?

Chap. 28.4.

19 *Where are now your prophets, which prophecied vnto you, ſaying, The king of Babel ſhal not come againſt you, nor againſt this land?

‡Ebr fall.

20 Therefore heare now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my prayer ‡ bee accepted before thee, that thou cauſe me not to returne to the houſe of Ionathan the ſcribe, leſt I die there.

i That is, ſo long as there was any bread in the city: thus God prouideth for his, that he wil cauſe their enemies to preſerue them to that end, whereunto he hath appointed them.

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they ſhould put Ieremiah in the court of the priſon, and that they ſhould giue him daily a piece of bread out of the Bakers ſtreete, vntill all the i bread of the citie were eaten vp. Thus Ieremiah remained in the court of the priſon.

5 Augu. Leſſon

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 By the motion of the rulers Ieremiah is put into a dungeon. 10 At the requeſt of Ebed melech the king commandeth Ieremiah to be brought forth of the dungeon. 17 Ieremiah ſheweth the king how he might eſcape death.

THen Shephatiah the ſonne of Mattan, and Gedaliah the ſonne of Pashur, and Iucal the ſonne of Shelemiah, and Pashur the ſonne of a Malchiah, heard the wordes that Ieremiah had ſpoken vnto all the people, ſaying,

2 Thus ſayeth the Lord, He that remaineth in this citie, ſhall die by the ſword, by the famine and by the peſtilence: but he that goeth forth to the Caldeans, ſhall liue: for he ſhall haue his life for a prey, and ſhall liue.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord, This citie ſhall ſurely bee giuen into the hand of the king of Babels armie, which ſhall take it.

4 Therefore the Princes ſayd vnto the King, We beſeech you, let this man be put to death: for thus he ‖ weakeneth the hands of the men of warre b that remaine in this citie, and the hands of all the people, in ſpeaking ſuch wordes vnto them: for this man ſeeketh not the wealth of this people, but the hurt.

5 Then Zedekiah the king ſaid, Behold, hee is in your hands, for the king can denie c you nothing.

6 Then tooke they Ieremiah, and caſt him into the dungeon of Malchiah the ſonne of Hammelech, that was in the court of the priſon: and they let downe Ieremiah with cords: and in the dungeon there was no water but mire: ſo Ieremiah ſtacke faſt in the mire.

7 Now when Ebed-melech the ‡ blacke Moze, one of the Eunuches, which was in the kings houſe, heard that they had put Ieremiah in the dungeon (then the king ſate in the d gate of Beniamin)

8 And Ebed-melech went out of the kings houſe, and ſpake to the king, ſaying,

9 My lord the king, e theſe men haue done euill in all that they haue done to Ieremiah the Prophet, whom they haue caſt into the dungeon, and he dieth for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the citie.

10 Then the King commanded Ebed-melech the blacke Moze, ſaying, Take from hence thirtie men ‡ with thee, and take Ieremiah the Prophet out of the dungeon before he die.

11 So Ebed-melech tooke the men with him, and went to the houſe of the king vnder the treaſurie, and tooke there old rotten ragges, and olde worne cloutes, and let them downe by cordes into the dungeon to Ieremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the blacke Moze ſayd vnto Ieremiah, Put nowe theſe olde rotten ragges and worne, vnder thine armeholes, betweene the cordes. And Ieremiah did ſo.

13 So they drewe vp Ieremiah with cords, and tooke him vp out of the dungeon, and

a For Zedekiah had ſent theſe to Ieremiah to enquire at the Lord for the ſtate of the countrie now when Nebuchadnezzar came, as Chap 21.1.

b Reade Chap. 21 9 and 45.5.

‖Or, diſcourageth.

c Thus we ſee how the wicked when they can not abide to heare the trueth of Gods word, ſeeke to put the miniſters todeath as tranſgreſſours of policies.

d Wherein he grieuouſly offended in that that not onely hee would not heare the trueth ſpoken by the Prophet, but alſo gaue him to the luſts of the wicked, to be cruelly intreated.

‡Ebr. Cuſhite, or Ethiopian.

e To heare matters, and giue ſentence.

f Hereby is declared, that the Prophet found more fauour at this ſtrangers hands, then he did by all them of his countrey, which was to their great condemnation.

‡Ebr. vnder thine hand.

and Jeremiah remained in ſ the court of the priſon.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king ſent, and tooke Jeremiah the Prophet vnto him, into the thirde entry that is in the houſe of the Lorde, and the king ſaid vnto Jeremiah, I will aſke thee a thing: hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah ſaide to Zedekiah, If I declare it vnto thee, wilt not thou ſlay mee? and if I giue thee counſell, thou wilt not heare me.

16 So the king ſware ſecretly vnto Jeremiah, ſaying, As the Lord liueth, that made vs theſe ſoules, I will not ſlay thee, nor giue thee into the handes of thoſe men that ſeeke thy life.

17 Then ſaide Jeremiah vnto Zedekiah, Thus ſaith the Lorde God of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, If thou wilt goe forth vnto the king of Babels h princes, then thy ſoule ſhall liue, and this citie ſhall not bee burnt vp with fire, and thou ſhalt liue, and thine houſe.

18 But if thou wilt not goe forth to the king of Babels princes, then ſhall this citie be giuen into the hand of the Caldeans, and they ſhall burne it with fire, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hands.

19 And Zedekiah the king ſaid vnto Jeremiah, I am carefull for the Jewes that are fled vnto the Caldeans, leſt they deliuer me into their hands, and they i mocke me.

20 But Jeremiah ſaid, They ſhall not deliuer thee: hearken vnto the voice of the Lorde, I beſeech thee, which I ſpeake vnto thee: ſo ſhall it bee well vnto thee, and thy ſoule ſhall liue.

21 But if thou wilt refuſe to goe forth, this is the word that the Lorde hath ſhewed me.

22 And beholde, all the women that are k left in the kings houſe, ſhall bee brought forth to the king of Babels princes: and thoſe women ſhall ſay, Thy friends haue perſwaded thee, and haue preuailed againſt thee, thy feete are faſtened in the myre, and they are turned backe.

23 So they ſhall bring out all thy wiues, and thy children to the Caldeans, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hands, but ſhalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babel: and this citie ſhalt thou cauſe to bee burnt with fire.

24 Then ſaid Zedekiah vnto Jeremiah, Let no man know of theſe words, and thou ſhalt not die.

25 But if the princes vnderſtand that I haue talked with thee, and they come vnto thee, and ſay vnto thee, Declare vnto vs now, what thou haſt ſaid vnto the king, hide it not from vs, and we will not ſlay thee: alſo what the king ſaid vnto thee,

26 Then ſhalt thou ſay vnto them, I humbly l beſought the king that hee would not cauſe mee to returne to Johonathans houſe to die there.

27 Then came all the Princes vnto Jeremiah and aſked him. And hee tolde them according to all theſe words that the king had commaunded: ſo they left off ſpeaking with him, for the matter was not perceiued.

28 So Jeremiah abode ſtill in the court of the priſon, vntill the day that Jeruſalem was taken: and hee was there, when Jeruſalem was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Nebuchad-nezzar beſiegeth Ieruſalem. 4 Zedekiah fleeing, is taken of the Caldeans. 6 His ſonnes are ſlaine. 7 His eyes are thruſt out. 11 Ieremiah is prouided for. 15 Ebed melech is deliuered from captiuitie.

IN the ninth yeere of Zedekiah king of Iudah, in the tenth moneth, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babel and all his hoſte againſt Jeruſalem, and they beſieged it.

2 And in the eleuenth yeere of Zedekiah, in the fourth moneth, the ninth day of the moneth, the citie was broken a vp.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babel came in, and ſat in the middle gate, euen Nereg al, Sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarſechim, Rab-ſaris, Nereg al, Sharezer, Rabmag, whith all the reſidue of the princes of the king of Babel.

4 And when Zedekiah the king of Iudah ſawe them, and all the men of warre, then they fled, and went out of the city by night, through the kings garden, and by the b gate between the two walles, and he went toward the wildernes.

5 But the Caldeans hoſt purſued after them, and ouertooke Zedekiah in the deſert of Iericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him to Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel vnto c Riblah in the lande of Hamath, where he gaue iudgement vpon him.

6 Then the king of Babel ſlewe the ſonnes of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: alſo the king of Babel ſlew all the nobles of Iudah.

7 Moreouer hee put out Zedekiahs eyes, and bound him in chaines, to carry him to Babel.

8 And the Caldeans burnt the Kings houſe, and the houſes of the people with fire, and brake downe the walles of Jeruſalem.

9 Then Nebuzar-adan the ‖chiefe ſteward caryed away captiue into Babel the remnant of the people, that remained in the citie, and thoſe that were fled and fallen vnto him with the reſt of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the chiefe ſteward left the d poore of the people, which had nothing, in the lande of Iudah, and gaue them vineyardes and fields at the ſame time.

11 Nowe Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel gaue charge concerning Jeremiah ‡ vnto Nebuzar-adan the chiefe ſteward, ſaying,

12 Take him, and ‡ looke well to him, and doe him no harme, but doe vnto him e euen as he ſhall ſay vnto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan the chiefe ſteward ſent, and Nebuſhazban, Rab-ſaris, and Nereg al, Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babels princes;

g Where the king had ſet him before to be at more liberty, as Chap. 37. 21.

h And yeelde thy ſelfe vnto them,

i Which declareth that he more feared the reproch of men, then the threatnings of God.

k When Ieconiah and his mother with others were carried away, theſe women of the kings houſe were left: which ſhalbe taken, ſaith the Prophet, and tell the king of Babel how Zedekiah hath bene ſeduced by his familiar friends and falſe Prophets, which haue left him in the mire.

l Herein appeareth the infirmity of the Prophet, who did diſſemble, to ſaue his life, albeit it was not to the denial of his doctrine, or to the hurt of any.

a The gates and walles were broken downe.

b Which was a poſterne doore, reade 2. Kings 25. 4.

c Which is called Antiochia in Syria.

‖ *Or, captaine of the gard.*

d For the rich and the mighty which put their truſt in their ſhifts & meanes, were by Gods iuſt iudgements moſt rigorouſly handled.

‡ *Ebr. by the hand of.*

‡ *Ebr. ſet thine eyes vpon him.*

e Thus God preſerued his Prophet by his meanes, whom he made the ſcourge to puniſh the king, and them that were his enemies,

14 Euen they sent, and tooke Ieremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him vnto f Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, that hee should carry him home: so he d welt among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD came vnto Ieremiah, while he was shut vp in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Goe and speake to Ebed-melech the blacke Moze, saying, Thus saith the LORDE of hostes the God of Israel, Beholde, I will bring my words vpon this city for euill, and not for good, and they shalbe accomplished in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliuer thee in that day, saith the LORD, & thou shalt not be giuen into the hand of the men whom thou fearest.

18 For I will surely deliuer thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall bee for a pray vnto thee, because thou s hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

f Whom the king of Babel had now appointed gouernour ouer the rest of the Iewes that he left behind.

g Thus God recompenseth his zeale & fauour, which he shewed to his Prophet in his troubles.

CHAP. XL.

4 Ieremiah hath licence to goe wither he will. 6 He dwelleth with the people that remaine with Gedaliah.

THe word which came to Ieremiah from the LORDE after that Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward had let him goe from Ramath, when he had taken him being bound in chaines among al that were caried away captiue of Ierusalem and Iudah, which were caried away captiue vnto Babel.

2 a And the chiefe steward tooke Ieremiah, and sayde vnto him, The LORDE thy God hath pronounced this plague vpon this place.

3 Nowe the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because yee haue b sinned against the LORD, and haue not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come vpon you.

4 And nowe beholde, I loose thee this day from the chaines which were on thine hands: if it please thee to come with me into Babel, come, and I will looke well vnto thee: but if it please thee not to come with mee into Babel, ‡ tary still: beholde, all the lande is ‖ before thee: whither it seemeth good, and conuenient for thee to goe, thither goe.

5 For yet hee was not returned: therefore he said, Returne to Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, the sonne of Shaphan, whom the king of Babel hath made gouernour ouer all the cities of Iudah, and dwell with him among the people, or goe whereseuer it pleaseth thee to goe. So the chiefe Steward gaue him vitailes and a reward, and let him goe.

6 Then went Ieremiah vnto Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, to c Mizpah, & dwelt there with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Nowe when all the captaines of the hostes, d which were in the fieldes, euen they and their men heard, that the King of Babel had made Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam gouernour in the land, and that he had committed vnto him men, and women, and childzen, and of the poore of the lande, that were not caried away captiue to Babel,

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, euen e Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and Iohanan, and Ionathan the sonnes of Kareah, and Seraiah the sonne of Tanehumeth, and the sonnes of Ephai, the Netophathite, and Iezaniah the sonne of Maachathi, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, the sonne of Shaphan * sware vnto them, and to their men, saying, Feare not to serue the Caldeans: dwell in the land, and serue the king of Babel, and it shall bee well with you.

10 As for mee, beholde, I will dwell at Mizpah to ‖serue the Caldeans, which will come vnto vs: but you, gather you wine, and summer fruittes, and oyle, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye haue ‖ taken.

11 Likewise when all the Iewes that were in f Moab, & among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countreys, heard that the king of Babel had left a remnant of Iudah, and that hee had set ouer them Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan,

12 Euen all the Iewes returned out of all places where they were driuen, and came to the land of Iudah to Gedaliah vnto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreouer Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the hoste, that were in the fieldes, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said vnto him, Knowest thou not, that g Baalis the King of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah to slay thee? but Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam beleeued them not.

15 Then Iehonan the sonne of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me goe, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it. Wherefore should he kill thee, that all the Iewes which are gathered vnto thee, should be scattered, and the remnant in Iudah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam saide vnto Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, Thou shalt h not doe this thing: for thou speakest falsly of Ishmael.

a From this second verse, vnto chap. 42. 7. it seemeth to be as a parenthesis, and separated matter: and there this story beginneth againe, and this vision is declared what it was.

b God mooued this infidel to speake this, to declare the great blindnesse and obstinacie of the Iewes, which could not feele that which this heathen man confessed.

‡ *Eb. cease.*

‖ *Or, at thy commandement.*

c Which was a citie of Iudah.

d Which were scattered abroad for feare of the Caldeans.

e Who was of the kings blood, and after slew him, Chap. 41. 2.

* 2. *King.* 25. 24.

‖ *Or, to receiue them, or to entreat them for you.*

‖ *Or, chosen to dwell in.*

f Which were fled also for feare of the Caldeans.

g For vnder the colour of entertaining of Ishmael, he sought onely to make them to destroy one another.

h Thus the godly which thinke no harme to others, are soonest deceiued, and neuer lacke such as conspire their destruction.

CHAP. XLI.

2 Ishmael killeth Gedaliah guilefully, and many other with him. 11 Iohanan followeth after Ishmael.

BUt in the a seuenth moneth came Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the sonne of Elishama of the seede royall, and the princes of the b king, and tenne men with him, vnto Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam to Mizpah, and there they did c eate bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah with these tenne men that were

a The city was destroyed in the fourth moneth: and in the seuenth moneth which conteined part of September and part of October, was the gouernour Gedaliah slaine, b Meaning, Zedekiah. c They did eate together as familiar friends.

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with him, and smote Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babel had made gouernour ouer the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Iewes that were with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and all the Caldeans that were found there, and the men of warre.

4 Now the second day that he had slaine Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

5 There came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, euen fourescore men, hauing their beards shauen, and their clothes rent and cut, with d offrings and incense in their handes to offer in the house of the Lord.

6 And Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meete them, weeping as he went: e when he met them, he sayd vnto them, Come to e Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam.

7 And when they came into the middes of the city, Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the middest of the pit, hee and the men that were with him.

8 But ten men were found among them, that sayd vnto Ishmael, Slay vs not: for wee haue treasures in the fielde, of wheate, and of barley, and of oyle, and of honie: so hee stayed, and slew them not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast the dead bodies of the men (whom hee had slaine because of Gedaliah) is it, which Asa the king had f made because of Baasha king of Israel, and Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slaine.

10 Then Ishmael caried away captiue all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, euen the kings daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward had committed to Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, and Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah caried them away captiue, and departed to go ouer to the Ammonites.

11 But when Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the g captaines of the hoste that were with him, heard of al the euil that Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they all tooke their men, e went to fight with Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon.

13 Now when all the people whom Ishmael caried away captiue, saw Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the hoste, that were with him, they were glad.

14 So all the people, that Ishmael had caried away captiue from Mizpah, returned, and came againe, and went vnto Iohanan the sonne of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah escaped from Iohanan with eight men, and went to the h Ammonites.

16 Then tooke Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the hoste that were with him, all the remnant of the people, whom Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah had caried away captiue from Mizpah, (after that he had slaine Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam) euen the strong men of warre, and the women, and the children, and the eunuches, whom he had brought againe from Gibeon:

17 And they departed and dwelt in Geruth i Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to goe and to enter into Egypt,

18 Because of the Caldeans: for they feared them, because Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah had slaine Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, whom the king of Babel made gouernour in the land.

d For they thought that the Temple had not bene destroyed, and therefore came vp to the feast of Tabernacles: but hearing of the burning thereof in the way, they shewed these signes of sorow.

e For his death was kept secret, and hee fained that he lamented for the destruction of Ierusalem, and the Temple: but after slew them when they seemed to fauour Gedaliah.

f Asa fortified Mizpah for feare of the enemie, and cast ditches and trenches, 1. King. 15.22.

g Which had bene captaines vnder Zedekiah.

h For Baalis the king of the Ammonites was the cause of this murther.

i Which place Dauid of old had giuen to Chimham the sonne of Barzillai the Gileadite, 2. Sam. 16.38.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *The captaines aske counsel of Ieremiah what they ought to doe.* 7 *He admonisheth the remnant of the people not to goe into Egypt.*

THen all the captaines of the hoste, and Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and Iezaniah the sonne of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least vnto the most came,

2 And said vnto Ieremiah the Prophet, ‡ Heare our prayer, wee beseech thee, and pray for vs vnto the Lord thy God, euen for all this remnant (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes doe behold)

3 That the Lord thy God may shew vs the way wherein wee may walke, and the thing that we may a doe.

4 Then Ieremiah the Prophet said vnto them, I haue heard you: behold, I will pray vnto the Lord your God, according to your words, and whatsoeuer thing the Lord shall answere you, I wil declare it vnto you: I will keepe nothing backe from you.

5 Then they sayd to Ieremiah, b The Lord bee a witnesse of trueth, and faith betweene vs, if we doe not, euen according to all things, for the which the Lord thy God shall send thee to vs.

6 Whether it be good or euill, we will obey the voyce of the Lord God, to whom we send thee, that it may be well with vs, when we obey the voyce of the Lord our God.

7 ¶ c And so after tenne dayes came the word of the Lord vnto Ieremiah.

8 Then called he Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the hoste, which were with him, and all the people from the least to the most,

9 And sayd vnto them, Thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, vnto whom yee sent me to present your prayers before him,

10 If yee will dwell in this land, then I will build you, and not destroy you, and I will plant you, and not roote you out: for I d repent me of the euill that I haue done vnto you.

11 Feare not for the king of Babel, of whom yee are afraide: bee not afrayd of him, sayeth the Lord: for I am with you to saue you, and to deliuer you e from his hand.

12 And I will graunt you mercy, that he may haue compassion vpon you, and he shall cause you to ‖ dwell in your owne land.

13 But if ye say, Wee will not dwell in this lande, neither heare the voyce of the Lord

‡ *Eb. let our prayer fall before thee, as Chap. 36.7.*

a This declareth the nature of hypocrites, which would know of Gods word what they should doe, but will not follow it, but in as much as it agreeeth with that thing which they haue purposed to doe.

b There are none more ready to abuse the Name of God and take it in vaine, then the hypocrites, which to colour their falshood, vse it without all reuerence, and make it a meanes for them to deceiue the simple and the godly.

c Here is declared the vision & the occasion thereof, whereof mention was made, chap. 40.1.

d Reade Chap. 18.8.

e Because all kings hearts and wayes are in his hands, he can turne them and dispose them as it pleaseth him, and therefore they need not to feare man, but onely obey God, Prouerb 21.1.

‖ *Or, returne.*

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Lord your God,

14 Saying, Nay, but wee will goe into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no warre, nor heare the sound of the trumpet, nor haue hunger of bread, and there will we dwell,

15 (And now therfore heare the word of the Lord, ye remnant of Iudah: thus sayth the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, If ye set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to dwell there,)

16 Then the sword that ye feared, f shall take you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, for the which ye care, shall there hang vpon you in Egypt, and there shall ye die,

17 And all the men that set their faces to enter into Egypt, to dwell there, shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, and none of them shall remaine nor escape from the plague that I will bring vpon them.

18 For thus sayth the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, As mine anger and my wrath hath bene powred foorth vpon the inhabitants of Ierusalem: so shall my wrath be powred foorth vpon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt, and ye shall be a detestation, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproch, and ye shall see this place no more.

19 O ye remnant of Iudah, the Lord hath sayd concerning you, Goe not into Egypt: knowe certainely that I haue admonished you this day.

20 Surely ye h dissembled in your hearts when yee sent me vnto the Lord your God, saying, Pray for vs vnto the Lord our God, and declare vnto vs euen according vnto all that the Lord our God shall say, and we will doe it.

21 Therefore I haue this day declared it you, but you haue not obeyed the voyce of the Lord your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me vnto you.

22 Now therefore, know certainely that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, i in the place whither yee desire to goe and dwell.

f Thus God turneth the policie of the wicked to their owne destruction: for they thought themselues sure in Egypt, and there Nebuchadnezzar destroyed them and the Egyptians, Chap. 46.25.

g Reade Chap. 26.6 & 44.12. shewing that this should come vpon them for their infidelitie and stubburnesse.

h For you were fully minded to goe into Egypt, whatsoeuer God spake to the contrary.

i To wit, in Egypt.

CHAP. XLIII.

Iohanan carieth the remnant of the people into Egypt contrary to the minde of Ieremiah. 8 Ieremiah propheseth the destruction of Egypt.

NOw when Ieremiah had made an ende of speaking vnto the whole people all the wordes of the Lord their God, for the which the Lord their God had sent him to them, euen all these wordes,

2 Then spake a Azariah the sonne of Hoshaiah, and Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the b proud men, saying vnto Ieremiah, c Thou speakest falsly: the Lord our God hath d not sent thee to say, Goe not into Egypt to dwell there,

3 But Baruch the sonne of Neriah e prouoketh thee against vs, for to deliuer vs into the hand of the Caldeans, that they might slay vs, and carrie vs away captiues into Babel.

4 So Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the host, and all the people obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Iudah.

5 But Iohanan the sonne of Kareah, and all the captaines of the hoste tooke all the remnant of Iudah, that were returned from all f nations, whither they had bene driuen, to dwell in the land of Iudah:

6 Euen men and women, and children, and the kings daughters, and euery person that Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward had left with Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and Ieremiah the g Prophet, and Baruch the sonne of Neriah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voyce of the Lord: thus came they to h Tahpanhes.

8 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord vnto Ieremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and i hide them in the clay in the bricke kill, which is at the entrie of Pharaohs house in Tahpanhes in the sight of the men of Iudah,

10 And say vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord of hostes the God of Israel, Beholde, I will sende and bring Nebuchad-nezzar the King of Babel, k my seruant, and will set his throne vpon these stones that I haue hid, and hee shall spread his pauilion ouer them.

11 And when he shall come, he shall smite the land of Egypt: l such as are appointed for death, to death, and such as are for captiuitie, to captiuitie, and such as are for the sword, to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the Gods of Egypt, and hee shall burne them, and cary them away captiues, and he shall aray himselfe with the land of Egypt, as a m shepheard putteth on his garment, and shall depart from thence in peace.

13 Hee shall also breake the images of ‖Beth-shemesh that is in the land of Egypt, and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burne with fire.

a Who was also called Iezaniah, Chap. 42.1.

b This declareth that pride is the cause of rebellion, and contempt of Gods ministers.

c When the hypocrisie of the wicked is discouered, they burst forth into open rage: for they can abide nothing but flatteries, reade Isa 30.10. d He sheweth what is the nature of hypocrites: to wit, to feigne that they would obey God and imbrace his word, if they were assured that his messengers spake the trueth: though indeed they be most farre from all obedience.

e Thus the wicked doe not onely contemne and hurt the messengers of God, but slander & speake wickedly of all them that support or fauour the godly.

f As from the Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites, Chap. 40.11.

g Whom these wicked led away by force.

h A citie in Egypt neere to Nilus.

i Which signified that Nebuchad-nezzar should come euen to the gate of Pharaoh, where were his bricke killes for his buildings.

k Reade Chap. 25.9.

l Euery one shall be slaine by that meanes that God hath appointed, Chap. 15.2.

m Meaning, most easily, and suddenly shall he cary the Egyptians away.

‖ Or, *the house of the sunne.*

CHAP. XLIIII.

Hee reprooueth the people for their idolatrie. 15 They that set light by the threatning of the Lord are chastened. 26 The destruction of Egypt, and of the Iewes therein, is propheſied.

THe worde that came to Ieremiah concerning all the Iewes, which dwell in the lande of Egypt, and remained at Migdol and at a Tahpanes, and at Noph, and in the countrey of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, the God of Israel, Yee haue seene all the euill that I haue brought vpon Ierusalem, and vpon all the cities of Iudah: and beholde, this day they are desolate, and no man dwelleth therein,

a These were all famous & strong cities in Egypt, where the Iewes that were fled, dwelt for their safetie: but the Prophet declareth that there is no hold so strog, that can preserue them from Gods vengeance.

3 Because

3 Because of their wickednes which they haue committed, to prouoke me to anger, till that they went to burne incense, and to serue other gods, whom they knewe not, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit I sent vnto you all my seruants the Prophets [b] rising early, and sending them, saying, Oh do not this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they would not heare nor encline their eare to turne from their wickednesse, and to burne no more incense vnto other gods.

6 Wherefore [c] my wrath, and mine anger was powred forth, and was kindled in the cities of Iudah, and in the streetes of Ierusalem, and they are desolate, and waited, as appeareth this day.

7 Therefore now thus sayth the Lord of hostes the God of Israel, Wherefore commit ye this great euill against your soules, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling out of Iudah, and leaue you none to remaine?

8 In that yee prouoke mee vnto wrath with the workes of your hands, burning incense vnto other gods in the land of Egypt whither ye bee gone to dwell: that ye might bring destruction vnto your selues, and that ye might be a curse and a reproch among all nations of the earth.

9 Haue yee forgotten the wickednesse of your fathers, and the wickednesse of the [d] Kings of Iudah, and the wickednesse of their wiues, and your owne wickednes, and the wickednesse of your wiues, which they haue committed in the land of Iudah and in the streetes of Ierusalem?

10 They are not ‖ humbled vnto this day, neither haue they feared nor walked in my Law nor in my Statutes, that I set before you, and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes the God of Israel, Behold, I will set my face against you [e] to euill, and to destroy all Iudah,

12 And I will take the remnant of Iudah, that [e] haue set their faces to goe into the land of Egypt there to dwell, and they shall all bee consumed and fall in the land of Egypt: they shall euen bee consumed by the sword, and by the famine: they shall die from the least vnto the most, by the sword, and by the famine, and they shall bee a detestation, and an astonishment, and a [f] curse and a reproch.

13 For I will visit them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I haue visited Ierusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence,

14 So that none of the remnant of Iudah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or remaine, that they should returne into the lande of Iudah, to the which they ‡ haue a desire to returne to dwell there: for none shall returne, but [g] such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men which knewe that their wiues had burnt incense vnto other gods, & all the women that stoode by, a great multitude, euen all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt in Pathros, answered Ieremiah, saying,

16 The word that thou hast spoken vnto vs in the name of the Lord, wee will [h] not heare it of thee,

17 But we will doe whatsoeuer thing goeth out of our own mouth, as to burne incense vnto [i] the Queene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offerings vnto her, as wee haue done, both we and our fathers, our Kings and our Princes in the cities of Iudah, and in the streetes of Ierusalem: for then ‡ had we ‖ plentie of vitailes, and were well and ‖ felt none euill.

18 But since we left off to burne incense to the Queene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offerings vnto her, wee haue had ‖ scarcenesse of all things, and haue bene consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when wee burnt incense to the Queene of heauen, and powred out drinke offerings vnto her, did we make her cakes to ‖ make her glad, and powre out drinke offerings vnto her without [l] our husbands?

20 Then said Ieremiah vnto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had giuen him that answere, saying,

21 Did not the Lorde remember the incense, that yee burnt in the cities of Iudah, and in the streetes of Ierusalem, both you, and your fathers, your Kings, and your princes, and the people of the lande, and ‡ hath he not considered it?

22 So that the Lord could no longer forbeare, because of the wickednesse of your inuentions, and because of the abominations, which ye haue committed: therefore is your lande desolate and an astonishment, and a curse, and without inhabitant, as appeareth this day.

23 Because yee haue burnt incense, and because ye haue sinned against the Lord, and haue not obeyed the voyce of the Lord, nor walked in his Law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies, therefore this plague is come vpon you, as appeareth this day.

24 Moreouer Ieremiah sayde vnto all the people, and to all the women, Heare the word of the Lord, all Iudah that are in the land of Egypt.

25 ¶ Thus speaketh the Lorde of hostes, the God of Israel, saying. Yee and your wiues haue both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your [m] handes, saying, We will performe our vowes that we haue vowed to burne incense to the Queene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offerings to her: yee will performe your vowes, and doe the things that yee haue vowed.

26 Therefore heare the word of the Lord, all Iudah that dwell in the land of Egypt. Behold, I haue sworne by my great Name, sayeth the Lorde, that my Name

any thing whereof they be not assured by Gods word: for thereby they take an occasion to iustifie their doings, and their husbands shall giue an account thereof before God, reade Isa. 3.25. ‡ *Ebr. Is it not come vp into his heart?* [m] You haue committed double euill in making wicked vowes, and in performing the same.

[b] Reade Chap. 7.25 and 25.3. and 26.5. & 29. 19. and 32.33.

[c] He setteth before their eyes Gods iudgements against Iudah & Ierusalem for their idolatry, that they might beware by their example, and not with ‖ like wickednes prouoke the Lord: for then they should be double punished.

[d] He sheweth that we ought to keepe in memorie Gods plagues from the beginning, that considering thē, we might liue in his feare, and know if he haue not spared our fathers, yea, kings, princes and rulers, and also whole countries, and nations for their sinnes, that we vile wormes cannot looke to escape punishment for ours.

‖ *Or, beaten downe.*

Amos 9.4.

[e] Which haue fully set their mindes and are gone thither on purpose. Whereby he excepteth the innocents, as Ieremiah & Baruch that were forced: therfore the Lord sheweth, that he will set his face against them: that is, purposely destroy them.

[f] Reade Chap. 26.6. & 42.18.

‡ *Ebr lift vp their soules.*

[g] Meaning, but a few.

[h] This declareth how dangerous a thing it is to decline once from God, and to follow our owne fantasies: for Satan euer soliciteth such, and doeth not leaue thē till he haue brought them to extreme impudencie and madnesse, euen to iustifie their wickednesse against God and his Prophets.

[i] Reade Chap. 7.18. It seemeth that the Papists gathered of this place, their *Salue Regina, & Regina cœli lætare*, calling the virgin Mary Queene of heauen, and so of the blessed virgin and mother of our Sauiour Christ made an idole: for here the Prophet condemneth their idolatrie.

‡ *Ebr. we were satiate with bread.*

[k] This is till the argument of idolaters, which esteeme religion by the belly, and in stead of acknowledging Gods workes, who sendeth both plenty and dearth, health, and sickenesse, they attribute it to their idoles, and so dishonour God.

‖ *Or, saw.*

‖ *Or, want.*

‖ *Or, to appease her.*

[l] This teacheth vs how great danger it is for husbands to permit their wiues

[m] *Hebr.* hands.

n This declareth an horrible plague toward idolaters, seeing that God will not vouchsafe to haue his Name mentioned by such as haue polluted it.

o We see therefore, that God hath a perpetuall care ouer his, whersoeuer they are scattered: for though they be but two or three, yet he will deliuer them when he destroyeth his enemies.

p He sheweth the meanes whereby they should be destroyed, to assure them of the certaintie of the plague, and yet they remaine still in their obstinacie till they perish: for Iosephus lib. 10 de Ant. cap. 11. writeth, that fiue yere after the taking of Ierusalem, Nebuchadnezzar the yonger, hauing ouercome the Moabites and the Ammonites, went against Egypt, and slewe the king, and so brought these Iewes, and other into Babylon.

[a] shall no more be called vpon by the mouth of any man of Iudah, in all the lande of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liueth.

27 Behold, I will watch ouer them for euill and not for good, and all men of Iudah that are in the land of Egypt, shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine, vntil they be vtterly destroyed.

28 Yet a small number that escape the sword, [o] shall returne out of the land of Egypt into the lande of Iudah: and all the remnant of Iudah that are gone into the lande of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine or theirs.

29 And this shall bee a signe vnto you, sayeth the Lorde, when I visite you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for euill.

30 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will [p] giue Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seeke his life: as I gaue Zedekiah king of Iudah into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel his enemie, who also sought his life.

CHAP XLV.

Ieremiah comforteth Baruch, assuring him that he should not perish in the destruction of Ierusalē.

THE word that Ieremiah the Prophet spake vnto [a] Baruch the sonne of Neriah, when hee had written these [b] words in a booke at the mouth of Ieremiah, in the fourth yeere of Iehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah king of Iudah, saying,

2 Thus sayeth the Lorde God of Israel vnto thee, O Baruch,

3 Thou diddest say, Woe is mee now: for the Lord hath layed sorrow vnto my sorrow: I [c] fainted in my mourning, and I can finde no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say vnto him, The Lord sayeth thus, Behold, That which I haue built, will I [d] destroy, and that which I haue planted will I plucke vp, euen this whole land.

5 And seekest [e] thou great things for thy selfe? seeke them not: for beholde, I will bring a plague vpon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I giue thee for [f] a pray in all places, whither thou goest.

a Which was Ieremiahs disciple, and wrote his prophecies vnder him.

b Whereof reade Chap. 36 10.

c Baruch mooued with an inconsiderate zeale of Ieremiahs imprisonment, but chiefly for y destruction of the people, and the Temple, maketh this lamentation, as Psal. 6. 6

d Meaning, that God might destroy this people because he had planted them.

e Thinkest thou to haue honour and credit? wherein he sheweth his infirmitie.

f Reade Chap. 21. 9.

CHAP XLVI.

He propheseith the destruction of Egypt. 27 Deliuerance is promised to Israel.

THE words of the Lord, which came to Ieremiah the prophet against the [a] Gentiles,

2 As against Egypt, against the army of [b] Pharaoh Necho King of Egypt, which was by the riuer Perath in Carchemish, which Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel smote in the fourth yeere of Iehoiakim the sonne of Iosiah king of Iudah.

3 [c] Make ready buckler and shield, and goe forth to battell.

4 Make ready the horses, and let the horsemen get vp, and stand vp with your salets, furbish the speares, and put on the brigandines.

5 [d] Wherefore haue I seene them afraid, and driuen backe? for their mightie men are smitten, & are fled away, & looke not backe: for feare was round about, saith the Lord.

6 The swift shall not flee away, nor the strong men escape: they shall stumble, and fall toward the [e] North by the riuer Perath.

7 Who is this, that commeth vp as [f] a flood, whose waters are mooued like the riuers?

8 Egypt riseth vp like the flood, and his waters are mooued like the riuers, and hee saith, I wil goe vp, and will couer the earth: I will destroy the city with them that dwell therein.

9 Come vp, yee horses, and rage yee charets, and let the valiant men come forth, & the blacke Moores, and the Lybyans that beare the shield, and the Lydians that handle and bend the bow.

10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hostes, and a day of vengeance, that he may auenge him of his enemies: for the sworde shall deuoure, and it shalbe satiate, and made drunke with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath [h] a sacrifice in the North countrey [i] by the riuer Perath.

11 Go vp vnto Gilead, [k] and take balme, O [l] virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vaine shalt thou vse many [m] medicines: for thou shalt haue no health.

12 The nations haue heard of thy shame, and thy crie hath filled the land: for [n] strong hath stumbled against the strong, and they are fallen both together.

13 ¶ The worde that the Lord spake to Ieremiah the Prophet, how Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Publish in Egypt, and declare in Migdol, and proclaime in Noph, and in Tahpanhes, and say, Stand still, and prepare thee: for the sword shall deuoure round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant men put backe? they could not stand, because the Lord did driue them.

16 He made many to fall, & one fell vpon another: and they sayd, Arise, let vs goe againe to our [o] own people, and to the land of our nativitie from the sword of the violent.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt, and of a great multitude [p] hath passed the time appointed.

18 As I liue, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hostes, Surely as Tabor is in the mountaines, and as Carmel is in the sea: so shall it come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, make thee geare to goe into captiuitie: for Noph shall be wasted and desolate, without an inhabitant.

a That is, nine nations, which are round about the land of Egypt.

b Reade 2. King. 23 29 and 24. 7 and 2 Chron. 35 20.

c He warneth the Egyptians to prepare themselues to warre.

d The Prophet had this vision of the Egyptians, which should be put to flight by the Babylonians at Carchemish.

e The Babylonians shall discomfit them at the riuer Euphrates.

f He derideth the boastings of the Egyptians, who thought by their riches and power to haue ouercome all the world, alluding to the riuer Nilus, which at certaine times ouerfloweth y countrey of Egypt.

g For these nations tooke part w the Egyptians.

h Hee calleth the slaughter of Gods enemies, a sacrifice, because it is a thing that doth please him, Isa. 34. 6.

i That is, at Carchemish.

k For at Gilead did growe most soueraigne balme for wounds.

l So called, because Egypt had not yet bene ouercome by the enemie.

m He sheweth that no salue or medicine can preuaile, whereas God giueth the wound.

n As they that should repent that they helped the Egyptians.

o He derideth them which shal impute their ouerthrow to lacke of counsell and policie, or to fortune, and not obseruing of time: not considering that it is Gods iust iudgement.

p To wit, that y Egyptians shalbe destroyed.

20 Egypt is like a ſtately calfe, but deſtruction commeth: out of the North it commeth.

21 Alſo her hired men are in the midſt of her like fat calues: they are alſo turned back and fled away together: they could not ſtand, becauſe the day of their deſtruction was come vpon them, and the time of their viſitation.

22 The voyce thereof ſhall goe faſth like a [z] ſerpent: for they ſhall march with an hoſte, and come againſt her with axes as hewers of wood.

23 They ſhall cut downe [a] her foreſt, ſaith the Lord: for they cannot be counted, becauſe they are more then the [b] graſſhoppers, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt ſhall be confounded: ſhe ſhal be delinered into the hands of the people of the North.

25 ¶ Thus ſayth the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will viſit the [c] common people of No, and Pharaoh, & Egypt, with their gods and their kings, euen Pharaoh, and all them that truſt in him,

26 And I will deliuer them into the hands of thoſe that ſeeke their liues, and into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, and into the hands of his ſeruants, and afterward ſhe ſhall dwell as [d] in the olde time, ſayth the Lord.

27 ¶ [e] But feare not thou, O my ſeruant Iaakob, and be not thou afraid, O Iſrael: for behold, I will deliuer thee from a farre countrey, and thy ſeede from the land of their captiuitie, and Iaakob ſhall returne and be in reſt and proſperitie, and none ſhall make him afrayd.

28 Feare thou not, O Iaakob my ſeruant, ſayth the Lord: for I am with thee, & I will vtterly deſtroy all the nations, whether I haue driuen thee: but I will not vtterly deſtroy thee, but correct [f] thee by iudgement, and not vtterly cut thee off.

a Which was alſo called Gaza, a citie of the Philiſtims.

b He meaneth the army of the Caldeans, Iſa 8.7,8.

c The great feare ſhall take away their naturall affection.

d Their heart ſhal ſo faile them

e For the Caphtorims, which are alſo called Cappadocians, had deſtroyed in old time the Philiſtims and dwelt in their land, euen to Gaza, Deut. 2, 23.

CHAP. XLVII.

The word of the Lord againſt the Philiſtims.

THe words of the Lord that came to Ieremiah the Prophet, againſt the Philiſtims, before that Pharaoh ſmote [a] Azzah.

2 Thus ſayth the Lord, Behold, waters riſe vp out of [b] the North, and ſhall be as a ſwelling flood, and ſhal ouerflow the land, and all that is therein, and the cities with them that dwell therein: then the men ſhall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land ſhall howle,

3 At the noiſe and ſtamping of the hooſes of his ſtrong horſes, at the noyſe of his charets, and at the rumbling of his wheeles: the fathers ſhall not [c] looke backe to their children, for feeblenesſe of [d] hands,

4 Becauſe of the day that commeth to deſtroy all the Philiſtims, & to deſtroy Tyrus and Zidon, & all the reſt that take their part: for the Lorde will deſtroy the Philiſtims, the remnant of the ile of [e] Caphtor.

5 [f] Baldneſſe is come vpon Azzah: Aſhkelon is cut vp with the reſt of their vallyes. How long wilt thou cut thy ſelfe?

6 O thou ſword of the Lord, how long will it be or thou ceaſe? turne againe into thy ſcabbard, reſt and be ſtill.

7 How can it ceaſe, ſeeing the Lord hath giuen it a charge againſt Aſhkelon, and againſt the ſea banke? euen there hath he appointed it.

f They haue pulled off their haire for ſorrow & heauineſſe.

g As the heathen vſed in their mourning, which the Lord forbad his people to doe, Deut. 14.1.

h Meaning, that it is not poſſible that the wicked ſhould by any meanes eſcape or ſtay the Lord, when he will take vengeance.

CHAP. XLVIII.

The word of the Lord againſt the Moabites, 26. Becauſe of their pride and cruelties.

COncerning Moab, thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſrael, Woe vnto [a] Nebo: for it is waſted: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Miſgab is confounded and afrayd.

2 Moab ſhall boaſt no more of Heſhbon: for they haue deuiſed euil againſt it. [b] Come, and let vs deſtroy it, that it be no more a nation: alſo thou ſhalt be deſtroyed, O Madmen, and the ſword ſhall purſue thee.

3 A voyce of crying ſhalbe from Horonaim with deſolation and great deſtruction.

4 Moab is deſtroyed: her little ones haue cauſed their cry to be heard.

5 For at the going vp of [d] Luhith, the mourner ſhall goe vp with weeping: for in the going downe of Horonaim, the enemies haue heard a cry of deſtruction.

6 Flee, and ſaue your liues, and be like vnto the [e] heath in the wilderneſſe.

7 For becauſe thou haſt truſted in thy [f] workes and in thy treaſures, thou ſhalt alſo be taken, and [g] Chemoth ſhall goe forth into captiuitie with his prieſtes and his princes together.

8 And the deſtroyer ſhall come vpon all cities, and no citie ſhall eſcape: the valley alſo ſhall periſh, and the plaine ſhall bee deſtroyed as the Lord hath ſpoken.

9 Giue wings vnto Moab, that it may flee & get away: for the cities thereof ſhalbe deſolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 [h] Curſed be he that doth the worke of the Lord ‖ negligently, and curſed be he that keepeth backe his ſword from blood.

11 Moab hath bene at reſt from his youth, and he hath lerked on his lees, and hath not bene [i] powred from veſſell to veſſell, neither hath he gone into captiuitie: therefore his taſte remained in him and his ſent is not changed.

12 ¶ Therefore behold, the dayes come, ſaith the Lord, that I will ſend vnto him ſtich as ſhall cary him away, and ſhall empty his veſſels, and breake their bottels.

a Theſe were cities of the Moabites which Nebuchad nezzar tooke before he went to fight againſt Necho king of Egypt.

b Thus ſhall the Babylonians incourage one another.

c Reade Iſa. 25. 10.

d Horonaim & Luhith were two places, whereby the Moabites ſhould flee, Iſa. 15.5.

e Hide your ſelues in barren places, where the enemie will not purſue after you, Chap. 17.6.

f That is, the idols which are the workes of thine hands. Some read, in thy poſſeſſions: for ſo the word may ſignifie, as 1. Sam 25 2.

g Both thy great idole, and his maintainers ſhall be led away captiues, ſo that they ſhall then know that it is in vaine to looke for help at idols, Iſa. 15.2

h Hee ſheweth that God would puniſh the Caldeans, if they did not deſtroy the Egyptians, and that with a courage, and calleth this executing of his vengeance againſt his enemies, his worke: though the Caldeans ſought an other end, Iſa. 10. 12.

‖ *Or, deceitfully.*

i Hath not bene remoued as the Iewes haue, but hath liued at eaſe, and as a wine that ſeedeth it ſelfe on his lees.

13 And

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of t Beth-el their confidence.

14 How thinke you then, We are mightie and strong men of warre?

15 Moab is destroyed, ‖ his cities ‖ burnt vp, and his chosen young men are gone down to slaughter, saith the King, whose name is, The Lord of hostes.

16 The destruction of Moab is readie to come, and his plague hastely fast.

17 All ye that are about him, mourne for him, and all yee that knowe his name, say, Howe is the strong staffe broken, and the beautifull rod!

18 Thou daughter that doest inhabite Dibon, come downe from thy glory, and sit in thirst: for the destroyer of Moab shall come vp vpon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 Thou that dwellest in Aroer, stand by the way, ‖ behold: aske him that fleeth and that escapeth, and say, What is done?

20 m Moab is confounded: for it is destroyed: howle, and cry, tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is made waste,

21 And iudgement is come vpon ‖ plaine countrey, vpon Holon and vpon Iahazah, and vpon Mephaath,

22 And vpon Dibon, and vpon Nebo, and vpon the house of Diblathaim,

23 And vpon Kiriathaim, ‖ vpon Bethgamul, and vpon Beth-meon,

24 And vpon Kerioth, and vpon Bozrah, and vpon all the cities of the lande of Moab farre or neere.

25 The n horne of Moab is cut off, and his arme is broken, saith the Lord.

26 Make ye him o drunken: for he magnified himselfe against the Lord: Moab shal ‖ wallow in his vomite, and he also shalbe in derision.

27 For didst not thou deride Israel, as though hee had bene found among theeues? for when thou speakest of him, thou art remoued.

28 O yee that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwel in the rocks, and be like the doue that maketh her nest in the sides of the holes mouth.

29 p We haue heard the pride of Moab (he is exceeding proud) his stoutnesse, and his arrogancie, and his pride, and the hautinesse of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the Lord, but it shall not be so: and his dissimulations, for they doe not right.

31 r Therefore will I howle for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab: ‖ mine heart shall mourne for the men of Kir-heres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weepe for thee, as I wept for Iazer: thy plantes are gone ouer the sea, they are come to the sea of Iazer: the destroyer is fallen vpon thy summer fruits, and vpon thy vintage,

33 And ioy, and gladnesse is taken from the plentifull field ‖ from the land of Moab: and I haue caused wine to faile from the wine presse: none shall tread with shouting: their shouting shalbe no shouting.

34 From the cry of Heshbon vnto Elaleh, and vnto Iahaz haue they made their noyse: from Zoar vnto Horonaim, the ‖ heifer of three yeere old shall goe lowing: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be wasted.

35 Moreouer, I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the Lord, him that offred in the hie places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like a ‖ pipe, and mine heart shall sound like a ‖ pipe for the men of Kir-heres, because the riches that he hath gotten, is perished.

37 * For euery head shall bee ‖ balde, and euery beard plucked: vpon all the handes shall bee cuttings, and vpon the loynes sackcloth.

38 And mourning shall be vpon all the houle tops of Moab and in all the streetes thereof: for I haue broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the Lord.

39 They shall howle, saying, How is hee destroyed? howe hath Moab turned the backe with shame? so shall Moab be a derision and a feare to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the Lord, Beholde, u he shall flee as an eagle, ‖ shal spread his wings ouer Moab.

41 The cities are taken, and the strong holds are wonne, ‖ the mightie mens hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in trauell.

42 And Moab shalbe destroyed from being a people, because he hath set vp himselfe against the Lord.

43 y Feare, and pit and snare shalbe vpon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord.

44 He that escapeth from the feare, shall fall in the pit, and he that getteth vp out of the pit, shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring vpon it, euen vpon Moab, the yeere of their visitation, saith the Lord.

45 They that fled, stood vnder the shadow z of Heshbon, because of the force: for a the fire came out of Heshbon, and a flame from Sihon, and deuoured the corner of Moab, and the top of the seditious children.

46 Woe be vnto thee, O Moab: the people of b Chemosh perisheth: for thy sonnes are taken captiues, and thy daughters led into captiuitie.

47 Yet will I bring againe the captiuitie of Moab in the c latter dayes, sayeth the Lord. Thus far of the iudgement of Moab.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 The word of the Lord against the Ammonites, 7 Idumea, 23 Damascus, 28 Kedar, 34 and Elam.

VNto the children of a Ammon thus saith the Lord, hath Israel no sonnes? or hath he none heire? why then hath their b king possessed Gad? and his people dwelt in c his cities?

2 Therefore beholde, the dayes come, saith the Lord, that I will cause a noyse of warre

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t Read Isa. 15. 5.

u Their custome was to play on flutes or instruments heauie and grane tunes at burials & in the time of mourning, as Mat. 9. 23. Isa. 15. 2. 3. etc. 7. 18. ‖ Or, heaues.

x That is, Nebuchad-nezzar. as Chap. 49. 21. &c.

y He that escapeth one danger, shall be taken of another, Isa 24. 17.

z They fled thither, thinking to haue succour of the Amorites.

a The Amorites had destroyed the Moabites in times past, and now because of their power, the Moabites shall seeke to them for helpe

b Which vanted themselues of their idole, as though he could haue defended them.

c That is, they shalbe restored by the Messiah.

1 How are they destroyed that put their trust in their strength and riches!

m Thus they that flee, shall answere.

n That is, his power and strength.

o He willed the Caldeans to lay afflictions ynow vpon them, till they be like drunken men that fall downe to their shame and are diuided of all. ‖ Or, shalbe full, or clap his hands.

p Thou reioycest to heare of his miserie. Isa. 16. 6.

q He shall not execute his malice against his neighbours.

r Read Isa. 16. 7.

s Which city was in the vtmost border of Moab: and hereby he signifieth that the whole land should be destroyed, and the people caried away.

a They were separated from the Moabites by the riuer Arnon, and after that the ten tribes were caried away into captiuitie, they inuaded the countrey of Gad. b To wit, of the Ammonites. c Meaning of the Israelites.

warre to bee heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites, and it shall be a desolate heape, and her daughters shall be burne with fire: then shall Israel possesse those that possessed him, saith the Lord.

3 Howle, O Heshbon, for Ai is wasted: crie ye daughters of Rabbah: gird you with sackecloth: mourne and runne to and fro by the hedges, for their king shall goe into captiuitie, and his Priests, and his Princes likewise.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys? thy valley floweth away, O rebellious daughter: thee trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come vnto me?

5 Beholde, I will bring a feare vpon thee, (saith the Lord God of hostes, of all those that be about thee, and ye shall be scattered euery man right forth, and none shall gather him that fleeth.

6 And afterward I will bring againe the captiuitie of the children of Ammon.

7 ¶ To Edom thus saith the Lord of hostes, Is wisedome no more in Teman? Is counsell perished from their children? Is their wisedome vanished?

8 Flee, ye inhabitants of Dedan (they are turned backe, and haue consulted to dwell) for I haue brought the destruction of Esau vpon him, and the time of his visitation.

9 If the grape gatherers come to thee, would they not leaue some grapes? if theeues come by night, they will destroy til they haue ynough.

10 For I haue discouered Esau: I haue vncouered his secrets, and hee shall not bee able to hide himselfe: his seede is wasted, and his brethren and his neighbours, and there shall be none to say,

11 Leaue thy fatherlesse children, and I will preserue them aliue, and let thy widowes trust in me.

12 For thus saith the Lord, Behold, they whose iudgement was not to drinke of the cup, haue assuredly dronken, and art thou he that shall escape free? thou shalt not goe free, but thou shalt surely drinke of it.

13 For I haue sworne by my selfe, saith the Lord, that Bozrah shall be waste, and for a reproch, and a desolation, and a curse, and all the cities thereof shall be perpetuall desolations.

14 I haue heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent vnto the heathen, saying, Gather you together, and come against her, and rise vp to the battell.

15 For loe, I will make thee but small among the heathen, and despised among men.

16 The feare, & the pride of thine heart hath deceiued thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rocks, and keepest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the Eagle, I will bring thee downe from thence, saith the Lord.

17 ¶ Also Edom shall be desolate: euery one that goeth by it, shall be astonished, and shall hisse at all the plagues thereof.

18 As in the ouerthrow of Sodome, and of Gomorah, and the places thereof neere about, saith the Lord: no man shall dwell there, neither shall the sonnes of men remaine in it.

19 Behold, he shall come vp like a lion from the swelling of Iordan vnto the strong dwelling place: for I will make Israel to rest, euen I will make him to haste away from her, and who is a chosen man that I may appoint against her? for who is like mee? and who will appoint me the time? and who is the shepheard that will stand before me?

20 Therefore heare the counsell of the Lord that he hath deuised against Edom, and his purpose that hee hath conceiued against the inhabitants of Teman: surely the least of the flocke shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moued at the noyse of their fall: the cry of their voice is heard in the red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come vp, and flie as the eagle, and spread his wings ouer Bozrah, and at that day shall the heart of the strong men of Edom bee as the heart of a woman in trauell.

23 ¶ Vnto Damascus he saith, Hamath is confounded, and Arpad, for they haue heard euill tidings, and they are faint hearted as one on the tearefull sea that cannot rest.

24 Damascus is discouraged, and turneth herselfe to flight, and feare hath seased her: anguish and sorowes haue taken her as a woman in trauell.

25 How is the glorious citie not reserued, the citie of my ioy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streetes, and all her men of warre shalbe cut off in that day, saith the Lord of hostes.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, which shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 ¶ Vnto Kedar and to the kingdomes of Hazor, which Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel shall smite, thus saith the Lord, Arise, and goe vp vnto Kedar, and destroy the men of the East.

29 Their tents and their flockes shall they take away: yea, they shall take to them selues their curtaines, and all their vessels, and their camels, and they shall cric vnto them, Feare is on euery side.

30 Flee, get you farre off, they haue consulted to dwell, O yee inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lorde: for Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel hath taken counsel against you, and hath deuised a purpose against you.

31 Arise, and get you vp vnto the wealthie nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord, which haue neither gates nor barres, but dwell alone.

32 And their camels shalbe a booty, & the multitude of their cattell a spoile, and I will scatter them into all windes, euen to the vtmost corners, and I will bring their destruction from all the sides thereof, saith the Lord.

33 And

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a Which was one of the chiefe cities of the Ammonites as were Heshbon and Ai: there was also a citie called Heshbon among the Moabites.

b In thy plentifull countrey.

c Signifying that power and riches cannot preuaile when as God will execute his iudgements.

d That is, without looking back, & as euery one can finde a way to escape.

e In the time of Christ, when the Gentiles shall be called.

f Which was a citie of Edom called by the name of Teman Eliphaz sonne, who came of Esau.

g The enemies that shal dissemble as though they fled away, shal turne backe, and inuade your land, and possesse it.

h Meaning, that God would vterly destroy them, and not spare one, though the grape gatherers leaue some grapes, & theeues seeke but til they haue enough, Obad. 1. 5.

i The destruction shall be so great that there shall be none left to take care ouer the widowes and fatherlesse.

k I haue not spared mine owne people, and how should I pitie thee?

l Which was a chiefe citie of Edom.

m That is, Bozrah.

n Or, idole.

o To wit, Nebuchad-nezzar, after he hath ouercome Iudah which is meant by the swelling of Iorden, shall come against mount Seir and Edom.

p That is, the Israelites, whom the Edomites kept as prisoners to haste away from thence.

q The captaine and gouernour of the armie, meaning, Nebuchad-nezzar.

r They shall not be able to resist his petie captaines.

s To wit, the enemie.

t As Chap 48. 40. was said of Moab.

u Which was the chiefe citie of Syria, whereby he meaneth the whole countrey.

v When she heard the sudden comming of the enemie.

w He speaketh this in the person of the King and of them of the countrey, who shall wonder to see Damascus the chiefe city destroyed.

x Who was king of Syria, 1. King. 20. 26. and had built these palaces, which were still called the palaces of Ben-hadad.

y Meaning, the Arabians and their borderers.

z Because they vsed to dwell in tents: he nameth the things that pertaine thereunto.

a The enemies will dwell in your places. b He sheweth that they of Hazor will flie to the Arabians for succour, but that shall not auaile them.

g That is, Persia, so called of Elam the sonne of Shem.

33 And Iabin shall be a dwelling for dragons, and desolation for euer: there shall no man dwell there, nor the sonnes of men remaine in it.

34 ¶ The wordes of the Lord that came to Ieremiah the Prophet, concerning g Elam in the beginning of the reigne of Zedekiah king of Iudah, saying,

35 Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, Behold, I will breake the h bow of Elam, euen the chiefe of their strength.

36 And vpon Elam I will bring the foure windes from the foure quarters of heauen, & will scatter them towards all these windes, and there shal be no nation, whither the fugitiues of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to be afraide before their enemies, and before them that seeke their liues, and will bring vpon them a plague, euen the indignation of my wrath, saith the Lord, and I will send the sword after them till I haue consumed them.

38 And I will set my i throne in Elam, and I will destroy both the King and the princes from thence, saith the Lord: but k in the latter dayes I will bring againe the captiuitie of Elam, saith the Lord.

h Because the Persians were good archers, he sheweth that the thing wherein they put their trust, should not profit them.

i I will place Nebuchad-nezzar there. And in these prophesies Ieremiah speaketh of those countreyes, which should be subdued vnder the first of those foure monarchies whereof Daniel maketh mention.

k This may be referred to the empire of the Persians and Medes after the Caldeans, or vnto the time of Christ, as Chap. 48. 47.

CHAP. L.

He prophesieth the destruction of Babylon, and the deliuerance of Israel, which was in captiuitie.

THe word that the Lord spake concerning Babel, and concerning the Land of the Caldeans by the a ministerie of Ieremiah the Prophet.

2 Declare among the nations, and publish it, and set vp a standart, proclaime it and conceale it not: say, b Babel is taken, Bel is confounded, b Merodach is broken downe: her doles are confounded, and their images are burst in pieces.

3 For out of the North there c commeth vp a nation against her, which shall make her land waste, and none shall dwell therin: they shall flee, and depart, both man & beast.

4 In those dayes, and at that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall d come, they, and the children of Iudah together, going, and e weeping shall they goe, and seeke the Lord their God.

5 They shall aske the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let vs cleaue to the Lord in a perpetuall couenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 ¶ My people haue bene as lost sheepe: their f shepheards haue caused them to goe astray, and haue turned them away to the mountaines: they haue gone from mountaine to hill, and forgotten their resting place.

7 All that found them, haue deuoured them, and their enemies sayd, We offend not, because they haue sinned against the Lord, g the habitation of iustice, euen the Lord the hope of their fathers.

8 h Flee from the middest of Babel, and depart out of the land of the Caldeans, and be ye as the hee goates i before the flocke.

9 For loe, I will raise and cause to come vp against Babel a multitude of mighty nations from the North countrey, and they shall set themselues in aray against her, whereby she shall be taken: their arrowes shall be as of a strong man, which is expert, for none shall returne in vaine.

10 And Caldea shall be a spoile: all that spoile her, k shall bee satisfied, sayth the Lord.

11 Because yee were glad and reioyced in destroying mine heritage, and because ye are growen fat, as the calues in the grasse, and neyed like strong horses,

12 Therefore your mother shall bee sore confounded, and she that bare you, shall be ashamed: beholde, the vttermost of the nations shall be a desert, a dry land and a wildernesse.

13 Because of the wrath of the Lorde, it shall not be inhabited, but shalbe wholly desolate: euery one that goeth by Babel, shall be astonished, and l hisse at all her plagues.

14 ¶ Put your selues in aray against Babel round about: all ye that bend the bowe, shoote at her, spare no arrowes: for she hath m sinned against the Lord.

15 Cry against her round about: she hath ‖ giuen her hand: her foundations are fallen, and her walles are destroyed: for it is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance vpon her: as shee hath done, doe vnto her.

16 Destroy the n sower from Babel, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of haruest: because of the sword of the oppressour they shall turne euery one to his people, and they shall flee euery one to his owne land.

17 Israel is like scattered sheepe: the lyons haue driuen them: first the King o of Assur hath deuoured him, and last this Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel hath broken p his bones.

18 Therefore thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes, the God of Israel, Behold, I will visite the King of Babel, and his land, as I haue visited the King of Assur.

19 And I will bring Israel againe to his habitation: hee shall feede on Carmel and Bashan, and his soule shall be satisfied vpon the mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those dayes, and at that time, sayth the Lorde, the iniquity of Israel shall bee sought for, and there shall bee none: and the sinnes of Iudah, and they shal not be found: for I will be merciful vnto them, whom I reserue.

21 Goe vp against the lande of the q rebels, euen against it, and against the inhabitants r of ‖ Pekod: destroy, and lay it waste after them, saith the Lord, and doe according to all that I haue commaunded thee.

22 A cry of battell is in the lande, and of great destruction.

23 Howe is the s hammer of the whole world destroyed and broken! how is Babel become desolate among the nations!

24 I haue

a After that God hath vsed Babilonians seruice to punish other nations, he shewed that their turne shall come to be punished.

b These were two of their chiefe idoles.

c To wit, the Medes and the Persians,

d When Cyrus shall take Babel.

e Reade Chap. 31. 9.

f Their gouernours and ministers by their examples haue prouoked them to idolatrie.

g They haue committed idolatrie in euery place.

h For the Lord dwelt among them in his Temple, & would haue maintained them by his iustice against their enemies,

i When God shall deliuer you by Cyrus.

k That is, most forward, and without feare.

l Shall be made rich thereby.

m For ioy of the victorie, that ye had against my people,

n In signe of contempt and disdaine.

o He speaketh to the enemies the Medes and Persians.

p Though the Lord called the Babylonians his seruants, & their work, his worke in punishing his people, yet because they did it not to glorifie God, but for their owne malice, and to profite themselues, it is here called sinne.

‖ Or, yeelded, or, made peace.

q Destroy her so that none be left to labour the ground, or to take the fruit thereof.

r Meaning, Tiglath-Peleser, who caried away the ten tribes.

s He caried away the rest, to wit, Iudah, and Beniamin.

t That is, Babylon: thus the Lord raiseth vp Cyrus. *Ezek.* 23. 23.

‖ Or, *of them that should be visited.*

u Nebuchadnezzar, who had smitten downe all the princes and people of the world.

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24 I haue snared thee, and thou art taken, O Babel, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, & also caught, because thou hast striuen against the Lord.

25 The Lord hath opened his treasure, and hath brought foorth the weapons of his wrath: for this is the worke of the Lord God of hostes in the land of the Caldeans.

‡ Ebr. *from the end.*

26 Come against her ‡ from the vtmost border: open her store houses: tread on her as on sheaues, and destroy her vtterly: let nothing of her be left.

x Her princes and mightie men.

27 Destroy all her x bullockes: let them goe down to the slaughter. Woe vnto them, for their day is come, and the time of their visitation.

28 The voyce of them that y flee, and escape out of the land of Babel to declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, and the vengeance of his Temple.

y Of the Iewes which should be deliuered by Cyrus.

29 Call vp the archers against Babel: all yee that bend the bowe, beliege it round about: let none thereof escape: * recompense her according to her worke, and according to all that she hath done, doe vnto her: for shee hath bene proude against the Lord, euen against the holy one of Israel.

Reue 18,6.

30 Therefore shall her yong men fall in the streetes, and all her men of warre shal be destroyed in that day, sayeth the Lord.

31 Beholde, I come vnto thee, O proude man, sayeth the Lord God of hostes: for thy day is come, euen the time that I will visite thee.

z He sheweth that when God executeth his iudgements against his enemies, that his Church shal then haue rest.

32 And the proude shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him vp: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shal deuoure all round about him.

‡ Ebr. *Isars.*

33 Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, The children of Israel, and the children of Iudah were oppressed together: and all that tooke them captiues, held them, and would not let them goe.

34 But their strong Redeemer, whose Name is the Lord of hostes, hee shall maintaine their cause, that hee may giue rest to the land, a and disquiet the inhabitants of Babel.

a For Cyrus did cut the riuer Euphrates, and diuided the course thereof into many streames, so that it might be passed ouer as though therehad bene no water: which thing he did by the counsel of two of Belshazzars captaines, who conspired against their king, because hee had gelded the one of them in despite, and slaine the sonne of the other.

35 A sword is vpon the Caldeans, sayeth the Lord, and vpon the inhabitants of Babel, and vpon her princes, and vpon her wise men.

b Reade Isa. 13.21.

36 A sword is vpon the ‡ soothsayers, and they shall dote: a sworde is vpon her strong men, and they shalbe afraid.

‡ Eb. *sonnes of the ostriches, or yong.* *Gen.19.24.* *Isa. 13.19.*

37 A sword is vpon their horses, and vpon their charets, and vpon all the multitude that are in the middes of her, and they shall bee like women: a sword is vpon her treasures, and they shalbe spoyled.

38 A * drought is vpon her waters, and they shall bee dried vp: for it is the land of grauen images, and they dote vpon their idoles.

39 Therefore the b Zijms with the Ijms, shall dwell there, and the ‡ ostriches shall dwell therein: for it shall be no more inhabited, neither shall it be inhabited from generation vnto generation.

40 As God destroyed * Sodom and Gomorah with the places thereof neere about, sayth the Lord: so shall no man dwell there, neither shall the sonne of man remaine therein.

41 ¶ Beholde, a people shall come from the North, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised vp from the c coastes of the earth.

c Meaning, that the Persians should gather their armie of many nations.

42 They shall holde the bowe and the buckler: they are cruell and vnmercifull: their voyce shall roare like the sea, and they shall ride vpon horses, and be put in aray like men to the battell against thee, O daughter of Babel.

43 The king of Babel hath heard the report of them, and his handes d waxed feeble: sorow came vpon him, euen sorow as of a woman in trauaile.

d Which is meant of Belshazzar, Dan. 5. 6.

44 Beholde, he * shall come vp like a lyon from the swelling of Iorden vnto the strong habitation: for I wil make Israel to rest, and I will make them to haste away from her: and who is a chosen man that I may appoint against her? for who is like mee, and who will appoint mee the time? and who is the e shepheard that will stand before me?

Chap.49,19.

45 Therefore heare the counsell of the Lord that hee hath deuised against Babel, and his purpose that hee hath conceiued against the land of the Caldeans: surely the least of the flocke shall draw them out: surely hee shall make their habitation desolate with them.

e Reade Chap. 49,19.

46 At the noyse of the winning of Babel the earth is moued, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

6 Why Babylon is destroyed. 41 The vaine confidence of the Babylonians. 43 The vanitie of idolaters. 59 Ieremiah giueth his booke to Sheraiah.

THus sayth the Lord, Behold, I will raise vp against Babel, and against the inhabitants of that lift vp their heart against mee, a destroying a winde,

11 August Esdron

‖ Or, *of the land that riseth vp.*

a The Medes & Persians that shal destroy them as the winde doeth the chaffe.

2 And wil send vnto Babel fanners that shall fanne her, and shall emptie her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her on euery side.

3 Also to the bender that bendeth his bowe, and to him that lifteth himselfe vp in his brigadine, will I say, Spare not her yong men, but destroy all her host.

4 Thus the slaine shall fall in the land of the Caldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streetes.

5 For Israel hath bene no b widow, nor Iudah from his God, from the Lorde of hostes, though their lande was filled with sinne against the Holy one of Israel.

b Though they were forsake for a time, yet they were not vtterly cast off as though their husband were dead.

6 ¶ c Flee out of the mids of Babel, and deliuer euery man his soule: be not destroyed in her iniquitie: for this is the time of the Lords vengeance: hee will render vnto her a recompense.

c He sheweth ‡ there remaineth nothing for them that abide in Babylon, but destruction, Chap. 17.6. and 48.6

7 Babel hath bene as a golden cup in the d Lords hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations haue drunke of her wine, therefore doe the nations e rage.

d By whom the Lord powred out the drinke of his vengeance to whom it pleased him.

8 * Babel is suddenly fallen, and destroyed: howle for her, bring balme for her sore, if she may be healed.

e For the great afflictions ‡ they haue felt by the Babylonians. *Isa. 21.9.* *reuel. 14.8.*

9 We would haue cured Babel, but shee

f Thus the people of God exhort one another to goe to Zion and prayſe God.

g In approuing our cauſe and puniſhing our enemies.

‖ Or fill, or multiply.

h For the wrong done to his people, and to his Temple, chap. 50. 28.

could not be healed: forſake her, and let vs goe euery one vnto his owne countrey: for her iudgement is come vp vnto heauen, and is lifted vp to the cloudes.

10 The Lorde hath brought foorth our ſ righteouſneſſe: come and let vs declare in Zion the worke of the Lord our God.

11 Make bright the arrowes: ‖ gather the ſhields: the Lord hath raiſed vp the ſpirit of the king of the Medes: for his purpoſe is againſt Babel to deſtroy it, becauſe it is the h vengeance of the Lord, and the vengeance of his Temple.

12 Set vp the ſtandard vpon the walles of Babel, make the watch ſtrong: ſet vp the watchmen: prepare the ſkoutes: for the Lord hath both deuiſed, and done that which hee ſpake againſt the inhabitants of Babel.

i For the land of Caldea was full of riuers which ranne into Euphrates.

13 O thou that dwelleſt vpon many i waters, abundant in treaſures, thine ende is come, euen the ‖ ende of thy couetouſneſſe.

14 The Lorde of hoſtes hath ſworne by ‡ him ſelfe, ſaying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers, and they ſhal crie and ſhoute againſt thee.

‖ Or, meaſure.

‡ Ebr. by ſoule.

Amos 6. 8.

Chap. 10. 12.

15 * He hath made the earth by his power, and eſtabliſhed the worlde by his wiſedome, and hath ſtretched out the heauen by his diſcretion.

16 Hee giueth by his voyce the multitude of waters in the heauen, and hee cauſeth the cloudes to aſcende from the endes of the earth: he turneth lightnings to raine, and bringeth foorth the winde out of his treaſures.

17 Euery man is a beaſt by his owne k knowledge: euery founder is confounded by the grauen image: for his melting is but falſhood, and there is no breath therein.

k Reade Chap. 10. 14.

18 They are vanitie, and the worke of errours: in the time of their l viſitation they ſhall periſh.

l When God ſhall execute his vengeance.

19 The m portion of Iaakob is not like them: for he is the maker of all things, and Iſrael is the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hoſtes is his Name.

m That is, the true God of Iſrael is not like to theſe idoles: for hee can helpe when all things are deſperate.

20 Thou art mine * hammer, and weapons of warre: for with thee will I breake the nations, and with thee will I deſtroy kingdomes,

n He meaneth the Medes and Perſians, as he did before call the Babylonians his hammer, Chap. 50. 23.

21 And by thee will I breake horſe and horſeman, and by thee will I breake the charet and him that rideth therein.

22 By thee alſo will I breake man and woman, and by thee will I breake olde and yong, and by thee will I breake the yong man and the maide.

23 I will alſo breake by thee the ſhepheard and his flocke, and by thee will I breake the husbandman and his yoke of oxen, and by thee will I breake the dukes and princes.

24 And I will render vnto Babel, and to all the inhabitants of the Caldeans all their euill, that they haue done in Zion, euen in your ſight, ſaith the Lord.

o Not that Babylon ſtood on a mountaine, but becauſe it was ſtrong, and ſeemed inuincible,

25 Behold, I come vnto thee, O deſtroying o mountaine, ſayth the Lord, which deſtroyeſt all the earth: and I will ſtretch out mine hand vpon thee, and rolle thee downe

p From thy ſtrong holdes and fortreſſes.

q By theſe three nations he meaneth Armenia the hier, and Armenia the lower, and Scythia: for Cyrus hadgathered an armie of diuers nations.

r By turning the courſe of the riuer, one ſide was made open, and the reedes that did grow in the water, were the ſtroyed, which Cyrus did by the counſell of Gobria, & Gobbatha Beltharzars captaines.

ſ When ſhe ſhall be cut vp and threſhed.

t This is ſpoken in the perſon of the Iewes, bewailing their ſtate and the crueltie of the Babylonians.

u Thus the Lord eſteemeth the iniurie done to his Church as done to himſelfe, becauſe their cauſe is his.

x When they are inflamed with ſurfeting and drinking, I will feaſt with them, alluding to Belſharzars banket, Dan. 5. 2.

y Meaning, Babel, as chap. 25. 26.

z The great armie of the Medes and Perſians.

p from the rockes, & will make thee a burnt mountaine.

26 They ſhall not take of thee a ſtone for a corner, nor a ſtone for foundations, but thou ſhalt bee deſtroyed for euer, ſayth the Lord.

27 Set vp a ſtandard in the lande: blow the trumpets among the nations: prepare the nations againſt her: call vp the kingdomes of q Ararat, Minni, and Aſchenaz againſt her: appoint the prince againſt her: cauſe hoſtes to come vp as the rough caterpillers.

28 Prepare againſt her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the dukes thereof, and the princes thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land ſhall tremble and ſorow: for the deuice of the Lord ſhall be performed againſt Babel, to make the land of Babel waſte without an inhabitant.

30 The ſtrong men of Babel haue ceaſed to fight, they haue remained in their holdes: their ſtrength hath failed, and they were like women: they haue burnt her dwelling places, and her barres are broken.

31 A poſte ſhall runne to meete the poſte, and a meſſenger to meete the meſſenger, to ſhew the king of Babel, that his citie is taken on a r ſide thereof,

32 And that the paſſages are ſtopped, and the reedes burnt with fire, and the men of warre troubled.

33 For thus ſayth the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſrael, The daughter of Babel is like a threſhing floore: the time of her threſhing is come: yet a litle while, and the time of her harueſt ſ ſhall come.

34 Nebuchad-nezzar the king of Babel hath t deuoured me, and deſtroyed mee: he hath made me an emptie veſſel: he ſwallowed me vp like a dragon, and filled his belly with my delicates, and hath caſt me out.

35 The ſpoyle of me, and that which was left of mee, is brought vnto Babel, ſhall the inhabitant of Zion ſay: and my blood vnto the inhabitants of Caldea, ſhall Ieruſalem ſay.

36 Therefore thus ſayeth the Lord, Behold, I will maintaine thy u cauſe, and take vengeance for thee, and I will drie vp the ſea, and drie vp her ſpringes.

37 And Babel ſhall be as heapes, a dwelling place for Dragons, an aſtonishment, and an hiſſing, without an inhabitant.

38 They ſhall roare together like lyons, and yell as the lyons whelpes.

39 In their x heate I will make them feaſtes, and I will make them drunken, that they may reioyce, and ſleepe a perpetuall ſleepe, and not wake, ſayth the Lord.

40 I will bring them downe like lambes to the ſlaughter, and like rammes and goates.

41 How is y Sheſhach taken! and how is the glory of the whole earth taken! how is Babel become an aſtonishment among the nations!

42 The z ſea is come vp vpon Babel: ſhee is couered with the multitude of the waues thereof.

43 Her

43 Her cities are desolate: the land is dry and a wildernesse, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doeth the sonne of man passe thereby.

44 I will also visit Bel in Babel, and I will bring out of his mouth, that which a he hath swallowed vp, and the nations shal run no more vnto him, and the wall of Babel shall fall.

45 My people, goe out of the midst of her and deliuer ye euery man his soule from the fierce wrath of the Lord,

46 Lest your heart faint, & ye feare the rumor, that shall be heard in the land: the rumor shall come this yeere, and after that in the other b yere shal come a rumor, and cruelte in the land, and ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore beholde, the dayes come, that I will visit the images of Babel, and the whole land shall be confounded, and all her slaine shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then the heauen and the c earth, and all that is therein, shall reioice for Babel: for the destroyers shall come vnto her from the North, sayth the Lord.

49 As Babel caused the d slaine of Israel to fall, so by Babel the slaine of all the earth did fall.

50 Ye that e haue escaped the sword, goe away, stand not still: remember the Lord afarre off, and let Ierusalem come into your mind.

51 We are f confounded because we haue heard reproch: shame hath couered our faces, for strangers are come into the Sanctuaries of the Lords house.

52 Wherefore beholde, the dayes come, sayth the Lord, that I will visit her grauen images, and through all her land the wounded shall grone.

53 Though Babel should mount vp to g heauen, and though she should defend her strength on high, yet from me shall her destroyers come, sayth the Lord.

54 A sound of a cry commeth from Babel, and great destruction from the lande of the Caldeans,

55 Because the Lorde hath layed Babel waste, & destroyed from her the great voice, and her waues shal roare like great waters, and a sound was made by their noise:

56 Because the destroyer is come vpon her, euen vpon Babel, and her strong men are taken, their bowes are broken: for the Lord God that recompenseth, shall surely recompense.

57 And I will h make drunke her princes, and her wise men, her dukes and her nobles and her strong men: and they shall sleepe a perpetuall sleepe, and not wake, sayeth the king, whose Name is the Lord of hostes.

58 Thus sayth the Lord of hostes, The i thick wall of Babel shalbe broken, and her high gates shall be burnt with fire, and the people shall labour in vaine, and the folke in the fire, for they shall be weary.

59 The word which Ieremiah the Prophet commaunded Sheraiah the son of Neriah, the sonne of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Iudah into Babel, in the k fourth yeere of his reigne: and this Sheraiah was a peaceable prince.

60 So Ieremiah wrote in a booke all the euill that should come vpon Babel; euen all these things that are written against Babel.

61 And Ieremiah sayde to Sheraiah, When thou commest vnto Babel, and shalt see, and shalt reade all these words,

62 Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to destroy it, that none should remaine in it, neither man nor beast, but that it should be desolate for euer.

63 And when thou hast made an ende of reading this booke, thou shalt bind a l stone to it, and cast it in the midst of Euphrates,

64 And shalt say, Thus shall Babel bee drowned, and shal not rise from the euil, that I wil bring vpon her, and they shal be wearie. Thus farre are the words of Ieremiah.

21 m They shall not be able to resist but shall labour in vaine.

CHAP. LII.

4 Ierusalem is taken. 10 Zedekiahs sonnes are killed before his face, and his eyes put out. 13 The city is burned. 31 Iehoiachin is brought forth of prison, and fed like a king.

Zedekiah * was one and twentie yere old when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeres in Ierusalem. and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Ieremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did euill in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Iehoiakim had done.

3 a Doubtlesse because the wrath of the Lorde was against Ierusalem and Iudah, till hee had cast them out from his presence, therefore Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babel.

4 * But in the ninth yeere of his reigne, in the tenth moneth, the tenth day of the moneth came Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, he and all his hoste against Ierusalem, and pitched against it, and built fortes against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged vnto the eleuenth yere of the king Zedekiah.

6 Now in the fourth moneth, the ninth day of the moneth, the famine was sore in the citie, so that there was no more bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the citie was broken vp and all the men of warre fled, & went out of the citie by night, by the b way of the gate betweene the two walls, which was by the kings garden: (nowe the Caldeans were by the citie round about) and they went by the way of the wildernes.

8 But the army of the Caldeans pursued after the king, and tooke Zedekiah in the desert of Iericho, and all his host was scattered from him.

9 Then they tooke the king and caried him vp to the king of Babel to Riblah in the land of Hamath, c where he gaue iudgement vpon him.

10 And the king of Babel slew the sonnes of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Iudah in Riblah.

11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah,

a That is, his gifts & presents which he had receiued as part of the spoile of other nations, & which the idolaters brought vnto him from all countries.

b Meaning that Babylon should not be destroyed al at once, but by little and little should bebrought to nothing: for ỹ first yeere came the tidings, the next yeere the siege, and in the third yere it was taken: yet this is not that horrible destructiō which the Prophets threatned in many places: for that was after this, when they rebelled, and Darius ouercame them by the policie of Zopyrus & hanged three thousand gentlemen besides the common people.

c Al creatures in heauen and earth shall reioyce and praise God for the destruction of Babylon the great enemie of his Church

d Babylon did not only destroy Israel, but many other nations.

e Ye that are now captiues in Babylon.

f He sheweth how they should remember Ierusalem by lamenting the miserable affliction thereof.

g For the wals were two hundreth foot high.

h I will so astonish them by afflictions that they shal not know which way to turne them,

i The thickenesse of the wall was fiftie foote thicke.

k This was not in the time of his captiuitie, but seuen yeres before, when he went either to gratulate Nebuchad-nezzar, or to intreat of some matters. I S. Iohn in his Reuelation alludeth to this place, when he saith that ỹ Angel tooke a millstone and cast it into the sea, signifying thereby the destructiō of Babylon, Reu. 18

12 Weeks 1 Light Horn

2 *King.* 24. 18. 2. *Chron.* 36. 11.

a So the Lord punished sinne by sinne, & gaue him vp to his rebellious heart, til he had brought the enemy vpon him to leade him away and his people.

2. *King.* 25. 1. & *chap.* 39. 1.

b Read Chap. 39. 4.

c Reade 2. King. 25. 6. and Chap. 39. 5.

and the king of Babel bound him in chaines and caried him to Babel, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

d In the 2 King. 25 8 it is called the seuenth day, because the fire began then, and so continued to the tenth.

12 Now in the fift moneth in the d tenth day of the moneth (which was the nintenth yeere of the king Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel) came Nebuzar-adan chiefe steward which e stood before the king of Babel in Jerusalem,

e Thar is, which was his seruant as 2. King. 25 8.

13 And burnt the house of the Lord, & the kings house, and all the houses of Jerusalem and all the great houses burnt he with fire.

14 And all the armie of the Caldeans that were with the chiefe steward, brake downe all the walles of Jerusalem round about.

15 Then Nabuzar-adan the chiefe steward caried away captiue certaine of the poore of the people, & the residue of the people that remained in the citie, and those that were fled, and fallen to the king of Babel, with the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward left certaine of the poore of the land, to dresse the vines, and to till the land.

f Of these pillars, read 1. king 7. 15

17 Also the f pillars of brasse that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, & the brasen sea that was in the house of the Lord, the Caldeans brake, and caried all the brasse of them to Babel.

g Which were also made of brasse, as 1. King. 7 45.

18 The pots also and the besoms, and the instruments of musicke, & the basins, and the incense dishes, and all the vessels of brasse wherewith they ministred, tooke they away.

19 And the bowles, and the aspans, and the basins, and the pots, & the candlesticks, and the incense dishes, and the cups, and all that was of gold, & that was of siluer, tooke the chiefe steward away,

Ier. 52 Kings 24 Verse

20 With the two pillars, one Sea, and twelue brasen buls, that were vnder the bases, which king Salomon had made in the house of the Lord: the brasse of all these vessels was without h weight.

h It was so much in quantitie,

21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteene cubites, and a threed of twelue cubites did compasse it, and the thicknes thereof was foure fingers: it was hollow.

22 And a chapiter of brasse was vpon it, and the height of one chapiter was fiue cubites with netwoorke, and pomegranates vpon the chapiters round about, all of brasse: the second pillar also, and the pomegranates were like vnto these.

23 And there were ninetie & fiue pomegranates on a side: and all the pomegranates vpon the net woorke were an hundreth round about.

24 And i chiefe steward tooke Sheraiah the chiefe Priest, and Zephaniah k the second Priest, and the three keepers of the doore.

25 He tooke also out of the citie an eunuch which had the ouerlight of the men of warre and l seuen men that were in the kings presence which were found in the citie, and Sopher captaine of the hoste who mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the mids of the citie.

26 Nebuzar-adan the chief steward tooke them, and brought them to the king of Babel to Riblah.

27 And the King of Babel smote them, and slew them in Riblah, in the land of Hamath: thus Judah was caried away captiue out of his owne land.

28 ¶ This is the people, whom Nebuchad-nezzar caried away captiue, in the m seuenth yeere, euen three thousand Iewes and three and twentie.

29 In the eighteenth yere of Nebuchad-nezzar he caried away captiue from Jerusalem eight hundreth thirtie & two ‡ persons.

30 In the three and twentieth yeere of Nebuchad-nezzar, Nebuzar-adan the chiefe steward caried away captiue of the Iewes seuen hundreth fortie and fiue persons: all the persons were foure thousand and six hundreth.

31 And in the seuen and thirtith yeere of the captiuitie of Jehoiakin king of Judah, in the twelft moneth, in the fine and twentieth day of the moneth, Euil-merodach king of Babel, in the first yere of his reigne, olifted vp the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him out of prison,

32 And spake kindly vnto him, & set his throne aboue the throne of the kings, that were with him in Babel,

33 And changed his prison p garments, and he did continually eat bread before him all the dayes of his life.

34 His portion was a q continuall portion giuen him of the king of Babel, euery day a certaine, all the dayes of his life, vntill he died.

i But because of the roundnesse no more could be seene but nintie and sixe.

k Which serued in the hie Priests stead, if he had any necessary impediment.

l In the 2 king. 25. 19 is readbut of fiue: those were the most excellent & the other two, which were not so noble, are not there mentioned with them.

m Which was the latter end of the seuenth yeere of his reigne, and the beginning of the eight.

n In the latter end also of that yeere, and the beginning of the nineteenth.

‡ Ebr. soules.

o That is, restored him to libertie and honour.

p And gaue him princely apparel.

q That is, he had allowance in the Court, and thus at length he had rest and quietnesse, because he obeyed Ieremiah the Prophet, whereas the other were cruelly ordered, that would not obey him.

Lamentations.

12 Chapters 154 Verses 2 Epistles Greene

CHAP. I.

1 The Prophet bewaileth the miserable estate of Jerusalem, 5 And sheweth that they are plagued because of their sinnes. The first & second chapter begin euery verse according to the letters of the Ebrew Alphabet. The third hath three verses for euery letter, and the fourth is as the first

a The Prophet wondereth at the great iudgement of God, seeing Jerusalem, which was so strong and so full of people, to be now destroyed & desolate

HOw doth a the city remaine solitary that was full of people! she is as a widow: she that was great among the nations, and b princesse among the prouinces, is made tributary.

b Which had chiefe rule ouer many prouinces and countreys.

2 She weepeth continually in the night, and her teares run downe by her cheekes: among all her c louers, she hath none to comfort her: all her friends haue delt vnfaithfully with her, and are her enemies.

c So that she taketh no rest.

3 Judah is caried away captiue, because of affliction, and because of great seruitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, and findeth no rest: all her persecuters tooke her in the straits.

4 The wayes of Zion lament, because no

d Meaning, the Egyptians and Assyrians which promised helpe.

e For her cruelty toward y poore & oppression of seruats, Ier. 34. 13

f As they vsed to come vp with mirth and ioy, Psal 42.4.
‡ *Ebr. haue turned.*
g That is haue rule ouer her, Deut. 28.44.

h As men pined away with sorow and that haue no courage.
i In her miserie she considered the great benefits and commodities that she had lost.
k At her religion and seruing of God, which was the greatest grief to the godly.
‖ *Or, driuen away.*
l She is not ashamed of her sinne, although it be manifest.
‡ *Ebr. hath magnified himselfe.*
m God forbiddeth that the Ammonites and Moabites should enter into the congregation of the Lord, and vnder them he comprehendeth all enemies, Deu. 23.3.
n Thus Ierusalem lamenteth, mooving others to pitie her and to learne by her example.
o This declareth that we should acknowledge God to be the authour of all our afflictions, to the intent that we might seeke to him for remedie.
p Mine heauie sinnes are continually before his eyes, as he that tieth a thing to his hand for a remembrance.
q He hath troden them vnder foot, as they that tread grapes in the winepresse. *Iere. 14.17. chap. 2.18.*

no man commeth r to the solemne feasts: all her gates are desolate: her Priests sigh: her virgins are discomfited, ‡ and she is in ✝ heauinesse.
5 Her aduersaries s are the chiefe, and her enemies prosper: for the Lord hath afflicted her, for the multitude of her transgressions, and her children are gone into captiuitie before the enemie.
6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beautie is departed: her princes are become t like harts that finde no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
7 Ierusalem remembred the dayes of her affliction, and of her rebellion, and all her pleasant things, that she had in times past, when her people u fell into the hand of the enemie, and none did helpe her: the aduersaries saw her, and did mocke at her x Sabbaths.
8 Ierusalem hath grieuously sinned, therefore she is ‖ in derision: all that honoured her, despise her, because they haue seene her filthinesse: yea, she sigheth and turneth backward.
9 y Her filthinesse is in her skirts: she remembred not her last ende, therefore she came downe wonderfully: she had no comforter: O Lord, behold mine affliction: for the enemie is ‡ proud.
10 The enemie hath stretched out his hande vpon all her pleasant things: for she hath seene the Heathen enter into her Sanctuarie, whom z thou diddest commaund, that they should not enter into thy Church.
11 All her people sigh a seeke their bread: they haue giuen their pleasant things for meate to refresh the soule: see, O Lord, and consider: for I am become vile.
12 Haue ye no regard, all ye that passe by this way? beholde, and see, if there bee any b sorow like vnto my sorowe, which is done vnto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce wrath.
13 From aboue hath c he sent fire into my bones, which preuaileth against them: hee hath spread a net for my feet, and turned me backe: he hath made mee desolate, and daily in heauinesse.
14 The d yoke of my transgressions is bound vpon his hand: they are wrapped, and come vp vpon my necke: he hath made my strength to fall: the Lord hath deliuered mee into their handes, neither am I able to rise vp.
15 The Lord hath troden vnder foote all my valiant men in the mids of mee: he hath called an assemblie against me to destroy my young men: the Lorde hath troden e the winepresse vpon the virgine the daughter of Iudah.
16 * For these things I weepe: mine eye, euen mine eye casteth out water, because the comforter that should refresh my soule, is farre from me: my children are desolate, because the enemie preuailed.
17 Zion stretched out her handes, and there is none to comfort her: the Lorde hath appointed the enemies of Iaakob rounde about him: Ierusalem is f as a menstruous woman in the mids of them.
18 The Lord is righteous: for I haue rebelled against his ‡ commandement: heare, I pray you, all people, and beholde my sorowe: my virgins and my young men are gone into captiuitie.
19 I called for my louers, but they deceiued mee: my Priests and mine Elders perished in the city, while they sought their meat to refresh their soules.
20 Beholde, O Lorde, how I am troubled: my bowels swell: mine heart is turned within me, for I am full of heauinesse: the sword spoyleth abroad, as death doeth at home.
21 They haue heard that I mourne, but there is none to comfort mee: all mine enemies haue heard of my trouble, and are glad, that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast pronounced, and they shal be like vnto me.
22 g Let all their wickednes come before thee: ‖ doe vnto them, as thou hast done vnto me, for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and mine heart is heauie.

r Which because of her pollution was separated from her husband, Leuit. 15 19. and was abhorred for the time.
‡ *Ebr mouth.*
f That is they died for hunger.

t Of desiring vengeance against the enemie, reade Ier. 11. 20 and 18.21.
‖ *Or, gather them like grapes.*

CHAP. II.

HOw hath the Lord a darkned the daughter of Zion in his wrath! and hath cast downe from b heauen vnto the earth the beautie of Israel, and remembred not his c footstoole in the day of his wrath!
2 The Lord hath destroyed all the habitations of Iaakob, and not spared: he hath throwen downe in his wrath the strong holdes of the daughter of Iudah: hee hath cast them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdome and the princes thereof.
3 Hee hath cut off in his fierce wrath all the d horne of Israel: he hath drawen backe his e right hand from before the enemie, and there was kindled in Iaakob like a flame of fire, which deuoured round about.
4 Hee f hath bent his bowe like an enemie: his right hand was stretched vp as an aduersary, and slew all that was pleasant to the eye in the Tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he powred out his wrath like fire.
5 The Lord was as an enemie: he hath deuoured Israel, and consumed all his palaces: hee hath destroyed his strong holdes, and hath increased in the daughter of Iudah lamentation and mourning.
6 For hee hath destroyed his Tabernacle, as a garden, hee hath destroyed his congregation: the Lord hath caused the feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his wrath the King and the Priest.
7 The Lord hath forsaken his altar: he hath abhorred his Sanctuarie: he hath giuen into the hand of the enemie the walles of her palaces: they haue made a noyse in the house of the Lord, as in the day of solemnitie.
8 The Lord hath determined to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: hee stretched out a line: he hath not withdrawen his hand from destroying: therefore hee made

a That is, brought her from prosperitie to aduersitie.
b Hath giuen her a most sore fall.
c Alluding to the Temple, or to the Arke of the couenant, which was called the footstoole of the Lord, because they should not set their minds so lowe, but lift vp their hearts toward the heauens.
d Meaning, the glory & strength, as 1 Sam. 2 1.
e That is, his succour which he was wont to send vs, when our enemies oppressed vs
f Shewing that there is no remedie but destruction, where God is the enemie.
g As the people were accustomed to praise God in the solemne feasts with a loud voyce: so now the enemies blaspheme him with showting and crying.

h This is a figuratiue speech, as that was, when he said the wayes did lament, Cha. 1.4. meaning that this sorow was so great that the insensible things had their part hereof.

‖ Or, sinde.

‖ Or, faint.

‡ Ebr. wheat and wine.

‡ Ebr. powred out the soule.

i Meaning, that her calamity was so evident, that it need no witnesses.

k Because the false prophets called themselues Seers, as the other were called, therefore hee sheweth, that they saw amisse, because they did not reproue the peoples faults, but flattered the in their sinnes, which was the cause of their destruction.

‖ Or, burdens.

Leuit. 26.15,25. deut. 28.15,25.

Ier. 14.17. chap. 2.16.

‖ Or, brought vp in their owne hands.

the rampart* and the wall to lament: they were destroyed together.

9 Her gates are sunke to the ground: he hath destroyed and broken her barres: her king and her Princes are among the Gentiles: the lawe is no more, neither can her Prophets ‖ receiue any vision from the Lord.

10 The Elders of the daughter of Zion sit vpon the ground, and keepe silence: they haue cast vp dust vpon their heades: they haue girded themselues with sackcloth: the virgines of Ierusalem hang downe their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes doe faile with teares: my bowels ‡ swell: my liuer is powred vpon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people, because the children & sucklings ‖ swoone in the streetes of the citie.

12 They haue sayde to their mothers, Where is ‡ bread and drinke? when they ‖ swooned, as the wounded in the streets of the citie, and when they ‡ gaue vp the ghost in their mothers bosome.

13 What thing shall I take to witnesse for thee? What thing shall I compare to thee, O daughter Ierusalem, what shall I liken to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgine daughter Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heale thee?

14 Thy prophets haue *looked out vaine and foolish things for thee, and they haue not discouered thine iniquitie, to turne away thy captiuitie, but haue looked out for thee false ‖ prophecies, and causes of banishment.

15 All that passe by the way, clappe their handes at thee: they hisse and wagge their head vpon the daughter Ierusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call, The perfection of beautie, and the ioy of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies haue opened their mouth against thee: they hisse and gnash the teeth, saying, Let vs deuoure it: certainely this is the day that we looked for: wee haue found and seene it.

17 *The Lord hath done that which hee had purposed: he hath fulfilled his worde that he had determined of old time: he hath throwen downe, and not spared: hee hath caused thine enemie to reioyce ouer thee, and set vp the horne of thine aduersaries.

18 Their heart* cryed vnto the Lord, O wall of the daughter Zion, let teares runne downe like a riuer, day and night: take thee no rest, neither let the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, crie in the night: in the beginning of the watches powre out thine heart like water before the face of the Lorde: lift vp thine handes toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the corners of all the streets.

20 Behold, O Lord, ‡ consider to whom thou hast done thus: shall the women eate their fruit, and children of a ‖ spanne long? shall the Priest and the Prophet be slaine in the Sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The young ‡ the old lie on the ground in the streetes: my virgines and my young men are fallen by the sword: thou hast slaine them in the day of thy wrath: thou hast killed and not spared.

22 Thou hast called as in a solemne day my ‖ terrours round about, so that in the day of the Lords wrath none escaped nor remained: those that I haue nourished & brought vp, hath mine enemie consumed.

CHAP. III.

I Am the man that hath seene * affliction in the rod of his indignation.

2 He hath led me, and brought mee into darkenesse, but not to light.

3 Surely hee is turned against mee: hee turned his hand against me all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath hee caused to waxe old, and he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath *builded against mee, and compassed me with gall, and labour.

6 He hath set me in darke places, as they that be dead for euer.

7 Hee hath hedged about mee, that I cannot get out: hee hath made my chaines heauie.

8 Also when I crie and shout, hee shutteth out my * prayer.

9 Hee hath * stopped vp my wayes with hewen stone, and turned away my paths.

10 *Hee was vnto me as a beare lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

11 Hee hath stopped my wayes, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bowe, and made me a marke for the arrow.

13 He caused ‡ the arrowes of his quiuer to enter into my reines.

14 I was a derision to all my people, and their song all the day.

15 He hath filled me with bitternesse, and made me drunken with * wormewood.

16 Hee hath also broken my teeth with stones, and hath couered me with ashes.

17 Thus my soule was farre off from peace: I forgate prosperitie.

18 And I sayd, My strength and mine hope is perished from the Lord,

19 Remembring mine affliction, and my mourning, the wormewood and the gall.

20 My soule hath them in remembrance, and is humbled * in me.

21 I consider this in mine heart: therefore haue I hope.

22 It is the Lords * mercies that wee are not consumed, because his compassions faile not.

23 They are renued * euery morning: great is thy faithfulnesse.

24 The Lord is my * portion, sayeth my soule: therefore will I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good vnto them, that trust

‖ Or, enemies, whom I feared.

a The Prophet complaineth of the punishments and afflictions that he endured by the false prophets and hypocrites, when he declared the destruction of Ierusalem, as Ier. 20.2.

b Hee speaketh this as one that felt Gods heauie iudgements, which he greatly feared, and therefore setteth them out with this diuersitie of words.

c This is a great tentation to the godly, when they see not the fruit of their prayers, and causeth them to thinke that they are not heard, which thing God vseth to doe, that they might pray more earnestly and the oftner.

d And keepeth me in hold, as a prisoner.

e He hath no pitie on me.

‡ Ebr. sonnes.

f With great anguish and sorow he hath made me to lose my sense.

g Thus with paine he was driuen to & fro betweene hope and despaire, as the godly oft times are, yet in the end the Spirit getteth

the victorie. h He sheweth that God thus vseth to exercise his, to the intent, that hereby they may know themselues. & feele his mercies. i Considering the wickednes of man, it is marueile that any remaineth aliue: but onely that God for his own mercies sake, and for his promise will euer haue his Church to remaine, though they be neuer so few in number, Isa 1.9. k We feele thy benefits daily. l The godly put their whole confidence in God, & therefore looke for none other inheritance, as Psal. 16.5.

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in him, and to the soule that seeketh him.
26 It is good both to trust and to waite for the saluation of the Lord.
27 It is good for a man that he beare the yoke in his [m] youth.
28 He sitteth alone, * and keepe silence, because he hath borne it vpon him.
29 He putteth his [o] mouth in the dust, if there may be hope.
30 He giueth his cheeke to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproches.
31 For the Lord will not forsake for euer.
32 But though he send affliction, yet will he haue compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.
33 For he doeth not [p] punish ‡ willingly, nor afflict the children of men,
34 To stamping vnder his feete all the prisoners of the earth,
35 To ouerthrowing the right of a man before the face of the most High,
36 To subuerting a man in his cause: the Lord [q] seeth it not.
37 Who is he then that saith, and it commeth to passe, and the Lord [r] commaundeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not [t] euill and good?
39 Wherefore then is the liuing man [s] sorowfull? man suffereth for his sinne.
40 Let vs search and try our wayes, and turne againe vnto the Lord.
41 Let vs lift vp * our hearts with our hands vnto God in the heauens.
42 We haue sinned, and haue rebelled, therefore thou hast not spared.
43 Thou hast couered vs with wrath, and persecuted vs: thou hast slaine and not spared.
44 Thou hast couered thy selfe with a cloude, that our prayer should not passe through.
45 Thou hast made vs as the * offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.
46 All our enemies haue opened their mouth against vs.
47 Feare, and a snare is come vpon vs with desolation and destruction.
48 Mine eye casteth out riuers of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49 Mine eye droppeth without stay and ceaseth not,
50 Till the Lord looke downe, and behold from heauen.
51 Mine eye [x] breaketh mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.
52 Mine enemies chased me sore like a bird without cause.
53 They haue shut vp my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone vpon me.
54 Waters flowed ouer mine head, then thought I, I am destroyed.
55 I called vpon thy Name, O Lord, out of the low dungeon.
56 Thou hast heard my voyce: stop not thine eare from my sigh, and from my crie.
57 Thou drewest neere in the day that I called vpon thee: thou saydest, Feare not.
58 O Lord, thou hast maintained the cause of my [z] soule, & hast redeemed my life.
59 O Lord, thou hast seene my wrong, iudge thou my cause.
60 Thou hast seene all their vengeance, and all their deuises against me.
61 Thou hast heard their reproch, O Lord, and all their imaginations against me:
62 The lips also of those that rose against me, and their whispering against mee continually.
63 Behold, their sitting downe and their rising vp, how I am their song.
64 * Giue them a recompense, O Lord, according to the worke of their hands. *Psal.28.4.*
65 Giue them [‖] sorowe of heart, euen thy curse to them. *[Or, an obstinate heart.*
66 Persecute with wrath and destroye them from vnder the heauen, O Lord.

m He sheweth that we can neuer begin too timely to be exercised vnder the crosse, that when the afflictions growe greater, our patience also by experience may be stronger.
n He murmureth not against God, but is patient.
o He humbleth himselfe as they that fall downe with their face to the ground, and so with patience waiteth for succour.
p He taketh no pleasure in it, but doth it of necessity for our amendement, when he suffereth the wicked to oppresse the poore.
‡ *Eb. with his heart.*
q He doeth not delight thereiu.
r He sheweth that nothing is done without Gods prouidence.
s That is, aduersitie, and prosperitie, Amos 3.6.
t When God afflicteth him.
u That is both hearts & hands: for else to lift vp the hands is but hypocrisie.
1 *Cor.* 4, 13.
x I am ouercome with sore weeping for all my people.
y Reade Ierem. 37.16, how he was in the myre in dungeon.
z Meaning the cause wherefore his life was in danger.

CHAP. IIII.

HOwe is the * golde become so ‖ dimme? the most fine golde is changed, and the stones of the Sanctuary are scattered in the corner of euery streete.
2 The noble ‖ men of Zion comparable to fine golde, how are they esteemed as earthen [b] pitchers, euen the worke of the hands of the potter!
3 Euen the dragons * drawe out the breasts, and giue sucke to their yong, but the daughter of my people is become cruell like the [c] ostriches in the wildernesse.
4 The tongue of the sucking childe cleaueth to the roofe of his mouth for thirst: the yong children aske bread, but no man breaketh it vnto them.
5 They that did feede delicately, perish in the streetes: they that were brought vp in scarlet, embrace the dung.
6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is become greater then the sinne of Sodome, that was * destroyed as in a moment, and ‖ none pitched campes against her.
7 Her * Nazarites were purer then the snowe, and whiter then the milke: they were more ruddy in body, then the red precious stones: they were like polished saphir.
8 Nowe their * visage is blacker then a cole: they cannot know them in the streetes: their skinne cleaueth to their bones: it is withered like a stocke.
9 They that be slaine with the [‖] sword, are better then they that are killed with hunger: for they fade away as they were stricken through for the [f] fruits of the field.
10 The hands of the pitifull women haue sodden their own children, which were their meate in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
11 The Lord hath accomplished his indignation: hee hath powred out his fierce wrath, he hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath deuoured the foundations thereof.
12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world would not haue beleeued that the aduersary & the enemy should haue entred into the gates of Ierusalem:
13 For the sinnes of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that haue shed the blood of the iust in the midst of [g] her.

a By the golde he meaneth the Princes, as by the stones hee vnderstandeth the priests.
‖ *Or, lost.*
‖ *Or, sonnes.*
b Which are of small estimation, and haue none honour.
c Though the dragons be cruel, yet they pitie their yong and nourish them, which thing Ierusalem doeth not.
d The women forsake their children as the Ostrich doth her egs, Iob. 39.17. *Lam.* 2.11.
‖ *Or, no strength was against her Numb.* 6.2.
e They that were before most in Gods fauour, are now in greatest abomination vnto him.
f For lacke of foode they pine away and consume.
g He meaneth that these things are come to passe therefore, contrary to all mens expectation.

h Some referre this to the blind men, which as they went, stumbled on the blood, wherof the citie was full.

14 They haue wandred as blind men in the streetes, and they were polluted with blood, so that they would not touch their garments.

15 But they cryed vnto them, Depart yee polluted, depart, depart, touch not: therefore they fled away, and wandered: they haue said among the heathen, They shall no more dwell there.

i Meaning, the heathen which came to destroy them, could not abide them.

16 The anger of the Lord hath scattered them, hee will no more regard them: k they reuerenced not the face of the Priests, nor had compassion of the Elders.

‖ Or, face.

k That is, the enemies.

17 Whiles we waited for our vaine help, our eyes failed: for in our waiting wee looked for l a nation that could not saue vs.

l He sheweth two principall causes of their destruction: their cruelty and their vaine confidence in man: for they trusted in the helpe of the Egyptians.

18 They hunt our steps that we cannot goe in our streetes: our ende is neere, our dayes are fulfilled, for our end is come.

19 Our persecuters are swifter then the eagles of the heauen: they pursued vs vpon the mountaines, and laid waite for vs in the wildernesse.

20 The m breath of our nostrels, the Anointed of the Lord was taken in their nets, of whom wee sayd, Vnder his shadowe wee shall be preserued aliue among the heathen.

m Our king Iosiah, in whom stood our hope of Gods fauour, and on whom depended our state and life, was slaine whom he calleth anointed, because he was a figure of Christ.

21 Reioyce and be glad, n O daughter Edom, that dwellest in the land of Vz, the cup also shall passe through vnto thee: thou shalt be dronken ‖ and vomit.

n This is spoken by derision.

‖ Or, shewthy nakednesse.

22 Thy punishment is accomplished, O daughter Zion: hee o will no more cary thee away into captiuity, but hee will visit thine iniquity, O daughter Edom, hee will discouer thy sinnes.

o He comforteth the Church by that after seuenty yeeres their sorows shall haue an ende, whereas the wicked should be tormented for euer.

CHAP. V.

The prayer of Ieremiah.

REmember, O Lord, what is come vpon vs: a consider, and beholde our reproch.

a This prayer as is thought, was made when some of the people were caried away captiue, others, as the poorest remained, and some went into Egypt and other places for succour: albeit it seemeth that the Prophet foreseeing their miseries to come, thus prayed.

2 Our inheritance is turned to the strangers, our houses to the aliants.

3 Wee are fatherlesse, euen without father, and our mothers are as widowes.

4 Wee haue dronken our b water for money, and our wood is sold vnto vs.

b Meaning, their extreme seruitude and bondage.

5 Our neckes are vnder persecution: we are weary, and haue no rest.

6 Wee haue giuen our c hands to the Egyptians, and to Assyr, to bee satisfied with bread.

c We are ioyned in league and amitie with them, or haue submitted our selues vnto them.

7 Our fathers haue sinned, and are not, and we haue borne their d iniquities.

d As our fathers haue bene punished for their sinnes, so we that are culpable of the same sinnes, are punished.

8 Seruants haue ruled ouer vs, none would deliuer vs out of their hands.

9 Wee gate our bread with the perill of our liues, because of the sword e of the wildernesse.

e Because of the enemy that came from the wildernesse, and would not suffer vs to goe and seeke our necessary foode.

10 Our skin was blacke like as an ouen, because of the terrible famine.

11 They defiled the women in Zion, and the maides in the cities of Iudah.

12 The princes are hanged vp by f their hand: the faces of the Elders were not had in honour.

f That is, by the enemies hand.

13 They tooke the yong men to grinde, and the children fell vnder g the wood.

g Their slauery was so great, that they were not able to abide it.

14 The Elders haue ceased from the gate, and the yong men from their songs.

15 The ioy of our heart is gone, our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crowne of our head is fallen: woe now vnto vs that we haue sinned.

17 Therefore our heart is heauy for these things, h our eyes are dimme.

h There were no more lawes nor forme of common wealth.

18 Because of the mountaine of Zion which is desolate: the foxes run vpon it.

19 But thou, O Lorde, remainest for i euer: thy throne is from generation to generation.

i With weeping.

20 Wherefore doest thou forget vs for euer, and forsake vs so long time?

21 k Turne thou vs vnto thee, O Lorde, and we shall be turned: renew our dayes as of olde.

k And therefore thy couenant and mercies can neuer faile.

22 But thou hast vtterly reiected vs: thou art exceedingly angry against vs.

l Whereby is declared that it is not in mans power to turne to God, but is onely his worke to conuert vs, and thus God worketh in vs, before wee can turne to him, Ierem. 31.18.

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Ezekiel.

THE ARGVMENT.

AFter that Iehoiachin by the counsel of Ieremiah and Ezekiel had yeelded himselfe to Nebuchadnezzar, and so went into captiuity with his mother and diuers of his princes and of the people, certaine began to repent & murmure that they had obeyed the Prophets counsel, as though the thing which they had professed should not come to passe, and therefore their estate should be still miserable vnder the Caldeans. By reason whereof he confirmeth his former professies, declaring by new visions and reuelations shewed vnto him, that the city should most certainely be destroyed, and the people grieuously tormented by Gods plagues, in so much that they remained, should be brought into cruell bondage. And lest the Godly should despaire in these great troubles, hee assureth them that God will deliuer his Church at his time appointed, and also destroy their enemies which either afflicted them, or reioyced in their miseries. The effect of the one and the other should chiefly be performed vnder Christ, of whom in this Booke are many notable promises, and in whom the glory of the new Temple should perfectly be restored. Hee professied these things in Caldea, at the same time that Ieremiah professied in Iudah, and there began in the fift yeere of Iehoiachins captiuitie.

CHAP.

CHAP. I.

1 The time wherein Ezekiel prophesied, and in what place. 3 He is moued. 5 The vision of the foure beasts. 26 The vision of the throne.

IT came to passe in the [a] thirtieth yeere in the fourth moneth, and in the fift day of the moneth (as I was among the captiues by the riuer [b] Chebar) that the heauens were opened, and I saw the visions of [c] God.

2 In the fift day of the moneth (which was the fift yeere of King Ioiachins captiuitie)

3 The word of the Lord came vnto Ezekiel the Priest, the sonne of Buzi, in the land of the Caldeans, by the riuer Chebar, where the [d] hande of the Lorde was vpon him.

4 And I looked, and behold, a [e] whirlewinde came out of the North, a great cloude and a fire wrapped about it, and a brightnesse was about it, and in the mids thereof, to wit, in the mids of the fire came out as the likenesse of [f] amber.

5 Also out of the mids thereof came the likenesse of foure [g] beastes, and this was their forme: they had the appearance of a man.

6 And euery one had foure faces, and euery one had foure wings.

7 And their feete were streight feete, and the sole of their feete was like the sole of a calues foote, and they sparkled like the appearance of bright brasse.

8 And the hands of a man came out from vnder their wings in the foure partes of them, and they foure had their faces, and their wings.

9 They were [h] ioyned by their wings one to another, and when they went forth, they returned not, but euery one went straight forward.

10 And the similitude of their faces was as [i] the face of man: and they foure had the face of a lion on the right side, and they foure had the face of a bullocke on the left side: they foure also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus were their faces: but their wings were spread out aboue: two wings of euery one were ioyned one to another, and two couered their bodies.

12 And euery one went straight forward: they went whither their [k] spirit led them, and they returned not when they went forth.

13 The similitude also of the beastes, and their appearance was like burning coales of fire, and like the appearance of lampes: for the fire ranne among the beastes, and the fire gaue a glister, and out of the fire there went lightning.

14 And the beasts ranne, and [l] returned like vnto lightning.

15 ¶ Now as I beheld the beastes, beholde, a wheele appeared vpon the earth by the beasts, hauing foure faces.

16 The fashion of the wheeles and their worke was like vnto a [m] chrysolite: and they foure had one forme, and their fashion, and their worke was as one wheele in another wheele.

17 When they went, they went vpon their foure sides, and they returned not when they went.

18 They had also [n] rings, and height, and were feareful to behold, and their rings were full of eyes, round about them foure.

19 And when the beastes went, the wheeles went with them: & when the beasts were lift vp from the earth, the wheeles were lift vp.

20 Whither their spirit led them, they went, & thither did the spirit of the wheeles leade them, and the wheeles were lifted vp beside them: for the spirit of the beasts was in the wheeles.

21 When the beasts went, they went, and when they stood, they stood, and when they were lifted vp from the earth, the wheeles were lifted vp beside them: for the spirit of the beasts was in the wheeles.

22 And the similitude of the firmament vpon the heads of the beasts was wonderfull, like vnto chrystall, spread ouer their heads aboue.

23 And vnder the firmament were their wings streight, the one toward the other: euery one had two, which couered them, and euery one had two, which couered their bodies.

24 And when they went forth, I heard the noyse of their [o] wings, like the noyse of great waters, and as the voyce of the Almighty, euen the voyce of speach, as the noyse of an hoste: and when they stoode, they [p] let downe their wings.

25 And there was a voyce from the firmament that was ouer their heads, when they stood, and had let downe their wings.

26 And aboue the firmament that was ouer their heads, was the fashion of a throne like vnto a saphire stone, and vpon the similitude of the throne was by appearance, as the similitude of a man aboue vpon it.

27 And I sawe as the appearance of amber, and as the similitude of fire [q] round about within it to looke to, euen from his loynes vpwarde: and to looke to, euen from his loynes downewarde, I sawe as a likenesse of fire, and brightnesse round about it.

28 As the likenesse of the bowe, that is in the cloude in the day of raine, so was the appearance of the light round about.

29 This was the appearance of the similitude of the glory of the Lord: and when I saw it, I fell [r] vpon my face, and I heard a voyce of one that spake.

CHAP. II.

The Prophet is sent to call the people from their errour.

AND [s] he sayd vnto me, [t] Sonne of man, stand vp vpon thy feet, and I wil speake vnto thee.

a After that the booke of the law was found, which was the eighteenth yeere of the reigne of Iosiah, so that fiue and twenty yeeres after this booke was found, Ieconiah was led away captiue with Ezekiel (and many of the people) who the first yeere after saw these visions.

b Which was a part of Euphrates, so called.

c That is, notable and excellent visions, to that it might be known, it was no naturall dreame, but came of God.

d That is, the Spirit of prophesie, as Chap. 3. 22. and 37. 1.

e By this diuersitie of words he signifieth the fearefull iudgement of God, and the great afflictions that should come vpon Ierusalem.

f Or, pale yellow.

g Which were the foure Cherubims that represented the glory of God, as Chap. 3. 23.

h The wing of the one touched the wing of the other.

i Euery Cherubim had foure faces, the face of a man, and of a lion on the right side, and the face of a bullocke, and of an eagle on the left side.

k Ebr. whither their spirit, or will was to go.

l That is, when they had executed Gods will: for afore they returned not, till God had changed the state of things.

k The Ebrew word is Tarshish meaning, that the colour was like the Cilician sea, or a precious stone so called.

l Or, the trent.

m Which declared the swiftnes, and the fearefulnesse of Gods iudgements.

n Which signified that they had no power of themselues, but only waited to execute Gods commandement.

o Whereby was signified a terrible iudgement toward the earth.

p Considering the Maiestie of God, and the weakenesse of flesh.

a That is, the sonne of man.

b Meaning man, which is but earth and ashes, which was to humble him, and cause him to consider his owne state and Gods grace.

2 And

c So that he could not abide Gods presence till Gods spirit did enter into him.

‡ Eb. hard of face.

d This declareth on the one part Gods great affection toward his people, that notwithstanding their rebellion, yet he will send his Prophets among them, and admonisheth his ministers on the other part that they cease not to doe their duety, though the people be neuer so obstinate: for the word of God shall be either to their saluation or greater condemnation.

e Reade Iere. 1. 17: he sheweth that for none afflictions they should cease to doe their dueties.

f He doeth not onely exhort him to his duetie, but also giueth him the meanes wherewith hee may be able to execute it.

g He sheweth what were the contents of this booke: to wit, Gods iudgements against the wicked.

2 c And the Spirit entred into me, when he had spoken vnto mee, and set me vpon my feete, so that I heard him that spake vnto me.

3 And he said vnto me, Sonne of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation, that hath rebelled against me: for they and their fathers haue rebelled against me, euen vnto this very day.

4 For they are ‡ impudent children, and stiffe hearted: I do send thee vnto them, and thou shalt say vnto them, Thus sayeth the Lord God.

5 But surely they will not heare, neither indeede will they cease: for they are a rebellious house: yet shall they know that d there hath bene a Prophet among them.

6 And thou sonne of man, e feare them not, neither bee afrayd of their wordes, although rebels, and thornes bee with thee, and thou remaynest with scorpions: feare not their wordes, nor bee afrayd at their lookes, for they are a rebellious house.

7 Therefore thou shalt speake my words vnto them: but surely they will not heare, neither will they indeede cease: for they are rebellious.

8 But thou sonne of man, heare what I say vnto thee: bee not thou rebellious, like this rebellious house: open thy mouth, and f eate that I giue thee.

9 And when I looked vp, beholde, an hand was sent vnto me, and loe, a roule of a booke was therein.

10 And he spread it before me, and it was written within and without, and there was written therein, ‡ Lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

CHAP. III.

1 The Prophet being fed with the word of God, and with the constant boldnesse of the Spirit, is sent vnto the people that were in captiuitie. 17 The office of true ministers.

MOreouer he said vnto mee, Sonne of man, eate that thou findest: a eate this roule, and goe, and speake vnto the house of Israel.

a Whereby is meant that none is meete to bee Gods messenger before he haue received the word of God in his heart, as verse 10. and haue a zeale thereunto, and delight therein, as Iere. 15. 16. reuel. 10. 10.

‡ Ebr. deepe lips.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he gaue me this roule to eate.

3 And he said vnto me, Sonne of man, cause thy belly to eate, and fill thy bowels with this roule that I giue thee. Then did I eate it, and it was in my mouth as sweete as honie.

4 And he said vnto me, Sonne of man, go, and enter into the house of Israel, and declare them my words.

5 For thou art not sent to a people of an ‡ vnknowen tongue, or of an hard language, but to the house of Israel:

6 Not to many people of an vnknowen tongue, or of an hard language, whose words thou canst not vnderstand: yet if I should send thee to them, they would obey thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not obey thee: for they will not obey mee: yea, all the house of Israel are impudent and stiffe hearted.

8 Behold, I haue made thy face ‡ strong against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads.

9 I haue made thy forehead as the adamant, and harder then the flint: feare them not therefore, neither bee afrais at their lookes: for they are a rebellious house.

10 He said moreouer vnto me, Sonne of man, c receiue in thine heart all my wordes that I speake vnto thee, and heare them with thine eares,

11 And goe and enter to them that are led away captiues, vnto the children of thy people, and speake vnto them, & tell them, Thus saith the Lord God: but surely they will not heare, neither will they indeede cease.

12 Then the Spirit tooke me vp, and I heard behind me a noyse of a great rushing, saying, d Blessed be the glory of the Lord out of his place.

13 I heard also the noyse of the wings of the beastes, that touched one another, and the rushing of ‡ wheeles that were by them, euen a noyse of a great rushing.

14 So the Spirit lift me vp, and tooke me away, and I e went in bitternesse, and indignation of my spirit, but the hand of the Lord was strong vpon me.

15 Then I came to them that were led away captiues to f Tel-abib, that dwelt by the riuer Chebar, and I sate where they sate, and remained there astonished among them ‡ seuen dayes.

16 And at the ende of seuen dayes, the worde of the Lord came againe vnto mee, saying,

17 Sonne of man, I haue made thee a ‡ watchman vnto the house of Israel: therefore heare the word at my mouth, and giue them warning from me.

18 When I shall say vnto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die, and thou giuest not him warning, nor speakest to admonish the wicked of his wicked way, that he may liue, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquitie: but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warne the wicked, and he turne not from his wickednesse, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquitie, but thou hast deliuered thy soule.

20 Likewise if a ‡ righteous man turne from his righteousnesse, and commit iniquitie, I will lay a ‡ stumbling blocke before him, and he shall die, because thou hast not giuen him warning: he shal die in his sinne, and his ‡ righteous deedes, which hee hath done, shall not be remembred: but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Neuertheless, if thou admonish that righteous man, that the righteous sinne not, and that he doeth not sinne, he shall liue because hee is admonished: also thou hast deliuered thy soule.

22 And the ‡ hand of the Lord was there vpon mee, and he said vnto me, Arise, and

b God promiseth his assistance to his ministers, and that he will giue them boldnesse and constancie in their vocation, Isa. 50. 7. Ierem. 1. 18. Micah 3. 8.

c He sheweth what is meant by the eating of the booke, which is, that the ministers of God may speake nothing as of themselues, but that onely which they haue receiued of the Lord

d Whereby he signifieth, that Gods glory should not be diminished, although he departed out of his Temple: for this declared that the city and Temple should be destroyed.

e This sheweth that there is euer an infirmitie of the flesh which can neuer be ready to render full obedience to God, and also Gods grace, who euer assisteth his, and ouercometh their rebellious affections.

f Which was a place by Euphrates, where the Iewes were prisoners.

g Declaring hereby, that Gods ministers must with aduisement and deliberation vtter his iudgements.

h Of this reade Chap. 33. 2.

i If he that hath bene instructed in the right way turne backe.

k I wil giue him vp into a repro-

bate minde, Rom. 1. 28. l Which seemed to haue beene done in faith, and were not. m That is, the spirit of prophesie.

got into the ‖ fielde, and I will there talke with thee.

23 So when I had risen vp, and gone forth into the field, behold, the a glory of the Lord stood there, as the glory which I sawe by the river Chebar, and I fell downe vpon my face.

24 Then the spirit entred into me, which b set mee vp vpon my feet, and spake vnto me, and said to me, Come, and c shut thy selfe within thine house.

25 But thou, O sonne of man, beholde, they shall put bandes vpon thee, and shall binde thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them,

26 And I will make thy tongue d cleave to the rooffe of thy mouth, that thou shalt bee dumbe, and shalt not bee to them as a man that rebuketh: for they are a rebellious house.

27 But when I shall haue spoken vnto thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say vnto them. Thus sayeth the Lord God, He that heareth, let him heare, and hee that leaueth off, e let him leaue: for they are a rebellious house.

‖ Or, valley.

a Meaning, the vision of the Cherubims, and the wheeles.

b Reade Chap. 2.2.

c Signifying, that not only he should not profit, but they should grieuously trouble & afflict him.

d Which declareth the terrible plague of the Lord, when God stoppeth the mouthes of his ministers, and that all such are the rods of his vengeance that doe it. *Reuel.* 22.11.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The besieging of the citie of Ierusalem is signified. 9 The long continuance of the captiuitie of Israel. 16 An hunger is prophesied to come.

THou also sonne of man, take thee a brick, and lay it before thee, and purtray vpon it the citie, euen Ierusalem,

2 And lay siege against it, and builde a fort against it, and cast a mount against it: set the campe also against it, and lay engins of warre against it round about.

3 Moreouer, take an a yron panne, and set it for a wall of yron betweene thee and the citie, and direct thy face toward it, and it shall bee besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it: this shalbe a signe vnto the house of Israel.

4 Sleepe thou also vpon thy left side, and lay the iniquitie of the b house of Israel vpon it: according to the number of the dayes that thou shalt sleepe vpon it, thou shalt beare their iniquitie.

5 For I haue layd vpon thee the yeeres of their iniquity, according to the number of the dayes, euen three hundreth and ninetie dayes: so shalt thou beare the iniquitie of the house of Israel.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, sleepe againe vpon thy c right side, and thou shalt beare the iniquitie of the house of Iudah fourtie dayes: I haue appointed thee a day for a yeere, euen a day for a yeere.

7 Therefore thou shalt direct thy face toward the siege of Ierusalem, and thine d arme shalbe vncouered, and thou shalt prophesie against it.

8 And behold, I will lay e bands vpon thee, and thou shalt not turne thee from one side to another, til thou hast ended the daies of thy siege.

9 Thou shalt also take vnto thee wheat, and barley, and beanes, and lentils, and millet, and ‖ fitches, and put them in one vessell, and make thee bread thereof according to the number of the dayes, that thou shalt sleepe vpon thy side: euen three hundreth & ninety dayes shalt thou eate thereof.

10 And the meate, whereof thou shalt eate, shall be by weight, euen f twentie shekels a day: and from time to time shalt thou eate thereof.

11 Thou shalt drinke also water by measure, euen the iust part of an i Hin from time to time shalt thou drinke.

12 And thou shalt eate it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it k in the dung that commeth out of man, in their sight.

13 And the Lord said, So shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles whither I will cast them.

14 Then sayd I, Ah, Lord God, behold, my soule hath not bene polluted: for from my youth vp, euen vnto this houre, I haue not eaten of a thing dead, or torne in pieces, neither came there any l vncleane flesh in my mouth.

15 Then he sayd vnto me, Loe, I haue giuen thee bullocks m dung for mans dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreouer, he sayd vnto mee, Sonne of man, beholde, I will breake n the staffe of bread in Ierusalem, and they shall eate bread by weight, and with care, and they shall drinke water by measure, and with astonishment.

17 Because that bread and water shall faile, they shalbe astonied one with another, and shall consume away for their iniquitie.

a Which signified the stubburnes and hardnes of their heart.

b Hereby he represented the idolatry & sinne of the ten tribes (for Samaria was on his left hand from Babylon) & how they had remained therein three hundred & ninetie yeeres.

c Which declared Iudah, who had now from the time of Iosiah slept in their sinnes fourtie yeeres.

a In token of a speedie vengeance.

e The people should so straitly be besieged, that they should not be able to turne them.

f Meaning, that the famine should be so great, that they should be glad to eate whatsoeuer they could get

g Which were fourteene moneths that the citie was besieged, and this was as many dayes as Israel sinned yeeres

h Which make a pound.

i Reade Exod. 29.40.

k Signifying hereby the great scarcitie of fuell and matter to burne.

l Much lesse such vile corruption.

m To be as fire to bake thy bread with.

n That is, the force & strength wherewith it should nourish, Isa. 3.1. Chap. 5. 17. and 14 13.

CHAP. V.

The signe of the haires, whereby is signified the destruction of the people.

AND thou sonne of man, take thee a sharp knife, or take thee a barbours rasor, and cause it a to passe vpon thine head, and vpon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and diuide the haire.

a To shaue thine head and thy beard.

2 Thou shalt burne with fire the third part in the middes of b the citie, when the dayes of the siege are fulfilled, and thou shalt take the other third part, and smite about it with a knife, and the last third part thou shalt scatter in the winde, and I will draw out a sword after them.

b To wit of that citie which hee had purtrayed vpon the bricke, Chap. 4.1. By the fire and pestilence he meaneth the famine, wherewith one part perished, during the siege of Nebuchad-nezzar. By the sword those that were slaine when Zedekiah fled, and those that were caried away captiue. And by the

3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and binde them vp in thy c lap.

4 Then take of them againe, and cast them into the middes of the fire, and burne them in the fire: d for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5 Thus sayth the Lord God, This is Ierusalem: I haue set it in the mids of the nations and countreys, that are round about her.

6 And she hath changed my e iudgements

scattering into the winde, those that fled into Egypt and into other parts after the city was taken. c Meaning, that a very few should be left, which the Lord would preserue among all these stormes, but not without troubles, and trials. d Out of that fire which thou kindlest, shall a fire come, which shall signifie the destruction of Israel. e My word and law into idolatry and superstitions.

into

vnto wickednesse more then the nations, and my statutes more then the countreys that are round about her: for they have refused my iudgements and my statutes, and they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saieth the Lord God, Because your f multitude is greater then the nations that are round about you, and yee have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye kept my iudgements: no, ye have not done according to the iudgement of the nations, that are round about you,

8 Therefore thus saieth the Lord God, Behold, I, even I come against thee, and will execute iudgement in the mids of thee, euen in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will doe in thee, that I never did before, neither will do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.

10 For in the mids of thee, the fathers * shall eate their sonnes, and the sonnes shall eate their fathers, and I will execute iudgement in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the windes.

11 Wherefore, as I liue, saith the Lord God, Surely, because thou hast defiled my Sanctuarie with all thy filthines, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also destroy thee, neither shal mine eye spare thee, neither will I haue any pitie.

12 The third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the mids of thee: and another third part shall fall by the sword round about thee: and I will scatter the last third part into all windes, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger bee accomplished, and I will cause my wrath to cease in them, and I will be s comforted: and they shall know, that I the Lord haue spoken it in my zeale, when I haue accomplished my wrath in them.

14 Moreouer, I will make thee waste, and abhorred among the nations, that are round about thee, and in the sight of all that passe by.

15 So shalt thou be a reproch and shame, a chastisement & an astonishment vnto the nations, that are round about thee, when I shall execute iudgements in thee, in anger and in wrath, and in sharpe rebukes: I the Lord haue spoken it.

16 When I shall send vpon them the ‖ euill h arrowes of famine, which shall bee for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine vpon you, and will breake your staffe of bread.

17 * So will I send vpon you famine, and euill beasts, and they shall spoyle thee, and pestilence, and blood shall passe thorow thee, and I will bring the sword vpon thee: I the Lord haue spoken it.

f Because your idoles are in greater number, and your superstitions moe then among the professed idolaters, reade Isai. 65 11. or he condemneth their ingratitude in respect of his benefits.

Leuit. 26. 29. deut. 28. 53. 2. king. 6 29. Lament. 4. 10. baruch 2. 3.

g That is, I will not be pacified till I be reuenged, Isa. 1. 24.

‖ *Or, dangerous.*

h Which were the grashoppers, mildewe, and whatsoeuer were occasions of famine. *Chap. 14. 13.*

CHAP. VI.

1 He sheweth that Ierusalem shall be destroyed for their idolatrie. 8 He prophesieth the repentance of the remnant of the people, and their deliuerance.

AGaine the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face towards the * mountaines of Israel, & prophesie against them,

3 And say, Yee mountaines of Israel, heare the word of the Lord God: thus saith the Lord God to the a mountains and to the hilles, to the riuers and to the valleys, Behold, I, euen I will bring a sword vpon you, and I will destroy your hie places:

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images of the b sunne shall be broken: and I will cast downe your slaine men before your idoles.

5 And I will lay the dead carkeises of the children of Israel before their c idoles, and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be desolate, and the high places shall be layd waste, so that your altars shall be made waste and desolate, and your idoles shall be broken, and cease, and your images of the sunne shall be cut in pieces, and your workes shall be abolished.

7 And the slaine shall fall in the mids of you, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

8 Yet will I leaue a remnant, d that you may haue some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scatred thorow the countreys.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations, where they shall bee in captiuitie, because I am grieued for their whorish hearts, which haue departed from me, and for their eyes, which haue gone a whoring after their idoles, and they * shalbe displeased in themselues for the euils which they haue committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I am the Lord, and that I haue not sayd in vaine, that I would doe this euill vnto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord God, f Smite with thine hand, and stretch forth with thy foot, and say, Alas, for all the wicked abominations of the house of Israel: for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is farre off, shall die of the pestilence, and he that is neere, shall fall by the sword, and hee that remaineth and is besieged, shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath vpon them.

13 Then g yee shall know, that I am the Lord, when their slaine men shall be among their idoles round about their altars, vpon euery hie hill in all the toppes of the mountaines, and vnder euery greene tree, and vnder euery thicke oke, which is the place where they did offer sweet sauour to all their idoles.

14 So will I * stretch mine hand vpon them, and make the land waste, and desolate h from the wildernesse vnto Diblath in all their habitations, and they shall know, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. VII.

The ende of all the land of Israel shall suddenly come.

MOreouer the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

Chap. 36. 1.

a He speaketh to all the places where the Israelites accustomed to commit their idolatries, threatning them destruction.

b Reade 2. King. 23. 11.

c In contempt of their power and force, which shall neither be able to deliuer you nor themselues, 2. King. 23. 20.

d He sheweth that in all dangers God will preserue a few, which shall be as the seede of his Church, and call vpon his Name.

e They shall be ashamed to see, that their hope in idoles was but vaine, and so shal repent.

f By these signes he would that the Prophet should signifie the great destruction to come.

g That is, all nations, when ye shall see my iudgements. *Chap. 5. 14.*

h Some reade, more desolate then the wildernesse of Diblath, which was in Syria, and bordered vpon Israel, or from the wildernesse, which was South vnto Diblath, which was North: meaning the whole countrey.

2 Also

2 Also thou sonne of man, thus sayth the Lord God, An end is come vnto the land of Israel: the ende is come vpon the foure corners of the land.

3 Now is the end come vpon thee, and I will send my wrath vpon thee, and will iudge thee according to thy wayes, and will lay vpon thee all a thine abominations.

4 Neither shall mine eye spare thee, neither will I haue pitie: but I will lay thy wayes vpon thee: and thine abomination shalbe in the mids of thee, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

5 Thus sayth the Lord God, ‖ Beholde, one euill, euen one euill is come.

6 An ende is come, the end is come, it b watched for thee: behold, it is come.

7 The c morning is come vnto thee, that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is neere, & not the d sounding againe of the mountaines.

8 Nowe I will shortly powre out my wrath vpon thee, and fulfill mine anger vpon thee: I will iudge thee according to thy wayes, and will lay vpon thee all thine abominations.

9 Neither shall mine eye spare thee, neither will I haue pitie, but I will lay vpon thee according to thy wayes, and thine abominations shall be in the mids of thee, and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth.

10 Behold, the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth, the e rod flourisheth: f pride hath budded:

11 g Cruelty is risen vp into a rod of wickednesse: none of them shall remaine, nor of their riches, nor of any of theirs, neither shall there be h lamentation for them.

12 The time is come, the day draweth neere: let not the buyer i reioyce, nor let him that selleth, k mourne: for the wrath is vpon all the multitude thereof.

13 For he that selleth, shall not l returne to that which is sold, although they were yet aliue: for the m vision was vnto all the multitude thereof, & they returned not, n neither doeth any encourage himselfe in the punishment of his life.

14 o They haue blowen the trumpet, and prepared all, but none goeth to the battell: for my wrath is vpon all the multitude thereof.

15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: hee that is in the field, shal die with the sword, and he that is in the citie, famine and pestilence shall deuoure him.

16 But they that flee away from them, shall escape, and shall be in the mountaines, like the doues of the valleys: all they shall mourne, euery one for his iniquitie.

17 * All hands shall bee weake, and all knees shall fall away as water.

18 * They shall also gird themselues with sackecloth, and feare shall couer them, and shame shall be vpon all faces, and baldnesse vpon their heads.

19 They shal cast their siluer in p streets, and their gold shall bee cast farre off: their * siluer and their gold cannot deliuer them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shal not satisfie their soules, neither fil their bowels: for this ruine is for their iniquitie.

20 He hath also set the beauty of his q ornament in maiestie: but they made images of their abominations, and of their idoles therein: therefore haue I set it farre from them.

21 And I will giue it into the handes of the r strangers to be spoiled, and to the wicked of the earth to be robbed, and they shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turne also from them, and they shall pollute my s secret place: for the destroyers shall enter into it, & defile it.

23 ¶ Make a t chaine: for the land is full of the u iudgement of blood, and the citie is full of cruelty.

24 Wherefore I will bring the most wicked of the heathen, & they shall possesse their houses: I will also make the pompe of the mighty to cease, and their x holy places shall be defiled.

25 When destruction commeth, they shal seeke peace, and shall not haue it.

26 Calamitie shall come vpon calamitie, and rumour shalbe vpon rumour: then shall they seeke a vision of the Prophet: but the Law shal perish from the Priest, and counsel from the Ancient.

27 The king shal mourne, and the prince shalbe clothed with desolation, & the handes of the people in the land shalbe troubled: I will do vnto them according to their wayes, and according to their iudgements will I iudge them, and they shall knowe that I am the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *An appearance of the similitude of God.* 3 *Ezekiel is brought to Ierusalem in the Spirit.* 6 *The Lorde sheweth the Prophet the idolatries of the house of Israel.*

AND in the a first yere, in the b first moneth, & in the fift day of the moneth, as I sate in mine house, and the Elders of Iudah sate before mee, the hand of the Lord God fell there vpon mee.

2 Then I beheld, and lo, there was a likenesse, as the appearance of c fire to looke to, from his loynes downeward, and from his loynes vpward, as the appearance of brightnesse, and like vnto amber.

3 And he stretched out the likenesse of an hand, & tooke me by an hairie locke of mine head, and the Spirit lift mee vp betweene the earth, and the heauen, and brought mee * by a Diuine d vision to Ierusalem, into the entrie of the inner e gate that lieth toward the North, where remained the idole of f indignation: which prouoked indignation.

4 And beholde, the glory of the God of Israel was there according to the vision, that I sawe in the field.

5 Then

a I will punish thee as thou hast deserued for thine idolatrie.

‖ *Or, behold, euill commeth after euill.*

b He sheweth ‖ the iudgements of God euer watch to destroy ‖ sinners, which notwithstanding he delayeth till there be no more hope of repentance.

c The beginning of his punishments is already come.

d Which was a voyce of ioy and mirth.

e The scourge is in a readinesse.

f That is, the proud tyrant Nebuchad-nezzar hath gatheredhis force & is ready.

g This cruel enemie shall be a sharpe scourge for their wickednesse.

h Their owne affliction shal be so great, that they shall haue no regard to lament for others.

i For the present profit.

k For he shall lose nothing.

l In the yeere of the Iubile, meaning that none should enioy the priuiledge of the Law, Leui. 25. 13 for they should all be caried away captiues.

m This vision signified, that all should be caried away, and none should returne for the Iubile.

n No man for all this endeuoureth himself, ortaketh heart to repent for his euill life. Some reade, for none shalbe strengthened in his iniquitie of his life: meaning, that they should gaine nothing by flattering themselues in euill.

o The Israelites made a brag, but their hearts failed them. *Isa.* 13. 7. *iere.* 6. 24. *Isa.* 15. 3. *iere.* 48. 37.

Pro. 11. 4. *Zeph* 1. 18. *eccles.* 5. 8.

p Meaning, the Sanctuary.

q That is, of the Babylonians.

r Which signifieth the most holy place, whereinto none might enter but the hie Priest.

s Signifying, that they should be bound and led away captines.

t That is, of sinnes that deserue death.

u Which was the Temple, that was diuided into three parts, Psal. 68. 35.

a Of the captiuitie of Ieconiah

b Which conteined part of August, and part of September.

c As Chap. 1. 27. ‡ *Ebr. in the visions of God.*

d Meaning, that he was thus caried in spirit, and not in body.

e Which was the porch or ‖ court, where the people assembled.

f So called, because it prouoked Gods indignatio, which was the idole of Baal.

g Read cha. 3 22

5 Then said he vnto me, Sonne of man, lift vp thine eyes nowe toward the North. So I lift vp mine eyes toward the North, and beholde, Northward at the gate of the h altar, this idole of indignation was in the entrie.

h That is, in the court where the people had made an altar to Baal.

6 He sayd furthermore vnto me, Sonne of man, seest thou not what they do? euen the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here to cause me to depart from i my Sanctuarie? but yet turne thee & thou shalt see greater abominations.

i For God will not be where idoles are,

7 And he caused me to enter at the gate of the court: and when I looked, beholde, an hole was in the wall.

8 Then said he vnto me, Sonne of man, dig now in the wall. And when I had digged in the wall, beholde, there was a doore.

9 And he sayd vnto me, Goe in, and beholde the wicked abominations that they doe here.

10 So I went in, and saw, and beholde, there was euery similitude of creeping things and k abominable beastes, and all the idoles of the house of Israel painted vpon the wall round about.

k Which were forbidden in the Law, Leuit. 11.4

11 And there stoode before them seuentie l men of the Ancients of the house of Israel, and in the mids of them stoode Iaazaniah, the sonne of Shaphan, with euery man his censer in his hand, and the vapour of the incense went vp like m a cloud.

l Thus they that should haue kept all the rest in the feare & true seruice of God, were the ring leaders to all abomination, and by their example pulled others fro God.

m It was in such abundance.

12 Then said he vnto me, Sonne of man, hast thou seene what the Ancients of the house of Israel n doe in the darke, euery one in the chamber of his imagerie? for they say, The Lord seeth vs not, the Lord hath forsaken the earth.

n For besides their common idolatry, they had particular seruice, which they had in secret chambers.

13 Againe he sayd also vnto mee, Turne thee againe, & thou shalt see greater abominations that they doe.

14 And he caused me to enter into the entry of the gate of the Lords house, which was toward the North: and beholde, there sate women mourning for o Tammuz.

o The Iewes write that this was a prophet of the idoles, who after his death was once a yeere mourned for in the night.

15 Then said he vnto me, Hast thou seene this, O sonne of man? Turne thee againe, and thou shalt see greater abominations then these.

16 And he caused me to enter into the inner court of the Lords house, & behold, at the doore of the Temple of the Lord, betweene the porch and the altar were aboue fiue and twentie men with their backes toward the Temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the East, and they worshipped the sunne toward the East.

17 Then he said vnto me, Hast thou seene this, O sonne of man? Is it a small thing to the house of Iudah to commit these abominations which they doe here? for they haue filled the land with cruelty, and haue returned to prouoke me: and lo, they haue cast out p stinke before their noses.

p Declaring that the censings, and seruice of y idolaters are but infection & villeny before God. *Pro.* 1.28. *Isa.* 46. 7. *Iere.* 11.11. *Micah.* 3 4.

18 Therfore will I also execute my wrath: mine eye shall not spare them, neither will I haue pitie, and q though they crie in mine eares with a loud voyce, yet will I not heare them.

q The time to take vengeance.

CHAP. IX.

1 The destruction of the city. 4 They that shall be saued, are marked. 8 A complaint of the Prophet for the destruction of the people.

HE cryed also with a loud voyce in mine eares, saying, The visitations of a the citie draw neere, and euery man hath a weapon in his hand to destroy it.

a The time to take vengeance.

2 And beholde, sixe b men came by the way of the hie gate, which lieth toward the c North, and euery man a weapon in his hand to destroy it: and one man among them was clothed with linnen, with a writers d inkehorne by his side, and they went in and stood beside the braken altar.

b Which were Angels in the similitude of men.

c Signifying, that the Babylonians should come from the North to destroy the citie and the Temple.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was e gone vp from the Cherub, whereupon he was, and stoode on the ‖ doore of the house, and he called to the man clothed with linnen, which had the writers inkehorne by his side.

d To marke them that should be saued.

e Which declared, that he was not bound thereunto, neither would remaine any longer, then there was hope that they would returne from their wickednes, and worship him aright.

‖ Or, threshold.

4 And the Lorde sayde vnto him, Goe through the mids of the citie, euen through the mids of Ierusalem, and set a marke vpon the foreheads of them that f mourne, and crie for all the abominations that be done in the mids thereof.

‖ Or, marke with Thau.

f He sheweth what is y maner of Gods childre, whom he marketh to saluation: to wit, to mourne & cry out against the wickednesse, which they see committed against Gods glory.

5 And to the other he said, that I might heare, Go ye after him through the citie, and smite: let your eye spare none, neither haue pitie.

6 Destroy vtterly the old, and the yong, and the maids, and the children, and the women, but touch no man vpon whom is the g marke, and begin at my Sanctuary. Then they began at the h Ancient men, which were before the house.

g Thus in all his plagues the Lord preserueth his small number, which he marketh, as Exo. 12. 22. reue. 7. 3. but the chiefe marke is the Spirit of adoption, wherwith the heart is sealed vp to life euerlasting.

7 And he said vnto them, Defile y house and fill the courts with the slaine, then goe forth: and they went out, and slew them in the citie.

8 Now when they had slaine them, and I had escaped, I fell downe vpon my face, and cryed, saying, i Ah Lord God, wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel, in powring out thy wrath vpon Ierusalem?

9 Then sayd he vnto me, The iniquitie of the house of Israel, and Iudah is exceeding great, so that the land is full k of blood, and the citie full of corrupt iudgement: for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth vs not.

10 As touching me also, mine eye shall not spare them, neither will I haue pitie, but will recompense their wayes vpon their heads.

11 And behold, the man clothed with linnen which had the inkehorne by his side, made report, and said, Lord, I haue done as thou hast commanded me.

h Which were the chiefe occasions of all these euils, as Cha. 8.11.

i This declareth, that the seruants of God haue a compassion, when they see his iudgements executed.

k That is, with all kind of wickednesse, reade Isa. 1.15.

CHAP. X.

1 Of the man that tooke hote burning coales out of the middle of the wheeles of the Cherubims. 8 A rehearsall of the vision of the wheeles, of the beasts, and of the Cherubims.

And

Chap. 1. 22.

a Which in the first chap. verſ. 5. hee called the foure beaſts.

b This ſignified that the citie ſhould be burnt.

c Meaning, that the glory of God ſhould depart from the Temple.

d Reade Chap. 1, 24.

e Reade Chap. 1, 16.

f Vntill they had executed Gods iudgements.

g Or, turnes.

Chap. 1. 15.

AND as I looked, beholde, in the * firmament that was aboue the head of the * Cherubims, there appeared vpon them like vnto the ſimilitude of a throne, as it were a Saphir ſtone.

2 And hee ſpake vnto the man clothed with linnen, and ſayd, Goe in betweene the wheeles, euen vnder the Cherub, & fill thine hands with coales of fire from betweene the Cherubims, and ſcatter them ouer * the citie. And he went in in my ſight.

3 Now the Cherubims ſtood vpon the right ſide of the houſe, when the man went in, and the cloude filled the inner Court.

4 Then the glory of the Lord * went vp from the Cherub, and ſtoode ouer the doore of the houſe, and the houſe was filled with the cloude, and the court was filled with the brightneſſe of the Lords glory.

5 And the * ſound of * Cherubims wings was heard into the vtter Court, as * voyce of the Almightie God, when he ſpeaketh.

6 And when hee had commaunded the man clothed with linnen, ſaying, Take fire from betweene the wheeles, and from betweene the Cherubims, then he went in and ſtood beſide the wheele.

7 And one Cherub ſtretched forth his hand from betweene the Cherubims vnto the fire, that was betweene the Cherubims, and tooke thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linnen: who tooke it and went out.

8 And there appeared in the Cherubims, the likeneſſe of a mans hand vnder their wings.

9 And when I looked vp, behold, foure wheeles were beſide the Cherubims, one wheele by one Cherub, and another wheele by another Cherub, and the appearance of the wheeles was as the coulour of a * Chryſolite ſtone.

10 And their appearance (for they were all foure of one faſhion) was as if one wheele had bene in another wheele.

11 When they went forth, they went vpon their foure ſides, and they returned not as they went: but to the place whither the firſt went, they went after it, and they * turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their * rings, and the wheeles were full of eyes round about, euen in the ſame foure wheeles.

13 And the Cherub cried to theſe wheeles in mine hearing, ſaying, O wheele.

14 And euery beaſt had foure faces: the firſt face was the face of a Cherub, and the ſecond face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lyon, and the fourth the face of an Eagle.

Chap. 1. 5.

15 And the Cherubims were lifted vp: * this is the beaſt that I ſawe at the riuer Chebar.

16 And when the Cherubims went, the wheeles went by them: and when the Cherubims lift vp their wings to mount vp from the earth, the ſame wheeles alſo turned not from beſide them.

17 When the Cherubims ſtood, they ſtood: and when they were lifted vp, they lifted themſelues vp alſo: for the ſ ſpirit of the beaſt was in them.

18 * Then the glory of the Lord departed from aboue the doore of the houſe, and ſtood vpon the Cherubims.

19 And the Cherubims lift vp their wings, and mounted vp from the earth in my ſight: when they went out, the wheeles alſo were beſides them: and euery one ſtood at the entrie of the gate of the Lords houſe, at the Eaſt ſide, and the glory of the God of Iſrael was vpon them on high.

20 * This is the beaſt that I ſawe vnder the God of Iſrael by the riuer Chebar, and I knewe that they were the Cherubims.

21 Euery one had foure faces, and euery one foure wings, and the likeneſſe of mans hands was vnder their wings.

22 And the likeneſſe of their faces was the ſelfe ſame faces, which I ſawe by the riuer Chebar, and the appearance of the Cherubims was the ſelfe ſame, & they went euery one ſtraight forward.

CHAP. XI.

1 Who they were that ſeduced the people of Iſrael. 5 Againſt the ſe he propheſieth, ſhewing the how they ſhalbe diſperſed abroad. 19 The renewing of the heart cometh of God. 21 He threatneth them that leane vnto their owne counſels.

MOreouer, the Spirit lift mee vp, and brought mee to the Eaſt gate of the Lords houſe, which lieth Eaſtward, and beholde, at the entry of the gate were fiue and twenty men: among whom I ſawe Iaazaniah the ſonne of Azur, and Pelatiah the ſonne of Benaiah, the princes of the people.

2 Then ſaid he vnto me, Sonne of man, theſe are the men that imagine miſchiefe, and deuiſe wicked counſell in this citie.

3 For they ſay, * It is not neere, let vs build houſes: this citie is the * caldron, and we be the fleſh.

4 Therefore propheſie againſt them, ſon of man, propheſie.

5 And the Spirit of the Lorde fell vpon me, and ſaid vnto me, Speake, Thus ſaith the Lord, O ye houſe of Iſrael, this haue ye ſayde, and I know that which riſeth vp of your minds.

6 Many haue ye murthered in this city, and yee haue filled the ſtreetes thereof with the ſlaine.

7 Therefore thus ſayth the Lorde God, They that ye haue ſlaine, and haue layed in the middes of it, they are * the fleſh, and this citie is the caldron, but I will bring you forth of the midſt of it.

8 Yee haue feared the ſword, and I will bring a ſword vpon you, ſaith the Lord God.

9 And I will bring you out of the midſt thereof, and deliuer you into the * hands of ſtrangers, and will execute iudgements among you.

10 Ye ſhall fall by the ſword, and I will iudge you in the border of * Iſrael, and yee ſhall know that I am the Lord.

11 This city ſhall not bee your caldron, neither ſhal ye be the fleſh in the midſt thereof but I will iudge you in the border of Iſrael.

12 And

g There was one conſent betweene the Cherubims and the wheeles

h Reade Chap. 9, 3.

i That is, the whole body of the foure beaſts, or Cherubims.

a Thus the wicked derided the Prophets, as though they preached but errors, & therefore gaue themſelues ſtil to their pleaſures.

b We ſhall not be pulled out of Ieruſalem, til the houre of our death come, as the fleſh is not taken out of the caldron till it be ſod.

c Contrary to their vaine confidence he ſheweth in what ſenſe this citie is the caldron: that is, becauſe of the dead bodies that haue bene murthered therein, and ſo lie as fleſh in the caldron.

d That is, of the Caldeans.

e That is, in Riblah Reade 2. King 25. 6.

12 And ye shal know that I am the Lord: for yee haue not walked in my statutes, neither executed my iudgemets, but haue done after the maners of the heathen, that are round about you.

13 ¶ And when I prophesied, Pelatiah the sonne of [f] Benaiah died: then fell I downe vpon my face, and cryed with a lond voyce, and sayde, Ah Lord God, wilt thou then vtterly destroy all the remnant of Israel?

14 Againe the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

15 Sonne of man, thy [g] brethren, euen thy brethren, the men of thy kinred, and all the house of Israel, wholy are they vnto whom the inhabitants of Ierusalem haue sayde, Depart ye farre from the Lord: for the land is giuen vs in possession.

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God, Although I haue cast them farre off among the heathen, and although I haue scattered them among the countreys, yet will I be to them as a litle [h] Sanctuarie in the countreyes were they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus sayth the Lord God, I will gather you againe from the people, and assemble you out of the countreyes where ye haue bene scattered, and I wil giue you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the idoles thereof, and all the idoles thereof from thence.

19 *And will giue them one heart, and I wil put a new spirit within their bowels: and I will take the [i] stonie heart out of their bodies, and I will giue them an heart of flesh,

20 That they may walke in my statutes, and keepe my iudgements, & execute them: and they shall be my people, and I will bee their God.

21 But vpon them, whose heart is toward their idoles, & whose affection goeth after their abominations, I will lay their way vpon their owne heads, sayth the Lord God.

22 ¶ Then did the Cherubims lift vp their wings, and the wheeles beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was vpon them on hie.

23 And the glory of the Lorde went vp from the mids of the citie, and stood vpon the mountaine which is toward the East side of the citie.

24 Afterward the Spirit tooke mee vp, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Caldea to them that were led away captiues: so the vision that I had seene, went vp from me.

25 Then I declared vnto them that were [k] led away captiues, all the things that the Lord had shewed me.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The parable of the captiuitie.* 18 *Another parable whereby the destresse of hunger and thirst is signified.*

THe word of the Lord also came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, thou dwellest in ye mids of a rebellious house, which haue eyes to see, and see [a] not: they haue eares to heare, and heare not: for they are a rebellious house.

3 Therefore thou sonne of man, & prepare thy stuffe to goe into captiuitie, and go forth by day in their sight: and thou shalt passe fro thy place to another place in their sight, if it be possible that they may consider it: for they are a rebellious house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuffe by day in their sight as the stuffe of him that goeth into captiuitie: and thou shalt go forth at euen in their sight, as they that goe forth into captiuitie.

5 Digge thou through the wall in their sight, and carrie out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou beare it vpon thy shoulders, & cary it forth in the darke: thou shalt couer thy face that thou see not the earth: for I haue set thee as a [b] signe vnto the house of Israel.

7 And as I was comanded, so I brought forth my stuffe by day, as the stuffe of one that goeth into captiuitie: and by night I digged through the wall with mine hand, and brought it forth in the darke, and I bare it vpon my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning came the word of the Lord vnto me, saying,

9 Sonne of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, sayd vnto thee, What [c] doest thou?

10 But say thou vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord God, This ‖ burden concerneth the chiefe in Ierusalem, and all the house of Israel, that are among them.

11 Say, I am your signe: like as I haue done, so shall it be done vnto them, they shall goe into bondage and captiuitie.

12 And the chiefest that is among them, shall beare vpon his shoulder in the darke and shall goe forth: and shall dig through the wall, to carie out thereby: he shall couer his face, that hee see not the ground with his eyes.

13 My net also will I spread vpon [d] him, and he shall be taken in my net, and I will bring him to Babel to the land of the Caldeans, yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter toward euery wind all that are about him to helpe him, and all his garisons, and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall knowe that I am the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countreys.

16 But I will leaue a [e] litle number of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen, where they come, and they shall know, that I am the Lord.

17 ¶ Moreouer, the word of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

18 Sonne of man, eate thy bread with trembling, and drinke thy water with trouble, and with carefulnesse,

19 And say vnto the people of the lande, Thus sayeth the Lorde God of the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and of the lande of Israel, They shall eate their bread with care-

f It seemeth that this noble man died of some terrible death, and therefore the Prophet feared some strange iudgement of God toward the rest of ỹ people.

g They that remained stil at Ierusalem, thus reproched them that were gone into captiuitie, as though they were cast off, and forsaken of God.

h They shall be yet a litle church shewing that the Lord will euer haue some to call vpon his Name, whom hee will preserue and restore, though they be for a time afflicted.

Iere. 32. 39. chap. 36. 26.

i Meaning, the heart, whereunto nothing can enter, and regenerate them a new, so ỹ their heart may be soft, and ready to receiue my graces.

k When Ieconiah was led away captiue.

a That is, they receiue not the fruite of that which they see and heare.

‡ *Ebr. make thee vessels to goe into captiuitie.*

b That as thou doest, so shall they doe, and therefore in thee they shall see their owne plague and punishment.

c Doe not they deride thy doings?

‖ *Or, prophesie.*

d When the king shall thinke to escape by fleeing, I will take him in my net, as Chap. 17. 20. and 32. 3.

e Which should beare his name and should be he his Church, reade Chap. 11. 16.

carefulnesse, and drinke their water with desolation: for the land shall be desolate from her aboundance, because of the crueltie of them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be left voyde, and the land shall be desolate, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

21 ¶ And the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

22 Sonne of man, what is that prouerbe that you haue in the land of Israel, saying, The dayes [f] are prolonged, and all visions [g] faile?

23 Tell them therefore, Thus sayth the Lord God, I will make this prouerbe to cease, and they shall no more vse it as a prouerbe in Israel: but say vnto them, The dayes are at hand, and the effect of euery vision.

24 For no vision shall bee any more in vaine, neither shall there be any flattering diuination within the house of Israel.

25 For I am the Lord: I will speake, and that thing that I shall speake, shall come to passe: it shall be no more prolonged: for in your dayes, O rebellious house, will I say the thing, & will performe it, saith the Lord God.

26 Againe the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

27 Sonne of man, beholde, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many dayes to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are farre off.

28 Therefore say vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord God, All my words shall no longer bee delayed, but that thing which I haue spoken, shall be done, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XIII.

2 The word of the Lord against false prophets, which teach the people the counsels of their owne hearts.

AND the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, prophesie against the prophets of [a] Israel, that prophesie, and say thou vnto them, that prophesie out of their [a] owne hearts, Heare the word of the Lord.

3 Thus sayth the Lord God, Woe vnto the foolish prophets that follow their owne spirit, and haue seene nothing.

4 O Israel, thy Prophets are like the foxes [b] in the waste places.

5 [c] Ye haue not risen vp in the gaps, neither made vp the hedge for the house of Israel, to stand in the battell in the day of the Lord.

6 They haue seene vanitie, and lying diuination, saying, The Lord saith it, and the Lord hath not sent them: and they haue made others to hope that they would confirme the word of their prophesie.

7 Haue yee not seene a vaine vision? and haue yee not spoken a lying diuination? [d] yee say, The Lord sayth it albeit I haue not spoken.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Because yee haue spoken vanitie, and haue seene lies, therfore behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be vpon the prophets that see vanitie, and diuine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the [e] writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel: & ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

10 And therefore, because they haue deceiued my people, saying, Peace, and there was no peace: and one built vp a wall, and behold, the others daubed it with vntempered morter,

11 Say vnto them which daube it with vntempered morter, that it shal fall: for there shall come a great showre, and I will send haile stones, which shall cause it to fall, and a stormie winde shall breake it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not bee sayde vnto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye haue daubed it?

13 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord God, I will cause a stormie winde to breake forth in my wrath, and a great showre shall bee in mine anger, and haile stones in mine indignation to consume it.

14 So I will destroy the wall that yee haue daubed with vntempered morter, and bring it downe to the ground so that y foundation thereof shalbe discouered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the middes thereof, & ye shall know that I am the Lord.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath vpon the wall, and vpon them that haue daubed it with [h] vntempered morter, and will say vnto you, The wall is no more, neither the daubers thereof,

16 To wit, the Prophets of Israel, which prophesie vpon Ierusalem, and see visions of peace for it, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

17 Likewise thou sonne of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesie out of their owne heart: and prophesie thou against them, and say,

18 Thus saith the Lord God, Woe vnto y women that sow [i] pillowes vnder all armeholes, and make vailes vpon the head of euery one that standeth vp, to hunt soules: will yee hunt the soules of my people, and will ye giue life to the soules that come vnto you?

19 And will yee pollute mee among my people for handfuls of [k] barley, and for pieces of bread to slay the soules of them that should not die, and [l] to giue life to the soules that should not liue, in lying to my people, that heare your lies?

20 Wherefore thus sayth the Lord God, Beholde, I will haue to doe with your pillowes, wherewith yee hunt the [m] soules to make them to flie, and will teare them from your armes, and will let the soules goe, euen the soules, that ye hunt to make them to flie.

21 Your vailes also will I teare, and deliuer my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hands to be hunted, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

22 Because with your lies yee haue made the heart of the [n] righteous sad, whome I

they should depart from the body. n By threatning them that were godly, and vpholding the wicked.

Rr haue

f Because they did not immediatly see the prophesies accomplished, they cõmened them, as though they should neuer be fulfilled.

g Or, take none effect.

g That is, it shall not come to passe in our dayes, and therfore we care not for it: thus the wicked euer abuse Gods patience and benignitie.

Chap. 14 9.

a After their owne fantasie, and not as hauing the reuelation of the Lord, Iere. 23. 16.

b Watching to destroy the vineyard.

c He speaketh to the gouernors and true ministers, that should haue resisted them.

d Ye promised peace to this people, and now ye see their destruction, so that it is manifest that ye are false prophets.

e That is, in the booke of life, wherein the true Israelites are written.

f Reade Ierem. 6. 14.

g Whereas the true Prophets prophesied the destruction of the citie to bring the people to repentance, the false prophets spake the contrary, and flattered them in their vanities, so that what one false prophet said, (which is here called the building of the wall) another false prophet would affirme, though he had neither occasion nor good ground to beare him.

h Whereby is meant whatsoeuer man of himselfe setteth forth vnder the authoritie of Gods word.

i These superstitious women for lucre would prophesie and tell euery man his fortune, giuing them pillowes to leane vpon, and kerchiefes to couer their heads, to the intẽt they might the more allure them and bewitch them.

k Will ye make my word to serue your bellies?

l These sorcerers made the people beleeue that they could preserue life or destroy it, & that it should come to euery one according as they prophesied.

m That is, to cause them to perish, and that

hant not make sadde, and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that hee should not returne from his wicked way, by promising him life,

23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanitie, nor diuine diuinations: for I will deliuer my people out of your hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XIIII.

4 The Lord sendeth false prophets for the ingratitude of the people. 22 He reserueth a small portion for his Church.

THen came certaine of the Elders of Israel vnto me, and a sate before me.

2 And the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

3 Sonne of man, these men haue set vp their idoles in their b heart, and put the stumbling blocke of their iniquitie before their face: should I, being required, answere them?

4 Therefore speake vnto them, and say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Euery man of the house of Israel that setteth vp his idoles in his heart, & putteth the stumbling blocke of his iniquitie before his face, and commeth to the c Prophet, I the Lord will answere him that commeth, according to the multitude d of his idoles:

5 That e I may take the house of Israel in their owne heart, because they are all departed from me through their idoles.

6 Therefore say vnto the house of Israel, Thus saieth the Lord God, Returne, and withdraw your selues, and turne your faces from your idoles, and turne your faces from all your abominations.

7 For euery one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which departeth from me, and setteth vp his idoles in his heart, and putteth the stumbling blocke of his iniquitie before his face, and commeth to a Prophet, for to inquire of him for me: I the Lord will answere him f for my selfe.

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him an example & prouerbe, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

9 And if the prophet be g deceiued, when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord haue deceiued that prophet, and I will stretch out mine hand vpon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 And they shal beare their punishment: the punishment of the prophet shall be euen as the punishment of him that asketh,

11 That the house of h Israel may go no more astray fro me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions, but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

12 ¶ The word of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

13 Sonne of man, when the land sinneth against me by committing a trespasse, then will I stretch out mine hand vpon it, i and will breake the staffe of the bread thereof, and will send famine vpon it, and I will destroy man and beast forth of it.

14 Though these three men, k Noah, Daniel, and Iob were among them, they should deliuer but their owne soules by their l righteousnesse, saith the Lord God.

15 If I bring noysome beastes into the land, and they spoyle it, so that it be desolate, that no man may passe thorowe, because of beastes,

16 Though these three men were in the midst thereof, As I liue saith the Lord God, they shal saue neither sonnes nor daughters: they onely shall bee deliuered, but the land shall be waste.

17 Or if I bring a sword vpon this land, and say, Sword, goe thorow the land, so that I destroy man and beast out of it,

18 Though these three men were in the middes thereof, As I liue, saith the Lord God, they shall deliuer neither sonnes nor daughters, but they onely shall bee deliuered themselues.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into this land, and powre out my wrath vpon it in blood, to destroy out of it man and beast,

20 And though Noah, Daniel and Iob were in the middes of it, As I liue saith the Lord God, they shall deliuer neither sonne nor daughter: they shall but deliuer their owne soules by their righteousnesse.

21 For thus saith the Lord God, Howe much more when I sende my m foure sore iudgements vpo Ierusalem, euen the sword, and famine, and the noysome beast, and pestilence, to destroy man and beast out of it?

22 Yet behold, therein shalbe left a n remnant of them that shall be carried away both sonnes and daughters: beholde, they shall come forth vnto you, and yee shall see their way, and their enterprises: and yee shall bee comforted, concerning the euill that I haue brought vpon Ierusalem, euen concerning all that I haue brought vpon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when yee see their way and their enterprises: and yee shall knowe, that I haue not done without cause all that I haue done in it, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XV.

1 As the unprofitable wood of the vine tree is cast into the fire, so Ierusalem shalbe burnt.

AND the word of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, what commeth of the vine tree aboue all other trees? and of the vine branch, which is among the a trees of the forrest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to doe any worke? or will men take a pinne of it to hang any vessell thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast in the fire to be consumed: the fire consumeth both the ends of it, and the middes of it is burnt. Is it meete for any worke?

5 Beholde, when it was whole, it was meete

a Bee sheweth the hypocrisie of the Idolaters, who will dissemble to heare the Prophets of God though in their heart they follow nothing lesse then their admonitions, and also howe by one meanes or other, God doth discouer them.

b They are not onely idolaters in heart, but also worship their filthie idoles openly, which leade them in blindnesse, and cause them to stumble, and cast them out of Gods fauour, to that he will not heare them when they call vnto him, reade Iere. 10. 15.

c To inquire of things which the Lord hath appointed to come to passe.

d As his abomination hath deserued: that is, he shalbe led with lies: according as he delighted therein, 2 Thess. 2. 10.

e That is, conuince them by their owne conscience.

f Or, by my selfe.

g The Prophet declareth that God for mans ingratitude raiseth vp false prophets to seduce them that delight in lies rather then in the trueth of God, & thus he punisheth sinne by sinne, 1 King 22 20, 22. and destroyeth aswell whole prophets as that people. h Thus Gods iudgements against the wicked are admonitions to the godly to cleaue vnto the Lord, and not to defile themselues with like abominations.

h Reade Chap. 4 16. and 5. 17. Isa. 3 1.

i Thongh Noah & Iob were now aliue, which in their time were most godly men, (for at this time Daniel was in captiuitie with Ezekiel) and so these three together should pray for this wicked people, yet would I not heare them reade Iere. 15. 1.

k Meaning, a very few (which hee calleth the remnant, ver. 22) should escape these plagues whom God hath sanctified and made righteous, so that this righteousnesse is a signe that they are the Church of God, whom he would preserue for his own sake. *Chap. 5. 17.*

l Reade Chap. 3. 3.

a Which bringeth forth no fruit, no more then the other trees of the forest doe: meaning, that if Ierusalem, which bare the name of his Church, did not bring forth fruit it should be vterly destroyed,

meete for no worke: how much lesse shall it be meete for any worke, when the fire hath consumed it, and it is burnt?

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, As the vine tree that is among the trees of the forest, which I haue giuen to the fire to be consumed, so will I giue the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

b Though they escape one danger, yet another shall take them.

7 And I will set my face against them: they shall goe out from one b fire, and another fire shall consume them: and ye shall know, that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them.

8 And when I make the land waste, because they haue greatly offended, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XVI.

The Prophet declareth the benefits of God toward Ierusalem. 15 Their vnkindnes. 46 He iustifieth the wickednes of other people in comparison of the sinnes of Ierusalem. 49 The cause of the abominations vnto which the Sodomites fell. 60 Mercie is promised to the repentant.

AGaine the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, cause Ierusalem to know her abominations,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God vnto Ierusalem, Thine habitation & thy kindred is of the land a of Canaan: thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

a Thou boastest to be of the seede of Abraham, but thou art degenerate & followest the abominations of the wicked Canaanites, as children doe the maners of their fathers, Isa. 1. 4. and 57 3.

4 And in thy nativitie when thou wast b borne, thy naulil was not cut: thou wast not washed in water to soften thee: thou wast not salted with salt, nor swadled in cloutes.

b When I first brought thee out of Egypt, and planted thee in this land to be my Church.

5 None eye pitied thee to do any of these vnto thee, for to haue compassion vpon thee, but thou wast cast out in the open fielde to the contempt of thy person in the day that thou wast borne.

6 And when I passed by thee, I sawe thee polluted in thine c owne blood, and I said vnto thee, when thou wast in thy blood, Thou shalt liue: euen when thou wast in thy blood, I said vnto thee, Thou shalt liue.

c Being thus in thy filthinesse and forsaken of all men, I tooke thee and gaue thee life: whereby is meant that before God wash his Church, and giue life, there is nothing but filthinesse and death.

7 I haue caused thee to multiplie, as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou hast gotten excellant ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, thine haire is growen, where as thou wast naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked vpon thee, behold, thy time was as the time of loue, and I spread my skirts ouer thee, and couered d thy filthinesse: yea, I sware vnto thee, and entred into a couenant with e thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine.

d These wordes, as blood, pollution, nakednesse, and filthines, are oftentimes repeated, to beate downe their pride, and to cause them to consider what they were before God receiued the to mercy, fauoured them, & couered their shame.

e That thou shouldest be a chast wife vnto me, and that I should maintaine thee & endue thee with all graces.

9 Then washed I thee with f water: yea, I washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oyle.

f I sanctified thee with mine holy spirit.

10 I clothed thee also with broydered worke, and shod thee with badgers skinne, and I girded thee about with fine linnen, and I couered thee with silke.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets vpon thine handes, and a chaine on thy necke.

12 And I put a frontlet vpon thy face, and eareringes in thine eares, and a beautifull g crowne vpon thine head.

g Hereby hee sheweth how he saued his church, enriched it, and gaue it power and dominion to reigne.

13 Thus wast thou deckt with gold and siluer, and thy rayment was of fine linnen, and silke and broydred worke: thou diddest eate fine floure, and honie and oile, and thou wast very beautifull, and thou diddest grow vp into a kingdome.

14 And thy name was spread among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my h beauty which I had set vpon thee, saith the Lord God.

h Or, *iewels*.

15 Now thou didst i trust in thine owne beauty, and playedst the harlot, because of thy renoume, and hast powred out k thy fornications on euery one that passed by, thy desire was to him.

i There was none idolatrie so vile, wherewith thou didst not pollute thy selfe,

k In abusing my gifts, and in putting thy confidence in thine owne wisedome and dignitie, which were the occasions of thine idolatrie.

16 And thou diddest take thy garments, and deckedst thine high places with diuers colours, l and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither hath any done so.

l There was none idolatrie so vile, wherewith thou didst not pollute thy selfe,

17 Thou hast also taken thy faire iewels made of my gold and of my siluer, which I had giuen thee, and m madest to thy selfe images of men, and diddest commit whoredome with them,

m This declareth how idolaters put their chiefe delight in those things, which please the eyes & outward senses.

18 And tookest thy broydred garments, and coueredst them: and thou hast set mine oile and my perfume before them.

19 My meate also which I gaue thee, as fine floure, oile and honie wherewith I fedde thee, thou hast euen set it before them for a sweet sauour: thus it was, saith the Lord God.

n Thou hast conuerted my vessels and instruments, which I gaue thee to serue me with, to the vse of thine idoles.

20 Moreouer, thou hast taken thy sonnes and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne vnto me, and these hast thou sacrificed vnto them, to o bee deuoured: is this thy whoredome a small matter?

o Meaning, by fire, reade Leuit. 18. 21. 2. King. 23. 10.

21 That thou hast slaine my children, and deliuered them to cause them to passe thorow fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and whoredomes, thou hast not remembred the dayes of thy youth, when thou wast naked, and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And beside all thy wickednesse, (woe, woe vnto thee, saith the Lord God)

24 Thou hast also built vnto thee an hie place, and hast made thee an hie place in euery street.

25 Thou hast built thine hie place at euery ‖ corner of the way, & hast made thy beauty to be abhorred: thou hast opened thy feet to euery one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredome.

‖ Or, *head*.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, which haue great members, and hast increased thy whoredome to prouoke me.

p Hee noteth the great iniquity of this people, who first falling from God to seeke helpe at strange nations, did also at length imbrace their idolatrie, thinking thereby to make their amity more strong.

27 Beholde, therefore I did stretch out mine hand ouer thee, and wil diminish thine ordinarie, and deliuer thee vnto the will of them that hate thee, euen to the ‖ daughters of the Philistims, which are ashamed of thy wicked way.

‖ Or, *cities*.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with

the Assyrians, because thou wast insatiable: yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreouer multiplied thy fornication from the lande of Canaan vnto Caldea, and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 Howe weake is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, euen the worke of a ‖ presumptuous whorish woman?

‖Or, that will beare rule.

31 In that thou buildest thine hie place in the corner of euery way, and makest thine hie place in euery streete, and hast not beene as an harlot q that despiseth a reward,

q Meaning, that some harlots contemne small rewards, but no louers gaue a reward to Israel, but they gaue to all others: signifying that the idolaters bestowal their substance which they receiue of God for his glory, to serue their vile abominations.

32 But as a wife that playeth the harlot, and take others for her husband:

33 They gaue gifts to all other whores, but thou giuest gifts vnto all thy louers, and rewardest them, that they may come vnto thee on euery side for thy fornication.

34 And the contrarie is in thee from other women for thy fornications, neither the like fornication shall bee after thee: for in that thou giuest a reward, and no reward be is giuen vnto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, heare the word of the Lord.

36 Thus saith the Lorde God, Because thy ‖ shame was powred out, and all thy filthinesse discouered through thy fornications with thy louers, and with all the idoles of thine abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou diddest offer vnto them,

‖Or, neather parts

37 Beholde, therefore I will gather all r thy louers, with whome thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loued, with all them that thou hast hated: I will euen gather them round about against thee, and will discouer thy filthinesse vnto them, that they may see all thy filthinesse.

r Egyptians, Assyrians and Caldeans, whom thou tookest to be thy louers, shalt come and destroy thee, Chap. 23. 9.

38 And I will iudge thee after the maner of them that are s harlots, and of them that shed blood, and will giue thee the blood of wrath and iealousie.

s I will iudge thee to death, as the adulterers and murtherers.

39 I will also giue thee into their hands, and they shall destroy thine hie place, and shall breake downe thine hie places: they shall strip thee also out of thy clothes, and shall take thy faire iewels, and leaue thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring vp a companie against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they t shall burne vp thine houses with fire, and execute iudgements vpon thee in the sight of many women: & I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou shalt giue no reward any more.

2. King. 25. 9.

42 So will I make my wrath towarde thee to rest, and my u iealousie shall depart from thee, and I will cease and be no more angry.

t I will vtterly destroy thee, and so my iealousie shall cease

43 Because thou hast not remembred the dayes of thy youth, but hast prouoked mee with all these things, beholde, therefore I also haue x brought thy way vpon thine head, saieth the Lorde God: yet hast

u I haue punished thy faults, but thou wouldest not repent,

not thou had consideration of all thine abominations.

44 Behold, all that vse prouerbes, shall vse this prouerbe against thee, saying, As is the mother, y so is her daughter.

x As were the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and others your predecessours, so are you their successours.

45 Thou art thy mothers daughter, that hath cast off her husband and her children, and thou art the sister of thy z sisters, which forsooke their husbands and their children: your mother is an Hittite, and your father an Amorite,

y That is, of Samaria and Sodom.

46 And thine elder sister is Samaria, and her a daughters, that dwell at thy left hand, and thy ‖ yonger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom, & her daughters.

z That is, her cities.

‖ Or thy sister yonger then thou.

47 Yet hast thou b not walked after their wayes, nor done after their abominations: but as it had beene a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more then they in all thy wayes.

a But done farre worse.

48 As I liue, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, neither she nor her daughters, as thou hast done and thy daughters.

b He alleageth these foure vices, pride excesse, idlenesse, and contempt of the poore, as foure principall causes of such abomination, wherefore they were so horribly punished, Gen. 19. 24.

49 Behold, this was the iniquitie of thy sister Sodom, c Pride, fulnesse of bread, and abundance of idlenes was in her, and in her daughters: neither did shee strengthen the hand of the poore and needy.

c Which worshipped the calues in Bethel and Dan.

50 But they were hauty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I tooke them away, as pleased me.

51 Neither d hath Samaria committed halfe of thy sinnes, but thou hast exceeded them in thine abominations, and hast e iustified thy sisters in all thine abominations, which thou hast done.

d Thou art so wicked, that in respect of thee, Sodom and Samaria were iust.

e This he speaketh in comparison, saying, that he would restore Ierusalem when Sodom should be restored, that is neuer: and this is meant of the greatest part of the Iewes.

52 Therfore thou which hast iustified thy sisters, beare thine owne shame for thy sins, that thou hast committed more abominable then they which are more righteous the thou art: be thou therefore confounded also, and beare thy shame, seeing that thou hast iustified thy sisters.

f In that thou hast shewed thy selfe worse then they, and yet thoughtest to escape punishment.

53 Therefore I will bring againe * their captiuitie with the captiuity of Sodom, and her daughters, and with the captiuitie of Samaria, and her daughters: euen the captiuitie of thy captiues in the midst of them,

g Meaning, that it should neuer come to passe.

54 That thou mayest beare thine owne shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou hast f comforted them.

‡ Ebr. was not a rumour in thy mouth.

55 And thy sister Sodom and her daughters shall returne to their former state: Samaria also and her daughters shall returne to their former state, g when thou and thy daughters shall returne to your former state.

h Thou wouldest not cal her punishment to mind when thou wast aloft, to learne by her example to feare my iudgements.

56 For thy sister Sodome was not heard of ‡ by thy report in the day of thy pride,

i That is, till thou wast brought vnder by the Syrians & Philistims, 2. Chro. 28. 19.

57 Before thy wickednesse was h discouered, as in that same time of the reproch of the daughters of Aram, & of all the daughters of the Philistims round about k her which despite thee on all sides.

k Which ioyned with the Syrians, or compassed about Ierusalem.

58 Thou

58 Thou hast borne therefore thy wickednesse, and thine abomination, saith the Lord.

59 For thus saith the Lord God, I might euen deale with thee, as thou hast done, when thou didst despise the [j] oath, in breaking the couenant.

60 Neuertheless, I will [m] remember my couenant made with thee in the dayes of thy youth, and I will confirme vnto thee an euerlasting couenant.

61 Then thou shalt remember thy waies, and bee ashamed, when thou shalt receiue [n] thy sisters, both thy elder and thy yonger, and I will giue them vnto thee for daughters, but not [o] by thy couenant.

62 And I will establish my couenant with thee, and thou shalt knowe that I am the Lord,

63 That thou mayest remember, and bee [p] all amed, and neuer open thy mouth any more: because of thy shame when I am pacified toward thee, for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

j When thou brakest the couenant, which was made betweene thee and me, as verse 8.

m That is, of mercie and loue I will pitie thee, and so stand to my couenant, though thou hast deserued the contrary.

n Whereby he sheweth that among the most wicked he had euer some seed of his Church, which he would cause to fructifie in due time: and here hee declareth how hee will call the Gentiles.

o But of my free mercie.

p This declareth what fruits Gods mercies worke in his, to wit, sorow, and repentance for their former life.

CHAP. XVII.

The parable of the two Eagles.

AND the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, put forth a parable, and speake a prouerbe vnto the houle of Israel,

3 And say, Thus sayeth the Lord God, The great [a] Eagle with great wings, and long wings, and full of feathers, which had diuers colours, came vnto Lebanon, & tooke the highest branch of the cedar,

4 And brake off the top of his twigge, and caried it into the land of merchants, and set it in a citie of merchants.

5 Her tooke also of the [c] seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitfull ground: he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

6 And it budded vp, & was [d] like a spreading vine of [e] low stature, whose branches turned toward it, and the roots thereof were vnder it: so it became a vine, and it brought forth branches, and shot forth buds.

7 There was also [f] another great Eagle with great wings, and many feathers, and behold, this vine did turne her roots toward it, and spread forth her branches toward it, that shee might water it by the trenches of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soyle by great [g] waters, that it should bring foorth branches, and beare fruit, and bee an excellent vine.

9 Say thou, Thus sayeth the Lord God, Shall it prosper? Shall [h] he not pull vp the rootes thereof, and destroy the fruit thereof, and cause them to drie? all the leaues of her bud shall wither without great power, or many people, to plucke it vp by the rootes thereof.

10 Behold, it was planted: but shall it prosper? shall it not be dried vp, and wither? when the East wind shall touch it, it shall wither in the trenches where it grew.

11 Moreouer the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

12 Say nowe to this rebellious house, Know yee not what these things meane? tell them, Behold, the King of Babel is come to Ierusalem, and hath taken [k] the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babel,

13 And hath taken one of the Kings seed, and made a couenant with him, and hath taken an [l] oath of him: hee hath also taken the princes of the land,

14 That the kingdome might be in subiection, and not lift it selfe vp, but keepe their couenant, and stand to it.

15 But hee rebelled against him and sent his ambassadours into Egypt, that they might giue him horses, and much people: shal he prosper? shal he escape, that doth such things? or shall he breake the couenant, and be deliuered?

16 As I liue, saith the Lord God, he shall die in the midst of Babel, in the place of the King, that had made him King, whose oath hee despised, and whose couenant made with him, he brake.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mightie hoste, and great multitude of people, maintaine him in the war, when they haue cast vp mounts, and builded ramparts to destroy many persons.

18 For he hath despised the oath and broken the couenant: (yet lo, he had giuen [m] his hand) because he hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus sayth the Lord God, As I liue, I will surely bring mine oath that hee hath despised, and my couenant that hee hath broken, vpon his owne head.

20 [n] And I will spread my net vpon him, and hee shall bee taken in my net, and I wil bring him to Babel, & will enter into iudgement with him there for his trespasse that he hath committed against me.

21 And all that flee from him with all his hoste, shall fall by the sword, and they that remaine, shall bee scattered toward all the windes: and yee shall know that I the Lord haue spoken it.

22 Thus sayth the Lord God, I will also take off the top [o] of this high cedar, and will set it, and cut off the [p] top of the tender plant thereof, and I will plant it vpon an high mountaine and great.

23 Euen in the high mountaine of Israel will I plant it: & it shall bring forth boughs and beare fruit, and bee an excellent cedar, and vnder it shall remaine all birdes, and euery [q] foule shall dwell in the shadow of the branches thereof.

24 And all the [q] trees of the fielde shall know that I the Lord haue brought downe the hie tree, and exalted the low tree: that I haue dried vp the greene tree, and made the drie tree to flourish: I the Lord haue spoken it, and haue done it.

i By this drie winde, he meaneth the Babylonians.

k That is, Iechoniah, 2. King. 24. 15.

l For his subiection and obedience.

m Because hee tooke the Name of God in vaine, and brake his oth which he had confirmed by giuing his hand, therefore the Prophet declareth that God would not suffer such periurie and infidelitie to escape punishment. *Chap. 12. 13. and 32. 3.*

n This promise is made to the Church which shalbe as a small remnant, and as the top of a tree.

o I will trimme it and dresse it.

p Both the Iewes and Gentiles shal be gathered into it.

q All the world shall know that I haue pluckt downe the proud enemies, and set vp my Church which was low and contemned.

a That is, Nebuchad-nezzar, who hath great power, riches, & many countreys vnder him, shall come to Ierusalem, and take away Ieconiah the king, as verse 12.

b Meaning, to Babylon.

c That is, Zedekiah, who was of the kings blood, and was left at Ierusalem, and made king in stead of Ieconiah, 2. King. 24. 17 Iere 37. 1.

d This was Zedekiahs kingdome.

e That it might not haue power to rebell against Babylon, as verse 14.

f Meaning, the king of Egypt, of whom Zedekiah sought succour against Nebuchad-nezzar.

g They thought to be moistened by the waters of Nilus.

h Shall not Nebuchad-nezzar destroy it?

CHAP. XVIII.

1 He sheweth that euery man shal beare his owne

sinne. 21 To him that amendeth, saluation promised. 24 Death is prophecied to the righteous, which turneth backe from the right way.

THe word of the Lord came vnto mee againe, saying,

2 What meane yee that yee speake this prouerbe, concerning the land of Israel saying, a The fathers haue eaten sowre grapes, and the childrens teeth are set on edge?

3 As I liue, saith the Lord God, ye shall vse this prouerbe no more in Israel.

4 Behold, all soules are mine; both the soule of the father, and also the soule of the sonne are mine: the soule that sinneth, it shal die.

5 But if a man bee iust, and doe that which is lawfull and right,

6 And hath not eaten b vpon the mountaines, neither hath lift vp his eyes to the idoles of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbours wife, neither hath † lien with a * menstruous woman,

7 Neither hath oppressed any, but hath restored the pledge to his debtour: hee hath spoyled none by violence, * but hath giuen his bread to the hungrie, and hath couered the naked with a garment,

8 And hath not giuen foorth * vpon vsurie, neither hath taken any increase, but hath withdrawen his hand from iniquitie, and hath executed true iudgement betweene man and man,

9 And hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my iudgements to deale truely, he is iust, he shall surely liue, saith the Lord God.

10 ¶ If he beget a sonne, that is ‖ a theefe, or a shedder of blood, if hee doe any of these things,

11 Though he do not all these things, but either hath eaten vpon the mountaines, or defiled his neighbours wife,

12 Or hath oppressed the poore and needie, or hath spoiled by violence, or hath not restored the pledge, or hath lift vp his eyes vnto the idoles, or hath committed abomination,

13 Or hath giuen foorth vpon vsurie, or hath taken increase, shall he liue? he shal not liue: seeing he hath done all these abominations, * hee shall die the death, and his blood shall be vpon him.

14 ¶ But if he beget a sonne, that seeth all his fathers sinnes, which hee hath done, and feareth, neither doth such like,

15 That hath not eaten vpon the mountaines, neither hath lift vp his eyes to the idoles of the house of Israel, nor hath defiled his neighbours wife,

16 Neither hath oppressed any, nor hath withholden the pledge, neither hath spoyled by violence, but hath giuen his bread to the hungrie, and hath couered the naked with a garment,

17 Neither hath withdrawen his hand from the afflicted, nor receiued vsurie nor increase, but hath executed my iudgements, and hath walked in my statutes, he shall not die in the iniquitie of his father, but hee shall surely liue.

18 As for his father, because hee cruelly oppressed and spoyled his brother by violence, and hath not done good among his people, loe, euen he dieth in his iniquitie.

19 Yet say yee, Wherefore shall not the sonne beare the iniquitie of the father? because the sonne hath executed iudgment and iustice, and hath kept all my statutes, and done them, he shall surely liue.

20 The same soule that sinneth, shall die: the sonne shall not beare the iniquitie of the father, neither shall the father beare the iniquitie of the sonne, but the righteousnesse of the righteous shall be vpon him, and the wickednesse of the wicked shall bee vpon him selfe.

21 But if the wicked will returne from all his sinnes that hee hath committed, and keepe all my d statutes, and doe that which is lawfull and right, he shall surely liue, and shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that hee hath committed, they shall not be mentioned vnto him, but in his e righteousnes that he hath done, he shall liue.

23 f Haue I any desire that the wicked should die, saith the Lord God? ‖ or shall hee not liue, if he returne from his wayes?

24 But if the righteous turne away from his righteousnesse, and commit iniquitie, and doe according to all the abominations, that the wicked man doeth, shall hee liue? all his g righteousnesse that hee hath done, shall not bee mentioned: but in his transgression that hee hath committed, and in his sinne that hee hath sinned, in them shall hee die.

25 Yet yee say, The way of the Lord is not * equall: heare now, O house of Israel. Is not my way equall? or are not your wayes vnequall?

26 For when a righteous man turneth away from his righteousnesse, and committeth iniquitie, he shall euen die for the same, he shall euen die for his iniquitie that he hath done.

27 Againe, when the wicked turneth away from his wickednesse that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawfull and right, he shall saue his soule aliue.

28 Because hee considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that hee hath committed, he shall surely liue, and shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equall. O house of Israel, are not my wayes equall? or are not your wayes vnequall?

30 Therefore I will iudge you, O house of Israel, euery one according to his wayes, saith the Lord God: returne therefore, & cause others to turne away from all your transgressions: so iniquity shal not be your destruction.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby yee haue transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will yee die, O house of Israel?

32 For I desire not the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: cause therefore one another to returne, and liue yee.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The captiuity of the kings of Iudah signified by the*

a The people murmured at the chastisings of the Lord, and therefore vsed this prouerbe, meaning that their fathers had sinned, & their children were punished for their transgressions, reade Iere. 31.29

b If he hath not eaten of the flesh that hath beene offered vp to idoles to honour them thereby. *Leuit.* 18.20.

† *Heb. come neere.* *Leuit.* 20. 18.

* *Isa.* 58.7. *matt.* 25.35. *Exod.* 22.25. *leuit.* 25.37. *deut.* 23.19. *psal.* 15.5.

‖ *Or, a cruell man.*

c He sheweth how the sonne is punished for his fathers fault that is, if he be wicked, as his father was, & doth not repent, he shall be punished as his father was, or else not.

Deut. 16.

2 *king.* 14.6. 2 *chron.* 25.4.

d He ioyneth the obseruation of the commandements with repentance: for none can repent & in deede, except he labour to keepe the Law.

‖ *Or, not layd to his charge.*

e That is, in the fruites of his faith which declare that God doth accept him

f He speaketh this to commend Gods mercie to poore sinners, who rather is ready to pardon then to punish, as his long suffering declareth, Chap. 33.11. Albeit God in his eternall counsell appointed the death and damnation of the reprobate, yet the end of his counsell was not their death onely, but chiefly his owne glory. And also because he doth not approoue sinne, therefore it is here said that he would haue them to turne away from it, that they might liue.

‖ *Or, rather that he may returne from his wayes and liue.*

g That is, the false opinion that the hypocrites haue of their righteousnesse.

h In punishing the father with the children.

i He sheweth that man cannot forsake his wickednesse, till his heart be chaged, which is only the worke of God.

she [sonne] whelpt, and by the lyons. 46 The prophecie of the siege of Ierusalem that we [read], and the miserie [some] of that to [come].

THou also, take vp a lamentation for the [a] princes of Israel,

2 And say, Wherefore lay thy [b] mother as a lionesse among the lyons? she nourished her yong ones among the lyons whelpes.

3 And she brought vp one of her whelpes and she became a lyon, and it learned to catch the pray, and it deuoured men.

4 The [c] nations also heard of him, & he was taken in their nets, and they brought him in chaines vnto the land of Egypt.

5 Now when the saw that shee had waited, and her hope was lost, she tooke another of her [d] whelpes, and made him a lyon.

6 Which went among the lyons, and became a lyon, and learned to catch the pray, and he deuoured [e] men.

7 And he knew their widowes, and hee destroyed their cities, and the land was wasted, and all that was therein by the noise of his roaring.

8 Then the [f] nations set against him on euery side of the countreys, and layed their nets for him: in he was taken in their pit.

9 And they put him in prison & in chaines, and brought him to the king of Babel, and they put him in holds, that his voice should no more bee heard vpon the mountaines of Israel.

10 Thy [g] mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: shee brought foorth fruite and branches by the abundance waters,

11 And shee had strong rods for the scepters of them that beare rule, and her stature was exalted among the branches, and shee appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches,

12 But she was plucked vp in wrath: she was cast down to the ground, and the [h] East winde dried vp her fruit: her branches were broken, and withered: as for the rod of her strength, the fire consumed it.

13 And now she is planted in the wildernesse in a drie and thirstie ground.

14 And fire is gone out [i] of a rod of her branches, which hath deuoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a scepter to rule: this is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAP. XX.

3 The Lord denieth that he will answere them who they pray, because of their vnkindnes. 33 He promiseth that his people shal returne from captiuitie. 46 By the forest that should be burnt, is signified the burning of Ierusalem.

AND in the seuenth yeere, in the fifth moneth, the tenth day of the moneth, came certaine of the Elders of Israel to enquire of the Lord, and sate before me.

2 Then came the word of the Lord vnto me, saying,

3 Sonne of man, Speake vnto the Elders of Israel, and say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Are ye come to enquire of me? as I liue, saith the Lord God, when I am asked, I will not answere you.

4 Wilt thou iudge them, sonne of man, wilt thou iudge them? cause [k] them to vnderstand the abominations of their fathers,

5 And say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, In the day when I chose Israel, and [l] lift vp mine hand vnto the seede of the house of Iaakob, and made my selfe knowen vnto them in the land of Egypt, when I lift vp mine hand vnto them, and said, I am the Lord your God,

6 In the day that I lift vp mine hand vnto them to bring them forth of the land of Egypt, into a lande that I had prouided for them, flowing with milke and hony, which is pleasant among all lands,

7 Then said I vnto them, Let euery man cast away the abominations of his eies, [m] and defile not your selues with the idoles of Egypt: for I am the Lord your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, [n] would not heare me: for none cast away the abominations of their [o] eyes, neither did they forsake the idoles of Egypt: then I thought to powre out mine indignation vpon them, and to accomplish my wrath against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I had respect to my [p] Name, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, and in whose sight I made my selfe knowen vnto them in bringing them forth of the land of Egypt.

10 Now I caried them out of the lande of Egypt, and brought them into the wildernesse.

11 And I gaue them my statutes, and declared my iudgements vnto them, * which if a man doe, he shall liue in them.

12 Moreouer, I gaue them also my Sabbaths to be a signe betweene me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord, that sanctifie them.

13 But [q] house of Israel rebelled against me in the wildernesse: they walked not in my statutes, and they cast away my iudgements, which if a man doe, he shall liue in them, and my Sabbath haue they greatly polluted: then I thought to powre out mine indignation vpon them * in the wildernes to consume them,

14 But I had respect to my Name, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet neuertheles I lift vp mine hand vnto them in the wildernesse, that I would not bring them into the lande, which I had giuen them, flowing with milke and hony, which was pleasant aboue all lands,

16 Because they cast away my iudgements, and walked not in my statutes, but haue polluted my [r] Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

17 Neuertheless mine eye spared them, that I would not destroy the, neither would I consume them in the wildernes.

18 But I said vnto their children in the wildernes, Walke ye not in the ordinances

a That is, Iehoahaz, and Iehoiakim Iosiahs sonnes, who for their pride and cruelty are compared vnto lions.

b To wit, Iehoahaz mother, or Ierusalem.

c By Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, 2. King. 23. 33.

d Which was Iehoiakim.

e He slew of the Prophets and them that feared God, & rauished their wiues.

f Nebuchad-nezzar with his great army, which was gathered of diuers nations.

g He speaketh this in ſ reproch of this wicked King in whose blood, that is, in the race of his predecessors Ierusalem should haue beene blessed, according to Gods promise, & flourished as a fruitfull vine.

h Meaning, that the Caldeans should destroy them as the East winde doeth the fruit of the vine.

i Destruction is come by Zedekiah, who was the occasion of this rebellion.

a Of the captiuitie of Ieconiah.

b This declareth the great lenitie and patience of God, which calleth sinners to repentance before he condemne them.

c I sware that I would be their God, which maner of othe was obserued from al antiquitie where they vsed to lift vp their hads toward the heauen, acknowledging God to be the authour of truth, and the defender thereof, and also the iudge of the heart, wishing that he should take vengeance, if they concealed any thing which they knew to be trueth.

d God had forbidden them to make mention of the idoles, exod. 23. 13. psal. 16. 4.

e Which thing declareth ſ wickednesse of mans heart, which iudge Gods seruice by their eyes and outward sences.

f God had ouer this respect to his glory, that he would not haue his name euill spoken of among the Gentiles for the punishment that his people deserued, in confidence whereof the godly ever prayed as Exod. 32. 12. Numb. 14. 13. *Leuit.* 18. 5. *rom.* 10. 5. *gal.* 3. 12. *Exod.* 20. 8 *and* 31. 13. *deut.* 5. 12. *Num.* 14. 28, 29. *and* 26. 65.

g Who might thereby take an occasion to blaspheme my Name, and to accuse me of lacke of abilitie, or els that I had sought a meanes to destroy them more commodiously. h. That is, my true religion, which I had commanded them, and gaue themselues to serue according to their owne fantasies.

Whereby the holy Ghoſt confuteth them that ſay that they will folow the religion and example of their fathers, and not meaſure their doings by Gods word, whether they be approueable thereby or no.

of your fathers, neither obſerue their maners, nor defile youre ſelues with their idols.

19 I am the Lorde your God: walke in my ſtatutes, and keepe my iudgements and doe them,

20 And ſanctifie my Sabbaths, and they ſhall be a ſigne betweene me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

21 Notwithſtanding the children rebelled againſt mee: they walked not in my ſtatutes, nor kept my iudgements to doe them, which if a man doe he ſhall liue in them, but they polluted my Sabbaths: then I thought to powre out mine indignation vpon them, and to accompliſh my wrath againſt them in the wildernesſe.

22 Neuertheles I withdrew mine hand, and had reſpect to my Name, that it ſhould not be polluted before the heathen, in whoſe ſight I brought them forth.

23 Yet I lift vp mine hand vnto them in the wildernesſe, that I would ſcatter them among the heathen, & diſperſe them thorow the countreys,

24 Becauſe they had not executed my iudgements, but had caſt away my ſtatutes, and had polluted my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after [k] their fathers idoles.

25 Wherefore I [l] gaue them alſo ſtatutes, that were not good, and iudgements wherein they ſhould not liue.

26 And I polluted them in their owne [m] gifts, in that they cauſed to paſſe by the fire all that firſt openeth the womb, that I might deſtroy them, to the ende that they might know that I am the Lord.

27 Therefore ſonne of man ſpeake vnto the houſe of Iſrael, and ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Yet in this your fathers haue blaſphemed me, though they had before grieuouſly tranſgreſſed againſt me.

28 [n] For when I had brought them into the land, for [p] which I lifted vp mine hand to giue it to them, then they ſawe euery high hill, and all the thicke trees, and they offered there their ſacrifices, and there they preſented their offering of prouocation: there alſo they made their ſweete ſauour, and powred out there their drinke offerings.

29 Then I ſaid vnto them, [o] What is the high place whereunto ye goe? And the name thereof was called [o] Bamah vnto this day.

30 Wherefore ſay vnto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Are ye not polluted after the maner of your fathers? and commit ye not whoredome after their abominations?

31 For when you offer your gifts, & make your ſonnes to paſſe through the fire, you pollute your ſelues with all your idoles vnto this day: ſhall I anſwere you when I am aſked, O houſe of Iſrael? As I liue, ſayth the Lorde God, [p] I will not anſwere you when I am aſked.

32 Neither ſhall that bee done that commeth into your minde: for ye ſay, We will be as the heathen, and as the families of the countreys, and ſerue wood and [q] ſtone.

33 As I liue, ſayth the Lord God, I will ſurely rule you with a mightie hande, and with a ſtretched out arme, and in my wrath powred out,

34 And will bring you from the people, and will gather you out of the countreys, wherein ye are ſcattered [r] with mighty hand and with a ſtretched out arme, and in my wrath powred out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderneſs of the people, & there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wildernesſe of the lande of Egypt, ſo will I pleade with you, ſaith the Lord God.

37 And I will cauſe you to paſſe vnder the rod, and will bring you into the bond of the couenant.

38 And I will [ſ] chuſe out from among you the rebels, and them that tranſgreſſe againſt me: I will bring them out of the land where they dwell, and they ſhall not enter into the land of Iſrael, and you ſhal know that I am the Lord.

39 As for you, O houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſayeth the Lord God, [t] Goe you, and ſerue euery one his idole, ſeeing that ye will not obey me, & pollute mine holy Name no more with your gifts and with your idoles.

40 For in mine holy mountaine, euen in the hie mountaine of Iſrael, ſayth the Lord God, there ſhall all the houſe of Iſrael, and all in the land, ſerue me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firſt fruites of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept your ſweet ſauour, when I bring you from the people, and gather you out of the countreys, wherein ye haue beene ſcattered, that I may be ſanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ye ſhall know, that I am the Lord, when I ſhall bring you into the land of Iſrael, into the land, for the which I lifted vp mine hand to giue it to your fathers.

43 And there ſhal ye remember your waies, and all your workes, wherein yee haue beene defiled, and ye [u] ſhall iudge your ſelues worthy to be cut off, for all your euils, that yee haue committed.

44 And ye ſhall know that I am the Lord, when I haue reſpect vnto you for my names ſake, & not after your wicked waies, nor according to your corrupt works, O yee houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord God.

45 ¶ Moreouer, the worde of the Lorde came vnto me, ſaying,

46 Sonne of man, ſet thy face towarde the way of Teman, & drop thy word toward [x] the South, and prophelie toward the forreſt of the field of the South,

47 And ſay to the forreſt of the South, Heare the word of the Lord: thus ſayeth the Lord God, Beholde, I will kindle a fire in thee, & it ſhall deuoure all the [y] greene wood in thee, and all the drie wood: the continuall flame ſhall not be quenched, and euery face.

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q He declareth that man of nature is wholy enemie vnto God and to his owne ſaluation, and therefore God calleth him to the right way, partly by chaſtiſing, but chiefly by his mercie in forgiuing his rebellion and wickednesſe.

r I will bring you among ſtrange nations, as into a wildernesſe, and there will viſite you, and ſo call you to repentance, and then bring the godly home againe, Iſai 65 9.

ſ Signifying that he will not burne the corne with the chaffe, but chuſe out the wicked to puniſh them when he will ſpare his.

t This is ſpoken to the hypocrites.

u Your owne conſciences ſhall conuict you after that you haue felt my mercies.

x For Iudah ſtood South from Babylon.

y Both ſtrong and weake in Ieruſalem.

k Meaning, that they ſet their delight vpon them.

l Becauſe they would not obey my lawes, I gaue them vp to themſelues, that they ſhould obey their owne fantaſies, verſ. 39. Rom. 1. 21, 24.

m I condemned thoſe things, and counted the ſame as abominable which they thought had bene excellent, & to haue declared moſt zeale, Luke. 16. 15 for that which God required as moſt excellent, that gaue they to their idoles.

n Not onely in the wildernesſe, when I brought them out of Egypt, but ſince I placed them in this land: which declareth how prompt mans heart is to idolatrie, ſeeing that by no admonitions he can be drawen backe.

o Which ſignifieth an high place, declaring that they vanted themſelues of their idolatrie, and were not aſhamed therof, though God had commanded them expreſly that they ſhould haue no altar lifted vp on hie by ſtaires, Exod. 20 26. p *Eb. as the way.* p He ſheweth that the ingratitude of the people deſerueth that God ſhould caſt them off, and that they ſhould not haue the comfort of his word.

face from the South to the North shall bee burnt therein.

48 And all flesh shall see, that I the Lord haue kindled it, and it shal not be quenched. Then sayd I, Ah my God, they say of me, Doeth not he speake [z] parables?

CHAP. XXI.

3 He threatneth the sword, and destruction to Ierusalem. 25 Hee sheweth the fall of king Zedekiah. 28 He is commanded to proph-sie the destruction of the children of Ammon. 30 The Lord threatneth to destroy Nebuchad-nezzar.

THe word of the Lord came to me againe, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face toward Ierusalem, [a] and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesie against the land of Israel,

3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus sayth the Lord, Behold, I come against thee, and will draw my sword out of his sheath, and cut off from thee both the [b] righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee both the righteous and wicked, therefore shall my sword goe out of his sheath against all flesh from the South to the [c] North,

5 That all flesh may know that I the Lorde haue drawen my sworde out of his sheath, and it shall not returne any more.

6 Mourne therefore, thou sonne of man, as in the paine of thy [d] reines, and mourne bitterly before them.

7 And if they say vnto thee, Wherefore mourneſt thou? then answere, Because [e] of the bruite: for it commeth, and euery heart shall melt, and all hands shall be weake, and all minds shall faint, and all knees shall fall away as water: behold, it commeth, and shall be done, sayth the Lord God.

8 ¶ Againe, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

9 Sonne of man, prophesie, & say, Thus sayth the Lord God, say, A sword, a sword both sharpe and furbished.

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter, and it is furbished that it may [f] glitter: how shall we reioyce? for it contemneth the [g] rod of my sonne, as [h] all other trees.

11 And he hath giuen it to be furbished, that he may handle it: this sword is sharpe, and is furbished, that he may giue it into the hand of the [i] slayer.

12 Cry, and howle, sonne of man: for this shal come to my people, and it shal come vnto all the Princes of Israel: the terrors of the sword shalbe vpon my people: [k] smite therefore vpon thy thigh.

13 For it is a tryall, [l] and what shall this be, if the sword contemne euen the rod? It shall be no more, sayth the Lord God.

14 Thou therefore, sonne of man, prophesie, and smite [m] hand to hand, & let the sword be doubled: let the sword that hath killed, returne the third time: it is the sword of the great slaughter entring into their priuy chambers.

15 I haue brought the feare of the sword into all their gates to make their heart to faint, and to multiply their ruines. Ah it is made bright, & it is dressed for the slaughter.

16 Get thee [n] alone: goe to the right hand, or get thy selfe to the left hand, whithersoeuer thy face turneth.

17 I wil also smite mine hands together, and wil cause my wrath to cease. I the Lord haue sayd it.

18 ¶ The word of the Lord came vnto me againe, saying,

19 Also thou sonne of man, appoint thee [o] two wayes, that the sword of the King of Babel may come: both twaine shall come out of one land, and chuse a place, and chuse it in the corner of the way of the city.

20 Appoynt a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Iudah in Ierusalem the strong citie.

21 And the King of Babel stood at the [p] parting of the way, at the head of the two wayes, consulting by diuination, and made his arrowes bright: he consulted with idols, and looked in the [q] liuer.

22 At his right hand was the diuination for Ierusalem to appoint captaines, to open their mouth in the slaughter, and to lift vp their voyce with shouting, to lay engines of warre against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fortresse.

23 And it shall be vnto them [r] as a false diuination in their sight for the othes made vnto them: [s] but he wil call to remembrance their iniquitie, to the intent they should bee taken.

24 Therefore thus sayth the Lord God, Because ye haue made your iniquitie to bee remembred, in discouering your rebellion, that in all your workes your sinnes might appeare: because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shalbe taken with the hand.

25 And thou [t] Prince of Israel polluted, and wicked, whose day is come, when iniquity shall haue an ende,

26 Thus sayeth the Lord God, I will take away the [u] diademe, and take off the crowne: this shall be no more the same: I will exalt the humble, and will abase him that is hie.

27 I wil ouerturne, ouerturne, ouerturne it, and it shall be no more vntill he [x] come, whose right it is, and I will giue it him.

28 ¶ And thou sonne of man, prophesie, and say, Thus sayeth the Lord God to the children of Ammon, and to their blasphemie: say thou, I say, The sworde, the sworde is drawen forth, and furbished to the slaughter, to consume, because of the glittering:

29 Whiles they see [y] vanitie vnto thee,

a Speake sensibly, that all may vnderstand.

b That is, such which seeme to haue an outward shew of righteousnesse by obseruation of the ceremonies of the Law.

c Meaning, through all the land.

d As though thou were in extreme anguish.

e Because of the great noyse of the armie of the Caldeans.

f And so cause a feare.

g Meaning, the scepter: shewing that it will not spare the king who should be as the Sonne of God, and in his place.

h That is, the rest of the people.

i To wit, vnto the armie of the Caldeans

k Reade Ier. 31 19.

l Ezekiel mooued with compassion, thus complaineth, fearing the destruction of the kingdom, which God had confirmed to Dauid, and his posterity by promise: which promise God performed, although here it seemeth to mans eye that it should vtterly perish.

m That is, incourage the sword.

n Prouide for thy selfe: for thou shalt see Gods plague on all parts of this countrey.

o This was spoken because that when Nebuchad-nezzar came against Iudah, his purpose was also to goe against the Ammonites: but doubting in the way, which enterprise to vndertake first, hee consulted with his soothsayers, and so went against Iudah.

p That is, to the tribe of Iudah, that kept themselues in Ierusalem.

q To know whether he should go against the Ammonites, or them of Hierusalem.

r He vsed coniuring and sorcery.

s Because there was a league betweene the Iewes and the Babylonians, they of Ierusalem shall thinke nothing lesse then that this thing should come to passe.

t That is, Nebuchad-nezzar wil remember the rebellion of Zedekiah, and so come vpon them.

u Meaning, Zedekiah, who professed with the Egyptians to make himselfe hie, and able to resist the Babylonians.

x Some reserre this to the Priestes attire: for Iehozadek the Priest went into captiuitie with the King.

y That is, vnto the comming of the Messiah: for though the Iewes had some signe of gouernement afterward vnder the Persians, Grecians, and Romanes, yet this restauration was not till Christs comming, and at length should be accomplished, as was promised, Genesis 49 10.

z Though the Iewes and Ammonites would not beleeue, that thou, so with the sworde, shouldest come vpon them, & sayd that the Prophets, which threatned, spake lyes, yet thou shalt as surely come, as though thou wert already vpon their neckes.

and prophesied a lie vnto thee to bring thee vpon the necks of the wicked that are slain, whose day is come when their iniquity shall haue an end.

30 Shall I cause it to returne into his sheath? I will iudge thee in the place where thou wast created, euen in the land of thine habitation.

31 And I will powre out mine indignation vpon thee, and will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliuer thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilfull to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be in the fire to be deuoured: thy blood shall be in the mids of the land, and thou shalt be no more remembred: for I the Lord haue spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ierusalem is reproued for cruelty. 25 Of the wicked doctrine of the false prophets and priests, and of their vnsatiable couetousnesse. 27 The tyranny of their rulers. 29 The wickednesse of the people.

MOreouer the worde of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

2 Now thou sonne of man, wilt thou [a] iudge, wilt thou iudge this bloody citie? wilt thou shew her all her abominations?

3 Then say, Thus saith the Lord God, The citie that sheddeth blood in the mids of it, that her [b] time may come, and maketh idols [c] against her selfe to pollute her selfe.

4 Thou hast offended in thy blood that thou hast shed, and hast polluted thy selfe in thine idoles which thou hast made, and thou hast caused thy dayes to draw neere, and art come vnto thy terme: therefore haue I made thee a reproch to the heathen, and a mocking to all countreys.

5 Those that be neere, and those that be farre from thee, shall mocke thee, which art vile in [d] name, and sore in affliction.

6 Beholde, the princes of Israel euery one in thee was ready to his power to shed blood.

7 In thee haue they dispised father and mother: in the mids of thee [e] haue they oppressed the stranger: in thee haue they vexed the fatherlesse and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast polluted my Sabbaths.

9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: in thee are they that eate vpon the mountaines: in the mids of thee they commit abomination.

10 *In thee haue they discouered their fathers shame: in thee haue they vexed her that was polluted in her floures.

11 And euery one [e] hath committed abomination with his neighbours wife, and euery one hath wickedly defiled his daughter in law, and in thee hath euery man forced his owne sister, euen his fathers daughter.

12 In thee haue they taken gifts to shed blood: thou hast taken vsurie and the increase, and thou hast defrauded thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.

13 Beholde, therefore I haue [f] smitten mine hands vpon thy couetousnes, that thou hast vsed, and vpon the blood, which hath bene in the mids of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong in the dayes that I shall haue to do with thee? I the Lord haue spoken it, and will do it.

15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countreys, and will cause thy [h] filthinesse to cease from thee.

16 And thou shalt take thine [i] inheritance in thy selfe in the sight of the heathen, & thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

18 Sonne of man, The house of Israel is vnto mee, as [k] drosse: all they are brasse, and tinne, and yron, and lead in the mids of the fornace: they are euen the drosse of siluer.

19 Therefore thus saieth the Lord God, Because ye are all as drosse, behold, therefore I will gather you in the mids of Ierusalem.

20 As they gather siluer and brasse, and yron, and lead, and tinne in the mids of the fornace, to blow the fire vpon it to melt it, so will I gather you in mine anger and in my wrath, and will put you there [l] and melt you.

21 I will gather you, I say, and blow the fire of my wrath vpon you, and you shall be melted in the mids thereof.

22 As siluer is melted in the mids of the fornace, so shall yee be melted in the mids thereof, and yee shall know that I the Lord haue powred out my wrath vpon you.

23 And the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

24 Sonne of man, say vnto her, Thou art the land that is vncleane, [m] and not rained vpon in the day of wrath.

25 There is a conspiracy [n] of her prophets in the mids thereof like a roaring lion, rauening the praye: they haue deuoured soules: they haue taken the riches and precious things: they haue made her many widowes in the mids thereof.

26 Her priests haue broken my Law, and haue defiled mine holy things: they haue put no difference betweene the holy and prophane, neither discerned betweene the vncleane, and the cleane, and haue hid their [o] eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am prophaned among them.

27 Her princes in the [p] mids thereof, are like wolues rauening the praye to shed blood, and to destroy soules for their owne couetous lucre.

28 And her [q] prophets haue daubed them with vntempered morter, seeing vanities, and diuining lies vnto them, saying, Thus saieth the Lord God, when the Lord had not spoken.

29 The people of the land haue violently oppressed by spoyling and robbing, and haue vexed the poore and the needy: yea, they haue oppressed the stranger against right.

30 And I sought for a man among them that should [r] make vp the hedge, and stand

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a Art thou ready to execute thy charge, which I commit vnto thee against Ierusalem, that murthereth the Prophets and them that are godly?

b That is, the time of her destruction.

c To her owne vndoing.

d Whose very name all men hate.

e He meaneth hereby that there was no kinde of wickednesse, which was not committed in Ierusalem, & therefore the plagues of God should speedily come vpon her. *Leuit.* 20. 11, 18. *Ezec.* 5. 8.

f In token of my wrath and vengeance.

g That is, able to defend thy selfe?

h I will thus take away the occasion of thy wickednesse.

i Thou shalt be no more the inheritance of the Lord, but forsaken.

k Which before was most precious.

l Meaning hereby, that the godly should be tryed, and the wicked destroyed.

m Thou art like a barren land which the Lord plagueth with drought.

n The false prophets haue conspired together to make their doctrine more probable.

o They haue neglected my seruice. *Micah* 3. 11. *Zeph.* 3. 3.

p They which should haue reproued them, flattered them in their vices, and coueted their doings with lies, Chap. 13. 10.

q Which would shew himselfe zealous in my cause by resisting vice, Isa. 59. 16. and 63. 5. and also pray vnto me to withhold my plagues, Psal. 106. 23.

in the gappe before mee for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

31 Therefore haue I powred out mine indignation vpon them, and consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their owne wayes haue I rendred vpon their heads, sayeth the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of the idolatrie of Samaria and Ierusalem, vnder the names of Aholah and Aholibah.

THe word of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother.

3 And they committed fornication in Egypt, they committed fornication in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teates of their virginitie.

4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sonnes and daughters: thus were their names: Samaria is Aholah, and Ierusalem Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot ‡ when she was mine, and she set on fire with her louers, to wit, with the Assyrians her neighbours,

6 Which were clothed with blew silke, both captaines and princes: they were all pleasant yong men, and horsemen riding vpon horses.

7 Thus she committed her whoredome with them, euen with all them that were the chosen men of Asshur, and with all on whom she doted, and defiled her selfe with all their idoles.

8 Neither left she her fornications, learned of the Egyptians: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginitie, and powred their whoredome vpon her.

9 Wherefore I deliuered her into the hands of her louers, euen into the hands of the Assyrians, vpon whom she doted.

10 These discouered her shame: they tooke away her sonnes and her daughters, and slewe her with the sword, and she had an euill name among women: for they had executed iudgement vpon her.

11 And when her sister Aholibah sawe this, she marred her selfe with inordinate loue, more then she, and with her fornications, more then her sister with her fornications.

12 She doted vpon the Assyrians her neighbours, both captaines and princes clothed with diuers sutes, horsemen riding vpon horses: they were all pleasant young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, and that they were both after one sort,

14 And that she increased her fornications: for when she saw men ‖ painted vpon the wall, the images of the Caldeans painted with vermilion,

15 And girded with girdles vpon their loines, and with died attire vpon their heads (looking all like princes after the maner of the Babylonians in Caldea, the land of their nativitie.),

16 As soone as she saw them, she doted vpon them, and sent messengers vnto them into Caldea.

17 Now when the Babylonians came to her into the bed of loue, they defiled her with their fornication, and she was polluted with them, and her lust departed from them.

18 So she discouered her fornication, and discouered her shame: then mine heart forsooke her, like as mine heart had forsaken her sister.

19 Yet she increased her whoredom more, and called to remembrance the dayes of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted vpon their seruants, whose members are as the members of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 Thus calledst to remembrance the wickednesse of thy youth, when thy teates were bruised by the Egyptians: therefore the pappes of thy youth are thus.

22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will raise vp thy louers against thee, from whom thine heart is departed, and I will bring them against thee on euery side,

23 To wit, the Babylonians, and all the Caldeans, ‖ Pekod, and Shoah, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: they were all pleasant yong men, captaines and princes: all they were valiant and renowned, riding vpon horses.

24 Euen these shall come against thee with charets, wagons, and wheeles, and with a multitude of people, which shall set against thee, buckler and shield, and helmet round about: and ‡ I will leaue the punishment vnto them, and they shal iudge thee according to their ‖ iudgements.

25 And I will lay mine indignation vpon thee, and they shall deale cruelly with thee: they shall cut off thy ‖ nose and thine eares, and thy remnant shal fall by the sword: they shall carry away thy sonnes and thy daughters, and thy residue shalbe deuoured by the fire.

26 They shall also strippe thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy faire iewels.

27 Thus will I make thy wickednesse to cease from thee, and thy fornication out of the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift vp thine eyes vnto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will deliuer thee into the hand of them, whom thou hatest: euen into the handes of them from whom thine heart is departed.

29 And they shal handle thee despitefully, and shal take away all thy ‖ labour, and shal leaue thee naked and bare, and the shame of thy fornications ‖ shall be discouered, both thy wickednesse and thy whoredome.

30 I will doe these things vnto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idoles.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister: therefore will I giue her ‖ cup into thine hand.

32 Thus

a Meaning Israel and Iudah, which came both out of one familie.

b They became idolaters after the maner of the Egyptians.

c Aholah signifieth a mansion or dwelling in her self, meaning Samaria which was the royal citie of Israel: And Aholibah signifieth my mansion in her, whereby is meant Ierusalem where Gods Temple was.

‡ *Ebr. vnder me.*

d When the Israelites were named the people of God they became idolaters, and forsooke God, and put their trust in the Assyrians.

e The holy Ghost vseth these termes which seeme strange to chaste eares, to cause this wicked vice of idolatrie so to be abhorred, that vneth any should abide to heare the name thereof mentioned.

f Meaning, the Assyrians.

g This declareth that no words are able sufficiently to expresse the rage of idolaters, and therefore the holy Ghost here compareth them to those which in their raging loue and filthie lustes dote vpon the images and paintings of the after whom they lust.

h These were the names of certaine princes and captaines vnder Nebuchad-nezzar.

‡ *Ebr. I will giue iudgement before them.*

‖ *Or, lawes.*

i They shall destroy the princes and priests with the rest of thy people.

k All thy treasures and riches which thou hast gotten by labour.

l All the world shall see thy shamefull forsaking of God to serue idoles.

m I will execute the same iudgements and vengeance against thee, & that with greater seuerity.

31 Thus saith the Lord God, Thou shalt drinke of thy sisters cup, deepe and large: thou shalt bee laughed to scorne and had in derision, because it containeth much.

n Meaning, that the afflictions should be so great, that they should cause them to lose their senses and reason.

33 Thou shalt bee filled with n drunkennesse and sorrowe, euen with the cup of destruction, and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

34 Thou shalt euen drinke it, and wring it out to the dregges, and thou shalt breake the sheardes thereof, and teare thine owne breasts: for I haue spoken it, saith the Lord God.

35 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord God, Because thou hast forgotten mee, and cast mee behinde thy backe, therefore thou shalt also beare thy wickednesse and thy whoredome.

36 ¶ The Lord said moreouer vnto mee, Sonne of man, wilt thou iudge Aholah, and Aholibah? and wilt thou declare to them their abominations?

37 For they haue played the whores, and blood is in their handes, and with their idoles haue they committed aduulterie, and haue also caused their sonnes, whom they bare vnto mee, to passe by the fire to bee their o meate.

o That is, to be sacrifices to their idoles, reade Chap. 16. 20

38 Moreouer, thus haue they done vnto me: they haue defiled my Sanctuarie in the same day, and haue prophaned my Sabbaths.

39 For when they had slaine their children to their idoles, they came the same day into my Sanctuarie to defile it: and lo, thus haue they done in the middes of mine house.

40 And howe much more is it that they sent for men to come from p far, vnto whom a messenger was sent, and loe, they came: for whom thou diddest wash thy selfe, and paintedst thine eyes, and deckedst thee with ornaments,

p They sent into other countreys to haue such as should teach the service of their idoles.

41 And satest q vpon a costly bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oyle.

q He meaneth the altar, that was prepared for the idoles.

42 And a voyce of a multitude being at ease, was with her: and with the men to make the company great, were brought men of r Saba from the wildernesse, which put bracelets vpon their hands, and beautifull crownes vpon their heads.

r Which should teach the maner of worshipping their gods.

43 Then I said vnto her that was old in adulteries, Now shall thee and her fornications come to an end.

44 And they went in vnto her as they go to a common harlot: so went they to Aholah and Aholibah the wicked women.

45 And s righteous men they shall iudge them, after the maner of harlots, and after the maner of murtherers: for they are harlots, and blood is in their hands.

s That is, worthy death, reade Chap. 16. 38.

46 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God, I will bring a multitude vpon them, and will giue them vnto the tumult, and to the spoile,

47 And the multitude shall stone them with stones, and cut them with their swords: they shal slay their sonnes, and their daughters, and burne vp their houses with fire.

t Meaning, all other cities, and countreys.

48 Thus will I cause wickednes to cease out of the land, that all t women may bee taught, not to doe after your wickednes.

49 And they shall lay your wickednesse vpon you, and ye shall beare the sinnes of your idoles, and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 He sheweth the destruction of Ierusalem by a parable of a seething pot, 16 The parable of Ezekiels wife being dead.

AGaine in the a ninth yeere, in the tenth moneth, in the tenth day of the b moneth came the word of the Lord vnto mee, saying,

2 Sonne of man, write thee the name of the day, euen of this same day: for the King of Babel set himselfe against Ierusalem this same day.

3 Therefore speake a parable vnto the rebellious house, and say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Prepare a c pot, prepare it, and also powre water into it.

4 Gather the d pieces thereof into it, euen euery good piece, as the thigh and the shoulder, and fill it with the chiefe bones.

5 Take one of the best sheepe, and ‖ burne also the e bones vnder it, and make it boyle well, and seeth the bones of it therein,

6 Because the Lord God saith thus, Woe to the bloody city, euen to the pot, f whose skumme is therein, and whose skumme is not gone out of it: bring it out e piece by piece: let no e lot fall vpon it.

7 For her blood is in the middes of her: she set it vpon an high g rocke, and powred it not vpon the ground to couer it with dust,

8 That it might cause wrath to arise, and take vengeance: euen I haue set her blood vpon an high rocke that it should not be couered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, h Woe to the bloody citie, for I will make ‖ the burning great.

10 Heape on much wood: i kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and cast in spice, and let the bones be burnt.

11 Then set it empte vpon the coales thereof, that k the brasse of it may be hot, and may burne, and that the filthinesse of it may bee molten in it, and that the skumme of it may be consumed.

12 l She hath wearied her selfe with lies, and her great skumme went not out of her: therefore her skumme shall be consumed with fire.

13 Thou remainest in thy filthines and wickednesse: because I would m haue purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not bee purged from thy filthinesse, till I haue caused my wrath to light vpon thee.

14 I the Lord haue spoken it: it shal come to passe, and I will doe it: I will not goe backe, neither will I spare, neither will I repent: according to thy wayes, and according to thy workes shall n they iudge thee, saith the Lord God.

Sund. Trinity Even

a Of Ieconiahs captiuitie, and of the reigne of Zedekiah, 1. King. 25. 1.

b Called Tebeth, which containeth part of December and part of Ianuarie: in the which moneth and day Nebuchad-nezzar besieged Ierusalem.

c Whereby was meant Ierusalem.

d That is, the citizens, and the chiefe men thereof.

e *Or, heaps.*

e Meaning, of the innocents, whom they had slaine, who were the cause of the kindling of Gods wrath against them.

f Whose iniquities, and wicked citizens there yet remaine.

g Signifying, that they should not be destroyed all at once, but by litle and litle.

h Spare none estate or condition.

i The city shewed her crueltie to all the world, and was not ashamed thereof, neither yet hid it.

Nahum. 3. 1. Habak. 2. 12.

k *Or, an heape of wood.*

k Meaning, that the citie should be vtterly destroyed, and that he would giue the enemies an appetite thereunto. ‖ *Or, bottome.* l The city hath flattered her selfe in vaine. m I laboured by sending my Prophets to call thee to repentance, but thou wouldest not. n That is, the Babylonians.

15 Also

15 ¶ Also the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

16 Sonne of man, beholde, I take away from thee the o pleasure of thine eyes with a plague: yet shalt thou neither mourne nor weepe, neither shall thy teares run downe.

17 Cease from sighing: make no mourning for the dead, and binde the tyre of thine head vpon thee, p and put on thy shooes vpon thy feete, and couer not thy lips, and eate q not the bread of men.

18 So I spake vnto the people in the morning, and at euen my wife died: and I did in the r morning, as I was commanded.

19 And the people sayd vnto mee, Wilt thou not tell vs what these things meane toward vs, that thou dooest so?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

21 Speake vnto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I will s pollute my Sanctuary, euen the t pride of your power, the pleasure of your eyes, and your hearts desire, and your sonnes, and your daughters whom ye haue left, shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall doe as I haue done: ye shall not couer your lips, neither shall ye eate the bread of men.

23 And your tire shalbe vpon your heads, and your shooes vpon your feete: ye shall not mourne nor weepe, but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourne one toward another.

24 Thus Ezekiel is vnto you a signe: according to all that he hath done, yee shall do: and when this commeth, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Also, thou sonne of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their power, the ioy of their honour, the pleasure of their eyes, and the u desire of their heart, their sonnes and their daughters,

26 That hee that escapeth in that day, shall come vnto thee to tell thee that which he hath heard with his eares?

27 In that day shall thy mouth bee opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speake and be no more dumbe, and thou shalt bee a signe vnto them, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The word of the Lord against Ammon, which reioyced at the fall of Ierusalem. 8 Against Moab and Seir, Idumea and the Philistims.

THe word of the Lorde came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesie against them,

3 And say vnto the Ammonites, Heare the word of the Lord God, Thus saith the Lord God, Because thou saydest, a Ha, ha, against my Sanctuarie, when it was polluted, and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate, and against the house of Iudah, when they went into captiuitie,

4 Behold, therefore I will deliuer thee to the b men of the East for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, & make their dwellings in thee: they shall eate thy fruit, and they shall drinke thy milke.

5 And I will make Rabbah a dwelling place for camels, and the Ammonites a sheepecoate, and yee shall know that I am the Lord.

6 For thus saith the Lorde God, Because thou hast clapped thy hands, and stamped with the feete, and reioyced in heart with all thy despite against the lande of Israel,

7 Beholde, therefore I will stretch out mine hand vpon thee, and will deliuer thee to be spoyled of the heathen, and I will roote thee out from the people, and I will cause thee to bee destroyed out of the countreyes, and I will destroy thee, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

8 Thus sayeth the Lorde God, Because that Moab and Seir doe say, Beholde, the house of Iudah is like vnto all the heathen.

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab, euen of the c cities of his cities, I say, in his frontiers with the pleasant countrey, Beth-iesimoth, Baal-[illegible] and Kiriathaim,

10 I will call the men of the East against the Ammonites, and will giue them in possession, to that the Ammonites shall no more be remembred among the nations,

11 And I will execute iudgements vpon Moab, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

12 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, Because that Edom hath done euill by taking vengeance vpon the house of Iudah, & hath committed great offence, and reuenged himselfe vpon them,

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I will also stretch out mine hande vpon Edom, and destroy man and beast out of it, and I will make it desolate from Teman, and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will execute my vengeance vpon Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger, and according to mine indignation, and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lorde God, Because the Philistims haue executed vengeance, and reuenged themselues with a despitefull heart, to destroy it for the old hatred,

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I will stretch out mine hand vpon the Philistims, and I will cut off the e Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance vpon them with rebukes of mine indignation, and they shall knowe that I am the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance vpon them.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 He prophesieth that Tyrus shalbe ouerthrowen because it reioyced at the destruction of Ierusalem. 15 The wondring and astonishment of the merchants for the destruction of Tyrus.

And

o Meaning, his wife in whom he delited, as verse 18.

p For in mourning, they went bare headed and bare footed, and also couered their lips.

q That is, which the neighbours sent to them that mourned.

r Meaning the morning following.

s By sending the Caldeans to destroy it, as Chap. 7 22.

t Wherein you boast and delite.

u Or, lifting vp your soules.

a Because ye reioyced when the enemy destroyed my citie and Temple.

b That is, to the Babylonians.

c They shall chase thee away and take thy gorgeous houses to dwell in.

d Called also Philadelphia, which was the chiefe city of the Ammonites, and full of conduits, 2. Sam. 12. 27.

e So that no power or strength should be able to resist the Babylonians.

f Which were certain garrisons of Philistims, whereby they oftimes molested the Iewes. Of the Cherethims Dauid also had a guard, 2. Sam. 8. 18.

AND in the a eleventh yere, in the first day of the moneth, the worde of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Ierusalem, Aha, the b gate of the people is broken: it is turned vnto me: for seeing she is desolate, I shall be replenished,

3 Therefore thus sayth the Lorde God, Beholde, I come against thee, O Tyrus, and I will bring vp many nations against thee, as the sea mounteth vp with his waues.

4 And they shall destroy the walles of Tyrus, and breake downe her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rocke.

5 Thou shalt be for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I haue spoken it, sayth the Lord God, and it shall be a spoyle to the nations.

6 And her d daughters which are in the fielde, shall bee slaine by the sworde, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 For thus sayth the Lord God, Behold, I will bring vpon Tyrus Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel, a king of kings, from the North, with horses and with charets, and with horsemen, with a multitude and much people.

8 He shal slay with the sworde the daughters in the fielde, and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift vp the buckler against thee.

9 Yet shall set engins of warre before him against thy walles, and with his weapons breake downe thy towers.

10 The dust of his horses shal couer thee, for their multitude: thy walles shall shake at the noyse of the horsemen, and of the wheeles, and of the charets, when he shall enter into thy gates, as into the entrie of a city that is broken downe.

11 With the hoofes of his horses shall hee tread downe all the streetes: he shall slay thy people by the sworde, and the e pillars of thy strength shall fall downe to the ground.

12 And they shall robbe thy riches, and spoile thy merchandise, and they shall breake downe thy walles, and destroy thy pleasant houses, and they shall cast thy stones and thy timber and thy dust into the middes of the water.

13 * Thus will I cause the sounde of thy song to cease, and the sound of thine harps shall be no more heard.

14 I will lay thee like the top of a rocke: f thou shalt bee for a spreading of nets: thou shalt be built no more, for I the Lorde haue spoken it, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus sayth the Lord God to Tyrus, Shall not the yles tremble at the sound of thy fall, and at the crie of the wounded, when they shall be slaine and murthered in the middes of thee?

16 Then all the princes of the g sea shall come downe from their thrones: they shall lay away their robes, and put off their broydred garments, and shall cloth themselues with astonishment: they shall sit vpon the ground, and be astonished at euery moment, and be amazed at thee.

17 And they shall take vp a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited h of the sea men, the renowmed citie which was strong in the sea, both she and her inhabitants, which cause their feare to bee on all that haunt therein!

18 Now shall the yles be astonished in the day of thy fall: yea, the yles that are in the sea, shalbe troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus sayth the Lorde God, When I shall make thee a desolate citie, like the cities that are not inhabited, and when I shal bring the deepe vpon thee, and great waters shall couer thee,

20 When I shall cast thee downe with them that descende into the pit, with the people i of olde time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, like the olde ruines, with them, I say, which goe downe to the pit, so that thou shalt not be inhabited, and I shall shewe my glory in the lande of the k liuing.

21 I will bring thee to nothing, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou neuer be found againe, sayth the Lord God.

CHAP. XXVII.

The Prophet bewaileth the desolation of Tyrus, shewing what were the riches, power and aucthoritie thereof in time past.

THe worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentation for Tyrus,

3 And say vnto Tyrus, that is situate at the entrie of the sea, which is the mart a of the people for many yles, Thus saieth the Lord God, O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfit beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the ‡ mids of the sea, and thy builders haue made thee of perfit beauty.

5 They haue made all thy ship boards of firre trees of b Shenir: they haue brought cedars from Lebanon, to make maates for thee.

6 Of the okes of Bashan haue they made thine ores: the company of the Assyrians haue made thy bankes of yuory, brought out of the yles of Chittim.

7 Fine linnen with broydered worke, brought from Egypt, was spread ouer thee to be thy sayle, blue silke and purple, brought from the yles of Elishah, was thy couering.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Aruad were thy mariners, O Tyrus: thy wise men that were in thee, they were thy ‖ pilots.

9 The ancients of Gebal, and the wise men thereof were in thee thy c calkers: all the shippes of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupie thy marchandise.

10 They of Persia, g of Lud, and of Phut, were

a Either of the captiuitie of Ieconiah, or of the reigne of Zedekiah.

b That is, the famous citie Ierusalem, whereunto all people resorted.

c My riches and fame shall increase: thus the wicked reioyce at their fall by whom they may haue any profit or aduantage.

d The townes that belonged vnto her.

e For Tyrus was much built by art, & by labour of men was won out of the sea. Some referre this vnto the images of the noble men, which they had erected vp for their glory and renowme. *Iere.* 7. 34.

f I wil make thee so bare, that thou shalt haue nothing to couer thee.

g The gouernors and rulers of other countreys that dwell by the sea: whereby he signifieth that her destruction should be so horrible, that all the world should heare thereof, and be afraid.

h Meaning, merchants, which by their traffique did inrich her wonderfully and increase her power.

i Which were dead long ago.

k Meaning in Iudea, when it shalbe restored. ‖ *Or, make thee a terrour.*

a Which serueth all the world with thy merchandise

‡ *Ebr. hearts.*

b This mountaine was called Hermon, but the Amorites called it Shenir, Deut. 3. 9.

c Which is taken for Grecia and Italy.

‖ *Or, shipmasters.*

d Meaning, that they built the walles of the citie, which is here meant by the ship: and of these were the builders of Salomons Temple, 1. King. 5. 18.

were in thine armie: thy men of warre they hanged the shield and helmet in thee: they set forth thy beautie.

11 The men of Aruad with thine armie were vpon thy walles round about, and the c Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shieldes vpon thy walles round about: they haue made thy beautie perfit.

12 They of Tarshish were thy merchants for the multitude of all riches, for siluer, yron, tinne, and lead, which they brought to thy fairs.

13 They of d Iauan, Tubal and Meshech were thy merchants, e concerning the liues of men, and they brought vessels of brasse for thy merchandise.

14 They of the house of f Togarmah brought to thy fairs horses, and horsemen, and mules.

15 The men of Dedan were thy merchants: and the merchandise of many yles were in thine hands: they brought thee for a present, g hornes, teeth, and peacocks.

16 They of Aram were thy merchants for the multitude of thy wares: they occupied in thy fairs with h emeraudes, purple, and broydred worke, and i fine linnen, and coral, and pearle.

17 They of Iudah and of the land of Israel were thy merchants: they brought for thy merchandise wheate of k Minnith, and Pannag, and honie, and oyle, and l balme.

18 They of Damascus were thy merchants in the multitude of thy wares, for the multitude of all riches, as in the wine of Helbon and white wooll.

19 They of Dan also and of Iauan, going to and fro, occupied in thy fairs: yron worke, cassia and calamus were among thy merchandise.

20 They of Dedan were thy merchants in precious clothes for the charrets.

21 They of Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar ‖ occupied with thee in lambes, and rammes, and goates: in these were they thy merchants.

22 The merchants of Sheba, and Raamah were thy merchants: they occupied in thy faires with the chiefe of all spices, and with all precious stones and gold.

23 They of Haran and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Ashur and Chilmad were thy merchants.

24 These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in rayment of blue silke, and of broydered worke, and in coffers for the rich apparell, which were bound with cordes: chaines also were among thy merchandise.

25 The ships of Tarshish ‖ were thy chiefe in thy merchandise, and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the mids of the sea.

26 Thy ‖ robbers haue brought thee into great waters: the i East winde hath broken thee in the mids of the sea.

27 Thy riches and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy marriners and pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and al thy men of warre that are in thee, and all the multitude which is the mids of thee, shall fall in the mids of the sea, in the day of thy ruine.

28 The ‖ suburbs shal shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And al that handle the oar, the marriners and all the pilots of the sea shall come downe from their ships, and shall stand vpon the land,

30 And shal cause their voyce to be heard against thee, and shall crie bitterly, and shal cast dust vpon their heads, ‖ wallow themselues in the ashes.

31 They shall pluckе off their haire for thee, and gird them with a sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee, with ‖ sorow of heart and bitter mourning.

32 And in their mourning they shall take vp a lamentation for thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, so destroyed in the mids of the sea!

33 When thy wares went forth of the seas, thou filledest many people, and thou diddest enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

34 When thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depthes of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy multitude, which was in the middes of thee, shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the yles shall be astonished at thee, and al their kings shal be sore afraide and troubled in their countenance.

36 The merchants among the people shal hisse at thee: thou shalt be a terrour, and neuer shalt be ‖ any more.

CHAP. XXVIII.

2 The word of God against the king of Tyrus for his pride. 11 The word of the Lord against Zidon. 25 The Lord promiseth that he will gather together the children of Israel.

THe word of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, say vnto the prince of Tyrus, Thus sayth the Lord God, Because thine heart is exalted, and thou hast sayde, a I am a god, I sit in the seate of God in the middes of the sea, yet thou art but a man and not God, and ‖ though thou didst thinke in thine heart, that thou wast equall with God,

3 Behold, thou art wiser then b Daniel: there is no secret, that they can hide from thee.

4 With thy wisedome and thine vnderstanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten golde and siluer into thy treasures.

5 By thy great wisedome and by thine occupying, hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted vp because of thy riches.

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Because thou diddest thinke in thine heart, that thou wast equall with God,

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers vpon thee, euen the terrible nations: and they shall drawe their swordes against

c That is, they of Cappadocia, or Pigmeyes and dwarfes, which were so called, because that out of the hie towers they seemed little.

d Of Grecia, Italy, and Cappadocia.

e By selling liues.

f Which are taken for a people of Asia minor.

g Meaning Vnicornes hornes and Elephants teeth.

‖ Or, workes.

h Or, carbuncle.

i Or, silke.

k Where the best wheate growed.

l Or, turpentine, or, treacle.

‖ Or, were merchants, whose merchandise passed thorow thine hands.

‖ Or, came in company toward thee

‖ Or, rowers.

m That is, the cities neere about thee, as was Zidon, Aruad, and others.

‖ Or, sorowfully.

n Whereby is meant a long time: for it was prophesied to be destroyed but seuentie yeeres, as Isa. 23. 15.

a I am safe that none can come to hurt mee, as God is in the heauen.

‖ Eb. though thou set thine heart as the heart of God.

b That he speaketh by derision: for Daniel had declared notable signes of his wisdome in Babylan when Ezekiel wrote this.

against the beautie of thy wisdome, and they shall bestle thy brightnesse.

8 They shall cast thee downe to the pit, and thou shalt die the death of them, that are slaine in the midst of the sea.

9 Wilt thou say then before him that slayeth thee, I am a god? but thou shalt bee a man, and no God, in the hands of him that slayeth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the death of the c vncircumcised by the hands of strangers: for I haue spoken it, saith the Lord God.

11 ¶ Moreouer the word of the Lord came vnto mee, saying,

12 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentation vpon the king of Tyrus, and say vnto him, Thus sayth the Lord God, Thou sealest vp the summe, and art full of d wisedome and perfect in beautie.

13 Thou hast bene in Eden the garden of God: euery precious stone was in thy garment, the rubie, the topaze & the ‖ diamond, the chrysolite, the onix, and the iasper, the saphir, smerauld, and the carbuncle and gold: the workmanship of thy tymbrels, and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art e the anointed Cherub, that couereth, & I haue set thee f in honour: thou wast vpon the holy mountaine of God: thou hast walked in the middes of the g stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy wayes from the day that thou wast h created, till iniquitie was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise, they haue filled the midst of thee with cruelitie, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as prophane out of the i mountaine of God, and I will destroy thee, O couering Cherub, from the middes of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted vp, because of thy beautie, and thou hast corrupted thy wisdome by reason of thy brightnesse: I will cast thee to the ground: I will lay thee before kings, that they may beholde thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy k sanctification by the multitude of thine iniquities, and by the iniquitie of thy merchandise: therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, which shall deuoure thee: and I will bring thee to ashes vpon the earth, in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people, shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt bee a ‖ terrour, and neuer shalt thou be any more.

20 ¶ Againe, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

21 Sonne of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesie against it,

22 And say, Thus sayeth the Lord God, Behold, I come against thee, O Zidon, and I will be l glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shal haue executed iudgements in her, and shalbe sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets, and the slaine shal fall in the midst of her: m the enemie shall come against her with the sword on euery side, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24 And there shall bee no more a pricking thorne vnto the house of Israel, nor any grieuous thorne of all that are round about them, and despised them, and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus sayth the Lord God, When I shall haue gathered the house of Israel from the people where they are scattered, and shal be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in the land, that I haue giuen to my seruant Iaakob.

26 And they shal dwell safely therein, and shall build houses and plant vineyardes: yea, they shall dwel safely, when I haue executed iudgements vpon al round about them that despise them, and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

c Like the rest of the heathen and infidels, which are Gods enemies.

d He derideth the vaine opinion & confidence that the Tyrians had in their riches, strength and pleasures.

‖ Or, Iasper.

‖ Or, carbuncle.

e Hee meaneth the royall state of Tyrus, which for the excellencie and glorie thereof he compareth to ✡ Cherubims, which couered the Arke: and by this word Anointed, he signifieth the same.

f I did thee this honour to make thee one of the builders of my Temple, which was when Hiram sent vnto Salomon things necessarie for the worke.

g To wit, among my people Israel which shined as precious stones.

h Which was when I first called thee to this dignitie.

i Thou shalt haue no part among my people.

k That is, the honour, whereunto I called them.

‖ Or, brought to nothing.

l By executing my iudgements against thy wickednesse.

m That is, Nebuchadnezzar.

Ierem. 25 v. of 25 Ch. 2 verse of 29 Ch.

n He sheweth for what cause God wil assemble his Church, and preserue it still though he destroy his enemies to wit, that they should praise him, and giue thankes for his great mercies.

CHAP XXIX.

He prophesieth against Pharaoh and Egypt. 13 The Lord promiseth that he will restore Egypt after fourtie yeeres. 18 Egypt is the reward of king Nebuchad-nezzar for the labour which he tooke against Tyrus.

IN the tenth yeere, and in the tenth moneth, in the twelfth day of the moneth, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face against Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and prophesie against him, and against all Egypt.

3 Speake, and say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I come against thee, Pharaoh King of Egypt, the great a dragon, that lieth in the middes of his riuers, which hath said, The riuer is mine, and I haue made it for my selfe.

4 But I will put b hookes in thy lawes, and I will cause the fish of thy riuers to sticke vnto thy scales, and I will drawe thee out of the middes of thy riuers, and all the fish of thy riuers shall sticke vnto thy scales.

5 And I will leaue thee in the wildernesse, both thee and all the fish of thy riuers: thou shalt fall vpon the open field: thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: for I haue giuen thee for meat to the beasts of the field, and to the fowles of the heauen.

6 And al the inhabitants of Egypt shal knowe that I am the Lord, because they haue beene a staffe of c reede to the house of Israel.

7 When they tooke holde of thee with their hand, thou diddest breake, and rent all their shoulder: and when they leaned vpon thee, thou brakest and madest all their loines to stand vpright.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will bring a sword vpon thee, and destroy man and beast out of thee,

9 And the land of Egypt shalbe desolate, and waste, and they shall know that I am the Lord: because he hath said, d The riuer is mine, and I haue made it,

10 Behold, therefore I come vpon thee, and vpon thy riuers, and I will make the land of Egypt vtterly waste and desolate from

a To wit, of the captiuitie of Ieconiah or of the reigne of Zedekiah. Of the order of these prophesies, and how the former sometime standeth after the latter, read Iere. 27. 1.

b He compareth Pharaoh to a dragō, which hideth himselfe in the riuer Nilus, as Isa 51 9

c I will send enemies against thee which shal pluck thee, and thy people, which trust in thee, out of thy sure places. d Read 2. King. 18. 21. Isa. 36. 6.

‖ Or, shake.

e When they felt their hurt, they would stay no more vpon thee, but stood vpon their feete and put their trust in others.

f Thus God cannot suffer that manshould arrogate any thing to himselfe, or put his trust in any thing saue in him alone.

from the tower of Syene, euen vnto the borders of the ‖ blacke Moores.

‖ Hebr. Chush, or Ethiopia.

11 No foote of man shall passe by it, nor foote of beast shall passe by it, neither shall it be inhabited fourtie yeeres.

12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the middes of the countreys that are desolate, and her cities shall be desolate among the cities that are desolate, fourtie yeeres: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them thorow the countreys.

13 Yet thus saieth the Lord God, *At the end of fourtie yeeres will I gather the Egyptians from the people, where they were scattered.

* Ier. 46. 26.

14 And I will bring againe the captiuitie of Egypt, and will cause them to returne into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation, and they shall be there a ‖ small kingdome.

‖ Meaning, that they should not haue full dominion, but be vnder the Persians, Grecians, & Romanes, and the cause is, that the Israelites should no more put their trust in them, but learne to depend on God.

15 It shalbe the smallest of the kingdoms, neither shall it exalt it selfe any more about the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule the nations.

16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, to bring their ‖ iniquitie to remembrance by looking after them, to shall they know, that I am the Lord God.

‖ Least I should by this meanes punish their sinnes,

17 ¶ In the ‖ seuen and twentieth yeere also in the first moneth, and in the first day of the moneth, came the word of the Lord vnto me, saying,

‖ Counting from the captiuitie of Iechoniah.

18 Sonne of man, Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel caused his armie to serue a great ‖ seruice against Tyrus: euery head was made balde, and euery shoulder was made bare: yet had hee no wages, ‖ nor his armie for Tyrus, for the seruice that he serued against it.

‖ He tooke great paines at the siege of Tyrus and his armie was sore handled.

19 Therefore thus saieth the Lord God, Behold, I will giue the land of Egypt vnto Nebuchad-nezzar the king of Babel, and he shall take her multitude, and spoyle her spoile, and take her praye, and it shall be the wages of his armie.

‖ Signifying, that Nebuchad-nezzar had more paines then profit, by the taking of Tyrus.

20 I haue giuen him the land of Egypt for his labour, that he serued ‖ against it, because they wrought ‖ for me, saieth the Lord God.

‖ Or, in it. ‖ Or, euill against me.

21 In that day will I cause the horne of the house of Israel to grow, and I will giue thee an open mouth in the middes of them, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXX.

The destruction of Egypt, and the cities thereof.

THe word of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, prophesie, and say, Thus saieth the Lord God, Howle and crie, Woe be vnto this day.

3 For the day is neere, and the day of the Lord is at hand, a cloudie day, and it shall be the time of the heathen.

4 And the sword shall come vpon Egypt, and feare shall bee in Ethiopia, when the slaine shall fall in Egypt, when they shall take away her multitude, ‖ when her foundations shall be broken downe.

‖ By Phut and Lud are meant Aphrica and Libya.

5 Ethiopia, and Phut, and Lud, and all the common people, and Cub, and the men of the land, that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saieth the Lord, They also that maintaine Egypt, shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come downe: from the tower of ‖ Syene shall they fall by the sword, saieth the Lord God.

‖ Which was a strong citie of Egypt, chap. 29. 10.

7 And they shalbe desolate in the middes of the countreys that are desolate, and her cities shall bee in the mids of the cities that are wasted.

8 And they shall knowe that I am the Lord, when I haue set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shalbe destroyed.

9 In that day shall their messingers goe forth from me in ships, to make the careles Hopes afraid, and feare shall come vpon them as in the day of Egypt: for loe, it commeth.

10 Thus saieth the Lorde God, I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babel.

11 For hee and his people with him, euen the terrible nations shall bee brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swordes against Egypt, and fill the land with the slaine.

12 And I will make the riuers dry, and sell the land into the hands of the wicked, and I will make the land waste, and all that therein is, by the hands of strangers: I the Lord haue spoken it.

13 Thus saieth the Lord God, I will also destroy the idoles, and I will cause their idoles to cease out of ‖ Noph, and there shall bee no more a Prince of the land of Egypt, and I will send a feare in the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, Memphis, or, Alkaira.

14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in ‖ Zoan, and I will execute iudgement in No.

‖ Or, Tanis.

15 And I will powre my wrath vpon ‖ Sin, which is the strength of Egypt: and I will destroy the multitude of ‖ No.

‖ Or, Pelusium. ‖ Or, Alexandria.

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shal haue great sorow, and No shalbe destroyed, and Noph shall haue sorowes dayly.

17 The yong men of ‖ Auen, & of ‖ Phibeseth shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall goe into captiuitie.

‖ Or, Heliopolis. ‖ Or, Pubastum.

18 At Tehaphnehes the day * shall restraine his light, when I shall breake there the ‖ barres of Egypt: and when the pomp of her power shall cease in her, the cloud shal couer her, and her daughters shall goe into captiuitie.

* Meaning, that there shall be great sorow and affliction.

‖ That is, the strength and force.

19 Thus will I execute iudgements in Egypt, and they shall knowe, that I am the Lord.

20 ¶ And in the * eleuenth yeere, in the first moneth, and in the seuenth day of the moneth, the word of the Lord came vnto mee, saying,

* Of the captiuity of Ieconiah, or of Zedekiahs reigne.

21 Sonne of man, ‖ I haue broken the arme of Pharaoh king of Egypt: and loe, it shall not be bound vp to be healed, neither shall they put a rolle to binde it, and so make it strong, to hold the sword.

‖ For Nebuchad-nezzar destroyed Pharaoh Necho at Carchemish, Ier. 46. 26.

22 Therefore thus saieth the Lord God, Behold, I come against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will breake ‖ his arme, that

‖ His force and power.

was strong, but is broken, and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countreys.

24 And I will strengthen the arme of the king of Babel, and put my sword in his hand, but I will breake Pharaohs armes, and he shal cast out sighings, as the sighings of him that is wounded before him.

h Whereby we see that tyrants haue no power of themselues, neither can doe any more harme then God appointeth, and when he will, they must cease.

25 But I will strengthen the armes of the king of Babel, and the armes of Pharaoh shall fall downe, and they shall know that I am the Lord, h when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babel, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countreys, and they shall know, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXI.

2 A comparison of the prosperitie of Pharaoh with the prosperitie of the Assyrians. 10 He propheseth a like destruction to them both.

a Of Zedekiahs reigne, or of Ieconiahs captiuitie.

AND in the a eleuenth yeere, in the third moneth, & in the first day of the moneth, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, speake vnto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude, Whom art thou b like in thy greatnesse?

b Meaning, that he was not like in strength to the king of the Assyrians, whom the Babylonians ouercame.

3 Behold, Asshur was like a cedar in Lebanon with faire branches, and with thicke shadowing boughs, and hot vp very hie, and his top was among the thicke boughs.

4 The waters nourished him, and the deepe exalted him on high with her riuers running round about his plants, and sent out her c little riuers vnto all the trees of the ‖ field.

c Many other nations were vnder their dominion.

‖ *Or, countrey.*

5 Therefore his height was exalted aboue all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches were long, because of the multitude of the waters, which the deepe sent out.

6 All the foules of the heauen made their nests in his boughs, and vnder the branches did all the beasts of the fielde bring foorth their yong, and vnder his shadow dwelt all mightie nations.

7 Thus was he faire in his greatnesse, and in the length of his branches: for his root was neere great waters.

d Signifying, that there was no greater power in the world then his was.

8 The cedars in the garden d of God could not hide him: no firre tree was like his branches, and the chesnut trees were not like his boughs: all the trees in the garden of God were not like vnto him in his beautie.

9 I made him faire by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, enuied him.

‖ *Or, how waxt lift vp.*

e That is, of Nebuchad-nezzar, who afterward was the monarch and onely ruler of the world.

10 Therefore thus sayth the Lord God, Because ‖ he is lift vp on high, and hath shot vp his top among the thicke boughs, and his heart is lift vp in his height,

11 I haue therefore deliuered him into the handes of the e mightiest among the heathen: he shall handle him, for I haue cast him away for his wickednesse.

12 And the strangers haue destroied him, euen the terrible nations, and they haue left him vpon the mountaines, and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are f broken by all the riuers of the land: and all the people of the earth are departed from his shadow, and haue forsaken him.

f Hereby is signified the destruction of the power of the Assyrians by the Babylonians.

13 Vpon his ruine shall all the foules of the heauen remaine, and all the beasts of the field shalbe vpon his branches,

14 To the end none of all the trees by the waters shall be exalted by their height, neither shall shoote vp their tappe among the thick boughs, neither shal their leaues stand vp in their height, which drinke so much water: for they are all deliuered vnto death in the nether parts of the earth in the middes of the children of men, among them that goe downe to the pit.

g The deepe waters that caused him to mount so high (meaning his great abundance & pompe) shall now lament as though they were couered with sackcloth.

15 Thus sayth the Lord God, In the day when he went downe to hell, I caused them to mourne, and I g couered the deepe for him, and I did restraine the floods thereof, & the great waters were stayed: I caused Lebanon to mourne for him, and all the trees of the field fainted.

h To cause this destruction of the king of Assyria to seeme more horrible, he setteth forth other kings and princes, which are dead, as though they reioyced at the fall of such a tyrant,

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him downe to hell, with them that descend to the pit, and all the excellent trees of Eden, and the best of Lebanon: euen all that are nourished with waters, shall h bee comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

i Meaning, that Pharaohs power was nothing so great as his was.

17 They also went downe to hell with him vnto them that be slaine with the sword, and his arme, and they that dwelt vnder his shadow in the mids of the heathen.

18 To whom i art thou thus like in glory and in greatnesse among the trees of Eden? yet thou shalt be cast downe with the trees of Eden vnto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt sleepe in the middes of the k vncircumcised, with them that be slaine by the sword: this is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

k Reade Chap. 28.10.

CHAP. XXXII.

2 The Prophet is commanded to bewaile Pharaoh King of Egypt. 12 He propheseth that destruction shall come vnto Egypt through the King of Babylon.

AND in the a twelfth yeere in the twelfth moneth, & in the first day of the moneth, the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

a Which was the first yeere of the generall captiuity vnder Zedekiah.

2 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say vnto him, Thou art like a b lyon of the nations, and art as a dragon in the sea: thou castedst out thy riuers c and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and stampedst in their riuers.

b Thus the scriptures compare tyrants to cruell and huge beasts, which deuoure al that be weaker then they, and such as they may ouercome.

3 Thus sayeth the Lorde God, * I will therefore spread my nette ouer thee with a great multitude of people, and they shall make thee come vp into my net.

‖ *Or, whale.*

c Thou preparedst great armies.

Chap. 12.13. and 17.20.

4 Then will I leaue thee vpon the land, and I will cast thee vpon the open fielde, and I will cause all the foules of the heauen to remaine vpon thee, and I will fill all

all the beastes of the field with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh vpon the mountaines, and fil the valleys *with thine height.

6 I will also water with thy bloud the land wherein thou *swimmest, euen to the mountaines, and the riuers shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall ‡ put thee out, I will couer the heauen, and make the starres thereof darke: *I will couer the sunne with a cloude, and the moone shall not giue her light.

8 All the lights of heauen will I make darke for thee, and bring darkenesse vpon thy land, saith the Lord God.

9 I will also trouble the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, and vpon the countreys which thou hast not knowen.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shalbe astonished with feare for thee, when I shall make my sword to glitter against their faces, and they shall be afraid at euery moment: euery man for his owne life in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord God, The sword of the king of Babel shall come vpon thee.

12 By the swordes of the mightie will I cause thy multitude to fall: they all shall be terrible nations, and they shall destroy the *pompe of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be consumed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from the great water sides, neither shall the foote of man trouble them any more, nor the hooues of beast trouble them.

14 Then will I make *their waters deepe, and cause their riuers to run like oyle, saith the Lord God.

15 When I shal make the land of Egypt desolate, and the countrey with all that is therein, shall be layed waste: when I shall smite all them, which dwel therein, then shal they know that I am the Lord.

16 This is the mourning wherwith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord God.

17 ¶ In the twelfth yeere also, in the fifteenth day of the moneth, came the word of the Lord vnto me, saying,

18 Sonne of man, lament for the multitude of Egypt, and *cast them downe, euen them and the daughters of the mighty nations vnto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go downe into the pit.

19 Whom doest thou passe *in beauty? go downe and sleepe with the vncircumcised.

20 They shal fal in the midst of them that are slaine by the sword: *she is deliuered to the sword: draw her downe, and all her multitude.

21 The most mighty and strong shall speake to *him out of the midst of hell with them that helpe her: they are gone downe and sleepe with the vncircumciled that are slaine by the sword.

22 Assur is there and all his company: their graues are about him: all they are slaine and fallen by the sword.

23 Whose graues are made in the side of the pit, and his multitude are round about his graue: all they are slaine and fallen by the sword, which caused feare to bee in the land of the liuing.

24 There is Elam and all his multitude round about his graue: all they are slaine and fallen by the sword, which are gone downe with *vncircumciled into the nether parts of the earth, which caused themselues to bee feared in the land of the *liuing, yet haue they borne their shame with them that are gone downe to the pit.

25 They haue made his bed in the midst of the slaine with all his multitude: their graues are round about him: all these vncircumcised are slaine by the sword: though they haue caused their feare in the land of the liuing, yet haue they borne their shame with them that goe downe to the pit: they are layed in the midst of them that be slaine.

26 There is *Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude: their graues are round about them: all these vncircumcised were slaine by the sword, though they caused their feare to be in the land of the liuing.

27 And they shall not lie with the valiant *of the vncircumcised, that are fallen, which are gone down to the graue, with their weapons of warre, and haue layd their swordes vnder their heads, but their iniquity shall be vpon their bones: because they were the feare of the mighty in the land of the liuing.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the vncircumcised: and lie with them that are slaine by the sword.

29 There is Edom, his kings, and all his princes, which with their strength are layed by them that were slaine by the sword: they shall sleepe with the vncircumcised, and with them that go downe to the pit.

30 There be al the princes of the *North, with al the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slaine, with their feare: they are ashamed of their strength, and the vncircumcised sleepe with them that be slaine by the sword, and beare their shame with them that go downe to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and be shalbe comforted ouer all his multitude: Pharaoh and all his armie shall be slaine by the sword, saith the Lord God.

32 For I haue caused my *feare to be in the land of the liuing: & he shalbe laid in the midst of the vncircumciled with them that are slaine by the sword, euen Pharaoh and al his multitude, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXIII.

2 The office of the gouernours and ministers. *14 Hee strengtheneth them that dispaire, and boldeneth them with the promise of mercie.* *30 The words of the Lord against the mockers of the Prophet.*

AGaine the word of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, speake to the children of thy people, and say vnto them, When

d With heapes of the carkeises of thine armie.

e As Nilus ouerfloweth Egypt, so will I make the blood of thine hoste to ouerflow it.

f The word signifieth to be put out as a candle is put out. *Isa.* 13.10. *ioel* 2, 31. & 3.15. *matth.* 24.29.

g By this maner of speech is ment the great sorrow that shall be for the slaughter of the king and his people.

h This came to passe in lesse then foure yeeres after this prophesie.

i To wit, of the Caldeans thine enemies, which shall quietly enioy all thy commodities.

k That is, prophesie, that they shall be cast downe: thus the Lord giueth his Prophets power both to plant & to destroy by his word, reade Iere. 1.10.

l Haue not other kingdomes more beautifull then thou, perished?

m That is, Egypt.

n To make the matter more sensible, he bringeth in Pharaoh, who the dead shall meete & marueil at him, reade Isa. 14.9.

o Meaning, the Persians.

p Whom in the life all the world feared.

q That is, the Cappadocians & Italians, or Spaniards, as Iosephus writeth.

r Which died not by cruell death, but by the course of nature, and are honourablyburied with their coat armour and signes of honour.

s The kings of Babylon.

t As the wicked reioyce when the see others partakers of their miseries.

u I wil make the Egyptians afraid of me, as they caused others to feare them.

‖Or, of their coastes.

a He sheweth that the people ought to haue continually gouernours and teachers which may haue a care ouer them, and warne them ouer of the dangers which are at hand.

b Signifying, that the wicked shall not escape punishment though the watchman be negligent: but if the watchman blow the trumpet, and then he will not obey, he shall deserue double punishment. Chap. 3. 17.

c Which teacheth that hee that receiueth not his charge at the Lords mouth, is a spy, and not a true watchman.

d The watchman must answere for the blood of all that perish through his negligence.

e Thus the wicked when they heare Gods iudgements for their sinnes, despaire of his mercies, and murmure.

f Reade Chap. 18. 23.

g Reade of this righteousnesse, Chap. 18. 22, 24.

h Hereby hee condemneth all them of hypocrisie, which pretend to forsake wickednesse, and yet declare not themselues such by their fruites, that is, in obeying Gods commandements and by godly life.

I bring the sworde vpon a land, if the people of the land take a man ‖ from among them, and make him their a watchman,

3 If when he seeth the sworde come vpon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warne the people,

4 Then he that heareth the sound of the trumpet, and wil not be warned, if the sworde come, and take him away, his blood shall be vpon his owne head.

5 For he heard the sound of the trumpet, and would not be admonished: therefore his blood shalbe vpon him: but he that receiueth warning, shall saue his life.

6 But if the watchman see the sworde come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people bee not warned: if the sworde come, and take any person from among them, hee is taken away from his a iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchmans hand.

7 a So thou, O sonne of man, I haue made thee a watchman vnto the house of Israel: therefore thou shalt heare the word at my a mouth, and admonish them from me.

8 When I shall say vnto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt die the death, if thou doest not speake, and admonish the wicked of his way, that wicked man shall die for his iniquitie: but his blood will I d require at thine hand.

9 Neuertheless, if thou warne the wicked of his way, to turne from it, if he doe not turne from his way, he shall die for his iniquitie, but thou hast deliuered thy soule.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speake vnto the house of Israel, Thus yee speake and say, If our transgressions e our sinnes be vpon vs, and we are consumed because of them, a how should we then liue?

11 Say vnto them, As I liue, sayeth the Lord God, f I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turne from his way and liue: turne you, turne you frō your euill wayes, for why will ye die, O yee house of Israel?

12 Therefore thou sonne of man, say vnto the children of thy people, The g righteousnesse of the righteous shall not deliuer him in the day of his transgression, nor the wickednesse of the wicked shall cause him to fal therin, in the day that he returneth from his wickednesse, neither shall the righteous liue for his righteousnesse in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say vnto the righteous, that he shal surely liue, if he trust to his own righteousnesse, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesse shall be no more remembred, but for his iniquitie that he hath committed, he shall die for the same.

14 Againe, when I shal say vnto the wicked, Thou shalt die the death, if he turne from his sinne, and do that which is lawfull and a right,

15 To wit, if the wicked restore the pledge, and giue againe that he had robbed, & walke in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall surely liue, and not die.

16 None of his sinnes that he hath committed, shall be mentioned vnto him, because he hath done that which is lawfull & right, he shall surely liue.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, a The way of the Lord is not equall: but their owne way is vnequall. Chap. 18. 25.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousnes, and committeth iniquitie, he shall euen die therein.

19 But if the wicked returne from his wickednesse, and do that which is lawfull and right, he shall liue therein.

20 Yet ye say, the way of the Lord is not equall. O ye house of Israel, I will iudge you euery one after his wayes.

21 Also in the twelfth yeere of our captiuitie, in the tenth moneth, and in the fift day of the moneth, one that had escaped out of Jerusalem, came vnto me, and sayd, The city is smitten.

22 Now the a hand of the Lord had bene vpon me in the euening afore he that had escaped came, and had opened my mouth, vntil he came to me in the morning: and when he had opened my a mouth, I was no more dumbe.

23 Againe the word of the Lord came vnto me, and said,

24 Sonne of man, these that dwell in the desolate places of the land of Israel, talke and say, a Abraham was but one, and he possessed the land: but we are many, therfore the land shall be giuen vs in possession.

25 Wherefore say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Ye eate with the a blood, and lift vp your eyes toward your idoles, and shed blood: should yee then possesse the land?

26 Ye leane vpon your a swordes: yee worke abomination, and ye defile euery one his neighbours wife: should ye then possesse the land?

27 Say thus vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, As I liue, surely they that are in the desolate places, shall fall by the sworde: and him that is in the open field, will I giue vnto the beasts to be deuoured: and they that be in the fors and in the caues, shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will lay the land desolate and waste, and the a pompe of her strength shall cease: and the mountaines of Israel shall be desolate, and none shall passe thorow.

29 Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I haue layed the land desolate and waste, because of all their abominations that they haue committed.

30 Also thou sonne of man, the children of thy people that a talke of thee by the walls and in the doores of houses, and speake one to another, euery one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and heare what is the word that commeth from the Lord.

31 For they come vnto thee, as the people vseth to come: and my people sit before thee, and heare thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouthes they make a iestes, and their heart goeth after their couetousnesse.

32 And loe, thou art vnto them, as a lesting song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can sing well: for they heare thy words, but

i When the prophet was led away captiue with Iecconiah.

k I was indued with the spirit of prophesie, Chap. 8. 2.

l Whereby is figurified that the ministers of God cannot speake til God giue them courage & open their mouthes, Cha. 24. 27. & 29. 21. ephe. 6. 19.

m Thus the wicked thinke themselues more worthy to inioy Gods promise then the Saints of God, to whom they were made: and would haue God to be subiect to them, though they would not be bound to him.

n Contrary to the Law, Leuit. 17. 14.

o As they that are ready still to shed blood Chap. 7. 24. & 14. 21. & 30. 6, 7.

p In derision.

q This declareth that we ought to heare Gods word with such zeale and affection ‖ we should in all points obey it, els we abuse the word to our own condemnation, and make of his ministers as though they were ieasters to serue mens foolish fantasies. ‖Or, pleasant

but they doe them not.

33 And when this commeth to passe (for loe, it will come) then shall they know that a Prophet hath beene among them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Against the shepheardes that despised the Kingdome of Christ, and seeke their owne gaine. 7 The Lord saith that he will visite his dispersed flocke, and gather them together. 23 How promiseth the true shepheard Christ, and with him peace.

AND the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, prophesie against the shepheards of Israel, prophesie and say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God vnto the shepheards, a Woe be vnto the b shepheards of Israel, that feede themselues: should not the shepheards feede the flockes?

3 Ye eate the c fat, and ye cloth you with the wool: ye kill them that are fed, but yee feede not the sheepe.

4 The d weake haue yee not strengthened: the sick haue ye not healed, neither haue yee bound vp the broken, nor brought againe that which was driuen away, neither haue ye sought that which was lost, but with crueltie, and with rigour haue yee ruled them.

5 And they were scattered without a shepheard: and when they were dispersed, they were d deuoured of all the beasts of the field.

6 My sheepe wandered through all the mountaines, and vpon euery high hill: yea, my flock was scattered through all the earth, and none did seeke or search after them.

7 Therefore yee shepheards, heare the word of the Lord.

8 As I liue, saith the Lord God, surely because my flocke was spoyled, and my sheepe were deuoured of all the beastes of the field, hauing no shepheard, neither did my shepheards seeke my sheepe, but the shepheards fed themselues, and fed not my sheepe,

9 Therefore heare yee the word of the Lord, O yee shepheards.

10 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I come against the shepheards, and will require my sheepe at their hands, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheepe: neither shall the shepheards feede themselues, any more: for I will deliuer my sheepe from e their mouthes, and they shall no more deuoure them.

11 For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will search my sheepe, and seeke them out.

12 As a shepheard searcheth out his flock, when hee hath beene among his sheepe that are scattered, so will I seeke out my sheepe, and will deliuer them out of all places, where they haue beene scattered in f the cloudie and darke day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their owne land, and feede them vpon the mountaines of Israel, by the riuers, and all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feede them in a good pasture, and vpon the hie mountaines of Israel shall their fold bee: there shall they lie in a good folde, and in fat pasture shall they feede vpon the mountaines of Israel.

15 I will feede my sheepe, and bring them to their rest, saith the Lord God.

16 I will seeke that which was lost, and bring againe that which was driuen away, and will binde vp that which was broken, and will strengthen the weake, but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will feede them with g iudgement.

17 Also you my sheepe, Thus sayeth the Lord God, Beholde, I iudge betweene sheepe and sheepe, betweene the rammes and the goates.

18 Seemeth it a small thing vnto you to haue eaten vp the good pasture, but ye must treade downe with your feete the residue of your pasture: and to haue drunk of the deepe waters, but ye must trouble the residue with your feete?

19 And my sheepe eat that which ye haue troden with your feete, & drinke that which yee haue troubled with your feete.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God vnto them, Behold, I, euen I will iudge betweene the fat sheepe and the leane sheepe.

21 Because yee haue thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushe all the weake with your hornes, till yee haue scattered them abroad,

22 Therefore will I helpe my sheepe, and they shall no more bee spoyled, and I will iudge betweene sheepe and sheepe.

23 And I will set vp a shepheard ouer them, and he shal feed them, euen my seruant h Dauid, he shall feede them, and he shall be their shepheard.

24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my seruant Dauid shal be the prince among them. I the Lord haue spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a couenant of peace, and will cause the euill beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall i dwell safely in the wildernesse, and sleepe in the woods.

26 And I will set them, & a blessing, euen round about my mountaine: and I will cause raine to come down in due season, and there shall be raine of blessing.

27 And the k tree of the field shall yeelde her fruit, and the earth shall giue her fruit, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I haue broken the coardes of their yoke, and deliuered them out of the hands of those that serued themselues of them.

28 And they shall no more bee spoyled of the heathen, neither shall the beastes of the land deuoure them, but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29 And I will raise vp for them a l plant of renowme, and they shalbe no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither beare the reproch of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they vnderstand, that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, euen the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God.

31 And ye my sheepe, the sheepe of my pasture are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

Ier. 23. 1.

a By the shepheards he meaneth the king, the Magistrates, Priests and Prophets.

b Ye seeke to inrich your selues by their commodities, & so spoile their riches and substance.

c Hee describeth the office and dutie of a good Pastour, who ought to loue and succour his flocke and not to be cruell toward them.

d For lacke of good gouernement & doctrine they perished.

e By destroying the couetous hirelings, and restoring true shepheards: whereof we haue a signe, so oft as God sendeth true preachers, who both by doctrine and life labour to feed his sheepe in the pleasant pastures of his word.

f In the day of their affliction and miserie: and this promise is to comfort the Church in all dangers.

g Meaning, such as lift vp themselues aboue their brethren, and thinke they haue no neede to be gouerned by me.

h That is, by putting difference betweene the good and the bad, and so giue to either as they deserue.

i By good pasture and deepe waters, is meant the pure word of God, and the administration of Iustice, which they did not distribute to the poore till they had corrupted it.

k Meaning Christ, of whom Dauid was a figure, Iere. 30. 9. hose 3 5.

l This declareth that vnder Christ the flock should be truely deliuered from sinne, and hell, and so bee safely preserued in the Church where they should neuer perish.

m The fruits of Gods graces shal appeare in great abundance in his Church.

n That is, the rod that shall come out of the roote of Ishai, Isa. 11. 1.

CHAP. XXXV.

2 The destruction that shall come on mount Seir, because they troubled the people of the Lord.

MOreouer the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face against mount [a] Seir, and prophesie against it,

3 And say vnto it, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, O mount Seir, I come against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee desolate and waste.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

5 Because thou hast had a perpetuall hatred and hast put the children of Israel to flight by the force of the sword in the time of their calamitie, when their [b] iniquitie had an end,

6 Therefore as I liue, saieth the Lord God, I will prepare thee vnto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: except thou [c] hate blood, euen blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir desolate, and waste, and cut off from it him that passeth out, and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mountaines with his slaine men: in thine hils, and in thy valleys, and in all thy riuers shall they fall, that are slaine with the sword.

9 I will make thee perpetuall desolations, and thy cities shall not [d] returne, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

10 Because thou hast said, [e] These two nations, and these two countreyes shall bee mine, and wee will possesse them (seeing the Lord was [f] there.)

11 Therefore as I liue, saith the Lord God, I will euen doe according to thy wrath, and according to thine indignation which thou hast vsed in thine hatred against them: and I will make my selfe knowen among [g] them when I haue iudged thee.

12 And thou shalt know, that I the Lord haue heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountaines of Israel, saying, They lie waste, they are giuen vs to deuoure.

13 Thus with your mouthes ye haue boasted against mee, and haue multiplied your words against mee: I haue heard them.

14 Thus saith the Lord God, So shall all the world reioyce, when I shall make thee desolate.

15 As thou didest reioyce at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I doe vnto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea wholly, and they shall know, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 He promiseth to deliuer Israel from the Gentiles. 22 The benefits done vnto the Iewes, are to bee ascribed to the mercie of God, and not vnto their deserunges. 26 God renewoth our hearts, that we may walke in his commandements.

ALso thou sonne of man, prophesie vnto the [a] mountaines of Israel, and say, Yee mountaines of Israel, heare the word of the Lord.

2 Thus saieth the Lord God, Because the [b] enemie hath said against you, Aha, euen the [c] hie places of the world are ours in possession.

3 Therefore prophesie, & say, Thus saith the Lord God, Because that they haue made you desolate, and swallowed you vp on euery side, that yee might bee a possession vnto the residue of the heathen, and ye are come into the lips and [d] tongues of men, and vnto the reproch of the people,

4 Therefore yee mountaines of Israel, heare the word of the Lord God. Thus saith the Lord God to the mountaines and to the hils, to the riuers, and to the valleyes, and to the waste and desolate places, and to the cities that are forsaken, which are spoiled and had in derision of the residue of the heathen that are round about.

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Surely in the fire of mine indignation haue I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which [e] haue taken my land for their possession, with the ioy of all their heart, and with despightfull minds to cast it out for a pray.

6 Prophesie therefore vpon the land of Israel, and say vnto the mountaines, and to the hilles, to the riuers, and to the valleyes, Thus saieth the Lord God, Behold, I haue spoken in mine indignation, & in my wrath, because ye haue suffered the [f] shame of the heathen.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I haue [g] lifted vp mine hand, surely the heathen that are about you, shall beare their shame.

8 But you, O mountaines of Israel, yee shall [h] shoote forth your branches, and bring forth your fruit to my people of Israel: for they are readie to come.

9 For behold, I come vnto you, and I will turne vnto you, and ye shalbe tilled and sowen.

10 And I will multiply the men vpon you, euen all the house of Israel wholly, and the cities shall bee inhabited, and the desolate places shall be builded.

11 And I will multiply vpon you man and beast, and they shall increase and bring fruit, and I will cause you to dwell after your old estate, and I will doe more beneficies vpon you more then at the first, and ye shal know that I am the Lord.

12 Yea, I will cause men to walke vpon you, euen my people Israel, and they shall possesse thee, and ye shalbe their inheritance, and ye shal no more henceforth bereaue them of men.

13 Thus saith the Lord God, Because they say vnto you, Thou [i] land deuourest vp men, and hast beene a waster of thy people,

14 Therefore thou shalt deuoure men no more, neither waste thy people henceforth, saith the Lord God,

15 Neither will I cause men to heare in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou beare the reproch of the people any more, neither shalt cause thy folke to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

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a That is, the Idumean.

b That is, Ierusalem, which for Gods promises was the chiefest of all the world.

c Ye are made a matter of talke and derision to all the world.

d They appointed with themselues to haue it, and therefore came with Nebuchadnezzar against Ierusalem for this purpose.

e Because you haue beene a laughing stocke vnto them.

f By making a solemne oath, reade Chap. 20. 5

g God declareth his mercies and goodnes toward his Church, who still preserueth his, euen when he destroyeth his enemies.

h Which was accomplished vnder Christ, to whom all these temporall deliuerances did direct them.

i That is, vpon the mountaines of Ierusalem. ‖ *Or, thee.*

k This the enemies imputed as the reproch of the land, which God did for the sinnes of the people according to his iust iudgements.

a Where the Idumeans dwelt.

b When by their punishment I called them from their iniquitie.

c Except thou repent thy former cruelties.

d To wit, to their former estate.

e Meaning, Israel and Iudah.

f And so by fighting against Gods people, they should goe about to put him out of his owne possession.

g As thou hast done cruelly, so shalt thou be cruelly handled.

h Shewing, that when God punisheth the enemies, the godly ought to consider that he hath care ouer them, and so praise his Name: and also that the wicked rage as though there were no God, till they feele his hand to their destruction.

Chap. 6. 2.

16 ¶ Moreouer the worde of the Lorde came vnto me, saying,

17 Sonne of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their owne land, they defiled it by their owne wayes, and by their deedes: their way was before me as the filthinesse of one menstruous.

18 Wherefore I powred my wrath vpon them, for the blood that they had shed in the land, and for their idoles, wherewith they had polluted it.

19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed throwe the countreys: for according to their wayes, and according to their deedes, I iudged them.

20 * And when they entred vnto the heathen, whither they went, they polluted my holy Name, when they sayd of them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone out of his land.

21 But I spared mine holy * Name, which the house of Israel had polluted among the heathen, whither they went.

22 Therefore say vnto the house of Israel, Thus sayth the Lord God, I doe not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine * holy Names sake, which ye polluted among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctifie my great Name, which was polluted among the heathen, among whom you haue polluted it, and the heathen shal know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before || their eyes.

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countreys, and will bring you into your owne land.

25 Then will I powre cleane * water vpon you, and ye shall be cleane: yea, from all your filthinesse, and from all your idoles will I cleanse you.

26 * A new heart also will I giue you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stonie heart out of your bodie, and I will giue you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walke in my statutes, and ye shall keepe my iudgements and doe them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land, that I gaue to your fathers, and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also deliuer you from all your filthinesse, and I will call for * corne, and will increase it, and lay no famine vpon you.

30 For I will multiplie the fruit of the trees, and the increase of the field that ye shall beare no more the reproch of famine among the heathen.

31 Then shall ye remember your owne wicked wayes, and your deedes that were not good, and shall iudge your selues worthy to haue been * destroyed for your iniquities, and for your abominations.

32 Be it knowen vnto you that I doe not this for your sakes saith the Lord God: therefore, O ye house of Israel, bee ashamed and confounded for your owne wayes.

33 Thus sayth the Lorde God, euen that same as I shal haue cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will cause you to dwell in the cities, and the desolate places shalbe builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay waste in the sight of all that passed by.

35 For they sayd, This waste land was like the garden of Eden, and these waste and desolate and ruinous cities were strong, and were inhabited.

36 Then the residue of the heathen that are left round about you, shall * know that I the Lord build the ruinous places, and plant the desolate places: I the Lord haue spoken it, and will doe it.

37 Thus sayth the Lord God, I will yet for this be sought of the house of Israel, to performe it vnto them: I will increase them with men like a flocke.

38 As the holy flocke, as the flocke of Ierusalem in their solemne feastes, so shall the desolate cities be filled with flockes of men, and they shall know, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *Hee prophesieth the bringing againe of the people being in captiuitie.* 16 *Hee sheweth the vnion of the ten tribes with the two.*

THe hand of the Lord was vpon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me downe in the midst of the || valley, which was full of * bones.

2 And hee led me round about by them, and beholde, there were very many in the open field, and loe, they were very drie.

3 And hee sayd vnto me, Sonne of man, can these bones liue? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

4 Againe hee sayd vnto me, Prophesie vpon these bones, and say vnto them, O ye drie bones, heare the word of the Lord.

5 Thus sayth the Lord God vnto these bones, Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall liue.

6 And I will lay sinewes vpon you, and make flesh grow vpon you, and couer you worly skin, and put breath in you, that ye may liue, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

7 * So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and beholde, there was a shaking, & the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, loe, the sinewes, and the flesh grew vpon them, and aboue the skin couered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then said he vnto me, Prophesie vnto the winde: prophesie, Sonne of man, and say to the winde, Thus sayth the Lord God, Come from the foure * windes, O breath, and breathe vpon these slaine, that they may liue.

10 So I prophesied as he had commanded me: and the breath came into them, and they lined, and stood vp vpon their feete, an exceeding great armie.

11 Then he sayd vnto me, Sonne of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is gone, and we are cleane cut off.

12 Therefore prophesie, & say vnto them, Thus sayth the Lorde God, Behold, my people, I will open your graues, and cause

Ezek. hath parable like the 37 Psalme following

Isa. 52.5. rom. 2.24.

1 And therefore would not suffer my Name to be had in contempt, as the heathen would haue reproched me, if I had suffered my Church to perish.

m This excludeth from man all dignitie, and meane to deserue any thing by, seeing that God referreth the whole to himselfe, and that only for the glory of his holy Name.

‖ Or, your.

n That is, his spirit whereby he reformeth the heart, and regenerateth his, Isa. 44.3. Ierem. 32.39. chap. 11.19.

o Vnder the abundance of temporall benefits, hee concludeth the spirituall graces.

p Ye shall come to true repentance, and thinke your selues vnworthy to be of the number of Gods creatures for your ingratitude against him.

q He declareth that it ought not to be referred to the soile or plentifulnesse of the earth that any countrey is rich and abundant, but onely to Gods mercies, as his plagues and curses declare when hee maketh it barren.

Ezeg. 1.1 Heb. 1.3 Reuel. 4.2

* Or, valley.

a He sheweth by a greater miracle, that God hath power, and also will deliuer his people from their captiuitie, in as much as hee is able to giue life to the dead bones, and bodies, and raise them vp againe.

b Signifying all parts, whereas the Israelites were scattered: that is, the faithfull shall be brought to the same vnitie of spirit, and doctrine, whersoeuer they are scattered thorow the world.

you to come out of your sepulchres, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shal know that I am the Lord, when I haue opened your graues, O my people, and brought you vp out of your sepulchres,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall liue, and I shall place you in your owne land: then shall ye know that I the Lord haue spoken it, and performed it, sayeth the Lord.

15 ¶ The word of the Lord came againe to me, saying,

16 Moreouer, thou sonne of man, take thee a peece of wood, and write vpon it, Vnto Iudah, and to the children of Israel his companions: then take *another peece of wood, and write vpon it, Vnto Ioseph the tree of Ephraim, and to all the house of Israel his companions.

17 And thou shalt ioyne them one to another into one tree, and they shall be as one in thine hand.

18 And when the children of thy people shall speake vnto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew vs what thou meanest by these?

19 Thou shalt answere them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the tree of Ioseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellowes, and will put them with him, euen with the tree of Iudah, and make them one tree, and they shalbe one in mine hand.

20 And the peeces of wood whereon thou writest, shall be in thine hand in their sight.

21 And say vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them on euery side, and bring them into their owne land.

22 And I will make them one people in the lande vpon the mountaines of Israel, *and one king shalbe king to them all: and they shalbe no more two peoples, neither bee diuided any more hencefoorth into two kingdomes.

23 Neither shall they bee polluted any more with their idoles, nor with their abominations, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will saue them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they haue sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they bee my people, and I will be their God.

24 And Dauid my *seruant shalbe king ouer them, and they all shall haue one shepheard: they shall also walke in my iudgements, and obserue my statutes, and doe them.

25 And they shal dwel in the land, that I haue giuen vnto Iaakob my seruant, where your fathers haue dwelt, and they shall dwel therein, euen they, and their sonnes, and their sonnes sonnes for euer, and my seruant Dauid shalbe their prince for euer.

26 Moreouer, I will make *a couenant of peace with them: it shal be an euerlasting couenant with them, and I will place them, and multiplie them, and will set my sanctuary among them for euermore.

27 My Tabernacle also shall bee with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shalbe my people.

28 Thus the heathen shall know, that I the Lord doe sanctifie Israel, when my sanctuary shalbe among them for euermore.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *Hee prophesieth that Gog and Magog shall fight with great power against the people of God.*
22 *Their destruction.*

AND the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face against *Gog, and against the land of Magog, the chiefe prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesie against them,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I come against thee, O Gog the chiefe prince of Meshech and Tubal.

4 And I wil turne thee, and put hookes in thy iawes, and I will bring thee forth and all thine hoste, both horses, and horsemen, all clothed with all sorts of armour, euen a great multitude with bucklers & shields, all *handling swords.

5 They of *Paras, of Cush, and Phut with them, euen all they that beare shield and helmet.

6 *Gomer and all his bands, and the house of Togarmah of the North quarters, and all his bandes, and much people with thee.

7 Prepare thy selfe, and *make thee ready, both thou, and all thy multitude, that are assembled vnto thee, and be thou their safegard.

8 After many dayes shalt thou be visited: for in the latter yeeres thou shalt come into the land, that hath been destroyed with the sword, and is gathered out of many people vpon the mountaines of Israel, which haue long lien waste: yet they haue been brought out of the people, and they shal dwel all safe.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come vp like a tempest, and shalt be like a cloud to couer the land, both thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God, Euen at the same time shall many things come into thy minde, and thou shalt thinke *euill thoughts,

11 And thou shalt say, I will goe vp to the lande that hath no walled towers: *I will goe to them that are at rest, and dwell in safety, which dwell all without walles, and haue neither barres nor gates,

12 Thinking to spoile the prey, *to take a boorie, to turne thine hand vpon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and vpon the people, that are gathered out of the nations which haue gotten cattell and goods, and dwell in the middes of the land.

13 Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish with all the lyons thereof shall say vnto thee, *Art thou come to

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c That is, when I haue brought you out of those places and towns where you are captiues.

d Which signifieth the ioyning together of the two houses of Israel and Iudah.

e That is, the house of Israel.

Iohn 10.16.

Isa. 40.11. ier. 23.5. ehap. 34.23. dan. 9.24.

f Meaning, that the elect by Christ shal dwel in the heauenly Ierusalem, which is meant by the land of Canaan. Psal. 105.4. and 116.2.

a Which was a people that came of Magog the sonne of Iaphet, Gen. 10.2. Magog also here signifieth a certaine countrey, so that by these two countreyes, which had the gouernment of Grecia and Italie, he meaneth the principall enemies of the Church, Reuel. 20.8.

b He sheweth that the enemies should bend themselues against the Church, but it should be to their owne destruction.

c The Persians, Ethiopians, and men of Africa.

d Gomer was Iaphets sonne, and Togarmah the sonne of Gomer, and are thought to bee they that inhabite Asia minor.

e Signifying, that all the people of the world should assemble themselues against † Church and Christ their head.

† *Or, it: meaning the land of Israel.*

f That is, to molest and destroy the Church.

g Meaning, Israel, which had now bene destroyed, and was not yet built againe: declaring hereby the simplicitie of the godly, who seeke not so much to fortifie themselues by outward force, as to depend on the prouidence and goodnesse of God.

h One enemie shall ensue another, because euery one shall thinke to haue the spoyle of the Church.

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spoils the pray? hast thou gathered thy multitude to take a booote? to cause away siluer and golde, to take away cattell and goods, and to fetche a great pray?

14 Therefore, sonne of man, prophesie, and say vnto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God, In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safe, shalt thou not know it.

15 And come from thy place out of the North parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them ryde vpon horses, even a great multitude and a mighty armie.

16 And thou shalt come vp against my people of Israel, as a cloud to couer the land: thou shalt be in the [b] latter dayes, and I will bring thee vpon my land, that the heathen may know me, when I [i] shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lorde God, Art not thou he, of whom I haue spoken in olde time, [k] by the hande of my seruants the Prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those dayes and yeeres, that I would bring thee vpon them?

18 At the same time also when Gog shall come against [l] land of Israel, saith the Lord God, my wrath shall arise in mine anger.

19 For in mine indignation and in the fire of my wrath haue I spoken it: surely at that time there shalbe a great shaking in the land of Israel.

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the foules of the heauen, and the beastes of the fielde, and all that moone and creepe vpon the earth, and all the men that are vpon the earth shall tremble at my presence, and the mountaines shall be ouerthrowen, and the [a] staires shall fall, and euery wall shall fall to the ground.

21 For I will call for a sword against him [o] throughout all my mountaines, saith the Lord God: euery mans sword shalbe against his brother.

22 And I will pleade against him with pestilence, and with blood, and I will cause to raine vpon him and vpon his bands, and vpon the great people, that are with him, a sore raine, and haile stones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I be [p] magnified, and sanctified, and knowen in the eyes of many nations, and they shal know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *He sheweth the destruction of Gog and Magog.* 11 *The graues of Gog and his hoste.* 17 *They shall be deuoured of birds and beasts.* 23 *Wherefore the house of Israel is captiue.* 24 *Their bringing againe from captiuitie is promised.*

THerefore thou sonne of man, prophesie against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God, behold, I [a] come against thee, O Gog, the chiefe Prince of Meshech and Tubal.

2 And I will destroy thee, and leaue but the sixt part of thee, and will cause thee to come vp from the North parts, and will bring thee vpon the mountaines of Israel:

3 And I will smite thy bowe out of thy left hande, and I will cause thine arrowes to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou [b] shalt fall vpon the mountaines of Israel, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: for I will giue vnto the birds, and to euery feathered foule and beast of the field to be deuoured.

5 Thou shalt fal vpon the open field: for I haue spoken it, saith the Lord God.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell safely in the [c] Iles, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So will I make mine holy Name knowen in the middes of my people Israel, and I will not suffer them to pollute mine holy Name any more, and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the holy One of Israel.

8 Behold, [d] it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God: this is the day whereof I haue spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel, shall [e] goe forth, and shall burne and set fire vpon the weapons, and on the shields, and bucklers, vpon the bowes, and vpon the arrowes, and vpon the staues in their hands, and vpon the speares, and they shall burne them with fire seuen yeeres.

10 So that they shall bring no wood out of the field, neither cut downe any out of the forrests: for they shall burne the weapons with fire, and they shall robbe those that robbed them, and spoile those that spoyled them, saith the Lord God.

11 And at the same time will I giue vnto Gog [f] a place there for burial in Israel, even the valley whereby men goe toward the East part of the Sea: and it shal cause them that passe by, to stoppe their noses, and there shall they bury Gog with all his multitude: and they shall call it the valley of [g] Hamon-gog.

12 And seuen moneths long shal the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall burie them, and they shall haue a name when I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14 And they shal chuse out men to go continually thorow the land with them that trauaile, to bury those that remaine vpon the ground, to cleanse it: they shall search to the end of seuen moneths.

15 And the trauellers that passe through the land, if any see a mans bone, then shall he set vp a signe by it, till the buriers haue buried it, in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 And also the name of the citie shall bee [h] Hamonah: thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And thou sonne of man, thus saith the Lord God, Speake vnto euery feathered foule, and to all the beasts of the field, Assemble your selues, and come; gather your selues on euery side to my sacrifice, for I doe sacrifice a great sacrifice for you vpon the mountaines of Israel, that ye may eate flesh and drinke blood.

18 Yee shall eate the flesh of the valiant, and drinke the blood of the Princes of the earth, of the weathers, of the lambes, and of the goates, and of bullockes, all of all fatte beasts of Bashan.

19 And yee shall eate fatte till ye be full, and

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i Shalt not thou spie thine occasions to come against my church when they suspect nothing?

k Meaning, in the last age, and from the coming of Christ vnto the end of the world.

l Signifying, that God will be sanctified by maintaining his Church, and destroying his enemies, as Chap. 36 23. and 37. 28.

m Hereby hee declareth that none affliction can come to the Church, whereof they haue not been aduertised aforetime, to teach them to endure all things with more patience, when they know that God hath so ordained.

n All meanes whereby man should thinke to saue himselfe, shal faile, the affliction in those dayes shalbe so great, and the enemies destruction shalbe so terrible.

o Against the people of Gog and Magog. *Chap.* 36 23. *and* 37. 28.

a Or, destroy thee with sixe plagues, as chap. 38. 22.

b Meaning, that by the vertue of Gods word the enemie shalbe destroyed whersoeuer he assaileth his Church.

c That is, among al nations where the enemies of my people dwel, seeme they neuer so farre separate.

d That is, this plague is fully determined in my counsell, and cannot be changed.

e After this destruction the Church shall haue great peace and tranquility, and burne all their weapons, because they shall no more feare the enemie: and this is chiefly meant of the accomplishment of Christs kingdome, when by their head Christ all enemies shall be ouercome.

f Which declareth that the enemies shall haue an horrible fall.

g For the stinke of the carkeises.

‖ *Or, the multitude of Gog.*

h Meaning, a long time.

i Partly that the Holy land should not be polluted, and partly for the compassion that the children of God haue, euen on their enemies.

‖ *Or, multitude.*

k Whereby he signifieth the horrible destruction that should come vpon the enemies of his Church.

and drinke blood, till ye be drunken of my sacrifice, which I haue sacrificed for you.

20 Thus you shall bee filled at my table with horses and chariots, with valiant men, and with all men of warre, sayth the Lord God.

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my iudgement that I haue executed, and mine hand, which I haue laid vpon them.

22 So the house of Israel shall knowe, that I am the Lord their God from that day and to fourth.

23 And the heathen shall know, that the house of Israel went into captiuitie for their iniquity, because they trespassed against me: therefore hid I my face from them, and gaue them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their vncleannesse, and according to their transgressions haue I done vnto them, and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus sayth the Lorde God, Now will I bring againe the captiuitie of Iaakob, & haue compassion vpon the whole house of Israel, and will be iealous for mine holy Name.

26 After that they haue borne their shame, and all their transgression, whereby they haue transgressed against mee, when they dwelt safely in their land, and without feare of any,

27 When I haue brought them againe from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations,

28 Then shall they know, that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to bee ledde into captiuitie among the heathen: but I haue gathered them into their owne lande, and haue left none of them any more there,

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I haue powred out my Spirit vpon the house of Israel, sayth the Lord God.

CHAP. XL.

The restoring of the Citie and the Temple.

IN the fine and twentieth yeere of our being in captiuitie, in the beginning of the yeere, in the tenth day of the moneth, in the fourteenth yeere after that the citie was smitten, in the selfe same day, the hand of the Lord was vpon mee, and brought mee thither.

2 Into the land of Israel brought he me by a diuine vision, and set mee vpon a very hie mountaine, whereupon was as the building of a citie toward the South.

3 And hee brought me thither, and beholde, there was a man, whose similitude was to looke to, like brasse, with a linnen thread in his hand, and a reed to measure with: and he stood at the gate.

4 And the man sayd vnto me, Sonne of man, behold with thine eyes, and heare with thine eare, and set thine heart vpon all that I shall shew thee: for to the intent that they might be shewed thee, art thou brought hether: declare al that thou seest, vnto the house of Israel.

5 And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the house round about: and in the mans hand was a reede of measure with, of fiue cubites long, by the cubite, and an handbreadth: so hee measured the breadth of the building with one reede, and the height with one reede.

6 Then came he vnto the gate, which looketh toward the East, and went vp the staires thereof, and measured the ‖ poste of the gate, which was one reede broad, and ‖ the other poste of the gate, which was one reede broad.

7 And euery chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad, and betweene the chambers were fiue cubites: and the poste of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reede.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within with one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate of eight cubites, and the ‖ posts thereof, of two cubites, and the porch of the gate was inward.

10 And the chambers of the gate Eastward, were three on this side, and three on that side: they three were of one measure, and the posts had one measure on this side, and one on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entrie of the gate ten cubites, and the height of the gate thirteene cubites.

12 The space also before the chambers was one cubite on this side, and the space was one cubite on that side, and the chambers were fiue cubites on this side, and fiue cubites on that side.

13 Hee measured then the gate from the roofe of a chamber to the top of the gate: the breadth was fiue and twenty cubites, doore against doore.

14 He made also postes of threescore cubites, and the postes of the court, and of the gate had one measure round about.

15 And vpon the forefront of the entry of the gate vnto the forefront of the porch of the gate within were fifty cubits.

16 And there were narrowe windowes in the chambers, and in their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and the windowes were round about within: and vpon the posts were palme trees.

17 ¶ Then brought he me into the outward court, and lo, there were chambers, and a pauement made for the court round about, and thirty chambers were vpon the pauement.

18 And the pauement was by the side of the gates ouer against y length of the gates, and the pauement was beneath.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate without, vnto the forefront of the court within, an hundreth cubites Eastward and Northward.

20 And the gate of the outward court, that looked toward the North, measured he after the length and breadth thereof.

21 And the chambers thereof were, three on this side, and three on that side, and the postes thereof and the arches thereof

1 The heathen shall know that they ouercame not my people by their strength neither yet by the weakenes of mine arme, but that this was for my peoples sinnes.

Chap. 36. 23.

a The Iewes counted the beginning of the yeere after two sorts: for their feasts they began to count in March, and for their other affaires in September: so that this is to be vnderstood of September.

‖ *Or, visions of God.*

b Which was an Angel in forme of a man that came to measure out this building

‖ *Or, a threshold.*

‖ *Or, vpper post.*

‖ *Or, pennes.*

of were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubites, and the breadth five and twentie cubites.

22 And their windowes and their arches with their palme trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the East, and the going vp vnto it had seuen steps, and the arches thereof were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court stoode ouer against the gate toward the North, and toward the East, and he measured from gate to gate an hundreth cubites.

24 After that, he brought me toward the South, and loe, there was a gate toward the South, and he measured the postes thereof, and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And there were windowes in it, and in the arches thereof round about like those windowes: the height was fifty cubites, and the breadth five and twentie cubites.

26 And there were seuen steps to goe vp to it, & the arches thereof were before them: and it had palme trees, one on this side, and another on that side vpon the post thereof.

27 ¶ And there was a gate in the inner court toward the South, and he measured from gate to gate toward the South an hundred cubites.

28 And he brought me into the inner court by the South gate, & he measured the South gate according to these measures,

29 And the chambers thereof, and the postes thereof, and the arches thereof according to these measures, and there were windowes in it, and in the arches thereof round about, it was fifty cubites long, and five and twentie cubites broad.

30 And the arches round about were five and twentie cubites long, and five cubites broad.

31 And the arches thereof were toward the vtter court, and palme trees were vpon the posts thereof, and the going vp to it had eight steps.

32 ¶ Againe he brought me into the inner court toward the East, and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the chambers thereof, & the postes thereof, and the arches thereof were according to these measures, and there were windowes therein, and the arches thereof round about, it was fifty cubites long, and five and twentie cubites broad.

34 And the arches thereof were toward the vtter court, and palme trees were vpon the postes thereof, on this side and on that side, and the going vp to it had eight steps.

35 ¶ After, he brought me to the North gate, and measured it, according to these measures.

36 The chambers thereof, the postes thereof, and the arches thereof, and there were windowes therein round about: the height was fifty cubites, and the breadth five and twentie cubites.

37 And the postes thereof were toward the vtter court, and palme trees were vpon the postes thereof on this side, and on that side, and the going vp to it had eight steps.

38 And euerie chamber, and the entrie thereof was vnder the postes of the gates: there they washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate stood two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, vpon the which they slew the burnt offering, and the sinne offering, and the trespasse offering.

40 And at the side beyond the steps, at the entry of the North gate stood two tables, & on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Foure tables were on this side, and foure tables on that side by the side of the gate, euen eight tables whereupon they slew their sacrifice.

42 And the foure tables were of hewen stone for the burnt offring, of a cubit and an halfe long, and a cubite and an halfe broad, and one cubit hie: whereupon also they laide the instruments wherewith they slewe the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were borders an hand broad, fastned round about, and vpon the tables lay the flesh of the offring.

44 And without the inner gate, were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the North gate: and their prospect was toward the South, and one was at the side of the East gate, hauing the prospect toward the North.

45 And he said vnto me, This chamber whose prospect is toward the South, is for the Priestes that haue charge to keepe the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the North, is for the Priests that haue the charge to keepe the alter: these are the sonnes of Sadok amongst the sonnes of Leui, which may come neere to the Lord to minister vnto him.

47 So he measured the court an hundred cubites long, and an hundred cubites broad, euen foure square: likewise the altar that was before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured the postes of the porch, fiue cubites on this side, and fiue cubites on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubites on this side, and three cubites on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twentie cubites, and the breadth eleuen cubites, and he brought me by the steps whereby they went vp to it, and there were pillars by the postes, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAP. XLI.

1 *The disposition and order of the building of the Temple and the other things thereto belonging.*

AFterward, he brought me to the Temple and measured the postes, fiue cubites broad on the one side, and fiue cubites broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the Tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the entrie was ten cubites, and the sides of the entrie were fiue cubites on the one side, and fiue cubites on the other side, and he measured the length thereof fortie cubites, and the breadth twentie cubites.

3 Then went he in, and measured the postes

postes of the entrie two cubites, and the entrie fiue cubites, and the breadth of the entrie seuen cubites.

4 So hee measured the length thereof twentie cubites, and the breadth twentie cubites before the Temple. And hee said vnto me, This is the most holy place.

5 After, hee measured the wall of the house, sixe cubites, and the breadth of euery chamber foure cubits round about the house on euery side.

6 And the chambers were chamber vpon chamber, three and thirtie foote high, and they entred into the wal made for the chambers which was round about the house, that the posts might be fastned therein, and not be fastned in the wall of the house.

7 And it was large, and went round mounting vpward to the chambers: for the staire of the house was mounting vpward round about the house: therefore the house was larger vpward: so they went vp from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the house hie round about: the foundations of the chambers were a full reede of sixe great cubites.

9 The thicknesse of the wall which was for the chamber without was fiue cubits, and that which remained, was the place of the chambers that were within.

10 And betweene the chambers was the widenesse of twentie cubits round about the house on euery side.

11 And the doores of the chambers were toward the place that remained, one doore toward the North, and another doore toward the South, and the breadth of the place that remained, was fiue cubites round about.

12 Now the building that was before the separate place toward the West corner, was seuentie cubites broad, and the wall of the building was fiue cubites thicke, round about, and the length ninetie cubites.

13 So he measured the house an hundred cubites long, and the separate place, and the building with the wals thereof were an hundreth cubites long.

14 Also the breadth of the forefront of the house, and of the separate place toward the East, was an hundreth cubites.

15 And hee measured the length of the building, ouer against the separate place, which was behinde it, and the chambers on the one side, and on the other side an hundred cubites with the temple within, and the arches of the court.

16 The posts and the narrow windowes, & the chambers round about, on three sides ouer against the postes, sieled with cedar wood round about, and from the ground vp to the windowes, and the windowes were sieled.

17 And from aboue the doore vnto the inner house and without, and by all the wall round about within and without it was sieled according to the measure.

18 And it was made with Cherubims and palme trees, so that a palme tree was betweene a Cherub and a Cherub: and euery Cherub had two faces.

19 So that the face of a man was toward the palme tree on the one side, and the face of a lion toward the palme tree on the other side: thus was it made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground vnto aboue the doore were Cherubims and palme trees made as in the wall of the Temple.

21 The postes of the Temple were squared, and thus to looke vnto was the similitude and forme of the Sanctuarie.

22 The altar of wood was three cubites hie, and the length thereof two cubites, and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the sides thereof were of wood. And hee said vnto me, This is the table that shall be before the Lord.

23 And the Temple and the Sanctuarie had two doores.

24 And the doores had two wickets, euen two turning wickets, two wickets for one doore, and two wickets for another doore.

25 And vpon the doores of the Temple there were made Cherubims, and palme trees, like as was made vpon the wals, and there were thicke planks vpon the forefront of the porch without.

26 And there were narrow windowes and palme trees on the one side, and on the other side, by the sides of the porch, and vpon the sides of the house, and thicke planks.

CHAP. XLII.

Of the chambers of the Temple for the Priests, and the holy things.

THen brought hee me into the vtter court by the way toward the North, and hee brought me into the chamber that was ouer against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the North.

2 Before the length of an hundreth cubites, was the North doore, and it was fiftie cubites broad.

3 Ouer against the twentie cubits which were of the inner court, and ouer against the pauement, which was for the vtter court, was chamber against chamber in three rowes.

4 And before the chambers was a gallerie of tenne cubites wide, and within was a way of one cubite, and their doores toward the North.

5 Now the chambers aboue were narrower: for those chambers seemed to eate vp these, to wit, the lower, and those that were in the midst of the building.

6 For they were in three rowes, but had not pillars as the pillars of the court: therefore there was a difference from them beneath and from the middlemost, euen from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without ouer against the chambers, toward the vtter court on the forefront of the chambers, was fiftie cubites long.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the vtter court, was fiftie cubites: and loe, before the Temple were an hundreth cubites.

9 And

9 And vnder their chambers was the entrie, on the Eastside, as one goeth into them from the outward court.

10 The chambers were in the thickenes of the wall of the court toward the East, ouer against the separate place, and ouer against the building.

11 And the way before them was after the maner of the chambers which were toward the North, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their entries were like, both according to their fashions, and according to their doores.

12 And according to the doores of the chambers that were toward the South, was a doore in the corner of the way, euen the way directly before the wall toward the East, as one entreth.

13 Then sayd he vnto me, The North chambers and the South chambers which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, wherein the Priests that approch vnto the LORDE, shall eate the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meate offering, and the sinne offering, and the trespasse offering: for the place is holy.

14 When the Priests enter therein, they shall not goe out of the holy place into the vter court, but there they shal lay their garments wherein they minister: for they are holy, and shall put on other garments, and so shall approch to those things, which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an ende of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the East, & measured it round about.

16 He measured the East side with the measuring rod, fiue hundreth reedes, euen with the measuring reede round about.

17 He measured also the Northside, fiue hundreth reedes, euen with the measuring reede round about.

18 And he measured the South ‖ side, fiue hundreth reedes with the measuring reede. ‖ Or, winde.

19 He turned about also to the West side, and measured fiue hundreth reedes with the measuring reede.

20 He measured it by the foure sides: it had a wall round about, fiue hundreth reedes long, and fiue hundreth broad to make a separation betweene the Sanctuary and the prophane place.

CHAP. XLIII.

2 He seeth the glory of God going into the Temple, from whence he had before departed. 7 He mentioneth the idolatry of the children of Israel for the which they were consumed and brought to nought. 9 He is commanded to call them againe to repentance.

AFterward he brought me to the gate, euen the gate that turneth towarde the East.

2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from out of the East, whose voyce was like a noyse of great waters, and the earth was made light with his glory.

3 And the vision which I saw was * like the vision, euen as the vision that I sawe * when I came to destroy the citie: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the riuer Chebar: and I fell vpon my face.

4 And the b glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate, whose prospect is toward the East.

5 So the Spirit tooke me vp, & brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard one speaking vnto me out of the house: and there stood a man by me,

7 Which sayd vnto me, Sonne of man, this place is my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, whereas I will dwel among the children of Israel for euer, and the house of Israel shall no more c defile mine holy name, neither they, nor their kings by their fornication, nor by the carkeises of d their kings in their high places.

8 Albeit they set their thresholds by my thresholds, and their postes by my postes (for there was but a wall betweene me and them) yet haue they defiled mine holy name with their abominations, that they haue committed: wherefore I haue consumed them in my wrath.

9 Now therefore let them put away their fornication, and the carkeises of their kings farre from me, and I will dwel among them for euer.

10 ¶ Thou sonne of man, shew this house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their wickednes, and let them measure the patterne.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they haue done, shew them the fasme of the house, and the patterne thereof, and the going out thereof, and the comming in thereof, and the whole fashion thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the figures thereof, and all the lawes thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keepe the whole fashion thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and doe them.

12 This is the description of the house, ‖ It shall bee vpon the top of the mount: all the limits thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the description of the house. ‖ Ebr. law

13 And these are the measures of the Altar, after the cubites: the cubite is a cubite and an hand breadth, euen the bottome shall be a cubite, and the breadth a cubite, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shalbe a span: and this shalbe the height of the altar.

14 And from the bottome which reacheth the ground to the lower piece shalbe two cubites, and the breadth one cubite, and from the litle piece to the great piece shalbe foure cubites, and the breadth one cubite.

15 So the altar shalbe foure cubites, and from the altar vpward shall be foure hornes.

16 And the altar shall bee twelue cubites long, and twelue broad, and foure square in the foure corners thereof.

17 And the frame shall bee fourteene cubites long, and fourteene broad in the foure square corners thereof, and the border about it shall bee halfe a cubite, and the bottome thereof shall be a cubite about, and the steps thereof shall be turned toward the East.

18 ¶ And

Chap. 9. 3.

a When I prophesied the destruction of the citie by the Caldeans.

b Which was departed afore, Chap 10. 4. and 11, 22.

c By their idolatries.

d He alludeth to Ammon and Manasseh, who were buried in their gardens neere the Temple, and there had erected vp monuments to their idoles.

18 ¶ And he said vnto me, Sonne of man, thus sayth the Lord God, Theese are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shal make it to offer the burnt offring thereon, and to sprincle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt giue to the Priests, and to the Leuites, that be of the seede of Zadok, which approch vnto me, to minister vnto me sayth the Lord God, a young bullocke for a sinne offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the foure hornes of it, and on the foure corners of the frame, and vpon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it, and reconcile it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullocke also of the sinne offring, & burne it in the appointed place of the house without the Sanctuary.

22 But the second day thou shalt offer an hee goat without blemith for a sinne offring, and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullocke.

23 ¶When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a yong bullocke without blemish, and a ramme out of the flocke without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the Lord, & the Priests shall cast salt vpon them, and they shall offer them for a burnt offring vnto the Lord.

25 Seuen dayes shalt thou prepare euery day an hee goat for a sinne offring: they shal also prepare a yong bullocke and a ramme out of the flocke, without blemish.

26 Thus shall they seuen dayes purifie ‡ *Eb fill his hand.* the altar, and cleanse it, and ‡ consecrate it.

27 And when these dayes are expired, vpon the eight day and so foorth, the Priests shall make your burnt offrings vpon the altar, and your peace offerings, and I will accept you, sayth the Lord God.

CHAP. XLIIII.

He reproueth the people for their offence. 7 The vncircumcised in heart and in the flesh. 9 Who are to bee admitted to the seruice of the Temple, and who to be refused.

Then he brought me toward the gate of the outward Sanctuary, which turneth toward the East, and it was shut.

2 Then said the Lord vnto me, This gate shalbe a shut, & shall not be opened, & no man shall enter by it, because the Lord God of Israel hath entred by it, and it shall be shut.

a Meaning, from the cõmon people, but not from the Priests nor the Prince, reade Chap. 46. 8, 9.

3 It apperteineth to the prince: the prince himselfe shal sit in it to eate bread before the Lord: he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall goe out by the way of the same.

4 ¶ Then brought hee me toward the North gate before the house: & when I looked, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, and I fell vpon my face.

5 And the Lord sayd vnto me, Sonne of man, & marke well, and behold with thine eyes, and heare with thine eares, all that I say vnto thee, concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lorde, and all the lawes thereof, and marke well the entring in of the house with euery going foorth of the Sanctuarie,

‡ *Ebr. set thine heart.*

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, euen to the house of Israel, Thus sayeth the Lorde God, O house of Israel, yee haue enough of all your abominations,

7 Seeing that ye haue brought into my Sanctuary b strangers, vncircumcised in heart, & vncircumcised in flesh, to bee in my Sanctuary, to pollute mine house, when ye offer my bread, euen fat, and blood: and they haue broken my couenant, because of all your abominations.

b For they had brought idolaters, which were of other countreys, to teach them their idolatry, Chap. 23. 40.

8 For yee haue not kept the c ordinances of mine holy things: but you your selues haue set other to take the charge of my sanctuarie.

c Ye haue not offered vnto me according to my Law.

9 Thus sayeth the Lord God, No stranger vncircumcised in heart, nor vncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my Sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

10 Neither yet the d Leuites that are gone backe from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray from mee after their idoles, but they shall beare their iniquitie.

d The Leuites which had committed idolatry, were put from their dignity, and could not be receiued into the Priests office, although they had bene of the house of Aaron, but must serue in the inferior offices, as to watch and to keepe the doores, reade 2. King. 23. 9.

11 And they shall serue in my Sanctuarie, and keepe the gates of the house, and minister in the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people: and they shal stand before them to serue them.

12 Because they serued before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquitie: therefore haue I lift vp mine hand against them, sayth the Lord God, and they shall beare their iniquitie,

13 And they shall not come neere vnto me to do the office of the Priest vnto me, neither shall they come neere vnto any of mine holy things in the most holy place, but they shall beare their shame and their abominations, which they haue committed.

14 And I will make them keepers of the watch of the house, for all the seruice thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the Priestes of the Leuites, the sonnes of Zadok, that e kept the charge of my Sanctuary, when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come neere to me to serue me, and they shall stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood, sayeth the Lord God.

e Which obserued the Law of God, and fell not to idolatry.

16 They shall enter into my Sanctuary, and shal come neere to my table to serue me, and they shall keepe my charge.

17 And when they shall enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shal be clothed with linnen garments, and no wooll shall come vpon them while they serue in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall haue linnen bonets vpon their heads, and shall haue linnen breeches vpon their loynes: they shall not gird themselues in the sweating places.

19 But when they goe foorth into the vtter court, euen to the vtter court to the people, they shall put off their garments, wherein they ministred, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments: for they shall not sanctifie

tiſte the people with their garments.

f As did the infidels and heathen.

20 They ſhal not alſo f ſhaue their heads, nor ſuffer their locks to grow long, but round their heads.

Leuit. 10. 9.

21 * Neither ſhal any Prieſt drinke wine when they enter into the inner court.

Leuit. 21. 13, 14.

22 Neither ſhall they take for their * wiues a widow, or her that is diuorced: but they ſhal take maidens of the ſeed of the houſe of Iſrael, or a widow that hath bene the widow of a Prieſt.

23 And they ſhall teach my people the difference betweene the holy and prophane, and cauſe them to diſcerne betweene the vncleane and the cleane.

24 And in controuerſie they ſhall ſtand to iudge, and they ſhall iudge it according to my iudgements: and they ſhall keepe my lawes and my ſtatutes in all mine aſſemblies, and they ſhall ſanctifie my Sabbaths.

Leuit. 21. 1, 2, 11

25 * And they ſhall come at no dead perſon to defile themſelues, except at their father, or mother, or ſonne, or daughter, brother or ſiſter, that hath had yet none huſband: in theſe may they be defiled.

g They may be at their burial, which was a defiling.

26 And when he is cleanſed, they ſhall reckon vnto him ſeuen dayes.

27 And when he goeth into the Sanctuarie vnto the inner court to miniſter in the Sanctuarie, he ſhal offer his ſinne offering, ſayth the Lord God.

Deut. 18. 1. *num.* 18. 20.

28 * And the Prieſthood ſhall bee their inheritance, yea, I am their inheritance: therefore ſhall yee giue them no poſſeſſion in Iſrael, for I am their poſſeſſion.

29 They ſhall eate the meate offering, and the ſinne offering, and the treſpaſſe offering, and euery dedicate thing in Iſrael ſhal be theirs.

Exod. 13. 2. *and* 22. 29. *and* 34. 19. *num* 3. 13.

30 * And all the firſt of all the firſt borne, and euery oblation, euen all of euery ſort of your oblations ſhall be the Prieſts. Ye ſhall alſo giue vnto the Prieſtes the firſt of your dough, that he may cauſe the bleſſing to reſt in thine houſe.

31 The Prieſts ſhal not eat of any thing, that is * dead, or torne, whether it bee foule or beaſt.

Exod. 22. 31. *leuit.* 22. 8.

CHAP. XLV.

1 Out of the land of promiſe are there ſeparate foure portions, of which the firſt is giuen to the prieſts and to the Temple, the ſecond to the Leuites, the third to the citie, the fourth to the prince. 9 An exhortation vnto the heads of Iſrael 10 Of iuſt weights and meaſures. 13 Of the firſt fruits, &c.

MOreouer when yee ſhall diuide the land for inheritance, yee ſhall offer an oblation vnto the Lorde an * holy portion of the land, ſiue and twenty thouſand reedes long, and ten thouſand broad: this ſhall bee holy in all the borders thereof round about.

a Of all the land of Iſrael the Lord onely requireth this portion for the Temple and for the Prieſts, for the citie and for the Prince.

2 Of this there ſhall be for the Sanctuarie fiue hundreth in length, with fiue hundreth in breadth, all ſquare round about, and fifty cubites round about for the ſuburbs thereof.

3 And of this meaſure ſhalt thou meaſure the length of ſiue and twenty thouſand, and the breadth of tenne thouſand: and in it ſhall be the Sanctuarie, and the moſt holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land ſhall bee the prieſts, which miniſter in the Sanctuarie, which came neere to ſerue the Lord: and it ſhalbe a place for their houſes, and an holy place for the Sanctuarie.

5 And in the fiue and twentie thouſand of length, and the ten thouſand of breadth, ſhall the Leuites that miniſter in the houſe, haue their poſſeſſion for twenty chambers.

6 Alſo ye ſhall appoynt the poſſeſſion of the citie fiue thouſand broad, and fiue and twenty thouſand long ouer againſt the oblation of the holy portion: it ſhall be for the whole houſe of Iſrael.

7 And a portion ſhall be for the prince on the one ſide, and on that ſide of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the poſſeſſion of the citie, euen before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the poſſeſſion of the citie from the Weſt coaſt Weſtward, and from the Eaſt coaſt Eaſtward, and the length ſhalbe by one of the portions from the Weſt border vnto the Eaſt border.

8 In this land ſhall bee his poſſeſſion in Iſrael: and my princes ſhall no more oppreſſe my people, and the reſt of the land ſhall they giue to the houſe of Iſrael: according to their tribes.

9 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Let it b ſuffice you, O princes of Iſrael: leaue off crueltie & oppreſſion, and execute iudgement and iuſtice: take away your exactions from my people, ſayth the Lord God.

b The Prophet ſheweth that the heads muſt be firſt reformed, afore any good order can be eſtabliſhed among the people.

10 Ye ſhall haue iuſt balances, and a true c Ephah, and a true Bath.

c Ephah and Bath were both of one quantitie, ſaue that Ephah contained in dry things, that which Bath did in liquor. Leuit. 5. 11. 1 king. 5. 11. *Exod.* 30 13. *leuit.* 27. 25. *num.* 3. 47.

11 The Ephah and the Bath ſhall be equall: a Bath ſhall containe the tenth part of an Homer, and an Ephah the tenth part of an Homer: the equalitie thereof ſhall be after the Homer.

12 * And the ſhekel ſhalbe twenty gerahs, and twenty ſhekels, and d fiue and twentie ſhekels and fifteene ſhekels ſhall be your Maneh.

d That is, three ſcore ſhekels make a weight called Mina: for he ioyneth theſe three parts to a Mina.

13 ¶ This is the oblation that ye ſhal offer, the firſt part of an Ephah of an Homer of wheate, and ye ſhall giue the firſt part of an Ephah of an Homer of barley.

14 Concerning the ordinance of the oyle, euen of the Bath of oyle, yee ſhall offer the tenth part of a Bath out of the Cor, (tenne Baths are an Homer: for ten Baths fill an Homer.)

15 And one lambe of two hundred sheepe out of the fat paſtures of Iſrael for a meate offering, and for a burnt offering, & for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, ſayth the Lord God.

16 All the people of the land ſhal giue this oblation for the prince in Iſrael.

17 And it ſhall be the princes part to giue burnt offrings, and meate offrings, & drinke offerings in the ſolemne feaſts, & in the new moones, and in the Sabbaths, and in all the high feaſts of the houſe of Iſrael: he ſhal prepare the ſinne offring, and the meat offring, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make reconciliation for the houſe of Iſrael.

e Which was Niſan, contayning part of March and part of April.

18 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord God, In e the firſt moneth, in the firſt day of * the moneth, thou ſhalt

shall take a yong bullocke without blemish, and clense the Sanctuary.

19 And the Priest shall take of the bloud of the sinne offering, and put it vpon the postes of the house, and vpon the foure ‖ corners of the frame of the altar, and vpon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

‖ Or, Court.

20 And so shalt thou doe the seuenth day of the moneth, for euery one that hath erred, and for him that is deceiued: so shall you reconcile the house.

Exod. 12.18. Leuit. 23.5

21 * In the first moneth in the fourteenth day of the moneth, yee shall haue the Passeouer, a feast of seuen dayes, and yee shall eate vnleauened bread.

22 And vpon that day, shall the Prince prepare for himselfe, and for all the people of the land, a bullocke for a sinne offering.

23 And in the seuen dayes of the feast, he shall make a burnt offering to the Lord, euen of seuen bullockes, and seuen rammes without blemish daily for seuen dayes, and an hee goate dayly for a sinne offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meate offering of an Ephah for a bullocke, an Ephah for a ramme, and an f Hin of oyle for an Ephah.

f Reade Exod. 29.40.

25 In the seuenth moneth, in the fifteenth day of the moneth, shall he doe the like in the feast for seuen dayes, according to the sinne offring, according to the burnt offring, and according to the meate offering, and according to the oyle.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 *The sacrifice of the Sabbath and of the new moones.* 8 *Throw which doores they must go in, or come out of the Temple, &c.*

THus sayeth the Lord God, The gate of the inner court, that turneth toward the East, shall bee shut the sixe working dayes: but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moone it shall bee opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the poste of the gate, and the priests shall make his burnt offering, and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: after, hee shall goe forth, but the gate shall not bee shut till the euening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrie of this gate before the Lorde on the Sabbaths, and on the newe moones.

4 And the burnt offring that the prince shall offer vnto the Lorde on the Sabbath day shalbe sixe lambes without blemish, and a ramme without blemish.

5 And the meat offring shalbe an Ephah for a ramme: and the meate offring for the lambes a a gift of his hand, and an Hin of oyle to an Ephah.

a That is, as much as he will.

6 And in the day of the newe moone it shal be a yong bullocke without blemish, and sixe lambes and a ramme: they shalbe without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meate offring, euen an Ephah for a bullock, and an Ephah for a ramme, and for the lambes b according as his hand shall bring, and an Hin of oyle to an Ephah.

b Meaning, as he shall thinke good.

8 And when the prince shal enter, he shal goe in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall goe forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemne feastes, he that entreth in by the way of the North gate to worship, shall goe out by the way of the South gate: and he that entreth by the way of the South gate, shall goe forth by the way of the North gate: he shall not returne by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but they shall goe forth ouer against it.

10 And the prince shall be in the midst of them: he shall goe in when they goe in, and when they goe forth, they shall goe forth together.

11 And in the feastes, and in the solemnities the meate offering shall be an Ephah to a bullocke, and an Ephah to a ramme, and to the lambes, the gift of his hand, and an Hin of oyle to an Ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall make a free burnt offring or peace offerings freely vnto the Lord, one shall then open him the gate, that turneth toward the East, and he shall make his burnt offering, and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath day after, he shall goe forth, and when he is gone forth, one shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt dayly make a burnt offering vnto the Lorde of a lambe of one yeere without blemish: thou shalt doe it euery morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meate offering for it euery morning, the first part of an Ephah, and the third part of an Hin of oyle, to mingle with the fine flowre: this meate offering shal be continually by a perpetual ordinance vnto the Lord.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lambe, and the meate offering, and the oyle euery morning, for a continuall burnt offering.

16 ¶ Thus sayth the Lord God, If the prince giue a gift of his inheritance vnto any of his sonnes, it shall be his sonnes, and it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he giue a gift of his inheritance to one of his seruants, then it shall be his to the c yeere of libertie: after, it shall returne to the prince, but his inheritance shall remaine to his sonnes for them.

c Which was at the Iubile, Leuit. 25.9.

18 Moreouer, the prince shall not d take of the peoples inheritance, nor thrust them out of their possession: but he shall cause his sonnes to inherit of his owne possession, that my people be not scattered euery man from his possession.

d But be content with that portion that God hath assigned him, as Chap. 45.8.

19 ¶ After, he brought me through the entrie, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the Priestes, which stood toward the North: and behold, there was a place at the West side of them.

20 Then sayd he vnto me, This is the place where the priests shall seethe the trespasse offering, and the sinne offering, where they shall bake the meate offering, that they should not beare them into the vtter court, e to sanctifie the people.

e That the people should not haue to doe with those things which appertaine to the Lord, and thinke it lawfull for them to eate them.

21 Then he brought me forth into the vtter court, and caused me to goe by the foure corners

corners of the court: and behold, in every corner of the court, there was a court.

22 In the foure corners of the court there were courtes ioyned of fourtie cubits long, and thirtie broad: their foure corners were of one measure.

23 And there went a wal about them, euen about those foure, and kitchins were made vnder the wals round about.

24 Then said he vnto me, This is the kitchin where the ministers of the house shall seethe the sacrifice of the people.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 The vision of the waters, that came out of the Temple. 13 The coasts of the land of promise, & the dimension thereof by tribes.

AFterward he brought me vnto the doore of the house: and behold, a waters riued out from vnder the threshold of the house Eastwarde: for the forefront of the house stoode towarde the East, and the waters ranne downe from vnder the right side of the house, at the South side of the altar.

2 Then brought he mee out toward the North gate, and led mee about by the way without vnto the vtter gate, by the way that turneth Eastward: and behold, there came foorth waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand, went forth Eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters: the waters were to the ancles.

4 Againe hee measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters: the waters were to y knees: againe he measured a thousand, and brought me through: the waters were to the loynes.

5 Afterward hee measured a thousand, and it was a b riuer that I could not passe ouer: for the waters were risen, and the waters did flow, as a riuer that could not bee passed ouer.

6 And hee said vnto me, Sonne of man, hast thou seene this? Then he brought me, & caused me to returne to the brinke of the riuer.

7 Now when I returned, behold, at the brinke of the riuer were very many c trees on the one side, and on the other.

8 Then said he vnto me, These waters issue out toward the East country, and runne downe into the plaine, and shall goe into one d sea: they shall runne into another sea, and the e waters shalbe wholesome.

9 And euery thing that liueth, which moueth, whereseuer the riuers shall came, shall liue, and there shall bee a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall bee wholesome, and euery thing shall liue whither the riuer commeth.

10 And then the f fishers shall stand vpon it, & from En-gedi euen vnto En-eglaim, they shall spread out their nets: for their fish shalbe according to their kinds, as the fish of g the maine sea, exceeding many.

11 But h the myrie places thereof, and the marishes thereof shall not be wholesome: they shall be made salt pits.

12 And by this riuer vpon the bankes thereof, on this side, and on that side, shall grow all fruitfull trees, whose leafe shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof faile: it shall bring forth new fruite according to his monethes, because their waters ran out of the Sanctuarie: and the fruite thereof shall be meate, and the leafe thereof i to be for medicine.

13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherite the land according to the twelue tribes of Israel: Ioseph shall haue two portions.

14 And ye shall inherite it, one as well as an other: concerning the which I lift vp mine hand to giue it vnto your fathers, and this land shall fall vnto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall bee the border of the land toward the Northside, from the mayne sea toward Hethlon as men go to Zedadah:

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is betweene the border of Damascus, and the border of Hamath, and Hazar, Hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall bee Hazar, Enan, and the border of Damascus, and the reuma of the North, Northward, and the border of Hamath: so shall bee the North part.

18 But the East side shall yee measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Iorden, and from the border vnto the East sea: and so shall be the East part.

19 And the Southside shall bee toward Temain from Tamar to the waters of k Meribath-in Kadesh, and the riuer to the mayne sea: so shal be the South part toward Teman.

20 The eastest part also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come ouer against Hamath: this shalbe the eastest part.

21 So shall ye diuide this land vnto you, according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And you shall diuide it by lot for an inheritance vnto you, and to the strangers that dwell among you, which shall beget children among you, and they shall be vnto you as borne in the country among the children of Israel, they shall part inheritance with you in the midst of the tribes of Israel.

23 And in what tribe the stranger dwelleth, there shall ye giue him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 The lot of the tribes. 9 The parts of the possession of the Priests of the Temple, of the Leuites, of the citie, and of the Prince are rehearsed.

NOw these are the names of the tribes: From the Northside, to the coast toward Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar, Enan, and the border of Damascus Northward the coast of Hamath, euen from the East side to the eastest shall bee a portion for Dan.

2 And by y border of Dan from the East side vnto the eastest side, a portion for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher from the East part euen vnto the eastest part, a portion for Naphtali.

T: 4 And

a Whereby are meant the spirituall graces that should be giuen to the Church vnder the kingdome of Christ.

b Signifying, that y graces of God should neuer decrease, but euer abound in his Church.

c Meaning, the multitude of the that should be refreshed by the spirituall waters.

d Shewing that the abundance of these graces should bee so great, that all the world should be sal therof, which is here meant by the Persian sea, or Genezareth, and the sea called Mediterraneum, Zech. 14. 8.

e The waters which of nature are salt and vnholsome, shallbe made sweete and comfortable.

f Signifying, that when God bestoweth his mercies in such abundance the ministers shall by their preaching winne many.

g which were cities at the corners of the salt or dead sea.

h They shall be here of all sorts, and in as great abundance as in the great Ocean where they are bred.

i That is, the wicked & reprobate

1 Or, tree for greate.

1 Or, for bruise and sores.

Gen. 48. 22.

Gen. 12. 7 & 13. 15 & 15. 18. and 26. 4 & 28. 14.

k By the land of promise he signifieth the spirituall land, whereof this was a figure.

Or, strife.

l Meaning, that in this spirituall kingdome there should be no difference betweene Iew nor Gentile, but y all should be partakers of this inheritance in their head Christ.

1 The tribes, after that they entred into the land vnder Iosua, diuided the land somewhat otherwise then is here set forth by this vision.

4 And by the border of Naphtali from the East quarter vnto the West side, a portion for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh from the East side vnto the West side, a portion for Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the East part euen vnto the West part, a portion for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the East quarter vnto the West quarter, a portion for Iudah.

8 And by the border of Iudah, from the East part vnto the West part [b] shall bee the offering which they shall offer of fiue and twentie thousand reeds broad, and of length as one of the other parts, from the East side vnto the West side, and the Sanctuarie shal be in the mids of it.

9 The oblation that yee shall offer vnto the Lord, shall bee of fiue and twentie thousand long, and of ten thousand the breedth.

10 And for them, euen for the Priests shalbe this holy oblation, toward the North fiue and twentie thousand long, and toward the West ten thousand broad, and toward the East ten thousand broad, and toward the South fiue and twentie thousand long, and the Sanctuarie of the Lord shall bee in the mids thereof.

11 It shall be for the Priests, that are sanctified of the sonnes of [*] Zadok, which haue kept my charge, which went not astray, when the children of Israel went astray, as the Leuites went astray.

12 Therefore this oblatiō of the land that is offered, shall be theirs, as a thing most holy by the border of the Leuites.

13 And ouer against the border of the Priests, the Leuites shall haue fiue & twentie thousand long, and ten thousand broad: all the length shall be fiue and twentie thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of it, neither change it, nor alienate the first fruites of the land: for it is holy vnto the Lord.

15 And the fiue thousand that are left in the breadth ouer against the fiue & twenty thousand, shall be a prophane place for the citie, for dwelling, and for suburbes, and the citie shall be in the mids thereof.

16 And these shall be the measures thereof, the North part fiue hundreth and foure thousand, and the South part [c] fiue hundreth and foure thousande, and the East part fiue hundreth and foure thousand, and the West part fiue hundreth and foure thousand.

17 And the suburbes of the citie shall bee toward the North two hundreth and fiftie, and toward the South two hundreth and fiftie, and toward the East two hundreth and fiftie, and toward the West two hundreth and fiftie.

18 And the residue in length ouer against the oblation of the holy portion shall bee ten thousand Eastward, and tenne thousand Westward, and it shall be ouer against the oblation of the holy portion, and the increase thereof shal be for food vnto them that serue in the citie.

19 And they that serue in the citie, shall bee of all the tribes of Israel that shall serue therein.

20 All the oblation shall be fiue and twentie thousand with [d] fiue and twentie thousand: you shal offer this oblatiō foure square for the Sanctuarie, and for the possession of the citie.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other of the oblation of the Sanctuarie, and of the possession of the citie, ouer against the fiue and twentie thousand of the oblation toward the East border, and Westward ouer against the fiue & twentie thousand toward the West border, ouer against shalbe for the portion of the prince: this shalbe the holy oblation, and the house of the Sanctuarie shalbe in the mids thereof.

22 Moreouer, from the possession of the Leuites, and from the possession of the citie, that which is in the middes shalbe the princes: betweene the borders of Iudah, and betweene the border of Beniamin shall bee the princes.

23 And the rest of the tribes shall be thus: from the East part vnto [f] West part, Beniamin shall bee a portion.

24 And by the border of Beniamin, from the East side vnto the West side, Simeon a portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon from the East part vnto the West part, Issachar a portion.

26 And by the border of Issachar from the East side vnto the West, Zebulun a portion.

27 And by the border of Zebulun from the East part vnto the West part, Gad a portion.

28 And by the border of Gad at [f] South side, toward [g] Temath, the border shall bee euē from [g] Tamar vnto the waters of Meribath in Kadesh, & to the [h] riuer, that runneth into the maine sea.

29 This is the land, which yee shall distribute vnto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord God.

30 And these are the bounds of the citie, on the North side fiue hundreth, and foure thousand measures.

31 And the gates of the citie shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, the gates Northward, one gate of Reuben, one gate of Iudah, and one gate of Leui.

32 And at the East side fiue hundreth and foure thousand, and three gates, & one gate of Ioseph, one gate of Beniamin, and one gate of Dan.

33 And at the South side, fiue hundreth and foure thousand measures, & three gates, one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, and one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the West side fiue hundreth and foure thousand, with their three gates, one gate of Gad, one gate of Aher, and one gate of Naphtali.

35 It was round about eighteene thousand measures, and the name of the citie from that day shall be, [i] The Lord is there.

¶ Daniel.

b That is, the portion of the ground, which they shall separate and appoint to the Lord, which shall be diuided into three parts: for the Priests, for the Prince, and for the citie.

* Chap. 44. 15.

c Meaning, that it should bee square.

d Euery way it shall be fiue and twentie thousand.

e So that Iudah was on the North side of the Princes and Leuites portions, and Beniamin on the South side.

f Which is here taken for Idumea

g Which was Iericho, the citie of Palme trees.

h Meaning Nilus, that runneth into the sea called Mediterraneum.

i Ebr. Iehouah shammah.

Daniel.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe great prouidence of God, and his ſingular mercie toward his Church are moſt liuely here ſet forth, who neuer leaueth his deſtitute, but now in their greateſt miſeries & afflictions giueth them Prophets, as Ezekiel, and Daniel, whom he adorned with ſuch graces of his holy Spirit, that Daniel aboue all other had moſt ſpeciall reuelations of ſuch things as ſhould come to the Church, euen from the time that they were in captiuitie, to the laſt end of the world, and to the generall reſurrection, as of the fowre monarchies and empires of all the world, to wit, of the Babylonians, Perſians, Grecians and Romans. Alſo of the certaine number of the times euen vnto Chriſt, when all ceremonies and ſacrifices ſhould ceaſe, becauſe he ſhould be the accompliſhment thereof: moreouer he ſheweth Chriſts office and the cauſe of his death, which was by his ſacrifice to take away ſinne, and to bring euerlaſting life. And as from the beginning God euer exerciſed his people vnder the croſſe, ſo he teacheth here, that after that Chriſt is offered, he will ſtill leaue this exercile to his Church vntill the dead riſe againe, and Chriſt gather his into his kingdome in the heauens.

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CHAP. I.

1 The captiuitie of Iehoiakim king of Iudah. 4 The king chuſeth certaine yong men of the Iewes to learne his law. 5 They haue the kings ordinarie appointed. 8 But they abſtaine from it.

IN the [a] third yere of the raigne of Iehoiakim king of Iudah, came Nebuchad-nezzar king of Babel vnto Ieruſalem, & beſieged it.

2 And the Lord gaue Iehoiakim king of Iudah into his hande, with part of the veſſels of the houſe of God, which he carried into the land of [b] Shinar, to the houſe of his god, and he brought the veſſels into his gods treaſurie.

3 And the king ſpake vnto [c] Aſhpenaz the maiſter of his [d] Eunuches, that hee ſhould bring certaine of the children of Iſrael, of the [e] kings ſeede, and of the princes:

4 Children in whom was no blemiſh, but well fauoured, and inſtructed in all wiſdome, and well learne in knowledge, and able to vnder knowledge, and ſuch as were able to ſtand in the kings palace, and whom they might teach the [f] learning, and the tongue of the Caldeans.

5 And the king appointed them prouiſion euery day of a [g] portion of the kings meate, and of the wine which he dranke, ſo nouriſhing them [i] three yere, that at the end thereof, they might ſtand [k] before the king.

6 Now among theſe were certaine of the children of Iudah, Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah.

7 Vnto whom the chiefe of the eunuches [l] gaue other names: for he called Daniel, Belteſhazzar, and Hananiah, Shadrach, and Miſhael, Meſhach, and Azariah, Abednego.

8 ¶ But Daniel had determined in his heart, that hee would not [m] defile himſelfe with the portion of the kings meat, nor with the wine which he dranke: therefore he required the chiefe of the Eunuches that he might not defile himſelfe.

9 (Now God had brought Daniel into fauour, and tender loue with the chiefe of the Eunuches)

10 And the chiefe of the Eunuches ſayd vnto Daniel, [o] I feare my lorde the king, who hath appointed your meate and your drinke: therefore if hee ſee your faces worſe liking then the other children, which are of your ſort, then ſhall yee make me loſe mine head vnto the king.

11 Then ſaid Daniel to Melzar, whom the chiefe of the Eunuches had ſet ouer Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael and Azariah,

12 Prooue thy ſeruants, I beſeech thee, [p] ten dayes, and let them giue vs pulſe to eate, and water to drinke.

13 Then let our countenances be looked vpon before thee: and the countenances of the children that eate of the portion of

a Reade 2. King. 24. 1. and Iere. 25. 1.

b Which was a plaine by Babylon, where was the Temple of their great god, and is here taken for Babylon.

c Who was as maiſter of the wards.

d Hee calleth them eunuches whom the King nouriſhed and brought vp to be rulers of other countreys afterward.

e His purpoſe was to keepe them as hoſtages, and that he might ſhew himſelfe victorious and alſo by their good intreatie and learning of his religion, they might fauour rather him then the Iewes, and ſo to be able to ſerue him as gouernours in their land: moreouer by this meanes the Iewes might be better kept in ſubiection, fearing otherwiſe to procure hurt to theſe noblemen. f The King required three things, that they ſhould bee of noble birth, that they ſhould be witty & learned, that they ſhould be of a ſtrong & comely nature, that they might do him better ſeruice: this he did for his owne commoditie, therefore it is not to praiſe his liberalitie: yet in this he is worthy of praiſe, that he eſteemed learning, and knewe that it was a neceſſarie meane to gouerne by. g That they might forget their owne religion and country faſhions, to ſerue him the better to his purpoſe: yet it is not to bee thought that Daniel did learne any knowledge, that was not godly: in all points he refuſed the abuſe of things and ſuperſtition, inſomuch that hee would not eate the meate which the King appointed him, but was content to learne the knowledge of naturall things. h That by their good entertainment, they might learne to forget the mediocritie of their owne people.

i To the intent that in this time they might both learne the manners of the Caldeans, & alſo their tongue.

k As well to ſerue at the table, as in other offices.

l That they might altogether forget their religion: for the Iewes gaue their children names, which might euer put them in remembrance of ſome point of religion, therefore this was a great tentation and a ſigne of ſeruitude which they were not able to reſiſt.

m Not that he thought any religion to be in the meate or drinke (for afterward he did eate) but becauſe the king ſhould not entice him by this ſweete poyſon, to forget his religion and accuſtomed ſobrietie, and that in his meate and drinke he might dayly remember of what people hee was: and Daniel bringeth this in to ſhewe howe God from the beginning aſſiſted him with his Spirit, and at length called him to be a Prophet. n He ſuppoſed they did this for their religion, which was contrary to the Babylonians: and therefore herein he repreſenteth them which are of no religion: for neither hee would condemne theirs nor maintaine his owne.

o Meaning, that within this ſpace hee might haue the triall, and that no man ſhould be able to diſcerne it: and thus he ſpake, being moued by the Spirit of God. p Not that it was a thing abominable to eat daintie meates and to drinke wine, as both before and after they did, but if they ſhould haue thereby beene wonne to the King, and haue refuſed their owne religion, that meat and drinke had beene accurſed.

the kings meat,and as thou seest,deale with thy seruants.

14 So he consented to them in this mat-
matter,and prooued them ten dayes.

15 And at the end of tenne dayes, their
countenances appeared fairer,and tryde-
ter liking then all the children, which did
eate the portion of the kings meate.

16 Thus Melzar tooke away the portion
of their meate,and the wine that they should
drinke,and giue them pulse.

17 As for these foure children, God gaue
them knowledge, and vnderstanding in
all learning and wisedome: also Daniel vnderstanding of all visions and
dreames.

18 Now when the time was expired,that
the king had appointed to bring them in,
the chiefe of the Eunuches brought them be-
fore Nebuchad-nezzar.

19 And the king communed with them:
and among them all was found none like
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael,and Azariah:
therefore stood they before the King.

20 And in all matters of wisedome, and
vnderstanding that the king enquired of
them, hee found them ten times better then
all the inchanters & astrologians,that were
in all his realme.

21 And Daniel was vnto the first yeere
of King Cyrus.

CHAP. II.

1 The dreame of Nebuchadnezzar. 13 The king commaundeth all the wise men of Babylon to bee slaine,because they could not interpret his dreame. 16 Daniel requireth time to solue the question. 24 Daniel is brought vnto the king, and sheweth him his dreame and the interpretation thereof. 44 Of the euerlasting kingdome of Christ

AND in the second yeere of the reigne of Nebuchad-nezzar, Nebuchad-nezzar dreamed dreames, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleepe was vpon him.

2 Then the king commaunded to call the inchanters, and the astrologians, and the sorcerers, and the Caldeans, for to shewe the king his dreames: so they came and stoode before the King.

3 And the King said vnto them, I haue
meamed a dreame, and my spirit was trou-
bled to know the dreame.

4 Then spake the Caldeans to the king
in the Aramites language, O king liue for
euer: shew thy seruants the dreame, and we
shall shew the interpretation.

5 And the King answered and said to the
Caldeans, The thing is gone from me. If
ye will not make me vnderstand the dreame
with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be
drawen in pieces, & your houses shalbe made
a iakes.

6 But if yee declare the dreame and the
interpretation thereof, ye shall receiue of me
gifts and rewards, and great honour: there-
fore shew me the dreame and the interpreta-
tion of it.

7 They answered againe, and said, Let
the King shewe his seruants the dreame,
and we will declare the interpretation ther-
of.

8 Then the King answered and sayd, I
know certainely that yee would gaine the
time, because yee see the thing is gone from
me.

9 But if yee will not declare me the
dreame, there is but one iudgement for you:
for ye haue prepared lying & corrupt words,
to speake before me till the time be changed:
therefore tell me the dreame, that I may
know, if yee can declare me the interpreta-
tion thereof.

10 Then the Caldeans answered before
the King, and sayde, There is no man vpon
earth, that can declare the Kings matter:
yea, there is neither king nor prince nor lord
that asked such things at an inchanter or a-
strologian or Caldean.

11 For it is a rare thing that the king re-
quireth, and there is none other that can de-
clare it before the King, except the gods
whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the King was angrie
and in great furie, and commaunded to de-
stroy all the wise men of Babel.

13 ¶ And when sentence was giuen, the
wise men were slaine: and they sought Da-
niel and his fellowes to be put to death.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsell
and wisedome to Arioch the Kings captaine
whiche was gone forth to put to
death the wise men of Babel.

15 Yea, he answered and said vnto Arioch
the kings captaine, Why is the sentence so
hastie from the king? Then Arioch declared
the thing to Daniel.

16 So Daniel went and desired the king
that he would giue him leasure, and that he
would shewe the King the interpretation
thereof.

17 ¶ Then Daniel went to his house and
shewed the matter to Hananiah, Mishael,
and Azariah his companions,

18 That they should desire of the God of
heauen for grace in this secret, that Daniel
and his fellowes should not perish with the
rest of the wise men of Babel.

19 Then was the secret reuealed vnto
Daniel in a vision by night: therefore Da-
niel praised the God of heauen.

20 And Daniel answered and said, The
Name of God be praised for euer and euer:
for wisedome and strength are his,

21 And he changeth the times and sea-
sons: he taketh away kings: he setteth vp
kings: he giueth wisedome vnto the wise,
and

q This bare feeding,& that also of Moses, when he fled from the court of Egypt, declareth we must liue in such sobrietie as God doth call vs vnto, seeing hee will make it more profitable vnto vs,then all dainties: for his blessing onely sufficeth.

‡ *Ebr. fatter in flesh.*

r Meaning in the liberall sciences, and naturall knowledge, and not in the magicall arts which are forbidden, Deut. 18. 11. ſ So that he only was a Prophet,& appeared to his Prophet so long as that common wealth stood.

none of the other: for by dreames & visions God
Prophets, Numb. 12. 6. t Of the three yeres aboue
u That is, he was esteemed in Babylon as a

a The
the soure
this
that this
of
the sorcerers, when
he reigned alone:
for he reigned
also after a sort
with his father.
b Nor) he had
many dreames,
but because ma-
ny matters were
contained in this
dreame. c Be-
fore it was so rare & strange a dreame
had the like. d He was so heavy with sleepe, that he began to sleep
againe. Some read, & his sleepe was broken from him. e For all
these astrologers & sorcerers called themselues by this name of ho-
nour, as though all the wisedome and knowledge of the country
depended vpon them, and that all other countreys were voide of the
same. f That is, in the Syrian tongue which differed not much
from the Caldean, saueit seemed to be more eloquent, & therefore
the learned vse to speake it: as the Iewish writers doe this day.

g This is a iust
reward of their
arrogancy (which
vaunted of them-
selues that they
had the know-
ledge of all
things) that they
should be proued
fooles, and that
to their perpetual
shame and con-
fusion.

h Herein appea-
red their igno-
rance, that not-
withstanding
their brags, yet
were they not
able to tell the
dreame, except
he entred them
into the matter
and therefore
they would pre-
tend knowledge
where was but
mere ignorance,
& so as deluders
of the people,
they were wor-
thy to die.

‡ *Ebr. redeeme the time.*

i Which decla-
reth, that God
would not haue
his seruant ioy-
ned in the com-
pany of these sor-
cerers and astro-
logers, whose
arts were wic-
ked, and there-
fore iustly ought
to die, though
the King did
it vpon a rage,
and no zeale.

‡ *Or, the captaine of the guard.*

Psal. 113. 2. and 115. 18.

k He sheweth that man hath neither wisedome nor knowledge, but very darke blindnes and ignorance of himselfe: for it commeth onely of God, that men vnderstandeth anything.

l To whom thou madest thy promise, and who liued in thy feare: whereby he excludeth all other gods.

m Meaning, power to interpret it.

n Whereby appeareth that many were slaine, as verse 13. and the rest at Daniels sute were preserued on condition: not that Daniel fauoured their wicked profession, but that he had respect to equitie, because the king proceeded according to his wicked affection, and not considering if their science were lawfull or no.

o He affirmeth that man by reason & arte is not able to attaine to the cause of Gods secrets, but the vnderstanding only thereof must come of God: whereby he sanctifieth the king with a certaine feare and reuerence of God, that hee might be the more

and vnderstanding to heare that vnderstand.

22 Hee discouereth the deepe and secrete things: he knoweth what is in the darknes, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thanke thee and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, that thou hast giuen me wisedome and *strength, and hast shewed me nowe the thing that wee desired of thee: for thou hast declared vnto vs the kings matter.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went vnto Arioch, whome the King had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babel: hee went and sayd thus vnto him, Destroy not the wise men of Babel, but bring me before the king, and I will declare vnto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought Daniel before the king in all haste, and spake thus vnto him, I haue found a man of the children of Iudah that wee brought captiues, that will declare vnto the king the interpretation.

26 Then answered the king and said vnto Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to shew me the dreame which I haue seene, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the King, and sayd, The secret which the king hath demaunded, can neither the wise, the astrologians, the inchanters, nor the soothsayers declare vnto the king.

28 But there is a God in *heauen that reuealeth secrets, and sheweth the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall bee in the latter dayes. Thy dreame, and the things which thou hast seene in thine head vpon thy bed, is this.

29 O king, when thou wast in thy bed, thoughts came into thy minde, what should come to passe hereafter, and hee that reuealeth secrets, telleth thee what shall come.

30 As for *me, this secret is not shewed mee for any wisedome that I haue, more then any other liuing, but onely to shewe the King the interpretation, and that thou mightest knowe the thoughts of thine heart.

31 O king, thou sawest, and beholde, there was a great Image: this great image whose glorie was so excellent, stood before thee, and the forme thereof was terrible.

32 This images head was of fine *gold, his breast and his armes of siluer, his belly and his thighes of brasse,

33 His legs of yron, and his feete were part of yron, and part of clay.

34 Thou beheldest it till a stone was cut without hands, which smote the image vpon his feete, that were of yron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the yron, the clay, the brasse, the siluer and the gold broken altogether, and became like the chaffe of the Summer flowers, and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image, became a great mountaine, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dreame, and wee will declare before the king the interpretation thereof.

37 ¶ O king, thou art a king of kings: for the God of heauen hath giuen thee a kingdome, power, strength, and glorie.

38 And in all places where the children of men dwell, the beastes of the fielde, and the foules of the heauen hath he giuen into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler ouer them all: thou art *this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall rise another kingdome, inferiour to thee, of siluer, and another *third kingdome shall be of brasse, which shall beare rule ouer all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdome shall be strong as yron: for as yron breaketh in pieces, and subdueth all things, and as yron bruiseth all these things, so shall it breake in *pieces, and bruise all.

41 Whereas thou sawest the feete and toes, part of potters clay, and part of yron: the kingdome shall be *deuided: but there shall be in it of the strength of the yron, as thou sawest the yron mixt with the clay, and earth.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of yron, and part of clay, so shall the kingdome be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest yron mixt with clay and earth, they shall mingle themselues with *y seede of men: but they shall not ioyne one with another, as yron cannot be mixed with clay.

44 And in the dayes of these kings, shall the God of heauen set vp a kingdome, which *shall neuer be destroyed: and this kingdome shall not be giuen to another people, but it shall breake and destroy all these kingdomes, and it shall stand for euer.

45 Whereas thou sawest that the *stone was cut out of the mountaine without handes, and that it brake in pieces the yron, the brasse, the clay, the siluer and the golde: so

r Daniel seaueth out the kingdom of the Assyrians, which was before the Babylonian, both because it was not a Monarchie and generall Empire, and also because he would declare the things that were to come, to the comming of Christ, for the comfort of the elect among these wonderfull alterations: and he calleth the Babylonian kingdome the golden head, because in respect of the other three, it was the best, and yet was of it selfe wicked and cruell.

s Meaning, the Persians, which were not inferiour in dignitie, power, and riches, but were worse, touching ambition, cruelty, and all kind of vice: shewing, that the world should grow worse and worse, till it was restored by Christ.

t That is, of the Macedonians shall be of brasse, not alluding to siluer.

u That is, the Romane empire shall subdue these other aforenamed, which after Alexander were diuided into the Macedonians, Grecians, Syrians, and Egyptians.

x They shall haue ciuill warres, and continuall discords among themselues.

y They shall by marriges and affinities, thinke to make themselues strong, yet shall they neuer bee ioyned in hearts.

z His purpose is to shew that all the kingdomes of the world are transitorie, and that the kingdome of Christ shall onely remaine for euer.

a Meaning Christ, who was sent of God, and not set vp by man, whose kingdome at the beginning should be small and without beauty to mans iudgement, but should at length grow and fill the whole earth which he calleth a great mountaine, as verse 35. And this kingdome which is not onely referred to the person of Christ, but also to the whole body of his Church, and to euery member thereof, shall be eternall: for the spirit that is in them, is life eternall, Rom. 8. 10.

apt to receiue the high mysteries that should bee reuealed.

p Because hee had said that God onely must reueale the signification of this dreame, the king might haue asked, why Daniel did enterprise to interpret it, and therefore he sheweth that he was but Gods minister, and had no gifts, but such as God had giuen him to set foorth his glorie.

q By gold, siluer, brasse and yron, are meant the Caldean, Persian, Macedonian and Romane kingdome, which should successiuely rule all the world till Christ (which here is called the stone) come himselfe and destroy the last: and this was to assure the Iewes, that their afflictions should not end with the Empire of the Caldeans, but that they should patiently abide the comming of Messiah, which should be at the end of this fourth Monarchie.

the great God hath shewed the King what shall come to passe hereafter, and the dreame is true, and the interpretation thereof is sure.

46 ¶ Then the king Nebuchad-nezzar fell vpon his face, and [b] bowed himselfe vnto Daniel, and commanded that they should offer meat offerings, and sweet odours vnto him.

47 Also the king answered vnto Daniel, and sayd, I know of a trueth that your [c] God is a God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and the reueiler of secrets, seeing thou couldest open this secret.

48 So the king made Daniel a great man, and gaue him many and great [d] gifts. He made him gouernour ouer the whole prouince of Babel, and chiefe of the rulers, and aboue all the wise men of Babel.

49 Then Daniel [e] made request to the king, and hee set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ouer the charge of the prouince of Babel: but Daniel sate in the [f] gate of the king.

b Though this humbling of the king seemed to deserue commendation, yet because he ioyned Gods honour with the Prophets, it is to be reproued, and Daniel herein erred if he suffered it: but it is credible that Daniel admonished him of his fault, and did not suffer it.

c This confession was but a sudden motion, as it was also in Pharaoh, Exod. 9. 27, 28. but his heart was not touched, as appeared soone afterward.

d Not that the Prophet was desirous of gifts or honour, but because by this meanes he might relieue his poore brethren which were grieuously oppressed in this their captiuity, and also he receiued them, lest he should offend this cruell king, which willingly gaue them.

e Hee did not this for their priuat profit, but that the whole Church which was then there in affliction, might haue some release and ease by this benefit.

f Meaning, that either he was a Iudge, or that hee had the whole authoritie, so that none could be admitted to the kings presence, but by him.

CHAP. III.

1 The king setteth vp a golden image. 8 Certaine are accused because they despised the kings commandment, and are put into a burning ouen. 25 By beliefe in God they are deliuered from the fire. 26 Nebuchad-nezzar confesseth the power of God after the sight of the miracle.

NEbuchad-nezzar the king made [a] an image of golde, whose height was threescore cubites, and the breadth thereof sixe cubites: hee set it vp in the plaine of Dura, in the prouince of Babel.

2 Then Nebuchad-nezzar the king sent forth to gather together the nobles, the princes and the Dukes, the Iudges, the treasurers, the counsellers, the officers, and all the gouernours of the prouinces, that they should come to the [b] dedication of the image, which Nebuchad-nezzar the [c] king had set vp.

3 So the nobles, princes and dukes, the iudges, the treasurers, the counsellers, the officers, and all the gouernours of the prouinces were assembled vnto the dedicating of the image, that Nebuchad-nezzar the king had set vp: and they stood before the image, which Nebuchad-nezzar had set vp.

4 Then an herald cried aloude, Bee it knowen to you, O people, [d] nations, and languages,

5 That when yee heare the sound of the cornet, trumpet, harpe, sackebut, psalterie, dulcimer, and all instruments of musicke, ye fall downe and worship the golden image that Nebuchad-nezzar the king hath set vp.

6 And whosoeuer falleth not downe and worshippeth, shall the same houre be cast into the middes of an hote fierie fornace.

7 Therefore assoone as all the people heard the sound of the cornet, trumpet, harp, sackebut, psalterie, and all instruments of musicke, all the people, nations, and languages fell downe, and worshipped the golden image, that Nebuchad-nezzar the king had set vp.

8 ¶ By reason whereof at that same time came men of the Caldeans, and grieuously accused the Iewes.

9 For they spake and sayde to the king Nebuchad-nezzar, O king, liue for euer.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that euery man that shall heare the sound of the cornet, trumpet, harpe, psalterie, and dulcimer, and all instruments of musicke, shall fall downe and worship the golden image,

11 And whosoeuer falleth not downe, and worshippeth, that hee should be cast into the midst of an hote fierie fornace.

12 There are certaine Iewes whom thou hast set ouer the charge of the prouince of Babel, [e] Shadrach Meshach and Abednego: these men, O king, haue not regarded thy commandement, neyther will they serue thy gods, nor worship the golden image that thou hast set vp.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchad-nezzar in his anger and wrath commanded that they should bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: so these men were brought before the king.

14 And Nebuchad-nezzar spake, and said vnto them, What disorder? will not you, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego serue my god, nor worship the golden image that I haue set vp?

15 [f] Now therefore are yee ready when ye heare the sound of the cornet, trumpet, harpe, sackebut, psalterie, and dulcimer, and all instruments of musicke, to fall downe and worship the image, which I haue made? for if ye worship it not, ye shall be cast immediatly into the middes of an hote fierie fornace: for who is that God that can deliuer you out of mine hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered, and sayde to the king, O Nebuchad-nezzar, wee [g] are not carefull to answere thee in this matter.

17 Beholde, our God whom wee serue, is able

a Vnder pretence of religion and holinesse in making an image to his idole Bel, hee sought his owne ambition & vain glory: and this declareth, that he was not touched with the true feare of God before, but that he confessed him on a sudden motion, as the wicked, when they are ouercome with the greatnesse of his workes. The Greeke interpreters write that this was done eighteene yeeres after the dreame, and as may appeare, the king feared least the Iewes by their religion should haue altered the state of his common wealth, and therefore he meant to bring all to one kinde of religion, and so rather sought his owne quietnesse then Gods glory.

b Shewing that the idole is not knowen for an idole so long as hee is with the workeman: but when the ceremonies and customes are recited and vsed, and the consent of the people is there, then of a blocke they thinke they haue made a god.

c This was sufficient with the wicked at all times to approue their religion, if the kings authoritie were alledged for the establishment thereof, not considering in the meane season what Gods word did permit.

d These are the two dangerous weapons wherewith Satan vseth to fight against the children of God, the consent of the multitude, and the cruelty of the punishment: for though some feared God, yet the multitude which consented to the wickednesse, astonied them: and here the king required not an inward consent, but an outward gesture, that the Iewes might by little and little learne to forget their true religion.

e It seemeth that they named not Daniel, because he was greatly in the kings fauour, thinking if these three had bene destroyed, they might haue had better occasion to accuse Daniel: and this declareth that this policie of erecting this image, was inuented by the malicious flatterers, which sought nothing but the destruction of the Iewes, whom they accused of rebellion and ingratitude.

f Signifying, that he would receiue them to grace, if they would now at the length obey his decree.

g For they should haue done iniury to God if they should haue doubted in this holy cause, and therefore they say, that they are resolued to die for Gods cause.

h They ground on two points, first on the power and prouidence of God ouer them, and secondly on their cause, which was Gods glory, and the testifying of his true religion with their blood, & so make open confession, that they will not so much as outwardly consent to idolatrie.

i This declareth that more that tyrants rage, and the more wittie they shew themselues in inuenting strange and cruell punishments, the more is God glorified by his seruants to whom he gineth patience & constancie to abide the crueltie of their punishment: for either he deliuereth them from death, or els for this life giueth them a better.

k For the Angels were called the sonnes of God, because of their excellencie: therefore the King called this Angell, whom God sent to comfort his in these great torments, the sonne of God.

l This commendeth their obedience vnto God, that they would not for any feare depart out of this fornace, till the time appointed, as Noah remained in the Arke till the Lord called him foorth.

m He was mooued by the greatnesse of the miracle to praise God, but his heart was not touched. And here we see that miracles are not sufficient to conuert men to God, but that doctrine must chiefly be adioyned, without the which there can be no faith.

able to deliuer vs from the hot fierie fornace, and hee will deliuer vs out of thine hand, O King.

18 But if not, bee it knowen to thee, O King, that we will not serue thy gods, nor worship the golden image, which thou hast set vp.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchad-nezzar full of rage, and the fourme of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore hee charged and commaunded that they should heate the fornace at once seuen times more then it was wont to be heat.

20 And he charged the most valiant men of warre that were in his armie, to binde Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the hot fierie fornace.

21 So these men were bound in their coates, their hosen, and their clokes, with their other garments, and cast into the midst of the hote fierie fornace.

22 Therefore, because the kings commandement was straite, that the fornace should be exceeding hote, the flame of the fire slewe those men that brought foorth Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell downe bound into the midst of the hote fierie fornace.

24 ¶ Then k Nebuchad-nezzar the King was astonied and rose vp in haste, and spake, and sayd vnto his counsellers, Did not wee cast three men bound into the middes of the fire? Who answered, and said vnto the king, It is true, O king.

25 And hee answered, and sayd, Lo, I see foure men loose, walking in the middes of the fire, and they haue no hurt, and the fourme of the fourth is like the k Sonne of God.

26 Then the King Nebuchad-nezzar came neere to the mouth of the hote fiery fornace, and spake and sayd, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the seruants of the High God, goe foorth and come hither: so Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego l came foorth of the middes of the fire.

27 Then the nobles, princes, and dukes, and the kings counsellers came together to see these men, because the fire had no power ouer their bodies: for not an haire of their head was burnt, neither were their coates changed, nor any smell of fire came vpon them.

28 Wherefore Nebuchadnezzar spake and sayd, m Blessed bee the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his Angell, and deliuered his seruants, that put their trust in him, and haue changed the Kings commaundement, and yeelded their bodies rather then they would serue or worship any god, saue their owne God.

29 Therefore I make a decree, that euery people, nation, and language, which speake any n blasphemie against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall bee dismembred in peeces, and their houses shall bee made a iakes, because there is no God that can deliuer after this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the prouince of Babel.

31 Nebuchad-nezzar King vnto all people, nations and languages, that dwell in all the o world, Peace be multiplied vnto you:

32 I thought it good to declare the signes and wonders, that the high God hath wrought toward me.

33 How great are his signes, and howe mightie are his wonders! p his kingdome is an euerlasting kingdome, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

ter, so they suffer double punishment. o Meaning, so farre as his dominion extended. p Reade Chap. 2. 44.

CHAP. IIII.

2 Another dreame of Nebuchad-nezzar, which Daniel declareth. 29 The Prophet declareth how of a proud king hee should become as a beast. 31 After hee confesseth the power of God, and is restored to his former dignitie.

1 Nebuchad-nezzar being at a rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace,

2 Sawe a b dreame, which made me afraid, and the thoughts vpon my bed, and the visions of mine head troubled me.

3 Therefore made I a decree, that they should bring all the wise men of Babel before me, that they might declare vnto me the interpretation of the dreame.

4 So came the inchanters, the astrologians, the Caldeans and the soothsayers, to whom I told the dreame, but c they could not shew me the interpretation thereof.

5 Till at the last Daniel came before me, (whose name was d Belteshazzar, according to the name of my God, which hath the spirit of the holy gods in him) and before him I told the dreame, saying,

6 O Belteshazzar, e chiefe of the inchanters, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dreame, that I haue seene, and the interpretation thereof.

7 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed. And behold, I saw a f tree in the middes of the earth, and the height thereof was great:

8 A great tree and strong, and the height thereof reached vnto heauen, and the sight thereof to the ends of all the earth.

9 The boughes thereof were faire, and the fruite thereof much, and in it was meate for all: it made a shadowe vnder it for the beastes of the field, and the

n If this heathen king mooued by Gods spirit would not see blasphemie vnpunished, but made a law, and set a punishment to such transgressours, much more ought all they that professe religion, to take order that such impietie reigne not, lest according as their knowledge and charge is greater, so they suffer double punishment.

2 Another dreame of Nebuchad-nezzar, which Daniel declareth. 29 The Prophet declareth how of a proud king hee should become as a beast. 31 After hee confesseth the power of God, and is restored to his former dignitie.

a There was no trouble that might cause me to dreame, and therefore it came onely of God.

b This was another dreame besides that which hee saw of the foure empires: for Daniel both declared what the dreame was, and what it meant: and here he onely expounded the dreame.

c In that that he sent abroad to others whose ignorance in times past he had experimented, and left Daniel which was euer ready at hand, it declareth the nature of the vngodly, which neuer seeke to the seruants of God, but for very necessitie, and then they spare no flatterings.

d This no doubt was a great griefe to Daniel, not onely to haue his name changed, but to bee called by the name of a vile idole, which thing Nebuchad nezzar did, to make him forget the true religion of God. e Which also was a great griefe to the Prophet, to bee numbred among the sorcerers, and men whose practises were wicked and contrarie to Gods word. f By the tree, is signified the dignitie of a king, whom God ordaineth to be a defence for all kinde of men, and whose estate is profitable for mankinde.

toules of the heauen dwelt in the boughes thereof, and all flesh fed of it.

10 I saw in the visions of mine head, vpon my bed, and behold, a watchman, and an holy one came downe from heauen,

11 And cried alowde, and said thus, Hew downe the tree, and breake off his branches: shake of his leaues, and scatter his fruit, that the beastes may flee from vnder it, and the foules from his branches.

12 Neuertheless leaue the stumpe of his rootes in the earth, and with a band of iron and brasse binde it among the grasse of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heauen, and let his portion be with the beasts among the grasse of the field.

13 [h] Let his heart be changed from mans nature, and let a beasts heart bee giuen vnto him, and let seuen times be passed ouer him.

14 [i] The sentence is according to the decree of the watchmen, and according to the word of the holy ones: the demand was answered, to the intent that liuing men may know, that the most High hath power ouer the kingdom of men, and giueth it to whomsoeuer hewil, and appointeth ouer it the most abiect among men.

15 This is the dreame, that I King Nebuchad nezzar haue seene: therefore thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation therof: for all the wise men of my kingdome are not able to shew me the interpretation: but thou art able, for the spirite of the holy gods is in thee.

16 ¶ Then Daniel (whose name was Belteshazzar) held his [k] peace by the space of one houre, and his thoughts troubled him, and the king spake and said, Belteshazzar, let neither the dreame, nor the interpretation thereof trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered, and said, My lord, the dreame be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

17 The tree that thou sawest, which was great and mighty, whose height reached vnto the heauen, and the sight thereof through all the world,

18 Whose leaues were faire and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meate for al, vnder the which the beastes of the field dwelt, and vpon whose branches the foules of the heauen did sit,

19 It is thou, O king, that art great and mightie: for thy greatnesse is growen, and reacheth vnto heauen, and thy dominion to the ends of the earth.

20 Whereas the king saw a watchman, and an holy one that came downe from heauen, and said, Hewe downe the tree, and destroy it, yet leaue the stumpe of the rootes thereof in the earth, and with a band of yron and brasse binde it among the grasse of the field, and let it bee wet with the dewe of heauen, and let his portion bee with the beastes of the field, [l] till seuen times passe ouer him,

21 This is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the most High, which is come vpon my lord the King,

22 That they shall driue thee from men, and thy dwelling shal bee with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eate grasse as the [m] oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dewe of heauen: and seuen times shall passe ouer thee, till thou know, that [n] the most High beareth rule ouer the kingdome of men, and giueth it to whomsoeuer he will.

23 ¶ Whereas they said, that one should leaue the stumpe of the tree rootes, thy kingdome shall remaine vnto thee: after that, thou shalt know that the heauens haue the rule.

24 ¶ Wherefore, O King, let my counsell be acceptable vnto thee, and [o] breake off thy sinnes by righteousnes, and thine iniquities by mercie toward the poore: loe, let there bee an [p] healing of thine errour.

25 All these things shall come vpon the king Nebuchad-nezzar.

26 ¶ At the end of twelue [q] moneths, he walked in the royall palace of Babel.

27 And the king spake and said, Is not this great Babel, that I haue built for the house of the kingdome by the might of my power, and for the honour of my maiestie?

28 While the worde was in the kings mouth, a voyce came downe from heauen, saying, O king Nebuchad nezzar, to thee be it spoken, Thy kingdome is departed from thee,

29 And they shall driue thee from men, and thy dwelling shall bee with the beastes of the fielde: they shall make thee to eate grasse, as the oxen, and seuen times shall passe ouer thee, vntill thou knowest, that the most High beareth rule ouer the kingdome of men, and giueth it vnto whomsoeuer he will.

30 The verie same hour was this thing fulfilled vpon Nebuchad-nezzar, and hee was driuen from men, and did eate grasse as the oxen, and his bodie was wet with the dewe of heauen, till his haires were growen as Egles feathers, and his nayles like birds clawes.

31 And at the end of these [r] dayes I Nebuchad-nezzar lift vp mine eyes vnto heauen, and mine vnderstanding was restored vnto me, and I gaue thankes vnto the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liueth for euer, [s] whose power is an euerlasting power, and his kingdome is from generation to generation.

32 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and according to his [t] will he worketh in the armie of heauen, and in the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, nor say vnto him, What doest thou?

33 At the same time was mine vnderstanding restored vnto mee, and I returned to the honour of my kingdome: my glorie and my beautie was restored vnto mee, and my counsellers [u] and my princes sought vnto mee, and I was established in my kingdome, and my glorie was augmented toward me.

34 Nowe therefore, I Nebuchad-nezzar

g Meaning, the Angell of God, which neither eateth nor sleepeth, but is euer ready to do Gods will, and is not infected with mans corruption, but is euer holy: & in that that he commandeth to cut downe this tree, he knew it should not be cut downe by man, but by God.

h Hereby bee meaneth that Nebuchad-nezzar should not onely for a time lose his kingdome, but be like a beast.

i God hath decreed this iudgement, and the whole armie of heauen haue as it were subscribed vnto it, like as also they desire the execution of his decree against all them that list vp themselues against God.

k He was troubled for the great iudgement of God which hee saw ordained against the king: and so the Prophets vsed on the one part to denounce Gods iudgements for the zeale they bare to his glory, and on the other part to haue compassion vpon man and also to consider that they should be subiect to Gods iudgements, if he did not regard them with pitie.

l Whereby he meaneth a long space, as seuen yeeres. Some interpret seuen moneths, and others seuen weekes: but it seemeth he ment of yeeres.

m Not that his shape or forme was changed into a beast, but that he was either striken mad, and so auoided mans companie, or was cast out for his tyrannie, and so wandred among beasts, and ate herbes and grasse.

n Daniel sheweth the cause why God thus punished him.

o Cease from prouoking God to anger any longer by thy sinnes, that hee may mitigate his punishment, if thou shew by thine vpright life that thou hast true faith and repentance.

p Suffer the errours of thy former life to be redressed.

q After that Daniel had declared this vision and this his pride declareth that it is not in man to conuert to God except his Spirit moue him, seeing that these terrible threatnings could not moue him to repent.

r When the terme of these seuen yeeres was accomplished. *Chap. 7. 14. micah. 4. 7. Iuke 1. 33.*

s He confesseth Gods will to be the rule of all iustice, and a most perfit law whereby he gouerneth both man and Angels, and deuils, so that none ought to murmure or aske a reason of his doings, but onely

t By whom it seemeth that he had beene put from his kingdome before.

u praiseth to stand content therewith, and giue him the glorie.

u He doth not onely praise God for his deliuerance, but also confesseth his fault, that God may only haue the glory and man the shame, and that he may be exalted and man cast downe.

praise, and extoll and magnifie the king of heauen, whose workes are all trueth, and his wayes iudgements, and those that walke in pride, he is able to abase.

CHAP. V.

Belshazzar King of Babylon feeth an hand writing on the wall. 8 The soothsayers called of the King cannot expound the writing. 25 Daniel readeth it, and interpreteth it also. 30 The king is slaine. 31 Darius enioyeth the kingdome.

KIng a Belshazzar made a great feast to a thousand of his princes, and dranke wine before the thousand.

a Daniel reciteth this history of king Belthazzar Euilmerodachs sonne, to shew Gods iudgements against the wicked, for the deliuerance of his Church, and how the prophesie of Ieremiah was true, that they should be deliuered after seuenty yeeres.

2 And Belshazzar b while he tasted the wine, commaunded to bring him the golden and siluer vessels, which his c father Nebuchad-nezzar had brought from the Temple in Ierusalem, that the King and his princes, his wiues, and his concubines might drinke therein.

b The kings of the East parts then vsed to sit alone commonly, and disdained that any should sit in their company: and now to shew his power, and how little he set by his enemy, which then besieged Babylon, he made a solemne banket, and vsed excesse in their company, which is meant here by drinking wine: thus the wicked are most dissolute and negligent when their destruction is at hand.

3 Then were brought the golden vessels, that were taken out of the Temple of the Lords house at Ierusalem, and the king and his princes, his wiues, and his concubines dranke in them.

4 They dranke wine and praysed the d gods of golde and of siluer, of braile, of yron, of wood, and of stone.

5 At the same houre appeared fingers of a mans hand, which wrote ouer e against the candlesticke vpon the plaister of the wall of the kings palace, & the king saw the palme of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the kings countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the ioynts of his loynes were loosed, and his f knees smote one against the other.

7 Wherefore the king cryed alouse, that they should bring s the Astrologians, the Caldeans and the soothsayers. And the king spake and sayde to the wise men of Babel, Whosoeuer can reade this writing, and declare me the interpretation thereof, shall bee clothed with purple, and shall haue a chaine of golde about his necke, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdome.

8 Then came al the kings wise men, but they could neither reade the writing, nor shew the king the interpretation.

9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his princes were astonied.

10 Now the h Queene by reason of the talke of the King and his Princes, came into the banket house, and the Queene spake, and sayd, O king, liue for euer: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.

11 There is a man in thy kingdome, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods, and in the dayes of thy father, light and vnderstanding and wisedome like the wisedome of the gods, was found in him: whome the king Nebuchad-nezzar thy father the king, I say, thy father, made chiefe of the i Inchanters, Astrologians, Caldeans, and Soothsayers,

12 Because a more excellent spirit, and knowledge, and vnderstanding (for he did expound dreames, and declare hard sentences, and dissolued doubts) were found in him, euen in Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will declare the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought before the king, and the king spake, and sayd vnto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captiuity of Iudah, whom my father the king brought out of Iewrie?

14 Now I haue heard of thee that k the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and that light and vnderstanding and excellent wisdome is found in thee.

15 Now therefore, wise men, and Astrologians haue bene brought before me, that they should reade this writing, and shewe me the interpretation thereof: but they could not declare the interpretation of the thing.

16 Then heard I of thee, that thou couldest shewe interpretations, and dissolue doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and shalt haue a chaine of golde about thy necke, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdome.

17 Then Daniel answered, and sayd before the king, Keepe thy rewardes to thy selfe, and giue thy gifts to another: yet I will reade the writing vnto the king, and shew him the interpretation.

18 O King, heare thou, the most High God gaue vnto l Nebuchad-nezzar thy father a kingdome, and maiestie, and honour and glory.

19 And for the maiestie that he gaue him, all people, nations, and languages trembled, and feared before him: hee put to death whom he would: he smote whom he would: whom he would hee set vp, and whom hee would he put downe.

20 But when his heart was puft vp, and his minde hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they tooke his honour from him.

21 And he was driuen from the sonnes of men, & his heart was made like the beastes, and his dwelling was with the wilde asses: they fedde him with grasse like oxen, and his body was wet with the dewe of the heauen, till hee knewe that the most High God bare rule ouer the kingdome of men, and that hee appointeth ouer it, whomsoeuer he pleaseth.

22 And thou his sonne, O Belthazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all these things,

23 But

[Or, ouercome with wine.

c Meaning his grandfather.

d In contempt of the true God they praysed their idoles, not that they thought that the gold or siluer were gods, but that there was a certaine vertue and power in them to do them good, which is also the opinion of al idolaters. e That it might the better be seene. f So he that before contemned God, was mooued by this sight to tremble for feare of Gods iudgements. g Thus the wicked in their troubles seeke many meanes, who draw them from God, because they seeke not to him who is the onely comfort in all afflictions. h To wit, his grandmother Nebuchad-nezzars wife, which for her age was not before at the feast, but came thither when she heard of these strange newes.

i Reade Chap. 4. 6. and this declareth that both this name was odious vnto him, and also that he did not vse these vile practises, because he was not among them when all were called.

k For the idolaters thought, that the Angels had power as God, and therefore had them in like estimation, as they had God, thinking that the spirit of prophesie, and vnderstanding came of them.

l Before he read the writing, he declareth to the king his great ingratitude toward God, who could not be mooued to giue him the glory, considering his wonderful worke toward his grandfather, and so sheweth that he doth not sinne of ignorance, but of malice.

23 But hast lift thy selfe vp against the Lorde of heauen, and they haue brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy princes, thy wiues and thy concubines haue drunke wine in them, and thou hast praised the gods of siluer and gold, of braſſe, yron, wood, and stone, which neither see, neither heare, nor vnderstand: and the God in whose hand thy breath is and all thy wayes, him hast thou not glorified.

24 m Then was the palme of the hande sent from him, & hath written this writing.

25 And this is the writing that hee hath written, n MENE, MENE, TEKEL VPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing, MENE, God hath numbred thy kingdome, and hath finished it.

27 TEKEL, thou art weighed in the ballance, and art found o too light.

28 PERES, thy kingdome is diuided, and giuen to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then at the commandement of Belshazzar, they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chaine of golde about his necke, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdome.

30 The same night was Belshazzar the king of the Caldeans slaine.

31 And Darius p of the Medes tooke the kingdome, being threescore & two yeere old.

m After that God had so long time deferred his anger, and patiently waited for thine amendment.

n This word is twise written for the certainty of the thing: shewing that God had most surely counted: signifying also that God hath appointed a terme for all kingdomes, and that a miserable end shall come on all that raise themselues against him.

o *Or, wanting.*

p Cyrus his sonne in lawe gaue him this title of honour, although Cyrus in effect had the dominion.

CHAP. VI.

1 Daniel is made ruler ouer the gouernours. 5 An act against Daniel. 16 He is put into a den of lions by the commandement of the King. 23 He is deliuered by faith in God. 24 Daniels accusers are put vnto the lions. 25 Darius by a decree magnifieth the God of Daniel.

IT pleased Darius to set ouer the kingdome a an hundzeth and twentie gouernours, which should bee ouer the whole kingdome.

2 And ouer these, three rulers (of whom Daniel was one) that the gouernours might giue accompts vnto them, and the King should haue no damage.

3 Now this Daniel was preferred aboue the rulers and gouernours, because the spirit was excellent in him, and the King thought to set him ouer the whole realme.

4 ¶ Wherefore the rulers and gouernours b sought an occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdome: but they could finde none occasion nor fault: for he was so faithfull that there was no blame nor fault found in him.

5 Then sayde these men, Wee shall not find an occasion against this Daniel, except we finde it against him concerning the Law of his God.

6 Therefore the rulers and these gouernours went together to the King, and sayde thus vnto him, King Darius, liue for euer.

7 All the rulers of thy kingdome, the officers and gouernours, the counsellers, and dukes haue consulted together to make a decree for the king, and to establish a statute, that whosoeuer shall aske a petition of any god or man for thirtie dayes saue of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, confirme the decree, and seale the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

9 Wherefore king Darius c sealed the writing and the decree.

10 ¶ Now when Daniel vnderstoode that he had sealed the writing, hee went into his house, and his c windowe being open in his chamber toward Ierusalem, hee kneeled vpon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and praised his God, as he did afore-time.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying, and making supplication vnto his God.

12 So they came, and spake vnto the king concerning the kings decree, Hast thou not sealed the decree, that euery man that shall make request to any God or man within thirtie dayes, saue to thee, O King, shall bee cast into the denne of lions? The king answered and sayd, The thing is true, according to the Lawe of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they, and sayde vnto the king, This Daniel which is of the children of the captiuitie of Iudah, regardeth not thee, O King, nor the decree, that thou hast sealed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 When the King heard these wordes, he was sore displeased with himselfe, and set his heart on Daniel, to deliuer him: and hee laboured till the Sunne went downe to deliuer him.

15 Then these men assembled vnto the king, and sayd vnto the king, Vnderstand, O king, that the Lawe of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king confirmeth, may bee d altered.

16 ¶ Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the denne of lions: now the king spake, and sayd vnto Daniel, Thy God, whom thou alway seruest, euen he will deliuer thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and layd vpon the mouth of the denne, and the King sealed it with his owne signet, and with the signet of his princes, that the purpose might not bee changed, concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went vnto his palace, and remained fasting, neither were the instruments of musicke brought before him, and his sleepe went from him.

19 ¶ Then the king arose early in the morning, and went in all haste vnto the den of lions.

20 And when hee came to the denne, hee cryed with a lamentable voice vnto Daniel: and

a Reade Esther Chap. 1. 1.

Or, not be troubled.

b This heathen King preferred Daniel a stranger to all his nobles and familiars, because the graces of God were more excellent in him then in others.

c Thus the wicked cannot abide the graces of God in others, but seeke by all occasions to deface them: therefore against such assaults there is no better remedie then to walke vprightly in the feare of God, and to haue a good conscience.

d Herein is condemned the wickednesse of the king, who would he set vp as a god and passed not what wicked lawes he approued for the maintenance of the same.

c Because hee would not by his silence shew that he consented to this wicked decree, he set open his windowes toward Ierusalem, when he prayed: both to stirre vp himselfe with the remembrance of Gods promises to his people whē they should pray toward that Temple, and also that other might see, that he would neither consent in heart nor deed for these fewe dayes to any thing that was contrary to Gods glory.

f Thus the wicked maintaine euill lawes by constancie and authoritie, which is oft times either lightnesse, or stubbornesse, when as the innocents thereby perish, and therefore gouernours neither ought to feare nor be ashamed to breake such.

and the king spake, and sayd to Daniel, O Daniel, the seruant of the liuing God, is not thy God (whom thou alway seruest) able to deliuer thee from the lyons?

21 Then sayde Daniel vnto the king, O king, liue for euer.

22 My God hath sent his Angell, and hath shut the lyons mouthes, that they haue not hurt me: for my [h] iustice was found out before him: and vnto thee, O king, I haue done no [i] hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commaunded that they should take Daniel out of the den: so Daniel was brought out of the denne, and no manner of hurt was found vpon him, because hee [k] beleeued in his God.

24 And by the commaundement of the king, these men which had accused Daniel, were brought, and were [l] cast into the denne of lyons, euen they, their children, and their wiues: and the lyons had the masterie of them, and brake all their bones in pieces, or euer they came at the ground of the denne.

25 ¶ Afterward king Darius wrote, Vnto all people, nations and languages, that dwell in all the world: Peace be multiplied vnto you.

26 I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom, men tremble and feare [m] before the God of Daniel: for he is the [n] liuing God, and remaineth for euer: and his kingdome shall not perish, and his dominion shalbe euerlasting.

27 He rescueth and deliuereth, and he worketh signes and wonders in heauen and in earth: who hath deliuered Daniel from the power of the lyons.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reigne of Darius, and in the reigne of Cyrus of Persia.

g This declareth that Darius was not touched with the true knowledge of God, because he doubted of his power.

h My iust cause and vprightnesse in this thing, wherein I was charged, is approued of God.

i For he did disobey the kings wicked commandement, to obey God, and so did no iniurie to the king, who ought to command nothing, whereby God should be dishonoured.

k Because he committed himselfe wholly vnto God whose cause he did defend, he was assured that nothing but good could come vnto him: where in we see the power of faith, as Heb. 11. 33.

l This is a terrible example against all the wicked, which doe against their conscience make cruell lawes to destroy the children of God, and also admonisheth Princes how to punish such, when their wickednesse is come to light: though not in euerie point, or with like circumstances, yet to execute true iustice vpon them.

m This prooueth not that Darius did worship God aright, or els was conuerted: for then he would haue destroyed al superstition and idolatry, and not onely giuen God the chiefe place, but also haue set him vp, and caused him to bee honoured according to his word: but this was a certaine confession of Gods power, whereunto he was compelled by this wonderfull miracle.

n Which hath not onely life in himselfe, but is the onely fountaine of life, and quickneth all things, so that without him there is no life.

CHAP. VII.

3 A vision of foure beasts is shewed vnto Daniel. 8 The ten hornes of the foure beasts. 27 Of the euerlasting kingdome of Christ.

IN the first yere of Belshazzar king of Babel, Daniel saw a dreame, and there were visions in his head, vpon his bed: [a] then he wrote the dreame, & declared the summe of the matter.

2 Daniel spake, and sayd, I sawe in my vision by night, and beholde, the foure windes of the heauen [b] stroue vpon the great sea:

3 And foure great beasts came vp from the sea, one diuers from another.

4 The first was as a [c] lion, and had egles wings: I beheld, till the wings thereof were pluckt off, and it was lifted vp from the earth, and set vpon his feete as a man, and a mans heart was giuen him.

5 And beholde, another beast which was the second, was like a [d] beare, and stood vpon the [e] one side: and it was liftes vp three ribbes in his [f] mouth betweene his teeth, & they sayd thus vnto him, Arise, and deuoure much flesh.

6 After this, I beheld, and lo, there was another like a [g] leopard, which had vpon his backe [h] foure wings of a foule: the beast had also foure heads, and [i] dominion was giuen him.

7 After this, I sawe in the visions by night, and beholde, the [k] fourth beast was fearefull, and terrible, and very strong. It had great [l] yron teeth: it deuoured, and brake in pieces, and stamped [m] the residue vnder his feete: and it was vnlike to the beasts that were before it: for it had [n] tenne hornes.

8 As I considered the hornes, beholde, there came vp among them another little [o] horne, before whom there were [p] three of

a Whereas the people of Israel looked for a continuall quietnesse after these seuentie yeres, as Ieremiah had declared, he sheweth that this rest shall not be a deliuerance from all troubles, but a beginning, and therefore encouraged them to looke for a continuall affliction till the Messiah bee vttered and reuealed, by whom they should haue a spirituall deliuerance, and al the promises fulfilled: whereof they should haue a certaine token in the destruction of the Babylonicall kingdome.

b Which signified that there should be horrible troubles and afflictions in the world in all comers of the world, and at sundrie times.

c Meaning, the Assyrian & Caldean Empire, which was most strong and fierce in power, and most soone come to their authoritie, as though they had had wings to flie: yet their wings were pulled by the Persians, and they went on their feete, and were made like other men, which is here meant by mans heart.

d Meaning the Persians which were barbarous and were shut vp in their mountaines and had no bruit.

e They were small in the beginning, and cruell.

f That is, destroyed many kingdomes, and was insatiable.

g To wit, the Angels by Gods commandement, who by this meanes published the ingratitude of the world.

h Meaning, Alexander the king of Macedonie.

i That is, his foure chiefe captaines, which had the Empire among them after his death. Seleucus had Asia the great, Antigonus, the lesse, Cassander and after him Antipater was king of Macedonie, and Ptolemeus had Egypt.

k It was not of himselfe, nor of his owne power, that hee gate all these countreys: for his armie conteined but thirtie thousand men, and hee ouercame in one battell Darius, which had tenne hundred thousand, when hee was so heauie with sleepe, that his eyes were scarce open, as the stories report: therefore this power was giuen him of God.

l That is, the Romane Empire, which was as a monster, and could not bee compared to any beast, because the nature of none was able to expresse it.

m Signifying the tyrannie and greedinesse of the Romanes.

n That which the Romanes could not quietly inioy in other countreys, they would giue it to other kings and rulers, that at all times when they would, they might take it againe: which liberalitie is heere called the stamping the rest vnder the feete.

o That is, sundrie and diuers prouinces, which were gouerned by the Deputies and Proconsuls, whereof euerie one might be compared to a King.

p Which is meant of Iulius Cæsar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Cladius, and Nero, &c. who were as Kings in effect, but because they could not rule, but by the consent of the Senate, their power is compared to a little horne. For Mahomet came not of the Romane Empire, and the Pope hath no vocation of gouernment: therefore this cannot bee applyed vnto them. And also in this prophesie the Prophets purpose is chiefly to comfort the Iewes vnto the reuelation of Christ. Some take it for the whole bodie of Antichrist.

q Meaning, a certaine portion of the tenne hornes: that is, a part from the whole estate was pluckt away. For Augustus tooke from the Senate the libertie of chusing the Deputies to send into the prouinces, and tooke the gouernement of certaine countreys to himselfe.

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the firſt hornes plucke away: and beholde, in this horne were r eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth ſpeaking preſumptuous things.

9 I beheld, till the s thrones were ſet vp and the t Ancient of dayes did ſit, whoſe garment was white as ſnow, and the haire of his head like the pure wooll: his throne was like the fierie flame, and his wheeles as burning fire.

10 A fierie ſtreame iſſued, and came forth from before him: thouſande thouſandes miniſtred vnto him, and ten thouſand u thouſandes ſtoode before him: the iudgement was ſet, and the x bookes opened.

11 Then I beheld, y becauſe of the voyce of the preſumptuous words, which the horne ſpake: I beheld, euen till the beaſt was ſlaine, and his body deſtroyed, and giuen to the burning fire.

12 As z concerning the other beaſts, they had taken away their dominion: yet their liues were prolonged for a certaine time and ſeaſon.

13 ¶ As I beheld in viſions by night, beholde, a one like the ſonne of man came in the cloudes of heauen, and b approched vnto the Ancient of dayes, and they brought him before him,

14 And he gaue him c dominion, and honour, and a kingdome, that all people, nations, and languages, ſhould ſerue him: his dominion is an euerlaſting dominion, which ſhal neuer be taken away: and his kingdome ſhall neuer be deſtroyed.

15 ¶ I Daniel was d troubled in my ſpirite in the middes of my bodie, and the viſions of mine heade made mee afraid.

16 Therefore I came vnto e one of them that ſtoode by, and aſked him the trueth of all this; ſo hee tolde mee, and ſhewed mee the interpretation of theſe things.

17 Theſe great beaſtes which are foure, are foure Kings, which ſhall ariſe out of the earth,

18 And they ſhall take the f kingdome of the Saints of the g moſt high, which ſhall poſſeſſe the kingdome for euer, euen for euer and euer.

19 ¶ After this I would know the trueth of the fourth beaſt, which was h vnlike to all the others, verie fearefull, whoſe teeth were of yron, and his nailes of braſſe: which deuoured, brake in pieces, and ſtamped the i reſidue vnder his feete.

20 Alſo to know of the tenne hornes that were in his head, and of the other which came vp, before whom three fell, and of the horne that had eyes, and of the mouth that ſpake preſumptuous things, whoſe k looke was more ſtout then his fellowes.

21 I beheld, and the ſame l horne made battell againſt the Saints, yea, and preuailed againſt them,

22 Until m the Ancient of dayes came, and iudgement was giuen to the Saints of the moſt high: and the time approached, that the Saints poſſeſſed the kingdome.

23 Then he ſaid, The fourth beaſt ſhalbe the fourth kingdome in the earth, which ſhal be vnlike to all the kingdomes, and ſhall deuoure the whole earth, n ſhall tread it downe and breake it in pieces.

24 And the ten hornes out of this kingdome are ten kings that ſhall riſe: o another ſhall riſe after them, and he ſhall be vnlike to the firſt, and he ſhall ſubdue p three kings,

25 And ſhall ſpeake wordes againſt q the moſt high, and ſhall conſume the Saints of the moſt High, and thinke that hee may r change times and lawes, and they ſhall be giuen into his hand, vntill a s time, and times, and the diuiding of time.

26 But the t iudgement ſhall ſit, and they ſhall take away his dominion, to conſume and deſtroy it vnto the end.

27 And the u kingdome, and dominion, and

r These Romane Emperours at the firſt made certaine humanitie, and gentleneſſe, and were content that others, as the Conſuls & Senate ſhould beare the name of dignity, ſo that they might haue the profit, and therefore in elections and counſels would behaue themſelues according as did other Senators: yet againſt their enemies & thoſe that would reſiſt them, they were fierce and cruell, which is here meant by the proud mouth.

s Meaning, the places where God and his Angels ſhould come to iudge theſe Monarchies, which iudgment ſhould beginne at the firſt comming of Chriſt.

t That is, God which was before all times, and is here deſcribed as mans nature is able to comprehend ſome portion of his glorie.

u That is, an infinite number of Angels, which were readie to execute his commandement. x This is meant of the firſt comming of Chriſt, when as the will of God was plainely reuealed by his Goſpell. y Meaning, that he was aſtonied, when hee ſaw theſe Emperours in ſuch dignitie and pride, and ſo ſuddenly deſtroyed at the comming of Chriſt, when this fourth Monarchie was ſubiect to men of other nations. z As the three former Monarchies had an ende, at the time that God appointed, although they flouriſhed for a time, ſo ſhall this fourth haue, and they that patiently abide Gods apointment, ſhall enioy the promiſes. a Which is meant of Chriſt, who had not yet taken vpon him mans nature, neither was the ſonne of Dauid according to the fleſh, as hee was afterward: but appeared then in a figure, and that in the cloudes: that is, being ſeparate from the common ſort of men by manifeſt ſignes of his diuinitie. b To wit, when hee aſcended into the heauens, and his diuine Maieſtie appeared, that all power was giuen vnto him in reſpect of that that hee was our Mediatour. c This is meant of the beginning of Chriſtes kingdome, when God the Father gaue vnto him all dominion, as to the Mediatour, to the intent that hee ſhould gouerne here his Church in earth continually, till the time that hee brought them to eternall life. d Through the ſtrangeneſſe of the viſion. e Meaning, of the Angels, as verſe 10.

f Becauſe Abraham was appointed heire of all the world, Rom. 4.13. and in him all the faithfull, therefore the kingdome thereof is theirs by right, which theſe foure beaſts or tyrants ſhould inuade, and vſurpe vntill the world were reſtored by Chriſt: and this was to confirme them that were in troubles, that their afflictions ſhould haue an end at length.

g That is, of the moſt hie things, becauſe God hath choſen them out of this world, that they ſhould looke vp to the heauens, whereon all their hope dependeth.

h For the other three monarchies were gouerned by a king, and the Romane Empire by conſuls: the Romans changed their gouernours yeerely, and the other monarchies were the ſtrongeſt of all the other, and were neuer quiet among themſelues. i Reade verſe 7. k This is meant of the fourth beaſt, which was more terrible then the other. l Meaning the Romane Emperors, who were moſt cruell againſt the Church of God both of the Iewes and of the Gentiles. m Till God ſhewed his power in the perſon of Chriſt, and by the preaching of the Goſpel gaue vnto his ſome reſt, and ſo obteined a famous name in the world, and were called the Church of God, or the kingdome of God. n Reade the expoſition hereof ver. 8. o That is, ſhal make wicked decrees & proclamations againſt Gods word, and ſend thorowout all their dominion, to deſtroy all that did profeſſe it. p Theſe Emperours ſhall not conſider that they haue their power of God, but thinke it is in their owne power to change Gods lawes and mans, and as it were the order of nature, as appeareth by Octauius, Tiberius, Caligula, Nero, Domitianus, &c. q God ſhall ſuffer them thus to rage againſt his Saints for a long time, which is meant by the time and times, but at length hee will aſſwage theſe troubles, and ſhorten the times for his elects ſake, Matth. 24.22. which is here meant by the deuiding of time. r God by his power ſhall reſtore things that were out of order, and ſo deſtroy this little horne that it ſhall neuer riſe vp againe. s Hee ſheweth wherefore the beaſt ſhould be deſtroyed, to wit, that his Church might haue reſt and quietneſſe, which although they doe not fully inioy here, yet they haue it in hope and by the preaching of the Goſpel enioy the beginning thereof, which is meant by theſe words, *Vnder the heauen:* and therefore hee here ſpeaketh of the beginning of Chriſts kingdome in this world, which kingdome the faithfull haue by the participation that they haue with Chriſt their head.

and

and the greatnes of the kingdome vnder the whole heauen shall be giuen to the holy people of the most High, whose kingdome is an euerlasting kingdome, and all s powers shal serue and obey him.

28 Euen this is the ende of the matter, I Daniel had many * cogitations which troubled mee, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in mine heart.

s That is, some of euery sort that bare rule.
u Though hee had many motions in his heart which mooued him to and fro to seeke out this matter curiously: yet he was content with that which God reuealed, and kept it in memorie, and wrote it for the vse of the Church.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *A vision of a battell betweene a ramme and a goate.* 20 *The vnderstanding of the vision.*

IN the third yeere of the reigne of king Belshazzar, a vision appeared vnto me, euen vnto me Daniel, a after that which appeared vnto me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision, and when I saw it, I was in the palace of Shushan, which is in the prouince b of Elam, and in a vision me thought I was by the riuer of Ulai.

3 Then I looked vp and saw, and behold, there stood before the riuer a c ramme, which had two hornes: and these two hornes were hie: but one was d higher then another, and the highest came vp last.

4 I saw the ramme pushing against the West, and against the North, and against the South: so that no e beasts might stand before him, nor could deliuer out of his hand, but he did what he listed, and became great.

5 And as I considered, behold, f a goate came from the West ouer the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and this goate had an g horne that appeared betweene his eyes.

6 And he came vnto the ramme that had the two hornes, whom I had seene standing by the riuer, and ran vnto him in his fierce rage.

7 And I saw him come vnto the ramme, and being mooued against him, hee h smote the ramme, and brake his two hornes: and there was no power in the ramme to stande against him, but he cast him downe to the ground, and stamped vpon him, and there was none that could deliuer the ramme out of his power.

8 Therefore the goate waxed exceeding great, and when he was at the strongest, his great i horne was broken: and for it came vp foure that k appeared toward the foure winds of the heauen.

9 And out of one of them came forth a li-

a After the generall vision he commeth to certaine particular visions: as touching the destruction of the monarchie of the Persians and Macedonians for y ruine of the Babylonians was at hand, and also he had sufficiently spoken thereof.
b That is, of Persia.
c Which represented the kingdome of the Persians and Medes which were ioyned together.
d Meaning Cyrus, which after grew greater in power then Darius his vncle & father in law.
e That is, no kings or nations f Meaning, Alexander that came fro Grecia with great speed and expedition.
g Though hee came in y name of all Grecia, yet he bare the title and dignitie of the generall captaine, so that the strength was attributed to him which is meant by this horne. h Alexander once came Darius in two sundry battels, & so had the two kingdomes of the Medes & Persians. i Alexanders great power was broken: for whē he had ouercome al the East, he thought to returne toward Grecia, to subdue them that there had rebelled & so died by the way. k That is, which were famous: for almost in y spaee of fifteen yere, there were fifteene diuers successors before this Monarchy was diuided to these foure, wherof Cassander had Macedonia, Seleucus Syria, Antigonus Asia the lesse, & Ptolemeus Egypt. l Which was Antiochus Epiphanes, who was of a seruile & flattering nature & also there were other betweene him & the kingdome, & therefore is here called y little horne, because neither princely conditions, nor any other thing was in him, why he should obtaine this kingdome.

t le horne, which waxed very great toward the * South, and toward the * East, and toward the ° pleasant land.

10 Yea, it grew vp vnto the p hoste of heauen, and it cast downe some of the hoste, and of the starres to the ground, and trode vpon them,

11 And extolled himselfe against the q prince of the hoste from whom the r daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his Sanctuary was cast downe.

12 And s a time shall bee giuen him ouer the daily sacrifice for the iniquitie: and it shall t cast downe the truth to the ground, & thus shall it doe, and prosper.

13 Then I heard one of the * Saints speaking, and one of the Saints spake vnto a certaine one, saying, How long shall endure the vision of the daily sacrifice, and the iniquitie of the * desolation to tread both y Sanctuarie and the v armie vnder foote?

14 And he * answered me, Vnto the a euening, and the morning, two thousand & three hundreth: then shall the Sanctuarie bee cleansed.

15 ¶ Now when I Daniel had seene the vision, and sought for the meaning, behold, there stood before me b like the similitude of a man.

16 And I heard a mans voyce betweene the bankes of Ulai, which called and said, Gabriel, c make this man to vnderstand the vision.

17 So he came where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, & fell vpon my face: but he said vnto me, Vnderstand, O sonne of man: for d in the last time shalbe the vision.

18 Now as he was speaking vnto me, I being e sleepe fell on my face to the ground: but he touched me, & set me vp in my place.

19 And he said, Behold, I will shew thee what shall be in the last * wrath: for in the end of the time appointed it shall come.

20 The ramme which thou sawest hauing two hornes, are the kings of the Medes and Persians.

21 And the goat is the king of Grecia, and the great horne that is betweene his eyes, is the first king.

22 And that that is broken, and foure stood vp for it, are foure kingdomes, which shal stand vp f of that nation, but not s in his strength.

23 And in the ende of their kingdome, when the rebellious shalbe consumed, a king of h fierce countenance, and vnderstanding

m That is, toward Egypt.
n Whereby he meaneth Ptolemais.
o That is, Iudea.
p Antiochus raged against the elect of God, & trode his precious starres vnder feet, which are so called because they are separated from the world.
q That is, God who gouerneth and maintaineth his Church.
r He laboured to abolish all religion, and therefore cast Gods seruice out of his Temple, which God hath chosen as a little corner from all the rest of the world to haue his name there truely called vpon.
s He sheweth that their sinnes are the cause of these horrible afflictions: and yet comforteth them, in that he appointeth this tyrant a time, whom he would not suffer vtterly to abolish his religion.
t This horne shal abolish for a time the true doctrine, and so corrupe Gods seruice.
u Meaning, that he heard one of y Angels asking this question of Christ, whom he calleth a certaine one, or a secret one, or a marueilous one. x That is, the Iewes sinnes, which were cause of this destruction. y That is, which suppresseth Gods religion, and his people. z Christ answered me for the comfort of the Church. a That is, vntil so many natural dayes be past, which make sixe yeeres, three moneths and an halfe: for so long vnder Antiochus was the Temple prophaned. b Which was Christ, who in this matter declared himselfe to the old fathers how he would be God manifested in flesh. c This power to command d the Angel declared that hee was God. d the effect of this vision shall not yet appeare, but a long time after. e Meaning that great rage, which Antiochus should shew against the Church. f That is, out of Grecia. g They shal not haue like power as had Alexander. h Nothing that this Antiochus was impudent, and cruell, and all craftie, that he could not be deceiued.

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darke sentences shall stand vp.

24 And his power shall bee mighty, but not in his i strength: and hee shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the k mighty, and the holy people.

25 And through his l policie also, he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand, & he shall extoll himselfe in his heart, and by m peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand vp against the n Prince of princes, but he shall be broken downe o without hand.

26 And the vision of the p euening and the morning, which is declared, is true: therefore seale thou vp the vision, for it shalbe after many dayes.

27 And I Daniel was striken and sicke q certaine dayes: but when I rose vp, I did the kings businesse, and I was astonished at the vision, but none vnderstood it.

i That is, not like Alexanders strength.

k Both the Gentiles that dwell about him, and also the Iewes.

l Whatsoeuer he goeth about by his craft, he shall bring it to passe.

m That is, vnder pretence of peace, or as it were in sport.

n Meaning, against God.

o For God would destroy him with a notable plague, and so comfort his Church, 2. Mac. 9. 9.

p Reade verse 14.

q For feare and astonishment.

CHAP. IX.

3 Daniel desireth to haue that performed of God, which he had promised concerning the returne of the people from their banishment in Babylon. 5 A true confession. 20 Daniels prayer is heard. 21 Gabriel the Angel expoundeth vnto him the vision of the seuenty weekes. 24 The anoynting of Christ. 25 The building againe of Ierusalem. 26 The death of Christ.

IN the first yeere of Darius the sonne of a Ahashuerosh, of the seede of the Medes, which was made king ouer the b realme of the Caldeans,

2 Euen in the first yeere of his reigne, I Daniel vnderstood by c bookes the number of the yeeres, whereof the Lord had spoken vnto Ieremiah the Prophet, that hee would accomplish seuenty yeeres in the desolation of Ierusalem.

3 And I turned my face vnto the Lorde God, and d sought by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4 And I prayed vnto the Lord my God, and made my confession, saying, Oh Lorde God, which art e great and merciful, and keepest couenant & mercie toward them which loue † thee, and toward them that keepe thy commandements,

5 We haue sinned, and haue committed iniquitie and haue done wickedly, yea, wee haue rebelled, and haue departed from thy precepts, and from thy iudgements.

6 For wee would not obey thy seruants the Prophets, which spake in thy Name to our Kings, to our Princes, and to our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, f righteousnes belongeth vnto thee, and vnto vs ‡ open shame, as appeareth this day vnto euery man of Iudah, & to the inhabitants of Ierusalem: yea, vnto all Israel, both neere and farre off, through all the countreyes whither thou hast driuen them because of their offences, that they haue committed against thee.

8 O Lord, vnto vs appertaineth open shame to our g Kings, to our Princes, and to our fathers, because wee haue sinned against thee.

9 Yet compassion and forgiuenes is in the Lord our God, albeit wee haue rebelled against him,

10 For wee haue not obeyed the h voyce of the Lord our God, to walke in his lawes, which he had layd before vs by the ministery of his seruants the Prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel haue transgressed thy Law, and are turned backe, and haue not heard thy voice: therefore the i curse is powred vpon vs, and the othe that is written in the Law of Moses the seruant of God, because we haue sinned against him.

12 And hee hath confirmed his wordes, which he spake against vs, and against our iudges that iudged vs, by bringing vpon vs a great plague: for vnder the whole heauen hath not been the like, as hath beene brought vpon Ierusalem.

13 All this plague is come vpon vs, as it is written in the Law of Moses: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turne from our iniquities, and vnderstand thy trueth.

14 Therefore hath the Lord ‡ made reddie the plague, and brought it vpon vs: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his workes which hee doeth: for we would not heare his voyce.

15 * And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people out of the lande of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renowme, as appeareth this day, we haue sinned, we haue done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy k righteousnesse, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy wrath be turned away from thy citie Ierusalem thine holy mountaine: for because of our sinnes, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Ierusalem & thy people are a reproch to all that are about vs.

17 Now therefore, O our God, heare the prayer of thy seruant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to l shine vpon thy Sanctuary, that lieth waste for thy m Lords sake.

18 O my God, incline thine eare, and heare: open thine eyes, and beholde our desolations, and the citie whereupon thy Name is called: for wee doe not present our supplications before thee for our owne n righteousnes, but for thy great tender mercies.

19 O Lord heare, O Lord forgiue, O Lord o consider, and doe it: deferre not, for thine owne sake, O my God: for thy Name is called vpon thy citie, and vpon thy people.

20 ¶ And whiles I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sinne, and the sinne of my people Israel, and did present my supplication before the Lord my God, for the time of their deliuerance prophesied by Ieremiah.

a Who was also called Astyages.

b For Cyrus led with ambition, went about wars in other countreyes, and therfore Darius had the title of the kingdome, though Cyrus was king ineffect.

c For though he was an excellent Propher, yet he dayly increased in knowledge by reading of the Scriptures.

d He speaketh not of that ordinary prayer, which he vsed in his house thrise a day, but of a rare and vehement prayer, least their sinnes should cause God to delay the

e That is, hast all power in thy selfe to execute thy terrible iudgements against obstinate sinners, as thou art rich in mercy to comfort them which obey thy word and loue thee. ‡ *Ebr. him.*

f He sheweth that whensoeuer God punisheth, he doeth it for iust cause: and thus the godly neuer accuse him of rigour as the wicked doe, but acknowledge that in themselues there is iust cause why hee should so intreate them. ‡ *Ebr confusion of face.*

g He doeth not excuse the kings because of their authoritie, but prayeth chiefly for them as the chiefe occasions of these great plagues.

h He sheweth that they rebell against God, which serue him not according to his commandement & word.

i As Deut. 27. 15. or the curse confirmed by an othe.

† *Or governed vs.*

‡ *Ebr. watched vpon the euill. Exod. 14. 28. Baruc. 2. 11.*

k That is, according to all thy mercifull promises and the performance thereof.

l Shew thy selfe fauourable.

m That is, for thy Christs sake in whom thou wilt accept all our prayers.

n Declaring, that the godly flee only vnto Gods mercies, and renounce their owne workes when they seeke for remission of their sinnes.

o Thus he could not cõtent himselfe with any vehemencie of wordes: for he was so led with a feruent zeale cõsidering Gods promise, made to the citie in respect of his Church, and for the aduancement of Gods glory.

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p He alludeth to Ieremiahs prophesie, who prophesied that their captiuitie should be seuentie yeres: but nowe Gods mercy should seuenfolde exceede his iudgement which should be foure hundred & ninetie yeres, euen to the comming of Christ, and so then it should continue for euer.
q Meaning, Daniels nation, ouer whom hee was carefull.
r To shew mercie, and to put sinne out of remembrance.
s That is, from the time that Cyrus gaue them leaue to depart.
t These weeks make 49. yeeres, whereof 46. are referred to the time of the building of the Temple, and 3. to the laying of the foundation.
u Counting from the sixt yeere of Darius who gaue the second commandement for the building of the Temple, are 62. weekes, which make 434. yeres, which comprehend the time from the building of the Temple, vnto the Baptisme of Christ: Ebrean streights of time.
x In this last weeke of the seuentie, shall Christ come and preach and suffer death.
y He shall seeme to haue no beautie, nor to bee of any estimation, as Isa. 53. 2.
z Meaning, Titus, Vespasians sonne, who should come and destroy both the Temple & the people without all hope of recouerie.
a By the preaching of the Gospel hee confirmed his promise, first to the Iewes, and after to the Gentiles.
b Christ accomplished this by his death and resurrection.
c Meaning Ierusalem and the sanctuarie should be vtterly destroyed for their rebellion against God, & their idolatrie: or as some read, that the plagues shall be so great, that they shall all be astonied at them.

the holy Mountaine of my God.

21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, euen the man *Gabriel whom I had seene before in the vision, came flying, and touched me about the time of the euening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with mee, and sayde, O Daniel, I am now come foorth to giue thee knowledge and vnderstanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandement came foorth, and I am come to shew thee, for thou art greatly beloued: therefore vnderstand the matter and consider the vision.

24 Seuentie p weekes are determined vpon q thy people, and vpon thine holy citie to finish the wickednesse, and to seale vp the r sinnes, and to reconcile the iniquitie, and to bring in euerlasting righteousnesse, and to seale vp the vision and prophesie, and to anoynt the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and vnderstand, that from the going s forth of the commandement to bring againe the people, and to build Ierusalem, vnto Messiah the prince, shall be seuen t weekes, and * threescore and two weekes, and the streete shall be built againe, and the wall euen in a u troublous time.

26 And after threescore and two x weekes, shall Messiah be slaine, and shall y haue nothing, and y people of z the prince that shall come, shal destroy the citie and the Sanctuarie, & the end thereof shall be with a flood: and vnto the end of the battell it shall be destroyed by desolations.

27 And he shall a confirme the couenant with many for one weeke: and in the midst of the weeke he shall cause the sacrifice & the oblation to b cease, c and for the ouerspreading of the abominations, he shall make it desolate, euen vntil the consummation determined shall be powred vpon the desolate.

CHAP. X.

There appeareth vnto Daniel a man clothed in linnen, 11 which sheweth him wherefore he is sent

1 In the a third yeere of Cyrus king of Persia, a thing was reuealed vnto Daniel (whose name was called Belteshazzar) and the word was true, but the time appointed was b long, and he vnderstood the thing, and had vnderstanding of the vision.

2 At the same time, I Daniel was in heauinesse for three weekes of dayes.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh, nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoynt my selfe at all, till three weekes of dayes were fulfilled.

4 And in the foure and twentieth day of the c first moneth, as I was by the side of that great riuer, euen Hiddekel,

5 And I lift vp mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there was a man d clothed in linnen, whose loynes were girded with fine gold of e Vphaz,

6 His body also was like the Chrysolite, and his face (to looke vpon) like the lightning, and his eyes as lampes of fire, and his armes and his feete were like in colour to polished brasse, and the voice of his words was like the voyce of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me, saw not the vision: but a great feare fell vpon them, so that they fled away and hid themselues.

8 Therefore I was left alone, & saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my f strength was turned in me into corruption, and I reteined no power.

9 Yet heard I the voyce of his wordes: and when I heard the voyce of his words, I slept on my face: and my face was toward the ground.

10 And behold, an hand g touched mee which set mee vp vpon my knees and vpon the palmes of my hands,

11 And he said vnto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloued, vnderstand the words that I speake vnto thee, and stand in thy place: for vnto thee am I now sent. And when hee had said this word vnto mee, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he vnto me, Feare not Daniel: for from the first day that thou diddest set thine heart to vnderstand, and to humble thy selfe before thy God, thy wordes were heard, and I am come for thy wordes.

13 But the h prince of the kingdome of Persia withstood me one and twenty dayes: but loe, i Michael one of the chiefe princes, came to helpe me, and I remained there by the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to shew thee what shall come to thy people in the latter dayes: for yet the k vision is for many dayes.

15 And when he spake these words vnto mee, I set my face toward the ground, and held my tongue.

16 And behold, l one like the similitude of the sonnes of man touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said vnto him that stood before mee, O my Lord, m by the vision my sorrowes are returned vpon me, and I haue reteined no strength.

17 For how can the seruant of this my Lord talke with my Lord being such a one? for as for mee, straight way there remained no strength in mee, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then

a Called Abib which containeth part of March, & part of April.
d Being carried by the spirit of prophesie to haue the sight of it is riuer Tygris.
e This was the Angel of God, which was sent to assure Daniel in this prophesie that followeth.
Iere. 10. 9.
f The world also signifieth comelinesse or beauty, so that for feare he was like a dead man for deformity.
g Which declareth that when we are stricken downe with the maiesty of God, we cannot rise, except he also lift vs vp with his hand, which is his power.
h Meaning, Cambyses, who reigned in his fathers absence, and did not onely for this space hinder the building of the Temple, but would haue further raged, if God had not sent me to resist him, and therefore haue I stayed for the profite of the Church.
i Though God could by one Angel destroy all the world, yet to assure his children of his loue, hee sendeth fourth double power, euen Michael, that is, Christ Iesus the head of Angels.
k For though the Prophet Daniel should end and cease, yet his doctrine should continue till the comming of Christ for the comfort of his Church.
l This was the same Angel that spake with him before in the similitude of a man.
m I was ouercome with feare and sorrow, when I saw the vision.

Cyrus sonne, when the father made war in Asia minor against the Scythians, which was a discouraging to the godly, & a great feare to Daniel.
b Which is to declare that the godly should not hasten too much, but patiently to abide the issue of Gods promise.

n Hee declareth hereby that God would be merciful vnto the people of Israel.

o Which declareth that when God smiteth downe his children, he doth not immediatly lift them vp at once (for now the Angel had touched him twise) but by little & little.

p Meaning, that he would not onely himselfe bridle the rage of Cambyses, but also y other kings of Persia by Alexander the king of Macedonia. q For this Angel was appointed for the defence of the Church vnder Christ, who is the head thereof.

18 Then there came againe, and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man, greatly beloued, feare not: n peace be vnto thee: bee strong and of good courage. And when he had spoken vnto me, o I was strengthened, & said, Let my Lord speake: for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said hee, Knowest thou wherefore I am come vnto thee? but now will I returne to fight with the Prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, loe, the p prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is decreed in the Scripture of trueth: q and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

CHAP. XI.

1 A prophesie of the kingdoms which should be enemies to the Church of God, as of Persia, 3 Of Greece, 5 Of Egypt, 28 Of Syria, 36 And of the Romanes.

ALso I, in the first yeere of Darius of the Medes, euen I a stood to encourage and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the trueth. Behold, there shal stand vp yet b three kings in Persia, and the fourth shall bee farre richer then they all: and by his riches he shall stirre vp c all against the realme of Grecia.

3 But a d mightie King shall stand vp, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his pleasure.

4 And when he shall stand vp, e his kingdome shalbe broken, & shal be deuided toward the e foure winds of heauen: f not to his posteritie, nor according to his dominion, which he ruled: for his kingdome shal be pluckt vp, euē to be for others beſides those.

5 And the g King of the South shall bee mightie, and one of h his princes, and shall preuaile against him, and beare rule: his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in i end of yeeres they shall be ioyned together: for the kings k daughter of the South shall come to the King of the North to make an agreement, but thee shal not reteine the power of the l arme, neither shall m he continue, nor his n arme: but thee shalbe deliuered to death, & they that brought her, and o hee that begate her, and hee that comforted her in their times.

7 But out of the budde of her p roote shall one stande vp in his stead, q which shall come with an armie, and shall enter into the fortresse of the King of the North, and doe with them as hee list, and shall preuaile.

8 And shall also carry captiues into Egypt their gods with their molten images, and with their precious vessels of siluer and of golde, and he shall continue r moe yeeres then the king of the North.

9 So the king of the South shall come into his kingdome, and shall returne into his owne land.

10 Wherefore his s sonnes shalbe stirred vp, and shall assemble a mighty great army: and one t shal come and ouerflow, and passe thorow: then shall u he returne, and be stirred vp at his fortresse.

11 And the King of the South shall bee angry, and shall come forth, and fight with him, euen with the King of the North: for hee shall set forth a great x multitude, and the multitude shall bee giuen into his hand.

12 Then the multitude shall bee proude, and their heart shall bee lifted vp: for hee shall cast downe thousands: but he shall not stand preuaile.

13 For the King of the North y shall returne, and shall set forth a greater multitude then afore, and shall come forth (after certaine yeeres) with a mightie armie, and great riches.

14 And at the same time there shall z many stand vp against the king of the South: also the rebellious children of thy a people shall exalt themselues to stablish the vision, but they shall fall.

15 So the King of the North shall come, and cast vp a mount, and take the strong citie: and the armes of the South shall not resist, neither his chosen people, neither shall there bee any strength to withstand.

16 But her that shall come, shall doe vnto him as hee list, and none shall stand a-

a The Angel assureth Daniel y God hath giuen him power to performe these things, seeing he appointed him to assist Darius who he ouercame the Caldeans.

b Whereof Cambyses that now reigned, was the first, the second Smerdes, y third Darius the sonne Hystaspis, & the fourth Xerxes, which all were enemies to the people of God, and stoode against them.

c For hee raised vp all the East countreyes to fight against the Grecians: and albeit he had in his armie nine hundred thousand men, yet in foure battels he was discomfited and fled away with shame. d That is, Alexander the great. e For when his estate was most flourishing he ouercame himselfe with drinke, and so fell into a disease: or as some write, was poysoned by Cassander. f For his twelue chiefe princes first diuided his kingdome among themselues. g After this his monarchie was diuided into foure: for Seleucus had Syria, Antigonus Asia minor, Cassander the kingdome of Macedonia, and Ptolemeus Egypt. h Thus God reuenged Alexanders ambition and crueltie, in causing his posteritie to be murthered, partly of the fathers chiefe friends, & partly one of another. i None of these foure shall be able to be compared to the power of Alexander. k That is, his posteritie hauing no part therof. l To wit, Ptolemeus king of Egypt. m That is, Antiochus the sonne of Seleucus, and one of Alexanders princes shall be more mightie: for he should haue both Asia and Syria. n That is, Berenice the daughter of Ptolemeus Philadelphus shall beginne in mariage to Antiochus Theos, thinking by this affinitie that Syria and Egypt should haue a continuall peace together.

o That force and strength shall not continue: for soone after, Berenice and her yong sonne after her husbands death, was slaine of her stepsonne Seleucus Calinicus the sonne of Laodice, the lawfull wife of Antiochus, but put away for this romans sake.

p Neither Ptolemeus, nor Antiochus.

q Some reade seede, meaning the childe begotten of Berenice.

r Some reade, thee that begate her, and thereby vnderstand her mother, which brought her vp: so that all they that were occasion of this mariage, were destroyed.

s Meaning, that Ptolemeus Euergetes after the death of his father Philadelphus, should succeede in the kingdome, being of the same stocke that Berenice was.

t To reuenge his sisters death against Antiochus Calinicus king of Syria.

u For this Ptolemeus reigned six and fortie yeeres. x Meaning, Seleucus and Antiochus the great, the sonnes of Calinicus shall make warre against Ptolemeus Philopater the sonne of Philadelphus. y For his elder brother Seleucus died, or was slaine whiles the wars were preparing. z That is, Philopater when he shall see Antiochus to take great dominions from him in Syria, and also ready to inuade Egypt. a For Antiochus had sixe thousande horsemen and threescore thousand footemen. b After the death of Ptolemeus Philopater, who left Ptolemeus Epiphanes his heire. c For not onely Antiochus came against him, but also Philip king of Macedonia, and these two brought great power with them. d For vnder Onias which falsly alleged that place of Isaiah 19 19. certaine of the Iewes retired with him into Egypt to fulfil this prophesie: also the Angel sheweth that all these troubles which are in the Church, are by the prouidence and counsell of God. e The Egyptians were not able to resist Stopas Antiochus captaine.

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f Hee sheweth that he shall not onely afflict the Egyptians, but also the Iewes, and shall enter into their countrey, whereof he admonisheth them before, that they may know that all these things come by Gods prouidence.

g This was the second battell that Antiochus fought against Ptolemeus Epiphanes.

h To wit, a beautifull woman which was Cleopatra Antiochus daughter.

i For he regarded not the life of his daughter, in respect of the kingdome of Egypt.

k She shall not agree to his wicked counsell, but shall loue her husband, as her duetie requireth, and not seeke his destruction.

l That is, toward Asia, Grecia, and those yles which are in the sea called Mediterranean: for the Iewes called all countreyes yles, which were diuided from them by sea.

m For whereas Antiochus was woont to contemne the Romanes, & put their ambassadours to shame in all places, Attilius the Consul, or Lucius Scipio put him to flight, & caused his shame to turne on his owne head.

n By his wicked life, and obeying of foolish counsel.

o For feare of the Romanes he shall flee to his holdes.

p For when as vnder the pretence of pouertie he would haue robbed the Temple of Iupiter Dodonæus, the countrey men slew him.

q That is, Seleucus shall succeed his father Antiochus.

r Not by forreine enemies, or battell, but by treason.

s Which was Antiochus Epiphanes, who as is thought, was the occasion of Seleucus his brothers death, and was of a vile, cruell, and flattering nature, & defrauded his brothers sonne of the kingdome, and vsurped the kingdome without the consent of the people.

t Hee sheweth that great forraine powers shall come to helpe the yong sonne of Seleucus against his vncle Antiochus, and yet shall be ouerthrowen.

u Meaning Ptolemeus Philometor Philopaters sonne, who was this childes cousin germaine, and is heere called the prince of the couenant, because hee was the chiefe, and all other followed his conduct.

x For after the battell, Philometor and his vncle Antiochus made a league.

y For hee came vpon him at vnawares, and when he suspected his vncle Antiochus nothing.

z Meaning, in Egypt.

a Hee will content himselfe with the small holdes for a time, but euer labour by craft to attaine to the chiefest.

b Hee shall be ouercome with treason,

against him: and he shall stand in the pleasant land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 Againe hee shall a set his face to enter with the power of his whole kingdome, and his confederates with him: thus shall he do, and he shall giue him the b daughter of women, to destroy her: but b she shal not stand on his side, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turne his face vnto the c yles, and shall take many: but a prince d shall cause his shame to light vpon him, beside that he shall cause his owne shame to turne vpon e himselfe.

19 For he shall turne his face toward the forts of his e owne land: but he shalbe ouerthrowen and fall, and be no more f found.

20 g Then shall stand vp in his place in the glory of the kingdome, one that shall vaile tares: but after fewe dayes hee shall bee destroyed, neither in h wrath, nor in battell.

21 And in his place shall stand vp a i vile person, to whom they shall not giue the honour of the kingdome: but he shall come in peaceably, & obtein the kingdome by flatteries.

22 And the k armes shall be ouerthrowen with a flood before him, and shall be broken: and also the prince of l the couenant.

23 And after m the league made with him, he shall worke deceitfully: for he shall come vp, and ouercome with a n small people.

24 He shall enter into the quiet and plentifull prouince, and he shall doe that which his fathers o haue not done, nor his fathers fathers: he shal diuide among them the pray and the spoile, and the substance, yea, and he shall forecast his deuices against the strong holdes, euen for a p time.

25 Also he shall stir vp his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great q army, and r king of the South shall bee stirred vp to battell with a very great and mighty armie: but he shal not b stand: for they shall forecast and practise against him.

26 Yea, they that feede of the portion of s his meate, shall destroy him: and his armie t shall ouerflow: and many shall fall, and be slaine.

27 And both these kings hearts shall bee to doe u mischiefe, and they shall talke of deceite at one table: but it shall not auaile x for y yet the ende shall bee at the time appointed.

28 Then shall hee returne into his lande with great z substance: for his heart shall be against the holy couenant: so shall he do and returne to his owne land.

29 At the time appointed he shal returne, and come toward the South: but the last shall not be as the first.

30 For the ships a of Chittim shall come against him: therfore he shalbe sory and returne, and fret against the holy couenant: so shall he doe, he shall euen returne i and haue intelligence with them that forsake the holy couenant.

31 And armes k shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the Sanctuarie l of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall set vp the abominable desolation.

32 And such as wickedly m breake the couenant, shall be cause to sinne by flatterie: but the people that do know their God, shall preuaile and prosper.

33 And they that vnderstand among n the people, shall instruct many: o yet they shall fall by sword, and by flame, by captiuity and by spoyle, many dayes.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a p little helpe: but many shal cleaue vnto them q fatnedly.

35 And some of them r of vnderstanding shall fall to trie them, and to purge, and to make them white, till the time bee out: for there is a time appointed.

c Signifying his princes and the chiefe about him.

d Declaring that his souldiers shal burst out and venture their life to slay and to be slaine for the safegard of their prince.

e The vncle and the nephew shall take truce, and banket together, yet in their hearts they shal imagine mischiefe one against an other.

f Signifying that it standeth not in the counsell of men to bring things to passe, but in the prouidence of God who ruleth the kings by a secret bridle, that they cannot doe what they list themselues.

g Which hee shall take of the Iewes in spoyling Ierusalem and the Temple, and this is tolde them before, to moone them to patience, knowing

h That is, the Romane power shal come against him: for P. Popilius the ambassador appointed him to depart in the Romans name: to which thing hee obeyed, although with griefe, and to reuenge his rage, hee came against the people of God the second time.

i With the Iewes which shall forsake the couenant of the Lord: for first he was called against the Iewes by Iason the hie Priest, and this second time by Menelaus.

k A great faction of the wicked Iewes shall holde with Antiochus.

l So called because the power of God was nothing diminished, although this tyrant set vp in the Temple his image of Iupiter Olympius, & so began to corrupt the pure seruice of God

m Meaning, such as bare the name of Iewes, but in deed were nothing lesse: for they sold their soules, and betrayed their brethren for gaine.

n They that remaine constant among the people, shall teach others by their example, and edifie many in the true religion.

o Whereby hee exhorteth the godly to constancie, although they should perish a thousand times, and though their miseries endure neuer so long

p As God will not leaue his Church destitute, yet will he not deliuer it all at once, but so helpe as they may still seeme to fight vnder the crosse, as hee did in the time of the Maccabees, whereof he heere prophesieth.

q That is, there shall be euen of this small number, many hypocrites.

r To wit, of them that feare God, and will lose their life for the defence of true religion, signifying also, that the Church must continually be tried and purged, and ought to looke for one persecution after another, for God hath appointed the time: therefore we must obey.

f Because the Angels purpole is to shew the whole course of the persecutions of the Iewes vnto the comming of Christ, he now speaketh of the Monarchie of the Romanes, which he noteth by the name of a king, who were without all religion, and contemned the true God.

g So long the tyrants shall preuaile as God hath appointed to punish his people: but hee sheweth that it is but for a time.

h The Romanes shall obserue no certaine forme of religion as other nations, but shal chãge their gods at their pleasures, yea, contemne them, & preferre themselues to their gods.

i Signifying, that they should be without all humanitie: for the loue of women is taken for singular or great loue, as 2 Sam. 1. 26.

k That is, the god of power and riches: they shall esteeme their owne power aboue all their gods, and worship it. l Vnder pretence of worshipping the gods, they shall enrich their citie with the most precious iewels of all the world, because that herby al men should haue them in admiratiõ for their power & riches. a Although in their hearts they had no religion, yet they did acknowledge the gods, and worshipped them in their temples, lest they should haue bene despised as Atheists: but this was to increase their fame and riches: and when they gate any countrey, they so made others the rulers thereof, that the profite euer came to the Romanes. b That is, both the Egyptians and the Syrians shall at length fight against the Romanes, but they shalbe ouercome. c The Angel forewarneth the Iewes, that when they should see the Romans inuade them, & that the wicked should escape their hands, ỽ then they should not thinke but that all this was done by Gods prouidence, forasmuch as he warned thẽ of it so long afore, & therfore he would still preserue them. d Hearing that Crassus was slaine, and Antonius discomfited. e For Augustus ouercame the Parthians, and recouered that which Antonius had lost. f The Romans after this reigned quietly through all countreyes, both from sea to sea, and in Iudea: but at length for their cruelty God shall destroy them.

36 And the‡ king shall do what him list: he shall exalt himselfe, and magnifie himselfe against all, that is God, and shal speake marueilous things against the God of gods, and shal prolper till the wrath ᵉ be accomplished: for the determination is made.

37 Neither shall hee regard the ᵃ God of his fathers, nor the desires ᵗ of women, nor care for any god: for he shall magnifie himselfe aboue all.

38 But in his place shall hee honour the ᶻ god Mauzzim, and the god whom his fathers knew not shall hee honour with ᵃ gold and with siluer, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall hee doe in the ᵇ holdes of Mauzzim with a strange god whom he shal acknowledge: he shall encrease his glory, and shall cause them to rule ouer many, and shall diuide the lande for gaine.

40 And at the ende of time shall the king of the ᵇ South push at him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlewinde, with charets, and with horsemen, and with many shippes, and hee shall enter into the countreyes, and shal ouerflow and passe thorow.

41 Hee shall enter also into the ᶜ pleasant land, and many countreys shalbe ouerthrowen: but these shall escape out of his hande, euen Edom and Moab, and the chiefe of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hands also vpon the countreyes, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shal haue power ouer the treasures of golde and of siluer, and ouer all the precious things of Egypt, and of the Libyans, and of the blacke Moyes where he shal passe.

44 But the tidings out of the East and the North shall ᵈ trouble him: therefore hee shall goe forth ᵉ with great wrath to destroy and roote out many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles ᶠ of his palace betweene the seas in the glorious and holy mountaine, yet he shall come to his ende, and none shall helpe him.

CHAP. XII.

1. Of the deliuerance of the Church by Christ.

AND at that ᵍ time shall Michael stand vp, the great prince, which standeth for the children of thy people, and there shall bee a time of trouble, such as neuer was since there beganne to be a nation vnto that same time: and at that time thy people shalbe deliuered, euery one that shalbe found written in the booke.

2 And many ʰ of them ỽ sleepe in the dust of the earth, shall awake, some to euerlasting life, ỽ some to shame ỽ perpetuall contempt.

3 And they that be ᶦ wise, shall shine, as the brightnesse of the firmament: and they that ᵏ turne many to righteousnes, shal shine as the starres, for euer and euer.

4 But thou, O Daniel, ˡ shut vp the wordes, and seale the booke ᵐ till the ende of the time: many shall runne to and fro, and knowledge shalbe encreased.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the brinke of the ⁿ riuer, ỽ the other on that side of the brinke of the riuer.

6 And one said vnto the man clothed in linnen, which was vpon the waters of the riuer, When shal be the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard [illegible] clothed in linnen, which was [illegible] of the riuer, when hee held [illegible] his right hand & his left hand vnto heauen, and sware by him that liueth for euer, that it shal tary for a ᵒ time, two times and an halfe: and when he shall haue accomplished ᵖ to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shalbe finished.

8 Then I heard it, but I vnderstood it not: then sayd I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Goe thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed vp, and sealed, till the end of the time.

10 Many shall be purified, made white and tried: but the wicked shall doe wickedly, and none of the wicked shall haue vnderstanding: but the wise shall vnderstand.

11 And from the time that the ᵍ daily sacrifice shalbe taken away, and the abominable desolation set vp, there ʳ shall be a thousand two hundreth and ninetie dayes.

12 Blessed is hee that waiteth and commeth to the thousand three hundreth and ʳ fiue and thirtie dayes.

13 But goe ˢ thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest and stand vp in thy lot, at the end of the dayes.

a The Angel here noteth two things: first that the Church shall be in great affliction and trouble at Christs comming, & next that God wil send his Angel to deliuer it, whom here he calleth Michael, meaning Christ, which is published by the preaching of the Gospel. b Meaning, all shall rise at the generall resurrection, which thing he here nameth, because the faithfull should haue euer their respect to that: for in the earth there shalbe no sure comfort.

c Who haue kept the true feare of God and his religion.

d Hee chiefly meaneth the ministers of Gods word, & next all ỽ faithfull which instruct ỽ ignorãt and bring them to the true knowledge of God.

e Though the most part despise this prophesie, yet keep thou it sure and esteeme it as a treasure.

f Till the time that God hath appointed for the full reuelation of these things. and then many shall run to and fro to search the knowledge of these light of ỽ Gospel.

g Which was Tigris. h Which was as it were a double othe, and did the more confirme the thing. i Meaning, a long time, a longer time, & at length a short time: signifying that their troubles should haue an end. k When the Church shalbe scattered and diminished in such sort as it shall seeme to haue no power. l From the time that Christ by his sacrifice shal take away the sacrifice and ceremonies of the Law. m Signifying that the time shalbe long of Christs second comming, and yet the children of God ought not to be discouraged, though it be deferred. n In this number he addeth a moneth and an halfe to the former number, signifying that it is not in man to appoint the time of Christs cõming, but that they are blessed that patiently abide his appearing. o The Angel warneth the Prophet patiently to abide, til the time appoynted come, signifying that he should depart this life, and rise againe with the elect, when God had sufficiently humbled and purged his Church.

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THE ARGVMENT.

After that the ten tribes had fallen away from God by the wicked and subtil counsell of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, and in stead of his true seruice commounded by his word, worshipped him according to their owne fantasies & traditions of men, giuing themselues to most vile idolatry and superstition, the Lord from time to time sent them Prophets to call them to repentance: but they grew euer worse and worse, & still abused Gods benefits. Therefore now when their prosperity was at the highest vnder Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash, God sent Hosea and Amos to the Israelites (as he did at the same time Isaiah and Micah to them of Iudah) to condemne them of their ingratitude: and whereas they thought themselues to be greatly in the fauour of God, and to be his people, the Prophet calleth them bastards and children borne in adulterie: and therefore sheweth them that God would take away the kingdome, & giue them to the Assyrians to be led away captiues. Thus Hosea faithfully executed his office for the space of seuenty yeres, though they remained still in their vices and wickednesse, and derided the Prophets, and contemned God iudgements. And because they should neither be discouraged with threatnings only, nor yet flatter themselues by the sweetnesse of Gods promises, he setteth before them the two principall parts of the Law, which are the promise of saluation, and the doctrine of life: for the first part he directeth the faithfull to Messiah, by whom onely they should haue true deliuerance: and for the second, he vseth threatnings and menaces to bring them from their wicked maners and vices, & this is the chiefe scope of all the Prophets, either by Gods promises to allure them to be godly, or els by threatnings of his iudgemenes to feare them from vice: and albeit that the whole Law containe these two points, yet the Prophets moreouer note peculiarly both the time of Gods iudgements, and the maner.

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CHAP. I.

1 The time wherein Hosea prophesied. 2 The idolatry of the people. 10 The calling of the Gentiles. 11 Christ is the head of all people.

THE woorde of the Lord that came vnto Hosea the sonne of Beeri, in the dayes of [a] Vzziah, Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah [b] kings of Iudah, and in the dayes of Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash king of Israel.

2 At the beginning the Lorde spake by Hosea, and the Lord said vnto Hosea, Goe, take vnto thee a wife [c] of fornications, and children of fornications: for the lande hath committed great whoredome, departing from the Lord.

3 So he went, and tooke [d] Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, which conceiued and bare him a sonne.

4 And the Lord said vnto him, Call his name [e] Izreel: for yet a little, and I will visite the blood of Izreel vpon the house [f] of Iehu, and will cause to cease the kingdome of the house of Israel.

5 And at that [g] day will I alse breake the bowe of Israel, in the valley of Izreel.

6 She conceiued yet againe, and bare a daughter. And God said vnto him, Call her name [h] Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more haue pitie vpon the house of Israel: but I will vtterly take them away.

7 Yet I will haue mercy vpon the house of Iudah, and will [i] saue them by the Lord their God, and will not saue them by bowe, nor by sworde, nor by battell, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 Now when she had weined Lo-ruhamah, she conceiued, and bare a sonne.

9 Then said God, Call his name [k] Loammi: for ye are not my people: therefore will I not be yours.

10 Yet the number of the [l] children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor tolde: and in the place where it was said vnto them, Ye are not my people, it shall be said vnto them, Yee are the sonnes of the liuing God.

11 Then shall the children of Iudah, and the children of Israel bee [m] gathered together, and appoint themselues one head, and they shall come vp out of the land: for great is the [n] day of Izreel.

a Called also Azariah, who being a leper, was deposed from his kingdome.

b So that it may be gathered by the reigne of these foure kings, that he preached about three score yeeres.

c That is, one that of long time hath accustomed to play the harlot: not that the Prophet did this thing in effect, but he saw this in a vision, or els was commanded by God to set forth vnder this parable or figure the idolatry of the Synagogue, and of the people her children.

d Gomer signifieth a consumption or corruption, and Diblaim clusters of figges, declaring that they were all corrupt like rotten figges.

e Meaning, that they should be no more called Israelites, of the which name they boasted, because Israel did preuaile with God: but that they were as bastards, & therefore should be called Izreelites, that is, scattered people, alluding to Izreel, which was y chiefe citie of the ten tribes vnder Ahab, where Iehu shed so much blood, 2. Kings 10. 8, 11.

f I will be reuenged vpon Iehu for the blood that he shed in Izreel: for albeit God stirred him vp to execute his iudgements, yet he did them for his owne ambition, and not for the glory of God, as the end declared: for he built vp that Idolatry, which he had destroyed.

g When the measure of their iniquitie is full, and I shall take vengeance and destroy all their policie and force.

h That is, not obteining mercy whereby he signifieth, that Gods fauor was departed from them.

i For the Israelites neuer returned, after that they were taken captiues by the Assyrians.

k For after their captiuitie he restored them miraculously by the meanes of Cyrus, Ezra. 1. 1.

l That is, not my people.

m Because they thought that God could not haue bene true in his promise except he had preserued them, he declareth that though they were destroyed, yet the true Israelites, which are the sonnes of the promise, should be without number, which stand both of the Iewes, and the Gentiles, Rom. 9. 24.

n To wit, after the captiuitie of Babylon when the Iewes were restored: but chiefly this is referred to the time of Christ, who should be the head both of the Iewes and Gentiles.

o The calamitie and destruction of Izreel shall be so great, that to restore them shall be as a miracle.

CHAP. II.

1 The people is called to repentance. 5 He sheweth their idolatry and threatneth them except they repent.

SAy vnto your [a] brethren, Ammi, and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

2 Pleade with your [b] mother: pleade

27 Reigns 12 & 2 Chr. 15 Reigns

a Seeing that I haue promised you deliuerance, it remaineth that considering that

b God threatneth, & their idolatries, that he forsooke them, Isa. 50. 1.

you encourage one another to embrace the same, ye are my people on whom I will haue mercy. that the fault was not in him but in their Synagogue,

with her: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: but let her take away her fornications out of her sight, and her adulteries c from betweene her breasts,

3 d Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was borne, and make her as a wildernesse, and leaue her like a drie land, and slay her for thirst.

4 And I will haue no pitie vpon her children: for they be the e children of fornications.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: shee that conceiued them, hath done shamefully: for she said, I will goe after my f louers that giue me my bread and my water, my woolle and my flaxe, mine oyle and my drinke.

6 Therefore behold, I will stop h thy way with thornes, and make an hedge, that she shall not find her paths.

7 Though she follow after her louers, yet shall she not come at them: though shee seeke them, yet shall she not find them: then shall she say, i I will goe and returne to my first husband: for at that time was I better then now.

8 Now she did not know that I k gaue her corne, and wine, and oyle, and multiplied her siluer and gold, which they bestowed vpon Baal.

9 Therefore will I returne, & take away my corne in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recouer my woolle and my flaxe lent to couer her shame.

10. And now will I discouer her l leudnesse in the sight of her louers, and no man shall deliuer her out of mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to ceast, her feast dayes, her newe moones, and her Sabbaths, and all her solemne feasts.

12 And I will destroy her vines, and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my louers haue giuen me: and I will make them as a forest, and the wilde beasts shall eate them.

13 And I will visit vpon her the dayes of Baalim, wherein she burnt incense to them: and she decked her selfe with her earerings and her iewels, and she followed her louers, and forgate me, saith the Lord.

14 Therefore, behold, I will m allure her, and bring her into the wildernesse, & speake friendly vnto her,

15 And I will giue her her vineyardes from thence, & the valley n of Achor for the doore of hope, and she shall o sing there as in the dayes of her youth, & as in the day when she came vp out of the land of Egypt.

16 And at that day, saith the Lord, thou shalt call me p Ishi, and shalt call me no more q Baali.

17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall be no more remembred by their r names.

18 And in that day will I make a couenant for them, with the s wilde beastes, and with the foules of the heauen, and with that that creepeth vpon the earth: and I will breake the bowe, and the sword and the battell out of the earth, and will make them to sleepe safely.

19 And I will marrie thee vnto mee for euer: yea, I will marry thee vnto mee in righteousnesse, and in iudgement, and in mercie and in compassion.

20 I will euen marry thee vnto mee in t faithfulnes, and thou shalt know the Lord.

21 And in that day I will heare, saith the Lord, I will euen heare u the heauens, and they shall heare the earth,

22 And the earth shall heare the corne, and the wine, and the oyle, and they shall heare Izreel.

23 And I will sowe her vnto mee in the earth, and I will haue mercy vpon her, that was not pitied, & I will say to them which were not my people, x Thou art my people. And they shall say, Thou art my God.

CHAP. III.

1 *The Iewes shall be cast off for their idolatrie.*
5 *Afterward they shall returne to the Lord.*

Then said the Lord to me, a Goe yet, and loue a woman (beloued of her husband, and was an harlot) according to the loue of the Lord toward the children of Israel: yet they looked to other gods, and b loued the wine bottels.

2 So c I bought her to mee for fifteene pieces of siluer, & for an homer of barley and an halfe homer of barley.

3 And I said vnto her, Thou shalt abide with d me many dayes: thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt be to none other man, and I will be so vnto thee.

4 For the children of Israel shall remain many dayes without a king, and without a e prince, and without an offering, and without an image, and without an Ephod, and without Teraphim.

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel conuert, and seeke the Lord their God, and f Dauid their King, & shall feare the Lorde, and his goodnesse in the latter dayes.

c Meaning that their idolatrie was so great that they were not ashamed, but boasted of it, Ezek. 16.25.

d For though this people were as an harlot for their idolatries, yet he had left them with their apparel & dowry & certaine signes of his fauour, but if they continued still, he would vtterly destroy them.

e When I brought her out of Egypt, Ezek. 16.4.

f That is, bastards, & begotten in adultery.

g Meaning, the idoles which they serued and by whom they thought they had wealth and abundance.

h I will punish thee, that then thou mayest try whether thine idoles can helpe thee, and bring thee into such streitnesse, that thou shalt haue no lust to play the wanton.

i This he speaketh of the faithfull which are truely conuerted, and also sheweth the vse and profit of Gods rods.

k This declareth that idolaters defraud God of his honour, when they attribute his benefits to their idoles.

l Signifying that God will take away his benefits when man by his ingratitude doeth abuse them.

m That is, all her seruice, ceremonies, & inuentions, whereby she worshipped her idoles.

n I will punish her for her idolatry.

o By shewing how harlots trimme themselues to please others, he declareth how the superstitious idolaters set a great part of their religion in decking themselues on their holy dayes.

p By my benefits in offering her grace and mercie, euen in that place where she shall thinke her selfe destitute of all helpe and comfort.

q Which was a plentifull valley, & where in they had great comfort when they came out of the wildernesse, as Iosh 7.26. and is called the doore of hope, because it was a departing from death, and an entrie into life.

r She shall then praise God as she did when she was deliuered out of Egypt.

s That is, mine husband, knowing that I am ioyned to thee by an inuiolable couenant.

t That is, my master: which name was applied to their idoles.

u No idolatry shall once come into their mouth but they shall serue me purely according to my worde

x Meaning, that he will so blesse them, that all creatures shal fauour them.

y With a couenant that neuer shalbe broken.

z Then shall the heauen desire raine for y earth which shal bring forth for the vse of man.

Rom. 9.25. 1. Pet. 2.10.

a Herein the Prophet representeth the person of God, which loued his Church before he called her, and did not withdraw the same when she gaue her selfe to idoles.

b That is, gaue themselues wholly to pleasures, and could not take vp, as they that are giuen to drunkennesse.

c Yet I loued her, and payed a small portion for her, lest she perceiuing the greatnesse of my loue, should haue abused mee and not bene vnder dutie: for fifteene pieces of siluer were but halfe the price of a slaue, Exod. 21.32.

d I will trie thee a long time as in thy widowhood whether thou wilt be mine or no.

e Meaning, not only all y time of their captiuity, but also vnto Christ.

f That is, they should neither haue policie nor Religion, and their idoles also wherein they put their confidence, should be destroyed.

g This is meant of Christs kingdome, which was promised vnto Dauid to be eternall, Psalme 72.17.

CHAP. IIII.

A complaint against the people, and the priests of Israel.

Heare

HEare the word of the Lord, yee children of Israel: for the Lord [a] hath a controuersie with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercie, nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 By swearing and lying, and killing, and stealing, and whoring, they breake out, and [b] blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourne, and euery one that dwelleth therein, shall be cut off, with the beasts of the field, and with the foules of the heauen, and also the fishes of the sea shalbe taken away.

4 Yet [c] let none rebuke, nor reproue another: for thy people are as they that rebuke the Priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the [d] day, and the Prophet shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy [e] mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lacke of knowledge: because [f] thou hast refused knowledge, I will also refuse thee, that thou shalt be no Priest to me: and seeing [g] thou hast forgotten the Lawe of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were [h] increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 [i] They eate vp the sinnes of my people, and lift vp their minds in their iniquitie.

9 And there shall bee like people, like [k] Priest: for I will visite their wayes vpon them, and reward them their deeds.

10 For they shall eate, and not haue enough: they shall [l] commit adulterie, & shall not increase, because they haue left off to take heed to the Lord.

11 [m] Whoredome, and wine, and newe wine, take away their heart.

12 My [n] people aske counsell at their stockes, and their staffe teacheth them: for the [o] spirit of fornications hath caused them to erre, and they haue gone a whoring from vnder their God.

13 They sacrifice vpon the toppes of the mountaines, and burne incense vpon the hils vnder the okes, and the poplar tree, and the elme, because the shadowe thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall be [p] harlots, and your spouses shall be whores.

14 I will not [q] visite your daughters when they are harlots, nor your spouses when they are whores: for they themselues are separated with harlots, and sacrifice with whores: therefore the people that doth not vnderstand, shall fall.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet [r] let not Iudah sinne: come not yee vnto [s] Gilgal, neither goe yee vp to [t] Beth-auen, nor sweare, The Lord liueth.

16 For Israel is rebellious as an vnruly heifer. Now the Lord will feede them as a [u] lambe in a large place.

17 Ephraim is ioyned to [x] idoles: let him alone.

18 Their [y] drunkennesse stinketh: they haue committed whoredome: their rulers loue to say with shame, [z] Bring ye.

19 The winde hath [a] bound them vp in her wings, and they shall bee ashamed of their sacrifices.

a Because the people would not obey the admonitions of the Prophet, he citeth them before the iudgement seat of God against whom they chiefly offended, Isa. 7. 13. Micah. 6. 1, 2. Zech. 13. 10.

b In euery place appeareth a libertie to most heinous vices, so that one followeth in the necke of another.

c As though he would say, that it were in vaine to rebuke them: for no man can abide it: yea, they will speake against the Prophets and Priests whose office it is chiefly to rebuke them.

d Ye shall perish all together: the one, because he would not obey, and the other because he would not admonish.

e That is, the Synagogue wherin thou boastest.

f That is, the Priests shall be cast off, because that for lacke of knowledge, they are not able to execute their charge, and instruct others, Deut. 33. 3. Mal. 2. 7.

g Meaning, the whole body of the people which were weary with hearing the word of God.

h The more I was beneficiall vnto them.

i To wit, the Priestes seeke to eate the peoples offerings, and flatter them in their sinnes.

k Signifying that as they haue sinned together, so shall they be punished together.

l Shewing that their wickednesse shalbe punished on all sorts: for though they thinke by the multitude of wiues to haue many children, yet they shall be deceiued of their hope.

m In giuing themselues to pleasures, they become like bruit beasts.

n Thus hee speaketh by derision in calling them his people, which now for their sinnes they were not: for they sought helpe of stockes and stickes.

o They are caried away with a rage.

p Because they take away Gods honour, and giue it to idoles, therefore he will giue them vp to their lustes, that they shall dishonour their owne bodies, Rom. 1. 28.

q I will not correct your shame to bring you to amendement, but let you run headlong to your owne damnation.

r God complaineth that Iudah is infected, and willeth them to learne by their example to returne in time.

s For albeit the Lord had honored this place in time past by his presence, yet because it was abused by their idolatrie, hee would not that

t Beth-el, that is, the house of God, Beth-auen, that is, the house of iniquitie, because of their abominations set vp there, signifying that where God is not purely worshipped.

u God will so disperse them, that they shall not remaine in any certaine place.

x They are so impodent in receiuing bribes, that they will command men to bring them vnto them.

y To carie them suddenly away.

CHAP. V.

1 *Against the Priests and rulers of Israel.* 13 *The helpe of man is in vaine.*

OYe Priests, heare this, and hearken yee, O house of Israel, and giue yee eare, O house of the King: for iudgement is toward you, because yee haue bene a [a] snare on Mizpah, and a net spread vpon Tabor.

2 Yet they were profound, to decline to [b] slaughter, though I haue bene a [c] rebuker of them all.

3 I know [d] Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou art become an harlot, and Israel is defiled.

4 They will not giue their mindes to turne vnto their God: for the spirit of fornication is in the midst of them, and they haue not knowen the Lord.

5 And the [e] pride of Israel doeth testifie to his face: therefore shall Israel & Ephraim fall in their iniquitie: Iudah also shall fall with them.

6 They shall goe with their sheepe, and with their bullockes to seeke the Lord: but they shall not finde him: for hee hath withdrawen himselfe from them.

7 They haue transgressed against the Lord: for they haue begotten [f] strange children: nowe shall a moneth deuoure them with their portions.

8 Blow yee the trumpet in Gibeah, and the shawme in Ramah: crie out at Beth-auen, after thee, O [h] Beniamin.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel haue I caused to know [i] the truth.

10 The princes of Iudah were like them that [k] remoue the bound: therefore will I powre out my wrath vpon them like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed, and broken in

a The Priests and Princes catched the poore people in their snares, as the fowlers did the birds, in these two high mountaines.

b Notwithstanding they seemed to be giuen altogether to holinesse, and to sacrifices, which here he calleth slaughter in contempt.

c Though I had admonished them continually by my Prophets.

d They boasted themselues not one ly to be Israelites, but also Ephraimites, because their king Ieroboam came of that tribe.

e Meaning their contemning of all admonitions.

f That is, their children are degenerate, so that

there is no hope in them.

g Their destruction is not farre off.

h That is, all Israel comprehended vnder this part, signifying that the Lords plagues should pursue them from place to place, till they were destroyed.

i By the successe they shall know that I haue surely determined this.

k They haue turned vpside downe all politicall order, and all maner of religion.

iudgement, because he willingly walked after the [i] commandement.

12 Therfore will I be vnto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Iudah as a rottennesse.

13 When Ephraim saw his sicknesse, and Iudah his wound, then went Ephraim vnto [m] Ashur, and sent vnto king [n] Iareb: yet could he not heale you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I will bee vnto Ephraim as a lyon, and as a lyons whelpe to the house of Iudah: I, euen I will spoyle, and goe away: I will take away, and none shall rescue it.

15 I will goe, and returne to my place, till they acknowlsdge their fault, and seeke me: in their affliction they will seeke me diligently.

i To wit, after king Ieroboams commandement, and did not rather follow God.

m In stead of seeking for remedy at Gods hand.

n Who was king of the Assyrians.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Affliction causeth a man to turne to God.* 9 *The wickednesse of the Priests.*

COme, and let vs [a] returne to the Lord: for hee hath spoiled, and hee will heale vs: he hath wounded vs, and he will binde vs vp.

2 After two dayes will [b] hee reuiue vs, and in the third day he will raise vs vp, and we shall liue in his sight.

3 Then shall wee haue knowledge, and indeuour our selues to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning, and he shall come vnto vs as the raine, and as the latter raine vnto the earth.

4 O Ephraim, what shall I doe vnto thee? O Iudah, how shall I entreate thee? for [c] your goodnesse is as a morning cloude, and as the morning dewe it goeth away.

5 Therefore haue I [d] cut downe by the Prophets: I haue slaine them by the words of my mouth, and [e] thy iudgements were as the light that goeth forth.

6 For I desired [f] mercie, and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more then burnt offerings.

7 But they like [g] men haue transgressed the couenant: there haue they trespassed against me.

8 [g] Gilead is a citie of them that worke iniquitie, and is polluted with blood.

9 And as theeues wait for a man, so the company of Priestes murder in the way by consent: for they worke mischiefe.

10 I haue seene villanie in the house of Israel: there is the whoredome of Ephraim: Israel is defiled.

11 Yea, Iudah hath set a [i] plant for thee, whiles I would returne the captiuitie of my people.

a He sheweth the people how they ought to turne to the Lord that he might call backe his plagues.

b Though hee correct vs from time to time, yet his helpe wil not be farre off, if we returne to him.

c You seeme to haue a certaine holinesse, and repentance, but it is vpon the sudden, and as a morning cloud.

d I haue still laboured by my Prophets, and as it were framed you to bring you to amendment: but all was in vaine: for my word was not meete to feede thē, but a sword to slay them.

e My doctrine which I taught thee, was most euident.

f Hee sheweth to what scope his doctrine tended, that they should ioyne the obedience of God, and the loue of their neighbour with outward sacrifice.

g That is, like light and weake persons.

h Which was the place where the Priests dwelt, & which should haue bene best instructed in my word.

i That is, doth imitate thine idolatrie, and hath taken graffes of thy trees.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Of the vices and wantonnesse of the people.* 2 *Of their punishment.*

WHen I would haue healed Israel, then the iniquitie of Ephraim was discouered, and the wickednesse of Samaria: for they haue dealt falsely: and the [a] theefe commeth in, and the robber spoyleth without.

2 And they consider not in their hearts, that I remember all their wickednesse: now their owne inuentions haue beset them about: they are in my sight.

3 They make the [b] king glad with their wickednesse, and the princes with their lies.

4 They are all aduulterers, and as a [c] ouen heated by the baker, which ceaseth from raising vp, & from kneading the dough vntill it be leauened.

5 This is the [d] day of our king: the princes haue made him sicke with flagons of wine: he stretched out his hand to scorners.

6 For they haue made ready their heart like an ouen whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night: in the morning it burneth as a flame of fire.

7 They are all hote as an ouen, and haue [e] deuoured their Iudges: all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth vnto me.

8 Ephraim hath [f] mixt himselfe among the people. Ephraim is as a cake on the hearth not turned.

9 Strangers haue deuoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, [g] gray haires are here and there vpon him, yet hee knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face, and they doe not returne to the Lord their God, nor seeke him for all this.

11 Ephraim also is like a doue deceiued, without [h] heart: they call to Egypt: they go to Ashur.

12 But when they shall goe, I will spread my net vpon them, and draw them downe as the foules of the heauen: I will chastise them as their [i] congregation hath heard.

13 Woe vnto them: for they haue fled away from me: destruction shalbe vnto them, because they haue transgressed against me: though I haue [k] redeemed them, yet they haue spoken lies against me.

14 And they haue not cryed vnto me with their hearts, [l] when they howled vpon their beds: [m] they assemble themselues for corne and wine, and they rebell against me.

15 Though I haue bound, and strengthened their arme, yet doe they imagine mischiefe against me.

16 They returne, but not to the most high: they are like a deceitfull bowe: their princes shall fall by the sword, for the rage [n] of their tongues: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

a Meaning, that there was not one kinde of vice among them, but that they were subiect to al wickednesse, both secret and open.

b They esteeme their wicked king Ieroboam aboue God, and seeke but how to flatter and please him.

c He compareth the rage of the people to a burning ouen which the baker heateth still til his dough be leauened and raised.

d They vsed all ryot and excesse in their feasts and solēnities, whereby their king was ouercome with surfet, and brought into diseases, and delighted in flatteries.

e By their occasion God hath deprived them of all good rulers.

f That is, he counterfeiteth the religion of ye Gentiles, yet is but as a cake baked on the one side, and raw on the other: that is, neither through hot nor through colde, but partly a Iew, and partly a Gentile.

g Which are a token of his manifold afflictions.

h That is, without all iudgemēt, as they that cannot tell whether it is better to cleaue only to God, or to seeke the helpe of man.

i According to my curses made to the whole congregation of Israel.

k That is, diuers times redeemed them, and deliuered them from death.

l When they were in affliction, and cried out for paine, they sought not vnto me for helpe.

m They only seeke their owne commodity and wealth, and passe not for me their God.

n Because they boast of their own strength, and passe not what they speake against me and my seruants, Psal. 73. 9.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The destruction of Iudah and Israel, because of their idolatrie.*

Set

a God encourageth the Prophet to signifie the speedy comming of the enemie against Israel, which was once the people of God.

b They shall crie like hypocrites, but not from the heart, as their deedes declare.

c That is, Ieroboam by whom they sought their own libertie, and not to obey my will.

d That is, vpright iudgement and godly life.

e Meaning, the calfe was inuented by themselues, and of their fathers in the wildernesse.

f Shewing that their religion hath but a shew, and in it selfe is but vanitie.

g They neuer cease, but run to and fro to seeke helpe.

h That is, for the tribute which the king and the princes shall lay vpon them: which meanes the Lord vseth to bring them to repentance.

i Thus the idolaters count the word of God as strange in respect of their own inuentions.

SEt the trumpet to thy mouth: he shal come as an Egle against the house of the Lord, because they haue transgressed my couenant, and trespassed against my Law.

2 Israel shall b cry vnto me, My God, we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemie shall pursue him.

4 They haue set vp a c king, but not by me: they haue made princes, and I knew it not: of their siluer and their golde haue they made them idoles: therefore shall they be destroyed.

5 Thy calfe, O Samaria, hath cast thee off: mine anger is kindled against them: how long will they be without d innocencie?

6 e For it came euen from Israel: the workeman made it, therefore it is not God: but the calfe of Samaria shall bee broken in pieces.

7 For they haue f sowen the wind, & they shal reape the whirlewind: it hath no stalke: the bud shall bring foorth no meale: if so bee it bring forth, the strangers shal deuoure it.

8 Israel is deuoured, now shal they be among the Gentiles as a vessell wherein is no pleasure.

9 For they are gone vp to Asshur: they are as a a wild asse alone by himselfe: Ephraim hath hired louers.

10 Yet though they haue hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorow a litle, for the h burthen of the king, and the princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sinne, his altars shall be to sinne.

12 I haue written to them the great things of my Law: but they were counted as a i strange thing.

13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offrings, and eate it: but k the Lord accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visite their sinnes: they shall returne to Egypt.

14 For Israel hath forgotten his maker, and buildeth temples, and Iudah hath increased strong cities: but I will sende a fire vpon his cities, and it shall deuoure the palaces thereof.

k Saying that they offer it to the Lord, but he accepteth no seruice, which he himselfe hath not appointed.

CHAP. IX.

Of the hunger and captiuitie of Israel.

REioyce not, O Israel, for ioy, a as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God: thou hast loued b a reward vpon euery corne floore.

2 c The floore, & the winepresse shall not feed them, & the new wine shall faile in her.

3 They will not dwell in the Lords land, but Ephraim will returne to Egypt, and they will eate vncleane things in Asshur.

4 They shal not offer d wine to the Lord, neither shall their sacrifices bee pleasant vnto him: but they shall bee vnto them as the bread of mourners: all that eate thereof, shall bee polluted: for their bread e for their soules shall not come into the house of the Lord.

5 f What will ye doe then in the solemne day, and in the day of the feast of the Lord?

6 For loe, they are gone from g destruction: but Egypt shal gather them vp, & Memphis shall burie them: the nettle shal possesse the pleasant places of their siluer, and the thorne shall bee in their tabernacles.

7 The dayes of visitation are come: the dayes of recompence are come: Israel shall know it: h the prophet is a foole: the spirituall man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity: therefore the hatred is great.

8 The watchman of Ephraim i should be with my God: but the prophet is the snare of a fouler in all his wayes, and hatred in the house of his God.

9 They k are deepely set: they are corrupt as in the dayes of Gibeah: therefore hee will remember their iniquity, he will visite their sinnes.

10 I found Israel like l grapes in the wildernes: I sawe your fathers as the first ripe in the figtree at her first time: but they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselues vnto that shame, and their abominations were according to m their louers.

11 Ephraim their glory shall flee away like a bird: from the birth n and from the wombe, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring vp their children, yet will I depriue them from being men: yea, woe to them, when I depart from them.

13 Ephraim, as I sawe, is as a tree o in Tyrus planted in a cottage: but Ephraim shall bring foorth his children to the murtherer.

14 O Lord, giue them: what wilt thou giue them? giue them a p barren wombe and drie breasts.

15 All their wickednesse is in q Gilgal: for there doe I hate them: for the wickednes of their inuentions, I will cast them out of mine house: I will loue them no more: all their princes are rebels.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their roote is dried vp: they can bring no fruite: yea, though they bring foorth, yet will I slay euen the dearest of their body.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not obey him: and they shall wander among the nations.

a For although all other people should escape, yet thou shalt be punished.

b Thou hast committed idolatry in hope of reward, and to haue thy barnes filled, Ier. 44. 17. as an harlot that had rather liue by playing the whore, then to bee entertained of her owne husband. c These outward things that thou seekest, shall bee taken from thee. d All their doings both touching policie and religion, shall be reiected as things polluted.

e The meate offering which they offered for themselues.

f When the Lord shall take away all the occasions of seruing him, which shall be the most grieuous poynt of your captiuitie, when you shall see your selues cut off from God.

g Though they thinke to escape by fleeing the destruction that is at hand, yet shall they be destroyed in the place whither they flee for succour.

h Then they shall know that they were deluded by them who chalenged to themselues to be their Prophets & spirituall men.

i The Prophets duetie is to bring men to God, and not to be a snare to pull them from God.

k This people is so rooted in their wickednes, that Gibeah which was like to Sodome, was neuer more corrupt, Iudg. 19. 22.

l Meaning, that he so esteemed them and delited in them.

m They were as abominable vnto me, as their louers the idols.

n Signifying, that God would destroy their children by these sundry meanes, and so consume them by little & little.

o As they kept tender plants in their houses in Tyrus, to preserue them from the cold aire of the sea, so was Ephraim at the first vnto me, but now will I giue them to the slaughter.

p The Prophet seeing the great plagues of God toward Ephraim, prayeth to God to make them barren, rather then this great slaughter should come vpon their children.

q The chiefe cause of their destruction is, that they commit idolatrie, and corrupt my religion in Gilgal.

CHAP. X.

1 Against Israel and his idoles. 14 His destruction for the same.

a Whereof though the grapes were gathered, yet euer as it gathered newe strength, it encreased new wickednesse, so that the correction which should haue brought them to obedience, did but vtter their stubbornnes.

b As they were rich and had abundance.

c To wit, from God.

d The day shall come that God shall take away their king, and then they shall feele the fruit of their sinnes and how they trusted in him in vaine, 2. King. 17 6, 7.

e In promising to be faithful toward God.

f Thus their integrity and fidelity which they pretended, was nothing but bitternesse and griefe.

g When the calfe shall be caried away.

h Chemarims were certaine idolatrous priests which did weare blacke apparel in their sacrifices and cryed with a loude voyce: which superstition Eliiah derided, 1. King. 18. 27. reade. 2. Kin. 23. 5.

i This he speaketh in contempt of Beth-el, reade Chap. 4. 15. *Isa* 2. 19. *luk.* 23. 30. *reuel.* 6. 16. *and* 9. 6.

k In those dayes wast thou as wicked as the Gibeonites, as God there partly declared: for thy zeale could not be good in executing Gods iudgements, seeing thine own deeds were as wicked as theirs.

l To wit, to fight, or the Israelites remained in their stubbornnesse from that time.

m The Israelites were not mooued by their example to cease from their sinnes.

n Because they are so desperate, I will delite to destroy them.

o That is, when they haue gathered all their strength together.

p Wherein is pleasure, as in plowing is labour and paine.

q I will lay my yoke vpon her fat necke.

r Read Ierem 4. 4.

s That is, Shalmanazzar in the destruction of that city spared neither kind nor age,

ISrael is an a emptie vine, yet hath it brought forth fruit vnto it selfe, and according to the multitude of the fruit thereof hee hath increased the altars: according to the b goodnesse of their lande they haue made faire images.

2 Their heart is c diuided: now shall they be found faulty: he shall breake downe their altars: he shall destroy their images.

3 For now they shall say, Wee haue no d king because wee feared not the Lord: and what should a king do to vs?

4 They haue spoken wordes, swearing falsly in making a e couenant: thus f iudgment groweth as wormewood in the furrowes of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall g feare because of the calfe of Beth-auen: for the people thereof shall mourne ouer it, and the h Chemarims thereof, that reioyced on it for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall bee also brought to Ashur, for a present vnto king Iareb: Ephraim shal receiue shame, and Israel shalbe ashamed of his owne counsell.

7 Of Samaria, the king thereof is destroyed as the some vpon the water.

8 The hie places also of Auen shal be destroyed, euen the sinne of Israel: the thorne and the thistle shall grow vpon their altars, and they shall say to the mountaines, Couer vs, and to the hils, Fall vpon vs.

9 O Israel, thou hast i sinned from the dayes of Gibeah: there they k stood: the battell in Gibeah against the children of iniquitie did not l touch them.

10 It is my desire m that I should chastise them, and the people shall bee gathered against them, when they shall gather themselues in their two o furrowes.

11 And Ephraim is as an heifer vsed to beleight p in threshing: but I will passe by her q faire necke: I will make Ephraim to ride: Iudah shall plowe, and Iaakob shall breake his clods.

12 Sowe to your selues in righteousnesse, reape after the measure of mercy: r breake vp your fallow ground: for it is time to seeke the Lord, till hee come and raine righteousnesse vpon you.

13 But you haue plowed wickednesse: yee haue reaped iniquity: you haue eaten s fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thine owne wayes, & in the multitude of thy strong men,

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy munitions shall bee destroyed, as s Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel in the day of battell: the mother with the children was dashed in pieces.

15 So shall Beth-el do vnto you, because of your malicious wickednes: in a morning shall the king of Israel be destroyed.

CHAP. XI.

1 The benefits of the Lord toward Israel. 5 Their ingratitude against him.

WHen Israel a was a childe, then I loued him, and called my sonne out of Egypt.

2 They called them, but b they went thus from them: they sacrificed vnto Baalim, and burnt incense to images.

3 I led Ephraim also, as one should beare them in his armes: but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I led them with cords c of a man, euen with bands of loue, and I was to them, as he that taketh off the yoke from their iawes, and I layd the meat vnto them.

5 He shall no more returne into the land of Egypt: but Ashur shall be his d king, because they refused to conuert.

6 And the sword shall fall on his cities, and shall consume his barres, and deuoure them because of their owne counsels.

7 And my people are bent to rebellion against me: though e they called them to the most High, yet none at all would exalt him.

8 How shall I giue thee vp, Ephraim? how shall I deliuer thee, Israel? how shall I make thee, as f Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me: g my repentings are rolled together.

9 I will not execute the fiercenesse of my wrath: I will not returne to destroy Ephraim, for I am God, and not man, the Holie one in the mids of thee, and I wil not h enter into the city.

10 They shall walke after the Lord: hee shall roare like a lyon: when hee shall roare, then the children of the West shall feare.

11 i They shall feare as a sparrow out of Egypt, and as a doue out of the land of Ashur, and I will place them in their houses, saith the Lord.

12 Ephraim compasseth mee about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Iudah yet ruleth k with God, and is faithfull with the Saints.

a Whiles the Israelites were in Egypt and did not prouoke my wrath by their malice and ingratitude.

b They rebelled and went a contrary way when the Prophets called them to repentance.

c That is, friendly and not as beasts or slaues.

d Seeing they contemne al this kindnesse, they shall be led captiue into Assyria.

e To wit, the Prophets.

f God considereth with himselfe, and that with a certaine griefe, how to punish them.

g Which were two of the cities that were destroyed with Sodom, Deut. 29. 23.

h Meaning that his loue wherewith he first loued them, made him betweene doubt and assurance what to do: and herein appeareth his fatherly affection, that his mercy toward his iudgements, as he declareth in the next verse.

i To consume thee, but wil cause thee to yeeld and so receiue thee to mercy: and this is meant of the small number who shall walke after the Egyptians and Assyrians shal be afraid when the Lord maintaineth his people.

l Gouerneth their estate according to Gods word, and doth not degenerate.

CHAP XII.

He admonisheth by Iaakobs example to trust in God and not in men.

EPhraim is fedde a with the winde, and followeth after the East winde: hee increaseth daily lies and destruction, and they do make a couenant with Ashur, and b oyle is caried into Egypt.

2 The Lorde hath also a controuersie with c Iudah, and will visit Iaakob, according to his wayes: according to his workes will he recompense him.

a That is, flattereth himself with vain confidence.

b Meaning, presents to get friendship.

c Which in these points was like to Ephraim, but not in idolatries.

3 He

3 Yet tooke he his brother by the heele in the wombe, and by his strength he had power with God,

4 And had power ouer the Angel, and preuailed: hee wept and prayed vnto him: he found him in Beth-el, and there he spake with vs.

5 Yea, the Lord God of hostes, the Lord is himselfe his memoriall.

6 Therefore turne thou to thy God: keepe mercie and iudgement, and hope still in thy God.

7 He is Canaan: the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loueth to oppresse.

8 And Ephraim said, Notwithstanding, I am rich, I haue found me out riches in all my labours: they shall finde none iniquitie in me, that were wickednesse.

9 Though I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, yet will I make thee to dwell in the tabernacles, as in the dayes of the solemne feast.

10 I haue also spoken by the Prophets, and I haue multiplied visions, & vsed similitudes by the ministerie of the Prophets.

11 Is there iniquitie in Gilead? surely they are banitie: they sacrifice bullockes in Gilgal, and their altars are as heapes in the furrowes of the field.

12 And Iaakob fled into the countrey of Aram, and Israel serued for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheepe.

13 And by a Prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a Prophet was he preserued.

14 But Ephraim prouoked him with bitter places: therefore shall his blood bee powred vpon him, and his reproch shall his Lord reward him.

d Seeing that God did thus preferre Iaakob their father, Iudahs ingratitude was the more to be abhorred.

e Reade Gen. 32.31.

f God found Iaakob as he lay sleeping in Bethel, Gen. 28.12. and so spake with him there, that the fruit of that speech appertained to the whole body of the people, whereof we are.

g As for Ephraim, he is more like the wicked Canaanites, then godly Abraham or Iaakob.

h This the wicked measure Gods saiour by outward prosperitie, and like hypocrites cannot abide that any should reproue their doings.

i Seeing thou wilt not acknowledge my benefits, I will bring thee againe to dwel in tents as in the feast of the Tabernacles, which thou doest now contemne.

k The people thought that no man durst haue spoken against Gilead that holy place, and yet the Prophet saith, that all their religion was but vanitie.

l If you boast of your riches and nobilitie, ye seeme to reproch your father who was a poore fugitiue and seruant.

m Meaning, Moses, whereby appeareth, that whatsoeuer they haue, it commeth of Gods free goodnesse.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The abomination of Israel, 9 And cause of their destruction.

WHen Ephraim spake, there was trembling: he exalted himselfe in Israel, but he hath sinned in Baal, and is dead.

2 And now they sinne more and more, and haue made them molten images of their siluer, and idoles according to their owne vnderstanding: they were all the worke of the craftesmen: they say one to another whiles they sacrifice a man, Let them kisse the calues.

3 Therefore they shal be as the morning cloude, and as the morning dewe that passeth away, as the chaffe that is driuen with a whirlewinde out of the floore, and as the smoke that goeth out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am the Loode thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no God but me: for there is no Sauiour beside mee.

5 I did know thee in the wildernesse, in the land of drought.

6 As in their pastures, so were they filled: they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore haue they forgotten me.

7 And I will be vnto them as a very lyon, and as a leopard in the way of Assur.

8 I will meete them as a Beare that is robbed of her whelps, and I will breake the kall of their heart, and there will I deuoure them like a lyon: the wilde beast shall teare them.

9 O Israel, one hath destroyed thee, but in me is thy helpe.

10 I am: where is thy king, that should helpe thee in all thy cities? and thy Iudges, of whom thou saydest, Giue me a king and princes?

11 I gaue thee a king in mine anger, and I tooke him away in my wrath.

12 The iniquitie of Ephraim is bound vp: his sinne is hid.

13 The sorowes of a trauailing woman shall come vpon him: hee is an vnwise sonne, else would he not stand still at the time, euen at the breaking forth of the children.

14 I will redeeme them from the power of the graue: I will deliuer them from death. O death, I will be thy death: O graue, I will be thy destruction: repentance is hid from mine eyes.

15 Though hee grew vp among his brethren, an East winde shall come, euen the winde of the Lord shall come vp from the wildernesse, and dry vp his veine, and his fountaine shall be dryed vp: he shall spoile the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

g I am all one, Iames 1.17.

h It is surely laid vp to be punished, as Iere. 17.1.

i But would come out of the wombe, that is, out of this danger, wherein he is, and not tarie to be stifled.

k Meaning, that no power shall resist God when he will deliuer his, but euen in death will he giue them life.

l Because they will not turne to me, I will not change my purpose.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The destruction of Samaria. 2 He exhorteth Israel to turne to God, who requireth praise and thankes.

SAmaria shall be desolate: for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall bee dashed in pieces, and their women with childe shall be ripd.

2 O Israel, returne vnto the Lord thy God: for thou hast fallen by thine iniquitie.

3 Take vnto you wordes, and turne to the Lord, and say vnto him, Take away all iniquitie, and receiue vs graciously: so will we render the calues of our lips.

4 Assur shall not saue vs, neither will wee ride vpon horses, neither will wee say any more to the worke of our hands, Yee are our Gods: for in thee the fatherlesse findeth mercie.

5 I will heale their rebellion: I will loue them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

6 I will bee as the dewe vnto Israel: hee shall growe as the lillie, and fasten his

m He calleth them to repentance, and reproueth their ingratitude.

n Thy destruction is certaine, & my benefits toward thee declare that it commeth not of me: therefore thine owne malice, idolatrie and vaine confidence in men must needes be the cause thereof.

o Declaring, that this is the true sacrifice that the faithfull can offer, euen thankes and prayse, Heb. 13.15.

p We will leaue off all vaine confidence and pride.

q He declareth how ready God is to receiue them that doe repent.

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roots as the trees of Lebanon.

7 Hys branches shall spread, and his beautie shal be as the olive tree, and his smel as Lebanon.

8 They that dwell vnder his [f] shadowe shall returne: they shall reuiue as the corne, and flourish as the vine: the sent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

9 Ephraim shall say, What haue I to doe any more with idoles? I haue heard him, and looked vpon him: I am like a greene fyrre tree: vpon mee is thy fruite found.

10 Who is [h] wise, & he shall vnderstand these things? and prudent, and hee shall knowe them? for the wayes of the Lord are righteous, and the iust shall walke in them: but the wicked shall fall therein.

f Whosoeuer ioyne themselues to this people, shall be blessed.

g God sheweth how prompt he is to heare his, whē they repent, and to offer himself as a protection and safegard vnto them, as a most sufficient fruit and profit.

h Signifying, that the true wisdom and knowledge consisteth in this, euen to rest vpon God.

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THE ARGVMENT.

THe Prophet Ioel first rebuketh them of Iudah, that being now punished with a great plague of famin remaine stil obstinate. Secondly, he threatneth greater plagues, because they grew dayly to a more hardnes of heart, and rebellion against God, notwithstanding his punishments. Thirdly he exhorteth them to repentance, shewing that it must be earnest, & proceed from the heart, because they had grieuously offended God. And so doing, he promiseth that God will be mercifull, and not forget his couenant that he made with their fathers: but will send his Christ, who shall gather the scattered sheepe, and restore them to life and liberty, though they seemed to be dead.

CHAP. I.

1 *A prophesie against the Iewes.* 2 *He exhorteth the people to prayer and fasting, for the miserie that was at hand.*

THe worde of the Lorde that came to Ioel the sonne of Pethuel.

2 Heare yee this, O [a] Elders, and hearken all yee inhabitants of the land, whether [b] such a thing hath beene in your dayes, or yet in the dayes of your fathers.

3 Tell you your children of it, and let your children shewe to their children, and their children to another generation.

4 That which is left of the palmer worme, hath the grashopper eaten, and the residue of the grashopper hath the canker worme eaten, and the residue of the canker worme hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake yee [c] drunkardes, and weepe, and howle all yee drinkers of wine, because of the new wine: for it shall bee pulled from your mouth.

6 For, [d] a nation commeth vpon my land, mightie, and without number, whose teeth are like the teeth of a lyon, and her hath the iawes of a great lyon.

7 He maketh my vine waste, and pilleth off the barke of my figge tree: hee maketh it bare, and casteth it downe: the branches thereof are made white.

8 Mourne like a virgine girded with sackcloth for the [e] husband of her youth.

9 The meate offering, and the drinke offering is [f] cut off from the house of the Lord: the Priestes the Lords ministers mourne.

10 The field is wasted: the land mourneth: for the corne is destroyed, & the newe wine is dried vp, and the oyle is decayed.

11 Bee yee ashamed, O husbandmen: howle, O ye vine dressers for the wheat, and for the barley, because the haruest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried vp, and the fig tree is decayed: the pomegranate tree, and the palme tree, and the apple tree, euen all the trees of the field are withered: surely the ioy is withered away from the sonnes of men.

13 [h] Gird your selues and lament, yee Priestes, howle yee ministers of the altar: come, and lie all night in sackcloth, yee ministers of my God: for the meate offering, and the drinke offering is taken away from the house of your God.

14 Sanctifie you a fast: call a solemne assembly: gather the Elders, and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and crie vnto the Lord,

15 Alas: for the day, for the [i] day of the Lord is at hand, & it commeth as a destruction from the Almightie.

16 Is not the meate cut off before our eyes? and ioy, and gladnesse from the house of our God?

17 The seede is rotten vnder their clods: the garners are destroyed: the barnes are broken downe, for the corne is withered.

18 Howe did the beastes mourne? the heards of cattell pine away, because they haue no pasture, and the flocks of sheepe are destroyed.

19 O Lord, to thee will I crie: for the fire hath deuoured the pastures of the wildernesse, and the flame hath burnt vp all the trees of the field.

20 The beastes of the field crie also vnto thee: for the riuers of waters are dried vp, and the [k] fire hath deuoured the pastures of the wildernesse.

a Signifying, the Princes, the Priests, and the gouernours.

b He calleth the Iewes to the consideration of Gods iudgments, who had now plagued the fruits of the ground for the space of foure yeere, which was for their sinnes, and to call them to repentance.

c Meaning, that the occasion of their excesse and drunkennesse, was taken away.

d This was an other plague wherewith God had punished them, when he stirred vp the Assyrians against them.

e Mourne grieuously as a woman which hath lost her husband, to whom she hath bene married in her youth.

f The tokens of Gods wrath did appeare in his Temple, in so much as Gods seruice was lest off.

g All comfort and substance for nourishment is taken away.

h He sheweth that the onely meanes to auoid Gods wrath, and to haue al things restored, is vnfained repentance.

i We see by these great plagues what vtter destruction is at hand.

k That is, drought.

CHAP. II.

Hee prophesieth of the comming and cruelnie of their enemies. 13 *An exhortation to moue them to conuert.* 18 *The loue of God toward his people.*

BLowe [a] the trumpet in Zion, and shoute in mine holy mountaine: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord is come: for it is at hand.

2 A [b] day of darknesse, and of blacknesse, a day of cloudes, and obscuritie, as the morning spread vpon the mountaines, so is there a [c] great people, and a mightie: there was none like it from the beginning, neither shall be any more after it, vnto the yeres of many generations.

a He sheweth the great iudgements of God which are at hand, except they repent.

b Of affliction and trouble.

c Meaning, the Assyrians.

3 A fire deuoureth before him, and behinde him a flame burneth vp: the lande is as the garden of [c] Eden before him, and behinde him a desolate wildernesse, so that nothing shall escape him.

4 The beholding of him is like the sight of horses, & like the horsmen, so shal they run.

5 Like the noise of charets in the toppes of the mountaines shall they leape, like the noyse of a flame of fire that deuoureth the stubble, and as a mighty people prepared to the battell.

6 Before his face shall the people tremble: all faces [e] shall gather blacknesse.

7 They shal runne like strong men, and goe vp to the wall like men of warre, and euery man shall goe forward in his wayes, and they shall not stay in their paths.

8 Neither shall one [f] thrust another, but euery one shal walke in his path: and when they fall vpon the sworde, they shall not bee wounded.

9 They shal runne to and fro in the city: they shall runne vpon the wall: they shall clime vp vpon the houses, and enter in at the windowes like the theefe.

10 The earth shall tremble before him, the heauens shall shake, the [g] sunne and the moone shall be darke, and the starres shall withdraw their shining.

11 And the Lorde shall [h] vtter his voyce before his hoste: for his hoste is very great: for he is strong that doeth his word: [i] for the day of the Lorde is great and very terrible, and who can abide it?

12 Therefore also now the Lorde saieth, Turne you vnto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

13 And [k] rent your heart, and not your clothes: and turne vnto the Lord your God, for he is gracious and mercifull, slow to anger, and of great kindnesse, and repenteth him of the euill.

14 Who knoweth, if he will [l] returne and repent and leaue a blessing behind him, euen a meate offering, and a drinke offering vnto the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctifie a fast, call a solemne assembly.

16 Gather the people: sanctifie the Congregation, gather the Elders: assemble the [m] children, and those that sucke the breasts: let the bridegroome goe forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her bride chamber.

17 Let the Priests, the ministers of the Lord weepe betweene the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lorde, and giue not thine heritage into reproch that the heathe should rule ouer them. [n] Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then will the Lord be [o] ielous ouer his land, and spare his people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answere, and say vnto his people, Behold, I will send you corne and wine, and oyle, and you shall bee satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproch among the heathen.

20 But I will remoue farre off from you the [p] Northren armie, and I will drive him into a lande, barren and desolate, with his face toward the [q] East sea, and his ende to the vtmost sea, and his stinke shall come vp, and his corruption shall ascend, because he hath exalted himselfe to doe this.

21 Feare not, O land, but be glad and reioyce: for the Lord will doe great things.

22 Bee not afraid, yee beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wildernes are greene: for the tree beareth her fruit: the figge tree and the vine doe giue their force.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and reioyce in the Lord your God: for hee hath giuen you the raine of [r] righteousnesse, [s] and he will cause to come down for you the raine, euen the first raine, and the latter raine in the first moneth.

24 And the barnes shal be full of wheate, and the presses shal abound with wine & oile.

25 And I will render you the yeeres that the grashopper hath eaten, the canker worme and the caterpiller, and the palmer worme, my great hoste which I sent among you.

26 So you shal eate and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt marueilously with you: and my people shall neuer be ashamed.

27 Yee shall also knowe that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none other, and my people shall neuer be ashamed.

28 And afterward wil I powre [t] out my Spirit vpon all flesh: and your sonnes and your daughters shal prophesie: your old men shall dreame dreames, and your young men shall see visions.

29 And also vpon the seruants, and vpon the maydes in those dayes will I powre my Spirit.

30 And I will shew [u] wonders in the heauens and in the earth: blood and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sunne shalbe turned into darkenesse, and the moone into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

32 But whosoeuer shal call [x] on the Name of the Lord, shalbe saued: for in mount Zion, and in Ierusalem, shalbe deliuerance, as the Lord hath said, and in the [y] remnant, whom the Lord shall call.

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troubles he would preserue them. s The order of nature shal seeme to be changed for the horrible afflictions that shall be in the world, Isa. 13.10. ezek. 32.7. chap. 3.15. matth. 24.29. t Gods iudgements are for the destruction of the infidels, and to moue the godly to call vpon the Name of God, who will giue them saluation. u Meaning hereby the Gentiles, Rom. 10.13. x

CHAP. III.

Of the iudgement of God against the enemies of his people.

1 For behold, in those dayes, and in that time, when I shall bring againe the captiuitie of Iudah and Ierusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them downe into the [a] valley of [b] Iehoshaphat,

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c The enemie destroyeth our plentiful countrey, wheresoeuer he commeth.

d They shall be pale and blacke for feare, as Num 3.10.

e For none shall be able to resist them.

f Reade verses 2.31. and isa. 13.10. ezek. 32.7. chap. 3.15. mat. 24.29.

g The Lord shal stirre vp the Assyrians to execute his iudgements. *Ier.* 30.7. *amos* 5.18. *zeph.* 1.15.

h Mortifie your affections, and serue God with purenes of heart, and not with ceremonies.

i He speaketh this to stirre vp their slouthfulnes, and not that he doubted of Gods mercies, if they did repent. How God repenteth, reade Iere. 18.8.

k That as all haue sinned, so all may shew forth signes of their repentance, that men seeing the children, which are not free frō Gods wrath, might be the more liuely touched with the consideration of their own sinnes. *Psal.* 79. 10.

l If they repent, he sheweth that God wil preserue and defend them with a most ardent affection.

m That is, the Assyrians your enemies.

n Meaning hereby the Gentiles, Rom. 10.13.

o Called the salt sea, or Persian sea: meaning, that though his armie were so great that it filled all from this sea to the sea called Mediterraneum, yet he would scatter them.

p That is, such as should come by iust measure, and as was woont to be sent when God was reconciled with them. *Leuit.* 26.4. *deut.* 11.14.

q That is, in greater abundance, & more generally then in time past: & this was fulfilled vnder Christ, when as Gods graces, and his Spirit vnder the gospel was abundantly giuen to the Church, Isa. 44.3. 32.2. 17. iohn 7.38. 39.

r Namely, vnfeined & dreames in olde time, so shall they now haue clearer reuelations.

s He warneth the faithfull what terrible things should come, to the intent that they should not looke for continuall quietnesse in this world, and yet in all these

t Gods iudgements.

u Gods iudgements are for the destruction of the infidels, and to moue the godly to call vpon the Name of God, who will giue them saluation.

x Meaning hereby the Gentiles, Rom. 10.13.

a When I shall deliuer my Church, which standeth of the Iewes and of the Gentiles.

b It appeareth that hee alludeth to that great victory of Iehoshaphat, when as God without mans helpe destroyed the enemies, 2. Chro. 20.26. also hee hath respect to this word Iehoshaphat, which signifieth pleading, or iudgement, because God would iudge the enemies of his Church as he did there.

Iehoshaphat,

c That which the enemie gate for the ſale of my people, he beſtowed vpō harlots and drinke.
d He taketh the cauſe of his Church in hand againſt the enemie, as though the iniurie were done to himſelfe.
e Haue I done you wrong, that yee will render me the like?
f For afterward God ſold them by Nebuchadnezzar, and Alexander the great, for whom he bare to his people, & thereby they were comforted as though the price had bene theirs.
g When I ſhall execute my iudgments againſt mine enemies, I will cauſe euery one to be ready, and to prepare their weapons to deſtroy one another for my Church ſake.

Iehoſhaphat, and will pleade with them there for my people, and for mine heritage Iſrael, whom they haue ſcattered among the nations, and parted my land.
3 And they haue caſt lots for my people, & haue giuen the childe c for the harlot, & ſold the girle for wine, that they might drinke.
4 Yea, and d what haue you to doe with me, O Tyrus and Sidon, and all the coaſtes of Paleſtina? will ye render me e a recompenſe? and if ye recompenſe me, ſwiftly and ſpeedily will I render your recompenſe vpon your head:
5 For yee haue taken my ſiluer and my golde, and haue caried into your temples my goodly and pleaſant things.
6 The children alſo of Iudah and the children of Ieruſalem haue you ſolde vnto the Grecians, that ye might ſend them farre from their border.
7 Beholde, I will raiſe them out of the place where yee haue ſolde them, and will render your reward vpon your owne head,
8 And I will ſell your ſonnes and your daughters into the hand of the children of Iudah, and they f ſhall ſel them to the Sabeans, to a people farre off: for the Lord hath ſpoken it.
9 Publiſh this among the Gentiles: prepare warre, wake vp the mighty men: let all the men of warre draw neere and come vp.
10 g Breake your plowſharres into ſwords, and your lithes into ſpeares: let the weake ſay, I am ſtrong.
11 Aſſemble your ſelues, and come all yee heathen, and gather your ſelues together round about: there ſhal the Lord cauſe downe thy mighty men.
12 Let the heathen bee wakened, and come vp to the valley of Iehoſhaphat: for there will I ſit to iudge all the heathen round about.
13 Put in your h ſithes, for the harueſt is ripe: come, get you downe, for the winepreſſe is full: yea, the wine preſſes runne ouer, for their wickedneſſe is great.
14 D multitude, D multitude, come into the valley of threſhing: for the day of the Lord is neere in the valley of threſhing.
15 The ſunne & moone ſhalbe darkened, and the ſtarres ſhall withdraw their light.
16 The Lord alſo ſhall roare out of Zion, and vtter his voice from Ieruſalem, and the heauens and the earth ſhall ſhake, but the Lord will be the hope i of his people, and the ſtrength of the children of Iſrael.
17 So ſhall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, mine holy mountaine: then ſhall Ieruſalem bee holy, and there ſhall no ſtrangers go k thorow her any more.
18 And in that day ſhall the mountaines l drop downe new wine, and the hilles ſhal flow with milke, and all the riuers of Iudah ſhall run with waters, and a fountaine ſhall come fourth of the houſe of the Lord, and ſhall water the valley of Shittim.
19 m Egypt ſhall bee waſte, and Edom ſhalbe a deſolate wildernes, for the iniuries of the children of Iudah, becauſe they haue ſhed innocent blood in their land.
20 But Iudah ſhall dwell for euer, and Ieruſalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will n cleanſe their blood, that I haue not cleanſed, and the Lord will dwell in Zion.

h Thus he ſhall encourage the enemies, when their wickednes is full ripe, to deſtroy one another, which he calleth the valley of Gods iudgement.
i God aſſureth his againſt all troubles, that when hee deſtroyeth his enemies, his children ſhall be deliuered.
k The ſtrangers ſhal no more deſtroy his Church: which if they do, it is the people which by their ſinnes make the breach for the enemie.
l He promiſeth to his Church abundance of graces, read Ezekiel 47.1. which ſhould water and comfort the moſt barren places, Amos 9.13.
m The malicious enemies ſhall haue no part of this grace. n He had ſuffered his Church hitherto to lie in their filthineſſe, but nowe promiſeth to cleanſe them and to make them pure vnto him.

Amos.

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3 Iehoſh. Iehoram

THE ARGVMENT.

AMong many other Prophets that God raiſed vp to admoniſh Iſraelites of his plagues for their wickednes & idolatry, he ſtirred vp Amos, who was an herdman or ſhepherd of a poore towne, and gaue him both knowledge & conſtancie to reproue all eſtates and degrees, & to denounce Gods horrible iudgements againſt them, except they did in time repent: ſhewing them that if God ſpare not the other nations about them, who had liued as it were in ignorance of God in reſpect of them, but for their ſinnes will puniſh them, that they could looke for nothing, but an horrible deſtructiō, except they turned to the Lord by vnfained repentance. And finally he comforteth the godly with hope of the comming of the Meſſiah, by whom they ſhould haue perfect deliuerance and ſaluation.

CHAP. I.

The time of the propheſie of Amos. 3 The word of the Lord againſt Damaſcus, 6 the Philiſtims, Tyrus, Idumea and Ammon.

THe wordes of Amos, who was among the herdmen a at Tecoa, which he ſaw vpon Iſrael, in the dayes of Vzziah King of Iudah, and in the dayes of b Ieroboam the ſonne of Ioaſh king of Iſrael, two yeere before the c earthquake.
2 And he ſaid, The Lord ſhall roare from Zion, and vtter his voyce from Ieruſalem, and the dwelling places of the ſhepheards ſhall perish, and the top of d Carmel ſhall wither.
3 C Thus ſaieth the Lord, For e three tranſgreſſions of Damaſcus, and for foure, I will not turne it, becauſe they haue f threſhed Gilead with threſhing inſtruments of yron.
4 Therefore will I ſend a fire into the houſe of Hazael, and it ſhall deuoure the g palaces of Ben-hadad.

a Which was a towne ſixe miles from Ieruſalem in Iudea, but he propheſied in Iſrael.
b In his dayes the kingdome of Iſrael did moſt floriſh.
c Which, as Ioſephus writeth, was when Vzziah would haue vſurped the Prieſts office, and therefore was ſmitten with the leproſie.
d Whatſoeuer is fruitful and pleaſant in Iſrael ſhal ſhortly periſh.
e He ſheweth firſt that all the people round about ſhould be deſtroyed for their manifolde ſinnes: which are meant by three and foure which make ſeuen, becauſe the Iſraelites ſhould the more deepely conſider Gods iudgements toward them.
f If the Syrians ſhall not be ſpared for committing this crueltie againſt one city, it is not poſſible that Iſrael ſhould eſcape puniſhment, which hath committed ſo many and grieuous ſins againſt God and man.
g The antiquitie of their buildings ſhall not auoyde my iudgements, teade Ierem. 49.27.

5 I will breake also the barres of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant of Biketh-auen: and him that holdeth the scepter out of Beth-eden, and the people of Aram shall go into captiuitie vnto [h] Kir, saith the Lord.

6 Thus sayeth the Lord, For three transgressions of Azzah, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because they [i] caried away prisoners the whole captiuitie to shut them vp in Edom.

7 Therefore will I send a fire vpon the walles of Azzah, and it shall deuoure the palaces thereof.

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the scepter from Ashkelon, and turne mine hand to Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistims shall perish, saith the Lord God.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because they shut the whole captiuitie in Edom, and haue not remembred the [k] brotherly couenant.

10 Therefore will I send a fire vpon the walles of Tyrus, and it shall deuoure the palaces thereof.

11 (Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Edom, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because he did pursue his brother with the sworde: and did [‡] cast off all pitie, and his anger spoyled him euermore, and his wrath watched him [l] alway.

12 Therefore will I send a fire vpon Teman, and it shall deuoure the palaces of Bozrah.

13 ¶ Thus sayeth the Lord, For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because they [m] haue ript vp the women with childe of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.

14 Therefore will I kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall deuoure the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battell, and with a tempest in the day of the whirlewind.

15 And their King shall goe into captiuitie, hee and his princes together, saith the Lord.

CHAP. II.

Against Moab, Iudah, and Israel.

THus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Moab, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because it burnt the [a] bones of the king of Edom into lime.

2 Therefore will I send a fire vpon Moab, and it shall deuoure the palaces of Kirioth, and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of a trumpet.

3 And I will cut off the Iudge out of the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the Lord.

4 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Iudah, and for foure, [b] I will not turne to it, because they haue cast away the Law of the Lord, and haue not kept his commandements, & their lies caused them to erre after the which their fathers haue walked.

5 Therefore will I send a fire vpon Iudah, and it shall deuoure the palaces of Ierusalem.

6 ¶ Thus sayeth the Lord, For three transgressions of [c] Israel, and for foure, I will not turne to it, because they solde the righteous for siluer, & the poore for [d] shoes.

7 They gape ouer the head of the poore in the [e] dust of the earth, and peruert the wayes of the meeke: and a man and his father will goe in to a maid to dishonour mine holy Name.

8 And they lie downe vpon clothes layd to pledge [f] by euery altar: and they [g] drinke the wine of the condemned in the house of their God.

9 Yet destroyed I the [h] Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the okes: notwithstanding I destroyed his fruit from aboue, and his root from beneath.

10 Also I brought you vp from the land of Egypt, and led you fourtie yeeres thorow the wildernesse, to possesse the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised vp of your sonnes for Prophets, and [i] of your yong men for Nazarites. Is it not euen thus, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord?

12 But yee gaue the Nazarites wine to drinke, and commanded the Prophets, saying, Prophesie not.

13 Behold, I am [k] pressed vnder you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaues.

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the [l] swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mightie saue his life.

15 Nor he that handleth the bowe, shall stand, and he that is swift of foote, shall not escape, neither shall he that rideth the horse, saue his life.

16 And he that is of a mighty courage among the strong men, shall flee away naked in that day, saith the Lord.

CHAP. III.

He reproueth the house of Israel of ingratitude, 11. for the which God will punish them.

HEare this word that the Lord pronounceth against you, O children of Israel, euen against the whole familie which I brought vp from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You [a] onely haue I knowen of all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walke together except they be [b] agreed?

4 Will a [c] lion roare in the forest, when he hath no pray? or will a lyons whelpe cry out of his den if he haue taken nothing?

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h Tiglath Pileser led the Syrians captiue, and brought them to Cyrene, which he calleth here Kir.

i They ioyned themselues with the Edomites their enemies, which caried them away captiues.

k For Esau (of whom came the Edomites) and Iaakob were brethren: therefore they ought to haue admonished them of their brotherly friendship, and not to haue prouoked them to hatred.

‡ *Eb. corrupt his compassions.*

l He was a continuall enemie vnto him.

m He noteth the great cruelties of the Ammonites, that spared not the women, but mostly rannously tormented them, and yet the Ammonites came of Lot, who was of the household of Abraham.

a For the Moabites were so cruel against the King of Edom, that they burne his bones after that he was dead: which declared their barbarous rage, seeing they would reuenge themselues of the dead.

b Seeing the Gentiles that had not so farre knowledge, were thus punished, Iudah, which was so fully instructed of the Lords will, might not thinke to escape.

i Yee contemned my benefits, and abused my graces, and craftily went about to stop the mouthes of my Prophets.

k You haue wearied me with your sinnes, Isa. 1. 14.

l None shall be deliuered by any meanes.

a I haue onely chosen you to be mine among all other people, and yet you haue forsaken me.

b Hereby the Prophet signifieth that he speaketh not of himselfe, but as God guideth and mooueth him, which is called the agreement betweene God and his Prophets.

c Will God threaten by his Prophets, except there be some great occasion?

5 d Can

d Can any thing come without Gods prouidence?

e Shall his threatnings be in vaine?

f Shall the Prophets threaten Gods iudgements, and the people not be afraid?

g Doeth any aduersitie come without Gods appointment? Isa. 45.7.

h God dealeth not with the Israelites as hee doeth with other people: for hee euer warneth them before of his plagues, by his Prophets.

i Because the people euer murmured against the Prophets, he sheweth that Gods Spirit mooued them so to speake as they did.

k He calleth the strangers, as the Philistims and Egyptians to be witnesses of Gods iudgments against the Israelites for their crueltie and oppression.

5 d Can a bird fall in a snare vpon the earth, where no souler is? or shall he take vp the e snare from the earth, and haue taken nothing at all?

6 Or f shall a trumpet be blowen in the citie, and the people bee not afraid? or shall there a bee euill in a citie, and the Lord hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lorde God will doe nothing, but he g reuealeth his secret vnto his seruants the Prophets.

8 The lyon hath roared: who will not be afraid? The Lord God hath spoken: who can but h prophesie?

9 Proclaime in the palaces at i Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble your selues vpon the mountaines of Samaria: so behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they know not to doe right, sayth the Lord: they store vp violence, and robberie k in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord God, An aduersarie shall come euen round about the countrey, and shall bring downe thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoyled.

12 Thus saieth the Lorde, As the shepheard taketh l out of the mouth of the lyon two legges, or a piece of an eare: so shall the children of Israel bee taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in m Damascus, as in a couch.

13 Heare and testifie in the house of Iaakob, sayth the Lord God, the God of hostes.

14 Surely in the day that I shall visite the transgressions of Israel vpon him, I will also visite the altars of Beth-el, and the hornes of the altar shalbe broken off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house, and the houses of yuorie shall perish, and the great houses shalbe consumed, saith the Lord.

l The fruit of their cruelty & theft appeareth by their great riches, which they haue in their houses. m When the Lion hath satiate his hunger, the shepheard findeth a legge or a tip of an eare, to shew that the sheepe haue bene woried. n Where they thought to haue had a sure hold, and to haue bene in safetie.

CHAP. IIII.

Against the gouernours of Samaria.

HEare this worde yee a kine of Bashan, that are in the mountaine of Samaria, which oppresse the poore, & destroy the needie, and they say to their masters, b Bring, and let vs drinke.

2 The Lord God hath sworne by his holinesse, that loe the dayes shall come vpon you, that hee will take you away with c thornes and your posterite with fishhooks.

3 And yee shall goe out at the breaches, euery kowe forward: and yee shall cast your selues out of the palace, saith the Lord.

a Thus he calleth the princes and gouernours, which being ouerwhelmed with the great abundance of Gods benefits, forgate God, and therefore he calleth them by the name of beasts and not of men.

b They encourage such as haue authority ouer the people, to powle them so that they may haue profite by it. c He alludeth to fishers which catch fish by hookes and thornes.

4 Come to d Beth-el, and transgresse: to Gilgal, and multiplie transgression, and bring your sacrifices in the morning, & your tithes after three e yeares.

5 And offer a thanksgiuing f of leauen, publish and proclaime the free offerings: for this g liketh you, O yee children of Israel, saith the Lord God.

6 And therfore haue I giuen you h cleannesse of teeth in all your cities, and scarcenesse of bread in all your places, yet haue yee not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I haue withholden the raine from you, when there were yet three i moneths to the haruest, and I caused it to raine vpon one citie, and haue not caused it to raine vpon another citie: one peece was rained vpon, and the piece whereupon it rained not, withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered vnto one citie, to drinke water, but they were k not satisfied: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

9 I haue smitten you with blasting, and mildew: your great gardens and your vineyardes, and your figge trees, and your olive trees did the palmer worme deuoure: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

10 Pestilence haue I sent among you, after the maner of l Egypt: your young men haue I slaine with the sword, and haue taken away your horses: and haue made the stinke of your tentes to come vp euen into your nostrels: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

11 I haue ouerthrowen you, as God ouerthrew Sodome and Gomorah: and yee were as a m firebrand pluckt out of the burning: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

12 Therefore thus will I doe vnto thee, O Israel: and because I will doe this vnto thee, prepare to n meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For lo, he that formeth the mountaines, and createth the winde, and declareth vnto man what is his thought: which maketh the morning darkenesse, and walketh vpon the high places of the earth, the Lorde God of hostes is his Name.

CHAP. V.

A lamentation for the captiuitie of Israel.

HEare yee this word, which I lift vp vpon you, euen a lamentation of the house of Israel.

2 The a virgine Israel is fallen, and shall no more rise: thee is left vpon her land, and there is none to raise her vp.

3 For thus saith the Lord God, The citie which went out by a thousand, shall leaue an b hundreth: and that which went foorth by an hundreth, shall leaue ten to the house of Israel.

4 For thus saith the Lord vnto the house of Israel, Seeke ye me, and ye shall liue.

5 But seeke not Beth-el, nor enter into c Gilgal, and goe not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall go into captiuitie, and Beth-el shall come to nought.

6 Seeke the Lord, and ye shal liue, lest he

d He speaketh this in contempt of them which resorted to these places, thinking that their great deuotio & good intention had bene sufficient to haue bound God vnto them. e Reade Deut. 14.28.

f As Leuit. 7.13.

g You onely delite in these outward ceremonies and haue noue other respect.

h That is, lacke of bread and meate.

i I stayed the raine till the fruits of the earth were destroyed with drouth, and yet you would not confider it to returne to me by repentance.

k They could not finde water ynough where they had heard say it had rained.

l As I plagued the Egyptians, Exod. 9.10.

m You were almost all consumed, & a few of you wonderfully preserued, 2. King 14.26.

n Turne to him by repentance.

a He so calleth them, because they so boasted of themselues, or because they were giuen to wantonnesse and daintinesse.

b Meaning, that the tenth part should scarcely be saued.

c In these places they worshipped new idols, which aforetime serued for the true honour of God; therefore he saith that these shall not saue them.

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e In stead of iudgement and equity, they execute cruelty and oppression.
e He describeth the power of God, Iob 9 9.
f They hate the Prophets, which reprooue them in the open assemblies.
g Ye take both his money and also his goode wherewith he should liue.
h God will so plague them, that they shall not suffer the godly once to open their mouthes to admonish them of their faults.
i So that all degrees shall haue matter of lamentation for the great plagues.
k Thus hee speaketh because the wicked & hypocrites sayd they were content to abide Gods iudgements, whereas the godly tremble and feare. Iere. 30.7. ioel.2.2, 11. zeph. 1. 15. I Because yee haue corrupted my true seruice and remaine obstinate in your vices. Isa.1.11. Iere. 6.10.
m Doe your duetie to God and to your neighbour, and so yee shall feele his grace plentifully, if you shew your abundant affections according to Gods word.
n That idole which you esteemed as your King, and caried about as you did Chiun, in the which images you thought that there was a certaine diuinitie.

breake out like fire in the house of Ioseph, and deuoure it, and there be none to quenche it in Beth-el.

7 They turne [d] iudgement to wormewood, & leaue off righteousnesse in the earth.

8 Hee [e] maketh Pleiades, and Orion, and he turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and hee maketh the day darke as night: hee calleth the waters of the sea, and powreth them out vpon the open earth: the Lord is his Name.

9 He strengtheneth the destroyer against the mightie: and the destroyer shall come against the fortresse.

10 They haue hated him, [f] that rebuketh in the gate: and they abhorred him that speaketh vprightly.

11 Forasmuch then as your treading is vpon the poore, and [g] ye take from him burdens of wheat, ye haue built houses of hewen stone, but ye shall not dwell in them: ye haue planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drinke wine of them.

12 For I know your manifolde transgressions, and your mightie sinnes: they afflict the iust, they take rewards, and they oppresse the poore in the gate.

13 Therefore [h] the prudent shall keepe silence in that time, for it is an euill time.

14 Seeke good and not euil, that ye may liue: and the Lord God of hosts shalbe with you, as you haue spoken.

15 Hate the euill and loue the good, and establish iudgement in the gate: it may bee that the Lord God of hosts will be merciful vnto the remnant of Ioseph.

16 Therefore the Lord God of hosts, the Lord sayeth thus: Mourning shall be in all streetes: and they shall say in all the high wayes, Alas, alas: and they shall call the [i] husbandman to lamentation, and such as can mourne, to mourning.

17 And in all the vines shall be lamentation: for I will passe thorow thee, sayeth the Lord.

18 Woe vnto you, that [k] desire the day of the Lord: what haue you to do with it? the day the Lord is darkenesse and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lyon, and a beare met him: or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the Lord bee darkenesse, and not light? euen darkenesse and no light in it?

21 I hate & abhorre your feast dayes, and I will not smell in your solemne assemblies.

22 Though you offer me burnt offerings and meate offerings, [l] I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the multitude of thy songs (for I will not heare the melody of thy viols.)

24 And let iudgement runne downe as [m] waters, & righteousnes as a mighty ruer.

25 Haue ye offred vnto me sacrifices and offerings in the wildernesse fourte yeeres, O house of Israel?

26 But you haue borne [n] Siccuth your king, & Chiun your images, and the starre of your gods, which ye made to your selues,

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captiuity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose Name is the God of hosts.

CHAP. VI.

Against the princes of Israel liuing in pleasures.

WOe to [a] them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountaine of Samaria, [b] which were famous at the beginning of the nations: and the house of Israel came to them.

2 Goe you vnto Calneh, and see: and from thence goe you to Hamath the great: then go downe to Gath of the Philistims: bee they better then these kingdomes? or the border of their lands greater then your border,

3 Ye that put farre away the [c] euill day, and approch to the seat of iniquitie?

4 They lie vpon beds of yuorie, & stretch themselues vpon their beds, and eate the lambes of the flocke, and the calues out of the stall.

5 They sing to the sound of the viole: they inuent to themselues instruments of musicke like [d] Dauid.

6 They drinke wine in bowles, & anoint themselues with the chiefe ointments, but no man is [e] sory for the affliction of Ioseph.

7 Therefore now shall they goe captiue with the first that go captiue, and [f] the sorow of them that stretched themselues, is at hand.

8 [g] The Lord God hath sworne by himselfe, sayeth the Lord God of hostes, I abhorre [i] the excellencie of Iaakob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliuer vp the city with all that is therein.

9 And if there remaine ten men in one house, they shall die.

10 And his vncle [k] shall take him vp and burne him to carry out the bones out of the house, and shall say vnto him that is by the [l] sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? And he shall say, None. Then shall he say, [m] Hold thy tongue: for wee may not remember the Name of the Lord.

11 For beholde, the Lorde commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses [n] runne vpon the rocke? or will one plowe there with oxen? for yee haue turned iudgement into gall, and the

5 Sentence. Esa.

a The Prophet threatneth the wealthy, which regarded not Gods plagues nor menaces by his Prophets.
b These two cities were famous by their first inhabitants the Cananites: and seeing before time they did nothing auaile them that were therborne, why should you looke that they should saue you which were brought in to dwell in other mens possessions?
c If God haue destroyed these excellent cities in three diuers kingdomes, as in Babylon, Syria, and of the Philistims, and hath brought their wikke borders into a greater straitnesse, then yours are yet, thinke you to be better, or to escape?
d Yee that continue still in your wickednesse and thinke that Gods plagues are not at hand, but giue your selues to idlenesse, wantonnesse and ryot. e As he caused diuers kindes of instruments to be made to serue Gods glory, so these did contend to inuents as many to serue their wanton affections and lustes. f They pitied not their brethren, whereof now many were slaine, & caried away captiue. g Some reade, the ioy of them that stretch themselues shall depart. h Reade Ierem 51.14 i That is, the riches and pompe. k The destruction shall be so great, that none almost shal be left to burie the dead: and therefore they shall burne them at home, to cary out the burnt ashes with more ease. l That is, to some neighbour that dwelleth round about. m They shall be so astonied at this destruction, that they shall no more boast of the name of God, and that they are his people: but they shall bee dumbe when they beare Gods Name, and abhorre it, as they that are desperate or reprobate. n Hee compareth them to barren rockes whereupon it is in vaine to bestow labour: shewing that Gods benefits can haue no place among them.

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o Reade Chap. 5.7.

p That is, power and glory.

q From one corner of the countrey to another.

a To devoure the land: and he alludeth to the inuading of the enemies.

b After the publike commandemẽt for mowing was giuen: or as some read, when this kings sheepe were shorne.

c That is, stayed this plague at my prayer.

d Meaning, that Gods indignatiõ was inflamed against the stubburnesse of this people.

e Signifying, that this should be the last measuring of the people, and that hee would deferre his iudgement no longer.

f That is, when Amos had prophesied that the King should be destroyed: for this wicked priest more for hatred hee bare to the Prophet, then for loue toward ſ king, thought this accusation sufficient to condemn him, wheras none other could take place.

g When this instrument of Satan was not able to compasse his purpose by the king, he assayed by another practise: that was, to feare the Prophet, that he might depart, and not reproue their idolatrie there openly, & so hinder his profit. h Thus hee sheweth by his extraordinarie vocation, that God hath giuen him a charge which he must needs execute.

fruit of righteousnesse into o wormewood.

13 Ye reioyce in a thing of nought: ye say, Haue not we gotten vs p hornes by our owne strength?

14 But behold, I will raise vp against you a nation, O house of Israel, sayeth the Lord God of hostes: and they shall afflict you, from the entring in of q Hamath vnto the riuer of the wildernesse.

CHAP. VII.

God sheweth certaine visions, whereby he signifieth the destruction of the people of Israel. 10 The false accusation of Amaziah. 12 His craftie counsell.

THus hath the Lord God shewed vnto me, and behold, he formed a grashoppers in the beginning of the shooting vp of the latter growth: and loe, it was in the latter growth b after the kings mowing.

2 And when they had made an end of eating the grasse of the land, then I said, O Lord God, spare, I beseech thee: who shall raise vp Iaakob? for he is small.

3 So the Lord c repented for this. It shal not be, saith the Lord.

4 ¶ Thus also hath the Lord God shewed vnto me, and behold, the Lord God called to iudgement by fire, d and it deuoured the great deepe, and did eate vp a part.

5 Then sayd I, O Lorde God, cease, I beseech thee: who shall raise vp Iaakob? for he is small.

6 So the Lorde repented for this. This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

7 ¶ Thus againe he shewed me, and behold, the Lord stood vpon a wall made by line e with a line in his hand.

8 And the Lorde sayd vnto mee, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A line. Then sayd the Lord, Behold, I will set a line in the mids of my people Israel, and will passe by them no more.

9 And the hie places of Isaak shal be desolate, and the temples of Israel shall be destroyed: and I will rise against the house of Ieroboam with the sword.

10 ¶ f Then Amaziah ſ priest of Bethel sent to Ieroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the mids of the house of Israel: the land is not able to beare all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Ieroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shalbe led away captiue out of their owne land.

12 Also h Amaziah sayd vnto Amos, O thou the Seer, goe, flee thou away into the land of Iudah, and there eate thy bread and prophesie there.

13 But prophesie no more at Beth-el: for it is the Kings chappel, and it is the kings court.

14 Then answered Amos, and sayd to Amaziah, I was no b Prophet, neither was I a Prophets sonne, but I was an heardman, and a gatherer of wilde figs.

15 And the Lord tooke me as I followed the flocke, and the Lord said vnto me, Goe, prophesie vnto my people Israel.

16 Now therefore heare thou the word of the Lord. Thou sayst, Prophesie not against Israel, and speake nothing against the house of Isaak.

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord, i Thy wife shall be an harlot in the citie, and thy sonnes and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be diuided by line: and thou shalt die in a polluted land, and Israel shall surely goe into captiuitie foorth of his land.

CHAP. VIII.

8 Against the rulers of Israel. 7 The Lord sweareth. 11 The famine of the word of God.

THus hath the Lord God shewed vnto me, a behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer a fruite. Then said the Lord vnto me, The end is come vpon my people of Israel, I will passe by them no more.

3 And the songs of the Temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: many dead bodies shalbe in euery place: they shall cast them forth with b silence.

4 Heare this, O ye that c swallow vp the poore, that ye may make the needy of the land to faile,

5 Saying, When will the d new moneth be gone, that we may sell corne? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheate, and make e the Ephah small, & the shekel great, and falsifie the weights by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poore for siluer, and the needie for shoes: yea, and sell the refuse of the wheate?

7 The Lord hath sworne by the excellencie of Iaakob, Surely I will neuer forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this? and euery one mourne, that dwelleth therein? and it shal rise vp wholly as a flood, and it shall be cast out, and f drowned as by the flood of Egypt.

9 And in that day, sayeth the Lord God, I will euen cause the sunne to goe downe at noone: and I will darken the earth in the cleare day.

10 And I will turne your feastes into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation: and I will bring sackecloth vpon all loynes, and baldnesse vpon euery head: and I will make it as the mourning of an onely sonne, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the dayes come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the lande, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of the Lord.

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the North euen vnto the East shal they run to and fro to seeke the b word of the Lord, and shall not finde it.

13 In that day shal the faire virgins and

i Thus God vsed to approue the authoritie of his Prophets by his plagues & iudgements against the which were malicious enemies, Ier. 28.12. & 29.21, 22. as this day he doth against them that persecute the ministers of his Gospel.

a Which signified the ripenesse of their sins, and the readinesse of Gods iudgements.

b There shall be none left to mourne for them.

c By staying the sale of food and necessarie things which you haue gotten into your own hands, & so cause the poore to spend quickly that little that they haue, and at length for necessitie to be come your slaues.

d When the death was once come they were so greedy of gaine, that they thought the holy day to be an hinderance vnto them.

e That is, the measure small, & the price great.

f That is, the inhabitants of ſ land shall be drowned, as Nilus drowneth many when it ouerfloweth.

g In the mids of their prosperity I will send great affliction.

h Whereby he sheweth that soule for lacke of

they shall not onely perish in body, but also in Gods word which is the food thereof.

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the yong men perish by the sword: and all their sheepe shall be slaine.

11 They that sweare by the sinne i of Samaria, and that say, Thy God, O Dan, liueth, and k the maner of Beer-sheba liueth, euen they shall fall, and neuer rise vp againe.

i For the idolaters did vse to sweare by their idoles, which here he calleth their sinne, as the manor of worshipping, and the seruice or religion there vsed.

k That is, the common Papists yet do by theirs.

CHAP. IX.

1 Threatnings against the Temple, 2 and against Israel. 11 The restoring of the Church.

I Saw the Lord standing vpon the a altar, and he said, Smite the lintell of the doore, that the postes may shake: and cut them in peeces, euen the b heads of them all, and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them, shall not flee away: & he that escapeth of them, shall not be deliuered.

2 Though they dig into the hell, thence shall mine hande take them: though they climbe vp to heauen, thence will I bring them downe.

3 And though they hide themselues in the toppe of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence: and though they bee hid from my sight in the bottome of the sea, thence will I commaund the c serpent, and he shall bite them.

4 And though they goe into captiuitie before their enemies, thence will I commaund the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes vpon them for euill, and not for good.

5 And the Lord God of hosts shall touch the land, and it shall melt away, and all that dwell therein, shall mourne, and it shall rise vp wholly like a flood, and shall be drowned as by the flood of Egypt.

6 Hee buildeth d spheres in the heauen, & hath layd the foundation of his globe of elements in the earth: he calleth the waters of the sea, and powreth them out vpon the open earth: the Lord is his Name.

7 Are yee not as the Ethiopians e vnto me, O children of Israel, sayeth the Lord? haue not I brought vp Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistims from f Caphtor, and Aram from Kir?

8 Beholde, the eyes of the Lord God are vpon the sinfull kingdome, and I will destroy it cleane out of the earth. Neuertheless I will not vtterly g destroy the house of Iaakob, sayeth the Lord.

9 For lo, I will commaund, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corne is sifted in a sieue: yet shall not the h least corne fall vpon the earth.

10 But all the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The euill shall not come, nor hasten for vs.

11 In that day will I raise vp the i tabernacle of Dauid, that is fallen downe, and close vp the breaches thereof, and I will raise vp his ruines, and I will build it, as in the dayes of old,

12 That they may possesse the remnant of k Edom, and of all the heathen, because my Name is called vpon them, sayth the Lord, that doeth this.

13 Beholde, the dayes come, sayeth the Lorde, that the plowman shall l touch the mower, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seede: and the mountaines shall m droppe sweet wine, and all the hilles shall melt.

14 And I will bring againe the captiuitie of my people of Israel: and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabite them, and they shall plant vineyardes, and drinke the wine thereof, they shall also make gardens, and eate the fruits of them.

15 And n I will plant them vpon their land, and they shall no more bee pulled vp againe out of their land, which I haue giuen them, sayth the Lord thy God.

a Which was at Ierusalem: for he appeared not in the idolatrous places of Israel.

b Both the chiefe of them and also the common people.

c He sheweth, God wil declare himselfe enemie vnto them in all places, and that his elements and all creatures shall be enemies to destroy them.

d He declareth by the wonderfull power of God, by the making of the heauens, and the elements, that it is not possible for man to escape his iudgements when he punisheth.

e Am I more bound to you then to the Ethiopians or blacke Moores? yet haue I bestowed vpon you greater benefits.

f Reade Ierem. 47. 4.

g Though he destroy the rebellious multitude, yet he wil euer reserue the remnant his Church to call vpon his Name.

h Meaning, that none of his should perish in his wrath.

i I will send the Messiah promised, and restore by him the spirituall Israel, Actes 15. 16.

k Meaning, that the very enemies, as were the Edomites and others, should be ioyned with the Iewes in one societie & body, whereof Christ should be the head.

l Signifying, that there shall be great plentie of all things, so that when one kind of fruit is ripe, another should follow, and euery one in course, Leuit. 26. 5.

m Reade Ioel 3. 18.

n The accomplishment hereof is vnder Christ, when they are planted in his Church, out of the which they can neuer be pulled, after they are once grafted therein.

Obadiah.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Idumeans which came of Esau, were mortall enemies alway to the Israelites, which came of Iaakob: and therefore did not onely vexe them continually with sundry kindes of crueltie, but also stirred vp others to fight against them. Therefore when they were now in their greatest prosperitie, and did most triumph against Israel, which was in great affliction and miserie, God raised vp his Prophet to comfort the Israelites, forasmuch as God had now determined to destroy their aduersaries, which did so sore vexe them, and to send them such as should deliuer them, and set vp the kingdome of Messiah, which he had promised.

THe vision of Obadiah. Thus sayeth the Lorde God against Edom, a Wee haue heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassadour is sent among the heathen: arise, and b let vs rise vp against her to battell.

2 Beholde, I haue made thee small among the heathen: thou art vtterly despised.

3 The c pride of thine heart hath deceiued thee: thou thou dwellest in the clefts of the rockes, whose habitation is hie, that saith in his heart, Who will bring me downe to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt thy selfe as the egle, and make thy nest among the starres, thence will I bring thee downe, saith the Lord.

5 d Came theeues to thee or robbers by night?

a God hath certainly reuealed to his Prophets that hee will raise vp the heathen to destroy the Edomites, whereof the rumour is now published, Ierem. 49. 14.

b Thus the heathen encourage themselues to rise against Edom.

c Which despiseth all others in respect of thy selfe, & yet art but an handful in comparison of others, and art shut vp among the hils as separate from the rest of the world.

d God wil so destroy them that he will leaue none, though theeues when they come, take but till they haue enough, and they that gather grapes, euer leaue some behind them, Ierem. 49. 9.

night? how wast thou brought to silence? would they not haue stollen, till they had enough? if the grape gatherers came to thee, would they not leaue some grapes?

6 Howe are the things of Esau sought vp, and his treasures searched?

7 All the men of thy confederacie e haue driuen thee to the borders: the men that were at peace with thee, haue deceiued thee, and preuailed against thee: they that eate thy bread, haue laid a wound vnder thee: there is none vnderstanding in him.

8 Shal not I in that day, saith the Lord, euen destroy the wise men out of Edom, and vnderstanding from the mount of Esau?

9 And thy strong men, O Teman, shall be afrayd, because euery one of the mount of Esau shall be cut off by slaughter.

10 For thy cruelty against thy f brother Iaakob, shame shal couer thee, and thou shalt be cut off for euer.

11 When thou stoodest g on the other side, in the day that the strangers caried away his substance, and straungers entred into his gates, and cast lots vpon Ierusalem, euen thou wast as one of them.

12 But thou shouldest not haue beholden the day of thy brother, in the day that he was made a straunger, neither shouldest thou haue reioyced ouer the children of Iudah, in the day of their destruction: thou shouldest not haue spoken proudly in the day of affliction.

13 Thou shouldest not haue entred into the gate of my people in the day of their destruction, neither shouldest thou haue once looked on their affliction in the day of their destruction, nor haue layde handes on their substance in the day of their destruction.

14 Neither shouldest thou haue stoode in the crosse wayes to cut off them, that should escape, neither shouldest thou haue shutte vp the remnant thereof in the day of distresse.

15 For the day h of the Lord is neere vpon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done to thee: thy reward shall returne vpon thine head.

16 For as ye haue i dronke vpon mine holy mountaine, so shall all the heathen drinke continually, yea, they shall drinke and swallow vp, and they shall be k as though they had not bene.

17 But vpon mount Zion shall be deliuerance, and it shall bee holy, and the house of Iaakob shall possesse their possessions.

18 And the house of Iaakob shall bee a fire, and the house of Ioseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble, and they shall kindle in them and deuoure them: and there shall be no remnant of the house of Esau: for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And they shall possesse the South side of the l mount of Esau, and the plaine of the Philistims: and they shall possesse the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria, and Beniamin shall haue Gilead.

20 And the captiuitie of this hoste of the children of Israel, which were among the m Cananites, shall possesse vnto Zarephath, and the captiuitie of Ierusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possesse the cities of the South.

21 And they n that shall saue, shal come vp to mount Zion to iudge the mount of Esau, and the kingdome shall be the Lords.

e They in whom thou didst trust, for to haue helpe and friendship of them, shall be thine enemies and destroy thee.

f That is, thy familiar friends & ghests haue by secret practises destroyed thee.

g He sheweth the cause why the Edomites were so sharpely punished: to wit, because they were enemies to his Church, whom now he comforteth by punishing their enemies.

h When Nebuchad-nezzar came against Ierusalem, thou ioynedst with him, and haddest part of the spoile, and so diddest reioyce, when my people, that is, thy brother, were afflicted, whereas thou shouldest haue pitied and holpen thy brother. i When the Lord depriued them of their former dignitie, and gaue them to be caried into captiuitie.

k When he will summon all the heathen, & send them to destroy thee.

l That is, reioyced and triumphed.

m The Edomites shall be vtterly destroyed, and yet in despight of all the enemies, I will restore my Church, and restore it.

n God attributeth this power to consume his enemies, to his Church, which power is onely proper to himselfe, as Isa. 10. 17. deut. 4 24. hebr. 12. 29.

o He describeth how the Church shall be enlarged and haue great possessions, but this chiefly is accomplished vnder Christ, when as the faithfull are made heires and lords of all things by him which is their head. p By the Cananites, the Iewes meane the Dutch men, and by Zarephath, France, and by Sepharad, Spaine. q Meaning that God will raise vp in his Church such as shall rule and gouerne for the defence of the same, and destruction of his enemies vnder Messiah, whom the Prophet calleth here the Lord and head of this kingdome.

¶ Ionah.

THE ARGVMENT.

WHen Ionah had long prophesied in Israel, & had little profited, God gaue him expresse charge to goe and denounce his iudgements against Nineueh the chiefe citie of the Assyrians, because he had appointed, that they which were of the heathen, should conuert by the mighty power of his word, and that within three dayes preaching, that Israel might see how horribly they had prouoked Gods wrath, which for the space of so many yeeres, had not conuerted to the Lord for so many Prophets, and so diligent preaching. He prophesied vnder Ioash & Ieroboam, as 2 Kin. 14 25

CHAP. I.

3 Ionah fled when he was sent to preach. 4 A tempest ariseth, and hee is cast into the sea for his disobedience.

THe worde of the Lorde came a also vnto Ionah the sonne of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, and goe to b Nineueh, that c great citie, and cry against it: for their wickednesse is come before me.

3 But Ionah rose vp to d flee into Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went downe to e Iapho: and hee found a shippe going to Tarshish: so hee payed the fare

a After that he had preached a long time in Israel: and so Ezekiel, after that for a time hee had prophesied in Iudah, hee had visions in Babylon. Ezek. 1 1.

b For seeing the great obstination of the Israelites, he sent his Prophets to the Gentiles, that they might prouoke them to repentance, or at least make them inexcusable: for Nineueh was the chiefe citie of the Assyrians.

c For as authors write, it conteined in circuit about eight and fourtie mile, and had a thousand and fiue hundred towers and at this time there were an hundreth and twentie thousand children therein, Chap. 4. 11.

d Whereby hee declared his weakenesse, that would not promptly follow the Lords calling, but gaue place to his owne reason, which perswaded him that he should nothing at all profit there, seeing he had done so small good among his owne people. Chap. 4 1. e Which was the haven and port to take shipping thither, called also Ioppe.

fare therof, and went downe into it, that he might goe with them vnto Tarshish, from the f presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great winde vnto the Sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraide, and cryed euery man vnto his God, and cast the wares that were in the ship, into the sea to lighten it of them: but Ionah was gone downe into the sides of the ship, and he lay downe, and was fast asleepe.

6 So the Shipmaster came to him, and said vnto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, call vpon thy h God, if so be that God wil thinke vpon vs, that we perish not.

7 And they said euery one to his fellow, Come, and let vs cast i lots, that we may knowe, for whose cause this euill is vpon vs. So they cast lots, and the lot fell vpon Ionah.

8 Then sayd they vnto him, Tell vs for whose cause this euill is vpon vs? what is thine occupation? & whence commest thou? which is thy country? and of what people art thou?

9 And hee answered them, I am an Ebrew, and I feare the Lord God of heauen, which hath made the sea, and the dry land.

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and sayd vnto him, Why hast thou done this? (for the men knewe, that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because hee had told them)

11 Then said they vnto him, What shall we doe vnto thee, that the sea may be calme vnto vs? (for the Sea wrought and was troublous)

12 And he said vnto them, Take me, and cast me into the sea: so shall the sea be calme vnto you: for I know, that for my sake this great tempest is vpon you.

13 Nemertheless, the men rowed to bring it to the land, but they could not: for the sea wrought and was troublous against them.

14 Wherefore they cryed vnto the Lord, and said, k Wee beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let vs not perish for this mans life, and lay not vpon vs innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done, as it pleased thee.

15 So they tooke vp Ionah, and cast him into the sea, & the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men l feared the Lorde exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice vnto the Lord, and made vowes.

17 Nowe the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow vp Ionah: and Ionah was in the belly of the fish three dayes and three nights.

f From that vocation whereunto God had called him, and wherein hee would haue assisted him.

g As one that would haue cast off this care and solicitude by seeking rest and quietnesse.

h As they had called on their idoles: which declareth that idolaters haue no stay nor certainty, but in their troubles seeke, they can not tel to whom.

i Which declareth that the matter was in great extremity and doubt, which thing was Gods motion in them for the triall of the cause: and this may not bee done but in matters of great importance.

k This declareth that the wicked in their necessities flee vnto God for succour, and also that they are touched with a certaine feare to shead mans blood, whereas they know no manifest signe of wickednesse.

l They were touched with a certaine repentance of their life past, and began to worship the true God by whom they saw themselues to wonderfully deliuered: but this was done for feare & not of a pure heart and affection, neither according to Gods worde.

m Thus the Lord would chastise his Prophet with a most terrible spectacle of death, and hereby also confirmed him of his fauour and support in this his charge which was inioyned him.

CHAP. II.

1 *Ionah is in the fishes belly.* 2 *His prayer,* 10 *He is deliuered.*

THen Ionah prayed vnto the Lorde his God a out of the fishes belly,

2 And sayde, I cryed in mine affliction vnto the Lord, and he heard me: out of the belly b of hell cryed I, and thou heardest my voyce.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the bottome in the midst of the sea, and the floods compassed me about: all thy surges, and all thy waues passed ouer me.

4 Then I sayd, I am c cast away out of thy sight: yet will I looke againe towarde thine holy Temple.

5 The waters compassed me about vnto the soule: the depth closed me round about, and the weedes were wrapt about mine head.

6 I went downe to the bottoms of the mountaines: the earth with her barres was about mee for euer, yet hast thou brought vp my d life from the pit, O Lorde my God.

7 When my soule fainted within mee, I remembred the Lord, and my prayer came vnto thee, into thine holy Temple.

8 They that waite vpon lying e vanities forsake their owne f mercie.

9 But I will sacrifice vnto thee with the voyce of thanksgiuing, and will pay that that I haue vowed: saluation is of the Lord.

10 And the Lord spake vnto the fish, and it cast out Ionah vpon the dry land.

a Being nowe swallowed vp of death, and seeing no remedy to escape, his faith brast out vnto the Lord, knowing that out of the very hell he was able to deliuer him.

b For he was now in the fishes belly, as in a graue or place of darkenesse.

c This declared what his prayer was, and how he laboured betweene hope and despaire, considering the neglect of his vocation, and Gods iudgements for the same: but yet in the end faith gate the victory.

d Thou hast deliuered mee from the belly of the fish, and all these dangers, as it were raising me from death to life.

e They that depend vpon any thing saue one God alone.

f They refuse their owne felicitie, & that goodnesse which they should else receiue of God.

CHAP. III.

1 *Ionah is sent againe to Nineueh.* 5 *The repentance of the king of Nineueh.*

AND the word of the Lord came vnto Ionah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, goe vnto Nineueh that great citie, and preach vnto it the preaching, which I bid thee.

3 So Ionah arose and went to Nineueh according to the word of the Lord: now Nineueh was a b great and excellent citie of three dayes iourney.

4 And Ionah began to enter into the citie a c dayes iourney, and he cryed, and said, Yet fourtie dayes, and Nineueh shall be ouerthrowen.

5 So the people of Nineueh d beleeued God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth from the greatest of them euen to the least of them.

6 For word came vnto the King of Nineueh, and he arose from his throne, and layed his robe from him, and couered him with sackcloth, and sate in ashes.

7 And he proclaimed and said through Nineueh, (by the counsel of the king and his nobles) saying, Let neither man, nor e beast, bullocke nor sheepe taste any thing, neither feede nor drinke water.

8 But let man and beast put on sackcloth,

a This is a great declaration of Gods mercy, that he receiueth him againe & sendeth him forth as his Prophet, which had before shewed so great infirmitie

b Reade Chap. 1.2.

c He went forward one day in the citie, and preached, and so he continued till the citie was conuerted.

d For he declared that he was a Prophet sent to them from God to denounce his iudgements against them.

e Not that the dumbe beastes had sinned or could repent but that by their example man might be astonished, considering that for his sinne the anger of God hanged ouer all creatures.

f He willed, that the men ſhould earneſtly call vnto God for mercie.
g For partly by the threatning of the Prophet, and partly by the motion of his owne conſcience he doubted whether God would ſhew them mercie. h That is, the fruits of their repentance, which did proceede of faith, which God had planted by the miniſtery of his Prophet. i Reade Iere. 18.8.

cloth, and f cry mightily vnto God: yea, let euery man turne from his euill way, and from the wickednesse that is in their hands.
9 g Who can tell if God will turne, and repent & turne away from his fierce wrath, that we perish not?
10 And God ſawe their h workes that they turned from their euill wayes: & God repented of the euill that he had ſaid, that he would doe vnto them, and he did it not.

CHAP. IIII.

The great goodneſſe of God toward his creatures.

a Because hereby he ſhould be taken as a falſe prophet, and ſo the Name of God which he preached ſhould be blaſphemed. b Reade Chap. 1.3. c Thus he prayed of griefe, fearing leſt Gods Name by this forgiueneſſe might be blaſphemed, as though he ſent his Prophets foorth to denounce his iudgements in vaine. d Wilt thou be iudge when I doe things for my glory, and when I doe not?

THerefore it diſpleaſed a Ionah exceedingly, and he was angry.
2 And he prayed vnto the Lord, and ſaid, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my ſaying, when I was yet in my country? therefore I preuented it to flee vnto Tarſhish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and mercifull, ſlowe to anger, and of great kindneſſe, and repenteſt thee of the euill.
3 Therefore now, O Lorde, take, I beſeech thee, my life b from me: for it is better for me to die then to liue.
4 Then ſaid the Lord, Doeſt thou well to be c angry?
5 So Ionah went out of the citie, & ſate on the Eaſt ſide of the city, and there made him a boothe, and ſate vnder it in the ſhadow, till he might ſee what ſhould be done in the citie.
6 And the Lord God prepared a d gourd, and made it to come vp ouer Ionah, that it might be a ſhadowe ouer his head, and deliuer him from his griefe. So Ionah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7 But God prepared a worme when the morning roſe the next day: and it ſmote the gourd that it withered.
8 And when the Sunne did ariſe, God prepared alſo a feruent Eaſt winde: and the Sunne beat vpon the head of Ionah, that hee fainted, and wiſhed in his heart to die, and ſaid, It is better for me to die, then to liue.
9 And God ſaid vnto Ionah, Doeſt thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he ſaid, I doe well to be angry vnto the death.
10 Then ſaid the Lord, Thou haſt had pitie on the gourd for the which thou haſt not laboured, neither madeſt it growe, which came vp in a night, and perished in a night,
11 And ſhould e not I ſpare Niniueh that great citie, wherein are more then ſixe score thouſand perſons, that f cannot diſcerne betweene their right hand and their left hand, and alſo much cattell?

a For he doubted as yet whether God would ſhew them mercie or no: and therefore after fourtie dayes he departed out of the citie, looking what iſſue God would ſend. f Which was a further meanes, to couer him from the heate of the Sunne, as he remained in his boothe. g This declareth the great inconueniences wherinto Gods ſeruants doe fall when they giue place to their owne affections, and doe not in all things willingly ſubmit themſelues to God. h Thus God mercifully reproueth him which would pitie himſelfe and this gourd, and yet would reſtraine God to ſhew his compaſſion to ſo many thouſand people. i Meaning, that they were children and infants.

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THE ARGVMENT.

MIcah the Prophet of the tribe of Iudah, ſerued in the worke of the Lord, concerning Iudah and Iſrael, at the leaſt thirtie yeres, at what time Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah Kings of Iudah, which hee ſawe concerning Samaria and Ieruſalem.

Borne in Mareſhah a citie of Iudah. b Because of the malice and obſtinacie of the people whom he had ſo oft exhorted to repentance, he ſummoneth them to Gods iudgements, taking all creatures and God himſelf to witneſſe, that the preaching of his Prophets, which they haue abuſed, ſhall be reuenged. c Meaning hereby, that God will come to iudgement againſt the ſtrong cities and holds.

CHAP. I.

1 The deſtruction of Iudah and Iſrael becauſe of their idolatrie.

THE word of the Lorde, that came vnto Micah the a Morathite in the dayes of Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah Kings of Iudah, which hee ſawe concerning Samaria and Ieruſalem.
2 Heare, b all yee people: hearken thou, O earth, and all that therein is, and let the Lord God be witneſſe againſt you, euen the Lord God from his holy Temple.
3 For beholde, the Lorde commeth out of his place, and will come downe, and treade vpon the hie places of the earth.
4 And the mountaines ſhall melt vnder him (& ſhall the valleys cleaue) as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are powred downeward.
5 For the wickednesse of Iaakob is all this, and for the ſinnes of the houſe of Iſrael: what is the wickednesse of Iaakob? Is not c Samaria? and which are the hie places of Iudah? Is not Ieruſalem?
6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heape of the fielde, and for the planting of a vineyard, and I will cauſe the ſtones thereof to tumble downe into the valley, and I will diſcouer the foundations thereof.
7 And all the grauen images thereof ſhall be broken, and all the d gifts thereof ſhall be burnt

Iaakob. e That is the idolatry and infection. f thered by euill practiſes, and thought that their idoles had enriched them therewith for their ſeruice vnto them. d Samaria which ſhould haue bene an example to all Iſrael of true religion & iuſtice, was the puddle and ſtewes of all idolatry and corruption, & boaſted themſelues of their father Which they ga-

g The gaine that came by their idols, shalbe consumed as a thing of nought: for as the wages or riches of harlots are wickedly gotten, so are they vilely and speedily spent.

burnt with the fire, and all the tools thereof will I destroy: for the gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall returne to the wages of an harlot.

8 Therefore will I mourne and howle: I will goe without clothes, and naked: I wil make lamentation like the dragons, and mourning as the ostriches.

9 For her plagues are grievous: for it is come into Iudah: the enemie is come vnto the gate of my people, vnto Ierusalem.

10 Declare yee it not at [b] Gath, neither weepe ye: for the house of [i] Aphrah rolle thy selfe in the dust.

11 Thou that dwellest at [k] Shaphir, goe together naked with shame: she that dwelleth at Zaanan, shall not come forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel: the enemie shall [l] receive of you for his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited for good, but euill came from the Lord vnto the [m] gate of Ierusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, binde the charet to the beastes [n] of price: she [o] is the beginning of the sinne to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moresheth [p] Gath: the houses of Achzib shalbe as a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an [q] heire vnto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah, hee shall come vnto Adullam, [r] the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee balde: and shave thee for thy delicate children: enlarge thy baldnesse as the egle: for they are gone into captivitie from thee.

h Thus the Iewes lament, and say, that there is no hope of restitution, seeing their possessions are diuided among the enemies.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot, in [c] the congregation of the Lord.

6 [d] They that prophesied, Prophesie ye not. [e] They shall not prophesie to them, neither shall they take shame.

7 O thou that art named the house of Iaakob, is the Spirit of the Lord shortned? are these his workes? are not my wordes good vnto him [f] that walketh vprightly?

8 But hee that was [h] yesterday my people, is risen vp on the other side, as against an enemie: they spoyle the [i] beautifull garment from them that passe by peaceably, as though they returned from the warre.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses, and from their children have ye taken away [k] my glorie continually.

10 Arise and depart, for this is not your [l] rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, euen with a sore destruction.

11 If a man [m] walke in the spirit, and would lie falsely, saying, [n] I will prophesie vnto thee of wine, and of strong drinke, hee shall euen be the Prophet of this people.

12 I will surely gather [o] thee wholly, O Iaakob: I will surely gather the remnant of Israel: I will put them together as the sheepe of Bozrah, euen as the flocke in the middes of their folde: she cities shall be full of mē of the men.

13 The [p] breaker vp shall come before them: they shall breake out and passe by the gate, and goe out by it, and their king shall goe before them, and the Lord shall be [q] vpon their heads.

c Ye shall have no more lands to diuide, as you had in times past, and as you vsed to measure them in the Iubile.

d Thus the people warne Prophets that they speake to them no more: for they cannot abide their threatnings.

e God saith that they shall not prophesie, nor receiue no more of their rebukes nor tauts.

f Are these your works according to his law?

g Doe not the godly finde my words comfortable?

h That is, afore-time.

i The poore can haue no commoditie by them, but they spoyle them as though they were enemies.

k That is, their substance and liuing, which is Gods blessing, and as it were part of his glory.

l Ierusalem shall not be your safegard, but the cause of your destruction.

m That is, shew himselfe to be a Prophet.

n He sheweth what prophets they delighte in: that is, in flatterers, which tell them pleasant tales, and speake of their commodities.

o To destroy thee.

p The enemy shall breake their gates & walles, and leade them into Caldea.

q To driue them forward, and to helpe their enemies.

CHAP. II.

1 Threatnings against the wanton and daintie people. 6 They would teach the Prophets to preach.

WOe vnto them that imagine iniquity, and worke wickednesse vpon their beddes: [a] when the morning is light they practise it, because their hand [t] hath power.

2 And they couet fields, and take them by violence, & houses, and take them away: so they oppresse a man and his house, euen man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus sayeth the Lord, Behold, against this familie haue I deuised a plague, wherefrom yee shall not plucke your necks, and ye shal not goe so proudly, for this time is euill.

4 In that day shall they take vp a parable against you, and lament with a dolefull lamentation, and say, [b] Wee be vtterly wasted: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath hee taken it away to restore it vnto me? he hath diuided our fields.

a Assoone as they rise, they execute their wicked deuices of the night and according to their power hurt other.

t *Ebr. is in power*

CHAP. III.

1 Against the tyrannie of princes and false prophets.

AND I sayd, Heare, I pray you, O heads of Iaakob, and yee princes of the house of Israel: Should not yee know [a] iudgement?

2 But they hate the good, and loue the euill: they plucke off their skinnes from them, and their flesh from their bones.

3 And they eate also the [b] flesh of my people, and flay off their skinne from them, and they breake their bones, and choppe them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then [c] shall they crie vnto the Lord, but hee will not heare them: hee will euen hide his face fro them at that time, because they haue done wickedly in their workes.

a That thing which is iust and lawfull, both to gouerne my people aright, and also to discharge your owne conscience?

b The Prophet condemneth the wicked gouernours not onely of couetousnesse, theft and murther, but compareth them to wolues, lions, & most cruel beasts

c That is, when I shal visite their wickednesse: for though I heare they cry, Isa. 65. 24. yet I will not heare these though they cry, Isa. 1. 15. ezek. 8. 18. iam. 2. 13. 1 pet 3. 11, 12.

d They deuoure all their substance, and then flatter them, promising that all shal goe wel: but if one restraine from their bellies, then they inuent all wayes to mischiefe.

e As you haue loued to walke in darkenesse and to prophesie lies, so God shall reward you with grosse blindnesse & ignorance, so that when all others shall see the bright beames of Gods graces, ye shall as blinde men grope as in the night.

f when God shal discouer them to the world, they shalbe afrayd to speake: for all shall know that they were but false prophets and did belie the word of God.

5 Thus sayeth the Lord, Concerning the prophets that deceiue my people, and d bite them with their teeth, and crie Peace, but if a man put not into their mouthes, they prepare warre against him.

6 Therefore e night shalbe vnto you for a vision, and darkenesse shall be vnto you for a diuination, and the sunne shall goe downe ouer the Prophets, and the day shalbe darke ouer them.

7 Then shall the Seers be ashamed, and the soothsayers confounded: yea, they shall all couer f their lippes, for they haue none answere of God.

8 Yet notwithstanding, I am full g of power by the Spirit of the Lorde, and of iudgement, and of strength to declare vnto Iaakob his transgression, and to Israel his sinne.

9 Heare this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Iaakob, and princes of the house of Israel: they abhorre iudgement, and peruert all equitie.

10 They build vp Zion with h blood, and Ierusalem with iniquitie.

11 The heads thereof iudge for rewards and the Priests thereof teach for hire, and the Prophets thereof prophesie for money: yet will they i leane vpon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lorde among vs? no euill can come vpon vs.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be k plowed as a field, and Ierusalem shalbe an heape, and the mountaine of the house, as the hie places of the forest.

g The Prophet being assured of his vocation by the Spirit of God, setteth himselfe alone against all the wicked, shewing how God hath gaue him giftes abilitie and knowledge to discerne betwene good and euill, & also constancie to reproue the sinnes of the people, and not to flatter them. h They build them houses by briberie, which be calleth blood and iniquitie. i They will say, that they are the people of God, and abuse his name, as a pretence to cloke their hypocrisie. k Reade Ieremiah 26. 18.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Of the kingdome of Christ and felicitie of his Church.

a When Christ shall come, and the Temple shall bee destroyed.

b Reade Isa. 2. 2.

c He sheweth that there is no true Church, but whereas the people are taught by Gods pure word.

d By his corrections & threatning, hee will bring the people into subiection, which are in the vtmost corners of the world

e They shall abstaine from all euill doing, and exercise themselues in godlinesse & in well doing to others. f Reade Isa. 2. 4

BVt in the a last dayes it shall come to passe, that the mountaine of the house of the Lord shalbe prepared in the toppe of the mountaines, and it shalbe exalted aboue the b hilles, and people shall flow vnto it.

2 Yea, many nations shall come and say, Come, and let vs go vp to the mountaine of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Iaakob, and he will c teach vs his wayes, and we will walke in his paths: for the Law shall goe forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Ierusalem.

3 And hee shall iudge among many people, and d rebuke mighty nations afarre off, and they shall breake their swords into mattocks, and their speares into e sithes: nation shall not lift vp a sword against nation, neither shall they f learne to fight any more.

4 But they shall sit euery man vnder his vine, and vnder his figge tree, and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hostes hath spoken it.

5 For all people will walke g euery one in the Name of his god, and we will walke in the Name of the Lord our God, for euer and euer.

6 At the same day, saith the Lord, will I gather her that halteth, and I will gather her that is cast out, and her that I haue afflicted.

7 And I will make her that halted, h a remnant, and her that was cast farre off, a mightie nation: and the Lord shall reigne ouer them in mount Zion, from henceforth euen for euer.

8 And thou, O i tower of the flocke, the strong hold of the daughter Zion, vnto thee shall it come, euen k the first dominion, and kingdome, shall come to the daughter Ierusalem.

9 Now why dost thou crie out with lamentation? is l there no king in thee? is thy counseller perished? for sorow hath taken thee, as a woman in trauaile.

10 Sorow & mourne, O daughter Zion, like a woman in trauaile: for now shalt thou goe forth of the citie, and dwel in the field, and shalt goe into Babel, but there shalt thou be deliuered: there the Lord shall redeeme thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, saying, Zion shalbe defiled, and our eye shall looke vpon Zion.

12 But they m knowe not the thoughts of the Lord: they vnderstand not his counsell, for he shall gather them as the sheaues in the barne.

13 Arise, and thresh, n O daughter Zion: for I will make thine horne yron, and I will make thine hoofes brasse, and thou shalt breake in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their riches vnto the Lord, and their substance vnto the ruler of the whole world.

g Hee sheweth that the people of God ought to remaine constant in their religion, albeit all the world should giue themselues to their superstition and idolatrie.

h I will cause that Israel, which is now as one lame and halting, and so almost destroyed, shall line againe, and grow into a great people.

i Meaning Ierusalem, where the Lords flocke was gathered.

k The flourishing state of the kingdome, as it was vnder Dauid and Salomon, which thing was accomplished to the Church by the comming of Christ.

l In the meane season he sheweth that they should endure great troubles and tentations, when they saw themselues neither to haue king nor counsell.

m He sheweth that the faithful ought not to measure Gods iudgements by the bragges & threatnings of the wicked, but therby are admonished to lift vp their hearts to God to call for deliuerance.

n God giueth his Church this victorie, so oft as hee ouercommeth their enemies: but the accomplishment hereof shall bee at the last comming of Christ.

CHAP. V.

1 The destruction of Ierusalem. 2 The excellencie of Beth-lehem.

NOw assemble thy garisons, O daughter a of garisons: he hath layd siege against vs: they shal smite the Iudge of Israel with a rod vpon the cheeke.

2 And thou Beth-lehem Ephrathah, art b little to bee among the thousands of Iudah, yet out of thee shall hee come forth vnto mee, that shall bee the ruler in

a He forewarneth them of the dangers that shal come, before they enioy these comforts, shewing that forasmuch as Ierusalem was accustomed with her garisons to trouble others, the Lord would now cause other garisons to vexe her, and that her rulers should be smitten on the face most contemptuously. b For so the Iewes diuided their countrey, that for euery thousand there was a chiefe captaine: and because Beth-lehem was not able to make a thousand, hee calleth it little, but yet God will raise vp his captaine and gouernour therein: and thus it is not the least by reason of this benefite, as Matth. 2. 6.

Israel:

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c He sheweth that the comming of Christ and all his wayes were appointed of God from al eternitie.
d He compareth the Iewes to women with child, who for a time should haue great sorowes, but at length they should haue a comfortable deliuerance, Iohn 16.21.
e That is, Christs kingdome shalbe stable and euerlasting, and his people, aswell the Gentiles, as the Iewes shall dwel in safetie.
f This Messiah shalbe a sufficient safegard for vs, & though the enemie inuade vs for a time, yet shall God stir vp many which shalbe able to deliuer vs.
g These whom God shal raise vp for y deliuerance of his Church, shall destroy all the enemies therof, which are meant here by the Assyrians and Babylonians which were the chiefe at that time.
h By these gouernors wil God deliuer vs when the enemie commeth into our land.
i This remnant or Church which God shal deliuer, shal only depend on Gods power and defence, as doth the grasse of the field, and not on the hope of man.
k I will destroy all things wherein thou putteth thy confidence, as thy vaine confidence and idolatry, and so will help thee.
l It shall be so terrible, that the like hath not been heard of.

Israel: whose e goings forth haue been from the beginning and from euerlasting.
3 Therefore will he giue them vp, vntill the time that d he, which shal beare, shal trauaile: then the remnant of their brethren shall returne vnto the children of Israel.
4 And he shall f stand, and feede in the strength of the Lord, and in the maiestie of the Name of the Lord his God, and they shall dwell still: for now shall he be magnified vnto the ends of the world.
5 And he f shalbe our peace when Asshur shall come into our land: when he shal treade in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seuen shepheards, and eight principall men.
6 And they shall destroy g Asshur with the sworde, and the land of Nimrod with their swords: thus shall he h deliuer vs from Asshur, when hee commeth into our land, and when hee shall tread within our borders.
7 And the i remnant of Iaakob shall be among many people, as a dewe from the Lord, and as the showers vpon the grasse, that wayteth not for man, nor hopeth in the sonnes of Adam.
8 And the remnant of Iaakob shall be among the Gentiles, in the middes of many people, as the lyon among the beastes of the forests, and as the lyons whelpe among the flocks of sheepe, who when he goeth through, treadeth downe and rayeth in pieces, and none can deliuer.
9 Thine hand shall be lift vp vpon thine aduersaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.
10 And it shall come to passe in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thine k horses out of the middes of thee, and I will destroy thy charets.
11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and ouerthrow all thy strong holds.
12 And I will cut off thine inchanters out of thine hand: and thou shalt haue no more soothsayers.
13 Thine idoles also will I cut off, and thine images out of the middes of thee: and thou shalt no more worship the worke of thine hands.
14 And I will plucke vp the groues out of the middes of thee: so will I destroy thine enemies.
15 And I will execute l vengeance in my wrath and indignation vpon the heathen, which they haue not heard.

2 Heare yee, O mountaines, the Lordes quarrell, and ye mightie foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a quarrell against his people, and he will plead with Israel.
3 O my people, what haue I done vnto thee? or wherein haue I grieued thee? testifie against me.
4 Surely I b brought thee vp out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of seruants, and I haue sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O my people, remember nowe what Balak king of Moab had deuised, and what Balaam the sonne of Beor answered him, from c Shittim vnto Gilgal, that yee may know the d righteousnes of the Lord.
6 e Wherewith e shall I come before the Lord, and bowe my selfe before the hie God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, and with calues of a yeere old?
7 Will the Lord bee pleased with thousands of rammes, or with ten thousand riuers of oyle? shall I giue my f first borne for my transgression, euen the fruite of my body for the sinne of my soule?
8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requireth of thee: surely to doe iustly, and to loue mercie, and to humble thy selfe, to walke with thy God.
9 The Lords voyce crieth vnto the g citie, and the man of wisedome shall see thy name: heare the rod, and who hath appointed it.
10 Are yet the treasures of wickednesse in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?
11 Shall I iustifie the wicked balances, and the bag of deceitfull weights?
12 For the rich men h thereof are full of crueltie, and the inhabitants thereof haue spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitfull in their mouth.
13 Therefore also will I make thee sicke in smiting thee, and in making thee desolate, because of thy sinnes.
14 Thou shalt eate and yet bee satisfied, and i thy casting downe shall be in the midst of thee, and thou shalt take holde, but shalt not deliuer: and that which thou deliuerest, will I giue vp to the sword.
15 Thou shalt sowe, but not reape: thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not annoynt thee with oyle: and make sweete wine, but shalt not drinke wine.
16 For the k statutes of Omri are kept,

b I haue not hurt thee, but bestowed infinite benefits vpon thee.
c That is, remember my benefits from the beginning how I deliuered you from Balaams curse, and also spared you from Shittim, which was in the plaine of Moab, till I brought you into the land promised.
d That is, the truethe of his promise, and his manifold benefits toward you.
e Thus the people by hypocrisie aske how to please God, and are content to offer sacrifices, but will not change their liues.
f There is no thing so deare to man, but the hypocrites will offer it vnto God, if they thinke thereby to auoid his anger: but they will neuer be brought to mortifie their owne affections, & to giue themselues willingly to serue God as he commandeth.
g The Prophet in few wordes calleth them to the obseruation of the second table, to know if they will obey God aright or no, saying, that God hath prescribed them to doe this.
h Meaning, that when God speaketh to any city or nation, the godly will acknowledge his Maiestie, & consider not the mortall man that breaketh the threatning, but God that sendeth it.
i That is, of Ierusalem.
k Thou shall be consumed with inward griefe and exile.
l Meaning that the citie should goe about to saue her men, as they that lay hold on that which they would preserue.
m You haue received all the corruption and idolatry, wherewith the ten tribes were infected vnder Omri and Ahab his sonne: and to excuse your doings, you alledge the kings authority by his statutes, & also wisedome and policie in so doing, but you shall not escape punishment, but as I haue shewed you great fauour, and taken you for my people, so shall your plagues be accordingly, Luke. 12. 47.

CHAP. VI.

An exhortation to the dum creatures to heare the iudgement against Israel being vnkind. 6 What maner of sacrifices doe please God.

HEarken ye now what the Lord saith, Arise thou, and contend before the a mountaines, and let the hils heare thy voyce.

a He taketh the high mountaines and hard rockes to witnesse against the obstinacie of his people.

and all the manner of the house of Ahab, and yee walke in their counsels, that I should make thee waste, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall beare the reproch of my people.

CHAP. VII.

1 A complaint for the small number of the righteous. 4 The wickednesse of those times. 14 The prosperitie of the Church.

WOe is me, for I am as a the Summer gatherings, and as the grapes of the vintage: there is no cluster to eate: my soule desired the first ripe fruits.

2 The good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none righteous among men: b they all lie in waite for blood: every man hunteth his brother with a net.

3 To make good for the euill of their hands, the prince asked, and the Iudge iudgeth for a reward: therefore the c great man speaketh out the corruption of his soule: so d they wrap it vp.

4 The best of them is as a brier, and the most righteous of them is sharper then a thorne hedge: the day of e thy watchmen and thy visitation commeth: then shall bee their confusion.

5 Trust ye not in a friend, neither put ye confidence in a counseller: keepe the doores of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosome.

6 For the sonne reuileth the father: the daughter riseth vp against her mother: the daughter in law against her mother in law, and a mans enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore f I will looke vnto the Lord: I will wait for God my Sauiour: my God will heare me.

8 Reioice not against me, g O mine enemie: though I fall, I shall arise: when I shall sit in darkenesse, the Lord shalbe a light vnto me.

9 I will beare the wrath of the Lord, because I haue sinned against him, vntill he plead my cause, and execute iudgement for me: then will he bring me forth to the light, and I shall see his righteousnesse.

10 Then her that is mine enemie, shall

a The Prophet taketh vpon him the person of the earth, which complaineth that all her fruits are gone, so that none is left: that is, that there is no godly man remaining: for all are giuen to crueltie and deceit, so that none spareth his owne brother.

b He sheweth that the Prince, the iudge, and the rich man are linked together, all to doe euill and to cloke the doings one of another.

c That is, the rich man that is able to giue money, abstaineth from no wickednesse, nor iniurie.

d These men agree among themselues, and conspire with one consent to doe euill.

e They that are of most estimation, & are counted most honest among them, are the Prophets and gouernours.

f The Prophet sheweth that the only remedy for the godly in desperate euils, is to flee vnto God for succour.

g This is spoken in the person of the Church, which calleth the malignant Church her enemie.

looke vpon it, and shame shall couer her, which sayd vnto me, Where is the Lord thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall thee bee troden downe as the mire of the streetes.

11 This is h the day that thy walles shalbe built: this day shall driue farre away i the decree.

12 In this day also they shall come vnto thee from k Ashur, and from the strong cities, and from the strong holds euen vnto the riuer, and from sea to sea, and from mountaine to mountaine.

13 Notwithstanding, the land shalbe desolate because of them that dwell therin, and for the fruits of l their inuentions.

14 m Feed thy people with thy rodde, the flocke of thine heritage (which dwell solitarie in the wood) as in the mids of Carmel: let them feede in Bashan and Gilead, as in olde time.

15 n According to the dayes of thy comming out of the land of Egypt will I shewe vnto him marueilous things.

16 The nations shall see, and be confounded for all their power: they shall o lay their hand vpon their mouth: p their eares shall be deafe.

17 They shall q licke the dust like a serpent: they shall moue out of their holes like wormes: they shalbe afraid of the Lord our God, and shall feare because of thee.

18 Who is a God like vnto thee, that taketh away iniquitie, and r passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his wrath for euer, because mercy pleaseth him.

19 Hee will turne againe, and haue compassion vpon vs: hee will subdue our iniquities, and cast all s their sinnes into the bottome of the sea.

20 Thou wilt performe thy t trueth to Iaakob, and mercy to Abraham, as thou hast sworne vnto our fathers in old time.

h To wit, when God shall shew himselfe a deliuerer of his Church, and a destroyer of his enemies.

i Meaning the cruell empire of the Babylonians.

k When the Church shalbe restored, they that were enemies afore, shall come out of all the corners of the world vnto her, so that neither holds, riuers, seas, nor mountaines shall be able to let them.

l Afore this grace appeare, he sheweth how grieuously the hypocrites themselues shall be punished, seeing that the earth it selfe, which can not sinne, shalbe made waste because of their wickednesse.

m The Prophet prayeth to God to be mercifull vnto his Church, when they should be scattered abroad as in solitary places in Babylon, and to be beneficiall vnto them, as in time past.

n God promiseth to be fauourable to his people, as he had bene aforetime.

o They shall be as dumme men, and dare brag no more.

p They shalbe astonished and afraid to heare men speake, lest they should heare of their destruction.

q They shall fall flat on the ground for feare.

r As though he would not see it, but winke at it.

s Meaning of his elect.

t The Church is assured that God will declare in effect the trueth of his mercifull promise, which he had made of old to Abraham, and to all that should apprehend the promise by faith.

Nahum.

THE ARGVMENT.

As they of Nineueh shewed themselues prompt and ready to receiue the word of God at Ionahs preaching, and so turned to the Lord by repentance: so after a certaine time rather giuing themselues to worldly meanes to increase their dominion, then seeking to continue in the feare of God, and trade wherein they had begun, they cast off the care of Religion, & so returned to their vomite, and prouoked Gods iust iudgement against them in afflicting his people. Therefore their citie Nineueh was destroyed, and Meroch-baladan King of Babel (or as some thinke Nebuchad-nezzar) enioyned the Empire of the Assyrians. But because God hath a continuall care of his Church, he stirreth vp his Prophet to comfort the godly, shewing the destruction of their enemies should be for their consolation. And as it seemeth he prophecied about the time of Hezekiah, and not in the time of Manasseh his sonne, as the Iewes write.

CHAP.

CHAP. I.

Of the destruction of the Assyrians, and of the deliuerance of Israel.

THE [a] burden of Nineueh. [b] The booke of the vision of Nahum the [c] Elkeshite.

2 God is [d] iealous, and the LORD reuengeth: the LORD reuengeth: euen the LORD [e] of anger, the LORD will take vengeance on his aduersaries, and he reserueth wrath for his enemies.

3 The [f] LORD is slow to anger, but hee is great in power, and will not surely cleare the wicked: the LORDE hath his way in the whirlewinde, and in the storme, and the cloudes are the dust of his feete.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and driueth it, and hee driueth vp all the riuers: Bashan is wasted and Carmel, and the floure of Lebanon is wasted.

5 The mountaines tremble for him, and the hilles melt, and the earth is burnt at his sight, yea, the worlde and all that dwell therein.

6 [g] Who can stand before his wrath? or who can abide in the fiercenesse of his wrath? his wrath is powred out like fire, and the rockes are broken by him.

7 The LORDE is good, [h] and as a strong holde in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But passing ouer as with a flood, hee will vtterly destroy the [i] place thereof, and darkenesse shall pursue his enemies.

9 What doe ye [k] imagine against the LORD? he will make an vtter destruction: affliction shall not rise vp the second time.

10 For he shall come as vnto [l] thornes folden one in another, and as vnto drunkards in their drunkennesse: they shalbe deuoured as stubble fully dried.

11 There [m] commeth one out of thee that imagineth euil against the LORD, euen a wicked counsellour.

12 Thus sayeth the LORD, Though they be [n] quiet, and also many, yet thus shall they be cut off when hee shall passe by: though I haue afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now I will breake his yoke from thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the LORD hath giuen a commandement concerning thee, that no more of thy name be [o] sowen: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the grauen and the molten image: I wil make it thy graue for thee, for thou art vile.

15 [p] Beholde vpon the mountaines the feete of him that declareth and publisheth peace: O Iudah, keepe thy solemne feasts, performe thy vowes: for the wicked shall no more passe through thee: he is vtterly cut off.

a Reade Isa. 13.1.

b The vision or reuelation, which God commanded Nahum to write concerning the Ninenites.

c That is, borne in a poore village in the tribe of Simeon.

d Meaning, of his glory.

e With his he is but angry for a time, but his anger neuer aswageth toward the reprobate, though for a time he deferre it.

f Thus the wicked would make Gods mercie an occasion to sinne, but the Prophet willeth them to consider his force and iustice.

g If all creatures bee at Gods commandement, and none is able to resist his wrath, shall man flatter himselfe and thinke by any meanes to escape when he prouoketh his God to anger?

h Lest the faith. full should be discouraged by hearing the power of God, hee sheweth them that his mercies appertaine vnto them, and that hee hath care ouer them.

i Signifying, that God will suddenly destroy Nineueh, and the Assyrians, in such sort, as they shall lie in perpetuall darkenesse, and neuer recouer their strength againe.

k He sheweth that the enterprises of the Assyrians against Iudah & the Church, were against God, and therefore he would so destroy them at once, that hee should not neede to returne the second time.

l Though the Assyrians thinke themselues like thornes that pricke on all sides, yet the Lord wil set fire on them, and as drunken men are not able to stand against any force, so they shalbe nothing able to resist him.

m Which may bee vnderstoode either of Sancherib, or of the whole body of the people of Nineueh.

n Though they thinke themselues in most safetie, and of greatest strength, yet when God shall passe by, hee will destroy them: notwithstanding hee comforteth his Church, and promiseth to make an end of punishing them by the Assyrians.

o Meaning, Sancherib, who should haue no moe children, but be slaine in the house of his gods, 2. King. 19.36,37. *Isa.* 52.7. *Rom.* 10 15.

p Which peace the Iewes should enioy by the death of Sancherib.

CHAP. II.

He describeth the victories of the Caldeans against the Assyrians.

THE [a] Destroyer is come before thy face: keepe the munition: looke to the way: make thy loines strong: increase thy strength mightily.

2 For the LORD hath [b] turned away the glory of Iaakob, as the glory of Israel: for the empticrs haue empted them out, and [c] marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mightie men is made red: [d] the valiant men are in scarlet: the charets shall bee as in the fire and flames in the day of his preparation, and [e] the firre trees shall tremble.

4 The charets shall rage in the streetes; they shall runne to and fro in the bie wayes: they shall seeme like lampes: they shall shoot like the lightning.

5 [f] He shall remember his strong men; they shall stumble as they goe: they shall make haste to the walles thereof, and the defence shalbe prepared.

6 The gates of the riuers shalbe opened, and the palace shall melt.

7 And Huzzab the Queene shall be led away captiue, and her maides shal lead her as with the voice of doues smiting vpon their breasts.

8 But Nineueh is [g] of olde like a poole of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they crie: but none shall looke backe.

9 [h] Spoyle ye the siluer, spoyle the golde: for there is none ende of the store, and glory of all the pleasant vessels.

10 [i] She is emptie and voide, and waste, and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and sorow is in all loynes, and the faces [k] of them all gather blackenesse.

11 Where is the [l] dwelling of the lyons, and the pasture of the lyons whelpes? where the lyon and the lyonesse walked, and the lyons whelpe, and none made them afraid.

12 The lyon did teare in pieces ynough for his whelpes, and worried for his lyonesse, and filled his holes with praye, and his dennes with spoile.

a That is, Nebuchad-nezzar is in a readinesse to destroy the Assyrians: and the Prophet derideth the enterprises of the Assyrians, which prepared to resist him.

b Seeing God hath punished his owne people Iudah and Israel, he will now punish the enemies by whom hee scourged them: reade Isa. 10.12.

c Signifying, that the Israelites were vtterly destroyed.

d Both to feare the enemie, and also that they themselues should not so soone espie blood one of another to discourage them.

e Meaning, their speares should shake and crash together.

f Then the Assyrians shall seeke by all meanes to gather their power, but all things shall faile them.

g The Assyrians wil flatter themselues and say that Nineueh is so ancient that it can neuer perish, and is as a fish-poole, whose waters they that walke on the bankes cannot touch: but they shalbe scattered, and shall not looke backe though men would call them.

h God commandeth the enemies to spoile Nineueh, and promiseth them infinite riches and treasures.

i That is, Nineueh and the men thereof shall be after this sort.

k Reade Ioel 2.6.

l Meaning Nineueh, whose inhabitants were cruel like lions, and giuen to all oppression, and spared no violence or tyrannie to prouide for their wiues and children.

13 Behold,

m That is, as soone as my wrath beginneth to kindle.

n Signifying the heralds, which were accustomed to proclaime warre. Some reade, of thy gumme teeth, wherewith Nineueh was wont to bruise the bones of the poore.

13 Beholde, I come vnto thee, sayth the Lord of hosts, and I will burne her charets m the smoke, and the swoorde shall deuoure thy yong lyons, and I will cut off thy spoile from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAP. III.

1 Of the fal of Nineueh. 8 No power can escape the hand of God.

O Bloodie citie, it is all full of lies, and robberie: a the praye departeth not:

2 The noise of a whip, b and the noise of the mouing of the wheeles, and the beating of the horses and the leaping of the charets.

3 The horseman lifteth vp both the bright sword, and the glittering speare, and a multitude is slaine, and the dead bodies are many: there is none end of their corpses: they stumble vpon their corpses,

4 Because of the multitude of the fornications of the c harlot that is beautifull, and is a mistresse of witchcraft, and selleth the people through her whoredome, and the nations through her witchcrafts.

5 Beholde, I come vpon thee, sayth the Lorde of hostes, and will discouer thy skirts vpon thy face, and will shew the nations thy filthinesse, and the kingdomes thy shame.

6 And I wil cast filth vpon thee, & make thee vile, and wil set thee as a gasing stocke.

7 And it shall come to passe, that all they that looke vpon thee, shall flee from thee, and say, Nineueh is destroyed, who will haue pitie vpon her? where shall I seeke comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better then d No, which was full of people, that lay in the riuers, and had the waters round about it, whose ditch was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and there was none ende: Put and Lubim were y her helpers.

10 Yet was shee caried away, and went into captiuitie: her yong children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all y streetes: and they cast lots for her noble men, and all her mightie men were bound in chaines.

11 Also thou shalt be drunken: thou shalt hide thy selfe, and shalt seeke helpe, because of the enemie.

12 All thy strong cities shall be like figge trees with the first ripe figges: for if they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Beholde, thy people within thee are women: the gates of thy land shalbe opened vnto thine enemies, and the fire shall deuoure thy barres.

14 Drawe thee waters for the siege: fortifie thy strong holdes: goe into the clay, and temper the morter: make strong bricke.

15 There shall the fire deuoure thee: the sword shall cut thee off: it shall eate thee vp like the e locusts, though thou be multiplied like the locusts, and multiplied like the grashopper.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants aboue the starres of heauen: the locust spoileth and flieth away.

17 Thy princes are as the grashoppers, and thy captaines as the great grashoppers which remaine in the hedges in the colde day: but when the sunne ariseth, they flee away, and their place is not knowen where they are.

18 Thy f shepheards doe sleepe, O king of Assur: thy strong men lie downe: thy people is scattered vpon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

19 There is no healing of thy wound: thy plague is grieuous: all that heare the bruit of thee shall clap the hands ouer thee: for vpon g whom hath not thy malice passed continually?

[Or, thine.

e Signifying that Gods iudgments should suddenly destroy the Assyrians, as these vermine are with raine or change of weather.

f Thy princes and counsellers.

g Meaning, that there was no people to whom the Assyrians had not done hurt.

Habakkuk.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Prophet complaineth vnto God, considering the great felicity of the wicked, & the miserable oppression of the godly, which endure all kind of affliction & cruelty, & yet can see none end. Therefore he had this reuelation shewed him of God, that the Caldeans should come and take them away captiues, so that they could looke for none end of their troubles as yet, because of their stubburnnesse and rebellion against the Lord. And lest the godly should despaire, seeing this horrible confusion, he comforteteth them by this, that God will punish the Caldeans their enemies, when their pride & cruelty shalbe at height: wherefore he exhorteth the faithfull to patience by his owne example, and sheweth them a forme of prayer, wherewith they should comfort themselues.

CHAP. I.

1 A complaint against the wicked that persecute the iust.

a The Prophet complaineth vnto God, and bewaileth that among the Iewes is left none equitie nor brotherly loue: but in stead hereof reigneth cruelty, theft, contention & strife.

THe burden which Habakkuk the Prophet did see.

2 O Lord, how long shal I a cry, and thou wilt not heare! euen cry out vnto thee for violence, and thou wilt not helpe!

3 Why doest thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to beholde sorow? for spoiling, and violence are before mee: and there are that raise vp strife and contention.

4 Therefore the Lawe is dissolued, and iudgement doth neuer go forth: for the wicked doeth b compasse about the righteous: therefore c wrong iudgement proceedeth.

b To suppresse him if any should shew himselfe zealous of Gods cause.

5 Beholde among the heathen, and regard, and wonder, and maruelle: for I will worke a worke in your dayes: d yet will not beleeue it, though it be told you.

c Because the iudges which should redresse this excesse, are as euill as the rest.

6 For loe, I raise vp the Caldeans, that bitter and furious nation, which shall goe vpon the breadth of the land to possesse the dwelling places, that are not theirs.

d As in times past you would not beleeue Gods word, so shall ye not now beleeue the strange plagues which are at hand.

7 They

e They themselues shalbe your Iudges in this cause and none shal haue authority ouer them, to controll them. Zeph. 3 3

f For the Iewes most feared this winde, because it destroyed their fruits.

g They shal be so many in number.

h They shall cast vp mounts against it.

i The Prophet comforteth the faithful that God will also destroy the Babylonians, because they shal abuse this victory & become proud and insolent, attributing the praise hereof to their idoles.

k He assureth the godly of Gods protectiō, shewing that the enemie can doe no more then God hath appointed, & also that their sinnes required such a sharpe rod

7 They are terrible and fearefull: e their iudgement and their dignitie shall proceede of themselues.

8 Their horses also are swifter then the leopards, & are more fierce then the wolues in the e euening: and their horsemen are many: and their horsemen shall come from far: they shall flie as the eagle hasting to meate.

9 They come all to spoile: before their face shall bee an f East winde, and they shall gather the captiuitie s as the sand.

10 And they shall mocke the kings, and the princes shall be a scorne vnto them: they shall deride euery strong hold: for they shall gather h dust, and take it.

11 Then shall they i take a courage, and transgresse and doe wickedly, imputing this their power vnto their god.

12 Art not thou of olde, O Lord my God, mine holy one? we shall k not die: O Lord, thou hast ordeined them for iudgement, & O God, thou hast established the for correction

13 Thou art of pure eies, & canst not see euil: thou canst not behold wickednes: wherefore doest thou looke vpon the transgressors, and holdest thy tongue, when the wicked deuoureth ỳ man that is more righteous then he?

14 And makest men as the l fishes of the sea, and as the creeping things that haue no ruler ouer them?

15 They take vp all with the angle: they catch it in their net, and gather it in their yarne, wherefore they reioyce and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice vnto their m net, and burne incense vnto their yarne, because by them their portiō is fat, and their meate plenteous.

17 Shal they therfore stretch out their net & not spare continually to slay n the nations?

l So that the great deuoureth the small, & the Caldeans destroy all the world. m Meaning, that ỳ enemies flatter themselues, & glory in their own force, power, & wit. n Meaning, that they should not,

CHAP. II.

a Vision 5 against pride, couetousnesse, drunkennesse, and idolatrie.

a I will renounce mine own iudgment, and onely depend on God to be instructed what I shall answere them that abuse my preaching, and to be armed against all tentations.

b Write it in great letters that he that runneth, may reade it

c Which conteined the destruction of the enemie, and the comfort of the Church: which thing though God execute not according to mans hastie affections, yet the issue of both is certaine at his time appointed

d To trust in himselfe or in any worldly thing, is neuer to be quiet: for the onely rest is to stay vpon God by faith, Rom. 1 17: gal. 3. 11. heb. 10. 38.

e Hee compareth the proud and couetous man to a drunkard that is without reason and sense, whom God will punish, and make him a laughing stocke to all the world: and this he speaketh for the comfort of the godly, and against the Caldeans,

I Will stand vpon my a watch, and set me vpon the towre, and will looke & see what he would say vnto me, and what I shall answere to him that rebuketh me.

2 And the Lord answered me, and sayd, Write the vision, and make it plaine vpon tables, that he may runne b that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the c last it shall speake, and not lie: though it tarry, wait: for it shall surely come, and shall not stay.

4 Behold, d hee that lifteth vp himselfe, his mind is not vpright in him, but the iust shall liue by his faith,

5 Yea, in deede the proud man is as e hee

that transgresseth by wine: therefore shall he not endure, because he hath enlarged his desire as the hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth vnto him all nations, and heapeth vnto him all people.

6 Shall not all these take vp a parable against him, & a taunting prouerbe against him, and say, Wo, hee that increaseth that which is not his? howe long? and hee that laden himselfe with thicke clay?

7 Shall s they not rise vp suddenly, that shall bite thee? and awake, that shall vexe thee? and thou shalt be their pray?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoile thee, because of mens blood, and for the wrong done in the land, in the citie, and vnto all that dwell therein.

9 Wo, he that coueteth an euill couetousnesse to his house, that he may set his nest on hie, to escape from the power of euill.

10 Thou h hast consulted shame to thine owne house, by destroying many people, and hast sinned against thine owne soule.

11 For the i stone shall cry out of the wal, and the beame out of the timber shall answere it.

12 Woe vnto him that buildeth a towne with blood, and erecteth a citie by iniquitie.

13 Behold, is it not of the k Lord of hosts, that the people shall labour in the very fire? the people shall euen wearie themselues for very vanity.

14 For the earth shall bee l filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters couer the sea.

15 Woe vnto him that giueth his neighbour m drinke: thou powrest thine heate, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest see their priuities.

16 Thou art filled with shame n for glorie: drinke thou also, and be made naked: the cup of the Lords right hand shall be turned vnto thee, and shamefull spuing shall bee for thy glory.

17 For the o cruelty of Lebanon shall couer thee: so shall the spoile of the beastes, which made them afraide, because of mens blood, and for the wrong done in the land, in the citie, and vnto all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the p image? for the maker thereof hath made it an image, and a teacher of lyes, though he that made it, trust therein, when he maketh dumbe idoles.

19 Woe vnto him that saith to the wood, Awake, and to the dumbe stone, Rise vp, it shall teach thee: q beholde, it is layde

eth thus the king of Babylon, who as he was drunken with couetousnesse and cruelty, so hee prouoked others to the same, and inflamed them by his rage, and so in the end brought them to shame.

n Whereas thou thoughtest to haue glory of these thy doings, they shal turne to thy shame: for thou shalt drinke of the same cup with others in thy turne. o Because the Babylonians were cruell, not onely against other nations, but also against the people of God, which is meant by Lebanon, and the beastes therein, hee sheweth that the like cruelty shall be executed against them. p Hee sheweth that the Babylonians gods could nothing auaile them: for they were but blockes and stones, reade Ieremiah 10.8. q If thou wilt consider what it is, and how that it hath neither breath nor life, but is a dead thing.

f Signifying, that al the world shal wish the destruction of tyrants, and that by their oppression & couetousnesse, they heape but vpon themselues more heauy burdens: for ỳ more they get, the more are they troubled.

g That is, the Medes and Persians, that should destroy the Babylonians?

h Signifying, that the couetousman is the ruine of his owne house, when as hee thinketh to enrich it by cruelty and oppression,

i The stones of the house shall cry, and say that they are built of blood, and the wood shall answere & say the same of it selfe.

k Meaning, that God will not deferre his vengeance long, but will come and destroy all their labors, as though they were consumed with fire.

l To the destruction of the Babylonians his glory shall appeare thorow all the world.

m He reproch-

ouer with golde and siluer, and there is no breath in it.

20 But the Lord is in his holy Temple: let all the earth keepe silence before him.

CHAP. III.

2 A prayer for the faithfull.

A Prayer of Habakkuk the Prophet for the [a] ignorances.

2 [b] O Lord, I haue heard thy voyce, and was afrayd: O Lord, reuiue thy [c] worke in the middes of the people, in the middes of the yeeres make it knowen: in wrath remember mercie.

3 God commeth from [d] Teman, and the holy one from mount Paran, Selah. his glory couereth the heauens, and the earth is full of his praple,

4 And his brightnesse was as the light: [e] he had hornes comming out of his handes, and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coles went forth before his feete.

6 He stood and measured the earth: hee beheld and dissolued the nations, and the euerlasting mountaines were broken, and the ancient hilles did bow: his [f] wayes are euerlasting.

7 [g] For his iniquitie I saw the tents of Cushan, and the curtaines of the land of Midian did tremble.

8 Was the Lord angry against the [h] riuers? or was thine anger against the floods? or was thy wrath against the sea, that thou diddest ride [i] vpon thine horses? thy charets brought saluation.

9 Thy [k] bowe was manifestly reuelled, and the [l] othes of the tribes were a sure word, Selah, thou [m] diddest cleaue the earth with riuers.

10 The mountaines sawe thee, and they trembled: the streame of the water [n] passed by: the deepe made a noise, and lift vp his hand on high.

11 The [o] Sunne and Moone stood still in their habitation: [p] at the light of thine arrowes they went, and at the bright shining of thy speares.

12 Thou trodest downe the lande in anger, and diddest thresh the heathen in displeasure.

13 Thou wentest forth for the saluation of thy people, euen for saluation with thine [q] Annointed: thou hast wounded the head of the house of the wicked, and discouredst the foundation vnto the [r] necke, Selah.

14 Thou diddest [s] strike thorow with his owne staues the heads of his villages: they came out as a whirlewinde to scatter mee: their reioycing was as to deuoure the poore secretly.

15 Thou diddest walke in the sea with thine horses vppon the heape of great waters.

16 When I [t] heard, my belly trembled: my lippes shooke at the voice: rottennesse entred into my bones, and I trembled in my selfe, that I might rest in [u] the day of trouble: for when he commeth vp [x] vnto the people, he shall destroy them.

17 For the figge tree shall not flourish, neither shall fruit be in the vines: the labour of the Oliue shall faile, and the fields shall yeeld no meate: the sheepe shalbe cut off from the fold, and there shall be no bullocke in the stalles.

18 But I will reioyce in the Lord: I will ioy [y] in the God of my saluation.

19 The Lord God is my strength: he will make my feete like hindes feete, and hee will make mee to walke vpon mine high places.

[z] To the chiefe singer on Neginothai.

a The Prophet instructeth his people to pray vnto God not onely for their great sinnes, but also for such as they had committed of ignorance.

b Thus the people were afraid when they heard Gods threatnings, & prayed.

c That is, the state of thy Church which is now readie to perish, before it come to halfe a perfect age, which should be vnder Christ.

d Teman and Paran were neere Sinai where the Law was giuen: whereby is signified that his deliuerance was as present now as it was then. e Whereby is meant a power that was ioyned with his brightnesse, which was hid to the rest of the world: but was reuealed in mount Sinai to his people, Psal. 31.16. f Signifying that God hath wonderful meanes, & euer had a marueilous power when he would deliuer his Church. g The iniquitie of this king of Syria in vexing thy people, was made manifest by thy iudgement, to the comfort of thy Church, Iudg 3.10. and also of the Midianites, which destroyed themselues, Iudg 7.22. h Meaning, that God was not angry with the waters, but that by this meanes he would destroy his enemies, and deliuer his Church i And so didst vse all the elements as instruments for the destruction of thine enemies. k That is, thy power. l For hee had not onely made a couenant with Abraham, but renued it with his posteritie.

m Reade Num. 20.11.

n He alludeth to the red sea and Iorden, which gaue passe to Gods people, and shewed signes of their obedience, as it were by lifting vp of their hands.

o As appeareth, Iosh. 10.12.

p According to thy commandement the sunne was directed by the weapons of thy people, that fought in thy cause, as though it durst not goe forward.

q Signifying that there is no saluation but by Christ.

r From the top to the toe thou hast destroyed the enemies.

s God destroyed his enemies both great and small with their owne weapons, though they were neuer so fierce against his Church.

t He returneth to that which he spake in the second verse, and sheweth how he was afraid of Gods iudments. u Hee sheweth that the faithfull can neuer haue true rest, except they feele before the weight of Gods iudgements. x That is, the enemie: but the godly shall be quiet, knowing that all things shall turne to good vnto them. y Hee declareth wherein standeth the comfort & ioy of the faithfull, though they see neuer so great afflictions prepared. z The chiefe singer vpon the instruments of musicke shall haue occasion to prayse God for this great deliuerance of his Church.

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SEeing the great rebellion of the people, and that there was nowe no hope of amendment, he denounceth the great iudgement of God which was at hand, shewing that their countrey should be vtterly destroyed, and they carried away captiues by the Babylonians. Yet for the comfort of the faithfull, he propheſied of Gods vengeance against their enemies, as the Philistims, Moabites, Assyrians and others, to assure them that God had a continuall care ouer them. And as the wicked should be punished for their sinnes and transgressions: so he exhorteth the godly to patience, and to trust to find mercy by reason of the free promise of God made vnto Abraham: and therefore quietly to abide till God shew them the effect of that grace, whereby in the end they should bee gathered vnto him, and counted as his people and children.

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CHAP. I.

4 Threatnings against Iudah and Ierusalem, because of their idolatry.

THe worde of the Lorde which came vnto Zephaniah the sonne of Cushi, the sonne of Gedaliah, the sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Hizkiah, in the dayes of [a] Iosiah, the sonne of [a] Amon king of Iudah.

2 I will surely destroy all things from off the land, saith the Lord.

3 I will destroy man and beast: I will destroy the [a] fowles of the heauen, and the fishes of the sea, and rutnes shalbe to the wicked, and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand vpon Iudah, and vpon all the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and I will cut of the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the [b] Chemarims with the Priests,

5 And them that worship the hoste of heauen vpon the house tops, and them that worship and sweare by the Lord, and sweare by [c] Malcham,

6 And them that are turned backe from the Lord, and those that haue not sought the Lord, nor inquired for him.

7 Bee still at the presence of the Lorde God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, and hath sanctified his ghests.

8 And it shall be in the day of the Lords sacrifice, that I will visite the Princes and the kings children, and all such as are clothed with [d] strange apparell.

9 In the same day also will I visite all those that [e] dannce vpon the threshold so proudly, which fill their masters houses by cruelty and deceit.

10 And in that day, saith the Lord, there shall be a noyse, and cry from the [f] fish gate, and an howling from the second gate, and a great destruction from the hilles.

11 Howle yee inhabitants of [g] the lowe place: for the company of the merchants is destroyed: all they that beare siluer, are cut off.

12 And at that time will I search Ierusalem with [h] lights, and visite the men that are frosen in their dregs, and lay in their hearts, The Lord will neither doe good nor euill.

13 Therefore their goods shalbe spoyled, and their houses waste: [i] they shall also build houses, but not inhabite them, and they shall plant vineyards, but not drinke the wine thereof.

14 The great day of the Lord is neere: it is neere and hasteth greatly, euen the voyce of the day of the Lord: [k] the strong man shall cry there bitterly.

15 [*] That day is the day of wrath, a day of trouble and heauinesse, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of obscuritie and darkenesse, a day of cloudes and blacknesse,

16 A day of the trumpet and alarme against the strong cities, and against the hie towers.

17 And I will bring distresse vpon men, that they shall walke like blind men, because they haue sinned against the Lord, and their blood shall be powred out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 [*] Neither their siluer nor their golde shalbe able to deliuer them in the day of the Lords wrath, but the [*] whole land shall bee deuoured by the fire of his iealousie: for hee shal make euen a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAP. II.

He moueth to returne to God, 5 prophesying destruction against the Philistims, Moabites, and others.

GAther [a] your selues, euen gather you, O nation not worthy to be loued,

2 Before the decree come forth, and ye be as chaffe that passeth in a day, and before the fierce wrath of the Lord come vpon you, and before the day of the Lords anger come vpon you.

3 Seeke ye the Lord all the meeke of the earth, which haue [b] wrought his iudgement: seeke righteousnesse, seeke lowlinesse, if so be that yee may be hid in the day of the Lords wrath.

4 For [c] Azzah shalbe forsaken, and Ashkelon desolate: they shall driue out Ashdod at the noone day, and Ekron shall be rooted vp.

5 Woe vnto the inhabitants of the sea [d] coast: the nation of the Cherethims, the word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistims, I will euen destroy thee without an inhabitant.

6 And the sea coast shalbe dwellings, and cottages for the heards and sheepefolds.

7 And the coast shall bee for the [e] remnant of the house of Iudah, to feede thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lodge toward night: for the Lord their God shall visite them, and turne away their captiuitie.

8 I haue heard the reproch of Moab, and the rebukes of the children of Ammon, whereby they vpbraided my people, and [f] magnified themselues against their borders.

9 Therefore as I liue, saith the Lorde of hostes, the God of Israel, surely Moab

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2 *King.* 22. 1. 2 *King.* 21. 19.

a Not that God was angry with these dumbe creatures, but because man was so wicked for whose cause they were created, God make them to take part of the punishment with him.

b Which were an order of superstitious priests appointed to minister in the seruice of Baal, and were as his peculiar chaplaines, read 2 King. 23. 5. Hosea 10. 5.

c He alludeth to their idole Molech, which was forbidden, Leuit. 20. 2. yet they called him their king, and made him as a God: therefore he here noteth them that will both say they worship God, and yet will sweare by idoles, and serue them: which halting is here condemned, as Ezek. 20. 39. 1 King. 18. 21. 2 King. 17. 33.

d Meaning, the courtiers, which did imitate the strange apparel of other nations to winne their fauour thereby, and to appeare glorious in the eyes of all other, Reade Ezek 27. 14. e Hee meaneth the seruants of the rulers which inuade other mens houses, and reioyce and leape for ioy when they can get any praye to please their masters withall. f Signifying, that all the corners of the citie of Ierusalem should be full of trouble. g The firmament of the streete of the merchants, which was lower then the rest of the place about it. h So that nothing shall escape me. i By their prosperity they are hardened in their wickednesse. *Deut.* 28. 30. *amos* 5. 11.

k They that trusted in their owne strength and contemned the Prophets of God. *Ier.* 30. 7. *ioel* 2. 11. *amos* 5. 18.

Ezek. 7. 19.

Chap. 3. 8.

a He exhorteth them to repentance and willeth them to descend into themselues and gather themselues together, lest they bee scattered like chaffe.

b That is, which haue liued vprightly and godly, according as he prescribeth by his word.

c He comforteth the faithfull in that, that God would change his punishments from them vnto the Philistims their enemies and other nations.

d That is, Galilea: by these nations he meaneth the people that dwelt next to the Iewes, and in stead of friendship were their enemies: therefore he calleth them Cananites whome the Lorde appointed to bee slaine. e Hee sheweth why God would destroy their enemies, because their country might bee a resting place for his Church. f These nations presumed to take from the Iewes that country which the Lord had giuen them.

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shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorah, euen the breeding of nettles and salt pits, and a perpetuall desolation: the reliduе of my folke shall spoile them, and the remnant of my people shall possesse them.

10 This shall they haue for their pride, because they haue reproched, and magnified themselues against the Lord of hosts people.

11 The Lord will bee terrible vnto them, g for he will consume all the gods of the earth, and euery man shall worship him from his place, euen all the yles of the heathen.

12 Ye Morians also shall be slaine by my sword with them.

13 And hee will stretch out his hand against the North, and destroy Assyur, and will make Nineueh desolate, and waste like a wilderneſſe.

14 And flockes shall lie in the middes of her, and all the beastes of the nations, and the h pelicane, and the i owle shall abide in the vpper postes of it: the voyce of birdes shall sing in the windowes, and desolations shall be vpon the postes: for the cedars are vncouered.

15 This is the i reioycing citie that dwelt careleſſe, that sayd in her heart, I am, and there is none beſides me: how is shee made waste, and the lodging of the beastes! euery one that passeth by her, shal hisse and wagge his hand.

CHAP. III.

4 Againſt the gouernours of Ieruſalem. 8 Of the calling of all the Gentiles. 13 A comfort to the reſidue of Iſrael.

WOe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the robbing a citty.

2 She heard not the voyce: she receiued not correction: she trusted not in the Lord: she drew not neere to her God.

3 Her princes within her are as roaring b lyons: her Iudges are as c wolues in the euening, which b leaue not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light, & wicked persons: her priests haue polluted the sanctuarie: they haue wrested the Law.

5 The d iuſt Lord is in the midſt thereof: he will doe none iniquitie: euery morning doeth he bring his iudgement to light, hee faileth not: but the wicked will not learne to be ashamed.

6 I haue e cut off the nations: their towers are desolate: I haue made their streetes waste, that none shall passe by: their cities are destroyed without man and without inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt feare me: thou wilt receiue instruction: so their dwelling should not be destroyed, howsoeuer I visited them, but f they rose early and corrupted all their workes.

8 Therefore g wait ye vpon me, saith the Lorde, vntill the day that I riſe vp to the praye: for I am determined to gather the nations, and that I will assemble the kingdomes to powre vpon them mine indignation, euen all my fierce wrath: for all the earth shal be deuoured with the fire of my iealouſie.

9 Surely s then will I turne to the people a pure language, that they may all call vpon the Name of the Lorde, to serue him + with one consent.

10 From beyond the riuers of Ethiopia, the k daughter of my diſperſed, prayng vnto me, shall bring me an offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy workes, wherein thou hast transgreſſed against me: for then I will take away out of the midſt of thee them that reioyce of thy pride, and thou shalt no more be proud of mine holy mountaine.

12 Then will I leaue in the midſt of thee an humble and poore people: and they shall trust in the Name of the Lord.

13 The remnant of Iſrael shall doe none iniquitie, nor speake lies: neither shall a deceitfull tongue be found in their mouth: for they shalbe fed, and lie downe, and none shal make them afraid.

14 Reioyce, O daughter Zion: be ye ioyfull, O Iſrael: be glad and reioyce with all thine heart, O daughter Ieruſalem.

15 The Lorde hath taken away the l iudgements: he hath cast out thine i enemie: the King of Iſrael, euen the Lord is in the midſt of m thee: thou shalt see no more euill.

16 In that day it shall be sayd to Ieruſalem, Feare thou not, O Zion: let not thine handes be faint.

17 The Lord thy God in the middes of thee is mighty: he will saue, he will reioyce ouer thee with ioy: he will quiet himſelfe in n his loue: hee will reioyce ouer thee with ioy.

18 After a certaine time will I gather the afflicted that were of thee, and them that bare the reproch for o it.

19 Behold, at that time will I bruiſe all that afflict thee, and I will p saue her that halteth, and gather her that was cast out, and I will get them prayſe and fame in all the q lands of their shame.

20 At that time will I bring you againe, and then will I gather you: for I will giue you a name and prayſe among all people of the earth, when I turne backe your captiuitie before your eyes, sayth the Lord.

a That is, Ieruſalem. *Ezek.22.25,27. micah 3.11. Habak.1.8.*

b They are so greedy that they eate vp bones and all.

c The wicked thus boasted that God was euer among them, but the Prophet answereth that that cannot excuſe their wickednes: for God will not beare with their sinnes: yet that he did patiently abide and sent his Prophets continually to call them to repentance, but he profited nothing.

d By the destruction of other nations, he sheweth that the Iewes should haue learned to feare God.

e They were most earneſt and ready to do wickedly.

f Seeing ye will not repent, you shall looke for my vengeance aſwell as other nations.

g Leſt any should thinke then that Gods glory should haue perished when Iudah was destroyed, hee sheweth that he will publiſh his glorie through all the world.

i Or. with one shoulder, as Hoſe. 6.6.

h That is, the Iewes shall come as well as the Gentiles: which is to be vnderſtood vnder the time of the Goſpel.

i For they shall haue full remiſſion of their sinnes: and the hypocrites which boasted of the Temple, which was also thy pride in time paſt, shalbe taken from thee.

k That is, the punishment for thy sinne.

l As the Aſſyrians, Caldeans, Egyptians, and other nations.

m To defend thee, as by thy sinnes thou hast put him away and left thy ſelfe naked, as Exod. 32.25.

n Signifying, that God delighteth to shew his Name is, them that are afflicted, and becauſe of their loue and great affection toward his Church. o were had in hatred and reuiled for the Church, and p I will deliuer the Church which now is afflicted, as Micah 4.6. q As among the Aſſyrians and Caldeans which did mocke them, and put them to shame.

g When he shal deliuer his people and destroy their enemies and idoles, his glory shall shine throughout all the world.

h Reade Iſai. 34.11.

i Or, hedgehogge.

i Meaning Nineueh, which reioycing so much of her ſtrength and proſperitie should be thus made waste, and Gods people deliuered.

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WHen the time of the seuentie yeres captiuitie, prophesied by Ieremiah, was expired, God raised vp Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi to comfort the Iewes, and to exhort them to the building of the Temple, which was a figure of the spiritual Temple and Church of God, whose perfection and excellencie stood in Christ. And because that all were giuen to their own pleasures and commodities, he declareth that that plague of famine, which God sent then among them, was a iust reward of their ingratitude, in that they contemned Gods honour, who had deliuered them. Yet hee comforteth them, if they wil returne to the Lord, with the promise of greater felicitie, forasmuch as the Lord will finish the worke that he hath begun, and send Christ whom hee hath promised, and by whom they should attaine to perfit ioy and glory.

CHAP. I.

1 The time of the prophesie of Haggai. 8 An exhortation to build the Temple againe.

IN the seconde yeere of King a Darius, in the first moneth, the first day of the moneth, came the word of the LORD (by the ministerie of the Prophet Haggai) vnto b Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, a prince of Iudah, and to Iehoshua the sonne of Iehozadak, the hie Priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord of hostes, saying, This people say, The time is not yet come, c that the LORDes house should bee builded.

3 Then came the word of the Lord by the ministerie of the Prophet Haggai, saying,

4 Is it time for you selues to dwell in your d sieled houses, & this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hostes, Consider your owne wayes in your hearts.

6 e Yee haue sowen much, and bring in little: yee eate, but yee haue not enough: yee drinke, but yee are not filled: yee clothe you, but yee are not warme: and hee that earneth wages, putteth the wages into a broken bag.

7 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Consider your owne wayes in your hearts.

8 Goe f vp to the mountaine, and bring wood, and build this house, and I will bee fauourable in it, and I will g bee glorified, saith the Lord.

9 Yee looked for much, and lo, it came to little: and when ye brought it home, I did blowe h vpon it. And why, saith the Lord of hostes? because of mine house that is waste, and yee runne euery man vnto his owne house.

10 Therefore the heauen ouer you stayed it selfe from dewe, and the earth stayed her fruit.

11 And I called for a drought vpon the land, and vpon the i mountaines, and vpon the corne, and vpon the wine, and vpon the oile, vpon all that the ground bringeth forth: both vpon men and vpon cattell, and vpon all the labour of the hands.

12 Then Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Iehoshua the sonne of Iehozadak the high Priest with all the remnant of the people, heard the k voyce of the Lorde their God, and the wordes of the Prophet Haggai (as y Lord their God had sent him) then the people did feare before the Lord.

13 Then spake Haggai the Lords messenger in the Lordes message vnto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the Lord.

14 And the Lord stirred vp the l spirit of Zerubbabel, the sonne of Shealtiel a prince of Iudah, and the spirit of Iehoshua the sonne of Iehozadak the hie Priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came, and did the worke in the house of the Lorde of hostes their God.

CHAP. II.

He sheweth that the glory of the second Temple shall exceede the first.

IN the foure and twentieth day of the first moneth, in the second yeere of king Darius,

2 In the seuenth moneth, in the one and twentieth day of the moneth, came the word of the Lord by the ministerie of the Prophet Haggai, saying,

3 Speake now to Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel prince of Iudah, and to Iehoshua the sonne of Iehozadak the hie Priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

4 Who is left among you, that saw this a house in her first glory, and how doe you see it now? Is it not in your eyes, in comparison of it as nothing?

5 Yet now bee of good courage, O Zerubbabel, sayeth the Lorde, and be of good comfort, O Iehoshua, sonne of Iehozadak the high Priest: and be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and b doe it: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hostes,

6 According to the word that I couenanted with you, when yee came out of Egypt: so my spirite shall remaine among you, feare ye not.

7 For thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes, c Yet a little while, and I will shake the heauens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.

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a Who was the sonne of Hystaspis, and the third king of the Persians, as some thinke.

b Because the building of the Temple began to cease by reason that the people were discouraged by their enemies: and if these two notable men had need to be stirred vp and admonished of their duties, what shall we thinke of other gouernours, whose doings are either against God, or very cold in his cause?

c Not that they condemned the building thereof, but they preferred policie, and priuate profit to religion, being content with small beginnings.

d Shewing that they sought not onely their necessities, but their very pleasures, before Gods honour.

e Consider the plagues of God vpon you for preferring your policy to his religion, and because ye seeke not him first. f Meaning, that they should leaue off their owne commodities, and goe forward in the building of Gods Temple, and in the setting forth of his religion. g That is, I will heare your prayers according to my promise, King. 8. 31, 29. h That is, my glory shall be set forth by you. i And so bring it to nothing.

k This declared that God was the author of the doctrine, and that he was but the minister as Exo. 14 31. Iud 7 20. Acts 15. 28

l Which declareth that men are vnapt and dull to serue the Lord, neither can they obey his word or his messengers before God reforme their hearts, and giue them new spirits, Iohn. 6. 44.

a For the people according as Ha. 32. 11. and Ezek. 40. 2. had prophesied, thought this Temple should haue been more excellent then Salomons Temple, which was destroyed by the Babylonians, but the Prophets meant the spirituall Temple the Church of Christ.

b That is, go forward in building the Temple.

c He exhibiteth to patience as yet this Temple for a season as the Prophets had declared: for this should bee accomplished in Christ, by whom all things should be renewed.

8 And I will moue all nations, and d the desire of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

9 The e siluer is mine, and the golde is mine, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

10 The glory of this last house shall bee greater then the first, sayeth the Lorde of hosts: and in this place will I giue peace, sayth the Lord of hostes.

11 ¶ In the foure and twentieth day of the ninth moneth, in the second yeere of Darius, came the word of the Lord vnto the Prophet Haggai, saying,

12 Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, Aske now the priests concerning the Law, and say,

13 If one beare f holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt doe touch the bread, or the pottage, or the wine, or oyle, or any meat, shall it be holy? and the Priests answered, and sayd, No.

14 Then said Haggai, If a polluted person touch any of these, shall it bee vncleane? And the Priests answered, and said, It shall be vncleane.

15 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the Lord: and so are all the workes of their hands, and that which they offer here is vncleane.

16 And now, I pray you, consider in your mindes: from this h day, and afore, euen afore a stone was layed vpon a stone in the Temple of the Lord:

17 ¶ Before these things were, when one came to an heape of twentie measures, there were but tenne: when one came to the wine presse for to draw out fiftie vessels out of the presse, there were but twentie.

18 I smote you with blasting, and with mildew, and with haile, in all the labours of your hands: yet you turned not to mee, saith the Lord.

19 Consider I pray you, in your mindes, from k this day, and afore from the foure and twentieth day of the ninth moneth, euen from the day that the foundation of the Lords Temple was laid: consider it in your mindes.

20 Is the l seed yet in the barne? as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree hath not brought fourth: from this day will I bleese you.

21 And againe the word of the Lord came vnto Haggai in the foure and twentieth day of the moneth, saying,

22 Speake to Zerubbabel the prince of Iudah, and say, I m will shake the heauens and the earth,

23 And I will ouerthrowe the throne of kingdomes, and I will destroy the strength of the n kingdomes of the heathen, and I will ouerthrowe the charets, and those that ride in them, and the horse and the riders shall come downe, euery one by the l word of his brother.

24 In that day, saith the Lord of hostes, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel my seruant the sonne of Shealtiel, saith the Lorde, and wil make thee as a o signet: for I haue chosen thee, saith the Lord of hostes.

d Meaning, Christ, whom all ought to looke for and desire: or by desire, he may signifie all precious things, as riches and such like.

e Therfore when his time cōmeth, he can make all the treasures of the world to serue his purpose: but the glory of this second Temple doeth not stand in materiall things, neither can be built.

f Meaning, all spirituall blessings and felicitie purchased by Christ, Phil. 4 7.

g That is, the flesh of the sacrifices: whereby he signifieth that that thing, which of it self is good, cannot make an other thing so: and therfore they ought not to iustifie themselues by their sacrifices and ceremonies: but contrary, he that is vncleane and not pure of heart, doeth corrupt those things, and make them detestable vnto God, which else are good and godly. h Consider how God did plague you with famine afore you began to build the Temple.

i That is, before the building was begun.

k From the time they began to build the Temple, he promiseth that God would blesse them: albeit as yet the fruit was not come forth, yet in the gathering they should haue plentie.

l He exhorteth them to patience and to abide till the harueſt came, and then they should see Gods blessings.

m I will make a change, and renew all things in Christ, of whom Zerubbabel here is a figure.

n Hereby hee sheweth that there shalbe no let or hinderance when God will make this wonderfull restitution of his Church.

o Signifying, this his dignitie should bee most excellent, which thing was accomplished in Christ.

Zechariah.

THE ARGVMENT.

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TWo moneths after that Haggai had begun to prophesie, Zechariah was also sent of the Lord to helpe him in the labour, and to confirme the same doctrine. First therefore he putteth them in remembrance, for what cause God had so sore punished their fathers: and yet comforteth them, if they wil repent vntainedly, and not abuse this great benefit of God in their deliuerance, which was a figure of that true deliuerance, that all the faithful should haue, from death and sinne, by Christ. But because they still remained in their wickednesse and coldnesse to set forth Gods glory, and were not yet made better by their long banishment, he rebuketh them most sharpely: yet for the comfort of the repentant, he euer mixeth the promise of grace, that they might by this meanes bee prepared to receiue Christ, in whom all should be sanctified to the Lord.

CHAP. I.

1 Hee exhorteth the people to returne to the Lord, and to eschew the wickednesse of their fathers. 16 He signifieth the restitution of Ierusalem and the Temple.

IN the eight moneth of the second yeere of a Darius came the worde of the Lorde vnto b Zechariah the sonne of Berechiah, the sonne of Iddo, the Prophet, saying,

a Who was the sonne of Hystaspis

b This was not that Zechariah, whereof is mention, 2 Chro. 24. 20. but had the same name, and is called the sonne of Berechiah, as he was, because he came of those progenitors, as of Ioiada or Berechiah and Iddo.

2 The Lorde hath bene c sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou vnto them, Thus sayeth the Lorde of hostes, d Turne yee vnto mee, sayeth the Lorde of hostes, and I will turne vnto you, sayeth the Lorde of hostes.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, vnto whom

ly punished. d Let your fruites declare, that you are Gods people, and that hee hath wrought in you by his Spirit, and mortified you: for els man hath no power to returne to God, but God must conuert him, as Ierem. 31. 18. Lament. 5. 21. Isaiah 21. 8. and 31. 6. and 45. 22.

c He speaketh this to feare them with Gods iudgements, that they should not prouoke him, as their fathers had done, whom hee so grieuously

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Ier. 3. 12. ezek. 18. 30. hos. 14. 2. zech. 1. 3.

the former Prophets haue cryed, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hostes, Turne you now from your euill wayes, and from your wicked workes: but they would not heare, nor hearken vnto mee, sayeth the Lord.

5 Your fathers, where *are they? and do the Prophets liue for euer?

6 But did not my wordes and my statutes, which I commanded by my seruants the Prophets, take holde of your fathers? And *they returned, and said, As the Lord of hostes hath determined to doe vnto vs, according to our owne wayes, and according to our workes, so hath hee dealt with vs.

7 Vpon the foure and twentieth day of the eleuenth moneth, which is the moneth *Shebat, in the second yeere of Darius, came the word of the Lord vnto Zechariah the sonne of Berechiah, the sonne of Iddo the Prophet, saying,

8 I *saw by night, and beholde *a man riding vpon a red horse, and he stood among the myrthe trees that were in a bottome, and behinde him were there *red horses speckled and white.

9 Then said I, O my Lord, what are these? And the Angel that talked with mee, said vnto mee, I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stoode among the myrthe trees, answered and said, These are they whom the Lord hath sent to go thorow the world.

11 And they answered the Angel of the Lord, that stoode among the myrthe trees, and said, Wee haue gone thorow the world: and behold, all the world sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the *Angel of the Lord answered, and said, O Lord of hostes, how long wilt thou be vnmercifull to Ierusalem, and to the cities of Iudah, with whom thou hast bene displeased now these threescore and ten yeeres?

13 And the Lord answered the Angel that talked with me, with good wordes and comfortable wordes.

14 So the Angel that communed with mee, said vnto mee, Crie thou, and speake, Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, I am *iealous ouer Ierusalem and Zion with a great zeale,

15 And am greatly angrie against the careleſſe heathen: for I was angrie but *a little, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord, I will returne vnto Ierusalem with tender mercy: mine house shall bee builded in it, sayeth the Lord of hostes, and a line *shall be stretched vpon Ierusalem.

17 Crie yet, and speake, Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, My cities shall yet *bee broken with plentie: the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet chuse Ierusalem.

18 Then lift I vp mine eyes, and sawe, and behold, *foure hornes.

19 And I said vnto the Angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the hornes which haue scattered Iudah, Israel, and Ierusalem.

20 And the Lord shewed mee foure *carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to doe? And hee answered, and sayd, These are the hornes, which haue scattered Iudah, so that a man durst not lift vp his head: but these are come to fray them, and to cast out the hornes of the Gentiles, which lift vp their horne ouer the land of Iudah to scatter it.

CHAP. II.

The restoring of Ierusalem and Iudah.

LIft vp mine eyes againe and looked, and behold, a *man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And hee said vnto mee, To measure Ierusalem, that I may see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And behold, the Angel that talked with mee, went forth: and another Angel went out to meet him,

4 And said vnto him, Runne, speake to this *young man, and say, *Ierusalem shalbe inhabited without walles, for the multitude of men and cattell therein.

5 For I, saith the Lord, will be vnto her a wall of *fire round about, and will *be the glory in the mids of her.

6 Ho, ho, come *forth, and flee from the land of the North, saith the Lord: for I haue scattered you into the foure *windes of the heauen, saith the Lord.

7 Saue *thy selfe, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babel.

8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, After this *glory hath he sent me vnto the nations, which spoyled you: for hee that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For behold, I will lift mine hand vpon them, and they shall be a spoyle to their seruants: and ye shall know that the Lord of hostes hath sent me.

10 Sing and reioyce, O daughter Zion: for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the middes of thee, saith the Lord.

11 And many nations shall be ioyned to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the middes of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hostes hath sent me vnto thee.

12 And the Lord shall inherit Iudah his portion in the holy land, and shall chuse Ierusalem againe.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised vp out of his holy habitation.

a Though your fathers be dead, yet Gods iudgements in punishing them ought still to be before your eyes: and though the Prophets be dead, yet their doctrine remaineth for euer, 2. Pet. 1. 15.

b Seeing ye saw the force of my doctrine in punishing your fathers, why doe not ye feare the threatnings contained in y same, and declared by my Prophets?

c As men astonished with my iudgements, and not that they were touched with true repentance.

d Which conteineth part of Ianuarie and part of Februarie.

e This vision signifieth the restauration of the Church, but as yet it should not appeare to mans eyes, which is here meant by the night, by the bottome and by the myrrhe trees, which are blacke and giue a darke shadow: yet he compareth God to a king, who hath his postes and messengers abroad, by whom hee still worketh his purpose, and bringeth his matters to passe.

f These signified the diuers offices of Gods Angels, by whom God sometime punisheth and sometime comforteth, and bringeth foorth his works in diuers sorts.

g That is, Christ the Mediatour prayed for the saluation of his Church, which was now troubled when all the countreys about them were at rest.

h Though for a time God deserre his helpe and comfort from his Church, yet this declareth that hee loueth them still most dearely, as a most mercifull father his children, or an husband his wife, and when it is expedient for them, his helpe is euer ready.

i In destroying the reprobate, I shewed my selfe but a little angrie toward my Church, but the enemie would haue destroyed them also, and considered not the end of my chastisements.

k Who was the chiefe among the Angels, and the same that is called Iehouah.

l Or, Ierusalem shall be inhabited as townes without walles, for the great multitude of men and cattell therein.

m That is, I will be a defence vnto her.

n Or, in the middes.

o Or, quarters.

p To measure out the buildings.

q The abundance shall be so great, that the places before shall not be able to containe these blessings, that God will send, but shall euen breake for fulnesse.

r Which signified all the enemies of the Church, East, West, North, South.

s These carpenters or smithes are Gods instruments, which with their mallets and hammers breake these hard and strong hornes, which would ouerthrow the Church, and declare that none enemies horne is so strong, but God hath an hammer to breake it in pieces.

a That is, the Angel, who was Christ: for in respect of his office he is oft times called an Angel, but in respect of his eternall essence is God, and so called.

b Meaning, himselfe Zechariah.

c Signifying the spirituall Ierusalem and Church vnder Christ, which should be extended by the Gospel thorow all the world, and should neede no materiall walles, nor trust in any worldly strength, but should be safely preserued, and dwel in peace among all their enemies.

d To defend my Church, to feare the enemies, and to destroy them if they approch neere.

e In me they shall haue their full felicitie and glory.

f Hee calleth to them, which partly for feare, and partly for their owne ease remained still in captiuitie, and so preferred their owne priuate commodities to the benefits of God promised in his Church.

g As it was I that scattered you, so haue I power to restore you.

h By fleeing from Babylon, and comming to the Church.

i Seeing that God hath begun to shew his grace among you by deliuering you, hee continueth the same still toward you, and therefore sendeth mee his Angel, and his Christ to defend you from your enemies, that they shall not hurt you, neither by the way nor at home.

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k Yee are so deare vnto God, that he can no more suffer your enemies to hurt you, then a man can abide to be thrust in the eye, Psal. 17. 8.

l Vpon the heathen your enemies.

m They shall be your seruants, as you haue beene theirs.

n This must necessarily be vnderstood of Christ, who being God equall with his Father, was sent as hee was Mediatour to dwell in his Church, and to gouerne them.

you, toucheth the k apple of his eye.

9 For behold, I will lift vp mine hand l vpon them: and they m shall bee a spoyle to those that serued them, and yee shall know, that the Lord of hostes hath n sent me.

10 Reioyce, and bee glad, O daughter Sion: for loe, I come, and will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.

11 And many nations shall bee ioyned to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the middes of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hostes hath sent me vnto thee.

12 And the Lord shall inherit Iudah his portion in the holy land, and shall chuse Ierusalem againe.

13 Let all flesh be still before the Lord: for he is raised vp out of his holy place.

Read from 10 Ver. of 2 Chap. to 10 of 4 Chap.

CHAP. III.

A prophecie of Christ, and of his kingdome.

AND he shewed mee Iehoshua the high Priest, a standing before the Angel of the Lord, and b Satan stoode at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the c Lord said vnto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan: euen the Lord that hath chosen Ierusalem, rebuke thee. Is not this a d brand taken out of the fire?

3 Now Iehoshua was clothed with filthie garments, and stood before the Angel.

4 And he answered and spake vnto those that stoode before him, saying, Take away the e filthie garments from him. And vnto him hee said, Behold, I haue f caused thine iniquitie to depart from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them s set a faire diademe vpon his head. So they set a faire diademe vpon his head, and clothed him with garments, and the Angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the Angel of the Lord testified vnto Iehoshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, If thou wilt walke in my wayes, and keepe my watch, thou shalt also h iudge mine House, and shalt also keepe my i courts, and I will

a He prayed to Christ the Mediator for the state of the Church.

b Which declareth that the faithfull haue not onely warre with flesh and blood, but with Satan himselfe and spirituall wickednesses, Ephes. 6. 12.

c That is, Christ speaketh to God as the Mediator of his Church, that he would rebuke Satan: and here he sheweth himselfe to be the continuall preseruer of his Church.

d Meaning, that Iehoshua was wonderfully preserued in the captiuitie, and now Satan sought to afflict and trouble him, when hee was doing his office. e In respect of the glorious garments, and the precious stones that the Priests did weare before the captiuitie, and by this contemptible state the Prophet signifieth that these small beginnings shalbe made excellent when Christ shal make the ful restitution of his Church. f He sheweth of what apparell he speaketh, which is, when our filthie sinnes are taken away, and we are clad with Gods mercies, which is meant of the spirituall restitution. g The Prophet prayeth, that besides the raiment, the Priest might also haue tyre for his head accordingly, that is, that the dignitie of the Priesthood might bee perfect: and this was fulfilled in Christ, who was both Priest and King: and here all such are condemned that can content themselues with any meane reformation in religion, seeing the Prophet desireth the perfection, and obtaineth it. h That is, haue rule and gouernment in my Church, as thy predecessours haue had. i Whereby hee meaneth, to haue the whole charge and ministerie of the Church.

giue thee place among these that stand by.

8 Heare now, O Iehoshua the high Priest, thou and thy fellowes that sit before thee: for they are monstrous persons: for behold, I will bring forth the n Branch my seruant.

9 For loe, the o stone that I haue layde before Iehoshua: vpon one stone shall bee seuen eyes: behold, I will cut out the p grauing thereof, saith the Lord of hostes, and I will take q away the iniquity of this land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the Lord of hostes, shall ye call euery man his neighbour vnder the r vine, and vnder the figge tree.

k That is, the Angels who represented the whole number of the faithful: signifying, that all the godly should willingly receiue him.

l Because they follow my word, they are contemned in the world, and esteemed as monsters, Isa. 8. 18.

m That is, Christ, who did so humble himselfe, that not onely hee became the seruant of God, but also the seruant of men: and therefore in him they should haue comfort, although in the world they were contemned. Isa. 11. 1. Ierem. 23. 5. and 33. 14, 15. n He sheweth that the ministers cannot build, before God lay the first stone, which is Christ, who is ful of eyes, both because he giueth light vnto all others, and that all ought to seeke light at him, Chap. 4. 10.

o That is, I wil make it perfect in all points, as a thing wrought by the hand of God. p Though I haue punished this land for a time, yee I will euen now bee pacified, and visite their sinnes no more.

q Yee shall then liue in peace and quietnesse, that is, in the kingdome of Christ, Isa. 2. 2. micah 4. 4. hag. 2. 10.

Read from 10 Ver. of 3 Chap. to 5 Chap.

CHAP. IIII.

The vision of the golden candlestick, and the exposition thereof.

AND the Angel that talked with mee, came againe and waked mee, as a man that is raised out of his sleepe.

2 And said vnto mee, What seest thou? and I said, I haue looked, and beholde, a a candlestick all of gold, with a bowle vpon the top of it, and his seuen lampes therein, and seuen b pipes to the lampes, which were vpon the top thereof.

3 And two olive trees ouer it, one vpon the right side of the bowle, and the other vpon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered, and spake to the Angel that talked with mee, saying, What are these, my Lord?

5 Then the Angel that talked with me, answered and said vnto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord.

6 Then he answered and spake vnto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord vnto c Zerubbabel, saying, Neither by d an armie nor strength, but by my Spirit, saieth the Lord of hostes.

7 Who art thou, O e great mountaine, before Zerubbabel? thou shalt bee a plaine, and f hee shall bring forth the head stone

a Which was euer in the midst of the Temple, signifying that the graces of Gods Spirit should shine there in most abundance, and in all perfection.

b Which conueyed the oyle that dropped from the trees into the lampes, so that the light neuer failed: and this vision was to confirme the faithful, if God had sufficient power in himselfe to continue his graces, and to bring his promise to passe, though he had no helpe of man.

c Who was a figure of Christ, and therefore this doctrine was directed to all the Church who are his body and members. d Hee sheweth that Gods power onely is sufficient to preserue his Church, though hee vse not mans helpe thereunto. e Hee compareth the power of the aduersaries to a great mountaine, who thought the Iewes nothing in respect of them, and would haue hindered Zerubbabel, who represented Christ, whom the enemies dayly labour to let in the building of his spirituall Temple, but all in vaine. f Though the enemies thinke to stay this building, yet Zerubbabel shall lay the highest stone thereof, and bring it to perfection, so that all the godly shall reioyce, and pray vnto God that hee would continue his grace and fauour toward the Temple.

thereof,

thereof, with howling, crying, Grace, grace vnto it.

8 Moreouer the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel haue layd the foundation of this house: his hands shall also finish it; and e thou shalt know that the Lord of hostes hath sent me vnto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of the f small things? but they shall reioyce, and shall see the stone of g tinne in the hand of Zerubbabel: h these seuen are the eyes of the Lord, which goe thorow the whole world.

11 Then answered I, and said vnto him, What are these two olive trees vpon the right and vpon the left side thereof?

12 And I spake moreouer, and said vnto him, What be these two olive branches, which throw'm the two golden pipes emptie themselues into the gold?

13 And he answered me, and said, Knowest thou not what these be? and I said, Nay, my Lord.

14 Then said hee, These are the two i olive branches, that stand with the ruler of the whole earth.

e Meaning the Prophet, that I am Christ, sent of my Father for the building and preparation of my spirituall Temple.

f Signifying, that all were discouraged at the small and poore beginnings of the Temple.

g Whereby he signifieth the plummet & line, that is, that Zerubbabel which represented Christ, should go forward with his building to the ioy and comfort of the godly, though the world be against him, and though his for a while be discouraged, because they see not things pleasant to the eye.

h That is, God hath seuen eyes: meaning a continual prouidence, so that neither Satan nor any power in the world can go about or bring any thing to passe to hinder his worke.

i Which were euer greene and full of oyle, so that still they powred forth oyle into the lamps signifying, that God will continually maintaine and preserue his Church, and endue it still with abundance and perfection of graces.

CHAP. V.

1 The vision of the flying booke, signifying the curse of theeues, and such as abuse the Name of God. 6 By the vision of the measure is signified the bringing of Iudahs affliction into Babylon.

THen I turned me, and lifted vp mine eyes, and looked, and behold, a flying booke.

2 And he said vnto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying a booke: the length thereof is twentie cubites, and the breadth thereof ten cubites.

3 Then said hee vnto me, This is the curse that goeth forth ouer the whole earth: for euery one that b stealeth, shall bee cut off as well on this c side, as on that: and euery one that d sweareth shall be cut off, as well on this side, as on that.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hostes, and it shall enter into the house of the theefe, and into the house of him that falsly sweareth by my Name: and it shall remaine in the middes of his house, and shall consume it, with the timber thereof, and stones thereof.

5 Then the Angel that talked with me, went forth and said vnto me, Lift vp now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an e Ephah that goeth forth. Hee said moreouer, This is the f sight of them, throw all the earth.

7 And behold, there was lift vp a g tallent of lead: and this is a h woman that sitteth in the midst of the Ephah.

8 And he said, This is wickednesse, and he cast it into the midst of the Ephah, and he cast the weight of lead vpon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lift I vp mine eyes, and looked: and behold, there came out two k women, and the winde was in their wings (for they had wings like the wings of a storke) and they lift vp the Ephah betweene the earth and the heauen.

10 Then said I to the Angel that talked with me, Whither doe these beare the Ephah?

11 And hee said vnto me, l To build it an house in the land of Shinar, and it shall be established and set there vpon her owne place.

a That is, all the wickednesse of the vngodly is in Gods sight, whichhe keepeth in a measure, and can shut it, or open it at his pleasure.

g To couer the measure.

h Which representeth iniquitie, as in the next verse.

i Signifying that Satan should not haue such power against the Iewes to tempt them, as he had in time past, but that God would shut vp iniquity in a measure as in a prison.

k Which declared that God would execute his iudgements by the meanes of weake and infirme meanes.

l To remoue the iniquitie and afflictions that came for the same from Iudah, to place it for euer in Babylon.

CHAP. VI.

By the foure charets he describeth the foure monarchies.

AGaine, I turned and lift vp mine eyes, and looked: a behold, there came foure a charets out from betweene b two mountaines, and the mountains were mountains of brasse.

2 In the first charet were c red horses, and in the second charet d blacke horses,

3 And in the third charet e white horses, and in the fourth charet, horses of f diuers colours, and reddish.

4 Then I answered, and said vnto the Angel that talked with me, What are these my Lord?

5 And the Angel answered, and said vnto me, These are the g foure spirits of the heauen, which go forth from standing with the Lord of all the earth.

6 That with the blacke horse went forth into the land of the South, and the white went out after them, and they of diuers colours went forth toward the h South country.

7 And the i reddish went out, and required to goe, and passe thorow the world. And he said, Go, passe thorow the world. So they went thorowout the world.

8 Then cried he vpon me, and spake vnto me, saying, Behold, these that goe toward

a By charets here, as by horses afore, he meaneth the swift messengers of God to execute and declare his will.

b By the brasen mountaines he meaneth the eternall counsell and prouidence of God, whereby he hath from before all eternitie decreed what shall come to passe, and that which neither Satan nor all the would can alter.

c Which signifies the great cruelty and persecutions that Gods Church had endured vnder the Babylonians.

d Signifying, that they had endured great afflictions vnder the Babylonians.

e These represented their state vnder the Persians which restored them to libertie.

f Which signified that God would sometime giue his Church rest, and powre his plagues vpon their enemies, as hee did in destroying Niueueh & Babylon, and other their enemies.

g Meaning, all the actions and motions of Gods spirit, which according to his vnchangeable counsell he causeth to appeare thorow all the world.

h That is, toward Egypt, and other countreyes thereabout.

i That is, they of diuers colours, which aske leaue, to signifie that Satan hath no power to hurt or afflict till God giue it him, Iob. 1. 12.

2 Because the Iewes had prouoked Gods plagues by contemning his word, & casting off all iudgement and equity, hee sheweth Gods curses written in this booke had iustly light both on them, & their fathers: but now if they would repent, God would send the same among the Caldeans their former enemies.

b That is, vseth any iniury toward his neighbour.

c Meaning, whereseuer he be in the world.

d Hee that transgresseth the first table, & seeketh not God aright, but abuseth Gods name.

e Which was a measure in dry things, containing about ten pottels.

k By punishing the Caldeans, mine anger ceased, & you were deliuered.

l To receiue of him and the other three, money to make the two crownes: which were men of great authoritie among the Iewes & doubted of the restitution of the kingdome and of the priesthood, and hurt others by their example.

m Because this could not be attributed to any one according to the Lawe, therefore it followeth that Iehoshua must represent the Messiah, who was both Priest and King.

n Meaning, Christ, of whom Iehoshua was the figure: for in Greeke they were both called Iesus.

the North countrey, haue pacified my spirit in the North countrey.

9 And the word of the LORD came vnto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captiuitie, euen of Heldai, and of Tobijah, and Iedaiah, which are come from Babel, and come thou the same day, and go vnto the house k of Iosiah, the sonne of Zephaniah.

11 Take (euen siluer and gold, and make) crownes, and set them vpon the l head of Iehoshua, the sonne of Iehozadak the high Priest,

12 And speake vnto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hoastes, and saith, Behold the man whose name is the m Branch, and he shall growe n vp out of his place, and he shall r build the Temple of the LORD.

13 Euen he shall build the Temple of the LORD, and he shall beare the s glorie, and shall sit and rule vpon his throne, and he shall be a Priest vpon his throne, and the counsell of peace shalbe betweene them both.

14 And the crowne shall be to t Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Iedaiah, & to t Hen the sonne of Zephamah, for a u memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And they that are x farre off, shall come and build in the Temple of the LORD, and yee shall know that the LORDE of hoastes hath sent me vnto you. And this shall come to passe, if yee will y obey the voyce of the LORD your God.

o That is, of himselfe, without the helpe of man. p Which declareth that none could build this Temple, where of Haggai speaketh, but onely Christ: and therefore it was spirituall, & not materiall, Haggai. 2. 10. q Whereof Iehoshua had but a shadow. r The two offices of the kingdome and priesthood shalbe so ioined together, that they shall bee no more diuiseed. s Who was also called Heldai. t He was also called Iosiah. u That they may acknowledge their infirmitie, which looked y all things should haue bene restored incontinently: and of this their infidelitie these crownes shall remaine as tokens, Actes 1. 6. x That is, the Gentiles by the preaching of the Gospel shal helpe toward y building of this spirituall temple. y if ye will beleeue and remaine in the obedience of faith.

CHAP. VII.

5 The true fasting. 11 The rebellion of the people is the cause of their affliction.

AND in the fourth yeere of King Darius, the worde of the LORD came vnto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth moneth, euen in a Chisleu,

2 For b they had sent vnto the house of God Sharezer, and Regem-melech, and their men to pray before the LORD,

3 And to speake vnto the Priests, which were in the house of the LORD of hoastes, and to the Prophets, saying, Should I c weepe in the fift moneth, and d separate my selfe as I haue done these so many yeeres?

4 Then came the worde of the LORDE of hoastes vnto me, saying,

5 Speake vnto all the people of the land, and to the e Priests, & say, When ye fasted, and mourned in the fift and seuenth moneth, euen the seuenty yeeres, did ye fast vnto me? f euen I?

6 And when ye did eate, and when ye did drinke, did ye not eate & for your selues, and drinke for your selues?

7 Should ye not heare the words, which the LORD hath cryed by the ministerie of the former Prophets when Ierusalem was inhabited, and in prosperitie, and the cities thereof round about her, when the South and the plaine was inhabited?

8 And the word of the LORD came vnto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hoastes, saying, g Execute true iudgement, and shewe mercie and compassion, euery man to his brother,

10 And oppresse not the widow, nor the fatherlesse, the stranger, nor the poore, and let none of you imagine euill against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and h pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their eares, that they should not heare.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should heare the law and the words which the LORD of hoastes sent in his spirite by the ministery of the former Prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hoastes.

13 Therefore it is come to passe, that as he cryed, and they would not heare, so they cried, and I would not heare, saith the LORD of hoastes.

14 But I scattered them among all the nations, whome they knewe not: thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they layed the pleasant land waste.

a Which contained part of November, and part of December.

b That is, the rest of the people that remained yet in Caldea, sent to the Church at Ierusalem, for the resolution of these questions, because these feasts were consented vpon by the agreement of the whole Church: the one in the moneth that the Temple was destroyed, and the other when Gedaliah was slaine, Ier. 41. 2. c By weeping & mourning & vse what exercises they vsed in their fasting. d That is, prepare my selfe with all deuotion to this fast. e Which was now since the time the Temple was destroied.

f For there were both of the people, and of the Priestes, which doubted as touching this controuersie, besides them which as yet remained in Caldea, and reasoned of it, as of one of the chiefe points of their religion.

g For they thought they had deserued toward God, because of this fast, which they intended of themselues: and though fasting of it selfe be good, yet because they thought it a seruice toward God and trusted therein, it is here reproued.

h Did you not eate and drinke for your owne commoditie & necessitie? and so likewise ye did abstaine according to your own fantasies, and not after the prescript of my law.

i Hereby he condemneth their hypocrisie, which thought by their fasting to please God, and by such things as they inuented, and in the meane season would not serue him as he had commanded. k He sheweth y they did not fast with a sincere heart, but for hypocrisie, and that it was not done of a pure religion, because they lacked these offices of charitie which should haue declared that they were godly, Matth. 23. 23. l And would not carry the Lords burden, which was sweet and easie: but would beare their owne, which was heauy & grieuous to the flesh, thinking to merit thereby: which similitude is taken of oxen, which shrinke at the yoke, Nehem 9. 29. m Which declareth that they rebelled not onely against the Prophets, but against the Spirit of God that spake in them. n That is, after they were caried captiue. o By their sinnes where by they prouoked Gods anger.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Of the returne of the people vnto Ierusalem, and of the mercy of God toward them. 18 Of good workes. 20 The calling of the Gentiles.

AGAINE the worde of the LORD of hoastes came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hoastes, I was i iealous for Zion with great iealousie, and I was iealous for her with great wrath.

3 Thus saith the LORD, I will returne vnto Zion, and will dwell in the middes of Ierusalem: and Ierusalem shall be called a k citie of truth, and the Mountaine of the LORD

f I loued my citie with a singular loue, so that I could not abide that any should doe her any iniury.

b Because she shall be faithfull & loyall toward me her husband.

Lord of hostes, the holie mountaine.

4 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, There shall yet [a] old men and old women dwell in the streetes of Ierusalem, and euery man with his staffe in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the citie shall be full of boyes and girles, playing in the streetes thereof.

6 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Though it be [a] impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these dayes, should it therefore be impossible in my sight, saith the Lord of hostes?

7 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Behold, I will deliuer my people from the East countrey, and from the Weest countrey.

8 And I will bring them, and they shall [a] dwell in the midst of Ierusalem, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God in trueth and in righteousnesse.

9 Thus saieth the Lord of hostes, Let your [f] hands be strong, ye that heare in these dayes these words by the mouth of the Prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the House of the Lord of hostes was laide, that the Temple might bee builded.

10 For before these dayes there was no hire for [g] man, nor any hire for beast, neither was there any peace to him that went out, or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men, euery one against his neighbour.

11 But now I will not intreate the residue of this people as aforetime, saith the Lord of hostes.

12 For the seede shall bee prosperous: the vine shall giue her fruite, and the ground shall giue her increase, and the heauens shall giue their dewe, and I will cause the remnant of this people to possesse all these things.

13 And it shall come to passe, that as yee were a curse among the heathen, O house of Iudah, and house of Israel, so will I deliuer you, and ye shall be a blessing: feare not, but let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the Lord of hostes, As I thought to punish [h] you, when your fathers prouoked mee vnto wrath, saith the Lord of hostes, and repented not,

15 So againe haue I determined in these dayes [i] to doe well vnto Ierusalem, and to the house of Iudah: feare ye not.

16 These are the things that ye shall do. Speake yee euery man the trueth vnto his neighbour: execute iudgement truely and vprightly in your gates.

17 And let none of you imagine euill in your hearts against his neighbour, and loue no false oath: for all these are the things that I hate, saith the Lord.

18 And the word of the Lord of hostes came vnto me, saying,

19 Thus saieth the Lord of hostes, The fast of the fourth moneth, and the fast of the fift, and the fast of the seuenth, and the fast of the [k] tenth shall bee to the house of Iudah ioy and gladnesse, and prosperous high feasts: therefore loue the trueth and peace.

20 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, That there shall yet come [l] people, and the inhabitants of great cities.

21 And they that dwell in one citie, shall goe to another, saying, [m] Up, let vs goe and pray before the Lord, and seeke the Lord of hostes: I will go also.

22 Yea, great people and mighty nations shall come to seeke the Lord of hostes in Ierusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

23 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, In those dayes shall ten men take hold out of all languages of the nations, euen take hold of the skirt of him that is a Iew, and say, We will goe with you: for wee haue heard that God is with you.

c Though their enemies did greatly molest and trouble them, yet God would come and dwell among them, and so preserue them so long as nature would suffer them to liue, and increase their children in great abundance.

d He sheweth wherein our faith standeth, that is, to beleeue that God can performe that which he hath promised, though it seeme neuer so vnpossible to man, Gene. 18 14. Rom. 4.20.

e So that their returne shall not be in vaine: for God will accomplish his promise, and their prosperitie shall bee sure and stable.

f Let neither respect of your priuate commodities, neither counsell of others, nor feare of enemies discourage you in the going forward with the building of the Temple, but be constant and obey the Prophets, which incourage you thereunto.

g For God cursed your worke, so that neither man nor beast had profit of their labours.

h Reade Ezek. 18.20.

i Which declareth that man cannot turne to God till hee change mans heart by his Spirit, and so begin to doe well, which is to pardon his sinnes, and to giue him his graces.

k Which fast was appointed when the citie was besieged, and was the first fast of these foure: and here the Prophet sheweth that if the Iewes will repent, and turne wholly to God, they shall haue no more occasion to fast, or to shew signes of heauinesse: for God will send them ioy and gladnesse.

l He declareth the great zeale that God should giue the Gentiles to come to his Church, and to ioyne with the Iewes in his true religion, which should be in the kingdome of Christ. *Isa.2.2. micah 4.1.*

CHAP. IX.

1 The threatning of the Gentiles. 9 The comming of Christ.

THe burden of the word of the Lord in the land of [a] Hadrach: and Damascus shall bee his [b] rest: when the [c] eyes of man, euen of all the tribes of Israel shalbe toward the Lord.

2 And Hamath also shall border [d] thereby: Tyrus also and Zidon, though they bee [e] very wise.

3 For Tyrus did build her selfe a strong hold, and heaped vp siluer as the dust, and gold as the mire of the streetes.

4 Behold, the Lord will spoyle her, and he will smite her [f] power in the Sea, and she shalbe deuoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shal see it, and feare, and Azzah also shall be very sorowfull, and Ekron: for her countenance shalbe ashamed, and the king shall perish from Azzah, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And the [g] stranger shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistims.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from betweene his [h] teeth: but hee that remaineth, euen he shall be for our God, and he shall bee as a prince in Iudah, but [i] Ekron shall bee as a Iebusite.

8 And I will campe about [k] mine house against the armie, against him that passeth by, and against him that returneth, and no oppressour shall come vpon them

a Whereby he meaneth Syria.

b Gods anger shall abide vpon their chiefe citie, and not spare so much as that.

c When the Iewes shall conuert and repent, then God will destroy their enemies.

d That is, by Damascus: meaning that Hamath or Antiochia should be vnder the same rod and plague.

e He secretly sheweth the cause of their destruction, because they deceiued all other by their craft and subtiltie, which they cloked with this name of Wisedome.

f Though they of Tyrus thinke themselues inuincible by reason of the Sea that compasseth them round about, yet they shall not escape Gods iudgements.

g Meaning, that all should be destroyed saue a very few, that should remaine as strangers.

h He promiseth to deliuer the Iewes when he shal take vengeance on their enemies for their cruelties, and wrongs done to them.

i As the Iebusites had beene destroyed, so should Ekron and all the Philistims.

k Hee sheweth that Gods power onely shall bee sufficient to defend his Church against all aduersaries, bee they neuer so cruell, or assemble their power neuer so often.

any more: for now l haue I seene with mine eyes.

9 Reioyce greatly, O daughter Zion: shout for ioy, O daughter Ierusalem: behold, thy King commeth vnto thee: m hee is iust, and saued himselfe, poore, and riding vpon an n asse, and vpon a colt the foale of an asse.

10 And I will cut off the o charets from Ephraim, and the horse from Ierusalem: the bow of the battell shall be broken, and he shall speake peace vnto the heathen, and his dominion shall bee from p sea vnto sea, and from the q riuer to the end of the land.

11 r Thou also shalt bee saued through the blood of thy Couenant. I haue loosed thy s prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 Turne you to the t strong holde, yee u prisoners of hope: euen to day doe I declare, that I will render the x double vnto thee.

13 For Iudah haue I y bent as a bowe for mee: Ephraims hand haue I filled, and I haue raised vp thy sonnes, O Zion, against thy sonnes, O Grecia, and haue made thee as a gyants sword.

14 And the Lord shal be seene ouer them, and his arrow shall goe forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shal blow the trumpet, z shall come forth with the whirlewinds of the South.

15 The Lord of hosts shall defend them, and they shall deuoure them, a and subdue them with sling stones, and they shal drinke, and make a noyse as through wine, and they shall be filled like bowles, and as the hornes of the altar.

16 And the Lord their God shall deliuer them in that day as the flocke of his people: for they shall be as the b stones of the crowne lifted vp vpon his land.

17 For how great is his goodnesse! and how great is his beautie! corne shall make the yong men cheerefull, and new wine the maides.

l That is, God hath now seene the great iniuries and afflictions wherewith they haue beene afflicted by their enemies.

m That is, he hath righteousnesse and saluation in himselfe for the vse and commoditie of his Church.

n Which declareth that they should not looke for such a king as should be glorious in the eyes of man, but should be poore, and yet in himselfe haue all power to deliuer his: and this is meant of Christ, as Matt. 21.5.

o No power of man or creature shalbe able to let this kingdom of Christ, and he shall peaceably gouerne them by his word:

p That is, from the red sea to the sea called Syriacum: and by these places which the Iewes knew, he meant an infinite space and compasse ouer the whole world.

q That is, from Euphrates.

r Meaning, Ierusalem, or the Church which is saued by the blood of Christ, whereof the blood of the sacrifices was a figure, and is heere called the couenant of the Church, because God made it with his Church, & left it with them for the loue that he bare vnto them.

s God sheweth that he will deliuer his Church out of all dangers, seeme they neuer so great.

t That is, into the holy land, where the citie and the Temple are, where God will defend you.

u Meaning, the faithfull, which seemed to bee in danger of their enemies on euery side, and yet liued in hope that God would restore them to libertie.

x That is, double benefits & prosperitie, in respect of that, which your fathers enioyed from Dauids time to the captiuitie.

y I will make Iudah and Ephraim, that is, my whole Church, victorious against all enemies, which hee here meaneth by the Grecians.

z Hee promiseth that the Iewes shall destroy their enemies, and haue abundance & excesse of all things, as there is abundance on the altar when the sacrifice is offered: which things are not to mooue them to intemperancie, but to sobrietie, and a thankfull remembrance of Gods great liberalitie.

a The Prophet reprooueth the Iewes, because by their owne infidelitie they put backe Gods graces promised, and so famine came by Gods iust iudgement: therefore to auoid this plague, he willeth them to turne to God, and to pray in faith to him, and so he wil giue them abundance.

b He calleth to remembrance Gods punishments in times past, because they trusted not in him but in their idols and sorcerers, who euer deceiued them.

c That is, the Iewes went into captiuitie.

d Meaning, the cruel gouernours which did oppresse the poore sheepe, Ezek. 34.16, 17.

e He will be mercifull to his Church, and cherish them as a King or Prince doeth his best horse, which shall be for his owne vse in the warre.

f Out of Iudah shall the chiefe gouernour proceed, who shall be as a corner to vphold the building, and as a naile to fasten it together.

g Ouer their enemies.

CHAP. X.

1 *The Lord prouideth to visit and comfort the house of Israel.*

ASke you of the a Lord raine in the time of the latter raine: so shall the Lorde make white cloudes, and giue you showres of raine, and to euery one grasse in the field.

2 Surely the b idoles haue spoken vanitie, and the soothsayers haue seene a lie, and the dreamers haue told a vaine thing: they comfort in vaine: therefore c they went away as sheepe, they were troubled, because there was no shepheard.

3 My wrath was kindled against the shepheards, and I did visit the d goates: but the Lord of hostes will visite his flocke the house of Iudah, and will make them as e his beautifull horse in the battell.

4 Out f of him shall the corner come forth: out of him the naile, out of him the bow of battel, and out of him euery g appointer of tribute also.

5 And they shall bee as the mighty men, which tread downe their enemies in the mire of the streetes in the battell, and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders and horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Iudah, and I will preserue the house h of Ioseph, and I will bring them againe, for I pitie them, and they shalbe as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and will heare them.

7 And they of Ephraim shall be as a gyant, and their heart shall reioyce as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and bee glad; and their heart shall reioyce in the Lord.

8 I will hisse for them, and gather them: for I haue redeemed them: and they shall increase, as they haue increased.

9 And I will i sowe them among the people, and they shall remember me in farre countreyes: and they shall liue with their children, and k turne againe.

10 I will bring them againe also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assur: and I wil bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, and place shall not be found for them.

11 And he m shall goe into the Sea with affliction, and shall smite the waues in the sea, and all the depths of the riuer shall drie vp: and the pride of Assur shall bee cast downe, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the Lorde, and they shall walke in his Name, saith the Lord.

a The Prophet reprooueth the Iewes, because by their owne infidelitie they put backe Gods graces promised, and so famine came by Gods iust iudgement: therefore to auoid this plague, he willeth them to turne to God, and to pray in faith to him, and so he wil giue them abundance.

b He calleth to remembrance Gods punishments in times past, because they trusted not in him but in their idols and sorcerers, who euer deceiued them.

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e He will be mercifull to his Church, and cherish them as a King or Prince doeth his best horse, which shall be for his owne vse in the warre.

f Out of Iudah shall the chiefe gouernour proceed, who shall be as a corner to vphold the building, and as a naile to fasten it together.

g Ouer their enemies.

h That is, the ten tribes, which should bee gathered vnder Christ to the rest of the Church.

i Whereby hee declareth the power of God, who needeth no great preparation when hee will deliuer his: for with a becke or hisse hee can call them from all places suddenly.

k Though they shall yet bee scattered, and seeme to bee lost, yet it shall bee profitable vnto them: for there they shall come to the knowledge of my Name, which was accomplished vnder the Gospel, among whom it was first preached.

l Not that they should returne into their country, but be gathered and ioyned in one faith by the doctrine of the Gospel.

m He alludeth to the deliuerance of the people out of Egypt, whereas the Angel smote the floods and riuers.

CHAP. XI.

1 The destruction of the Temple. 4 The care of the faithfull is committed to Christ. 7 A grieuous vision against Ierusalem and Iudah.

OPen thy doores, O a Lebanon, and the fire shall deuoure the cedars.

2 Howle, b firre trees: for the cedar is fallen, because all the mightie are destroyed: howle ye, O okes of Bashan, for the c defenced forest is cut downe.

3 There is the voice of the howling of the shepheards: for their d glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of lions whelpes: for the pride of Iorden is destroyed.

3 Thus sayth the Lord my God, Feede the sheepe of the e slaughter.

5 They that possesse them, slay them, f and sinne not: and they that sell them, say, g Blessed bee the Lord: for I am rich, and their owne shepheards spare them not.

6 Surely I will no more spare those that dwell in the land, saith the Lord: but loe, h I will deliuer the men euery one into his neighbours hand, and into the hand of his i king: and they shal smite the land, and out of their hands I will not deliuer them.

7 For I fed the sheepe of slaughter, euen the k poore of the flocke, and I tooke vnto mee l two staues: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands, and I fed the sheepe.

8 m Three shepheardes also I cut off in one moneth, and my soule loathed n them, and their soule abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feede you: that that dieth, let it die: and that that perisheth, let it perish: and let the remnant eate, euery one the flesh of his neighbour.

10 And I tooke my staffe, euen Beautie, and brake it, that I might disanull my couenant, which I had made with all people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the o poore of the sheepe that waited vpon me, knew that it was the word of the Lord.

12 And I said vnto them, If ye thinke it good, giue mee p my wages: and if no, leaue off: so they weighed for my wages thirtie pieces of siluer.

13 And the Lord said vnto mee, Cast it vnto the q potter: a goodly price, that I was valued at of them. And I tooke the thirtie pieces of siluer, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

14 Then brake I mine other staffe, euen the Bandes, that I might dissolue the brotherhood betweene Iudah and Israel.

15 And the Lord said vnto mee, Take to thee yet r the instruments of a foolish shepheard.

16 For loe, I will raise vp a shepheard in the land, which shall not looke for the thing that is lost, nor seeke the tender lambes, nor heale that that is hurt, nor feede that that standeth vp: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and teare their clawes in pieces.

17 O idole shepheard that leaueth the flocke: the sword shall bee vpon his s arme, and vpon his right eye. His arme shall bee cleane dried vp, and his right eye shal be vtterly darkened.

a Because the Iewes thought themselues so strong by reason of this mountaine that no enemie could come to hurt them, the Prophet sheweth that when God sendeth the enemies, it shal shew it selfe ready to receiue them.

b Shewing, that if the strong men were destroyed, the weaker were not able to resist.

c Seeing that Lebanon was destroyed, which was the strongest munition, the weaker places could not thinke to hold out.

d That is, the renoume of Iudah and Israel should perish.

e Which being now destinate to bee slaine, were deliuered as out of the Lions mouth.

f Their gouernours destroy them without any remorse of conscience, or yet thinking that they doe euill.

g He noteth hypocrites, which euer haue the name of God in their mouthes, though in their life & doings they deny God, attributing their gaine to Gods blessing, which commeth of the spoile of their brethren.

h I will cause one to destroy another.

i Their gouernours shal execute cruelty ouer them.

k That is, small remnant, whom he thought worthy to shew mercy vnto.

l God sheweth his great benefites towards his people to conuince them of great ingratitude, which would neither bee ruled by his most beautifull order of gouernment, neither continue in the bands of brotherly vnity, & therfore he breaketh both the one and the other. Some reade, for Bands destroyers, but in the 14. verse the first reading is confirmed.

m Whereby hee sheweth his care and diligence that he would suffer them to haue no euil rulers, because they should consider his great loue.

n Meaning the people, because they would not acknowledge these great benefits of God.

o I e sheweth that the least part euer profite by Gods iudgements.

p Besides their ingratitude God accuseth them of malice & wickednes, which did not onely forget his benefits, but esteemed them as things of nought.

q Shewing that it was too little to pay his wagee, which could scarce suffice to make a few tiles for to couer the Temple.

r Signifying that they should haue a certaine kinde of regiment, and outward shew of gouernement: but in effect it should be nothing: for they should be wolues and deuouring beasts in stead of shepheards.

s And is in health and found.

t By the arme hee signifieth strength, as he doeth wisedome and iudgement by the eye, that is, the plague of God shal take away both thy strength and iudgement.

CHAP XII.

Of the destruction and building againe of Ierusalem.

THe burden of the word of the Lord vpon a Israel, sayth the Lord, which spread the heauens, and layd the foundation of the earth, and formed the spirit of man within him,

2 Behold, I will make Ierusalem a b cup of poyson vnto all the people round about: and also with Iudah will he bee, in the siege against Ierusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Ierusalem an heauy stone for all people: all that lift it vp, shall be torne, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, sayth the Lord, I will smite euery horse with astonishment, and his rider with madnesse, and I will open mine eyes vpon the house of Iudah, and will smite euery horse of the people with blindnesse.

5 And the princes of Iudah shall say in their hearts, The c inhabitants of Ierusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God.

6 In that day will I make the princes of Iudah like coles of fire among the wood, and like a fire brand in the sheafe, and they shall deuoure all the people round about on the right hand and on the left: and Ierusalem shall bee inhabited againe in her owne place, euen in Ierusalem.

7 The Lord also shal preserue the d tents of Iudah, as at the time: therefore the glory of the house of Dauid shall not boast, nor the glory of the inhabitants of Ierusalem against Iudah.

8 In that day shall the Lorde defend the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and he that is feeble among them, in that day shall be as Dauid: and the house of Dauid shalbe as Gods house, and as the Angel of the Lorde before them.

9 And in that day will I seeke to destroy all the nations that come against Ierusalem.

10 And I will powre vpon the house of

a That is, the ten tribes which neglected Gods benefit in deliuering their brethren, & had rather remaine in captiuity, then to returne home, when God called them.

b Ierusalem shal be defended against al her enemies: for shal God defend all Iudah also, and shal destroy the enemies

c Euery captaine that had many vnder him afore, shall now thinke that the small power of Ierusalem shalbe sufficient to defend them against all enemies because the Lord is among them.

d The people which are now as it were dispersed by the fields, and lie open to their enemies, shall be no lesse preserued by my power, then if they were vnder their kings, (which is meant by the house of Dauid) or in their defenced cities.

David, and vpon the inhabitants of Ierusalem the Spirit of e grace and of compassion, and they shall looke vpon me, whom they haue f pierced, and they shall lament for him, as one mourneth for his onely sonne, and be sory for him as one is sory for his first borne.

11 In that day shall there bee a great mourning in Ierusalem, as the k mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the l land shall bewaile euery family apart, the family of the m house of Dauid apart, and their wiues apart: the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wiues apart:

13 The family of the house of Leui apart and their wiues apart: the family of n Shemei apart, and their wiues apart.

14 All the families that o remaine, euery family apart, and their wiues apart.

e They shal haue the feeling of my grace by faith, and know that I haue compassion on them.

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CHAP. XIII.

1 Of the fountaine of grace. 2 Of the cleane riddance of idolatry. 3 The zeale of the godly against false prophets.

IN that day there a shall bee a fountaine opened to the house of Dauid, and to the inhabitants of Ierusalem, for sinne and for vncleanesse.

2 And in that day, sayeth the Lorde of hosts, I will cut off the b names of the idoles out of the land: and they shal no more be remembred: and I will cause the c prophets, and the vncleane spirit to depart out of the land.

3 And when any shall yet d prophesie, his father and his mother that begate him, shall say vnto him, Thou shalt not liue: for thou speakest lies in the Name of the Lord: and his father and his mother that begate him, e shall thrust him through, when he prophesieth.

4 And in that day shall the prophets f be ashamed euery one of his vision, when hee hath prophesied: neither shall they weare a rough garment to deceiue.

5 But he shall say, I am no g Prophet: I am an husbandman: for man taught me to be an heardman from my youth vp.

6 And one shall say vnto him, What are these h wounds in thine hands? Then hee shall answere, Thus was I wounded in the house of my friends.

7 Awake, O sword, vpon my i shepheard, and vpon the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hostes: smite the shepheard, and the sheepe shall bee scattered, and I will turne mine hand vpon the little ones.

8 And in all the lande, sayeth the Lord, k two parts therein shall bee cut off, and die, but the third shalbe left therein.

9 And I will bring that third part thorow the fire, and will fine them as the siluer is fined, and will try them as gold is tryed: they shall call on my Name, and I wil heare them: I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

a He armeth the godly against great tentations that should come before they enioyed this prosperous state promised vnder Christ, that when these dangers should come, they might know that they were warned of them afore.

b As your fathers and you haue had experience both at the red sea and at all other times.

c By this maner of speech the Prophet sheweth Gods power and care ouer his Church, and how he will as it were by miracle saue it before this great comfort should come vnder Christ, there should be an horrible diffipation among the people: for their gouernours & pastours should be destroyed, and the people should be as scattered sheepe: and the Euangelist applieth this to Christ because hee was the head of al pastours, Matth 26. 31. k The greatest part shal haue no portion of these blessings, & yet they that shall enioy them, shal be tried with great afflictions, so that it shall be knowen that onely Gods power and his mercies doe preserue them.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Of the doctrine that shall proceede out of the Church, and of the restauration thereof.

BEhold, the day of the Lord commeth, and thy spoile shall bee a diuided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Ierusalem to battell, and the citie shalbe taken, and the houses spoiled, and the women defiled, and halfe of the citie shall goe into captiuitie, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the citie.

3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when b he fought in the day of battell.

4 And his feete shall stande in that day vpon the c mount of Oliues, which is before Ierusalem on the East side, and the mount of Oliues shall cleaue in the middes thereof: toward the East and toward d West there shall bee a very great e valley, and halfe of the mountaine shall remoue towarde the North, and halfe of the mountaine toward the South.

5 And ye shall flee vnto the f valley of the mountaines: for the valley of the mountaines shal reach vnto Azal: yea, ye shall flee like as ye fled from the g earthquake in the dayes of Vzziah King of Iudah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And in that day shall there be no cleere light, but darke.

7 And there shalbe a day (it is knowen to

d He shewed that though their parents and friends deale more gently with them, and put them not to death, yet they would so punish their children, that became false prophets, that the markes and signes should remaine for euer.

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a He sheweth what shalbe the fruite of their repentance, to wit remission of sinnes by the blood of Christ, which shall be a continuall running fountaine, and purge them from all vncleanesse.

b He promiseth that God wil also purge them from all superstition, and that their religion shalbe pure.

c Meaning, the false prophets and teachers, who are the corrupters of all religion, whom the Prophet here calleth vncleane spirits. d That is, when they shall prophesie lies, and make God, who is the authour of trueth, a cloke thereunto. e He sheweth what zeale the godly shall haue vnder the kingdome of Christ, Deut. 13 6, 9. f God shall make them ashamed of their errours and lies, and bring them to repentance, & they shall no more weare Prophets apparell to make their doctrine seeme more holy. g They shall confesse their former ignorance, and be content to labour for their liuing.

h Signifying, that there should be great troubles in the Church, and that the time hereof is in the Lords hands, yet at length (which is here meant by the euening) God would send comfort.

i That is, the spirituall graces of God, which should euer continue in most abundance.

k All idolatry & superstition shall be abolished, and there shalbe one God, one faith, and one religion.

l This new Ierusalem shall be seene through all the world, and shall excell the first in excellencie, wealth and greatnesse.

m God will not onely rayse vp war without, but sedition at home to trie them.

n To hurt and oppresse him.

the Lord) h neither day nor night, but about the euening time it shall be light.

8 And in that day shall there i waters of life goe out from Ierusalem, halfe of them toward the East sea, and halfe of them toward the vttermost sea, and shall be both in summer and winter.

9 And the Lord shall be king ouer all the earth: in that day shall there be one k Lorde, and his Name shall be one.

10 All the land shalbe turned l as a plaine from Geba to Rimmon, toward the South of Ierusalem, and it shalbe lifted vp, and inhabited in her place: from Beniamins gate vnto the place of the first gate, vnto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananiel, vnto the kinges winepresses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more destruction, but Ierusalem shalbe safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord shall smite all people, that haue fought against Ierusalem: their flesh shall consume away, though they stand vpon their feete, and their eyes shall consume in their holes, and their tongue shal consume in their mouth.

13 But in that day m a great tumult of the Lord shalbe among them, and euery one shall take the n hand of his neighbour, and his hand shal rise vp against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And Iudah shal fight also against Ierusalem, and the armes of all the heathen shal bee gathered round about, with o golde and siluer, and great abundance of apparell.

15 Yet this shalbe the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the asse, and of all the beasts that be in these tents as this plague.

16 But it shal come to passe that euery one that is left of all the nations, which came against Ierusalem, shall goe vp from yeere to yeere to worship the King the Lord of hosts, and to keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

17 And who so will not come vp of all the families of the earth vnto Ierusalem to worship the King the Lord of hostes, euen vpon them shall come no raine.

18 And if the familie of p Egypt goe not vp, and come not, it shal not raine vpon them. This shall be the plague where with the Lord will smite all the heathen, that come not vp to keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall bee the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations, that come not vp to keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

20 In that day shall there be written vpon the q bridles of the horses, The holinesse vnto the Lord, and the r pots in the Lordes house shalbe like the bowles before the altar.

21 Yea, euery pot in Ierusalem and Iudah shalbe holy vnto the Lord of hostes, and all they that sacrifice, shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the s Cananite in the house of the Lord of hostes.

o The enemies are rich, and therefore shall not come for a pray, but to destroy and shed blood.

p As the men should be destroyed, verse. 12.

q By the Egyptians, which were greatest enemies to true religion, he meaneth all the Gentiles.

r Signifying, that to what seruice they were put now (whether to labour, or to serue in warre) they were now holy, because the Lord had sanctified them.

s As precious the one as the other, because they shal be sanctified.

t But all shall be pure and cleane, and there shall neither be hypocrite, nor any that shal corrupt the true seruice of God.

Malachi.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis Prophet was one of the three, which God raised vp for the comfort of his Church after the captiuitie, and after him there was no more vntil Iohn Baptist was sent, which was either a token of Gods wrath, or an admonition that they should with more feruent desires looke for the comming of Messiah. He confirmeth the same doctrine, that the two former do, but chiefly he reproueth the Priests for their couetousnes, and for that they serued God after their owne fantasies, and not according to the prescript of his word. He also noteth certaine peculiar sins, which were then among them as marrying of idolatrous & many wiues, murmuring against God, impatience, and such like. Notwithstanding, for the comfort of the godly, he declareth that God would not forget his promise made vnto their fathers, but would send Christ his messenger, in whom the Couenant should be accomplished, whose comming should be terrible to the wicked, and bring all consolation and ioy vnto the godly.

CHAP I

A complaint against Israel & chiefly the Priests.

THe a burden of the worde of the Lord to Israel by the ministerie of Malachi.

2 I haue loued you, sayth the Lord: yet ye say, b Wherein hast thou loued vs? Was not Esau Iaakobs brother, sayth the Lord? yet I loued Iaakob,

3 And I c hated Esau, and made his mountaines waste, and his heritage a wildernesse for dragons.

4 Though Edom say, We are impouerished, but wee will returne, and builde the desolate places, yet sayth the Lord of hostes, They shall build, but I will destroy it, and they shall call them, The border of wickednesse, and the people with whom the Lorde is angry for euer.

5 And your eyes shall see it, and ye shall say, The Lord will bee magnified vpon the border of Israel.

6 A sonne honoureth his father, & a seruant his master. If then I be a father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is my feare, saith the Lord of hosts vnto you, d O Priests that despise my Name? and yee say, Wherein haue we despised thy Name?

a Reade Isai. 13.1.

b Which declareth their great ingratitude that did not acknowledge this loue, which was so euident in that he chose Abraham from out of all the world, and next chose Iaakob the yonger brother of whom they came, and left Esau the elder.

c For besides that the signes of mine hatred appeared euen when he was made seruant vnto his yonger brother, being yet in his mothers belly, and also afterward in that he was put from his birthright, yet euen now before your eyes the signes hereof are euident, in that that his countrey lieth waste, and he shall neuer returne to inhabite it, whereas ye my people, whom the enemie hate, more then them, are by my grace and loue toward you deliuered, as Rom. 9.13.

d Besides the rest of the people he condemneth the Priests chiefly, because they should haue reproued others for their hypocrisie, and obstinacie against God, and not haue hardened them by their example to greater euils.

e Hee noteth their grosse hypocrisie, which would not see their faults, but most impudently couered them, & so were blinde guides.

7 We

f Ye receiue all maner offrings for your owne greedinesse, and doe not examine whether they be according to my Law or no.

7 Yee offer f vncleane bread vpon mine altar, and you say, Wherein haue we polluted thee? In that yee say, The table of the Lord is not to be regarded.

8 And if yee offer the blinde for sacrifice, it is h not euill: and if yee offer the lame and sicke, it is not euill: offer it now vnto thy Prince: will hee bee content with thee, or accept thy person, sayth the Lord of hostes?

g Not that they sayd thus, but by their doings they declare no lesse.

9 And now, I pray you, i pray before God, that hee may haue mercy vpon vs: this hath bene by your meanes: will hee regard k your persons, sayeth the Lorde of hostes?

h You make it no fault: whereby he condemneth them, that thinke it sufficient to serue God partly as he hath commaunded, and partly after mans fantasie, and so come not to the pureneese of religiō, which he requireth, and therefore in reproch he sheweth them that a mortall man would not be content to be so serued.

10 Who is there euen among you, l that would shut the doores, and kindle not fire on mine altar in vaine? I haue no pleasure in you, sayeth the Lorde of hostes, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

i He derideth the Priests who bare the people in hand, that they prayed for them, and sheweth that they were the occasion, that these euils came vpon the people.

11 For from the rising of the Sunne vnto the going downe of the same, my Name is m great among the Gentiles, and in euery place incense shall bee offered vnto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name is great among the heathen, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

k Will God consider your office and state, seeing you are so couetous and wicked? l Because the Leuites who kept the doores, did not try whether the sacrifices that came in, were according to the Law, God wisheth that they would rather shut the doores, then to receiue such as were not perfect. m God sheweth that their ingratitude, & neglect of his true seruice, shalbe the cause of the calling of the Gentiles: and here the Prophet that was vnder the Law, framed his words to the capacitie of the people, and by the altar and sacrifice he meaneth the spirituall seruice of God, which should bee vnder the Gospel, when an ende shall bee made to all these legall ceremonies by Christes onely sacrifice.

12 But ye haue polluted it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is n polluted, and the fruit thereof, euen his meate is not to be regarded.

13 Yee sayd also, Behold, it is a o weariues, and ye haue snuffed at it, sayth the Lord of hostes, and yee offered that which was torne, and the lame, and the sicke: thus ye offered an offering: should I accept this of your hand, sayth the Lord?

14 But cursed bee the deceiuer, which hath in his flocke p a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth vnto the Lorde a corrupt thing: for I am a great king, sayth the Lord of hostes, and my Name is terrible among the heathen.

n Both the Priestes, and the people were infected with this errour, that they passed not what was offered: for they thought that God was as well content with the leane as with the fat: but in the meane season they shewed not that obedience to God which he required, and so committed both impiety, and also shewed their contempt of God, and couetousnesse. o The Priestes and people were both weary with seruing God, and passed not what maner of sacrifice and seruice they gaue to God: for that which was least profitable, was thought good enough for the Lord. p That is, hath abilitie to serue the Lord according to his word, and yet will serue him according to his couetous minde.

CHAP. II.

Threatnings against the Priests being seducers of the people.

AND now, O ye q Priests, this commandement is for you.

2 If ye will not heare it, nor consider it in your heart, to giue r glory vnto my Name, sayth the Lord of hostes, I will euen send a curse vpon you, & will curse your s blessings: yea, I haue cursed them already, because yee doe not consider it in your heart.

3 Behold, I will corrupt t your seede, and cast dung vpon your faces, euen the u dung of your solemne feasts, and you shall bee like vnto it.

4 And ye shall know, that I haue x sent this commaundement vnto you, that my couenant which I made with Leui, might stand, saith the Lord of hostes.

5 My y couenant was with him of life and peace, and I z gaue him feare, and hee feared mee, and was afrayde before a my Name.

6 The law of b truth was in his mouth, and there was no iniquitie found in his lippes: he walked with me in peace and equitie, and did turne many away from iniquitie.

7 For the Priestes l lips should preserue knowledge, and they should seeke the Law at his mouth: for hee is the m messenger of the Lord of hostes.

8 But yee are gone out of the way: yee haue caused many to fall by the Lawe: yee haue broken the couenant of Leui, sayeth the Lord of hostes.

9 Therefore haue I also made you to be despised, and vile before all the people, because yee kept not my wayes, but haue bene partiall in the Law.

10 Haue we not all one n father? hath not one God made vs? why doe we transgresse euery one against his brother, and breake the couenant of o our fathers.

11 Judah hath transgressed, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: for Judah hath defiled the holinesse of the Lord, which hee loued, and hath married the p daughter of a strange god.

12 The Lorde will cut off the man that doeth this: both the master and the seruant out of the Tabernacle of Jaakob, and him that q offereth an offering vnto the Lord of hostes.

13 And this haue yee done againe, and r couered the altar of the Lorde with teares, with weeping and with mourning: because

a He speaketh vnto them chiefly, but vnder them he comprehendeth the people also.

b To serue me according to my word.

c That is, the abundance of Gods benefits.

d Your seede sowen shall come to no profite.

e You boast of your holinesse, sacrifices, and feasts, but they shall turne to your shame, and be as vile as doung.

f The Priests objected against the Prophet that he could not reproue them, but hee must speake against the Priesthood, and the office established of God by promise, but hee sheweth that the office is nothing slandered, when these villaines and doings are called by their owne names.

g He sheweth what were the two conditions of the couenant made with the tribe of Leui on Gods part, that he would giue them long life and felicitie, and on their part, that they should faithfully serue him according to his word.

h I prescribed Leui a certaine Law to serue me. i He serued mee and set forth my glory with all humilitie and submission. k Hee sheweth that the Priest ought to haue knowledge to instruct others in the word of the Lord. l He is as the treasure house of Gods word, and ought to giue to euery one according to their necessitie, and not to reserue it for himselfe. m Shewing, that whosoeuer doeth not declare Gods will is not his messenger and Priest. n The Prophet accuseth the ingratitude of the Iewes toward God and man: for seeing they were all borne of one father Abraham, and God had elected them to bee his holy people, they ought neither to offende God, nor their brethren. o Whereby they had bound themselues to God to be an holy people. p They haue ioyned themselues in marriage with them that are of another religion. q That is, the Priestes. r Ye cause the people to lament, because that God doth not regard their sacrifices, so that they seeme to sacrifice in vaine.

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f This is another fault, whereof he accuseth them, that is, that they brake the lawes of marriage.

t As the one halfe of thy selfe.

u She that was ioined to thee by a solemne couenant, and by the inuocation of Gods Name.

x Did not God make man and woman as one flesh and not many?

y By his power & vertue he could haue made many women for one man.

z Such as should be borne in lawful and moderate marriage wherein is no excesse of lusts.

a Conteine your selues within your bounds, and be sober in mind, & bridle your affections.

b Not that he doth allow diuorcement, but of the two faults, he sheweth which is the lesse.

c He thinketh it sufficient to keepe his wife stil, albeit he take others, and so as it were coueteth his fault.

d Ye murmured against God, because he heard you not assoone as ye called.

e In thinking that God fauoured the wicked, & hath no respect to them that serue him.

f Thus they blaspheméd God in condemning his power & iustice, because he iudged not according to their fantasies.

the offering is no more regarded, neither receiued acceptably at your hands.

14 Yet yee say, f Wherein? Because the Lord hath bene witnesse betweene thee and the wife of thy youth, against whome thou hast transgressed: yet she is thy t companion, and the wife of thy t couenant.

15 And did not x he make one? yet had he y abundance of spirite: and wherefore one? because hee sought a godly t seede; therefore keepe your selues in your spirit, and let none treapasse against the wife of his youth.

16 If thou hatest her, y put her away, saith the Lord God of Israel, yet he couereth a the iniurie vnder his garment, saith the Lord of hostes: therefore keepe your selues in your spirit, and transgresse not.

17 Ye haue d wearied the Lord with your words: yet ye say, Wherein haue we wearied him? When ye say, Euery one that e doth euill, is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them. Or where is the God of iudgement?

CHAP. III.

1 Of the messenger of the Lord Iohn Baptist, and of Christs office.

BEhold, I will send my a messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the b Lord whom ye seeke, shall speedily come to his Temple: euen the c messenger of the couenant whom yee delire: behold, hee shall come, saith the Lord of hostes.

2 But who may d abide the day of his comming? and who shall endure, when hee appeareth? for he is like a purging fire, and like fullers sope.

3 And he shall sit downe to trie and fine the silver: hee shall euen fine the sonnes of e Leui, and purifie them as gold and siluer, that they may bring offerings vnto the Lord in righteousnesse.

4 Then shall the offrings of Iudah and Ierusalem bee acceptable vnto the Lord, as in old time, and in the yeeres afore.

5 And I will come neere to you to iudgement. f I will be a swift witnesse against the soothsayers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, g against those that wrongfully keepe back the hirelings wages, and vexe the widow and the fatherlesse, and oppresse the stranger, and feare not me, saith the Lord of hostes.

6 For I am the Lord: I change not, and ye sonnes of Iaakob h are not consumed.

7 Frõ the dayes of your fathers, yee are gone away from mine ordinances, and haue not kept them: i returne vnto me, and I will returne vnto you, saith the Lord of hostes: but yee said, Wherein shall wee returne?

8 Will a k man spoyle his gods? yet haue ye spoyled me: but ye say, Wherein haue we spoyled thee? In l tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye haue spoyled me, euen this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and proue me now herewith, saith the Lord of hostes, if I will not open the windowes of heauen vnto you, and powre you out a blessing m without measure.

11 And I will rebuke the n deuourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground, neither shall your vine bee barren in the field, saith the Lord of hostes.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a pleasant land, saith the Lord of hostes.

13 Your words haue bene stout o against me, saith the Lord: yet yee say, What haue we spoken against thee?

14 Yee haue said, It is in vaine to serue God: and what profit is it that we haue kept his commaundement, and that we walked humbly before the Lord of hostes?

15 Therefore we count the proud blessed: euen they that worke wickednes, are set vp, and they that tempt God, yea, they are p deliuered.

16 q Then spake they that feared the Lord, euery one to his neighbour, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a r booke of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought vpon his Name.

17 And they shall be to me, saith the Lord of hostes, in that day s that I shal doe this, for a flocke, and I will s spare them, as a man spareth his owne sonne that serueth him.

18 Then shall you returne, and discerne betweene the righteous and wicked: betweene him that serueth God, and him that serueth him not.

CHAP. IIII.

The day of the Lord, before the which Elias should come.

FOr behold, the day commeth, that shall a burne as an ouen, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shalbe stubble, and the day that commeth, shall burne them vp, saith the Lord of hostes, and shall leaue them neither roote nor branch.

2 But vnto you that feare my Name, shal

g Reade Zech. 1.3.

h There are none of the heathen so barbarous, that wil defraud their gods of their honour, or deale deceitfully with them.

i Whereby the seruice of God should haue bene maintained, and the Priests, and the poore relieued.

k Not hauing respect how much ye neede, but I will giue you in all abundance, so that yee shall lacke place to put my blessings in.

l Meaning, the caterpiller, and whatsoeuer destroyeth corne and fruits.

m The Prophet condemneth them of double blasphemie against God: first in that they said that God had no respect to them that serued him, and next that the wicked were more in his fauour then the godly.

n They are not onely preserued to honour, but also deliuered from dangers.

o After these admonitions of the Prophet some were liuely touched, and encouraged others to feare God.

p Both because the thing was strange that some turned to God in that great and vniuersall corruption, and also that this might be an example of Gods mercies, to all penitent sinners.

q When I shall restore my Church according to my promise, they shalbe as mine owne proper goods.

r That is, forgiue their sinnes, and gouerne them with my spirit.

s He propheseth of Gods iudgements against the wicked, who would not receiue Christ, when as God should send him for the restauration of his Church.

b Meaning Christ, who with his wings or beames of his grace should lighten and comfort his Church, Ephes. 5. 14. and he is called the Sun of righteousnesse, because in himselfe he hath all perfection, and also the iustice of the Father dwelleth in him: whereby he regenerateth vs into righteousnesse, cleanseth vs from the filth of this world, and reformeth vs to the image of God. c Ye shalbe set at libertie and increase in the ioy of the Spirit, 1. Cor. 3. 17. d Because the time was come, that the Iewes should be destitute of Prophets vntill the time of Christ, because they should with more fervent mindes desire his comming, the Prophet exhorteth them to exercise themselues diligently in studying the Lawe of Moses in the meane season, whereby they may continue in the true religion, and also bee armed against all tentations.

the b sunne of righteousnesse arise, and health shall be vnder his wings, and ye shall c goe forth, and grow vp as fat calues.

3 And ye shall tread downe the wicked: for they shall bee dust vnder the soles of your feete in the day that I shall doe this, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 d Remember the Lawe of Moses my seruant, which I commanded vnto him in Horeb for all Israel with the statutes and iudgements.

5 Behold, I will send you e Elijah the Prophet before the comming of the great and f fearefull day of the Lord.

6 And hee shall g turne the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come h and smite the earth with curse.

e This Christ expoundeth of Iohn baptist, Mat. 11. 13, 14. who both for his zeale, and restoring of religion is aptly compared to Elijah. f Which as it is true for the wicked in doth it waken the godly, and call them to repentance. g Hee sheweth wherein Iohns office should stand: in the turning of men to God, and ioyning the fathers and children in one vnitie of faith: so that the father shall turne to the religion of his son which is converted to Christ, and the sonne shall embrace the faith of the true fathers Abraham, Izhak and Iaakob. h The second point of his office, was to denounce Gods iudgements against them that would not receiue Christ.

Season of fast or Lent
This Epis 1 to the 4 verse
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The end of the Prophets.

APOCRYPHA.

THE ARGVMENT.

THese bookes that follow in order after the Prophets vnto the new Testament, are called APOCRYPHA, that is, bookes which were not receiued by a common consent to be read and expounded publikely in the Church, neither yet serued to proue any point of Christian religion, saue in as much as they had the consent of the other Scriptures called Canonicall to confirme the same, or rather whereon they were grounded: but as bookes proceeding from godly men, were receiued to bee read for the aduancement and furtherance of the knowledge of the history, and for the instruction of godly maners: which bookes declare that at all times God had an especiall care of his Church, and left them not vtterly destitute of teachers and meanes to confirme them in the hope of the promised Messiah, and also witnesse that those calamities that God sent to his Church, were according to his prouidence, who had both so threatned by his Prophets, and so brought it to passe for the destruction of their enemies, and for the triall of his children.

I. ESDRAS.

CHAP. I.

2 Iosias appointeth Priestes, and keepeth the Passouer. 7 Offrings for the Priests & the people. 21 The order of the Leuites. 23 The vpright life of Iosias. 25 His death and the occasion thereof, and the lamentation for him. 34 Ioachaz appointed king. 53 The destruction of Ierusalem.

IOsias kept the *Passouer to his Lord in Ierusalem, and offred the Passouer in the fourteenth day of the first moneth,

2 And appointed the Priests according to their dayly courses, being clothed with long garments in the Temple of the Lord.

3 And he spake to the Leuites the holy ministers of Israel, that they should sanctifie themselues to the Lord, to set the holy Arke of the Lorde in the house, which Salomon the sonne of king Dauid had built,

4 And sayd, Ye shall no more beare the Arke vpon your shoulders: now therefore serue the Lorde your God, and take the charge of his people of Israel, and prepare according to your families and tribes,

5 After the writing of Dauid king of Israel, and according to the maiesty of Salomon his sonne, and stand in the Temple (according to the order of the dignitie of your fathers the Leuites) which were appointed before your brethren the children of Israel.

6 Offer in order the Passouer, & make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keepe the Passouer after the Lords commandement giuen to Moyses.

7 And Iosias gaue to the people that was present, thirtie thousand lambes and kids with three thousand calues.

8 These were giuen of the kings substance according to the promise, to the people, and to the Priests, and to the Leuites. Then gaue Helkias and Zacharias and ‖ Syelus the gouernours of the Temple, to the priests for the Passouer, two thousand fiue hundreth sheepe, and three hundreth calues.

9 Furthermore Iechonias, & Samaias and Nathanael his brethren, and ‖ Sabias, and ‖ Chelias, and ‖ Ioram captaines gaue to the Leuites for the Passouer fiue thousand sheepe, and seuen hundreth calues.

10 And when these things were done, the Priests & the Leuites stood in order, hauing vnleauened bread according to the tribes,

11 And after the order of the dignitie of their fathers, before the people to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the bookes of Moyses: and thus they did in the morning.

12 And they rosted the Passouer with fire as *appertained, and they sod their offrings with perfumes in caldrons and pots,

13 And set it before all them that were of the people, and afterward they prepared for themselues, and for the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

14 For the Priestes offered the fat vnto the euening, and the Leuites did make ready for themselues, and for the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

15 And the holy singers the sonnes of Asaph, were in their orders, according to the appointed ordinances of Dauid, to wit, Asaph, and Azarias, and ‖ Eddinus, which was of the kings appointment.

16 And the porters were at euery gate so that it was not lawfull that any should passe his ordinary watch: for their brethren the Leuites made ready for them.

17 And in that day, those things which appertained to the sacrifice of the Lord, were accomplished, that they might offer the Passouer,

18 And offer sacrifices vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of king Iosias.

19 So the children of Israel, which were present at that time, kept the Passouer, and the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes.

20 And there was not such a Passouer kept in Israel since the time of Samuel the Prophet.

21 And all the kings of Israel did not offer such a Passouer, as did Iosias, and the Priests, and the Leuites, and the Iewes, and all Israel which were found to remaine in Ierusalem.

22 In the eighteenth yeere of the reigne of Iosias was this Passouer kept.

23 The workes of Iosias were vpright before

The order of Leuites

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22 Kings 23 Chron.

2. King. 23. 21. 2. chron. 35. 1.

Priests appointed

‖ Or, Iedithun.

Exod. 12. 8.

‖ Or, Iehiel.

‖ Or, Hasabias. ‖ Or, Iehiel. ‖ Or, Chorabia.

The vpright life of Iosias

before his Lord with a heart full of godlines.
24 And concerning the things which came to passe in his time, they are written before, to wit, of those that sinned and did wickedly against the Lord, above every nation and kingdome, and grieued him with ‖ sensible things, so that the words of the Lord stood vp against Israel.
‖ Or, by worshipping sensible creatures. 2 Chron. 35, 20.
25 ¶ Now after all these acts of Iosias, it came to passe that when Pharaoh king of Egypt came to moue war at Carchamis vpon Euphrates, Iosias went out against him.
26 But the King of Egypt sent to him, saying, What haue I to doe with thee, O king of Iudea?
27 I am not sent of the Lord God against thee: but my warre is vpon Euphrates, and now the Lord is with me, and the Lord hasteneth me forward: depart from me, and be not against the Lord.
28 But Iosias would not turne backe his chariot from him, but prepared himselfe to fight with him, not regarding the words of Jeremias the Prophet, by the mouth of the Lord.
29 But her set himselfe in battell aray against him in the field of Megiddo, and the Princes came downe to king Iosias.
30 And the King sayd to his seruants, Conuey me out of the battell, for I am very weake. And by and by his seruants brought him out of the battell.
31 So he gate vp on his second chariot, & being come againe to Jerusalem he changed his life, and was buried in his fathers graue.
32 And in all Iudea was Iosias bewayled, yea, Jeremias the Prophet did lament for Iosias, and the gouernours, and their wiues did lament him vnto this day: and this was ordeined in all the kinred of Israel, to be done continually.
33 But these things are written in the booke of the stories of the kings of Iudea, & euery one of the acts that Iosias did, and his glory, and his knowledge in the law of the Lord, and the things which he did before, and the things now rehearsed are registred in the booke of the kings of Israel & Iudea.
2. King. 23. 30. 2. Chron. 36, 1.
34 Then they of the nation tooke * Joachaz the sonne of Iosias, and made him king in stead of his father Iosias, when he was three and twentie yeere old.
35 And he reigned in Iudea and in Jerusalem three moneths: for the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Jerusalem.
36 Her taxed also the people of an hundreth talents of siluer, and one talent of gold.
37 And the king of Egypt made Joacim his brother king of Iudea and Jerusalem.
38 And her bound Joachaz and his gouernours: but when he had taken Zarates his brother, he led him away into Egypt.
39 Twenty and fiue yeere old was Joacim, when he reigned in Iudea and Jerusalem, and he did euill in the sight of the Lord.
40 Wherefore against him came vp Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, who when he had bound him with a chaine of braile, led him away into Babylon.
41 Then Nabuchodonosor tooke of the holy vessels of the Lorde, and caried them away, & set them in his temple at Babylon.
42 But all his actes, and his prophanation, and his reproch, are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings.
43 And Joacim his sonne reigned for him: and when he was made king, her was eightene yeere old.
44 And hee reigned three moneths and ten dares in Jerusalem, and he did euill in the sight of the Lord.
45 ¶ So a yeere after Nabuchodonosor sent and brought him to Babylon with the holy vessels of the Lord.
46 And he made Sedecias king of Iudea and Jerusalem, when he was one and twenty yeere old, and he reigned eleuen yeeres.
47 And hee did euill in the sight of the Lord, neither did he feare the words spoken * by Jeremias the Prophet from the mouth of the Lord. Jere. 38. 22.
48 For after that he was sworne to king Nabuchodonosor, hee forswore himselfe by the name of the Lord, and fel away, and hardened his neck and his heart, and transgressed the lawes of the Lord God of Israel.
49 Also the gouernours of the people, and the Priests committed many things against the Lawes, and passed all the pollutions of all nations, and polluted the Temple of the Lord, which was sanctified in Jerusalem.
50 Neuertheles the God of their fathers sent his messenger to call them back, because he spared them, and his owne Tabernacle.
51 But they derided his messengers, and in the day, that the Lord spake vnto them, they mocked his Prophets,
52 So that he, being moued to anger against his people for their great wickednes, commanded the kings of the Caldeans to inuade them.
53 These killed their yong men with the sword round about their holy Temple, neither did they spare yong man, nor maiden, neither old man nor childe among them.
54 But he deliuered them all into their handes, and all the holy vessels of the Lord, both great and small, with the vessels of the Arke of God: and they tooke, and caried away the kings treasures into Babylon.
55 And they set fire in the house of the Lord, and brake downe the walles of Jerusalem, and burnt their towers with fire.
56 They consumed also all the precious things thereof, and brought them to nought, and those that were left by the sword, he caried away into Babylon.
57 And they were seruants to him, and to his children till the Persians reigned, to fulfill the words of the Lord by the mouth of * Jeremias, Jere. 25. 11. and 29. 10.
58 And that the lande might enioy her Sabbaths all the time, that it was desolate, till seuenty yeeres were accomplished.

CHAP. II.

1 *Cyrus gaue lease to the Iewes to returne.* 10 *He sent the holy vessels.* 13 *The names of them that returne.* 16 *Their aduersaries did let their building, and the Kings letters for the same.*

IN * the first yeere of the reigne of Cyrus king of the Persians, to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias, 2. Chron. 36. 22. Esra. 1. 1.

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2 The Lord raised vp the mind of Cyrus King of the Persians, and he made proclamation throughout all his kingdome, euen by expresse letters,

3 Saying, Thus sayeth Cyrus King of the Persians, The Lord of Israel, euen the most hie Lord, hath made me King ouer the whole world,

4 And he hath commanded me to build him an house in Jerusalem which is in Judea.

5 If there bee any therefore of you of his people, let the Lord, euen his Lord bee with him, and let him goe vp to Jerusalem, which is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord of Israel: hee is the Lord which dwelleth in Jerusalem.

6 All they then that dwell in the places round about, those, I say, that are in his place, let them helpe him with gold and siluer,

7 &With gifts, with horses and cattell, and other things, which shall be brought, according to the vowes, into the Temple of the Lord, which is in Jerusalem.

8 ¶ Then arose the chiefe of the families of Judea, and of the tribe of Beniamin, and the Priests and Leuites, and all whose mind the Lord hath mooued to go vp, and build an house to the Lord in Jerusalem.

9 And those that were about them, helped them in all things with siluer and gold, horses, and cattell, and with diuers vowes of many whose minds were stirred vp.

10 Also king Cyrus brought out the holy vessels of the Lord, which Nabuchadonosor had caried out of Jerusalem, and had consecrated them in the Temple of his idoles.

11 Now when Cyrus king of the Persians had brought them out, he deliuered them to ‖Mithridates his treasurer,

12 By whom they were giuen to ‖Abassar the gouernour of Judea.

13 Whereof this was the number: a thousand golden cups, and a thousand siluer cups, basins of siluer for the sacrifices, nine and twentie, viols of gold thirtie, and of siluer two thousand foure hundreth and tenne, and a thousand other vessels.

14 So all the vessels of golde and siluer, which they caried away, were fiue thousand foure hundreth, threescore and nine.

15 They were brought by Sanabassar with them of the captiuitie of Babylon to Jerusalem.

16 ¶ But in the time of Artaxerxes king of the Persians, ‖Belemus, & Mithridates, and Tabellius, and Rathumus, and Beeltethmus, and ‖Semellius the secretarie, and others which were ioyned to their dwelling in Samaria and in other places, wrote vnto him this Epistle here following against them that dwelt in Judea and Jerusalem,

TO THE KING ARTAXERXES OVR LORD.

17 Thy seruants, Rathumus the writer of things that come to passe, and Semellius the secretarie, and the rest of their councell, and the Iudges which are in Coelosyria and Phenice.

18 Bee it now therefore knowen to our lord the King, that the Iewes which came vp from you, are come to vs into Jerusalem, that rebellious and wicked citie, and build the market places, and make vp the walls thereof, and lay the foundations of the Temple.

19 Therefore if this city bee built, and the walles bee finished, they will not onely not endure to pay tribute, but also will resist Kings.

20 And because the things pertaining to the Temple goe forward, we thought it not meete to passe ouer such a thing,

21 But to declare it to our lord the King, that if it bee thy pleasure, it may bee sought out in the bookes of thy fathers,

22 And thou shalt find in the Chronicles the writings concerning these things, and shalt know that this citie did alwayes rebel, and did trouble both kings and cities,

23 And that the Iewes are rebellious, raising alwayes warres therein: for the which cause also this city was made desolate.

24 Now therefore, O lord the King, wee declare it, that if this city bee built, and the walles thereof repayred, you shall haue no more passage into Coelosyria, nor Phenice.

25 ¶ Then the king wrote againe to Rathumus, that wrote the things that came to passe, and to Beeltethmus, and to Semellius the secretary, and to the rest of those that were ioyned with them, and to the dwellers of Samaria, Syria & Phenice, these things that follow.

26 I haue read the Epistle, which ye sent to me: therefore I commanded, that it should be sought out, and it was found, that this citie hath alwayes practised against kings,

27 And that the men thereof were giuen to rebellion and wars, and how that mighty kings and fierce haue reigned in Jerusalem, which tooke tribute of Coelosyria, and Phenice.

28 Now therefore I haue commanded to forbid these men to build vp the city, & that it be taken heede that no more be done,

29 And that those wicked things which should molest the king, goe not forward.

30 Then when Rathumus, and Semellius the Secretary, and the rest, which were ioyned with them, had read the things, which King Artaxerxes had written, they moued their tents with speed to Jerusalem with horses and men in aray,

31 And began to let them which built, so that the building of the Temple in Jerusalem ceased vnto the second yere of the reigne of Darius king of the Persians.

CHAP. III.

1 *The feast of Darius.* 16 *The three wise sentences.*

NOw when Darius reigned, hee made a great feast to all his subiects, and to all those of his owne house, and to all the Princes of Media and Persia,

2 And to all the gouernours and captaines, and lieutenants that were with him, from India vnto Ethiopia of an hundreth and seuen and twenty prouinces.

3 And when they had eaten and dronke, and were satisfied, they departed, and King Darius went into his chamber, and slept till he wakened againe.

4 ¶ In the morne time three young men of the

Ezra 4.6.

‖Or, Shasbassar, or Sanabassar.

‖Or, Bisthlamus.

‖Or, Shimshi.

the guard, keepers of the kings body, layde one to another,

5 Let every one of vs speake a sentence, and hee that shall overcome, and whose sentence shall appeare wiser then the others, Darius the king shall giue him great gifts, and great things in token of victorie,

6 As to weare purple, and to drinke in golde, and to sleepe in golde, and a chariot with bridles of gold, an head tire of fine linnen, and a chaine about his necke.

7 And he shall sit next to Darius for his wisedome, and shalbe called Darius cousin.

8 Then every man wrote his sentence, and sealed it, and put it vnder the pillow of king Darius,

9 And said, when the king rose, they would giue him the writing, and whose sentence the king and the three princes of Persia should iudge to bee wisest, to him should the victorie be giuen, as it was appointed.

10 One wrote, The wine is strongest.

11 The other wrote, The king is strongest.

12 The other wrote, Women are strongest, but Truth ouercommeth all things.

13 ¶ And when the king rose, they tooke the writings and gaue them to him, and hee read them,

14 And sent and called all the noble men of Persia and of Media, and the gouernors and the captaines, and lieutenants, and the Consuls,

15 And sate him downe in the Councell, and the writing was read before them.

16 Then he said, Call the yong men, that they may declare their owne sentences. So they called them, and they came in.

17 Then he said vnto them, Declare vnto vs the writings. So the first began, which had spoken of the strength of wine,

18 And said on this maner, O yee men, how strong is wine! it deceiueth all men that drinke it.

19 It maketh the minde of the king and of the fatherlesse both one, of the bond man and of the free man, of the poore man and of the rich man.

20 It turneth also euery thought into ioy and gladnesse, so that one remembreth no sorrow nor debt.

21 It maketh every heart rich, so that one remembreth neither king nor gouernor, and causeth to speake all things by talents.

22 ¶ When men haue drunke, they haue no minde to loue either friends or brethren, and a little after they draw out swords.

23 But when they are from the wine, they do not remember what they haue done.

24 O ye men, is not wine strongest, which compelleth to doe such things? and hee held his peace when he had thus spoken.

CHAP. IIII.

Of the strength of a king. 13 *Of the strength of women.* 34 *Of the strength of trueth, which sentence is approued,* 47 *and his petition granted.*

THen the second which had spoken of the strength of the king, began to say,

2 O ye men, are not men strongest, which beare rule by land and by sea, and ouer all things which are in them?

3 But the king is yet greater: for he ruleth all things, and is Lord of them, so that they doe all things which he commandeth them.

4 If he bid them make war one against another, they doe it: if he send them out against the enemies, they goe & breake downe mountaines, and walles, and towers.

5 They kill and are killed, and doe not passe the commandement of the king: if they ouercome, they bring all to the king, as well the spoyles as all other things,

6 And those also which goe not to warre and battell, but till the earth: for when they haue sowen it againe, they reape it, & bring it to the king, and compel one another to pay tribute to the king.

7 Yet he is but one man: if he bid, Kill, they kill: if he say, Spare, they spare.

8 If he bid, Smite, they smite: if he bid them, Make desolate, they make desolate: if he bid, Build, they build.

9 If he bid, Cut off, they cut off: if he bid, Plant, they plant.

10 So all his people, and all his armies obey one man: in the meane while he sitteth downe, he eateth, and drinketh, and sleepeth.

11 For these keepe him round about: neither can any one goe and doe his owne businesse, neither are they disobedient vnto him.

12 O ye men, how should not the king be strongest, seeing he is thus obeyed? So hee held his tongue.

13 ¶ Then the third which had spoken of women & of the truth (this was Zorobabel) began to speake,

14 O yee men, neither the mighty King, nor many men, nor wine is strongest: who then ruleth them or hath dominion ouer them? are they not women?

15 Women haue borne the king, & all the people which beare rule by sea and by land.

16 Euen of them were they borne, and they nourished them which planted the vines of which the wine is made.

17 They also make mens garments and make men honourable, neither can men bee without women.

18 And if they haue gathered together gold and siluer, or any goodly thing, doe they not loue a faire and beautifull woman?

19 Do they not leaue all those things and gape, and gaze vpon her, & all men desire her more then gold or siluer, or any precious thing?

20 A man leaueth his owne father which hath nourished him, and his owne country, and is ioyned with his wife.

21 And for the woman he leoparteth his life, and neither remembreth father nor mother nor country.

22 Therefore by this yee may know that the women beare rule ouer you: doe yee not labour and trauell, and giue and bring all to the women?

23 Yea, a man taketh his sword and goeth forth to kill and to steale, and to saile vpon the sea, and vpon riuers,

24 And he seeth a Lion & goeth in darkenesse, and when he hath stollen, rauished and spoyled, he bringeth it to his loue.

25 ¶ Therefore a man loueth his own wife more then father or mother.

26 Yea

Shee three wise Sentences

Of the Strength of women

Of the Strenght of all thing

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26 Yet, many haue run mad by women, and haue bene brought to thraldome for them.

27 Many also haue perished and haue erred and sinned for women.

28 Howe therefore doe you not beleeue me? is not the King great in his power? doe not all regions feare to touch him?

29 Yet I saw him and Apame, the kings concubine, the daughter of the famous Bartacus, sitting on the right hand of the King,

30 And she tooke the crowne off the Kings head, and put it vpon her owne, and strooke the King with her left hand.

31 Yet in the meane season the King gaped and gazed on her: and if he laughed at him, he laughed: and if she were angrie with him, he did flatter her, that he might be reconciled with her.

32 How then, O ye men, are not women more strong, seeing they doe thus?

33 ¶ Then the King and the Princes looked one vpon another, and he began to speake of the trueth.

34 O ye men, are not women stronger? great is the earth, and the heauen is high, and the Sun is swift in his course: for he turneth round about heauen in one day, and runneth againe into his owne place.

35 Is not he great that maketh these things? therefore the trueth is greater and stronger then all.

36 All the earth calleth for trueth, and the heauen blesseth it: and all things are shaken and tremble, neither is there any vniust thing with it.

37 The wine is wicked, the King is wicked, women are wicked, and all the children of men are wicked, and all their wicked workes are such, and there is no trueth in them, and they perish in their iniquitie.

38 But trueth doeth abide, and is strong for euer, and liueth and reigneth for euer and euer.

39 With her there is no accepting of persons nor difference: but she doeth the things which are iust, & abhorreth from vniust and wicked things, and all men fauour her workes,

40 Neither is there any vniust thing in her iudgement, and she is the strength and the kingdome and the power, and maiestie of all ages. Blessed be the God of trueth.

41 So he ceased to speake, and then all the people cried and said, Trueth is great and strongest.

42 Then the King said vnto him, Aske what thou wilt besides that which is appointed, and wee will giue it thee, because thou art found the wisest, and thou shalt haue libertie to sit by me, and shalt be called my cousin.

43 ¶ Then he said to the King, Remember the vowe that thou hast vowed to builde Jerusalem, in the day that thou tookest the kingdome,

44 And to send again all the vessels that were taken out of Jerusalem, which Cyrus set apart when he made a vowe to cut off Babylon, and vowed to send them thither.

45 Thou also hast vowed to builde the Temple, which the Idumeans burnt when Iudea was destroyed by the Chaldeans.

46 And now, O lorde the king, this is that which I desire and require of thee, and this is the magnificence, which I require of thee: And-

quire therefore that thou wouldest accomplish the vowe which thou hast vowed with thine owne mouth to do to the King of heauen.

47 Then king Darius rising vp, kissed him, and wrote him letters to all the stewards, and lieutenants, and captains, and gouernours, that they should bring on the way both him, and all that were with him, which went vp to build Jerusalem.

48 And he wrote letters to all the Lieutenants in Coelosyria, and Phenice, and to them that were in Libanus, that they should bring cedar wood from Libanus to Jerusalem, and build the citie with him.

49 And he wrote for all the Iewes, which went vp out of his kingdome vnto Iudea, concerning their libertie, that no prince nor Lieutenant, nor gouernor, nor steward should enter into their doores,

50 And that all the region which they kept, should pay no tribute, and that the Idumeans should let goe the villages of the Iewes which they held,

51 And that euery yeere there should be giuen for the building of the Temple twentie talents, vntill it were built,

52 And to maintaine the burnt offerings vpon the altar euery day (as they had a commandement to offer seuentene) other ten talents euery yeere:

53 And that all they which went from Babylon to build the citie, should haue libertie, as well they as their posteritie, and all the Priests that went away.

54 He wrote also touching the charges, and the Priestes garment, wherein they should minister.

55 And he wrote that they should giue the Leuites their charges, vntill the house were finished, and Jerusalem built.

56 Also he wrote that they should giue pensions and wages to them that kept the citie.

57 And he sent away all the vessels which Cyrus had set apart out of Babylon, and whatsoeuer Cyrus had commanded to doe, he also commanded to doe it, and to send to Jerusalem.

58 And when the ‖ young man was gone forth, he lift vp his face to heauen towardes Jerusalem, and gaue thankes to the King of heauen,

59 Saying, Of thee is the victory, and of thee is wisedome, and of thee is glory, and I am thy seruant.

60 Blessed be thou which hast giuen me wisdome: for vnto thee I acknowledge it, O Lorde of our fathers.

61 ¶ So he tooke the letters, and went out and came to Babylon, and told all his brethren.

62 And they blessed the God of their fathers, because he had giuen them freedome and libertie

63 To goe vp and to builde Jerusalem, and the Temple, where his Name is renowned, and they reioyced with instruments of musicke and ioy seuen dayes.

‖ Or, Zorobabel.

CHAP. V.

1 *The number of them that returne from the captiuitie.* 42 *Their vowes and sacrifices.* 54 *The Temple is begunne to be built.* 66 *Their enemies would craftily ioyne with them.*

31 After

The Temple began to be Built.

Ezra 2.1. AFter * these things, the chiefe of the houses of their fathers, were chosen after their tribes, and their wiues, and their sonnes, & their daughters, and their seruants, and their maydes, and their cattell.

2 And Darius sent with them a thousand horsemen, till they were restored to Jerusalem in safetie, and with musicall instruments, with tabors and flutes.

3 And all their brethren played: thus he caused them to go vp together with them.

4 ¶ And these are the names of the men that went vp after their families, by their tribes, and after the order of their dignities.

5 The Priests. The sonnes of Phinees, the sonne of Aaron, Jesus sonne of Josedec, sonne of Saraias, and Joacim the sonne of Zorobabel, the sonne of Salathiel of the house of Dauid, of the kinred of Phares, of the tribe of Juda.

‖Or, Zorobabel. 6 ‖ Who spake wise wordes to Darius the King of the Persians in the second yeere of his reigne, in the moneth Nisan, which is the first moneth.

7 ¶ And these are they of Judea, which came out of the captiuitie, where they dwelt, whome Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon had carried away into Babylon.

8 And returned vnto Jerusalem, and to the rest of Judea, euery one into his owne city: which came with Zorobabel, and Jesus, Neemias, ‖Or, Saraia. ‖Zacharias, Reesaias, Enenius, Mardocheus, Beellarus, Alpharasus, Reelius, Roimus, and Baana their guides.

9 The number of them of the nation and their gouernours: The sonnes of Phares, two thousand an hundreth, seuentie and two: the sonnes of Saphat, foure hundreth, seuentie and two.

‖Or, Areh. 10 The sonnes of ‖ Ares, seuen hundreth, fiftie and fiue.

11 The sonnes of Phaath Moab, two thousand, eight hundreth and twelue.

12 The sonnes of Elam, a thousand, two hundreth, fiftie and foure: the sonnes of Zathui, nine hundreth fourtie and fiue: the sonnes of Cobe, seuen hundreth and fiue: the sonnes of Bani, fiue hundreth fourtie and eight.

‖Or, Bibai. 13 The sonnes of ‖ Bibe, fiue hundreth, twentie and three: the sonnes of ‖ Gadas, three thousand, two hundreth twenty and two.

‖Or, Azgad. ‖Or, Aterhezecia. 14 The sonnes of Adonikam, fiue hundreth, fiftie and seuen: the sonnes of Bagoi, two thousand, fiftie and fiue: the sonnes of Adinu, foure hundreth fiftie and foure.

Or, the sonnes of Anania an hundreth, the sonnes of Arom one, the sons of Basa three hundreth twentie and three. 15 Of the sonnes of ‖ Ateresias, ninetie and two: the sonnes of Ceilan and Azotus, fiftie and seuen: the sonnes of Azyeau, foure hundreth, thirtie and two.

16 ‖ The sonnes of Ananias, an hundreth and fiue: the sonnes of Arom, & the sonnes of Basa, three hundreth twentie and three: the sonnes of Ariphurith, an hundreth and two.

‖Or, Bethlehem. 17 The sonnes of Hieterus, three thousand and fiue: the sonnes of ‖ Bethlomon, an hundreth twenty and three.

‖Or, Netophah. 18 They of ‖ Netophas, fiftie and fiue: they of ‖ Anaboth, an hundreth fiftie and eight: they of Bethlamon a fourtie and two.

‖Or, Anathoth. ‖Or, Kiriathiarim. 19 They of ‖ Cariathiarius, twenty and fiue: they of Caphira & Beroth, seuen hundreth, fourty and three: they of ‖ Piras, seuen hundreth,

‖Or, Pirah. 20 They of Chadias and Ammidie, fiue hundreth, twentie and two: they of ‖ Cirama and Gabaes, fiue hundreth, twentie and one.

‖Or, Aramah. ‖Or, Macamos. 21 They of ‖ Macalon, an hundreth, twentie and two: they of ‖ Vetolius, fiftie and two: the sonnes of ‖ Nephis, an hundreth, fiftie and fiue.

‖Or, Bethel, ‖Or, Nebus. 22 The sonnes of Calamolalus and Onus, seuen hundreth, twentie and fiue: the sonnes of Jerechus, three hundreth, fourtie and fiue.

‖Or, Sayaah. 23 The sonnes of ‖ Annaas, three thousand, three hundreth and thirtie.

24 The Priestes, the sonnes of Jedui, the sonne of Jesus, which are counted among the sonnes of Sanasiid, nine hundreth, seuentie and two: the sonnes of Nerub, a thousand, fiftie and two.

‖Or, Phaslur ‖Or, Charim. 25 The sonnes of ‖ Phassaron, a thousand, fourty and seuen: the sonnes of ‖ Carme, a thousand and seuenteene.

26 ¶ The Leuites. The sonnes of Jesue, Cadmiel, Banui, and Sudu, seuentie and foure.

27 ¶ The sonnes which were holy singers. The sonnes of Asaph, an hundreth, fourtie and eight.

28. ¶ The porters. The sonnes of Salum, the sonnes of Ater, the sonnes of ‖ Tolmon, the sonnes of Dacobi, the sonnes of Ceta, the sonnes of Sami: all were an hundreth, thirty and nine. ‖ Or, Talmi

‖Or, Ceros. ‖Or, Suia. ‖Or, Hagaba. ‖Or, Acub, ‖Or, Hta. ‖Or, Agab. ‖Or, Sibe. ‖Or, Cedur. ‖Or, Raia. ‖Or, Necoda. ‖Or, Gazemi ‖Or, Baste. ‖Or, Meunim ‖Or, Naphisi ‖Or, Bacubub. ‖Or, Acupha ‖Or, Assur. ‖Or, Baroleth ‖Or, Mehida ‖Or, Charescha. ‖Or, Barcus. ‖Or, Thomah ‖Or, Nesib. ‖Or, Hazophoreth, Or, Pharuda ‖Or, Iecelab. ‖Or, Staphelia. ‖Or, Phaereth. ‖Or, Sabin. ‖Or, Sparita. ‖Or, Adu. ‖Or, Subab. ‖Or, Thahmelab & Thelharsa, Carathalar, and Alar. 29 The ministers of the Temple. The sonnes of Esau, the sonnes of Asipha, the sonnes of Tabaoth, the sonnes of Ceras, the sonnes of ‖ Sud, the sonnes of Phalea, the sonnes of Labana, the sonnes of ‖ Agraba,

30 The sonnes of ‖ Accua, the sonnes of ‖ Duta, the sonnes of Getah, the sonnes of ‖ Agaba, the sonnes of ‖ Subai, the sonnes of Anan, the sonnes of Cathua, the sonnes of ‖ Geddur,

31 The sonnes of ‖ Iaroi, the sonnes of Daisan, the sonnes of ‖ Noeba, the sonnes of Chaseba, the sonnes of ‖ Gazera, the sonnes of Azas, the sonnes of Phinees, the sonnes of Asara, the sonnes of ‖ Bathai, the sonnes of Asana, the sonnes of ‖ Meani, the sonnes of ‖ Naphish, the sonnes of ‖ Acub, the sonnes of ‖ Asipha, the sonnes of ‖ Asur, the sonnes of Pharacim, the sonnes of Basaloth.

32 The sonnes of ‖ Meeda, the sonnes of Coutha, the sonnes of Lotea, the sonnes of ‖ Charcus, the sonnes of Aiaraz, the sonnes of ‖ Thamoi, the sonnes of ‖ Naliri, the sonnes of Atipha.

33 The sonnes of the seruants of Salomon. The sonnes of ‖ Asaphion, the sonnes of ‖ Pharira, the sonnes of ‖ Jerli, the sonnes of Lozon, the sonnes of Isdael, the sonnes of ‖ Sapheth,

34 The sonnes of Agia, the sonnes of ‖ Phachereth, the sonnes of ‖ Sabie, the sonnes of ‖ Sarothie, the sonnes of ‖ Masias, the sonnes of Gar, the sonnes of ‖ Addus, the sonnes of ‖ Subus, the sonnes of Apherra, the sonnes of Barodis, the sonnes of Sabar, the sonnes of Alom.

35 All the ministers of the Temple, and the sonnes of the seruants of Salomon, were three hundreth, seuentie and two.

36 These came vp from ‖ Thermeleth, and Thelersas: Carsathalat and Alar leading them.

37 Neither

37 Neither could they shewe their families nor their stocke, how they were of Israel: the sonnes of ‖ Dalaias, the sonnes of ‖ Tubi, the sonnes of ‖ Necoda, sixe hundreth fifty and two.

38 And of the Priestes those which exercised the office of the Priestes, and were not found the sonnes of ‖ Obdia, the sonnes of ‖ Accos, the sons of ‖ Addus, which had taken to wife Augia, one of the daughters of ‖ Berzelaius,

39 And was called after his name: and when the description of the kinred of these men had bene sought in the regester, and could not be found, they were set apart from the office of Priestes,

40 For ‖ Nemias and Attharias saide to them, that they should not be partakers of the holy things, till there arose an high Priest clothed with doctrine and truth.

41 So all they of Israel, from them of twelue yeere olde, and little children, were fortie thousand, besides mens seruants and women seruants, two thousande three hundreth and sixtie.

42 Their seruants and handmaides were seuen thousand, three hundreth fourtie and seuen: the singing men and women, two hundreth, forty and fiue:

43 Camels, foure hundreth thirtie and fiue: and horses, seuen hundreth, thirtie & sixe: mules, two hundreth fortie and fiue: ‖ beastes that bare the yoke, fiue thousand, fiue hundreth, twentie and sixe.

44 And there were of the gouernours after their families, which when they were come to the Temple in Jerusalem, vowed to build the house in his owne place according to their power,

45 And to giue to the treasure of the worke, a thousand pound in golde, and fiue thousand pound in siluer, and an hundreth priestly garments.

46 And the Priests and the Leuites and the people dwelt in Jerusalem, and in the country, and the holy singers and the porters, and all Israel in their ‖ villages.

47 ¶ But when the seuenth moneth was neere, and when the children of Israel were euery one at home, they were all gathered together with one accord into the open place of the first gate, which is toward the East.

48 Then Jesus the sonne of Josedec and his brethren the Priests, with Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel and his brethren, rising vp, made ready the altar of the God of Israel,

49 To offer burnt offrings vpon it according as it is written in the booke of Moses the man of God.

50 Whither also there were gathered against them of all nations of the land: but they dressed the altar in his owne place, although all the nations of the land were their enemies and vexed them, and they offred sacrifices according to the season, and burnt offrings to the Lord, morning and euening.

51 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is ordeined in the Law, and offred sacrifices euery day, as was requisite,

52 And afterward, the continuall oblations and offrings of the Sabbaths, and of the newe moneths and of all holy feasts.

53 And all they which had made any vow to God, began to offer sacrifice vnto God in the first day of the seuenth moneth, although the temple of God was not yet built.

54 They gaue also money to the masons and to the workemen, and meate and drinke with gladnesse,

55 And charets to the Sidonians, & to those of Tyrus to bring Cedar wood out of Libanus, which should be brought by floates to the hauen of Joppe, according to the commandement giuen vnto them by Cyrus king of Persia.

56 And in the second yeere and second moneth came into the Temple of God in Jerusalem, Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel, and Jesus the sonne of Josedec, and their brethren, and the Priests and Leuites, and all they that came out of captiuitie vnto Jerusalem,

57 And *laide the foundation of the house of God in the first day of the second moneth of the second yeere, after their returne into Judea and Jerusalem.

58 And they appointed the Leuites from twenty yeere olde ouer the workes of the Lorde, and Jesus and his sonne and his brethren, and his brother Cadmiel, and the sonnes of Wadiadon with the sonnes of Joda, the sonne of Heliadun, with their sonnes and brethren, euen all the Leuites with one accorde did followe after the worke, calling vpon the workes in the house of God: thus the workemen built the Temple of the Lord.

59 And the Priests stood clothed with their long garments with musicall instruments, and trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph with cymbales,

60 Singing and blessing the Lord according to the ordinance of Dauid king of Israel.

61 And they sung with lowd voyce songs to the prayse of the Lorde, because his mercie and glory is for euer in all Israel.

62 Then all the people blew trumpets, and cryed with lowd voyce, praysing the Lord for the raising vp of the house of the Lord.

63 Also some of the Priests and Leuites, and chiefe men, to wit, the Ancients which had seene the former house,

64 Came to see the building of this with weeping and great crying, and many with trumpets and ioy cried with lowd voyce,

65 So that the people could not heare the trumpets, because of the weeping of the people: yet there was a great multitude that blew trumpets, so that they were heard farre off.

66 ¶ Wherefore when the enemies of the tribes of Juda and Beniamin heard it, they came to know what noise of trumpets it was.

67 And they knew that they of the captiuitie built the Temple to the Lord God of Israel.

68 Wherefore they comming to Zorobabel, and Jesus, and the chiefe of the families, sayde vnto them, Let vs build also with you.

69 For we obey your Lord as you doe, and sacrifice vnto him since the dayes of ‖ Asbasareth king of the Assyrians, which brought vs hither.

70 Then Zorobabel and Jesus, and the chiefe of the families of Israel sayd to them, It doeth not appertaine to vs, and to you to build an house to the Lord our God.

71 For we alone will build it to the Lord God

‖Or, Dalaias. ‖Or, Tubi. ‖Or, Necoda.

‖Or, Hobia. ‖Or, Hacoz. Ezra 2.61. ‖Or, Barzelæus.

‖Or, Nehemias and Attharias.

‖Or, fourtie and two thousand, three hundreth and sixtie.

‖Or, asses.

‖Or, of gold 22. thousand pound, and of siluer, fiue &c.

‖Or, quarters. Ezra 3.1.

Leui. 23.34.

Ezra 3.6.

The temple begon to be built

Eccles. 49. 12.

‖Or, Asaraeret, or Asarchadon.

Ezra.4.5 of Israel, as it becommeth vs, & as* Cyrus the king of the Persians bad vs.

72 Howbeit the people of the lande make them sluggish that were in Judea, and letted them to build the worke, and by their ambushments and seditions and conspiracies hindred the finishing of the building,

73 All the time of king Cyrus life: so that they were let from the building two yeere, vntill the reigne of Darius.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Of Aggeus and Zacharias.* 2 *The building of the Temple.* 3 *Sisinnes would let them.* 7 *His Epistle to Darius.* 23 *The Kings answere to the contrary.*

Ezra.5.1. zeche.1.1. BVt* in the second yeere of the reigne of Darius, Aggeus and Zacharias the sonne of Addo the Prophets prophesied to the Jewes, euen vnto them that were in Judea and Jerusalem, in the Name of the Lord God of Israel, which they called ‡ vpon.

‡ *Greeke vpon them,*

2 Then Zorobabel sonne of Salathiel, and Jesus the sonne of Josedec stood vp, and began to build the house of the Lord, which is in Jerusalem, the Prophets of the Lorde being with them, and helping them.

3 ¶ In that time Sisinnes the gouernour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes with his companions came vnto them,

4 And sayd vnto them, By whose commaundement builde you this house and this building, and enterpryse all these other things? and who are the builders that enterpryse such things?

5 But the ancients of the Jewes had grace of the Lord, after that they had visited the captiuitie,

6 That they were not letted to build, vntill it was signified vnto Darius of these matters, and an answere was receiued.

7 ¶ The copie of the Epistle, which hee did write and sent to Darius: SISINNES gouernour of Syria and of Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes, and their companions, presidents in Syria and Phenice, salute king Darius.

8 It may pleast the king our master plainely to vnderstande, that when wee came to the countrey of Judea, and entred into the citie of Jerusalem, wee found in the citie of Jerusalem the ancients of the Jewes that were of the captiuitie,

9 Building an house to the Lord great and new, of hewen stones, and of great price, and the timber already layd vpon the walles.

10 And these workes are done with great speede, yea, and the worke hath good successe in their handes, so that it will be finished with all glory and diligence.

11 Then we asked their ancients, saying, By whose commandement build you this house, and lay the foundation of these workes?

12 We asked them these things to the intent to notifie them to thee, and to write to thee the men that gouerned it: therefore wee demanded the names of the gouernours in writing.

13 But they answered saying, Wee are the seruaunts of the Lorde, which hath created the heauen and the earth.

14 And* this house was built vp many yeres agoe by a king of Israel great and strong, and was finished.

15 But when our fathers, prouoking GOD to wrath, sinned against the Lorde of Israel, which is in heauen, * he deliuered them into the hands of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon of the Chaldeans,

2.King.24.1

16 Who brake downe the house, and burnt it, and caried the people captiue to Babylon.

17 But in the first yeere of the reigne of Cyrus ouer the countrey of Babylon, king Cyrus wrote that this house should be built vp.

18 And the holy vessels of golde and of siluer, which Nabuchodonosor had caried out of the house of Jerusalem, and had dedicated them in his owne Temple, Cyrus the king tooke out of the Temple at Babylon, and they were giuen to Zorobabel, and to ‖ Sanaballarus ruler.

‖ *Or, Shashbazar.*

19 And a commaundement was giuen vnto him, that he should cary away those vessels, and put them in the Temple at Jerusalem, and that this Temple of the Lord should be built in this place.

20 Then the same Sanaballarus, being come hither, layde the foundations of the house of the Lorde at Jerusalem, and since that time till nowe, it is in building and is not finished.

21 Nowe therefore if it please the king, let it be sought vp in the kings libraries concerning Cyrus.

22 And if it be found that the building of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem hath bin don by the consent of king Cyrus, and if it seeme good to the lord our king, let him make vs answere concerning these things.

23 Then King Darius commaunded to search in the kings libraries that were in Babylon, and there was founde in Ecbatane, which is a tower in the region of Media, a place where such things were layde vp for memorie.

24 In the first yeere of the reigne of Cyrus, king Cyrus commanded the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to be builded, where they did sacrifice with the continuall fire.

25 Of the which the height should be of threescore cubites, the breadth of threescore cubites, with three rowes of hewen stones, and one row of new wood of that countrey, and that the costes should bee payed out of the house of king Cyrus,

26 And that the holy vessels of the house of the Lord, as well those of gold as of siluer, which Nabuchodonosor had caried out of the house in Jerusalem, and brought into Babylon, should bee restored to the house which is in Jerusalem, and set in the place where they were afore.

27 Also hee commanded that Sisinnes gouernour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes, and their companions, and those which were constitute captaines in Syria & Phenice, should take heede to refraine from that place, and to suffer Zorobabel the seruant of the Lorde, and gouernour of Judea, and the Elders of the Jewes to build that house of the Lorde in that place.

28 And I also haue commaunded to build it cleane vp againe, and that they bee diligent to helpe them of the captiuitie of the Jewes, till the house of the Lord be finished,

29 And that some part of the tribute of Coelosyria

lofyria and Phenice should be diligently giuen to these men for sacrifice vnto the Lord, and to Zorobabel the gouernour, for bulles, rammes, and lambes:

30 Also corne, and salt, and wine, and oile continually euery yeere without faile, as the Priests which are in Jerusalem shall reckon to be spent euery day,

31 That offerings may be made to the hie God for the king and his children, and that they may pray for their lyues.

32 Furthermore he commanded that whosoeuer should transgresse any thing afore spoken or written, or derogate any thing thereof, that a tree should be taken out of his possession, and hee bee hanged thereon, and that his goods should bee the kings.

33 And therefore let the Lord whose name is there called vpon, destroy euery king and nation, which stretcheth out his hand to hinder or doe euill in the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6. 12. 34 ¶ I Darius the King haue ordained that it should be diligently executed according to these things.

CHAP. VII.

1 Sisinnes and his companions follow the Kings commandement, and helpe the Iewes to build the Temple. 5 The time that it was built. 10 They keepe the Passeouer.

Ezra 6. 13. THen Sisinnes the * gouernour of Coelosyria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions obeying King Darius commaundements,

2 Assisted diligently the holy workes, working with the ancients & gouernors of the Sanctuary.

3 And the holy workes prospered by Aggeus and Zacharias the Prophets which prophecied.

4 So they finished all things by the commandement of the Lord God of Israel, and with the consent of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes kings of the Persians.

5 Thus the holy house was finished in the three and twentieth day of the moneth Adar in the first yeere of Darius king of the Persians.

6 ¶ And the children of Israel, and the Priestes and the Leuites, and the rest, which were of the captiuitie, and had any charge, did according to the things written in the booke of Moyses.

7 And they offered for the dedication of the Temple of the Lord, an hundreth bulles, two hundreth rammes, foure hundreth lambes,

8 And twelue goates for the sinne of all Israel, according to the number of the chiefe of the tribes of Israel.

9 And the Priests and the Leuites stood according to their kinreds, clothed with long robes in the workes of the Lord God of Israel, according to the booke of Moyles, and also the porters in euery gate.

10 And the children of Israel offred the Passeouer together with them of the captiuitie, in the fourteenth day of the first moneth, after that the Priests and Leuites were sanctified.

11 But all the children of the captiuitie were not sanctified together, but all the Leuites were sanctified together.

12 And they offered the Passeouer for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Priests, and for themselues.

13 Then all the children of Israel which were of the captiuitie did eate, euen all they that had separated themselues from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the Lord.

14 And they kept the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes, reioycing before the Lord,

15 Because hee had turned the counsell of the King of the Assyrians towards them to strengthen their hands in the workes of the Lord God of Israel.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Esdras commeth from Babylon to Ierusalem. 10 The copie of the commission giuen by Artaxerxes. 29 Esdras giueth thankes to the Lord. 32 The number of the heads of the people that came with him. 76 His prayer and confession.

AND after these things when Artaxerxes King of the Persians reigned, Eldras the sonne of ‖ Saraias, the sonne of Ezerias, the sonne ‖ Or, Azaria of Helcias, the sonne of Sadam,

2 The sonne of Sadoc, the sonne of Achitob, the sonne of Amarias, the sonne of ‖ Ezias, the ‖ Or, Azaria sonne of ‖ Merimoth, the sonne of ‖ Zaraias, ‖ Or, Maraioth. the sonne of ‖ Saulas, the sonne of Boccas, the sonne of Abisum, the sonne of Phinees, the ‖ Or, Sama. sonne of Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron was the hie ‖ Or, Aa. Priest.

3 This Eldras went out of Babylon, and was a scribe well taught in the Law of Moyses, giuen by the Lord God of Israel.

4 Also the King gaue him great honour, and hee found grace in his sight in all his requests.

5 With him also there departed some of the children of Israel, and of the Priestes and Leuites, and of the holy singers, and of the Porters, and of the ministers of the Temple vnto Jerusalem,

6 In the seuenth yeere of the reigne of king Artaxerxes, and in the first moneth: this was the seuenth yeere of the King (for they went out of Babylon in the first day of the first moneth,

7 And came to Jerusalem according as the Lord gaue them speede in their iourney.)

8 For Eldras had gotten great knowledge, so that hee would let nothing passe that was in the Law of the Lord, and in the commaundements, and hee taught all Israel all the ordinances and iudgements.

9 So the Commission written by King Artaxerxes was giuen Esdras the Priest, and reader of the Law of the Lord: the copie thereof followeth.

10 King Artaxerxes to Eldras the Priest, and reader of the Law of the Lord, Salutation.

11 For as much as I consider things with pitie, I haue commaunded that they that will and desire of the nation of the Iewes, & of the Priests and Leuites, which are in our kingdome, should goe with thee vnto Israel.

12 Therefore as many as be willing, let them depart together, as it hath seemed good to me and my seuen friends the counsellers,

13 That they may visite the things that are in

in Judea and Jerusalem diligently, as it is contained in the Law of the Lord,

14 And carie the gifts to the Lord of Israel in Jerusalem, which I and my friends have vowed: also al the gold and siluer, which shalbe found in the countrey of Babylon appertaining to the Lord in Jerusalem.

15 With that which is giuen of the people to the Temple of the Lord their God, that it might be brought to Jerusalem, as well siluer as golde, for bulles and rammes, and lambes, and things thereunto pertaining,

16 That they may offer sacrifices to the Lord vpon the altar of the Lord their God, which is in Jerusalem.

17 And whatsoeuer thou and thy brethren will doe with the golde or siluer, accomplish it according to the will of thy God.

18 And the holy vessels of the Lord, which are giuen thee for the vse of the Temple of thy God, which is in Jerusalem, thou shalt set before thy God in Jerusalem.

19 And what other things soeuer thou shalt remember for the vse of the Temple of thy God, thou shalt giue it out of the kings treasure.

20 And I also King Artaxerxes haue commaunded the treasurers of Syria and Phenice, that whatsoeuer Esdras, the Priest and reader of the Lawe of the highest God, shall send for, they should giue it him with all speede, euen to the summe of an hundreth talents of siluer,

21 And likewise vnto an hundreth cores of corne, and an hundreth pieces of wine and other things in abundance.

22 Let all things be done to the highest God, according to the Law of God with diligence, that wrath come not vpon the kingdome of the King and of his sonnes.

23 Also to you it is commaunded, that of none of the Priests or Leuites, or holy singers, or Porters, or ministers of the Temple, or of the workmen of this Temple, no tribute nor tare bee taken, nor that any haue power to taxe them in any thing.

24 Thou also, Esdras, according to the wisedome of God, ordeine iudges and gouernours, that they may iudge in all Syria and Phenice all those which are well instructed in the Lawe of thy God, and teach those, which are not instructed.

25 And let all those which shall transgresse the Law of God and the King, bee diligently punished, either with death, or other punishment, either with penaltie of money, or banishment.

26 ¶ Then Esdras the Scribe said, Blessed be the onely Lord God of my fathers, which hath put this in the heart of the King to glorifie his house which is in Jerusalem,

27 And hath honoured mee before the King, and the counsellers, and all his friends and gouernours.

28 ¶ * Therefore I was incouraged by the helpe of the Lord my God, and gathered men of Israel to goe vp with me. Ezra 7.

29 These are the guides after their families and order of dignities, which came vp with mee out of Babylon in the reigne of Artaxerxes the King.

30 Of the sonnes of Phinees, Gerson, of the sonnes of Ithamar, Gamael, of the sonnes of Dauid, ‖ Lettus. ‖Or, Hattus.

31 Of the sonnes of Sechenias, of the sonnes of Pharez, Zacharias, and with him were counted an hundreth and fiftie men.

32 Of the sonnes of ‖ Salomon, Abelliaenias the sonne of Zacharias, and with him two hundreth men. ‖Or, Pahath Moab, Elioenai.

33 Of the sonnes of Zathoe, Sechenias the sonne of ‖ Iezelus, and with him three hundreth men: of the sonnes of Adin, ‖ Obeth sonne of Jonathas, and with him two hundreth and fiftie men. ‖Or, Ieziel. ‖Or, Obed.

34 Of the sonnes of Elam ‖ Jesias sonne of Gotholias, and with him seuentie men. ‖Or, Iesaias.

35 Of the sonnes of Saphatias, Zarias, sonne of ‖ Bachael, and with him seuentie men. ‖Or, Michael

36 Of the sonnes of Joab, ‖ Badias sonne of Jezelus, and with him two hundreth and twelue men. ‖Or, Obadiah sonne of Jechiel.

37 Of the sonnes of ‖ Banid, Assalimoth sonne of Jozaphias, and with him an hundreth and threescore men. ‖Or, Baniah, Esolomith.

38 Of the sonnes of Babi, Zacharias sonne of Bebi, and with him twentie and eight men.

39 Of the sonnes of ‖ Astath, Johannes sonne of Acatan, and with him an hundreth and tenne. ‖Or, Azgad, Johanan. sonne of Ecetanan.

40 Of the sonnes of Adonicam the last: and these are the names of them, Eliphalat, ‖ Jeuel and ‖ Maias, and with them seuentie men: of the sonnes of ‖ Bagoath sonne of Isacoeurus, and with him seuentie men. ‖Or, Iebel. ‖Or, Semaias ‖Or, Bagoi. Uti, sonne of Isacuri,

41 And I gathered them together to the flood called * Theras, and pitched our tents there three dayes, and numbred them. Ezra 8.15.

42 But when I had found there none of the Priests nor Leuites,

43 I sent to Eleazar, and behold, there came ‖ Maaliman, and Amathan, and Samatan, and ‖ Jotibon, and Nathan, Ennatan, Zacharian, and Mosollamon the chiefe, and best learned. ‖Or, Masma, Alnathan. ‖Or, Ioiib, Elnathan, Zacharie, & Mosollam.

44 And I bade them to goe to Daddeus the captaine which was in the place of the treasurie,

45 With charge to bid Daddeus and his brethren, and the treasurers that were there, to send to vs them, which should offer sacrifice in the house of our Lord.

46 And they brought vnto vs by the mightie hand of our Lord learned men of the sonnes of Moli, the sonne of Leui, the sonne of Israel, to wit, ‖ Sisebedzan and his sonnes, and his brethren being eighteene. ‖Or, Seredia.

47 And Asebia, and ‖ Annon, and Osaian his brethren of the sonnes of ‖ Canaineus, with their sonnes, twentie persons. ‖Or, Anom, Iesaias. ‖Or, Canaanmen.

48 And of the ministers of the temple, which Dauid gaue, and those which were rulers ouer the worke of the Leuites, to wit, ministers of the Temple, two hundreth and twentie, of whom all the names were registred.

49 ¶ And * there I proclaimed a fast for the young men before the Lord to aske of him a good iourney both for vs, and for them that were with vs, for our children, and for our cattell. Ezra 8.21.

50 For I was ashamed to aske the King footemen or horsemen, or conduct for safe-

gard against our enemies,

51 Because we had said to the king, that the power of our Lord should be with them that sought him, to direct them in all things.

52 Wherefore we prayed our Lord against according to these things, whom we found favourable.

53 Then I chose from among the chiefe of the tribes, and of the Priests, twelue men, to wit, ‖Eleazias and Asanias, and with them twelue of their brethren.

‖Or, Serebias.

54 And I weighed them the siluer and the golde, and the holy vessels of the house of our Lorde, which the king and his counsellers, and his princes, and all Israel had giuen.

55 And I weighed them, fiue hundreth and fifetie talents of siluer, and siluer vessels of an hundreth talents, and an hundreth talents of golde,

56 And twenty golden bassins, and twelue vessels of braile of fine braile shining like golde.

57 And I said to them, You are also holy to the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the golde, and the siluer is a vowe to the Lorde of our fathers.

58 Watch and keepe them, till that you giue them to the heads of the families of the Priests, and Leuites, and captaines of the families of Israel in Jerusalem in the chambers of the house of our God.

59 So the Priests and Leuites tooke the siluer and the golde, and the vessels, and carried them to Jerusalem to the Temple of the Lord.

60 And wee departed from the flood Thera, in the twelfth day of the first moneth, and came to Jerusalem, according to the mighty power of our Lorde wich vs: and the Lorde deliuered vs from the beginning of our iourney from all enemies. So wee came to Jerusalem.

61 And three dayes being past there, in the fourth day the siluer that was weighed, and the golde was deliuered in the house of our Lorde to ‖Marmoth the Priest, the sonne of Iouri,

‖Or, Marimoth the sonne of Iorie of Vria.

62 And with him to Eleazar the sonne of Phinees: and there were with them, Joiadab the sonne of Jesus, and ‖Moeth sonne of Sabbanus, Leuites: all was deliuered them by number and weight.

‖Or, Noedia, sonnes sonne of Bannus.

63 And all the weight of them was written the same houre.

64 Afterwards those that were come out of the captiuitie, offered sacrifices to the Lord God of Israel, euen twelue bulles for all Israel, rams fourescore and sixteene,

65 Lambes threescore and twelue, twelue goates for saluation, all in sacrifice to the Lord.

66 And they proclaimed the commandements of the King to the Kings stewards, and to the gouernours of Coelosyria and Phenice, who honoured the people, and the Temple of God.

Ezra 9.1.

67 ¶ When these things were done, the gouernours came to me, saying, The people of Israel, the Princes and the Priestes, and the Leuites haue not separated from them the strange people of the land,

68 Nor the pollutions of the Gentiles, to wit, of the Canaanites, and Chetites, and Pherezites, and Jebusites and Moabites, and Egyptians, and Idumeans.

69 For they haue taken with their daughters, both they and their sonnes, and the holy seed is mixed with the strange people of the land, and the gouernours and rulers haue been partakers of this wickednesse from the beginning of the thing.

70 And as soone as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holy garment, and I pulled the haire off mine head, and off my beard, and sate me downe sorowfull, and very sad.

71 Then also all they that were moued with the words of the Lord God of Israel came to me whiles I wept for the iniquitie, but I sate very sad till the euening sacrifice.

72 Then I rose from the fast with my clothes torne, and the holy garment, and bowed my knees, and stretched forth mine hands to the Lord,

73 And said, O Lord, I am ashamed, and confounded before thy face. Ezra 9.6.

74 For our sinnes are increased aboue our heads, and our ignorances are lifted vp to heauen.

75 Yea, euen from the time of our fathers we are in great sinne vnto this day.

76 For our sinnes therefore, and our fathers, we with our brethren, with our kings & Priests haue been giuen vp to the kings of the earth, to the sword and to captiuitie, and for a pray with all shame vnto this day.

77 And now how great hath thy mercy been, O Lord, that there should be left vs a roote and name in the place of thine holinesse!

78 And that thou shouldest reueale to vs a light in the house of the Lord our God, and giue vs meate in the time of our straitnesse!

79 For when we were in bondage, we were not left of our God, but he gaue vs fauour before the Kings of the Persians, that they should giue vs meate,

80 And that they should honour the Temple of our Lorde, and exalt vp Sion that it should stand, and giue vs assurance in Judea and Jerusalem.

81 And aboue, O Lorde, what shall wee say, hauing these things? for wee haue transgressed thy Commandements, which thou hast giuen by the handes of thy seruants the Prophets, saying,

82 The land which ye goe to inherite, is a lande polluted by the pollutions of the strangers of the land, which haue filled it with their filthinesse, Deut. 7.1.

83 Therefore nowe yee shall not ioyne your daughters with your sonnes, neither giue your daughters to their sonnes,

84 Neither shall you desire to haue peace with them for euer, that yee may be made strong, and eate the good things of the land, and leaue it for an inheritance to your children for euer.

85 Therefore all that is come to passe, was done for our wicked workes, and for our great sinnes: yet, Lorde, thou hast forborne our sinnes,

86 And hast giuen vs such a roote: but we againe haue turned backe to transgresse thy Law, and to mixe vs with the vncleannesse of the people of the land.

87 Wightest thou not be angrie with vs to destroy vs, so that thou shouldest neither

leaue vs voote, nor ſt the no: name?

88 Nay, O Lorde of Iſrael, thou art true: for there is a vvote left, euen vnto this day.

89 Beholde, we are now before thee with our iniquities, neither can we endure before thee for their things.

Ezra.10.1. 90 ¶ And as Edras prayed and confeſſed and wept, and lay vpon the ground before the Temple, a very great multitude was gathered vnto him out of Jerusalem, of men and women, and yong children: for there was great lamentation among the multitude.

‖Or, Ieiel. 91 Then Jechonias the ſonne of ‖ Jeel of the ſonnes of Iſrael, crying out, ſaid, O Edras, we haue ſinned againſt the Lord God: we haue taken in marriage ſtrange women of the nations of the land.

92 And now all Iſrael is doubtful: therefore let vs make an oath concerning this to the Lord to put away all our wiues, which are ſtrangers, with their children.

93 If it ſeeme good to thee, and to all them that obey the Law of the Lord, riſe vp and put it in execution.

94 For to thee doeth it appertaine, and we are with thee to make thee ſtrong.

95 Then Edras arose, and made all the chiefe of the families of the Prieſts and Leuites of all Iſrael to ſweare, that they would doe thus: and they ſware.

CHAP. IX.

7 After Esdras had read the lawe for the ſtrange wiues, 10 *they promiſe to put them away.*

25 May Leuit. Ezr. 10.6.

Then Edras roſe from the court of the Temple, and went to the chamber of Joannan the ſonne of Eliaſib,

2 And being lodged there, hee did eate no bread, nor drinke water, but mourned for the great iniquities of the multitude.

3 And there was a proclamation in all Judea and Jeruſalem, to all them that were of the captiuitie, that they ſhould be gathered to Jeruſalem,

4 And that all they which ſhould not meete there within two or three dayes, according to the ordinance of the Elders, which bare rule, ſhould haue their cattell confiſcate to the Temple, and he caſt out from among them of the captiuitie.

5 Then all they which were of the tribe of Juda & Beniamin, came together within three dayes into Jeruſalem: this was the ninth moneth, and twentieth day of the moneth.

6 And all the multitude ſate in the broade place of the Temple ſhaking, becauſe of the extreme winter.

7 Then Edras arose and ſaide to them, Ye haue ſinned: for ye haue married ſtrange wiues, ſo that ye haue augmented the ſinnes of Iſrael.

8 Nowe therefore confeſſe and glorifie the Lord God of our fathers,

9 And doe his will, and ſeparate your ſelues from the people of the land, & from the ſtrange wiues.

10 Then all the multitude cried out and ſayd with a loude voice, We will doe ſo as thou haſt layd.

11 But becauſe the multitude is great, and the time is winter, ſo that wee cannot ſtande without, and the worke is not of one day nor of two, ſeeing that many of vs haue ſinned in this matter,

12 Let the chiefe men of the multitude, and al they which haue ſtrange wiues of our families, tarrie:

13 And let the Prieſts and Iudges come out of all places at the day appointed, till they haue appeaſed the wrath of the Lord againſt vs for this matter.

14 Then Jonathas Aſaels ſonne, and ‖ Ezecias ſonne of ‖ Thecan were appointed concerning theſe things, and Moſollam and Sabbateus did helpe them.

‖Or, Iahazias, ‖Or, Thecua.

15 And they which were of the captiuitie, did after all theſe things.

16 Edras the Prieſt alſo choſe him certaine men, chiefe of their families, all by name: and they ſate together in the firſt day of the tenth moneth to examine this matter.

17 And they made an ende of the things pertaining to them that had maried ſtrange wiues in the firſt day of the firſt moneth.

‖Or, Maaſias.

18 And there were found of the Prieſts which had married ſtrange wiues,

‖Or, Iedaiah

19 Of the ſonnes of Jeſus, the ſonne of Joſedec, and of his brethren, ‖ Mathelas, and Eleazar, and Joribus, and ‖ Jonadan.

‖Or, Anani, and Zabiah.

20 Who alſo gaue their handes to caſt out their wiues, and offered a ramme for their reconciliation in their purgation.

‖Or, Phaſhur, Elioenai, Maaſſias, Iſmael.

21 And of the ſonnes of Emmer, ‖ Ananias, and Zabdeus, and Canes, and Sameius, and Hieriel, and Azarias.

‖Or, Olridel, and Alaſa.

22 And of the ſonnes of ‖ Phaſhu, Elionas, Maſſias, Ismaelus, and Nathanael, and ‖ Ocidelus, and Taſias.

‖Or, Iehohanan, Semei.

23 And of the Leuites, ‖ Jeſabadus, and Semis, and Colius, who was called ‖ Calitas, and Patheus, and Oudas, and Jonas.

‖Or, Galius, Pethias, Iohudas.

24 Of the holy Singers, ‖ Eliaſurus, Bacchurus.

‖Or, Eliaſib, and Bacur.

25 Of the porters, ‖ Sallumus, & Tolbanes.

‖Or, Sallum.

26 Of them of Iſrael, of the ſonnes of Phorus, ‖ Hiermas, & Eddius, and Melchias, and Maelus, and Eleazar, & Aſibias, and ‖ Banaias.

‖Or, Remias, or, Banaias

27 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Ela, Matthanias, Zacharias, and ‖ Hierielas, and ‖ Hieremoth, and Aedias.

‖Or, Elam. ‖Or, Iehiel. ‖or, Ieremoth and Helias.

28 And of the ſonnes of ‖ Zamoth, Eliadas, Eliſimus, Othonias, Jarimoth, and ‖ Sabatus, and Sardeus.

‖Or, Zathoe, Eliadas, Elhſib.

29 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Bebai, Joannes, and Ananias, and ‖ Joſabad, and Ematheas.

‖Or, Sabad, and Sardai. ‖Or, Bebe. ‖Or, Ioſabat, and Emab.

30 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Maani, Olamus, Mamuchus, Jedaias, Jaſubus, Jaſari, and Jeremoth.

‖Or, Bani, Olam, Malluch, Iedaia, Iaſub.

31 And of the ſonnes of ‖ Addi, Naathus, Moolias, Laccunus, and Naidus, & Mathanias, and ‖ Selthel, and Balnuus, and Manaſſeas.

‖Or, Addu, Naatus, Latcum, Banaias.

32 And of the ſonnes of Annas, Elionas, and Aſeas, and Melchias, & Sabbens, and Simon a Choſamite.

‖Or, Bezelel, Balnui, Manaſſei.

33 And of the ſonnes of ‖ Alom, Altaneus, and ‖ Matthias, and Bannaias, Eliphalat, and Manaſſes, and Semei.

‖Or, Haſem.

34 And of the ſonnes of ‖ Waani, Jeremias, Momdis, Omairus, Inel, Mamai, and Baclias, and Amos, Carabaſion, and Cuaſibus, and Mamnimatanaius, Eliſiaſis, Elamus, Eliait. Samis, Selemias, Nathanias, and of the ſonnes of Dizias, Sethi, Eſdril. Azaitis,

‖Or, Maiemas, Maiathias. ‖Or, Bau. Ieremias, Moadi, Euaram.

Samaras,

Sperarus, Gemdis, Iollyhus.
35 And of the sonnes of Ethna, Mazitias, Zabadias, Ethes, Ariel, Banaias.
36 All these married strange wiues, and put them away with their children.
37 And the Priests and the Leuites dwelt in Jerusalem, and in the countrey, the first day of the seuenth moneth, and the children of Israel in their owne houses.
Nehe 8 1. 38 ¶ * Then all the multitude assembled together with one consent into the broad place before the gate of the Temple toward the East,
39 And spake to Esdras the Priest, and reader, that he should bring the Lawe of Moyses, which had bin giuen by the Lord God of Israel.
40 Then brought Esdras the chiefe Priest the Law to all the multitude, both man and woman, & to all the Priests, that they might heare the Law the first day of the seuenth moneth.
41 And he read in the first broad place of the gate of the Temple, from morning to midday, before the men and the women, and all the multitude hearkened to the Lawe.
42 So Esdras the Priest, and reader of the Law, stood vpon a pulpit of wood that was prepared.
‖Or, Matithias. 43 And there stood by him ‖Mathatthias, Sammus, Ananias, Azarias, Urias, Ezecias, Balasamus at his right hand.
‖Or, Pedaias 44 And at his left hand ‖Phaldaius, and Sael, Melchias, Asthalaythus, Nabarias.
45 Then Esdras tooke the booke of the Law before the multitude (for hee sate honourably before them all)
46 And they all stood vpright when hee expounded the Law, and Esdras blessed the Lord the most high God, the most mighty God of hostes.
47 And the whole multitude cried, Amen.
‖Or, Bani. 48 Then Jesus, and ‖Anus, and Sarabias, and Iudinas, and Jacobus, Sabatatias, Autanias, Maianias, and Calitas, Azarias, and Jozabdus and Ananias, & Biatas the Leuites lift vp their hands, and fell downe on the ground, and worshipped the Lord.
49 And taught the Lawe of the Lorde, and stoode alsо earnestly vpon the reading.
‖Or, Nehemias. 50 Then sayd ‖Aththarates to Esdras the chiefe Priest and Reader, and to the Leuites, that taught the multitude in all things, This day is holy vnto the Lord, and all haue wept in hearing of the Law.
51 Goe therefore and eate the fatte meates, and drinke the sweete drinkes, and send presents to them that haue not.
52 For this day is holy to the Lord, and be not sory: for the Lord God will glorifie you.
53 So the Leuites commaunded all these things to the people, saying, This day is holy to the Lord: be not sad.
54 Then they departed all to eat and drinke, and to reioyce, and to giue presents to them that had not, and to make good cheere.
55 For they were yet filled with the wordes wherewith they were instructed, when they were assembled together.

II. Esdras.

CHAP. I.

8 The people is reproued for their vnfaithfulnesse.
30 God will haue another people, if these will not bee reformed.

Ezra 7.1. THe second booke of the Prophet * Esdras, the son of Saraias, the sonne of Azarias, the son of Helcias, the sonne of Sadanias, the son of Sadoc, the son of Achitob,
2 The sonne of Achias, the of Phinees the sonne of Heli, the soane of Amarias, the sonne of Alie, the sonne of Marimoth, the soune of Arna, the sonne of Ozias, the sonne of Bocth, the sonne of Abilei, the sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Eleazar,
3 The sonne of Aaron (of the tribe of Leui) which Esdras was prisoner in the land of Medes, in the reigne of Artaxerxes king of Persia.
Isa. 58. 1. 4 * And the word of the Lord came vnto me, saying,
5 Goe, and shew my people their sinnes, and their children their wickednes, which they haue committed against mee, that they may tell their childrens children.
6 For the sinnes of their fathers are increased in them, because they haue forgotten mee, and haue offered vnto strange gods.
7 Haue not I brought them out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage? but they haue prouoked me vnto wrath, and despised my counsels.
8 Pull then off then the haire of thine head, and cast all euill vpon them: for they haue not been obedient vnto my Lawe, but they are a rebellious people.
9 How long shal I forbeare them, vnto whom I haue done so much good?
Exod. 14. 28 10 * Many kings haue I destroyed for their sakes: Pharao with his seruants and all his armie haue I smitten downe.
11 All the nations haue I destroyed before them: * I haue destroyed the East, the people of the two countreys Tyrus and Sidon, and haue slaine all their enemies.
12 Speake thou therefore vnto them, saying, Thus sayth the Lord,
Exod 14 29. 13 * I haue led you thorow the Sea, and haue giuen you a sure ‖ way, since the beginning: * I gaue you Moyses for a guide, and Aaron for a Priest.
‖Or, streets. Exod 3 10. and 4 14.
Exod. 13. 21. 14 * I gaue you light in a pillar of fire, and great wonders haue I done among you: yet haue ye forgotten me, sayth the Lord.
15 Thus sayth the Almighty Lorde, The quailes * were a token vnto you: I gaue you tents for safegard, wherein ye murmured:
Exod. 16. 13 psal. 104. 40 16 And ye triumphed not in my name for the destruction of your enemies, but ye yet murmure still.
17 Where are the benefits that I haue done for you? when ye were hungrie in the wildernes, * did ye not crie vnto me,
Num. 14. 3. 18 Saying, Why hast thou brought vs into this wildernesse, to kill vs? It had been better for vs to haue serued the Egyptians, then to die in this wildernesse.
19 I had pitie vpon your mournings, and gaue you Manna to eate: * so yet did eate
Wisd. 16. 20 Angels

Angels foode.

Num.20.11. wisd.11.4. 20 *When ye were thirstie, did not I cleaue the stone, and waters did flowe out to satisfie you? from the heate I couered you with the leaues of the trees,

21 And I gaue you fat countreys: I cast out the Canaanites, the Pherezites, and Philistims before you: *What shall I doe more for you, saith the Lord?

Isa.5.4.

Exod.15.23. 22 Thus sayth the Almighty Lord, *When yee were in the wildernesse at the bitter waters, being athirst, and blaspheming my Name,

23 I gaue you not fire for the blasphemies, but cast a tree into the water, and made the riuer swerte.

24 What shall I doe vnto thee, O Iacob? thou *Iuda wouldest not obey: I will turne me to other nations, and vnto those will I giue my Name, that they may keepe my lawes.

Exod.32.8.

25 Seeing ye haue forsaken mee, I will also forsake you: when yee aske mercie of mee, I will not haue pitie vpon you.

Isa.1.15. 26 *When yee call vpon mee, I will not heare you: for yee haue defiled your handes with blood, and your feete are swift to commit murther,

27 Although yee haue not forsaken mee, but your owne selues, sayth the Lord.

28 Thus sayth the Almighty Lord, Haue I not prayed you, as a father his sonnes, and as a mother her daughters, and as a nurse her young babes,

29 That yee would bee my people, as I am your God, and that ye would be my children, as I am your father?

Matt 23.37. 30 *I gathered you together as an henne gathereth her chickens vnder her wings: but now what shall I doe vnto you? I will cast you out from my sight.

Isa.1.13. 31 *When you bring gifts vnto mee, I will turne my face from you: for your solemne feast dayes, your new moones, and your circumcisions haue I forsaken.

32 I sent vnto you my seruants the Prophets whom ye haue taken and slaine, and torne their bodies in pieces, whose blood I will reuenge, sayth the Lord.

33 Thus sayth the Almighty Lorde, Your house shall be desolate: I will cast you out as the winde doeth the stubble.

34 Your children shall not haue generation: for they haue despised my commandement, and done the thing that I hate, before me.

35 Your houses will I giue vnto a people to come, who shall beleeue me though they heare mee not, and they, vnto whom I neuer shewed miracle, shall doe the things that I commaund them.

36 Though they see no Prophets, yet shall they hate their iniquities.

37 ¶ I will declare the grace that I will doe for the people to come, whose children reioyce in gladnesse, and though they haue not seene mee with bodily eyes, yet in heart they beleeue the things that I say.

38 Now therefore brother, behold what great glory, & see the people that come from the East.

39 Vnto whom I will giue for leaders, Abraham, Isaac, Iacob, Oseas, Amos, Michæas, Joel, Abdias, Jonas,

40 Naum, Abacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zacharias, and Malachias (which is called also the *messenger of the Lord.) Malac.3.1.

CHAP. II.

The Synagogue findeth fault with her own children.
18 *The Gentiles called.*

THus sayth the Lord, I brought this people out of bondage: I gaue them also my commaundements by my seruants the Prophets, whome they would not heare, but despised my counsels.

2 The mother that bare them, sayth vnto them, Goe you away, O children: for I am a widow and forsaken.

3 I brought you vp with gladnesse, but with sorow and heauinesse haue I lost you: for ye haue sinned against the Lord your God, and done the thing that displeaseth him.

4 But what shall I nowe doe vnto you? I am a widow and forsaken: goe yee, O my children, and aske mercie of the Lord.

5 And thee, O Father I call for a witnesse for the mother of these children, which would not keepe my couenant,

6 That thou bring them to confusion, and their mother to a spoile, that their kinred be not continued.

7 Let their names bee scattered among the heathen: let them be put out of the earth, for they haue despised my couenant.

8 Woe vnto thee, Assur: for thou hidest the vnrighteous in thee: O wicked people, remember *what I did vnto Sodom and Gomorah, Gen.19.24.

9 Whose land is mired with clouds of pitch and heapes of ashes: so will I doe vnto them, that heare me not, saith the Almighty Lord.

10 ¶ Thus sayth the Lord vnto Esdras, Tell my people, that I will giue them the kingdome of Jerusalem, which I would haue giuen vnto Israel.

11 And I will get me glory by them, and giue them the euerlasting tabernacles, which I had prepared for those.

12 They shal haue at will the tree of life smelling of ointment: they shal neither labour nor be wearie.

13 Goe ye, and ye shal receiue it: pray that the time, which is long may bee shortned: the kingdome is already prepared for you: watch.

14 Take heauen and earth to witnesse: for I haue abolished the euill, and created the good: for I liue, saith the Lord.

15 Mother, embrace thy children, and bring them vp with gladnesse: make their feete as fast as a pillar: For I haue chosen thee, sayth the Lord.

16 And those that be dead will I raise vp from their places, and bring them out of the graues: for I haue knowen my name in Israel.

17 Feare not thou mother of the children: for I haue chosen thee, sayth the Lord.

18 I will send thee my seruants Esai and Jeremie to help thee, by whose counsel I haue sanctified and prepared for thee twelue trees laden with diuers fruits,

19 And as many fountaines, flowing with milke and honie, and seuen mighty mountaines, whereupon there grow roses and lilies, whereby I will fill thy children with ioy.

20 Execute iustice for the widow: iudge the cause of the fatherlesse: giue to the poore: defend the fatherlesse: clothe the naked.

21 Heale

21 Heale thy wounded, and sicke: laugh not a lame man to scorne: defend the creeple, and let the blind come into the light of my clerenesse.

22 Keepe the old and the yong that are within thy wals.

Tobit 1.17. 23 *Wheresoeuer thou findest the dead, take them and burie them, and I will giue thee the first place in my resurrection.

24 Abide still, O my people, and rest: for thy quietnesse shall come.

25 Nourish thy children, O thou good nurse: stablish their feete.

26 None of the seruants that I haue giuen thee, shall perish: for I will seeke them from among thy number.

27 Be not wearie: for when the day of trouble and heauinesse commeth, other shall weepe and be sorrowfull, but thou shalt be merrie, and haue abundance.

28 The heathen shall enuie thee, and shall doe nothing against thee, saith the Lord.

29 Mine hands shall couer thee, so that thy children shall not see hell.

30 Bee ioyfull, O thou mother, with thy children: for I will deliuer thee, saith the Lord.

31 Remember thy children that sleepe: for I will bring them out of the lides of the earth, and will shew mercie vnto them: for I am mercifull, saith the Lord Almightie.

32 Embrace thy children, vntill I come and shew mercie vnto them: for my fountaines runne ouer, and my grace shall not faile.

33 I Esdras receiued a charge of the Lord vpon the mount Horeb, that I should goe vnto them of Israel, but when I came to them, they cast me off, and despised the commandement of the Lord.

34 And therefore I say vnto you, O yee heathen, that heare and vnderstand, Attaite for your shepheard, who shall giue you euerlasting rest: for he is neere at hand, that shall come in the ende of the world.

35 Bee ready at the reward of the kingdome: for the euerlasting light shall shine vpon you for euermore.

36 Flee the shadowe of this world: receiue the ioy of your glorie: I testifie my Sauiour openly.

37 Receiue the gift that is giuen you, and bee glad, giuing thankes vnto him that hath called you to the heauenly kingdome.

38 Arise and stand vp, and behold the number of those that are sealed to the feast of the Lord,

39 Which are departed from the shadowe of the world, and haue receiued glorious garments of the Lord.

40 Take thy number, O Sion, and shut vp them that are clothed in white, which haue fulfilled the Law of the Lord.

41 The number of thy children whome thou longest for, is fulfilled: beseech the power of the Lord, that the people which haue beene called from the beginning may be sanctified.

Reue.7.9. 42 *I Esdras saw vpon mount Sion a great people whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs.

43 And in the midst of them there was a yong man higher in stature then them all, and vpon euery one of their heads hee set crownes, and was higher then the others, which I much marualled at.

44 So I asked the Angel, and said, Who are these my Lord?

45 Who answered and said vnto mee, These be they that haue put off the mortal clothing, and haue put on the immortall, and haue confessed the Name of God: now are they crowned, and receiue the palmes.

46 Then said I vnto the Angel, What young man is it that setteth crownes on them, and giueth them the palmes in their hands?

47 And he answered, and said vnto me, It is the Sonne of God, whom they haue confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them, that had stood in stronglie for the Name of the Lord.

48 Then the Angel said vnto me, Goe thy way, and tell my people, what, and how great wonders of the Lord God thou hast seene.

CHAP. III.

4 The wonderous workes, which God did for the people, are recited. 31 Esdras marueileth that God suffereth the Babylonians to beare rule ouer his people, which yet are sinners also.

IN the thirtieth yeere after the fall of the citie, as I was at Babylon, I lay troubled vpon my bed, and my thoughts came vp to mine heart,

2 Because I saw the desolation of Sion, and the weale of them that dwelt at Babylon.

3 So my spirit was sore moued, so that I began to speake fearefull words to the most High, and said,

4 O Lord, Lorde, thou spakest at the beginning when thou alone plantedst the earth, and gauest commandement vnto the people,

5 *And a body vnto Adam without a soule, who was also the workmanship of thine hande, and hast breathed in him the breath of life, so that he liued before thee, Gene.2.7.

6 And ledst him into Paradise, which thy right hand had planted, or euer the earth ‖ brought forth, ‖Or, went forward.

7 Euen then thou gauest him commaundement to loue thy way: but he transgressed it, and immediatly thou appointedst death to him and his generation, of whom came nations, tribes, people, and kinreds out of number.

8 *And euery people walked after their owne will, and did wonderfull things before thee, and despised thy commandements. Gene.6.12.

9 *But at the time appointed thou broughtest the flood vpon those that dwelt in the world, and destroyedst them, Gene.7.10.

10 So that by the flood, that came to euery one of them, which came by death vnto Adam.

11 Yet thou leftest one, euen *Noe, with his household, of whom came all righteous men. 1.Pet.3.20.

12 And when they that dwelt vpon the earth, began to multiplie, and the number of the children, people, and many nations were increased, they began to be more vngodly then the first.

13 Now when they liued wickedly before thee, *thou didst chuse thee a man from among them, whose name was *Abraham. Gene.12.1. Gene.17.5.

14 Whom thou louedst, and vnto whom onely thou shewedst thy will,

15 And madest an euerlasting couenant with him, promising him that thou wouldest neuer forsake his seede. Gene.21.1,3 Gene.25.25, 26.

16 *And vnto him thou gauest Isaac, *vnto Isaac also thou gauest Iacob and Esau, and Mal 1.2,3. rom 9 13.

didst

didst chuse Jacob, and cast off Esau, and so Jacob became a great multitude.

17 And when thou ledst his seed out of Egypt,
Exod.19.1. Deut.4.10. * thou broughtest them vp to mount Sina,

18 And inclinedst the heauens, and bowedst downe the earth, and didst moue the ground, and cause the depths to shake, and didst astonish the world.

19 And thy glorie went thorow foure gates of fire, with earthquakes, wind and cold, that thou mightest giue the Law vnto the seed of Jacob, and that which the generation of Israel should diligently obserue.

20 Yet tookest thou not away from them the wicked heart, that thy Lawe might bring foorth fruit in them.

Gen.3.6. 21 For * Adam first hauing a wicked heart, was ouercome and vanquished, and all they that are borne of him.

22 Thus remained weaknesse ioyned with the Law in the hearts of the people, with the wickednesse of the roote: so that the good departed away, and the euill abode still.

23 So the times passed away, and the yeeres were brought to an ende, *til thou didst raise thee vp a seruant called Dauid,

1.Sam.16.13. 2.Sam.5.1. and 7.5.13. 24 * Whom thou commandedst to build a citie vnto thy Name, to call vpon thee therein with incense and sacrifice.

25 When this was done many yeeres, the inhabitants forsooke thee,

26 Following the waies of Adam and all his generation: for they had also a wicked heart.

27 Therefore thou gauest the citie ouer into the hands of thine enemies.

28 But doe they that dwell at Babylon, any better, that they should haue the dominion of Sion?

29 For when I came thither, and sawe their wicked deedes without number (for this is the thirtieth yere that I see many trespassing) I was discouraged.

30 For I saw, how thou sufferedst them that sinne, and sparedst the wicked doers, whereas thou hast destroyed thine owne people, and preserued thine enemies, and thou hast not shewed it.

31 I cannot perceiue howe this commeth to passe. Are the deeds of Babylon better then they of Sion?

32 Or is there any other people that knoweth thee besides Israel? or what generation hath so beleeued thy testimonies as Jacob?

33 And yet their reward appeareth not, and their labour hath no fruit: for I haue gone here & there thorowout the heathen: & I see them flourish, and thinke not vpon thy commandements.

34 Weigh thou therefore our wickednes now in the ballance, and theirs also that dwell in the world, and no mention of thee shall bee found but in Israel.

35 Or when is it that they that dwell on the earth haue not sinned in thy sight? or what people hath so kept thy commandements?

36 Thou shalt surely find that Israel by name hath kept thy precepts, but not the heathen.

CHAP. IIII.

2 *The Angel reproueth Esdras, because hee seemed to enter into the profound iudgements of God.*

AN the Angel that was sent vnto mee, whose name was Vriel, answered,

2 And said, Thine heart hath taken too much vpon it in this world, and thou thinkest to comprehend the waies of the highest.

3 Then said I, Yea, my Lord. And he answered me, and said, I am sent to shewe thee three waies, and to set foorth three similitudes before thee,

4 Whereof if thou canst declare mee one, I will shew thee also the way that thou desirest to see, and I will shew thee from whence the wicked heart commeth.

5 And I said, Tell on, my Lord. Then said he vnto me, Goe thy way, weigh me the weight of the fire, or measure me the blast of the wind, or call me againe the day that is past.

6 Then answered I, and said, What man is borne, that can doe that which thou requirest me, concerning these things?

7 And he said vnto me, If I should aske thee how deepe dwellings are in the midst of the sea, or how great springs are in the beginning of the depth, or how great springs are in the stretching out of the heauen, or which are the borders of Paradise,

8 Paraduenture thou wouldest say vnto me, I neuer went downe to the deepe, nor yet to the hell, neither did I euer climbe vp to heauen.

9 But now haue I talked thee but of fire and winde, and of the day, whereby thou hast passed, and from the which things thou canst not bee separated, and yet canst thou giue mee none answere of them.

10 Hee said moreouer vnto mee, Thine owne things, and such as are growen vp with thee, canst thou not know?

11 How should thy vessell then bee able to comprehend the waies of the highest, and now outwardly in the corrupt world, to vnderstand the corruption, that is euident in my sight?

12 Then said I vnto him, It were better that wee were not at all, then that we should liue in wickednesse, and to suffer, and not to knowe wherefore.

13 And hee answered mee, and said, * I came Iudg 9.8. 2.chro.25.18 to a forrest in the plaine where the trees held a councell,

14 And said, Come, let vs goe fight against the sea, that it may giue place to vs, and that wee may make vs more woods.

15 Likewise the floods of the sea tooke counsell, and said, Come, let vs goe vp and fight against the trees of the wood, that we may get another country for vs.

16 But the purpose of the wood was vaine: for the fire came and consumed it.

17 Likewise also the purpose of the floods of the sea: for the sand stood vp and stopped them.

18 If thou were iudge betweene these two, whom wouldest thou iustifie? or whom wouldest thou condemne?

19 I answered, and said, Verily it is a foolish purpose, that they both haue deuised: for the ground is appointed for the wood, and the Sea hath his place to beare his floods.

20 Then answered hee me, and said, Thou hast giuen right iudgement: but why iudgest thou not thy selfe also?

21 For like as the ground is appointed for the

Isa.55.8,9. iohn 3.31. 1.cor.2.13, 14.

the wood, and the sea for the floods, so they that dwell vpon earth, can vnderstand nothing, but that which is vpon earth: and they that are in the heauens, the things that are aboue the height of the heauens.

22 Then answered I, and sayde, I beseech thee, O Lord, let vnderstanding be giuen me.

23 For I did not purpose to enquire of thine high things, but of such as wee dayly meddle withall, namely, wherefore Israel is made a reproch to the heathen, and for what cause the people whom thou hast loued, is giuen ouer to wicked nations, and why the law of our fathers is abolished, and the written ceremonies are come to none effect,

24 Why we are tolled to and fro through the world as the grashoppers, and our life is a very feare, and we are not thought worthy to obtaine mercy.

25 But what will he doe to his Name, which is called vpon ouer vs? Of these things haue I asked the question.

26 Then answered he me, & said, The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt maruaile: for the world hasteth fast to passe away,

27 And cannot comprehend the things that are promised to the righteous in time to come: for this worlde is full of vnrighteousnesse and weakenesse.

28 But to declare thee the things whereof thou askest, the euill is sowen, but the destruction thereof is not yet come.

29 If the euill now that is sowen, be not turned vpside downe, and if the place where the euil is sowen, passe not away, then cannot the thing come, that is sowen with good.

30 For the corne of euill seed hath bene sowen in the heart of Adam from the beginning, and how much vngodlinesse hath he brought vp vnto this time? And how much shall he bring forth vntill the haruest come?

31 Ponder with thy selfe, how much fruite of wickednesse the corne of euill seede bringeth forth,

32 And when the stalkes shall be cut downe which are without number, how great an haruest must be prepared.

33 Then I answered, and sayd, How, and when shall these things come to passe? wherefore are our yeeres few and euill?

34 And he answered me, saying, Haste not to bee aboue the most High: for thou labourest in vaine to bee aboue him, though thou endeuour neuer so much.

35 Did not the soules alle of the righteous aske question of these things in their chambers, saying, How long shall I thus hope? and when commeth the fruite of my darne and our wages?

36 And vpon this Jeremiel the Archangel answered, and sayd, When the number of the seedes is filled in you: for he hath weighed the world in the ballance.

37 The measure of the times is measured: the ages are counted by number, and they shall not be moued or shaken, till the measure thereof be fulfilled.

38 Then answered I and sayd, O Lord, Lord, we are all euen full of sinne.

39 And for our sake peraduenture the harueit of the righteous is not fulfilled, because of the sinne of them that dwell vpon earth.

40 So he answered mee and sayd, Goe and aske a woman with childe, when she hath fulfilled her nine moneths, if her wombe may keepe the birth any longer within her.

41 Then sayd I, No, Lord, she cannot. And he said vnto me, In the graue the places of soules are like the wombe.

42 For as thee that is with childe, hasteth to escape the necessitie of the trauell, so doe these places haste to deliuer those things that are committed vnto them.

43 That which thou desirest to see, shall bee shewed thee from the beginning.

44 Then answered I, and sayd, If I haue found grace in thy sight, and if it be possible, and if I be meete therefore,

45 Shew mee whether there be more to come then is past, or more things past, then are to come.

46 What is past, I knowe, but what is to come, I know not.

47 And he sayd vnto me, Stand on the right side, and I will expound thee this by example.

48 So I stoode, and behold, a hote burning ouen passed before me: and when the flame was gone by, I looked, and behold, the smoke had the vpper hand.

49 After this there passed before me a watry cloud, and sent downe much raine with a storme: and when the stormie raine was past, the drops came after.

50 Then said he vnto me, Consider with thy selfe, as the raine is more then the drops, and as fire exceedeth the smoke, so the portion that is past, hath the vpper hand, and the drops and the smoke were much.

51 Then I prayed, and sayd, May I liue, thinkest thou, vntill that time? Or what shall come to passe in those dayes?

52 He answered me and sayd, Of the tokens whereof thou askest me, I can tell thee a part: but I am not sent to shew thee of thy life: for I doe not know it.

CHAP. V.

1 In the latter times trueth shalbe hid. 10 Vnrighteousnes and all wickednesse shall reigne in the world. 23 Israel is reiected, and God deliuereth them. 35 God doeth all things in season.

NEuertheleſſe concerning the tokens, behold, 1 the times shall come, that they which dwell vpon earth, shall bee taken in a great number, and the way of the trueth shall bee hid, and the land shall be barren from faith,

2 And *iniquitie shall be increased more then thou hast seene now, or hast heard in time past. *Mat.24.12.

3 And it shall come to passe that one shall see in coote, and thou shalt see the land desolate, which now reigneth.

4 Yea, if God graunt thee to liue, thou shalt see after the third trumpet, that the sunne shall suddenly shine againe in the night, & the moone three times a day.

5 Blood shall drop out of the wood, and the stone shall giue his voyce, and the people shall be moued.

6 And he shall rule, of whom they hope not that dwel vpon earth, and the soules shall change place.

7 And

7 And the sea of Sodom shall cast out fish, and make a noyse in the night, which many shall not knowe, but they shall all heare the voyce thereof.

8 There shal be a confusion in many places, and the fire shal oft breake foorth, and the wilde beastes shall change their places, and menstruous women shall beare monsters.

9 And salt waters shalbe found in the sweet, and all friends shall fight one against another: then shall wit hide it selfe, and understanding depart into his secret chamber.

10 It shall be sought of many, and yet not be found: then shall unrighteoulnes and voluptuousnesse haue the vpper hand vpon earth.

11 One land also shall aske another, and say, Is righteous iustice gone thorow thee? And it shall say, No.

12 At the same time shall men hope, but not obtaine: they shall labour, but their enterpri-ses shall not prosper.

13 To shew thee such tokens I haue leaue, and if thou wilt pray againe, and weepe as now, and fast seuen dayes, thou shalt heare yet greater things then these.

14 ¶ Then I awaked, and a fearefulnesse went thorow all my body, and my minde was feeble and fainted.

15 But the Angel that was come to talke with me, held me, comforted me, and set me vp vpon my feete.

16 And in the second night, Salathiel the captaine of the people came vnto mee, saying, Where hast thou bene? and why is thy countenance so heauy?

17 Knowest thou not that Israel is committed vnto thee in the lande of their captuitie?

18 Vp then and eate, and forsake vs not, as the shepherd that leaueth his flocke in the hands of the cruell wolues.

19 Then sayde I vnto him, Goe thy wayes from me, and come not neere me: and when hee heard it, he went from me.

20 And I fasted seuen dayes, mourning, and weeping, as Uriel the Angel had commaunded me.

21 And after seuen dayes the thoughts of mine heart were very grieuous vnto mee againe,

22 And I had a desire to reason againe, and I began to talke with the most High againe,

23 And said, O Lord, Lord: of euery forest of the earth, and of all the trees thereof thou hast chosen thee one onely vineyard.

24 And of all landes of the world thou hast chosen thee one pit, and of all the flowers of the ground thou hast chosen thee one lilie,

25 And of all the depths of the sea thou hast filled thee one riuer, and of al builded cities thou hast sanctified Sion vnto thy selfe.

26 And of all the soules that are created, thou hast named thee one doue, and of all the cattell that are made, thou hast appointed thee one sheepe.

27 And among all the multitude of people, thou hast gotten thee one people, and vnto this people whom thou loued best, thou gauest a law, that is vnderd of all.

28 And now, O Lord, why hast thou giuen this one people vnder vnto many? and vpon one roote thou hast let others, & hast scattered thine onely people among many.

29 They treade them downe, which haue withstoode thy promises, and beleeue not thy testimonies.

30 And if thou diddest so much hate thy people, they should haue beene punished with thine owne hands.

31 ¶ Now when I had spoken these wordes, the Angel that came vnto me the night afore, was sent vnto me,

32 And sayd vnto me, Heare me, and I will teach thee, and hearken that I may instruct thee further.

33 And I sayd, Speake on, my Lord. Then sayd he vnto me, Thou art sore vexed and troubled for Israels sake. Louest thou them better then he doeth that made them?

34 And I sayd, No, Lord: but of very sorrow haue I spoken: for my eeines paine mee euery houre, while I labour to comprehend the way of the most High, & to seeke out part of his iudgement.

35 And he sayd vnto mee, Thou canst not. And I sayd, Wherefore, Lord, wherefore was I borne? or why was not my mothers woumbe then my graue? so had I not seene the trouble of Iaakob, and the griefe of the flocke of Israel.

36 And he sayd vnto me, Number vnto mee the things that are not yet come, or gather me the drops that are scattered, or make me the withered flowers greene againe.

37 Open me the places that are closed, and bring mee foorth the windes that are shut vp therein: shew me the image of a voyce, and then will I declare thee the thing, that thou askest and labourest to know.

38 And I said, O Lord, Lord, who can know these things, but he that hath not his dwelling with men?

39 But I that am ignorant, how can I speake of these things, whereof thou askest mee?

40 Then said he vnto me, Like as thou canst doe none of these things, that I haue spoken of, so canst thou not finde out my iudgement, nor the least benefite, that I haue promised vnto my people.

41 Then I sayde, Behold, O Lord, the last things are present vnto thee, and what that they doe that haue bene before me, or we that be now, or they that shall come after vs?

42 And hee sayd vnto me, I will compare my iudgement vnto a ring: as there is no slacknesse of the last, so there is no swiftnesse of the first.

43 Then I answered, and sayde, Couldest thou not make at once those that haue beene, those that are now, and those that shall come, that thou mightest shew thy iudgement the sooner?

44 Then answered hee me, The creature, said he, cannot preuent the Creator, neither can the world hold them at once, that shall be created therein.

45 And I sayde, As thou hast taught thy seruant, that thou which guidest strength to all, hast giuen life at once to all the workes created by thee, and hast sustained it, so might it

now

not able to containe all men at once.

46 And he said vnto me, As for the wombe of a woman, and say vnto her, Whiles she must then haue time before thou bringest thirty: require her to bring forth ten at once.

47 And I said, Surely she cannot, but by distance of time.

48 Then said he vnto me, So haue I diuided the number of the earth by times when seed is sowen vpon it:

49 For as a yong child begetteth not that that belongeth to the aged, so haue I ordeined the time which I haue created.

50 ¶ I asked againe, and said, Seeing thou hast now shewed mee the way, I will proceede to speake before thee: for our mother, whome thou hast told mee is young, draweth neere vnto age?

51 He answered me, and said, Aske a woman that trauelleth, and she will tell thee.

52 Say vnto her, Wherefore are not they whom thou hast now brought forth, like those that were before thee, but lesse of stature?

53 And shee shall answere thee, Some were borne in the flowre of youth, others were borne in the time of age, when the wombe failed.

54 Consider nowe thy selfe, how that yee are lesse of stature then those that were before you.

55 And so are they that come after you, lesse then yee, as the creatures which now begin to bee olde, and haue passed ouer the strength of youth.

56 Then said I, Lord, I beseech thee, if I haue found fauour in thy sight, shew thy seruaunt, by whom doest thou gouerne thy workemanship?

CHAP. VI.

God hath foreseene all things in his secret counsell, and is authour thereof, and hath created them for his children. 25 *The felicitie of the age to come.*

AND hee said vnto mee, In the beginning when the round worlde was made, and before the borders of the worlde were set, and before the windes blewe one against another:

2 Before the noyse of thunders sounded, before the bright lightning did shine forth, before the foundations of Paradise were layd:

3 Before the faire flowres did appeare, before the moueable powers were established, before the innumerable armies of Angels were gathered:

4 Before the heights of the ayre were lifted vp, before the measures of the heauens were named, before the chimneis in Sion were hote:

5 Before the present yeeres were sought out, and before the affections of them that nowe sinne, were turned away, and they that haue layed vp the treasure of faith, were sealed,

6 Then did I purpose these things, and they were made by mee alone, and by none other: by mee also they shall be ended, and by none other.

7 Then answered I, and said, What shall be the diuision of times? or when shall bee the ende of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth?

8 And hee layde vnto mee, From Abraham vnto Isaac, when Iacob and Esau were borne of him, *Iacobs hand held first the heele of Esau.* *Gen. 25. 28*

9 For Esau is the end of this worlde, and Iacob is the beginning of it that followeth.

10 The hande of man is betwixt the heele and the hand. Other things, Edras, aske thou not.

11 ¶ I answered then, and said, O Lord, Lord, if I haue found fauour in thy sight,

12 I beseech thee, make an end to shewe thy seruants thy tokens, whereof thou shewedst me part the last night.

13 So hee answered mee, and said, Stand vp vpon thy feete, and heare a mightie sounding voyce.

14 There shall come as an earthquake, but the place where thou standest shall not bee moued.

15 And therefore when hee speaketh, be not afraid: for of the end shall be the worde, and of the foundation of the earth shall it bee vnderstood.

16 Therefore while one speaketh of them, it trembleth and is moued: for it knoweth that it must be changed at the end.

17 And when I had heard it, I stood vp vpon my feete, and hearkened, behold, there was a voyce that spake, and the sound of it was like the sound of many waters:

18 And it sayd, Behold, the dayes come, that I will come and inquire of them that dwell vpon the earth,

19 And when I beginne to enquire of them, who by their vnrighteousnesse haue hurt others, and when the affliction of Sion shall bee fulfilled,

20 And the world that shal vanish away, shal be sealed, then will I shew these signes: the bookes shalbe opened before the heauen, and they shal see all it together.

21 And the children of a yeere old shal speake with their voyces: the women with childe shall bring forth vntimely children of three or foure moneths olde, and they shall liue that are rayled vp.

22 Then suddenly shall the sowen places appeare as the vnsowen, and the full storehouses shall suddenly be found empty.

23 And the trumpet shall sound, and all they that heare it, shall be suddenly afrayd.

24 At that time shall friendes fight with friendes, as with enemies: and the earth shall feare with them: the springs of the welles shall stand still, and in three houres they shall not runne.

25 Whosoeuer remayneth from all these things that I haue told thee, shall be saued and see my saluation, and the end of your world.

26 And the men that are receiued, shall see it: they that haue not tasted death from their birth, and the heart of the inhabitants shall bee changed, and turned to another meaning.

27 For euill shalbe put out, and deceit shall be quenched.

28 But faith shall flourish: corruption shall be ouercome, and the truth which hath bin so long without fruit, shall come forth.

29 ¶ And

29 ¶ And when hee talked with mee, behold, I looked a little vpon him before whome I stood.

30 And these words sayd he vnto mee, I am come to shew thee the time of the night to come.

31 If thou wilt pray againe, and fast seuen dayes more, I will tell thee more things, & greater then these, which I haue heard in the day.

32 For thy voyce is heard before the Highest: surely the Almighty hath seene thy righteous dealing: he hath seene also thy chastitie, which thou hast kept since thy youth.

33 Therefore hath he sent me to shew thee all these things, and to say vnto thee, Bee of good comfort, and feare not,

34 And haste not in the vaine consideration of the first times, nor make haste to the latter times.

35 And after this I wept againe, and fasted seuen dayes in like maner, that I might fulfil the three weekes which he had appointed me.

36 And in the eight night was mine heart vexed within me againe, and I began to speake before the most High.

37 For my spirit was greatly set on fire, and my soule was in distresse.

38 And I sayd, O Lord, thou spakest expressly in the first creation (euen the first day) and commandedst * that the heauen and the earth should be made, and the worke followed thy word. *Gen. 1. 1.*

39 And then was there the spirit, and the darkenesse was on euery side with silence: there was no mans voice as yet created of thee.

40 Then commandedst thou a bright light to come forth out of thy treasures, that it might giue light to thy worke.

41 Vpon the second day thou createdst the heauenly aire, and commandedst it, that going betweene, it should make a diuision betweene the waters, that the one part might remaine aboue, and the other beneath.

42 Vpon the third day thou commaundedst, that the waters should bee gathered together in the seuenth part of the earth: fiue parts diddest thou driue, & kept them to the intent that of these there should be that should serue thee, being sowen of God and tilled.

43 Assoone as thy word went forth, the worke was incontinently made.

44 For immediatly great and innumerable fruit did spring vp, and many diuers pleasures for the taste, & flowres of vnchangeable colour, and odours of a most wonderfull smell, and these things were created the third day.

45 *Vpon the fourth day thou createdst the light of the sunne, and of the moone, and the order of the starres, *Gen. 1. 14.*

46 And gauest them a charge, to doe * seruice euen vnto man that was for to be made. *Gen. 1. 14. 15. deut. 4. 19.*

47 And vpon the fift day thou saidst vnto the seuenth part * where the waters were gathered, that it should bring forth beasts, as foules and fishes: and it was so. *Gen. 1. 20.*

48 For the dumbe waters, and without life, brought forth liuing things at the commaundement of God, that the nations might prayse thy wonderous workes.

49 Then diddest thou prepare two liuing things: the one thou calledst ‖ Behemoth, and the other thou calledst Leuiathan, ‖ *Or, Enoch.*

50 And didst separate the one from the other: for the seuenth part where the water was gathered, could not hold them.

51 Vnto Behemoth thou gauest one part, which was dried vp the third day, that he should dwell in the same part, wherein are a thousand hilles.

52 But vnto Leuiathan thou gauest the seuenth part, that is wet, and hast prepared him to deuoure what thou wilt, and when thou wilt.

53 Vpon the first day thou gauest commandement vpon the earth, that before thee it should bring forth beasts, cattell and creeping things.

54 And besides this Adam, whom thou madest lord ouer all the works which thou hast created, of him come wee all, and the people also, whom thou hast chosen.

55 All this haue I spoken before thee, O Lord, because thou hast created the world for our sakes.

56 As for the other people, which also come of Adam, thou hast declared them that they are nothing before thee, but be like vnto spittle, and hast compared their riches vnto a drop that falleth from a vessel.

57 And now, O Lord, behold, these heathen which haue bene reputed as nothing, haue begun to be lords ouer vs, and to deuoure vs.

58 And we thy people (whom thou hast called the first borne, the only begotten, and thy feruent louer) are giuen into their hands.

59 If the world then bee created for our sakes, why haue we not the inheritance thereof in possession? or how long shall we suffer these things?

CHAP. VII.

5 Without tribulation none can come to felicitie. 12 God aduertiseth all in time. 28 The comming and death of Christ. 32 The resurrection and last iudgement, 43 after the which all corruption shall cease. 48 All fell in Adam. 59 The true life. 62 The mercies and goodnesse of God.

AND when I had made an ende of these wordes, there was sent vnto me an Angel, which had bene sent downe to me the nights afore.

2 And he sayd vnto mee, Vp, Esdras, and heare the words that I am come to tell thee.

3 And I sayd, Speake on, my God. Then sayd he vnto me, The sea is set in a wide place, that it might be deepe and great,

4 But presuppose that the entrance thereof were narrow, and like the riuers,

5 Who could goe into the Sea to looke vpon it, and to rule it? If he went not thorow the narrow, how could he come into the broad?

6 There is also another thing: a city is builded, and set vpon a broad field, and is full of all good things:

7 The entrance thereof is narrow, and in a dangerous place to fall, that there is fire at the right hand, and a deepe water at the left,

8 And there is but one path betwixt them, euen betwixt the fire & the water, so that there could but one man goe there.

9 If this city were giuen vnto a man for an inheritance, if hee neuer went thorow the perill before it, how could hee receiue his inheritance?

10 And

10 And I sayd, It is it, Lord. Then said hee, So is the portion of Israel.

11 Surely for their sakes haue I made the worlde: and when Adam transgressed my statutes, then came this thing to passe.

12 Then were the entrances of the worlde made narrow, full of sorrow and trauaile: they are but few and euill, and full of perils, and very painefull.

13 For the entrances of the forewold were wide and sure, and brought immortall fruit.

14 If then they that are liuing, labour not to enter by these strait and brittle things, they can not attaine to those things that are hid.

15 Why then disquietest thou thy selfe, seeing thou art corruptible? and why art thou moued, seeing thou art mortall?

16 And why hast thou not considered in thy minde the things to come, rather then them that are present?

Rom. 8. 1. 17 Then sayd I, O Lord, Lord, * seeing thou hast ordained in thy Lawe, that the righteous should inherit their things, and that the vngodly should perish,

18 Should the righteous suffer straitnesse in hoping for large things? yet they that haue liued vngodly and suffered straitnesse, shall not see the large things.

19 Then he sayd vnto mee, There is no iudge more iust then God, and there is none more wise then the most High.

20 For many perish in this life, because they despise the Law of God that is appointed.

21 For God hath diligently admonished such as came, so oft as they came, what they should doe to haue life, and what they should obserue to auoyd punishment.

22 Neuertheless, they were not obedient vnto him, but spake against him, and imagined vaine things,

23 And deceiued themselues by their wicked deedes, and denied the power of the most High, and regarded not his wayes.

24 But they despised his law, and refused his promises: they haue vnfaithfully broken his ordinances, and haue not performed his works.

25 And therefore, Esdras, vnto the emptie are emptie things, and to the full, full things.

26 Beholde, the time shall come, that these tokens which I haue told thee, shall come to passe, and the bride shall appeare, and shee shall come foorth, and be seene that now is vnder the earth.

27 And whosoeuer shall escape these euils, hee shall see my wonders.

28 For my sonne Iesus shall appeare with those that be with him, and they that remaine, shall reioyce within foure hundreth yeeres.

29 After these same yeeres shall my sonne Christ die, and all men that haue life.

30 And the world shalbe turned into the old silence for seuen dayes, as in the forefudgements, so that no man shall remaine.

31 But after seuen dayes, the worlde that is yet asleepe, shall be raysed vp: and that shall die, that is corrupt.

32 Then the earth shall restore those, that haue slept in her, and so shall the dust those that dwell therein in silence, and the secret places shall deliuer the soules that were committed vnto them.

33 And the most High shall appeare vpon the seate of iudgement, and miseries shall passe away, and long suffering shall haue an ende.

34 Iustice onely shall continue: the truetie shall remaine, and faith shall be strong.

35 The worke shall follow, and the rewarde shalbe shewed: the good deeds shall be of force, and vnrighteousnesse shall beare no more rule.

36 Then sayd I, * Abraham prayed first for the Sodomites, and * Moyses for the fathers that sinned in the wildernesse: *Gene.* 18. 23 *Exod.* 32. 31 11.

37 And they that came after him, for Israel in the time of Achaz and Samuel,

38 And * Dauid for the destruction, * and Salomon for them that came into the Sanctuarie, 2 *Sam.* 24. 17. 2 *Chro.* 6. 14

39 * And Elias for those that receiued raine, and for the dead that he might liue, 1 *King* 17 21. *and* 18

40 And * Ezechias for the people in the time of Sennacherib, and diuers others for many. 42, 45. 2 *King* 19 15.

41 Euen so now, seeing vice is increased, and wickednesse aboundeth, and the righteous haue prayed for the vngodly, wherefore shall not the same effect follow also now?

42 Then he answered mee, and sayd, This present life is not the end, oft times honour is reserued in it: therefore haue they prayed for the weake.

43 But the day of iudgement shall be the end of this worlde, and the beginning of the immortalitie to come, wherein all corruption shall cease.

44 Intemperancie shall passe away: infidelitie shall be cut off: righteousnesse shall grow vp, and the veritie shall spring vp.

45 Then shall no man bee able to saue him that is destroyed, nor oppresse him that hath gotten the victorie.

46 I answered then, and sayd, This is my first and last saying, that it had bene better not to haue giuen the earth vnto Adam, or when it was giuen him, to haue kept him that hee should not haue sinned.

47 For what profit is it for men in this present life to be in heauinesse, and after death to feare punishment?

48 O Adam, what hast thou done? * for in that that thou hast sinned, thou art not fallen alone, but the fall also redoundeth vnto vs that come of thee. Rom. 5. 12.

49 For what profit is it vnto vs, if there be promised an immortall life, when wee doe the works that bring death?

50 And that an euerlasting hope should bee promised vs, seeing that wee betide our selues to deadly vanitie?

51 And that there should bee appointed vs dwellings of health and safetie, if we haue liued wickedly?

52 And that the glory of the most High should bee kept to defend them which haue led a patient life, if wee haue walked in the wicked wayes?

53 And that an eternall Paradise should bee shewed, whose fruite remaineth incorruptible, wherein is satetie and health, if we will not enter into it?

54 (For we haue bene conuersant in vnpleasant places.)

55 And that the faces of them, which haue

abstained, should shine more then starres, if our faces be blacker then darkenesse?

56 For while we lived, we did not remember when we did unrighteously, that we should suffer after death.

57 Then answered he me, and sayd, This is the maner of the battell, which man that is borne in the earth shall fight,

58 That if he be overcome, he should suffer as thou hast sayd, but if he get the victory, he should receive the thing that I sayd.

59 For this is the life whereof Moyses spake unto the people, while he lived, saying, *Chuse
Deut. 30. 19. thee life that thou mayst live.

60 Neuertheless, they beleeved him not, neither the Prophets after him, nor me also which have sayd unto them,

61 That heauinesse should not so bee to their destruction, as joy should come unto them, to whome salvation is perswaded.

62 I answered then and sayd, I know, Lord, that the most High is called mercifull, in that he hath mercy upon them, which are not yet come to that world,

63 And that he hath pitie on those that walke in his Law,

64 And that *hee is patient: for he long suffereth those that have sinned as his creatures,
Rom. 2. 4.

65 And that he is liberall: for he will give as much as needeth,

66 And that he is of great mercie: for he overcommeth in mercie those that are present, and that are past, and them which are to come.

67 For if hee were not abundant in his mercies, the world could not continue, nor they that have the possession therof.

68 He pardoneth also, for if he gave not of his goodnesse, that they which have done evill might be relieved from their wickednesse, the ten thousand part of men should not remaine alive.

69 And if he, being judge, forgave not those that be healed with his worde, and tooke away the multitude of sinnes,

70 There should peradventure bee very fewe left in an unnumerable multitude.

CHAP. VIII.

1. *The number of the godly is small.* 6 *The works of God are excellent.* 20 *Esdras prayeth for him and for his people.* 39 *The promise of salvation to the just.* 55 *The destruction of the unjust.*

AND he answered me, saying, The most high made this world for many, but the world to come for few.

2 I will tell thee a similitude, O Esdras. As when thou askest the earth, it shall say unto thee that it giveth much earthy matter to make pots, but little dust that gold commeth of, so is it with the worke of this world.

Mat. 20. 16. 3 *There be many created, but few shall be saued.

4 Then answered I, and sayd, Then swallow up the wit, O my soule, and devoure understanding.

5 For thou hast promised to heare, and thou wilt prophesie: for thou hast no longer space, but the life given thee.

6 O Lord, if thou suffer not thy seruant, that we may entreat thee, that thou mayest sow seed unto our heart, and prepare our understanding, that there may come fruit of it, whereby every one which is corrupt, may live, who can set himselfe for man?

The number of the godly is small. The works of God are excellent.

7 For thou art alone, & we all are one worke-manship of thy handes as thou hast sayd.

8 For when the body is fashioned nowe in the wombe, as thou hast given it members, thy creature is preserved by fire & water, and the worke created by thee, doeth suffer nine moneths the creature, which is fashioned in it.

9 But the thing that contemneth, and that which is contemned, shall both be preserved, and when time is come, the wombe, being preserved, deliuereth the things that grew in it.

10 For thou hast commanded the members, even the breasts, to give milke unto the fruit appointed to the breasts,

11 That the thing, which is created, may bee nourished for a time, till thou disposest it to thy mercie.

12 Thou bringest it up with thy righteousnesse, nurturest it in thy lawe, and reformest it with thy judgement.

13 Thou slayest it as thy creature, and giuest it life as thy worke.

14 Seeing then that thou destroyest him, which with so great labours is fashioned, it is an easie thing to appoint by thy commandement, that the thing also which is made, might be preserved.

15 Now therefore, O Lord, I will speake (as touching men in generall thou shalt rather prouide) but concerning thy people, for whose sake I am sory.

16 And for thine inheritance, for whose cause I mourne: for Israel, for whome I am woefull, and for Jacob, for whose sake I am grieued:

17 For them will I pray before thee, as well for my selfe as for them: for I see our faults that dwell in the land.

18 ¶ But I have heard the sudden comming of the judge, which is to come.

19 Therefore heare my voice, and understand my words, which I will speake before thee. The beginning of the words of Esdras, before he was taken up:

20 O Lorde, thou knowst for ever, which beholdest from about that which is about, and in the ayre,

21 Whose throne is inestimable, and his glorie incomprehensible, before whome the host of the Angels stand with trembling,

22 Whose keeping is turned in winde and fire, whose word is true, and sayings stedfast, whose commandement is strong, and gouernment terrible,

23 Whose looke drieth up the depthes, and wrath maketh the mountaines to melt away: as the thing beareth witnesse,

24 Heare the prayer of thy seruant, and receive into thine eares the petition of thy creature.

25 For while I live, I will speake, and so long as I have understanding, I will answere.

26 Looke not upon the sinnes of thy people, rather then thy faithfull seruants.

27 Have not respect unto the wicked deedes of men, rather then to them that have thy testimonies in afflictions.

28 Thinke not upon those that have walked fainedly before thee, but remember them that reverence thy will.

29 Let

29 But it not bee thy will to destroy them, which haue liued like beastes, but looke vpon themselues haue clearely taught thy Lawe.

30 Take not displeasure with them, which appeare worse then beastes, but loue them, that alway put their trust in thy righteousnesse and glory.

31 For wee and our fathers haue all the same sickernesse, but because of vs that are sinners, thou shalt be called mercifull.

32 If therefore thou wilt haue mercy vpon vs, thou shalt bee called mercifull towards vs which haue no workes of righteousnesse.

33 For the righteous, which haue laid vp many good workes, let them receiue the reward of their owne deedes.

34 But what is man, that thou shouldest take displeasure at him? or what is this mortall generation, that thou shouldest bee so grieued towards it?

1. King. 8. 46. 2. Chro. 6. 36. 35 † For verely there is no man among them that bee borne, but hee hath done wickedly, nor any that doth confesse thee, which hath not done amisse.

36 For in this, O Lorde, thy righteousnesse and thy goodnesse shall be praised, if thou be mercifull vnto them, which haue not the substance of good workes.

37 ¶ Then answered he me, and said, Some things hast thou spoken aright, and according to thy words it shall be.

38 For I will not verely consider the workes of them, before the death, before the iudgement, before destruction:

The paraphrasis of Esdras concerning Gen. 4. 4. 39 But † I will reioyce in the wayes of the righteous, and I will remember the pilgrimage, the saluation, & the reward that they shall haue.

40 Like as I haue spoken nowe, so shall it come to passe.

41 For as the husbandman soweth much seed vpon the ground, and planteth many trees, and yet alway the thing that is sowen, commeth not vp in time, neither yet doeth all that is planted, take roote: so neither shall they all that are brought into the world, be saued.

42 I answered then and said, If I haue found grace, let me speake.

43 Like as the husbandmans seede perisheth, if it come not vp, and receiue not raine in due season, or if it bee destroyed with too much raine:

44 So perisheth man which is created with thine hands, and thou art called his paterne, because he is created to thine image, for whose sake thou hast made all things, and likened him vnto the husbandmans seed.

45 Bee not wroth with vs, O Lorde, but spare thy people, and haue mercy vpon thine inheritance: for thou wilt bee mercifull vnto thy creature.

46 Then answered he me, & said, The things present are for the present, & the things to come for such as be to come.

47 For thou art farre off, that thou shouldest loue my creature aboue me: but I haue oft times drawen nere vnto thee and vnto it, but neuer to the vnrighteous.

48 In this also art thou marueilous before the Highest,

49 In that thou hast humbled thy selfe, as it becommeth thee, and hast not iudged thy selfe worthy to haue thy name greatly among the righteous.

50 For many miseries & calamities remaine for them, that shal liue in the latter time, because they shall walke in great pride.

51 But learne thou for thy selfe, and seeke out the glory for such as be like vnto thee.

52 For vnto you is paradise opened: the tree of life is planted: the time to come is prepared, plentifulnes made ready: the citie is builded: and rest is prepared, perfect goodnes and absolute wisedome.

53 The root of euil is sealed vp from you: the weaknesse and moth is destroyed from you, and into hell sheeth corruption to be forgotten.

54 Sorowes are banished away, and in the end is shewed the treasure of immortalitie.

55 Therefore aske thou no more questions concerning the multitude of them that perish:

56 For when they had libertie, they despised the most High: they contemned his Lawe, and forsooke his wayes.

57 Moreouer, they haue troden downe his righteous,

58 *Saying in their heart, that there was no God, though they knew that they should die. Psal. 14. 1. and 53. 1.

59 For as the thing that I haue spoken of, is made ready for you: so is thirst and paine prepared for them: for God would not that man should perish.

60 But they, after that they were created, haue defiled the name of him that made them, and are vnthankfull vnto him, which prepared life for them.

61 Therefore my iudgement is now at hand.

62 Their things haue I not shewed vnto all men, but vnto thee, and to a few like thee: then I answered, and sayd,

63 Behold nowe, O Lord: thou hast shewed me the many wonders, which thou art determined to do in the last time, but in what time, thou hast not shewed me.

CHAP. IX.

5 All things in this world haue a beginning and an end. 10 Torments for the wicked after this life. 15 The number of the wicked is more then of the good. 29 The Iewes ingratitude. 36 Therefore they perish. 38 The vision of a woman lamenting.

HE answered me then, and said, Measure the time with it selfe, and when thou seest that one part of the tokens come to passe, which I haue told thee before,

2 Then shalt thou vnderstand, that it is the time wherein the most High will begin to visite the world which he made.

3 Therefore when there shall bee seene an *earthquake in the worlde, and an vproare of the people, Mat. 24. 7.

4 Then shalt thou vnderstand that the most High spake of those things, from the dayes that were before thee, euen from the beginning.

All things haue a beginning and an end in the world.

5 For as all that is made in the world, hath a beginning and an end, & the end is manifest:

6 So the times also of the most High haue plaine beginnings in wonders and signes, and end in effect and miracles.

7 And euery one that shall escape safe, & shall bee deliuered by his workes, and by the faith wherein ye haue beleeued,

8 Shalbe preserued from the Lord perils and shall see my saluation in my lande, and within my borders: for I haue kept me holy from the world.

9 Then shall they haue pitie of themselues, which nowe haue abused my wayes: and they that haue cast them out despitefully, shall dwell in paines.

10 For such as in their life haue receiued benefits, and haue not knowen me,

11 But haue abhorred my lawe, while they were yet in libertie, and when they had yet leasure of amendment, and would not vnderstand but despised it,

12 They must bee taught it after death by paine.

13 And therefore be thou no more carefull, to know how the vngodly shall be punished, but inquire how the righteous shall be saued, & whose the world is, and for whom it is, and when.

14 Then answered I, and sayd,

15 I haue afore sayde that which I say now and will speake it hereafter, that there be many moe of them which perish, then of them that shall be saued,

16 As the flood is greater then a drop.

17 And he answered me, saying, As the fielde is, so is also the seede: as the flowers bee, so are the colours also: such as the workeman is, such is the worke: and as the husbandman is, so is his husbandry: for it was the time of the world.

18 Surely when I prepared the world, which was not yet made for them to dwell in that nowe time, no man spake against me.

19 For then euery one obeyed, but nowe the maners of them that are created in this world, that is made, are corrupted by a perpetuall seed, and by a law, wherevnto they cannot rid themselues.

20 So I considered the world, and beholde, there was perill, because of the deuises, that were sprung vp into it.

21 Yet when I saw it, I spared it greatly, and haue kept me one grape of the cluster, and a plant out of a great people.

22 Let therefore the multitude perish, which are borne in vaine: and let my grape be kept, and my plant, which I haue dressed with great labour.

23 ¶ Neuertheless, if thou wilt cease seuen dayes moe (but thou shalt not fast in them,

24 But shalt go into a faire fielde, where no house is builded, and shalt eate onely of the flowers of the field, and eat no flesh, nor drinke wine, but the flowers onely,

25 And pray vnto the most High continually) then will I come, and talke with thee.

26 So I went my way, as he had commaunded me, into the field, which is called Ardath, and there I sate among the floures, and did eate of the hearbes of the field, and the meate of the same satisfied me.

27 And after seuen dayes, as I sate vpon the grasse, and my heart was vexed within mee, as afore,

28 I opened my mouth, and began to talke before the most High, and to say,

29 O Lorde, when thou wouldest shewe thy selfe vnto vs, * thou declaredst thy selfe vnto our fathers in the wildernesse, in a place where nooman dwelleth, in a barren place, when they came out of Egypt,

30 And especially thakest vnto them, saying, Heare me, O Israel, and marke my words, thou seed of Jacob.

31 For beholde, I sowe my lawe in you, that it may bring foorth fruit in you, and that ye may be honoured by it for euer.

32 But our fathers which receiued the Law, kept it not, neither obserued thine ordinances, neither did the fruit of thy Law appeare, neither could it, for it was thine.

33 * For they that receiued it, perished because they kept not the thing that was sowen in them. *Exod.* 32. 28.

34 And loe, it is a custome when the ground receiueth seede, or else a ship, or a vessell meate and drinke, such as perish, wherein a thing is sowen, or wherein any thing is put.

35 Likewise the thing that is sowen, or is put therein, and the things that are receiued, must perish: so the things that are receiued, doe not remaine with vs: but in vs it commeth not so to passe.

36 For wee that haue receiued the Lawe, perish in sinne, & our heart also which receiued it:

37 But the Lawe perisheth not, but remaineth in his force.

38 ¶ And when I spake these things in mine heart, I looked about mee, and vpon the right side * I saw a woman, which mourned sore, and lamented with a loud voyce, and was grieued in heart, and rent her clothes, and she had ashes vpon her head. *Chap.* 10. 44.

39 Then I left my thoughts, wherein I was occupied, and turned me vnto her,

40 And sayde vnto her, Wherefore weepest thou? why art thou so sory in mind?

41 And she sayde vnto me, Sir, let me alone, that I may bewaile my selfe, and increase sorow: for I am sore vexed in my minde, and brought very low.

42 Then I sayd vnto her, What ailest thee? tell me.

43 And she saide to me, I thy seruant haue been barren, and haue had no childe, hauing an husband thirtie yeeres.

44 And euery houre, and euery day these thirtie yeeres I pray to the most High day and night.

45 And after thirtie yeeres God heard mee thine handmayde, and looked vpon my misery, considered my trouble, and gaue me a sonne, and I was glad of him: so was mine husband also, and all they of my countrey, and we gaue great honour vnto the Almighty.

46 And I nourished him with great trauell.

47 So when he grew vp, and came to take a wife, I made a feast.

CHAP. X.

Esdras and the woman that appeareth vnto him, commune together.

BVt when my sonne went into his chamber, he fell downe, and died.

2 Then we all ouerthrew the lights, and all my neighbours rose vp to comfort me: so I rested vntill the second day at night.

3 And when they had all left off to comfort me, that I should bee quiet, then I rose vp by night, and fledde, and am come into this field.

Formerly for which we suffer this life.

Chap. 8. 3. *matth.* 20. 16.

Exod. 19. 9. *and* 24. 3. *deut.* 4. 12.

field as thou seest,

4 And am not purposed to returne into the citie, but to remaine here, and neither to eate nor drinke, but continually to mourne and fast, vntill I die.

5 Then left I my purpose wherein I was, and spake to her angerly, and sayd,

6 Thou foolish woman aboue all other, seest thou not our heauinesse, and what commeth vnto vs?

7 For Sion our mother is all wofull, and is sore afflicted, and mourneth extremely.

8 Seeing wee be all now in heauinesse, and make our mone (for we be all so wofull) art thou sory for one sonne?

9 Demaund the earth, and shee shall tell thee that it is she which ought to mourne for the fall of so many that grow vpon her.

10 For from the beginning, all men are borne of her, and other shall come, and behold, they walke almost all into destruction, and the multitude of them shalbe destroyed.

11 Who should then rather mourne, the that hath lost so great a multitude, or thou which art sory but for one?

12 But if thou wouldest say vnto mee, My mourning is not like the mourning of the earth (for I haue lost the fruite of my wombe, which I brought forth with heauinesse, and bare with sorrowes.

13 But the earth is according to the maner of the earth, and the present multitude returneth into her as it came)

14 Then say I vnto thee, As thou hast borne with trauell, so the earth also from the beginning giueth her fruite vnto man, euen to him that laboured her.

15 Nowe therefore withholde thy sorrow in thy selfe, and beare constantly that which commeth vnto thee.

16 For if thou allowest Gods purpose, and receiuest his counsell in time, thou shalt be commended therein.

17 Goe thy way then into the citie to thine husband.

18 ¶ Then he said vnto me, I will not, I will not go into the citie, but here will I die.

19 So I continued to speake more with her, and sayd,

20 Doe not so, but be counselled: for how many falles hath Sion? Bee of good comfort, because of the sorrow of Jerusalem.

21 For thou seest that our Sanctuary is layd waste: our altar is broken downe: our Temple is destroyed:

22 Our Psalterion fainteth, and the song ceaseth, and our mirth is vanished away, and the light of our candlesticke is quenched, and the Arke of our Couenant is taken away, and our holy things are defiled, and the Name that is called vpon ouer vs, is almost dishonoured, and our children are put to shame, and our Priestes are burnt, and our Leuites are caried into captiuitie, and our virgins are defiled, and our wiues rauished, and our righteous men spoyled, and our children destroyed, and our young men are brought in bondage, and our strong men are become weake,

23 And, which is the greatest of all, Sion the seale hath lost her worship: for shee is deliuered into the handes of them that hate vs.

24 And therefore shake off thy great heauinesse, and put away the multitude of sorrowes, that the Almightie may her mercifull vnto thee, and that the most High may giue thee rest and ease from thy labour.

25 And when I was talking with her, her face and beautie shined suddenly, and her countenance was bright, so that I was afraid of her, and mused what it might be.

26 And behold, immediatly she cast out a great voyce, very fearefull, so that the earth shooke at the voyce of the woman.

27 And I looked, and behold, the woman appeared vnto mee no more: but there was a citie builded, and a place was shewed from the ground and foundation. Then was I afrayd, and cryed with a loud voyce, and sayd,

28 Where is Uriel the Angel *which came to me at the first? for her hath caused me to come into many and deepe considerations, and mine end is turned into corruption, and my prayer to rebuke. *Chap. 4. 1.

29 And as I was speaking these words, behold, he came vnto me, and looked vpon me.

30 And loe, I lay as one dead, and mine vnderstanding was altered, and he tooke me by the right hand and comforted mee, and set mee vpon my feet, and sayd vnto me,

31 What ailest thee? and why is thine vnderstanding vexed? and the vnderstanding of thine heart? and wherefore art thou sory?

32 And I sayd, Because thou hast forsaken mee, and I haue done *according vnto thy wordes: I went into the fielde, and there haue I seene things, and see that I am not able to expresse. *Chap. 5. 20.

33 Then sayd he vnto me, Stand vp manly, and I will giue thee exhortation.

34 Then sayd I, Speake vnto me, my Lord, and forsake me not, lest I die through rashnesse.

35 For I haue seene that I knewe not, and heare that I do not know.

36 Or is mine vnderstanding deceiued, or doeth my minde being hastie, erre?

37 Now therefore, I beseech thee, that thou wilt shew thy seruant of this wonder.

38 Then he answered me, and said, Heare me, and I will enforme thee, and tell thee wherefore thou art afraid: for the most High hath reuealed many secret things vnto thee.

39 He hath seene thy good purpose, that thou art sory continually for thy people, and makest great lamentation for Sion.

40 This therefore is the vnderstanding of the vision, which appeared vnto thee a little while agoe.

41 Thou sawest a woman mourning, & thou beganest to comfort her:

42 But now seest thou the likenesse of the woman no more, but there appeared vnto thee a citie builded.

43 And whereas she told thee of the death of her sonne, this is the solution,

44 This woman, which thou sawest, shee is Sion: and whereas she told thee (euen she which thou seest now as a citie builded)

45 And as touching that shee sayd vnto thee, that she was barren thirtie yeeres, this was concerning that there was euen thirtie yeres wherein there was no offering offered in her.

46 But after thirtie yeeres, Salomon built

the citie, and offred offrings: then bare the barren a sonne.

47 And whereas she tolde thee, that she nourished him with labour, that was the inhabiting of Jerusalem.

48 But whereas she told thee that her sonne, as his chance was, died when he came into her chamber, that is the fall that is come to Jerusalem.

49 And when thou sawest her like one that mourned for her sonne, thou begannest to comfort her: of these things which have chances, these are to be opened vnto thee.

50 For nowe the most High seeth, that thou art sory in thy minde, and because thou sufferest with all thine heart for her, hee shewed thee the clearenesse of her glory, and the fairenesse of her beautie.

51 And therefore I bade thee remaine in the field where no house was built.

52 For I knew that the most High would shew these things vnto thee.

53 Therefore I commaunded thee to goe into the field, where no foundation nor building is.

54 For the worke of mans building cannot stand in that place where the Citie of the most High should be shewed.

55 And therefore feare not, neither let thine heart be afraid, but go in, and see the beautie and greatnesse of the building as much as thou art able to see with thine eyes.

56 And after this shalt thou heare as much as thine eares may comprehend.

57 For thou art blessed above many, and art called with the most High among the few.

58 But to morow at night thou shalt remaine here,

59 And the most High shall shew thee visions of high things, which the most high will doe vnto them that dwell vpon earth, in the last dayes. So I slept the same night and another, as he had commanded me.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The vision of an eagle comming forth of the sea, and of her feathers.* 37 *Of a Lion comming out of the forrest.*

THen saw I a dreame, and behold, there came vp from the sea an eagle, which had twelue feathered wings, and three heads.

2 And I saw, and behold, she spread her wings ouer all the earth, and all the windes of the ayre blew on her, and gathered themselues.

3 And I beheld, and out of her feathers grew out other contrary feathers, and they became litle feathers and small.

4 But her heads remained still, and the head in the mids was greater then the other heads, yet rested it with them.

5 Moreouer, I saw that the eagle flew with his feathers, and reigned vpon earth, and ouer them that dwell therein.

6 And I saw that all things vnder heauen were subiect vnto her, and no man spake against her, no not one creature vpon earth.

7 I saw also that the eagle stood vp vpon her clawes, and spake to her feathers, saying,

8 Watch not all together: sleepe every one in his owne place, and watch by course.

9 But let the heads be preserued for the last.

10 Neuertheless, I saw that the voyce went not out of her heads, but from the mids of her body.

11 Then I numbred her contrary feathers, and behold, there were eight of them.

12 And I looked, and behold, vpon the right side there arose one feather, and reigned ouer all the earth.

13 And when it had reigned, the ende of it came, and the place thereof appeared no more. So the next stood vp, and reigned: it continued a long time.

14 And when it had reigned, the ende of it came also, and as the first, so it appeared no more.

15 Then there came a voyce vnto it, and sayd,

16 Heare thou that hast kept the earth so long: this I say vnto thee, before thou beginnest to appeare no more.

17 There shall none after thee attaine vnto thy time, neither to the halfe thereof.

18 Then arose the third, and reigned as the other afore, and it appeared no more also.

19 So came it to all the others one after another, so that euery one reigned, and then appeared no more.

20 Then I looked, and behold, in processe of time the feathers that followed, stood vp on the right side, that they might rule also, and some of them ruled, but within a while they appeared no more.

21 For some of them were set vp, but ruled not.

22 After this I looked, and behold, the twelue feathers appeared no more, nor the two wings.

23 And there was no more vpon the eagles bodie, but two heads that rested, and fiue wings.

24 Then saw I also, that two wings diuided themselues from the fiue, and remained vnder the head that was vpon the right side: for the foure continued in their place.

25 So I looked, and behold, the vnderwings thought to set vp themselues, and to haue the rule.

26 Then was there one set vp, but shortly it appeared no more.

27 And the second were sooner gone then the first.

28 Then I beheld, and lo, the two that remained, thought also in themselues to reigne.

29 And when they so thought, behold, there awaked one of the heads that were at rest, which was in the mids: for that was greater then the two.

30 And then I sawe that the two heads were ioyned therewith.

31 And behold, the head was turned with them, that were with it, and did eate vp the two vnderwings that would haue reigned.

32 But this head put the whole earth in feare, and bare rule in it, ouer all those that dwelt vpon earth with much labour, and it had the gouernance of the world, more then all the wings that had bene.

33 After this I looked, and behold, the head that was in the middes, suddenly appeared no more, as did the wings.

34 But the two heads remained, which also ruled likewise vpon earth, and ouer those that dwelt therein.

35 And I beheld, and lo, the head vpon the right

night side devoured it that was vpon the left side.

36 ¶ Then I heard a voyce which sayd vnto mee, Looke before the, and consider the thing that thou seest.

37 So I sawe, and beholde, as it were a lyon that roareth, running haistily out of the wood: and I sawe that her sent out a mans voyce vnto the Eagle, and spake, and said,

38 Hearc thou, I will talke with thee, and the most High shall say vnto thee,

39 Art not thou that, that of the foure beasts remainest, whom I made to reigne in my world, that by them the endes of times might come,

40 And the fourth is come, and hath ouercome all the beastes that were past, which hath power ouer the world with great fearefulnesse, and ouer the whole compasse of the earth with most wicked oppression, and that dwelleth so long time in all the world with deceit?

41 For thou hast not iudged the world with truth.

42 Seeing thou hast troubled the meeke, thou hast hurt the peaceable, and thou hast loued lyers, and destroyed the dwellings of them that brought fourth fruite, and hast cast downe the walles of such as did thee no harme,

43 Therefore is thy wrongfull dealing come vp vnto the most High, and thy pride vnto the Mightie.

44 The most High also hath looked vpon the proud times, and beholde, they are ended, and their abominations are fulfilled.

45 Therefore appeare no more, thou Eagle, nor thine horrible wings, nor thy wicked feathers, nor thy malicious heads, and thy wicked clawes, nor all thy vaine body,

46 That all the earth may be refreshed, and come againe, as one deliuered from thy violence, and that thee may hope for the iudgement and mercie of him that made her.

CHAP. XII.

The declaration of the former visions.

AND when the Lion spake these words to the Eagle, I sawe,

2 And beholde, the head that had the vpper hand appeared no more, neither did the foure wings appeare any more, that came to it, and set vp themselues to reigne, whose kingdome was small and full of vproare.

3 And I sawe, and beholde, they appeared no more, and the whole body of the Eagle was burnt, so that the earth was in great feare. Then I awaked out of the trouble and traunce of my minde, and from the great feare, and sayde vnto my spirit,

4 Lo, this hast thou done vnto mee in that thou searchest out the wayes of the most High.

5 Lo, yet am I weary in my minde, and very weake in my spirit, and little strength is there in me, for y great feare that I receiued this night.

6 Therefore nowe, will I beseech the most High, that he will comfort me vnto the end.

7 And I said, O Lord, Lord, if I haue found grace before thy sight, and if I am iustified with thee before many other, and if my prayer in deede be come vp before thy face,

8 Comfort me, and shewe me thy seruant the interpretation and difference of this horrible sight, that thou mayest perfectly comfort my

9 Seeing thou hast iudged mee worthy to shew me the last times.

10 ¶ Then he said vnto mee, This is the interpretation of this vision.

11 The Eagle whom thou sawest come vp from the sea, is the *kingdome which was seene in the vision of thy brother Daniel. *Dan.7.7.

12 But it was not expounded vnto him: therefore now I declare it vnto thee.

13 Beholde, the dayes come, that there shall rise vp a kingdome vpon the earth, and it shall bee feared aboue all kingdomes that were before it.

14 In it shall twelue Kings reigne one after another.

15 Whereof the second shall begin to reigne, and shall haue more time then the twelue.

16 And this doe the twelue wings signifie, which thou sawest.

17 As for the voyce that thou heardest speake, and that thou sawest not go out from the heads, but from the mids of the body thereof, this is the interpretation,

18 That after the time of that kingdome, there shall arise great strife, and it shall be in danger to fall, but it shall not then fall, but shall bee restored againe to his beginning.

19 Concerning the eight vnderwings, which thou sawest hang vnto her wings, this is the interpretation,

20 In him shall arise eight kings, whose time shall bee but small, and their yeeres swift, and two of them shall perish.

21 But when the mid time commeth, there shall be foure kept a time, whiles his time beginneth to come, that it may be ended, but two shall be kept vnto the ende.

22 And whereas thou sawest three heads resting, this is the interpretation.

23 In his last dayes shall the most High raise vp three kingdomes and shall call againe many things into them, and they shal haue the dominion of the earth,

24 And of those that dwell therein, with much grieke aboue all those that were before them: therefore are they called the heads of the Eagle:

25 For they shall accomplish his wickednesse and shall finish his last end,

26 And whereas thou sawest that the great head appeared no more, it signifieth that one of them shall die vpon his bedde, and yet with paine.

27 For the two that remaine, the sword shall deuoure them.

28 For the sword of the one shall deuoure the other: but at the last shall her fall by the sworde himselfe.

29 And whereas thou sawest two vnderwings that went off toward the head, which was on the right side, this is the interpretation,

30 These are they whom the most High hath prestrued for their ende, whose kingdome is little, and full of trouble as thou sawest.

31 And the Lion whom thou sawest rising vp out of the wood and roaring, and speaking vnto the Eagle, and rebuking her for her vnrighteousnesse with all the wordes that thou hast heard,

32 This is the winde which the most High

hath kept for them, and for their wickednesse vnto the ende, and he shall reproue them, and cast before them their spoyles.

33 For her shall set them alive in the iudgement, and shall rebuke them and correct them.

34 For her will deliuer the relidue of my people by affliction, which are preserued vpon my borders, and he shall make them ioyfull, vntill the comming of the day of iudgement, whereof I haue spoken vnto thee from the beginning.

35 This is the dreame that thou sawest, and thine are the interpretations.

36 Thou onely hast bene meete to know this secret of the most High.

37 Therefore write all these things that thou hast seene in a booke, and hide them.

38 And teache them the wise of the people, whose hearts thou knowest may comprehende and keepe these secrets.

39 But wait thou here yet seuen dayes moe, that it may bee shewed thee whatsoeuer it pleaseth the most High to declare vnto thee: and with that he went his way.

40 And when all the people perceiued, that the seuen dayes were past, and I not come againe into the citie, they gathered them altogether, from the least vnto the most, and came vnto me, and spake vnto me, saying.

41 What haue we offended thee? or what euil haue we done against thee, that thou forsakest vs, and sittest in this place?

42 For of all the people thou onely art left vs as a grape of the vine, and as a candle in a darke place, and as a hauen or ship preserued from the tempest.

43 Are not the euils which are come vnto vs, sufficient?

44 If thou then forsake vs, how much better had it bene for vs, that we had bene burnt also as Sion was burnt?

45 For wee are no better then they that dyed there: and they wept with a lowde voyce. Then answered I them, and sayd,

46 Be of good comfort, O Israel, and be not heauy thou house of Iacob.

47 For the most High hath you in remembrance, and the Almightie hath not forgotten you in temptation.

48 As for me I haue not forsaken you, neither am I departed from you, but am come into this place to pray for the desolation of Sion, that I might seeke mercie for the lowe estate of your sanctuary.

49 And now goe your way home euery man, and after these dayes will I come vnto you.

50 So the people went their way into the citie, as I commanded them:

51 But I remained still in the fielde seuen dayes, as he had commanded mee, and did eate onely of the flowres of the fielde, and had my meate of the hearbes in those dayes.

CHAP. XIII.

2 *The vision of a winde comming forth of the sea,* 3 *Which became a man.* 5 *His property and power against his enemies.* 21 *The declaration of this vision.*

AND after the seuen dayes I dreamed a dreame by night.

2 And beholde, there arose a winde from the sea, and it mooued all the waues thereof.

3 And I looked, and beholde, there was a mightie man with the thousands of heauen: and when he turned his countenance to looke, all the things trembled that were seene vnder him.

4 And when y voyce went out of his mouth, all they burned that heard his voice, as the earth faileth when it feeleth the fire.

5 After these things I saw, and beholde, there was gathered together a multitude of men out of number, frō the foure windes of the heauen, to fight against the man that came out from the sea.

6 And I looked, and beholde, he graued himselfe a great mountaine, and flew vp vpon it.

7 But I would haue seene the countrey or place whereout the hill was grauen, and I could not.

8 I sawe after these things, and beholde, all they which came to fight against him were sore afraide, and yet they durst not fight.

9 Neuerthelesse, when he saw the fiercenesse of the multitude that came, he lifted not vp his hand: for he held no swoorde nor any instrument of warre.

10 But onely, as I sawe, he sent out of his mouth, as it had bene a blast of fire, and out of his lips the winde of the flame, and out of his tongue he cast out sparkes and stormes.

11 And they were all mixt together, euen this blast of fire, the winde of the flame, and the great storme, & fell with violence vpon the multitude which was prepared to fight, and burnt them vp all, so that of the innumerable multitude there was nothing seene, but onely dust and smell of smoke. When I saw this, I was afraid.

12 ¶ Afterward sawe I the same man come downe from the mountaine, and calling vnto him another peaceable multitude.

13 And there came many vpon him, some with ioyfull countenance, and some with sad: some of them were bound, and some brought of them that were offred: and I was sicke through great feare, and awaked, and said.

14 Thou hast shewed thy seruant these wonders from the beginning, and hast counted mee worthy to receiue my prayer.

15 Shew me now therefore the interpretation of this dreame.

16 For thus I conclude in mine vnderstanding, Woe vnto them that shall be left in those dayes, and much more woe vnto them that are not left behind.

17 For they that were not left, were in heauinesse.

18 Nowe vnderstand I the things that are layd vp in the latter dayes, which shall come both vnto them and to those that are left behind.

19 Therefore are they come into great perils, and many necessities, as these dreames declare.

20 Yet is it easier, that he that is in danger, should fall into these, and before the things to come hereafter, then to passe away as a cloude out of the world.

21 ¶ Then answered he mee, and saide, The interpretation of the vision will I shewe thee, and I will open to thee the thing that thou hast required.

22 Whereas thou hast spoken of them that are left behinde, this is the interpretation.

23 Her that shall beare y danger in that time, her shall keepe himselfe. They that bee fallen into danger, are such as haue workes and faith

faith toward the moſt mighty.

24 Knowe therefore, that they which bee left behinde, are more bleſſed then they that be dead.

25 Theſe are the meanings of the viſion, Whereas thou ſaweſt a man comming vp from the midſt of the ſea,

26 The ſame is he whom the moſt High hath kept a great ſeaſon, who by his owne ſelfe ſhall deliuer his creature, and he ſhall order them that are left behind.

27 ¶ And whereas thou ſaweſt, that out of his mouth there came as a blaſt with fire and ſtorme,

28 And that hee neither held ſword nor weapon, but that by his fiercenesſe he deſtroyed the whole multitude that came to fight againſt him, this is the interpretation,

29 Beholde, the dayes come that the moſt High will begin to deliuer them that are vpon the earth:

30 And he ſhall aſtoniſh the hearts of them that dwell vpon the earth:

31 And one ſhall prepare to fight againſt another, citie againſt citie, and place againſt place,

Mat.24.7. * and nation againſt nation, and realme againſt realme.

32 When this commeth to paſſe, then ſhall the tokens come, that I ſhewed thee before, and then ſhal my ſonne be reuealed, whom thou ſaweſt goe vp as a man.

33 And when all the people heare his voyce, euery man ſhall in their owne land leaue the battell that they haue one againſt another.

34 And an innumerable multitude ſhalbe gathered as one, as they that be willing to come, to fight againſt him.

35 But he ſhall ſtand vpon the top of mount Sion.

36 And Sion ſhall come, and ſhallbe ſhewed to all, being prepared and builded, as thou ſaweſt the hill grauen forth without any hands.

37 And this my ſonne ſhall rebuke the wicked inuentions of thoſe nations, which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempeſt,

38 And into torments like to flame, whereby they ſhall be tormented: and without any labour will he deſtroy them euen by the Law, which is compared vnto the fire.

39 And whereas thou ſaweſt that hee gathered another peaceable people vnto him,

40 Thoſe are the ten tribes which were caried away captiues out of their owne lande * in

2.*King.17.3* the time of Oſeas the King, whom Salmanaſar the king of the Aſſyrians tooke captiue, and caried them beyond the riuer: ſo were they brought into another land.

41 But they tooke this counſell to themſelues, that they would leaue the multitude of the heathen, and goe forth into a further countrey, where neuer mankind dwelt,

42 That they might there keepe their ſtatutes, which they neuer kept in their owne land.

43 And they entred in at the narrow paſſages of the riuer Euphrates.

44 For the moſt high then ſhewed them

Exod 14.21. Ioſh.3.15,16 ſignes, * and ſtayed the ſprings of the flood till they were paſſed ouer.

45 For thorow the countrey there was a great iourney, euen of a yeere and a halfe, and the ſame

‖Or, Arareth. region is called ‖ Arſareth.

46 Then dwelt they there vntill the latter time: and when they come forth againe,

47 The moſt High ſhall hold ſtill the ſprings of the riuer againe, that they may goe thorow: therefore ſaweſt thou the multitude peaceable.

48 But they that be left behinde of thy people, are thoſe that be found within my borders.

49 Now when hee deſtroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he ſhall defend the people that remaine.

50 And then ſhall he ſhew great wonders vnto them.

51 Then ſayd I, O Lord, Lord, ſhew me this, wherefore haue I ſeene the man comming vp from the midſt of the ſea?

52 And hee ſayd vnto me, As thou canſt neither ſeeke out, nor know theſe things, that are in the deepe of the ſea, ſo can no man vpon earth ſee my ſonne, or thoſe that be with him, but in the time of that day.

53 This is the interpretation of the dreame which thou ſaweſt, and whereby thou only art lightened.

54 For thou haſt forſaken thine owne law, and applyed thy diligence vnto mine, and ſought it.

55 Thy life haſt thou ordered in wildeome, and haſt called vnderſtanding thy mother.

56 Therefore haue I ſhewed thee the rewards with the moſt High: and after three other dayes I will ſpeake other things vnto thee, and will declare vnto thee great and wonderous things.

57 Then went I forth vnto the field, glorifying and prayſing the moſt High for the wonders which he did in time,

58 Which he gouerneth, & ſuch things as come in their ſeaſons: and there I ſate three dayes.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 How God appeared to Moſes in the buſh. 10 All things decline to age. 15 The latter times worſt then the former. 29 The ingratitude of Iſrael. 35 The reſurrection and iudgement.

VPon the third day I ſate vnder an oke, and beholde, there came forth a voyce vnto mee out of the buſh, and ſayde, Eſdras, Eſdras.

2 And I ſayde, Here am I, Lord, and ſtood vp vpon my feete.

3 Then ſayd he vnto me, * In the buſh I re- *Exod.3.2.4.*
uealed my ſelfe, and ſpake vnto Moyſes, when my people ſerued in Egypt,

4 And I ſent him, and led my people out of Egypt, and brought him vpon the mount Sinai, and I held him with me a long ſeaſon,

5 And I tolde him many wonders, & ſhewed him the ſecrets of the times and the ende, and commanded him, ſaying,

6 Theſe words ſhalt thou declare, and theſe ſhalt thou hide.

7 And now I ſay vnto thee, that thou lay vp in thine heart the ſignes that I haue ſhewed, and the dreames that thou haſt ſeene, and the interpretations which thou haſt heard.

8 For thou ſhalt be taken away from all, and thou ſhalt remaine hence forth with my counſell, and with ſuch as be like thee, vntill the times be ended.

9 For the world hath loſt his youth, and the

times

times begin to waxe old.

10 For the worlde is diuided into twelue parts, and ten parts of it are gone already, and halfe of the tenth part.

11 And there remayneth that which is after the halfe of the tenth part.

12 Therefore set thine house in order, and reforme thy people, and comfort such of them as be in trouble, and now renounce the corruption.

13 Let goe from thee mortall thoughts: cast away from thee the burdens of men, and put off now the weake natures,

14 And set aside the most grieuous thoughts, and haste thee to depart from these times.

15 For greater euils then those, which thou hast seene now, shall they commit.

16 For the weaker that the worlde is by reason of age, the more shall the euils bee increased vpon them that dwell therein.

17 For the truetly is fled farre away, and lies are at hand: for now hasteth the vision to come, that thou hast seene.

18 ¶ Then answered I, and sayd before thee,

19 Beholde, O Lord, I will goe as thou hast commanded mee, and reforme the people, which are present: but they that shall be borne afterward, who shall admonish them?

20 Thus the world is set in darkenesse, and they that dwell therein, are without light.

21 For thy Law is burnt, therefore no man knoweth the things that are done of thee, or the works that shalbe done.

22 But if I haue found grace before thee, send the holy Ghost into mee, and I will write all that hath bene done in the world since the beginning, which was written in thy Law, that men may find the path, and that they which will liue in the latter dayes, may liue.

23 And he answered me, saying, Goe and gather the people, and say vnto them, that they seeke thee not for fortie dayes,

24 But prepare thee many bore tables, and take with thee these fiue, Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, Ecanus, and Asiel, which are ready to write swiftly,

25 And come hither, and I will light a candle of vnderstanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out, till the things be performed which thou shalt begin to write.

26 And then shalt thou declare some things openly vnto the perfect men, and some things shalt thou shew secretly vnto the wise: to morrow this houre shalt thou begin to write.

27 Then went I foorth, as hee commanded me, and gathered all the people together, & said,

28 Heare these words, O Israel,

29 * Our fathers at the beginning were strangers in Egypt, from whence they were deliuered, — Gene. 47. 4.

30 And receiued the Law of life, * which they kept not, which yee also haue transgressed after them. — Act. 7. 53.

31 Then was the land, euen the land of Sion parted among you by lot: but your fathers and yee also haue done vnrighteously, and haue not kept the wayes, which the most High commanded you.

32 And for so much as he is a righteous iudge, he tooke from you in time the thing that he had giuen you.

33 And now are yee here, and your brethren among you.

34 Therefore if so be that ye will subdue your owne vnderstanding, and reforme your heart, ye shalbe kept aliue, and after death ye shall obtaine mercy.

35 For after death shall the iudgement come, when we shall liue againe: and then shall the names of the righteous bee manifest, and the works of the vngodly shall be declared.

36 Let no man therefore come now vnto me, nor seeke me these fortie dayes.

37 So I tooke the fiue men, as he commanded me, and we went into the field, and remayned there.

38 The next day, behold, a voyce called me, saying, Esdras, open thy mouth, and drinke that I giue thee to drinke. — Ezek. 3. 2.

39 Then opened I my mouth, and beholde, he reached mee a full cup, which was full as it were with water: but the colour of it was like fire.

40 And I tooke it, and dranke, and when I had dunke it, mine heart had vnderstanding, and wisedome grew in my breast: for my spirit was strengthened in memory.

41 And my mouth was opened, and shut no more.

42 The most High gaue vnderstanding vnto the fiue men, that they wrote the high things of the night, which they vnderstood not.

43 But in the night they did eate bread, but I spake by day, and held not my tongue by night.

44 In fortie dayes, they wrote two hundred and foure bookes.

45 And when the fortie dayes were fulfilled, the most High spake, saying, The first that thou hast written, publish openly, that the worthy and vnworthy may reade it.

46 But keep the seuenty last, that thou mayest giue them to the wise among thy people.

47 For in them is the veine of vnderstanding, and the fountaine of wisedome, and the riuer of knowledge: and I did so.

CHAP. XV.

1 The prophecie of Esdras is certain. 5 The euils that shall come on the world. 9 The Lord will auenge the vnnocent blood. 12 Egypt shall lament 16 Sedition 20 and punishment vpon the kings of the earth. 24 Cursed are they that sinne. 29 Troubles and warres vpon the whole earth. 53 God is the reuenger of his elect.

BEholde, speake thou in the eares of my people the wordes of prophecie, which I will put in thy mouth, sayth the Lord:

2 And cause them to be written in a letter: for they are faithfull and true.

3 Feare not the imaginations against thee: let not the vnfaithfulnesse of the speakers trouble thee, that speake against thee.

4 For euery vnfaithfull shall die in his vnfaithfulnesse.

5 Behold, saith the Lord, I will bring plagues vpon all the world, the sword, famine, death and destruction.

6 Because that iniquity hath fully polluted all the earth, & their wicked works are fulfilled.

7 Therefore, sayth the Lord, I will hold my tongue no more for them wickednesse, (they doe vngodly) neither will I suffer them in the things that they doe wickedly.

8 Behold,

Rom. 6. 10. and 19. 2.

8 Behold, *the innocent and righteous blood crieth vnto me, and the soules of the iust crie continually.

9 I will surely auenge them, sayth the Lord, and receiue vnto me all the innocent blood from among them.

10 Behold, my people is led as a flocke to the slaughter: I will not suffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt,

11 But I will bring them out with a mightie hand, and a stretched out arme, and smite it with plagues as afore, and will destroy all the lande thereof.

12 Egypt shall mourne, and the foundations thereof shall bee smitten with the plague and punishment, that God shall bring vpon it.

13 The plowmen that till the ground, shall mourne: for their seedes shall faile through the blasting and haile, and by an horrible starre.

14 Woe to the world, and to them that dwell therein.

15 For the sworde, and their destruction draweth neere, and one people shall stand vp to fight against another with swordes in their hands.

16 For there shall be sedition among men, and one shall inuade another: they shall not regard their King, and the princes shall measure their doings by their power.

17 A man shall desire to goe into a citie, and shall not be able.

18 Because of their pride the cities shall bee troubled, the houses shall bee afrayd, men shall feare.

19 A man shall haue no pitie vpon his neighbour, but shall destroy their houses with the sword, and their goods shall be spoyled for lacke of bread, and because of great trouble.

20 Behold, sayth God, I call together all the Kings of the earth to reuerence mee, which are from the ‖ East, and from the South, from the East, and from Libanus, to turne vpon them and to repay the things that they haue done to them.

‖ Or, West.

21 As they doe yet this day vnto my chosen, so will I doe also, and recompense them in their bosome: thus sayth the Lord God.

22 My right hand shall not spare the sinners, neither shall the sword cease from them, that sled innocent blood vpon earth.

23 The fire is gone out from his wrath, and hath consumed the foundations of the earth, and the sinners like the straw that is kindled.

24 Woe to them that sinne, and keepe not my commandements, sayth the Lord.

25 I will not spare them: depart, O children, from the power: defile not my Sanctuary.

26 For the Lord knoweth all them that sinne against him, and therefore deliuereth her them vnto death and destruction.

27 For nowe are the plagues come vpon the world, and ye shall remaine in them: for God will not deliuer you, because yee haue sinned against him.

28 Behold, an horrible vision commeth from the East.

29 Where generations of dragons of Arabia shall come out with many charets, and the multitude of them shall be caried as the winde vpon the earth, that all they which heare them, may feare and tremble.

30 Euen the Carmanians raging in wrath, shall goe forth as the boares of the forrest, and shall come with great power, and stand against them in battell, and shall destroy a portion of the land of the Assyrians.

31 But after this shall the dragons haue the vpper hand, and remember their nature, and shall turne about, and conspire to consume them with a great power.

32 Then these shall be troubled, and keepe silence by their power, and shall flee.

33 From the land of the Assyrians shall the enemie beliege them, and consume some of them, and in their hoste shalbe feare & dread, and strife among their kings.

34 Behold cloudes from the East, and from the North vnto the South, and they are very horrible to looke vpon, full of wrath and storme.

35 They shall smite one vpon another: and they shall smite downe a great multitude of starres vpon the earth, euen their owne starre, and the blood shall be from the sworde vnto the belly,

36 And the dung of man vnto the Camels litter.

37 And there shalbe great fearefulnes & trembling vpon earth, and they that see the wrath, shalbe afrayd, and a trembling shall come vpon them.

38 And then there shall come great stormes from the South, and from the North, and part from the West.

39 And from the East shall windes arise, and shall open it with the cloude, which he raised vp in wrath, and the starre, raised to feare the East and West winde, shalbe destroyed.

40 And the great and mighty cloudes shall be lift vp full of wrath, and the starre that they may make all the earth afrayd, and them that dwell therein, and that they may powre out ouer euery high place, and lifted vp, an horrible constellation,

41 As fire and haile, and flying swords, and many waters, that all fields may bee full, and all riuers with the abundance of great waters.

42 And they shall breake downe the cities, and walles, and mountaines, and hils, and the trees of the wood, and the grasse of the medowes, and their corne.

43 And they shall goe with a straight course vnto Babylon, and make it afrayd.

44 They shall come to her & beliege her, and shal powre forth the constellation, & all the wrath against her: then shall the dust and smoke goe vp vnto the heauen, and all they that be about her, shall bewaile her.

45 And they that remayne vnder her, shall doe service vnto them that haue put her in feare.

46 ¶ And thou Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon, and the glorie of her person,

47 Woe vnto thee, O wretch, because thou hast made thy selfe like vnto her, and hast decked thy daughters in whoredome, that they might please and glorie in thy louers, which haue alway desired to committe whoredome with thee.

48 Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her workes, and in her inuentions: therefore sayth God,

49 I will

49 I will send plagues vpon thee, widowhood, pouertie, and famine, and the sworde, and pestilence, to waste thine houses with destruction and death.

50 And the glory of thy power shall be dried vp, as a flowre when the heate ariseth, that is sent vpon thee.

51 Thou shalt be sicke as a poore wife that is plagued and beaten of women, so that the mightie and the louers shall not be able to receiue thee.

52 Would I thus hate thee, saith the Lord,

53 If thou hadst not alway flatte my chosen, exalting the stroke of thine hands, and layd out their death, when thou wast drunken,

54 Set forth the beautie of thy countenance?

55 The reward of thy whoredome shall be in thy bosome: therefore shalt thou receiue a reward.

56 As thou hast done vnto my chosen, saieth the Lord, so will God doe vnto thee, and will deliuer thee vnto the plague.

57 And thy children shall die of hunger, and thou shalt fall by the sword, and thy cities shall be broken downe, and all thy men shall fall by the sword in the field.

58 And they that bee in the mountaines, shall die of hunger, and eat their owne flesh, and drinke their owne blood for want of bread and thirst of water.

59 And thou, as vnhappie, shalt come thorow the Sea, and receiue plagues againe.

60 In the passage they shall cast downe the flaine citie, and shall roote out one part of thy land, and consume the portion of thy glory, and shall returne to her that was destroyed.

61 When thou shalt be cast downe, thou shalt be to them as stubble, and they shall be to thee as fire.

62 And they shall destroy thee, and thy cities, thy land, and thy mountaines: all thy woods and all thy fruitfull trees shall they burne with fire.

63 Thy children shall they carry away captiue, and shall spoyle thy substance, and marre the beautie of thy face.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Against Babylon, Asia, Egypt and Syria. 18. 38 Of the euils that shall come vpon the world, with admonition how to gouerne themselues in afflictions. 54 To acknowledge their sinnes, and to commit themselues to the Lord, 55 whose mightie prouidence and iustice is to be reuerenced.

WOe to thee, Babylon, and Asia: woe to thee, Egypt and Syria.

2 Gird your selues with sacke and haire-cloth, and mourne your children, and be sory: for your destruction is at hand.

3 A sword is sent vnto you, & who will turne it backe? a fire is sent among you, and who will quench it?

4 Plagues are sent among you, and who can driue them away?

5 May any man driue away an hungrie Lion in the wood? or quench the fire in stubble when it hath once begunne to burne? may one turne againe the arrow, that is shot of a strong archer?

6 The mightie Lorde sendeth the plagues, and who can driue them away? the fire is gone forth in his wrath, and who can quench it?

7 He shall cast lightnings, and who shall not feare? hee shall thunder, and who shall not be afrayd?

8 The Lord shall threaten, and who shall not vtterly be broken in pieces at his presence? the earth quaketh, and the foundation thereof: the sea ariseth vp with waues from the deepe, and the waues thereof are troubled, and the fishes thereof, before the Lorde and the glory of his power.

9 For strong is his right hand, that bendeth the bowe: his arrowes that hee shooteth, are sharpe, and shall not misse, when they begin to be shot into the ends of the world.

10 Behold, the plagues are sent, and shall not turne againe till they come vpon earth.

11 The fire is kindled, and shall not be put out till it consume the foundations of the earth.

12 As an arrow which is shotte of a mightie archer, returneth not backeward, so the plagues that shall be sent vpon earth, shall not turne againe.

13 Woe is mee, woe is me: who will deliuer me in those dayes?

14 The beginning of sorrowes and great mourning: the beginning of famine, and great death: the beginning of warres, and the powers shall feare: the beginning of euils, and all shall tremble. What shall I doe in these things, when the plagues come?

15 Behold, famine, and plague, and trouble, and anguish are sent as scourges for amendement.

16 But for all these things they will not turne from their wickednesse, nor be alway mindfull of the scourges.

17 Behold, victuales shalbe so good cheape vpon earth, that they shall thinke themselues to be in good case: but then shall the euils bud forth vpon earth, euen the sword, the famine, and great confusion.

18 For many of them that dwell vpon earth, shall perish with famine, and the other that escape the famine, shall the sword destroy.

19 And the dead shall be cast out as dung, and there shall be no man to comfort them: for the earth shall be wasted, and the cities shall be cast downe.

20 There shall be no man left to till the earth, and to sowe it: the trees shall giue fruit, but who shall gather them?

21 The grapes shalbe ripe, but who shal tread them? for all places shall be desolate, so that one man shall desire to see another, or to heare his voyce.

22 For of one citie there shall be ten left, and two of the fielde which shall hide themselues in the thicke woods, and in the clefts of rocks.

23 As when there remayne three or foure olines in the place where olines growe, or among other trees.

24 Or as when a vineyard is gathered, there are left some grapes of them that diligently sought thorow the vineyard:

25 So in those dayes there shall be three or foure left by them that search the houses with the sword.

26 And the earth shall be left waste, and the fields thereof shall waxe olde, and her wayes and all her paths shall grow full of thornes, because no man shall trauaile therethrough.

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27 The virgines shall mourne, hauing no bridegroomes: the women shall make lamentation hauing no husbands: their daughters shall mourne hauing no helpers.

28 In the warres shall their bridegromes be destroyed, and their husbands shall perish with famine.

29 But, ye seruants of the Lorde, heare these things, and marke them.

30 Beholde the word of the Lorde, receiue it: beleeue not the gods of whom the Lorde speaketh: beholde, the plagues draw neere, and are not slacke.

31 As a trauailing woman which in the ninth moneth bringeth forth her sonne, when the houre of birth is come, two or three houres aboue the paines come vpon her body, and when the childe commeth to the birth, they tary not a whit:

32 So shall not the plagues be slacke to come vpon the earth, and the world shall mourne, and sorowes shal come vpon it on euery side.

33 O my people, heare my worde: make you ready to the battell, and in the troubles bee euen as strangers vpon earth.

34 He that selleth, let him bee as he that fleeth his way, and he that buyeth, as one that shall lose.

35 Who so occupieth merchandise, as he that winneth not: and hee that buildeth, as hee that shall not dwell therein:

36 He that soweth, as one that shal not reape: he that cutteth the vine, as hee that shall not gather the grapes:

37 They that marry, as they that shall get no children: and they that marry not, so as the widowes.

38 Therefore they that labour, labour in vaine.

39 For strangers shall reape their fruites, and spoile their goods, and ouerthrowe their houses, and take their children captiue: for in captiuitie and famine shall they get their children.

40 And they that occupie their merchandise with couetousnesse, the more they decke their cities, their houses, their possessions, & their owne persons,

41 So much more will I be angry against them, for their sinnes, saith the Lord.

42 As a whore enuieth an honest and vertuous woman,

43 So shal righteousnes hate iniquitie, when she decketh her selfe, and shall accuse her openly, when he shall come that shall diuide the authour of all sinne vpon earth.

44 And therefore be ye not like thereunto, nor to the workes thereof: for or euer it be long, iniquitie shall be taken away out of the earth, and righteousnesse shall reigne among you.

45 Let not the sinner say, that he hath not sinned: for coales of fire shall burne vpon his head, which saith, I haue not sinned before the Lorde God and his glory.

Luke 16.16. 46 Beholde, the Lord * knoweth al the workes of men, their imaginations, their thoughts and their hearts.

Gene.1.1. 47 * For alloone as he said, Let the earth be made, it was made: let the heauen be made, and it was created.

48 By his word were the starres established, and he * knoweth the number of them. Psal.147.4

49 He searcheth the depth, and the treasures thereof: hee hath measured the sea, and what it conteineth.

50 Hee hath shut the sea in the middes of the waters, and with his word hath hee hanged the earth vpon the waters.

51 Hee spreadeth out the heauen like a vault: vpon the waters hath he founded it.

52 In the desert hath he made springs of water, and pooles vpon the top of the mountaines, to powre out floods from the high rockes to water the earth.

53 Hee made man, and put his heart in the middes of the body, and gaue him breath, life, and vnderstanding.

54 And the spirit of the almighty God, which made all things, and hath searched all the hidde things in the secrets of the earth.

55 He knoweth your inuentions, and what ye imagine in your heart when ye sinne and would hide your sinnes.

56 Therefore hath the Lord searched and sought out all your workes, and will put you all to shame.

57 And when your sinnes are brought forth before men, ye shall bee confounded, and your owne sinnes shall stand as your accusers in that day.

58 What will yee doe, or how will you hide your sinnes before God and his Angels?

59 Beholde, God himselfe is the Iudge: feare him: cease from your sinnes, and forget your iniquities, and meddle no more from hencefoorth with them: so shall God leade you forth, and deliuer you from all trouble.

60 For beholde, the heat of a great multitude is kindled against you, and they shall take away certaine of you, and shall slay you for meat to the idoles.

61 And they that consent vnto them, shall bee had in derision, and in reproth, and troden vnder foote.

62 For in euery place & cities that are neere, there shalbe great insurrection against those that feare the Lord.

63 They shall be like madde men: they shall spare none: they shall spoile, and waste such as yet feare the Lord.

64 For they then shall waste and spoyle their goods, and cast them out of their houses.

65 Then shall the triall of my chosen appeare, as the gold is tried by the fire.

66 Heare, O my beloued, saith the Lorde, Behold, the dayes of trouble are at hand, but I will deliuer you from them: be not yee afraide, doubt not, for God is your captaine.

67 Who so keepeth my commandements and precepts, saith the Lord God, let not your sinnes weigh you downe, and let not your iniquities lift themselues vp.

68 Woe vnto them that are bound with their sinnes, and couered with their iniquities, as a fielde is hedged in with bushes, & the path thereof couered with thornes, whereby no man may trauell: it is shut vp, and is appointed to bee deuoured with fire.

Tobit.

CHAP. I.

1 *Tobits parentage.* 3 *His godlinesse.* 6 *His equity.* 8 *His charity and prosperity.* 19 *Hee fleeth, and his goods are confiscate,* 22 *And after restored.*

THe booke of the wordes of Tobit the sonne of Tobiel, the sonne of Ananeel, the sonne of Aduel, the sonne of Gabael, of the seede of Asiael, and of the tribe of Nephthalim,

2 Who in the time of ‖ Enemessar king of the Assyrians was * ledde away captiue out of Thisbe, which is at the right hand of that citie, which is called properly Nephthalim, in Galile about Aser.

3 I Tobit haue walked all my life long in the way of trueth and iustice, and I did many things liberally to the brethren, which were of my nation, and came with me to Nineue into the land of the Assyrians.

4 And when I was in mine owne countrey in the land of Israel, being but yoong, all the tribe of Nephthalim my father fell from the house of Jerusalem, which was chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, that all the tribes should sacrifice there, where the Temple of the Tabernacle of the most High was consecrated, and built vp for all ages.

5 * Now all the tribes which fell from God, yea, and my father Nephthalims house offered to the heifer called Baal.

6 But I (as it was ordeined to all Israel by an euerlasting decree) went alone often to Jerusalem, at the feastes, * bringing the first fruits, and the tenths of beasts, with that which was first shorne, and offered them at the altar to the Priests the children of Aaron.

7 The first tenth part I gaue to the Priests the sonnes of Aaron, which ministred in Jerusalem: the other tenth part I solde, and came and bestowed it euery yeere at Jerusalem.

8 The third tenth part I gaue vnto them to whom it was meet, as Debora my fathers mother had commaunded me, for my father left me as a pupill.

9 ¶ Furthermore, when I was come to the age of a man, I married Anna of * mine owne kinred, and of her I begate Tobias.

10 ¶ But when I was led captiue to Nineue, all my brethren, and those which were of my kinred, did eat of the * bread of the Gentiles,

11 But I kept my selfe from eating.

12 Because I remembred God with all mine heart.

13 Therefore the most high gaue mee grace and fauour before Enemessar, so that I was his purueyor.

14 ¶ And I went into Media, and I deliuered ten talents of siluer to Gabael, the ‖ brother of Gabrias ‖ in the land of Media.

15 But when Enemessar was dead, Sennacherib his sonne reigned in his stead: whose state because it was troubled, I could not goe into Media.

16 ¶ But in the time of ‖ Enemessar, I gaue many almes to my brethren, and gaue my bread to them which were hungry,

17 And my clothes to the naked: and if I saw any of my kinred dead, or cast about the walles of Nineue, I buried him.

18 And if the King Sennacherib had slaine any, when he * was come and fled from Judea, I buried them priuily (for in his wrath hee killed many) but the bodies were not found when they were sought for of the king.

19 Therefore when a certaine Ninenite had accused mee to the King, because I did burie them, I hid my selfe: and because I knew that I was sought to be slaine, I withdrew my selfe for feare.

20 Then all my goods were spoiled, neither was there any thing left me besides my wife Anna, and my sonne Tobias.

21 Neuertheless * within fiue & fifty dayes two of his sonnes killed him, and they fled into the mountaines of Ararath, and Sarchedonus his sonne reigned in his stead, who appointed ouer his fathers accounts, and ouer all his domesticall affaires, Achiacharus my brother Anaels sonne.

22 And when Achiacharus had made a request for me, I came againe to Nineue: now Achiacharus was cupbearer and keeper of the signet, and steward, and ouerslawe the accompts: So Sarchedonus appointed him next vnto him and he was my brothers sonne.

CHAP. II.

2 *Tobit calleth the faithfull to his table.* 3 *He lamenteth the feast to burie the dead.* 10 *How hee became blind.* 13 *His wife laboureth for her liuing.* 14 *She reproacheth him bitterly.*

NOwe when I was come home againe, and my wife Anna was restored vnto mee with my sonne Tobias, in the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of the seuen weekes, there was a great dinner prepared mee, in the which I sate downe to eate.

2 And when I saw abundance of meate, I sayde to my sonne, Goe, and bring what poore man soeuer thou shalt finde of our brethren, which doth remember God, and loe, I will tary for thee.

3 But he came againe, and sayd, Father, one of our nation is strangled, and is cast out in the market place.

4 Then before I had tasted any meate, I start vp, and brought him into mine house vntill the going downe of the Sunne,

5 Then I returned and washed, and ate my meate in heauinesse,

6 Remembring that prophesie of * Amos which had sayd, Your solemne feastes shall bee turned into mourning, and your ioyes into wayling.

7 Therefore I wept, and after the going downe of the Sunne I went and made a graue and buried him.

8 But my neighbours mocked me, and sayd, Doeth hee not feare to die for this cause, who * fled away, and yet loe, hee buryeth the dead againe?

9 The same night also when I returned from the burial, and slept at the wall of mine house, because I was polluted, and hauing my face vncouered,

10 And

Tobias being captiue among the Assyrians, did not leaue the way of trueth.

‖ *Or, Salmanasar.* 2. *King.* 17. 3.

Tobias was mercifull.

2. *King* 19. 35, 36. *Isa.* 37. 36, 37. *ecclus* 48. 18, 22. 1. *mac.* 7. 41. 2 *mac.* 8. 19.

Tobit fleeth from the face of Sennacherib. 2. *King.* 19. 37. 2. *chro.* 32. 21.

Tobit returneth.

1. *King.* 12. 30.

He fled from idoles. *Exod.* 22. 29. *deut.* 12 6.

He marieth to wife, Anna, which beareth to him Tobias. *Numb.* 36. 7. *Gen* 43. 32. Hee found grace in the sight of Salmanasar.

‖ *Or, sonne.* ‖ *Or, in Rages a city of Media.*

‖ *Or, Salmanasar.* The charitie of Tobias.

Tobit doth bid to dinner those which feare God,

Tobit leauing his ghests, taketh vp the dead body into his house to bury it. *Amos* 8 10. 2 *mac.* 5. 41.

Tobit is rebuked of his neighbours. *Chap.* 1. 19.

He is made blinde for an example of patience to his posteritie.

10 And I knew not that sparrowes were in the wall, and as mine eyes were open, the sparrowes cast downe warme dung into mine eyes and a whitenesse came in mine eyes, and I went to the Physicians, but they helped me not. Moreouer Achiacharus did nourish mee, vntill I went into Elimais.

The wife of Tobit laboureth for her living.

11 And my wife Anna did take womens works to doe.

12 And when shee had sent them home to the owners, they payed the wages, and gaue a kidde.

The innocencie of Tobit. Deut. 22. 1.

13 Which when it was at mine house, and began to bleat, I sayde vnto her, From whence is this kidde? is it not stolen? render it to the owners: for it is not lawfull to eate any thing that is stolen.

Iob. 2. 9.

14 But she said, it was giuen for a gift more then the wages: but I did not beleeue, and bade her to render it to the owners, and I did blush because of her. Furthermore thee sayd, *Where are thine almes, and thy righteousnesse? beholde, they all now appeare in thee.

CHAP. III.

The prayer of Tobit 7 Sarra Raguels daughter, and the things that came vnto her. 12. Her prayer heard. 19 The Angel Raphael sent.

Then I being sorowfull, did weepe, and in my sorow prayed, saying,

2 O Lorde, thou art iust, and all thy works, and all thy wayes are mercie and trueth, and thou iudgest truely and iustly for euer.

3 Remember mee, and looke on mee, neither punish me according to my sinnes or mine ignorances, or my fathers, which haue sinned before thee.

Deut. 28. 15, 37.

4 For they haue not obeyed thy commandements: wherefore thou hast deliuered vs * for a spoile, and vnto captiuitie, & to death, and for a prouerbe of reproch to all them among whome we are dispersed, and now thou hast many and iust cawses.

† Or, thy iudgements are many and true.

5 To doe with mee according to my sinnes, and my fathers, because wee haue not kept thy commaundements, neyther haue walked in trueth before thee.

6 Nowe therefore deale with mee as seemeth best vnto thee, and commaund my spirit to bee taken from mee, that I may be dissolued, and become earth: for it is better for mee to die then to liue, because I haue heard false reproches, and am very sorowfull: command therefore that I may be dissolued out of this distresse, and go into the euerlasting place: turne not thy face away from me.

Sarra is checked of her fathers maide.

7 ¶ It came to passe the same day that in Ecbatane a citie of Media, Sarra the daughter of Raguel was also reproched by her fathers maides,

8 Because shee had beene married to seuen husbands, whome Aſmodeus the euill spirit had killed, before that they had lien with her. Doest thou not know, sayd they, that thou hast strangled thine husbands? thou hast had now seuen husbands, neither wast thou named after any of them.

For, when she beat them for their faults, they sayd.

9 Wherefore doest thou beat vs for them? if they bee dead, goe thy wayes hence to them, that wee may neuer see of thee either sonne or daughter.

10 When shee heard these things, shee was very sorowfull, so that she thought to haue strangled her selfe. And she said, I am the onely daughter of my father, and if I do this, I shall slander him, and shal bring his age to the graue with sorrow.

Sarra prayeth and fasteth, that she may be deliuered from shame.

11 Then she prayed toward the window, and said, Blessed art thou, O Lord my God, and thine holy and glorious Name is blessed, and honourable for euer: let all thy workes praise thee for euer.

12 And now, O Lord, I set mine eyes, and my face toward thee,

13 And say, Take me out of the earth, that I may heare no more any reproch.

The innocencie of Sarra. Her chastitie.

14 Thou knowest, O Lord, that I am pure from all sinne with man,

15 And that I haue neuer polluted my name, nor the name of my father in the land of my captiuitie: I am the onely daughter of my father, neither hath he any man childe to be his heire, neyther any † neere kinsman or childe borne of him, to whom I may keepe my selfe for a wife: my seuen husbands are now dead, & why should I liue? But if it please not thee that I should die, command to looke on me, and to pity me, that I do no more heare reproch.

† Greek, nere brother.

16 So the prayers of them both were heard before the maiesty of the great God.

The prayers of Tobit and Sarra are heard both at a time.

17 And Raphael was sent to heale them both, that is, to take away the whitenes of Tobits eies, and to giue Sarra the daughter of Raguel for a wife to Tobias the sonne of Tobit, and to binde Aſmodeus euill spirit, because she belonged to Tobias by right. The selfesame time came Tobit home, and entred into his house, and Sarra the daughter of Raguel came downe from her chamber.

CHAP. IIII.

Precepts and exhortations of Tobit to his sonne.

Chap. 1. 14.

In that day Tobit remembred * the siluer, which he had deliuered to Gabael in Ragis a citie of Media.

2 And saide with himselfe, I haue wished for death: wherefore doe I not call for my sonne Tobias that I may admonish him before I die?

Tobits exhortation to his sonne, when he thought he should die.

3 And when he had called him, he said, My sonne, after that I am dead, bury me, and despise not thy mother, but * honour her all the dayes of thy life, and do that which shall please her, and anger her not.

The mother is to be reuerenced. Exod. 20. 12. ecclus. 7. 27.

4 Remember my sonne, how many dangers she suffered, when she was in her woombe,

5 And when she dieth, bury her by me in the same graue.

God must be in our hearts

6 My sonne, set our Lord God alwayes before thine eyes, and let not thy will bee set to sinne, or to transgresse the commandements of God. Doe vprightly all thy life long, and follow not the wayes of vnrighteousnesse: for if thou deale truely, thy doings shall prosperously succeede to thee, and to all men which liue iustly.

Almes. Prouer. 3. 9. ecclus 40. 24. & 14. 13. luke 14 13. Ecclus. 35. 10.

7 Giue * almes of thy substance: and when thou giuest almes, let not thine eye bee enuious, neither turne thy face from any poore, lest that God turne his face from thee.

8 * Giue almes according to thy substance: if thou haue but a little, be not afraide to giue a little almes.

9 For

9 For thou layest vp a good store for thy selfe, against the day of necessitie.

Eccles. 29. 13 10 * Because that almes doeth deliuer from death, and suffereth not to come into darkenesse.

11 For almes is a good gift before the most High to all them which vse it.

Adulterie. *1 Thes.* 4. 3. 12 Beware of all * whoredome, my sonne, and chiefely take a wife of the seede of thy fathers, and take not a strange woman to wife, which is not of thy fathers stocke: for wee are the children of the Prophets: Noe, Abraham, Isaac and Iacob are our fathers from the beginning. Remember, my sonne, that they married wiues of their owne kinred, and were blessed in their children, and their seede shall inherit the land.

Pride. 13 Now therefore my sonne, loue thy brethren, and despise not in thine heart thy brethren, the sonnes and daughters of thy people, in not taking a wife of them: for in pride is destruction, and much trouble, and in fiercenesse is scarcitie and great pouertie: for ‖ fiercenesse is the mother of famine.

‖ *Or, vnprofitablenesse.*

Wages of an hired seruant. *Leuit.* 19. 13 *deut.* 24. 14, 15. *Mat.* 7. 12. *Luke* 6. 31. 14 Let not the * wages of any man, which hath wrought for thee, tarie with thee, but giue him it out of hand: for if thou serue God, hee will also pay thee: bee circumspect, my sonne, in all things that thou doest, and be well instructed in all thy conuersation.

15 * Doe that to no man which thou hatest: drinke not wine to make thee drunken, neither let drunkenesse goe with thee in thy iourney.

Luke 14. 13. The hungry. *Mat.* 6. 1. 16 * Giue of thy bread to the hungrie, and of thy garments to them that are naked, and * of all thine abundance giue almes, and let not thine eye be enuious, when thou giuest almes.

‖ *Or, be liberall to the iust, euen to their death.* 17 ‖ Powre out thy bread on the buriall of the iust, but giue nothing to the wicked.

18 Aske counsell alway of the wise, and despise not any counsell that is profitable.

Counsell. God is to be blessed. 19 Bleese thy Lord God alway, and desire of him that thy wayes may be made streight, and that all thy purposes and counsels may prosper: for euery nation hath not counsell: but the Lord giueth all good things, and he humbleth whome hee will, as he will: now therefore, my sonne, remember my commandements, neyther let them at any time be put out of thy minde.

Chap. 2. 14. 20 * Furthermore, I signifie this to thee, that I deliuered tenne talents to Gabael the sonne of Gabrias at Rages in Media.

Pouertywith the feare of God. 21 And feare not, my sonne, for asmuch as wee are made poore: for thou hast many things, if thou feare God, and flee from all sinne, and doe that thing which is acceptable vnto him.

CHAP. V.

1 *Tobias sent to Rages.* 4 *Hee meeteth with the Angel Raphael which did conduct him.*

Tobias sent by his father to Rages, seeketh a companion, and meeteth with Raphael, whom hee bringeth to his father. TObias then answered, and sayd, Father, I will do all things which thou hast commanded me.

2 But how can I receiue the siluer, seeing I know him not?

3 Then he gaue him the hand writing, and sayd vnto him, Seeke thee a man, which may goe with thee, whiles I yet liue, and I will giue him wages, and go and receiue the money.

4 Therefore when hee was gone to seeke a man, he found Raphael the Angel.

5 But he knew not, and sayd vnto him, May I goe with thee into the land of Media? and knowest thou those places well?

6 To whom the Angel sayd, I will go with thee: for I haue remained with our brother Gabael.

7 Then Tobias sayd to him, Tary for me, till I tell my father.

8 Then he sayd vnto him, Go, and tary not: so he went in, and said to his father, Behold, I haue found one, which will go with me. Then he said, Call him vnto me, that I may know of what tribe he is, and whether he be faithfull to go with thee.

9 So he called him, and he came in, and they saluted one another.

10 Then Tobit said vnto him, Brother, shew me of what tribe and familie thou art.

11 To whom he said, Doest thou seeke a stock or family, or an hired man to go with thy sonne? Then Tobit said vnto him, I would know, brother, thy kinred and thy name.

12 Then he said, I am of the kinred of Azarias and Ananias the great, and of thy brethren.

‖ *Or, then commest happily.* 13 Then Tobit saide, ‖ Thou art welcome, brother: bee not now angry with me, because I haue enquired to know thy kinred and thy family: for thou art my brother of an honest and good stocke: for I know Ananias and Jonathas, sonnes of that great Samaias: for we went together to Jerusalem to worship, and offered the first borne, and the tenthes of the fruits, and they were not deceiued with the errour of our brethren: my brother, thou art of a great stocke.

14 But tell me, what wages shall I giue thee? wilt thou a groat a day, & things necessary, as to mine owne sonne?

15 Yea, moreouer, if ye returne safe, I will adde some thing to the wages.

16 So they agreed. Then said he to Tobias, Prepare thy selfe for the iourney, and go you on Gods name. And when his sonne had prepared all things for the iourney, his father sayd, Go thou with this man, and God which dwelleth in heauen, prosper your iourney, and the Angel of God keepe you company. So they went forth both, and departed, and the dog of the yong man with them.

Tobias goeth foorth, the Angel keepeth him company. *Chap.* 10. 4. His mother weepeth. 17 But * Anna his mother wept, and sayd to Tobit, Why hast thou sent away our sonne? is he not the staffe of our hand to minister vnto vs?

18 ¶ Would to God wee had not layde money vpon money, but that it had beene cast away in respect of our sonne.

19 For that which God hath giuen vs to liue with, doth suffice vs.

20 Then said Tobit, Be not carefull, my sister: he shall returne in safety, and thine eyes shall see him.

21 For the good Angel doth keepe him company, and his iourney shall be prosperous, and he shall returne safe.

22 Then she made an end of weeping,

CHAP. VI.

2 *Tobias deliuered from the fish.* 7 *Raphael sheweth him certaine medicines.* 10 *He conducteth him toward Sarra.*

AND as they went on their iourney, they came accordyng vnto the flood Tigris, and there a-bode.

Tobias inuaded of a fish, is deliuered by the Angel.

2 And when the young man went to wash himselfe, a fish leaped out of the riuer, and would haue deuoured him.

3 Then the Angel sayde vnto him, Take the fish. And the young man tooke the fish, and drew it vnto land.

4 To whome the Angel sayd, Cut the fish, and take the heart, and the liuer, and the gall, and put them vp surely.

5 So the young man did as the Angel commanded him: and when they had rosted the fish, they ate it: then they both went on their way, till they came to Ecbatane.

6 ¶ Then the young man sayd to the Angel, Brother Azarias, what auaileth the heart, and the liuer, and the gall of the fish?

7 And he sayd vnto him, Touching the heart and the liuer, if a deuill or an euill spirit trouble any man, we must make a perfume of this before the man or the woman, and he shall be no more vexed.

8 As for the gall, annoint a man that hath whitenesse in his eyes, and he shalbe healed.

9 ¶ And when they were come neere to Rages,

10 The Angel sayd to the young man, Brother, to day we shall lodge with Raguel, who is thy cousin: he also hath one onely daughter named Sarra: I will speake for her that thee may be giuen thee for a wife.

Num. 27.8. and 36.8.

11 For to thee doth the* right of her pertaine, seeing thou alone art the remnant of her kinred.

12 And the maide is faire and wise: nowe therefore heare me, and I will speake to her father, that we may make the marriage when we are returned from Rages: for I know that Raguel cannot marrie her to another, according to the Law of Moyses: els he should deserue death, because the right doth rather appertaine to thee then to any other man.

13 Then the yong man answered the Angel, I haue heard, brother Azarias, that this mayde hath bene giuen to seuen men, who all died in the marriage chamber.

14 And I am the onely begotten sonne of my father, and I am afraid least I go in to her, and die as the other before: for a wicked spirit loueth her, which hurteth no body, but those which come in to her: wherefore I also feare lest I die, and bring my fathers and my mothers life because of me to the graue with sorow: for they haue no other sonne to bury them.

15 Then the Angel sayd vnto him, Doest thou not remember the precepts which thy father gaue thee, that thou shouldest marry a wife of thine owne kinred? wherefore heare me, O my brother: for she shall be thy wife, neither be thou careful of the euill spirit: for this same night shall she be giuen thee in mariage.

16 And when thou shalt goe into the marriage chamber, thou shalt take of the hote coales for perfumes, and make a perfume of the heart, and of the liuer of the fish.

17 Which if the spirit do smell, he will flee away, and neuer come againe any more: but when thou shalt come to her, rise vp both of you, & pray to God which is mercifull, who will haue pitie on you, and saue you: feare not, for she is appointed vnto thee from the beginning, and thou shalt keepe her, and thee shall goe with thee: moreouer I suppose that she shall beare thee children: now when Tobias had heard these things, hee loued her, and his heart was effectually ioyned to her.

CHAP. VII.

Tobias marrieth Sarra Raguels daughter.

AND when they were come to Ecbatane, they came to the house of Raguel, and Sarra met them, and after they had saluted one another, she brought them into the house.

Raphael and Tobias come to Raguel.

2 Then said Raguel to Edna his wife, How like is this young man to Tobit my cousin?

3 And Raguel asked, Whence are you, my brethren? To whom they sayd, that they were of the tribe of Nephthalim, and of the captiues that dwelt at Nineue.

4 Then he said to them, Doe ye know Tobit our kinsman? And they sayd, We know him. Then sayd he, Is he in good health?

5 And they said, He is both aliue, and in good health: and Tobias sayd, He is my father.

6 Then Raguel leaped, & kissed him, & wept,

7 And blessed him, and sayd vnto him, Thou art the sonne of an honest & good man: but when he had heard that Tobit was blinde, he was sorowfull, and wept.

8 And likewise Edna his wife, and Sarra his daughter wept. Moreouer, they receiued them with a ready minde, and after that they had killed a ramme of the flocke, they set much meat on the table. Then sayd Tobias to Raphael, Brother Azarias, put forth those things whereof thou spakest in the way, that this businesse may be dispatched.

Tobias asketh Raguels daughter to wife.

9 So he communicated the matter with Raguel, and Raguel sayde to Tobias, Eate, and drinke, and make merry.

10 For it is meete that thou shouldest marry my daughter: neuertheles, I will declare vnto thee the truth.

11 I haue giuen my daughter in marriage to seuen men, who died that night which they came in vnto her: neuertheless, be thou of a good courage and merry. But Tobias sayd, I will eate nothing here, vnlil ye bring her hither, and betroth her to me.

12 Raguel sayd then, I carry her then according to the custome: for thou art her cousin, and she is thine. God which is mercifull, make this prosperous to you in all good things.

13 Then he called his daughter Sarra, and shee came to her father, and he tooke her by the hand, and gaue her for wife to Tobias, saying, Beholde, take her after the* Law of Moyses, and leade her away to thy father: and he blessed them,

Raguel giueth his daughter Sarra to Tobias. Num. 36.6.

14 And called his wife Edna, and he tooke a booke, and wrote a contract, and sealed it.

15 Then they began to eate.

16 After, Raguel called his wife Edna, and sayd vnto her, Sister, prepare another chamber, and bring her in thither.

17 Which when shee had done, as he had bidden her, she brought her thither: then Sarra wept, and her mother wiped away her daughters teares,

18 And sayde vnto her, Bee of good comfort, my daughter: the Lorde of heauen and earth

give thee ioy for this thy sorow: be of good comfort, my daughter.

CHAP. VIII.

Tobias driveth away the euill spirit. 4 He prayeth to God with his wife. 11 Raguel prepareth a grave for his sonne in law. 16 Raguel blesseth the Lord.

AND when they had supped, they brought Tobias in vnto her.

2 And as he went, he remembred the words of Raphael, and tooke ashes for perfumes, and put the heart and liuer of the fish thereupon, and made a perfume.

3 The which smell when the euill spirit had smelled, he fled into the ‖ vtmost parts of Egypt, whom the Angel bound.

4 And after that they were both shut in, Tobias rose out of the bed, & sayd, Sister, arise and let vs pray, that God would haue pitie on vs.

5 Then beganne Tobias to say, Blessed art thou, O God of our fathers, and blessed is thine holy and glorious Name for euer: let the heauens blesse thee, and all thy creatures.

6 Thou madest Adam, & gauest him * Eua his wife for an helpe, and stay: of them came mankind: thou hast sayd, It is not good, that a man should be alone: let vs make vnto him an ayde like vnto himselfe.

7 And now, O Lord, I take not this my sister for fornication, but vprightly: therefore grant me mercy, that we may become aged together.

8 And she sayd with him, Amen.

9 So they slept both that night, and Raguel arose, and went and made a graue,

10 Saying, Is not he dead also?

11 But when Raguel was come into his house,

12 He sayd to his wife Edna, Send one of the maides, and let them see whether he be aliue: if not, that I may burie him, and none know it.

13 So the maide opened the doore, and went in, and found them both asleepe,

14 And came foorth, and tolde them that hee was aliue.

15 Then Raguel praised God, & said, O God, thou art worthy to be praised with all pure and holy praise: therefore let thy Saints praise thee with all thy creatures, and let all thine Angels and thine elect praise thee for euer.

16 Thou art to be praised, O Lord: for thou hast made me ioyfull, and that is not come to me which I suspected: but thou hast dealt with vs according to great mercy.

17 Thou art to be praised, because thou hast had mercy of two that were the onely begotten children of their fathers: graue them mercy, O Lord, and finish their life in health with ioy and mercy.

18 Then Raguel bade his seruants to fill the graue.

19 And he kept the wedding feast fourteene dayes.

20 For Raguel had sayd vnto him by an oth, that he should not depart before that the fourteene dayes of the marriage were expired,

21 And then hee should take the halfe of his goods, and returne in safetie to his father, and should haue the rest, when hee and his wife were dead.

CHAP. IX.

Raphael leadeth Gabael to Tobias marriage.

THen Tobias called Raphael, and sayd vnto him,

2 Brother Azarias, take with thee a seruant and two camels, and go to Rages of the Medes to Gabael, and bring vnto me the money, and bring him to the wedding.

3 For Raguel hath sworne that I shall not depart.

4 But my father counteth the dayes: and if I tary long, he will be sory.

5 So Raphael went out, and came to Gabael, and gaue him the hand writing, who brought forth bags which were sealed vp, and gaue them to him.

6 And in the morning they went forth both together, and came to the wedding. And Tobias begate his wife with childe.

CHAP. X.

1 Tobit and his wife thinke long for their sonne. 10 Raguel sendeth away Tobias and Sarra.

NOw Tobit his father counted euery day, & when the dayes of the iourney were expired, and they came not.

2 Tobit said, Are they not mocked? or is not Gabael dead, and there is no man to giue him the money?

3 Therefore he was very sory.

4 Then his wife sayd to him, My sonne is dead, seeing he tarieth: and he beganne to * bewaile him, and sayd,

5 Now I care for nothing, my sonne, since I haue lost thee the light of mine eyes.

6 To whome Tobit sayd, Holde thy peace: be not carefull, for he is safe.

7 But shee said, Hold thy peace, and deceiue me not, my sonne is dead: and she went out euery day, by the way which they went, neither did she eate meate on the day time, and did consume whole nights in bewayling her sonne Tobias, vntill the foureteene dayes of the wedding were expired, which Raguel had sworn, that he should tary there. Then Tobias sayde to Raguel, Let mee goe: for my father and my mother looke no more to see mee.

8 But his father in law said vnto him, Tary with mee, and I will send to thy father, and they shall declare him thine affaires.

9 But Tobias said, No, but let me go to my father.

10 Then Raguel arose, and gaue him Sarra his wife, and halfe his goods, as seruants, and cattell, and money.

11 And he blessed them, and sent them away, saying, The God of heauen make you, my children, to prosper before I die.

12 And he sayd to his daughter, Honour thy father and thy mother in law, which are now thy parents, that I may heare good report of thee: and he kissed them. Edna also sayd to Tobias, The Lord of heauen restore thee, my deare brother, and graunt that I may see thy children of my daughter Sarra, that I may reioyce before the Lord. Beholde now, I commit to thee my daughter, as a pledge: doe not entreate her euill.

CHAP. XI.

1 The returne of Tobias to his father. 9 How hee was received. 10 His father hath his sight restored, and praiseth the Lord.

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After these things Tobias went his way, praysing God that her had giuen him a prosperous iourney, and blessed Raguel and Edna his wife, and went on his way till he drew neere to Niniue.

2 Then Raphael sayde to Tobias, Thou knowest brother, howe thou didst leaue thy father.

3 Let vs haste before thy wife, and prepare the house,

4 And take in thine hand the gall of the fish. So they went their way, and the dog followed them.

The Angels counsell to Tobias.

5 Now Anna sate in the way looking for her sonne,

6 Whom when she saw comming, she sayde to his father, Beholde, thy sonne commeth, and the man that went with him.

7 Then sayd Raphael, I know, Tobias, that thy father shall receiue his sight.

8 Therefore anoynt his eyes with the gall, and being pricked therewith, he shall rubbe and make the whitenesse to fall away, and shall see thee.

9 Then Anna ranne forth, and fell on the necke of her sonne, and sayde vnto him, Seeing I haue seene thee, my sonne, from henceforth I am content to die, and they wept both.

10 Tobit also went forth toward the doore, and stumbled, but his sonne ranne vnto him,

11 And tooke holde of his father, and sprinkled of the gall on his fathers eyes, saying, Be of good hope, my father.

12 And when his eyes beganne to pricke, he rubbed them.

13 And the whitenesse pilled away from the corners of his eyes, and when he saw his sonne, he fell vpon his necke,

14 And he wept, and sayde, Blessed art thou O Lord, and blessed be thy Name for euer, and blessed be all thine holy Angels.

15 For thou hast scourged me, and hast had pitie on me: for beholde, I see my sonne Tobias: and his sonne, being glad, went in, and tolde his father the great things that had come to passe in Media.

16 Then Tobit went out to meet his daughter in lawe, reioycing and praysing God to the gate of Niniue: and they which saw him goe, marueiled, because he had receiued his sight.

17 But Tobit testified before them all, that God had had pitie on him. And when hee came neere to Sarra his daughter in lawe, he blessed her, saying, Thou art welcome, daughter: God be blessed, which hath brought thee vnto vs, and blessed be thy father: and there was great ioy among all his brethren, which were at Niniue.

18 And Achiacharus and Nasbas his brothers sonne came.

19 And Tobias marriage was kept seuen dayes with great ioy.

CHAP. XII.

1 Tobias declareth to his father the pleasure that Raphael had done him. 5 The which he would recompense. 11. 15 Raphael declareth that he is an Angel sent of God.

Then Tobit called his sonne Tobias, and sayde vnto him, Prouide, my sonne, wages for the man, which went with thee, and thou must giue him more.

2 And he sayd vnto him, O father, it shall not grieue mee to giue him halfe of those things which I haue brought.

3 For he hath brought mee againe to thee in safetie, and hath made whole my wife, and hath brought me the money, and hath likewise healed thee.

4 Then the olde man sayde, It is due vnto him.

5 So he called the Angel, and said vnto him, Take halfe of all that ye haue brought, and goe away in safetie.

6 But he tooke them both apart, and sayde vnto them, Praise God, and confesse him, and giue him the glory, and prayse him for the things which he hath done vnto you before all them that liue. It is good to prayse God, and to exalt his Name, and to shew forth his exident workes with honour: therefore be not weary to confesse him.

7 It is good to keepe close the secrets of a King, but it is honourable to reueale the workes of God: doe that which is good, and no euill shall touch you.

8 Prayer is good with fasting, and almes and righteousnesse. A little with righteousnesse is better then much with vnrighteousnesse: it is better to giue almes, then to lay vp golde.

9 For almes doeth deliuer from death, and doth purge all sinne. Those which exercise almes and righteousnesse, shall be filled with life.

10 But they that sinne, are enemies to their owne life.

11 Surely I will keepe close nothing from you: nevertheless, I sayd it was good to keepe close the secret of a King, but that it was honourable to reueale the workes of God.

12 Now therefore when thou didst pray, and Sarra thy daughter in lawe, I did bring to memorie your prayer before the holy One: And when thou diddest bury the dead, I was with thee likewise.

13 And when thou wast not grieued to rise vp, and leaue thy dinner to bury the dead, thy good deede was not hid from mee: but I was with thee.

He that will be acceptable to God, must be proued with tentation.

14 And now God hath sent mee to heale thee, and Sarra thy daughter in lawe.

15 I am Raphael one of the seuen holy Angels, which present the prayers of the Saintes, and which goe forth before his holy Maiestie.

16 Then they were both troubled, and fell vpon their face: for they feared.

17 But hee sayde vnto them, Feare not, for it shall goe well with you: prayse God therefore.

18 For I came not of mine owne pleasure, but by the good will of your God: wherefore praise him in all ages.

19 *All these dayes I did appeare vnto you, but I did neyther eate nor drinke, but you saw it in vision.

*Gen. 18. 8. and 19. 3. Iudges 13. 16

20 Now therefore giue God thankes: for I goe vp, to him that sent me: but write all things which are done, in a booke.

21 And when they rose, they sawe him no more.

22 Then they confessed the great and wonderfull workes of God, and howe the Angel of the Lord had appeared to them.

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CHAP. XIII.

A thanksgiuing of Tobit, who exhorteth all to praise the Lord.

THen Tobit wrote a prayer of reioycing, and sayde, Blessed bee God that liueth for euer, and blessed be his kingdome.

Deut. 32.39. 1. sam. 2 6. wisd. 16.13.

2 * For hee doeth scourge and hath pitie: hee leadeth to hell, and bringeth vp, neither is there any that can auoyd his hand.

3 Confesse him before the Gentiles, yee children of Israel: for hee hath scattered you among them.

4 There declare his greatnesse, and extoll him before all the liuing: for he is our Lord and our God, and our father for euer.

5 Hee hath scourged vs for our iniquities, and will haue mercie againe, and will gather vs out of all nations, among whom we are scattered.

6 If you turne to him with your whole heart, and with your whole minde, and deale vprightly before him, then will hee turne vnto you, and will not hide his face from you, but yee shall see what hee will doe with you: therefore confesse him with your whole mouth, and prayse the Lord of righteousnesse, and extoll the euerlasting King. I will confesse him in the land of my captiuitie, and will declare his power, and greatnesse to a sinfull nation. O ye sinners, turne and doe iustice before him: who can tell if hee will receiue you to mercie, and haue pitie on you?

7 I will extoll my God, and my soule shall prayse the King of heauen, and shall reioyce in his greatnesse.

8 Let all men speake, and let all praise him for his righteousnesse.

9 O Jerusalem the holie citie, he will scourge thee for thy childrens workes, but hee will haue pitie againe on the sonnes of righteous men.

10 Giue prayse to the Lorde duely, and prayse the euerlasting King, that his Tabernacle may be builded in thee againe with ioy: and let him make ioyfull there in thee those that are captiues, and loue in thee for euer those that bee miserable.

11 Many nations shall come from farre to the Name of the Lorde God, with gifts in their handes, euen gifts to the King of heauen: all generations shall prayse thee, and giue signes of ioy.

12 Cursed are all they which hate thee: but blessed are they for euer which loue thee.

13 Reioyce, and be glad for the children of the iust: for they shalbe gathered, and shall blesse the Lord of the iust.

14 Blessed are they which loue thee: for they shall reioyce in thy peace. Blessed are they which haue been sorowfull for all thy scourges: for they shall reioyce for thee, when they shall see all thy glory, and shall reioyce for euer.

15 Let my soule blesse God the great King.

16 For Jerusalem shall bee built vp with Saphires, and Emeraudes, and thy walles with precious stones, and thy towers, and thy bulwarkes with pure gold.

17 And the streetes of Jerusalem shall be paued with Berall, and Carbuncle, and stones of ‖ Ophir.

‖ Or. Sapphire. ‖ Or. raise the Lord.

18 And all her streetes shall say, ‖ Hallelulah, and they shall praise him, saying, Blessed be God which hath extolled ‖ it for euer.

‖ That is, Jerusalem.

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CHAP. XIIII.

3 Lessons of Tobit to his sonne. 4 He prophecieth the destruction of Nineue, 7 And the restoring of Jerusalem and the Temple. 13 The death of Tobit, and his wife. 14 Tobias age and death.

SO Tobit made an end of praysing God.

2 And hee was eight and fiftie yeere olde, when hee lost his sight, which was restored to him after eight yeere, and he gaue almes, and hee continued to feare the Lorde God, and to prayse him.

3 And when he was very aged, he called his sonne, and sixe of his sonnes sonnes, and sayd to him, My sonne, take thy children (for beholde, I am aged, and am ready to depart out of this life.)

4 Goe into Media my sonne: for I surely beleeue those things which Jonas the Prophet spake of Nineue, that it shall bee destroyed, and for a time peace shall rather bee in Media, and that our brethren shall bee scattered in the earth from that good lande, and Jerusalem shall be desolate, and the house of God in it shall be burned, and shall be desolate for a time.

5 Yet againe God * will haue pitie on them, and bring them againe into the lande where they shall builde a Temple, but not like to the first, vntill the times of that age bee fulfilled, which being finished, they shall returne from euery place out of captiuitie, and build vp Jerusalem gloriously, and the house of God shall be built in it for euer with a glorious building, as the Prophets haue spoken thereof.

Esay. 2.2. and 6.14.

6 And all nations shall turne, and feare the Lord God truely, and shall bury their idoles.

7 So shall all nations praise the Lorde, and his people shall confesse God, and the Lorde shall exalt his people, and all those which loue the Lord in truth and iustice, shall reioyce, and those also which shew mercy to our brethren.

8 And now my sonne, depart out of Nineue, because that those thinges which the Prophet Jonas spake, shall surely come to passe.

9 But keepe thou the Lawe, and the commandements, and shewe thy selfe mercifull and iust, that it may goe well with thee.

10 And burie mee honestly, and thy mother with mee: but tary no longer at Nineue. Remember, my sonne, howe Aman handled Achiacharus that brought him vp, howe out of light hee brought him into darkenesse, and how hee rewarded him againe: yet Achiacharus was saued, but the other had his reward: for he went downe into darkenesse. Manasses gaue almes, and escaped the snare of death, which they had set for him, but Aman fell into the snare and perished.

11 Wherefore now, my sonne, consider what almes doeth, and how righteousnesse doeth deliuer. When he had sayd these things, ‖ hee gaue vp the ghost in the bed, being an hundreth and eight and fiftie yeere olde, and he buried him honourably.

‖ Or, his soule failed him in the bed.

12 And when Anna was dead, hee buried her with his father: but Tobias went with his wife and children to Ecbatane to Raguel:

guel his father in law.

13 Whereof he became olde with honour, and he buried his father and mother in law honorably, and he inherited their substance and Tobits his father.

14 And he died at Ecbatane in Media, being an hundreth and seuen and twentie yeere old.

15 But before he died, he heard of the destruction of Nineue, which was taken by Nabuchodonosor and Asuerus, and before his death he reioyced for Nineue.

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CHAP. I.

1 The building of Ecbatane. 5 Nabuchodonosor made warre against Arphaxad, and ouercame him. 12 He threatneth them that would not helpe him.

IN the twelfth yeere of the reigne of Nabuchodonosor, who reigned in Nineue the great citie (in the dayes of Arpharad, which reigned ouer the Medes in Ecbatane,

2 And built in Ecbatane the walles round about of hewen stone, three cubits broad, and six cubits long, and made the height of the wall seuenty cubits, and the breadth thereof fiftie cubits,

3 And made the towres thereof in the gates of it an hundreth cubits, and the breadth thereof in the foundation thereof threescore cubits,

4 And made the gates thereof euen gates that were lifted vp on high, seuentie cubits, & the breadth of them fourtie cubits, for the going forth of his mighty armies, and for the setting in array of his footmen)

5 Euen in those dayes, king Nabuchodonosor made warre with King Arpharad in the great fielde, which is the fielde in the coasts of Ragau.

6 Then came vnto him all they that dwelt in the mountaines, and all that dwelt by Euphrates, and Tygris, and Hydaspes, and the countrie of Arioch the King of the Elymeans, and very many nations assembled themselues to the battell of the sonnes of Chelod.

7 And Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians sent vnto all that dwelt in Persia, and to all that dwelt in the West, and to those that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damascus, and Libanus, and Antilibanus, and to all that dwelt vpon the sea coast,

8 And to the people that are in Carmel, and Galaad, and the higher Galile, & the great field of Esdrelam,

9 And to all that were in Samaria, and the cities thereof, and beyond Jorden vnto Jerusalem, and Betane, and Chelus, and Cades, and the riuer of Egypt, and Taphnes, and Rameses, and all the land of Gesem,

10 Until one come to Tanis, and Memphis, and to all the inhabitants of Egypt, and till one come to the mountaines of Ethiopia.

11 But all the inhabitants of this country did not passe for the commaundement of Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians, neither would they come with him to the battell: for they did not feare him: yea, he was before them as one man: therefore they sent away his ambassadours from them without effect, and with dishonour.

12 Therefore Nabuchodonosor was very angry with all this country, & sware by his throne and kingdome, that he would surely be auenged vpon all those coasts of Cilicia and Damascus, and Syria, & that he would slay with the sworde all the inhabitants of the land of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and all Judea, and all that were in Egypt, til you come to the borders of the two seas.

13 Then he marched in battell aray with his power against King Arpharad in the seuentieth yeere, and he preuailed in his battell: for he ouerthrew all the power of Arpharad, and all his horsemen, and all his chariots.

14 And he wanne his cities, and came vnto Ecbatane, and tooke the towres, and spoyled the streetes thereof, and turned the beautie thereof into shame.

15 He tooke also Arpharad in the mountaines of Ragau, and smote him thorow with his darts, and destroyed him vtterly that day.

16 So he returned afterward to Nineue, both he, and all his company with a very great multitude of men of warre, and there he passed the time, and banqueted, both he and his armie, an hundreth and twentie dayes.

CHAP. II.

5 Nabuchodonosor commaunded presumptuously that all people should bee brought into subiection, 6 and to distroy those that disobeyed him. 15 The preparation of Olofernes armie. 23 The conquest of his enemies.

AND in the eighteenth yeere, the two & twentieth day of the first moneth, there was talke in the house of Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians, that he should auenge himselfe on all the earth, as he had spoken.

2 So he called vnto him all his Officers and all his Nobles, and communicated with them his secret counsell, and set before them with his owne mouth all the malice of the earth.

3 Then they decreed to destroy all flesh, that had not obeyed the commandement of his mouth.

4 And when he had ended his counsell, Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians called Olofernes his chiefe captaine, and which was next to him, and said vnto him,

5 Thus sayeth the great King, the lorde of the whole earth, Behold, thou shalt goe forth from my presence, and take with thee men that trust in their owne strength, of footmen, an hundreth and twentie thousand, and the number of horses with their riders, twelue thousand,

6 And thou shalt goe against all the West countrey, because they disobeyed my commaundement.

7 And thou shalt declare vnto them, that they prepare for me the land and the water: for I will go forth in my wrath against them, and will couer the whole face of the earth with the feete of mine armie, and I will giue them as a spoyle vnto them,

8 So that their wounded shall fill their valleyes, and their riuers, and the flood shall ouerflow, being filled with their dead.

9 And I will bring their captiuitie to the vtmost parts of all the earth.

10 Thou therefore shalt depart hence, and take vp for me all their countrie: and if they yeelde vnto thee, thou shalt reserue them for me vntill the day that I rebuke them.

11 But concerning them that rebell, let not thine eye spare them, but put them to death, and spoile them wheresoeuer thou goest.

12 For as I liue, and the power of my kingdome, whatsoeuer I haue spoken, that will I do by mine hand.

13 And take thou heede that thou transgresse not any of the commaundements of thy lord, but accomplish them fully, as I haue commaunded thee, and deferre not to doe them.

14 ¶ Then Olofernes went forth from the presence of his lord, and called all the gouernors, and captaines, and officers of the army of Assur,

15 And hee mustered the chosen men for the battell, as his lord had commanded him, vnto an hundred and twenty thousand, and twelue thousand archers on horseback.

16 And hee let them in aray according to the maner of setting a great army in aray.

17 And hee tooke camels and asses for their burdens, a very great number, and sheepe, and oxen, and goates without number for their prouision,

18 And vitaile for euery man of the army, and very much golde and siluer out of the Kings house.

19 Then hee went forth and all his power, to goe before to the voyage of king Nabuchodonosor, and to couer all the face of the earth Westward, with their charrets and horsemen, and chosen footmen.

20 A great multitude also of sundrie sorts came with them like grashoppers, and like the grauel of the earth: for the multitude was without number.

21 And they went forth of Ninriue three dayes iourney toward the countrey of Bectileth, and pitched from Bectileth neere the mountaine which is on the left hand of the vpper Cilicia.

22 Then hee tooke all his army, his footmen and horsemen, and charets, and went from thence into the mountaines,

23 And he destroyed Phud & Lud, and spoyled all the children of Rasis, and the children of Ismael, which were toward the wildernesse at the South of the Chelians.

24 Then he went ouer Euphrates, and went thorow Mesopotamia, and destroyed all the high cities that were vpon the riuer of Arbonai, vntill one come to the sea.

25 And hee tooke the borders of Cilicia, and destroyed all that resisted him, and came to the borders of Japheth, which were toward the South, and ouer against Arabia.

26 He compassed also all the children of Madian, and burnt vp their tabernacles, and spoyled their lodges.

27 Then he went downe into the countrey of Damascus, in the time of wheate harueste, and burnt vp all their fields, & destroyed their flockes and the heards: he robbed their cities, and spoiled their countrey, and slue all their young men with the edge of the sword.

28 Therefore feare and trembling fell vpon the inhabitants of the Sea coast, which were in Sidon and Tyrus, and them that dwelt in Sur and Ocina, and all that dwelt at Jemnaan: and they that dwelt in Azotus and Ascalon feared him greatly.

CHAP. III.

The people submitte to Olofernes. 8 How destroyed their gods, that Nabuchodonosor might onely be worshipped.

6 Octo. 1 Peso morne

SO they sent ambassadours to him with meslages of peace, saying,

2 Behold, wee are the seruants of Nabuchodonosor the great King: vse vs as shall be good in thy sight.

3 Behold, our houses and all our places, and all our fields of wheate, and our flockes and our heards, and all our lodges and tabernacles lie before thy face: vse them as it pleaseth thee.

4 Beholde, euen our cities and the inhabitants thereof are thy seruants: come, and take them, as seemeth good to thee.

5 ¶ So the men came to Olofernes, and declared vnto them after this maner.

6 Then came he downe toward the sea coast, both he and his army, and set garisons in the hie cities, and tooke out of them chosen men for the warre.

7 So they and all the country round about receiued them with crowned, and dances, and with timbrels.

8 Yet he brake downe all their borders, and cut downe their woods: for it was inioyned him to destroy all the gods of the lande, that all nations should worship Nabuchodonosor onely, and that all tongues and tribes should call vpon him as God.

9 Also he came against Esdraelon, neere vnto Judea, ouer against the great strait of Judea,

10 And hee pitched betweene Geba, and a citie of the Scythians, and there hee taried a moneth, that hee might assemble all the baggage of his armie.

CHAP. IIII.

The Israelites were afraid and destroyed their country. 6 Ioacim the Priest writeth to Bethulia, that they should fortifie themselues. 9 They cryed to the Lord, and humbled themselues before him.

6 Octo. 1 Peso ouer

NOwe the children of Israel that dwelt in Judea, heard all that Olofernes the chiefe captaine of Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians had done to the nations, and how he had spoyled all their temples, and brought them to nought,

2 Therefore they feared greatly his presence, and were troubled for Jerusalem, and for the Temple of the Lord their God.

3 For they were newly returned from the captiuitie, and of late all the people was assembled

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assembled in Iudea, and the vessels and the altar & the house had been sanctified after of the pollution.

4 Therefore they sent into all the coastes of Samaria, and the villages, and to Bethoron, and Belmen, and Iericho, and to Choba, and Elera, and to the valley of Salem,

5 And took all the tops of the hie mountaines, and walled the villages that were in them, and put in victuales for the prouision of warre: for their fields were of late reaped.

6 Also Ioacim the hie Priest which was in those dayes in Ierusalem, wrote to them that dwelt in Bethulia and Betomesthaim, which is ouer against Esdraelon, toward the open country neere to Dothaim,

7 Choosing them to keepe the passages of the mountaines: for by them there was an entry into Iudea, and it was easie to let them that would come vp, because the passage was straite for two men at the most.

8 And the children of Israel did as Ioacim the high Priest had commanded them with the ancients of all the people of Israel which dwelt at Ierusalem.

9 Then cryed euery man of Israel to God with great feruency, and their soules with great affection,

10 Both they and their wiues, and their children, and their cattell, and euery stranger, and hireling, and their bought seruants put sackecloth vpon their loynes.

11 Thus euery man and woman, and the children and the inhabitants of Ierusalem fell before the Temple, and sprinkled ashes vpon their heads, and spred out their sackecloth before the face of the Lord: also they put sackecloth about the altar,

12 And cryed vnto the God of Israel, all with one consent most earnestly, that hee would not giue their children for a pray, and their wiues for a spoyle, and the cities of their inheritance to destruction, and the sanctuary to pollution and reproch, and vnto derision vnto the heathen.

13 So God heard their prayers, and looked vpon their affliction: for the people fasted many dayes in all Iudea and Ierusalem before the Sanctuary of the Lord Almighty.

14 And Ioacim the high Priest, and all the Priestes that stood before the Lord, and ministred vnto the Lord, had their loynes girt with sackecloth, & offered the continuall burnt offring, with prayers, and the free gifts of the people,

15 And had ashes on their mitres, and cryed vnto the Lorde with all their power for grace, and that hee would looke vpon all the house of Israel.

CHAP. V.

Achior the Ammonite doth declare to Olofernes of the nature of the Israelites.

Then was it declared to Olofernes the chiefe captaine of the armie of Assur, that the children of Israel had prepared for warre, and had shut the passages of the mountaines, and had walled all the tops of the hie hils, and had layde impediments in the champion country.

2 Wherewith he was very angry, and called all the Princes of Moab, and the captaines of Ammon, and all the gouernours of the sea coast,

3 And hee sayd vnto them, Shew me, I pray you, of Chanaan, Who is this people that dwelleth in the mountaines? and what are the cities that they inhabite? and what is the multitude of their armie? and wherein is their strength and their power? and what King or captaine is ruyled among them ouer their armie?

4 And why haue they determined not to come to meete me, more then all the inhabitants of the West?

5 Then sayd Achior the captaine of all the sonnes of Ammon, Let my lord heare the worde of the mouth of his seruant, and I will declare vnto thee the truth concerning this people, that dwell in these mountaines, neere where thou remaynest: and there shall no lie come out of the mouth of thy seruant. *Chap. 11. 7, 8*

6 This people come out of the stocke of the Caldeans.

7 And they dwelt before in Mesopotamia, because they would not followe the gods of their fathers, which were in the land of Chaldea. *Gen. 11. 28.*

8 But they went out of the way of their ancesters, and worshipped the God of heauen, the God whom they knewe: so they cast them out from the face of their gods, and they fled into Mesopotamia, and soiourned there many dayes.

9 Then their God commanded them to depart from the place where they soiourned, and to go into the land of Chanaan, where they dwelt, and were increased with golde and siluer, and with very much cattell. *Gen. 12. 1.*

10 But when a famine couered all the land of Chanaan, they went downe into Egypt, and dwelt there till they returned, and became there a great multitude, so that one could not number their linage.

11 Therefore the King of Egypt rose vp against them, and vsed deceit against them, and brought them low with labouring in bricke, and made them slaues. *Exod. 1. 8.*

12 Then they cryed vnto their God, and hee smote all the lande of Egypt with incurable plagues: so the Egyptians cast them out of their sight. *Exod. 12 31, 33.*

13 And God dryed the redde sea in their presence, *Exod. 14. 21.*

14 And brought them into mount Sina and Cades Barnea, and cast forth all that dwelt in the wildernes.

15 So they dwelt in the land of the Amorites, and they destroyed by their strength all them of Esebon, and passing ouer Iordan, they inherited all the mountaines.

16 And they cast forth before them the Chananites, and the Pherezites, and the Iebusites, and them of Sichem, and all the Gergesites, and they dwelt in that country many dayes. *Iosh. 12. 8.*

17 And whiles they sinned not before their God, they prospered, because the God that hateth iniquity was with them.

18 But when they departed from the way which hee appointed them, they were destroyed in many battels after a wonderfull sort, and were ledde captiues into a lande that was not theirs: and the Temple of *Iudg. 2. 12. and 3. 8. 2. King 25. 1, 11.*

their God was cast to the ground, and their citie were taken by the enemies.

Exod.1.1,3. 19 But now they are turned to their God, and are come up from the scattering wherein they were scattered, and haue possessed Hierusalem, where their Temple is, and dwell in the mountaines which were desolate.

20 Now therefore, my Lord and gouernour, if there be any fault in this people, so that they haue sinned against their God, let vs consider that this shall be their ruine, and let vs go vp, and we shall ouercome them.

21 But if there be none iniquitie in this people, let my lord passe by, least their Lord defend them, and their God be for them, and we become a reproch before all the world.

22 ¶ And when Achior had finished these sayings, all the people, standing round about the tent, murmured: and the chiefe men of Holofernes, & all that dwelt by the sea side, and in Moab, spake that he should kill him.

23 For, say they, wee feare not to meete the children of Israel: for loe, it is a people that haue no strength nor power against a mightie armie.

24 Let vs therefore go vp, O lord Holofernes, and they shalbe meat for thy whole armie.

CHAP. VI.

Holofernes blasphemeth God whom Achior confessed. 14 *Achior is deliuered into the hands of them of Bethulia.* 18 *The Bethulians cry vnto the Lord.*

AND when the tumult of the men that were about the counsell was ceassed, Holofernes the chiefe captaine of the armie of Assur, sayd vnto Achior before all the people of the strangers, and before all the children of Moab, and of them that were hired of Ephraim,

2 Because thou hast prophesied among vs to day, and hast sayd that the people of Ierusalem is able to fight, *because their God will defend them: and who is god but Nabuchodonosor?

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3 He will send his power, and will destroy them from the face of the earth, and their God shall not deliuer them: but we his seruants will destroy them as one man: for they are not able to sustaine the power of our horses.

4 For we will treade them vnder feet with them, and their mountaines shall bee dronken with their blood, and their fieldes shall be filled with their dead bodies, and their footesteps shall not be able to stand before vs: but they shall vtterly perish.

5 The king Nabuchodonosor lord of all the earth hath said, euen he hath said, None of my words shalbe in vaine.

6 And thou Achior an hireling of Ammon, because thou hast spoken these words, in the day of thine iniquitie, thou shalt see my face no more from this day, vntill I take vengeance of that people that is come out of Egypt.

7 And then shall the sword of mine armie, and the multitude of the that serue me passe through thy sides, and thou shalt fall among their slaine, when I shall put them to flight.

8 And my seruants shall carry thee into the mountaines, and they shall leaue thee at one of the hie cities: but thou shalt not perish, till thou be destroyed with them.

9 And if thou perswade thy selfe in thy minde, that they shall not be taken, let not thy countenance fall: I haue spoken it, and none of my words shall be in vaine.

10 Then commaunded Holofernes them concerning Achior, that they should bring him to Bethulia, and deliuer him into the hands of the children of Israel.

11 So his seruants tooke him, and brought him out of the campe into the plaine: and they went out from the midst of the plaine into the mountaines, and came vnto the fountaines that were vnder Bethulia.

12 And when the men of the citie sawe them from the top of the mountaine, they tooke their armour, and went forth of the citie vnto the top of the mountaine, euen all the throwers with slings, and kept them from comming vp, by casting stones against them.

13 But they went priuily vnder the hill, and bound Achior, and left him lying at the foote of the hill, and returned to their lord.

14 Then the Israelites came down from their citie, and stood about him, and loosed him and brought him into Bethulia, and presented him to the gouernours of their city.

15 Which were in those dayes Ozias the sonne of Micha, of the tribe of Simeon, and Chabris the sonne of Gothoniel, and Charmis the sonne of Melchiel.

16 And they called together all the ancients of the city, and all their youth ran together, & their women to the assembly: and they set Achior in the middes of all their people. Then Ozias asked him of that which was done.

17 And he answered and declared vnto them the words of the counsell of Holofernes, and all the words that he had spoken in the middes of the princes of Assur, and whatsoeuer Holofernes had spoken proudly against the house of Israel.

18 Then the people fell downe, and worshipped God, and cryed vnto God, saying,

19 O Lord God of heauen, behold their pride, and haue mercie on the lowlinesse of our people, and behold this day the face of those that are sanctified vnto thee.

20 Then they comforted Achior, and praysed him greatly.

21 And Ozias tooke him out of the assembly into his house, and made a feast to the Elders, & they called on the God of Israel all that night for helpe.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Holofernes doth besiege Bethulia.* 8 *The counsell of the Idumeans and other against the Israelites.* 25 *The Bethulians murmure against their gouernours for lacke of water.*

THE next day Holofernes commaunded all his armie and all his people, which were come to take his part, that they should remoue their camps against Bethulia, and that they should take all the streits of the hill, and to make warre against the children of Israel.

2 Then their strong men remoued their camps in that day, and the armie of the men of warre was an hundreth thousande and seuenty footemen, and thirtie thousand horsemen, beside the baggage and other men that were

were slaine among them, a very great multitude.

3 And they returned to the plaine pertaining to Bethulia, by the fountaine, and they passed on broad towards Dothaim vnto Belbaim, and to length vnto Bethulia vnto Clamon, which lieth ouer against Ebraelcolon.

4 Now the children of Israel, when they saw the multitude, were greatly troubled, and said euerymore to his neighbour, Now will these but do all the whole earth: for neither the hie mountaines, nor the valleys, nor the hilles are able to abide their burden.

5 Then euery one tooke his weapons of warre, and burning fires in their towers, they remained and watched all that night.

6 But in the second day Holofernes brought forth all his horsemen in the sight of the children of Israel, which were in Bethulia,

7 And viewed their passages vp to the citie, and came to the fountaines of their waters, and tooke them and set garrisons of men of warre ouer them, and removed toward his people.

8 Then came vnto him all the rulers of the children of Esau, and all the gouernours of the people of Moab, and all the captaines of the sea coast, and said,

9 Let our captaine now heare a worde, lest an inconuenience come in his armie.

10 For this people of the children of Israel doe not trust in their speares, but in the height of the mountaines, wherein they dwell, because it is not easie to come vp to the tops of their mountaines.

11 Now therefore my lord, fight not against them in battell aray, and there shall not so much as one man of thy people perish.

12 Remaine in thy campe, and keepe all the men of thine armie, and let thy men keepe well the water of the fountaine, that commeth forth at the foote of the mountaine.

13 For all the inhabitants of Bethulia haue their water therof: so shall thirst kill them, and they shall giue vp their citie: and we and our people will goe vp to the toppes of the mountaines that are nere, and will campe vpon them, and watch that none goe out of the citie.

14 So they and their wiues, and their children shall bee consumed with famine, and before the warde come against them, they shall bee ouerthrowen in the streetes where they dwell.

15 Thus shalt thou render them an euill reward, because they rebelled and obeyed not thy person peaceably.

16 And their words pleased Holofernes and all his souldiers, and he appointed to doe as they had spoken.

17 So the campe of the children of Ammon departed, and with them fiue thousand of the Assyrians, and they pitched in the valley, and tooke the waters, and the fountaines of the waters of the children of Israel.

18 Then the children of Esau went vp with the children of Ammon, and camped in the mountaines ouer against Dothaim, and they sent some of themselues towarde the South, and towarde the East, ouer against Ekrel, which is nere vnto Chelmis, vpon the riuer Mochmur: and the rest of the armie of the Assyrians camped in the plaine, and couered the face of the earth: and their tents and their carriages were pitched in a very great multitude.

19 Then the children of Israel cried vnto the Lord their God, because their hearts fainted: for all their enemies had compassed them about, and there was no way to escape out from among them.

20 Thus all the company of Assur remained about them, both their footemen, charets and horsemen, three and thirtie dayes: so that euen all the vessels of their seuerall waters failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia.

21 And the cisternes were emptie, and they had not water enough to drinke for one day: for they gaue them to drinke by measure.

22 Therefore their children swooned, and their wiues and young men fainted for thirst, and fell downe in the streetes of the citie, and by the passages of the gates, and there was no strength in them.

23 Then all the people assembled to Ozias, and to the rulers of the citie, both young men and women, and children, and cryed with a loude voyce, and said before all the Elders,

24 The Lorde bee iudge betweene vs and you: for you haue done vs great iniurie, in that ye haue not required peace of the children of Assur. Exod. 5 16.

25 For now wee haue no helper: but God hath solde vs into their hands, that we should be throwen downe before them with thirst & great destruction.

26 Now therefore call them together, and deliuer the whole citie for a spoyle vnto the people of Holofernes, and to all his armie.

27 For it is better for vs to be made a spoyle vnto them, then to die for thirst: for we will be his seruants, that wee may liue, and not see the death of our infants before our eyes, nor our wiues, nor our children to die.

28 We take to witnesse against you, the heauen and the earth, and our God and Lord of our fathers, which punisheth vs according to our sinnes, and the sinnes of our fathers, that he lay not these things to our charge.

29 Then there was a great crie of all with one consent in the middes of the assembly, and they cryed vnto the Lorde God with a loude voyce.

30 Then said Ozias to them, Brethren, be of good courage, let vs waite yet fiue dayes, in the which space the Lorde our God may turne his mercie towarde vs: for he will not forsake vs in the end.

31 And if these dayes passe, and there come not helpe vnto vs, I will doe according to your word.

32 So he separated the people, euery one vnto their charge, and they went vnto the walles and towres of their citie, and sent their wiues and their children into their houses, and they were very low brought in the citie.

CHAP. VIII.

The parentage, life and conuersation of Iudeth. 11 *She rebuketh the faintnesse of the gouernours.* 12 *She sheweth that they should not tempt God, but wait vpon him for succor.* 33 *Her enterprise against the enemies.*

Now

NOw at that time Iudeth heard thereof, which was the daughter of Merari, the sonne of Dox, the sonne of Oziel, the sonne of Ioseph, the sonne of Oziel, the sonne of Helcias, the sonne of Eliab, the sonne of Nathanias, the sonne of Salathiel, the sonne of Israel.

2 And Manasses was her husband, of her stocke and kinred, who died in the barley haruest.

3 For as he was ouerseeing them that bound sheaues in the field, the heate came vpon his head, and he fell vpon his bed, and died in the citie of Bethulia, and they buried him with his fathers in the field betweene Dothaim and Balamo.

4 So Iudeth was in her owne house a widow three yeeres and foure moneths.

5 And shee made her a tent vpon her house, and put on sackcloth on her loynes, and wore her widowes apparell.

6 And she fasted all the dayes of her widowhood, saue the day before the Sabbath, and the Sabbath, and the day before the newe moones, and to the feasts and solemne dayes of the house of Israel.

7 Shee was also of a goodly countenance, and very beautifull to behold: and her husband Manasses had left her golde and siluer, and men seruants, and maydē seruants, and cattell, and possessions where she remained.

8 And there was none that could bring an euill report of her, for she feared God greatly.

9 Now when she heard the euill wordes of the people against the gouernour, because they fainted for lacke of waters (for Iudeth had heard all the wordes that Ozias had spoken vnto them, and that he had *sworne vnto them to deliuer the citie vnto the Assyrians within fiue dayes.)

*Chap.7.26, 31.

10 Then she sent her maide that had the gouernment of all things that she had, to call Ozias and Chabris and Charmis the ancients of the citie.

11 And they came vnto her, and she sayd vnto them, Heare me, O yee gouernours of the inhabitants of Bethulia: for your words that yee haue spoken before the people this day, are not right, touching this othe which yee made and pronounced betweene God and you, and haue promised to deliuer the citie to the enemies, vnlesse within these dayes the Lord turne to helpe you.

12 And now who are you that haue tempted God this day, and set your selues in the place of God among the children of men?

13 So now yee seeke the Lord Almighty, but you shall neuer know any thing.

14 For you cannot find out the depth of the heart of man, neither can ye perceiue the things that he thinketh: how then can you search out God, that hath made all these things, and know his minde, or comprehend his purpose? Nay my brethren, prouoke not the Lorde our God to anger.

15 For if hee will not helpe vs within these fiue dayes, he hath power to defend vs when he will, euen euery day, or to destroy vs before our enemies.

16 Doe not you therefore binde the counsels of the Lord our God: for God is not as man that he should be threatned, neither as the sonne of man that he should be wonne.

17 Therefore let vs looke for the saluation of Israel, and call vpon him to helpe vs, and he will heare our voyce if it please him.

18 For there arose not in our age, neither is there any now in these dayes, either tribe or family, or tong, or citie among vs, which worship the gods made with hands, as hath been done of old time.

19 For *the which cause our fathers were giuen ouer to the sword, and for a spoyle, and had a great fall before our enemies.

*Iudg.2.11. and 4.1. and 6.1.

20 But we know none other God: therefore we trust that he will not disdaine vs, nor any of our linage.

21 Neither if we be taken, shall Iuda be destroyed, and we shall become a mocke: but that same captiuitie shall be layd for a stay vnto our house, and lose all the glory that we haue had of men, and of our seruice.

22 And the Lord our God shall require the captiuitie of the seruitude, and the destruction of our inheritance will he lay vpon our bodies among the Gentiles, where we shall be in bondage, and wee shall be an offence and a reproch to all them that possesse vs.

23 For our seruitude shall not be directed by fauour: but the Lord our God shall turne it to the glory.

24 Now therefore, O brethren, let vs shew an example to our brethren, because their hearts depend vpon vs, and the Sanctuary, and the House, and the Altar rest vpon vs.

25 Moreouer, let vs giue thankes to the Lord our God, which tryeth vs euen as he did our fathers.

26 Remember what things he did to *Abraham, and how he tryed Isaac, and all that hee did to *Iacob in Mesopotamia of Syria, when he kept the sheepe of Laban his mothers brother.

*Gene.22.1. *Gene.28.7.

27 For he hath not tryed vs as he did them to the examination of their hearts, neither doth he take vengeance on vs, but the Lorde punisheth for admonition them that come neere to him.

28 ¶ Then sayd Ozias to her, All that thou hast spoken, hast thou spoken with a good heart, and there is none that is able to reprooue thy words.

29 For it is not to day that thy wisedome is knowen, but from the beginning of thy life all the people haue knowen thy wisedome, for the deuice of thine heart is good.

30 But the people were very thirstie, & compelled vs to doe vnto them as we haue spoken, and haue brought vs to an othe, which wee may not transgresse.

31 Therefore now pray for vs, because thou art an holy woman, that the Lord may send vs raine to fill our cisternes, and that we may faint no more.

32 Then sayde Iudeth vnto them, Heare me, and I will doe a thing which shall be declared in all generations, to the children of our nation.

33 You shall stand this night in the gate, and I will goe forth with mine handmayde: and within the dayes that yee haue promised to

to perform that which he purposed, that God might bring it to pass in their days, and that it might be spoken by them that were then alive of their own nation, and very desirous that the oracles of God should be fulfilled among them, according to their manners.

24 Wherefore consider, O brethren, that the examples of our fathers are therefore sent unto us for a great instruction of life, that we may learn to submit ourselves unto the will of God, and not to give place unto the wicked affections of our carnal minds.

25 For we find that this hath been a place of destruction unto many, but of amendment unto others.

26 For it is not to be thought that the Lord our God doth punish us when he suffereth his kindred to fall into adversity, as a revenger; but as a chastener he doth scourge those that are near unto him.

27 Now this is not a sudden admonition unto us, but it is manifest that it is a beginning of great evils.

28 For he speaketh his word unto us quickly, that we may not be found to be wicked, and that afterward we should not have hope to be delivered.

29 For he saith, and his word is among us, saying, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God doth not forgive his people their sins.

30 For he hath sworn unto them, that he will bring them out of their own land, and that he will not forgive them for ever.

31 For he saith, Send me twenty men, and nine hundred, and seven hundred, and five hundred, and three hundred, and two hundred, and one hundred, and ten, and I will not destroy it for the ten's sake.

32 Then Esdras answered, and said, I believe, Lord, that thou wilt not destroy us for the sake of the ten, because we are not ten.

33 Then he said, Behold, I am sure that thou wilt not destroy us for the sake of the ten, because we are not ten.

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CHAP. IX.

1 Judeth humbleth her self before the Lord, and maketh her prayers for the deliverance of her people. 7 Against the pride of the Assyrians. 12 God is the help of the humble.

THen Judeth fell upon her face, and put ashes upon her head, & put off the sackcloth wherewith she was clothed. And about the time that the incense of that evening was offered in Jerusalem in the house of the Lord, Judeth cried with a loud voice, and said,

Gen. 34. 7, 25. 2 O Lord God of my father * Simeon, to whom thou gavest a sword to take vengeance of the strangers, which opened the womb of the maide, and defiled her, and discovered the thigh with shame, and polluted the womb to reproach (for thou hadst commanded that it should not so be,

3 Yet they did things by the which thou gavest their princes to the slaughter, for they were deceived and washed their bed with blood) and hast stricken the servants with the governours, and the governours upon their thrones,

4 And hast given their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their spoyles for a booty to the children that thou lovedst: which were moved with thy zeale, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, and called upon thee for ayde, O God, O my God, hear me also a widow.

5 For thou hast wrought the things afore, and these, and the things that shall be after, and thou considerest the things that are present, and the things that are to come.

6 For the things which thou doest purpose, are present, and say, Behold, we are here: for all thy ways are ready, and thy judgments are foreknowen.

7 Behold, the Assyrians are multiplied by their power: they have exalted themselves with horses and horsemen: they glorie in the strength of their footmen, they trust in shield, speare, and bowe, and sling, and doe not know that thou art the Lord that breakest the battels: the Lord is thy Name.

8 Breake thou their strength by thy power, & breake their force by thy wrath: for they have purposed to defile thy Sanctuary, and to pollute the Tabernacle where thy glorious Name resteth, & to cast downe with weapons the hornes of the Altar.

9 Behold their pride, & send thy wrath upon their heads: give into mine hand which am a widow, the strength that I have conceived.

Judg. 4. 21. & 5. 26. Judg. 7. 22. 2. Chron. 14. 11. & 16. 8. and 20. 6. 10 * Smite by the deceit of my lips the servant with the prince, and the prince with the servant: abate their height by the hand of a woman.

11 * For thy power standeth not in the multitude, nor thy might in strong men: but thou art God of the afflicted, an helper of the humble, a succourer of the weake, a protector of the forlorne, a saviour of the hopeless.

12 Surely, surely thou art the God of my father and the God of the inheritance of Israel, the Lord of heaven and earth, the Creator of the waters, the King of all creatures: hear thou my prayer.

13 And grant me words and craft, and a wound, and a stroke against them that intercepte cruell things against thy Covenant, and against thine holy house, and against the toppe of Sion, and against the house of the possession of thy children.

14 Shew thy selfe evidently among all thy people, and all the tribes, that they may know and see that thou art the God of all power and strength, and that there is none other that defendeth the people of Israel, but thou.

CHAP. X.

1 Judeth decketh her self, and goeth forth of the citie. 11 She is taken of the watch of the Assyrians, and brought to Olofernes.

NOw after she had ceased to crie unto the God of Israel, and had made an ende of all these words,

2 She rose where she had fallen downe, and called her maide, and went downe into the house in the which she abode in the Sabbath dayes, and in the feast dayes.

3 And putting away the sackcloth wherewith she was clad, and putting off the garments of her widowhood, she washed her body with water, and anointed it with much ointment, and dressed the haire of her head, and put attire upon it, and put on her garments of gladnesse, wherewith she was clad, during the life of Manasses her husband.

4 And she put shoes on her feete, and put on bracelets, & fillets, and rings, and earerings, and all her ornaments, and she decked her self brauely, to allure the eyes of all men that should see her.

5 Then she gave her maid a bottle of wine, and a pot of oyle, and filled a scrip with flowre, and with dry figgs, and with fine bread, so she lapped up all her vessell together, & layd them upon her.

6 Thus they went forth to the gate of the citie of Bethulia, and found standing there Ozias, and the Ancients of the citie, Chabris and Charmis.

7 And when they saw her, that her face was changed, & that her garment was changed, they marvelled greatly at her wonderfull beautie, and said unto her,

8 The God, the God of our fathers give thee favour, and accomplish thine enterprises to the glory of the children of Israel, and to the exaltation of Jerusalem. Then they worshipped God.

9 And she said unto them, Command the gates of the citie to be opened unto mee, that I may goe forth to accomplish the things which you have spoken to mee. So they commanded the young men to open unto her, as she had spoken,

10 And

Then I will bring you through in the middle of my land, until I come unto the city: and it shall be, when I have told them, that they will do as thou hast said, to forsake me and my people, and I will deliver them unto thee.

11 Thus they went straight forth in the valley, and the first watch of the Assyrians met her.

12 And took her, and asked her, Of what people art thou? and whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am a woman of the Hebrews, and am fled from them: for they shall be given you to be consumed.

13 And I come before Holofernes the chief captaine of your armie, to declare him true things, and I will shew before him the way wherein he shall go and winne all the mountaines without losing the body of life of any of his men.

14 Now when the men heard her words, and beheld her countenance, they wondred greatly at her beauty, and said unto her,

15 Thou hast saued thy life, in that thou hast hasted to come downe to the presence of our lord: now therefore come to his tent, and some of us shall conduct thee vntill they haue deliuered thee into his hands.

16 And when thou standest before him, be not afraid in thine heart, but shew unto him according as thou hast to say, and he will entreat thee well.

17 Then they chose out of them an hundreth men, and appointed a charet for her and her mayde, and brought her to the tent of Holofernes.

18 Then there was running to and fro throughout the campe: for her comming was hasted among the tents: and they came and stoode round about her: for she stood without the tent of Holofernes, vntill they had declared unto him concerning her.

19 And they marueiled at her beautie, & wondred at the children of Israel, because of her: and euery one said unto his neighbour, Who would despise this people, that haue among them such women? surely it is not good that one man of them bee left: for if they should remaine, they might deceiue the whole earth.

20 Then Holofernes gard went out, and all his seruants, and they brought her into the tent.

21 Now Holofernes rested upon his bed under a canopie, which was wouen with purple and golde and smeraudes, and precious stones.

22 So they shewed him of her, and he came foorth into the entry of his tent, and they caried lamps of siluer before him.

23 And when Judeth was come before him and his seruants, they all marueiled at the beautie of her countenance, and she fell downe upon her face, and did reuerence unto him, and his seruants tooke her up.

CHAP. XI.

1 Holofernes commeth Judeth, 3 and asketh the cause of her comming. 5 She declareth him by her fayre words.

THen said Holofernes unto her, Woman, bee of good comfort: feare not in thine heart: for I neuer hurt any man that is willing to serue Nabuchodonosor the king of all the earth.

2 Also thy people that dwelleth in the mountaines, had not spoiled me, I would not haue lifted up my speare against them: but they haue procured these things to themselues.

3 But now tell me wherefore thou art fled from them, for thou camest to them as to safegard: be of good comfort, thou shalt liue from this night and hereafter.

4 For none shall hurt thee, but intreate thee well, as they doe the seruants of King Nabuchodonosor my lord.

5 Then Judeth said unto him, Receiue the words of thy seruant, and suffer thine handmaid to speake in thy presence, and I will declare no lie to my lord this night.

6 And if thou wilt follow the words of thine handmaid, God will bring the thing perfectly to passe by thee, and my lord shall not faile of his purpose.

7 As Nabuchodonosor King of all the earth liueth, and as the power is of force, who hath sent thee for direction all persons, not only men, but the beasts of the fields, and the cattell, and the birds of the heauen shall liue by thy power under Nabuchodonosor and all his house.

8 For we haue heard of thy wisdome and of thy patient spirit, and it is declared through the whole earth, that thou only art excellent in all the kingdome, and of a perfect full knowledge, and in feates of warre marueilous.

9 * Now as concerning the matter which Achior did speake in thy counsell, we haue heard his words: for the men of Bethulia did take him, and hee declared unto them all that he had spoken unto thee. *Chap. 5.5.*

10 Therefore, O lorde and gouernour, reiect not his word, but lay it in thine heart, for it is true: for there is no punishment against our people, neither can the sworde preuaile against them, except they sinne against their God.

11 Now therefore lest my lorde should be frustrate, and voide of his purpose, and that death may fall upon them, and that they may be taken in their sinne whiles they prouoke their God to anger, which is so oft times as they do that which is not determined.

12 (For because their victuales faile, and all their water is wasted, they haue determined to take their cattell, and haue purposed to consume all things that God had forbidden them to eate by his Lawes:

13 Yea, they haue purposed to consume the first fruites of the wheate, and the tithes of the wine, and of the oyle which they had reserued and sanctified for the Priests that serue in Jerusalem before the face of our God: the which things it is not lawfull for any of the people to touch with their hands.

14 Moreouer, they haue sent to Jerusalem, because they also that dwell there, haue done the like, such as should bring them licence from the Senate)

15 Now when they shall bring them worde, they will doe it, and they shall bee giuen thee to

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be destroyed the same day.

16 Wherefore I thine handmayde, knowing all this, am fled from their presence, and God hath sent me to worke a thing with thee, whereof all the earth shall wonder, and whosoeuer shall heare it.

17 For thy seruant feareth God, and worshippeth the God of heauen day and night, and now let me remaine with thee, my lorde, and let thy seruant goe out in the night into the valley, and I will pray vnto God, that he may reuelle vnto me when they shall commit their sinnes,

18 And I will come and shewe it vnto thee: then thou shalt goe forth with all thine armie, and there shall be none of them that shall resist thee.

19 And I will leade thee through the middes of Iudea, vntill thou come before Ierusalem, and I will set thy throne in the midst thereof, and thou shalt driue them as sheepe that haue no shepheard, and a dogge shall not barke with his mouth against thee: for these things haue been spoken vnto me, and declared vnto me according to my foreknowledge, and I am sent to shew thee.

20 ¶ Then her wordes pleased Holofernes, and all his seruants, and they marueiled at her wisedome, and sayd,

21 There is not such a woman in all the world, both for beautie of face, and wisedome of wordes.

22 Likewise Holofernes sayde vnto her, God hath done this, to sende thee before the people, that strength might bee in our hands, & destruction vpon them that despise my lord.

Or, hath done well.

23 And nowe thou art both beautifull in thy countenance, and wittie in thy wordes: surely if thou doe as thou hast spoken, thy God shall be my God, and thou shalt dwell in the house of Nabuchodonosor, and shalt bee renowned throughout the whole earth.

CHAP. XII.

2 Iudeth would not pollute her self with the meate of the Gentiles. 5 She maketh her request that she might goe out by night to pray. 11 Holofernes consenteth to come to the banquet.

THen hee commaunded to bring her in where his treasures were layde, and bade that they should prepare for her of his owne meates, and that she should drinke of his owne wine.

Gen. 43. 32. Exo. 1. 8. Dan. 1, 12.

2 But Iudeth sayde, I may not eate of them, least there should bee an offence, but I can suffice my selfe with the things that I haue brought.

3 Then Holofernes sayde vnto her, If the things that thou hast, should faile, how should wee giue thee the like? for there is none with vs of thy nation.

4 Then sayd Iudeth vnto him, As thy soule liueth, my lord, thine handmaide shall not spend those things that I haue, before the Lorde worke by mine handes the thinges that he hath determined.

5 Then the seruants of Holofernes brought her into the tent, and shee slept vntill midnight, and arose at the morning watch,

6 And sent to Holofernes, saying, Let my lord command that thy handmayd may go forth vnto prayer.

7 Then Holofernes commaunded his garde that they should not stay her: thus she abode in the campe three dayes, and went out into the night into the valley of Bethulia, and washed her selfe in a fountaine, euen in the water by the campe.

8 And when she came out, she prayed vnto the Lorde God of Israel, that her would direct her way to the exaltation of the children of her people.

9 So she returned, and remained pure in the tent, vntill she ate her meat at euening.

10 ¶ And in the fourth day Holofernes made a feast to his owne seruants onely, and called none of them to the banquet, that had the affaires in hand.

11 Then said he to Bagoas the eunuch who had charge ouer all that hee had, Goe and perswade this Hebrew woman, which is with thee, that she come vnto vs and eate and drinke with vs.

12 For it were a shame for vs, if we should let such a woman alone, and not talke with her, and if we do not allure her, she will mocke vs.

13 Then went Bagoas from the presence of Holofernes, and came to her, and said, Let not this faire maid make difficulty to goe in to my lord, and to be honoured in his presence, and to drinke wine with vs ioyfully, and to be intreated as one of the daughters of the children of Assur, which remaine in the house of Nabuchodonosor.

14 Then sayd Iudeth vnto him, Who am I now, that I should gainesay my lord? Surely whatsoeuer pleaseth him, I will do speedily, and it shall be my ioy vnto the day of my death.

15 So she arose and trimmed her with garments, and with all the ornaments of women, and her maid went, and spread forth her skinnes on the ground ouer against Holofernes, which she had receiued of Bagoas for her dayly vse, that she might sit and eate vpon them.

16 Nowe when Iudeth came and sate downe, Holofernes heart was rauished with her, and his spirit was moued, and hee desired greatly her company: for hee had waited for the time to deceiue her from the day that he had seene her.

17 Then saide Holofernes vnto her, Drinke now and be merry with vs.

18 So Iudeth said, I drinke now, my lord, because my state is exalted this day more then euer it was since I was borne.

19 Then she tooke, and ate, and dranke before him the things, that her maid had prepared.

20 And Holofernes reioyced because of her, and dranke much more wine then he had dranke at any time in one day since he was borne.

CHAP. XIII.

2 Iudeth prayeth for strength. 8 She smiteth off Holofernes necke. 10 Shee returneth to Bethulia and reioyceth her people.

NOwe when the euening was come, his seruants made haste to depart, and Bagoas shut his tent without, and dismissed those that were present, from the presence of his lord, and they went to their beds: for they were all weary because the feast had bene long.

2 And

Holofernes Head Eccles. 38. 20, 25.

2 And Judeth was left alone in the tent, and Holofernes was stretched along vpon his bed: for he was filled with * wine.

3 ¶ Nowe Judeth had commaunded her mayd to stand without her chamber, and to wait for her comming forth as thee did daylye: for she said, she would go forth to her prayers, and she spake to Bagoas according to the same purpose.

4 So all went forth in her presence, and none was left in the chamber neither litle nor great: then Judeth standing by his bed, sayde in her heart, O Lord God of all power, behold at this present the works of mine hands for the exaltation of Jerusalem.

5 For now is the time to helpe thine inheritance, and to execute mine enterprises, to the destruction of the enemies which are risen against vs.

6 Then she came to the poll of the bed, which was at Holofernes head, and tooke downe his cauchin from thence,

7 And approched to the bed, and tooke hold of the haire of his head, and sayd, Strengthen me, O Lord God of Israel this day.

8 And smote twise vpon his necke with all her might, and thee tooke away his head from him,

9 And rolled his body downe from the bed, and pulled downe the canopie from the pillars, and anon after she went forth, and gaue Holofernes head to her mayd,

10 And thee put it in her scrippe of meate: so they twaine went together according to their custome vnto prayer, and passing through the rents, went about by that valley, and went vp the mountaine of Bethulia, and came to the gates thereof.

11 ¶ Then sayde Judeth afarre off to the watchmen at the gates, Open now the gate: God, euen our God is with vs to shew his power yet in Jerusalem, and his force against his enemies, as he hath euen done this day.

12 Nowe when the men of her citie heard her voyce, they made haste to goe downe to the gate of their citie, and they called the Elders of the city.

13 And they ranne all together both small and great: for it was aboue their expectation, that she should come. So they opened the gate and receiued her, and made a fire for a light, and stood round about them twaine.

14 Then she said to them with a lond voyce, Praysle God, praysle God: for God hath not taken away his mercy from the house of Israel, but hath destroyed our enemies by mine hands this night.

15 So her tooke the head out of the scrippe, and shewed it, and sayd vnto them, Beholde the head of Holofernes, the chiefe captaine of the army of Assur, and beholde the canopie, wherein he did lie in his drunkennesse, and the Lord hath smitten him by the hande of a woman.

16 As the Lord liueth, who hath kept me in my way that I went, my countenance hath deceiued him to his destruction, and hee hath not committed sinne with mee by any pollution or villenie.

17 Then all the people were wonderfully astonished, and bowed themselues, and worshipped God, and sayd with one accord, Blessed be thou, O our God, which hast this day brought to nought the enemies of thy people.

18 Then sayd Ozias vnto her, O daughter, blessed art thou of the most high God aboue all the women of the earth, and blessed be the Lord God, which hath created the heauens and the earth, which hath directed thee to the cutting off of the head of the chiefe of our enemies.

19 Surely this thine hope shall neuer depart out of the hearts of men: for they shall remember the power of God for euer.

20 And God turne these things to thee for a perpetuall prayse, and visite thee with good things, because thou hast not spared thy life, because of the affliction of our nation, but thou hast holpen our ruine, walking a straight way before our God. And all the people sayd, So be it, so be it.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Judeth counsaileth to hang vp the head of Holofernes. 10 Achior ioyneth himselfe to the people of God. 11 The Israelites goe out against the Assyrians.

Then sayd Judeth vnto them, Heare me alls my brethren, and * take this head, and hang it vpon the highest place of your walles. 2. Mac. 15, 35.

2 And so soone as the morning shall appeare, and the Sunne shall come forth vpon the earth, take you euery one his weapons, and goe forth euery valiant man out of the citie, and set you a captaine ouer them, as though you would goe downe into the fielde, towarde the watch of the Assyrians, but goe not downe.

3 Then they shall take their armour, and shall goe into their campe, and raise vp the captaines of the armie of Assur, and they shall runne to the tent of Holofernes, but shall not finde him: then feare shall fall vpon them, and they shall flee before your face.

4 So you and all that inhabite the coasts of Israel shall pursue them, and ouerthrow them as they goe.

5 But before you doe these things, call me Achior the Ammonite, that he may see, and know him that despised the house of Israel, and that sent him to vs as to death.

6 Then they called Achior out of the house of Ozias, and when he was come and saw the head of Holofernes in a certaine mans hand in the assembly of the people, hee fell downe on his face, and his spirit failed.

7 But when they had taken him vp, he fell at Judeths feete, and reuerenced her, and sayd, Blessed art thou in all the Tabernacle of Juda, and in all nations, which hearing thy name, shalbe astonished.

8 Now therefore tell mee all the things, that thou hast done in these dayes. Then Judeth declared vnto him in the midst of the people, all that she had done from the day that shee went forth, vntill that houre shee spake vnto them.

9 And when she had left off speaking, the people reioyced with a great voyce, and made a noyse of gladnesse through their citie.

10 And Achior, seeing all things that God had done for Israel, beleeued in God vnfainedly,

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neddy, and ouercame the lustfulnes of his flesh, and was layed vnto the bands of Israel vnto this day.

11 ¶ Whome as the morning arose, they hanged the head of Holofernes out at the wall, and euery man tooke his weapons, and they went forth by bandes vnto the straits of the mountaine.

12 Nat when the Assyrians sawe them, they sent to their captaines, which went to the gouernours and chiefe captaines, and to all their rulers.

13 So they came to Holofernes tent, and sayd to him that had the charge of all his things, Waken our Lord: for the slaues haue bene bolde to come downe against vs to battell, that they may be destroyed for euer.

14 Then went in Bagoas, and knocked at the doore of the tent: for he thought that he had slept with Judeth.

15 But because none answered, he opened it, and went into the chamber, and found him cast vpon the floore, & his head was taken from him.

16 Therefore he cried with a loud voice, with weeping and mourning, and a mighty crie, and rent his garments.

17 After, he went into the tent of Judeth where she vsed to remaine, and found her not: then he leaped out to the people, and cried,

18 These slaues haue committed wickednes: one woman of the Hebrews hath brought shame vpon the house of King Nabuchodonosor: for behalme, Holofernes lieth vpon the ground without an head.

19 When the captaines of the Assyrians armie heard these words, they rent their coates, and their heart was wonderfully troubled, and there was a crie and a very great noise throughout the campe.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Assyrians are afraid and flee. The Israelites pursue them. 8 Ioacim the hie Priest commeth to Bethulia to see Iudeth and to prayse God for her.

AND when they that were in the tents, heard, they were astonished at the thing that was done.

2 And feare & trembling fell vpon them, so that there was no man that durst abide in the sight of his neighbour: but altogether amazed, they fled by euery way of the plaine and of the mountaines.

3 They also that had camped in the mountaines round about Bethulia, were put to flight: then the children of Israel, euery one that was a warriour among them, rushed out vpon them.

4 Then sent Ozias to Bethomasthem, and to Bebai, and Chobai, and Chola, and to all the coasts of Israel, such as should declare vnto them the things that were done, and that all should rush forth vpon their enemies to destroy them.

5 Nowe when the children of Israel heard it, they all fell vpon them together vnto Choba: likewise also they that came from Jerusalem, and from all the mountaines: for men had told them what things were done in the campe of their enemies, and they that were in Galaad, and in the Galilee, chased them with a great slaughter, vntill they came to Damascus, and to the coastes thereof.

6 And the residue that dwelt at Bethulia, fell vpon the campe of Assur, and spoiled them, and were greatly enriched.

7 And the children of Israel that returned from the slaughter, had the rest: and the villages and the cities that were in the mountaines and in the plaine, had a great bootie, for the abundance was very great.

8 Then Joacim the hie Priest, and the ancients of the children of Israel that dwelt in Jerusalem, came to consider the benefits that God had shewed to Israel, and to see Judeth, and to salute her.

9 And when they came vnto her, they blessed her with one accord, and said vnto her, Thou art the exaltation of Jerusalem: thou art the great glory of Israel: thou art the great reioycing of our nation.

10 Thou hast done all these things by thine hand: thou hast done much good to Israel, and God is pleased therewith: blessed be thou of the almighty Lord for euermore: and all the people said, So be it.

11 And the people spoiled the campe the space of thirtie dayes, and they gaue vnto Judeth Holofernes tent, and all his siluer, and beds, and basins, and all his stuffe, and shee tooke it, and laid it on her mules, and made ready her charets, and laid them thereon.

12 Then all the women of Israel came together to see her, and blessed her, and made a dance among them for her. and she tooke branches in her hand, and gaue also to the women that were with her.

13 They also crowned her with olives, and her that was with her, and she went before the people in the dance, leading all the women: and all the men of Israel followed in their armour, with crownes, and with songs in their mouthes.

CHAP. XVI.

Iudeth praiseth God with a song. 19 She offereth to the Lord Holofernes stuffe. 23 Her continencie, life and death. 25 All Israel lamenteth her.

THen Judeth began this confession in al Israel, and al the people sang this song with aloud voyce.

2 And Judeth said, Beginne vnto my God with tymbrels: sing to my Lord with cymbals: tune vnto him a Psalme: exalt his praise, and call vpon his Name.

3 For God breaketh the battels, and pitched his campe in the midst of his people, and deliuered me out of the hand of the persecuters.

4 Assur came from the mountaines southy of the North: hee came with thousands in his armie, * whose multitude hath stopt vp the riuers, and their horsemen haue couered the valleys. *Chap. 2. 22. 15.*

5 He said that he would burne vp my borders, and kill my yong men with the sword, and dash the sucking children against the ground, and make mine infants as a pray, and my virgins a spoile.

6 But the almightie Lord hath brought them to nought by the hand of a woman.

7 For the mightie did not fall by the young men, neither did the sonnes of Titan smite him, nor the high Giants inuade him, but Judeth

which the daughters of Hebrew did: discomfit him by the beauty of her comely hair.

8 For she put off the garment of her widowhood, for the exaltation of those that were oppressed in Israel, and anointed her face with ointment, and bound up her haire in a crose, and tooke a linnen garment to detaine him.

9 Her slippers ravished his eyes: her beauty tooke his mind prisoner, and the sworde passed thorow his necke.

10 The Persians were astonished at her boldnes, and the Medes were troubled with her hardinesse,

11 But mine afflicted reioyced, and my feeble ones shouted: then they feared, they lifted up their voice, and turned backe.

12 The children of maydes pearced them, and wounded them as they fled away like children: they perished by the battell of the Lord.

13 I will sing vnto the Lord a song and prayse, O Lord, thou art great and glorious, marueilous and inuincible in power.

14 Let all thy creatures serue thee: for thou hast spoken, and they were made: thou hast sent thy spirit, and he made them vp: and there is none that can resist thy voice. *Gen. 1.24. Psal. 33.9.*

15 For the mountaines leape vp from their foundations with the waters: the rocks melt at thy presence like waxe: yet thou art mercifull to them that feare thee.

16 For all sacrifice is too little for a sweet sauour, and all the fat is too little for thy burnt offering: but he that feareth the Lord, is great at all times.

17 Woe to the nations that rise vp against my kinred: the Lord Almighty will take vengeance of them in the day of iudgement, in sending fire and wormes vpon their flesh, and they shall feele them and weepe for euer.

18 After when they went vnto Ierusalem, they worshipped the Lord, and assoone as the people were purified, they offered their burnt offerings, and their free offerings, and their gifts.

19 Iudeth also offered all the stuffe of Holofernes, which the people had giuen her, and gaue the canopie which her had taken off his bed, for an oblation to the Lord.

20 So the people reioyced in Ierusalem by the Sanctuarie for the space of three moneths, and Iudeth remained with them.

21 After this time, euery one returned to his owne inheritance, and Iudeth went to Bethulia, and remained in her owne possession, and was for her time honourable in all the countrey.

22 And many desired her, but none had her company all the dayes of her life, after that Manasses her husband was dead, and was gathered to ‖his people. ‖*Or, her people.*

23 But ſher increased more and more in honour, and waxed olde in her husbands house, being an hundreth and fiue yeere olde, and made her mayd free: so she died in Bethulia, and they buried her in the graue of her husband Manasses. ſ*Or, she.*

24 And *the house of Israel lamented her seuen dayes, and before she died, she did distribute her goods to all them that were nerest of kinred to Manasses her husband, & to them that were the nerest of her kinred. *Gen. 50.10.*

25 And there was none that made the children of Israel any more afrayd in the dayes of Iudeth, nor a long time after her death.

Esther.

Certaine portions of the storie of Esther, which are found in some Greeke and Latine translations: which follow the tenth Chapter.

THen Mardochens said, God hath done these things.

5 For I remember a dreame, which I saw concerning these matters, and there was nothing thereof omitted.

6 A little fountaine which became a flood, & was a light, and as the sunne, and as much water, this flood was Esther whom the King married, and made Queene.

7 And the two Dragons are I and Aman.

8 And the people are they that are assembled to destroy the name of the Iewes.

9 And my people is Israel, which cried to God, and are saued: for the Lord hath saued his people, and the Lord hath deliuered vs from all these euils, and God hath wrought signes and great wonders, which haue not ben done among the Gentiles.

10 Therefore hath he made two lots, one for the people of God, & another for all the Gentiles.

11 And these two lots came before God for all nations, at the houre and time appointed, and in the day of iudgement.

12 So God remembred his owne people, and iustified his inheritance.

13 Therefore those dayes shalbe vnto them in the moneth Adar the foureteenth and fifteenth day of the same moneth, with an assembly and ioy, and with gladnesse before God, according to the generations for euer among his people.

CHAP. XI.

IN the fourth yeere of the reigne of Ptolemeus and Cleopatra Dositheus, who said he was a Priest & Leuite, and Ptolomeus his sonne that brought the former letters of Phurai, which the saide Lysimachus the sonne of Ptolomeus, which was at Ierusalem, interpreted, [*Or, lots.*

2 In the second yeere of the reigne of great Artarerres, in the first day of the moneth Nisan, Mardocheus the sonne of Iarus, the sonne of Semei, the sonne of Cis of the tribe of Beniamin had a dreame:

3 A Iew dwelling in the citie of Susis, a noble man, that bare office in the kings court.

4 He was also one of the captiuitie which Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon brought from

from Jerusalem with Iechonias.

5 And this was his dreame, Beholde, a noyse of a tempest with thunders & earthquakes, and vprore in the land.

6 Beholde two great Dragons came forth ready to fight one against another.

7 Their crie was great, wherevpon all the heathen were ready to fight against the righteous people.

8 And the same day was full of darkenesse and obscuritie, and trouble, and anguish: yea, adversitie, and great affliction was vpon the earth.

9 For then the righteous fearing their afflictions, were amazed, and being ready to die, cried vnto God.

10 And while they were crying, the little wel grew into a great riuer, and flowed ouer with great waters.

11 The light & the sunne rose vp, and the lowly were exalted, and deuoured the glorious.

12 Now when Mardocheus had seene this dreame, hee awoke and rose vp, and thought in his heart vntill the night, what God would doe, and so he desired to know all the matter.

CHAP. XII.

AT the same time dwelt Mardocheus in the Kings Court with Bagathas and Thara, the Kings eunuches and keepers of the palace.

Esther 2.21. and 6.3. 2 * But when he heard their purpole, & their imaginations, hee perceiued that they went about to lay their hands vpon ye king Artaxerxes, and so he certified the king thereof.

3 Then caused the King to examine the two eunuches with torments, and when they had confessed it, they were put to death.

4 This the King caused to be put in the Chronicles. Mardocheus also wrote the same thing.

5 So the king commanded that Mardocheus should remaine in the Court, and for the aduertisement he gaue him a reward.

6 But Aman the sonne of Amadathus the Agagite, which was in great honour and reputation with the King, went about to hurt Mardocheus and his people, because of the two eunuches of the king that were put to death.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The copie of the letters of Artaxerxes against the Iewes.* 8 *The prayer of Mardocheus.*

Ioseph antiq. lib.11. cap.6 THe copie of the Letters was this, The great king Artazeres writeth these thinges to the princes & gouernours that are vnder him from India vnto Ethiopia in an hundreth and seuen and twentie prouinces.

2 When I was made lorde ouer many people, and had subdued the whole earth vnto my dominion, I would not exalt my selfe by the reason of my power, but purposed with equitie alway, and gentlenesse, to gouerne my subiects, and wholy to set them in a peaceable life, and thereby to bring my kingdome vnto tranquillitie, that men might safely goe thorow on euery side, and to renew peace againe, which all men desire.

3 Now when I asked my counsellers howe these things might be brought to passe, one that was conuersant with vs of excellent wisedome, and constant in good will, and shewed himselfe to be of sure fidelitie, which had the second place in the kingdome, euen Aman,

4 Declared vnto vs, that in all nations there was scattered abroade a rebellious people, that had lawes contrary to all people, and haue alway despised the commaundements of Kings, and so that this general Empire, that we haue begunne, cannot bee gouerned without offence.

5 Seeing nowe wee perceiue that this people alone are altogether contrary vnto euery man, vsing strange and other maner of lawes, and hauing an euill opinion of our doinges, and goe about to stablish wicked matters, that our kingdome should not come to good estate,

6 Therefore haue wee commaunded that all they that are appointed in writing vnto you by Aman (which is ordeined ouer the affaires, and is as our second father) shall all with their wiues and children bee destroyed and rooted out with the swoorde of their enemies without all mercie, and that none bee spared the fourteenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar of this yeere,

7 That they which of old, and now also haue euer beene rebellious, may in one day with violence be thrust downe into the hell, to the intent that after this time our affaires may be without troubles and well gouerned in all points.

8 Then Mardocheus thought vpon all the workes of the Lord, and made his prayer vnto him,

9 Saying, O Lord, Lord, the king almightie (for all things are in thy power) and if thou hast appointed to saue Israel, there is no man that can withstand thee.

10 For thou hast made heauen and earth, and all the wondrous things vnder the heauen.

11 Thou art Lord of all things, and there is no man that can resist thee, which art the Lord.

12 Thou knowest all things, and thou knowest, Lorde, that it was neither of malice, nor presumption, nor for any desire of glory, that I did this, and not bowe downe to proud Aman.

13 For I would haue beene content with good will for the saluation of Israel to haue kissed the sole of his feete.

14 But I did it, because I would not prefer the honour of a man aboue the glory of God, and would not worship any but onely thee, my Lord, and this haue I not done of pride.

15 And therefore, O Lorde God and King, haue mercie vpon thy people: for they imagine howe they may bring vs to nought, yea, they would destroy the inheritance, that hath beene thine from the beginning.

16 Despise not the portion which thou hast deliuered out of Egypt for thine owne selfe.

17 Heare my prayer, and bee mercifull vnto thy portion: turne our sorowe into ioy, that wee may liue, O Lorde, and praise thy Name: shut not the mouthes of them that praise thee.

18 All Israel in like maner cryed most earnestly vnto the Lord, because that death was before their eyes.

CHAP. XIIII.

The prayer of Esther for the deliuerance of her, and her people.

QUeen Esther also, being in danger of death, resorted vnto the Lord,

2 And layd away her glorious apparell, and put on the garments of sighing, and mourning. In the stead of precious ointment, shee scattered ashes and dung vpon her head: and she humbled her body greatly with fasting, and all the places of her ioy filled shee with the haire that she plucked off.

3 And shee prayed vnto the Lord God of Israel, saying, O my Lord, thou onely art our king: helpe me desolate woman, which haue no helper but thee.

4 For my danger is at hand.

5 From my youth vp I haue heard in the kinred of my father, that thou, O Lord, tookest Israel from among all people, and our fathers from their predecessours for a perpetuall inheritance, and thou hast performed that which thou didst promise them.

6 Nowe Lorde, wee haue sinned before thee: therefore hast thou giuen vs into the handes of our enemies,

7 Because wee worshipped their gods: O Lord, thou art righteous.

8 Neuertheless, it satisfied them not, that wee are in bitter captiuitie: but they haue stroken hands with their idoles,

9 That they will abolish the thing that thou with thy mouth hast ordeined, and destroy thine inheritance, to shut vp the mouth of them that praise thee, and to quench the glory of thy Temple, and of thine altar,

10 And to open the mouthes of the heathen, that they may praise the power of the idoles, and to magnifie a fleshly king for euer.

11 O Lorde, giue not thy scepter vnto them that be nothing, least they laugh vs to scorne in our misery: but turne their deuise vpon themselues, and make him an example, that hath begun the same against vs.

12 Thinke vpon vs, O Lorde, and shew thy selfe vnto vs in the time of our distresse, and strengthen me, O king of gods, and Lorde of all power.

13 Giue mee an eloquent speech in my mouth before the Lion: turne his heart to hate our enemie, to destroy him, and all such as consent vnto him.

14 But deliuer vs with thine hand, and helpe me that am solitary, which haue no defence but onely thee.

15 Thou knowest all things, O Lorde: thou knowest, that I hate the glory of the vnrighteous, and that I abhorre the bed of the vncircumcised, and of all the heathen.

16 Thou knowest my necessitie: for I hate this token of my preeminence, which I beare vpon my head, what time as I muste shewe my selfe, and that I abhorre it as a menstruous cloth, and that I weare it not when I am alone by my selfe,

17 And that I thine handmaid haue not eaten at Amans table, and that I haue had no pleasure in the kings feast, nor dronke the wine of the drinke offerings,

18 And that I thine handmaide haue no ioy since the day that I was brought hither vntill this day, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.

19 O thou mighty God aboue all, heare the voyce of them that haue none other hope, and deliuer vs out of the hand of the wicked, and deliuer me out of my feare.

CHAP. XV.

1 Mardocheus moueth Esther to goe in to the king, and make intercession for her people, 9 And she performeth his request.

MArdocheus also bade Esther to goe in vnto the king, and pray for her people, and for her countrey.

2 Remember, sayth hee, the dayes of thy low estate, howe thou wast nourished vnder mine hand: for Aman which is next vnto the King, hath giuen sentence of death against vs.

3 Call thou therefore vpon the Lord, & speake for vs vnto the king, and deliuer vs from death.

4 And vpon the third day when shee had ended her prayer, she layd away the mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparell.

5 And decked her selfe goodly, after that shee had called vpon God, which is the beholder and Sauiour of all things, & tooke two handmaids with her.

6 Vpon the one shee leaned her selfe, as one that was tender.

7 And the other followed her, and bare the traine of her vesture.

8 The shine of her beautie made her face rose coloured: and her face was cheerefull & amiable, but her heart was sorowfull for great feare.

9 Then shee went in thorow all the doores, and stood before the king, and the king sate vpon his royall throne, & was clothed in his goodly array, all glistering with gold & precious stones, and he was very terrible.

10 Then hee lift vp his face that shone with maiestie, and looked fiercely vpon her: therefore the Queene fell downe, and was pale and faint, and leaned her selfe vpon the head of the maide that went with her.

11 Neuertheless, God turned the kings mind that he was gentle, who being carefull, leaped out of his throne, and tooke her in his armes, till she came to her selfe againe: and comforted her with louing wordes, and said,

12 Esther, what is the matter? I am thy brother, be of good cheere,

13 Thou shalt not die: for our commaundement toucheth the Commons, and not thee. Come neere,

14 And so he held vp his golden scepter, and layd it vpon her necke,

15 And kissed her, and said, Talke with me.

16 Then said she, I saw thee, O Lord, as an angell of God, and mine heart was troubled for feare of thy maiestie.

17 For wonderfull art thou, O lord, and thy face is full of grace.

18 And as shee was thus speaking vnto him, she fell downe againe for faintnesse.

19 Then the king was troubled, and all his seruants comforted her.

CHAP. XVI.

The copie of the letters of Artaxerxes, whereby he reuoketh those which he first sent forth.

Ioseph. Ant. li. 11. cap. 6.

THe great King Artaxerxes, which reigneth from India vnto Ethiopia, ouer an hundreth and seuen and twentie prouinces, sendeth vnto the princes and rulers that haue the charge of our affaires, Salutation.

2 There be many that through the goodnes of Princes and honour giuen vnto them, become very proud,

3 And endeuour not onely to hurt our subiects, but not content to liue in wealth, doe also imagine destruction against those that doe them good,

4 And take not only all thankefulnes away from men, but in pride and presumption, as they that bee vnmindfull of benefits, they thinke to escape the vengeance of God, that seeth all things, and is contrary to euill.

5 And oft times many, which bee set in office, and vnto whom their friendes causes are committed, by vaine intisements doe wrappe them in calamities, that cannot be remedied: for they make them partakers of innocent blood,

6 And deceitfully abuse the simplicitie and gentlenesse of Princes with lying tales.

7 This may bee proued not onely by olde histories, but also by those things that are before our eyes, to withstand them with gentlenesse.

10 For Aman, a Macedonian, the sonne of Amadathus, being indeede a stranger from the Persians blood, and farre from our goodnesse, was receiued of vs,

11 And hath proued the friendship that wee beare toward all nations, so that he was called our father, and was honoured of euery man, as the next person vnto the king.

12 But hee could not vse himselfe soberly in this great dignitie, but went about to depriue vs of the kingdome, and of our life.

13 With manifolde deceite also hath he desired to destroy Mardochem our preserver, which hath done vs good in all things, and innocent Esther the partaker of our kingdome, with all her nation.

14 For his minde was (when hee had taken them out of the way) to lay waite for vs, and by this meanes to translate the kingdome of the Persians vnto them of Macedonia.

15 But we find that the Iewes (which were accused of this most wicked man that they might bee destroyed) are no euill doers, but vse most iust lawes,

16 And that they be the children of the most High and Almightie and euerliuing God, by whom the kingdome hath bene preserued vnto vs, and our progenitours in very good order.

17 Wherefore yee shall doe well, if ye doe not put in execution those letters that Aman the son of Amadathus did write vnto you.

18 For hee that inuented them, hangeth at Susis before the gates with all his familie, and God (which hath all things in his power) hath speedily rewarded him after his deserning.

19 Therefore ye shall publish the copie of this letter in all places, that the Iewes may freely liue after their owne lawes.

20 And yee shall ayde them, that vpon the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar, they may bee auenged of them, which in the time of their trouble would haue oppressed them.

21 For Almighty God hath turned to ioy the day, wherein the chosen people should haue perished.

22 Moreouer, among other solemne dayes, ye shall keepe this day with all gladnesse,

23 That both now and in time to come, this day may be a remembrance of deliuerance for vs and all such as loue the prosperitie of the Persians, but a remembrance of destruction to those that be seditious vnto vs.

24 Therefore all cities and countreys that doe not this, shall horribly be destroyed with sword and fire, and shall not onely not bee inhabited of men, but bee abhorred also of the wilde beastes and foules for euer.

The Wisedome of Salomon.

CHAP. I.

1 *How we ought to search and enquire after God.* 2 *Who be those that find him.* 5 *The holy Ghost.* 8 11 *We ought to flee from backbiting and murmuring.* 12 *Whereof death commeth.* 15 *Righteousnesse and vnrighteousnesse.*

1 King. 3. 9. Isa. 56. 1.

LOue * righteousnesse, yee that be Iudges of the earth: thinke reuerently of the Lord, and seeke him in simplicitie of heart.

Deut. 4. 29. 2. Chron. 15. 4.

2 * For he will be found of them that tempt him not, & appeareth vnto such as be not vnfaithfull vnto him.

3 For wicked thoughts separate from God: and his power when it is tried, reproueth the vnwise.

4 Because wisedome cannot enter into a wicked heart, nor dwell in the bodie that is subiect vnto sinne.

5 For the holy * Spirit of discipline fleeth from deceite, and withdraweth himselfe from the thoughts that are without vnderstanding, and is rebuked when wickednesse commeth.

Ier. 4. 22. Holy Ghost. Gala. 5. 22.

6 For the spirit of wisedome * is louing, and will not absolue him that blasphemeth with his lips: for God is a witnesse of his reines, and a true beholder of his heart, and an hearer of the tongue.

7 For the spirit of the Lord filleth all the world: and the same that maineteineth al things, hath knowledge of the voyce.

8 Therefore hee that speaketh vnrighteous things, cannot be hid: neither shall the iudgement of reproch let him escape.

9 For inquisition shall bee made for the thoughts of the vngodly, and the sounde of his words shall come vnto God for the correction of his iniquities.

10 For the eare of Ielouſie heareth all things, and the noyſe of the grudgings ſhall not be hid.
11 Therefore beware of murmuring, which profiteth nothing, & refraine your tongue from ſlander: for there is no word ſo ſecret, that ſhall goe for nought, & the mouth that ſpeaketh lies, ſlayeth the ſoule.
12 Seeke not death in the errour of your life: Deut.4.23. * deſtroy not your ſelues through the workes of your owne hands.
Ezek.18.23. and 33.11. 13 * For God hath not made death, neither hath he pleaſure in the deſtruction of the liuing.
14 For he created all things, that they might haue their being: and the generations of the world are preſerued, and there is no poyſon of deſtruction in them, and the kingdome of hell is not vpon earth.
15 For righteouſnes is immortal, but vnrighteouſneſſe bringeth death.
16 And the vngodly call * it vnto them both with hands and words: and while they thinke to haue a friende of it, they come to nought: for they are confederate with it: therefore are they worthy to be partakers thereof. 2 To wit, death.

CHAP. II.

The imagination and deſires of the wicked, and their ouerfall againſt the ſtabſtaff.

FOr the vngodly ſay, as they falſely imagine with themſelues, * Our life is ſhort and tedious: and in the death of a man there is no recouerie, neither was any knowen that hath returned from the graue. Iob 7.1. and 14.1. mat.22.23. 1.cor.15.32.
2 For wee are borne at all aduenture, and we ſhall be hereafter, as though we had neuer beene: for the breath is a ſmoke in our noſtrils, and the words as a ſparke rayſed out of our heart,
3 Which being extinguiſhed, the body is turned into aſhes, and the ſpirite vaniſheth as the ſoft aire.
4 Our life ſhall paſſe away as the trace of a cloud, and come to nought as the miſt that is driuen away with the beames of the ſunne, and caſt downe with the heat thereof. Our name alſo ſhall be forgotten in time: and no man ſhall haue our workes in remembrance.
5 * For our time is as a ſhadow that paſſeth away, and after our end there is no returning: for it is faſt ſealed, ſo that no man commeth againe. 1 Chr.29.15 chap.5.9.
6 * Come therefore, and let vs inioy the pleaſures that are preſent, and let vs cheerefully vſe the creatures as in youth. Iſa.22.13. and 56.12. 1.cor.15.32
7 Let vs fill our ſelues with coſtly wine, and ointments, and let not the floure of life paſſe by vs.
8 Let vs crowne our ſelues with role buds afore they be withered.
9 Let vs all bee partakers of our wantonneſſe: let vs leaue ſoure token of our pleaſure in euery place: for that is our portion, and this is our lot.
10 Let vs oppreſſe the poore that is righteous: let vs not ſpare the widdow, nor reuerence the white haires of the aged, that haue liued many yeres.
11 Let our ſtrength be the lawe of vnrighteouſneſſe: for the thing that is feeble, is reproued as vnprofitable.
12 Therefore let vs beſtraine the righteous, for he is not for our profite, and he is contrary to our doings: he checketh vs for offending againſt the Lawe, and blameth vs as tranſgreſſours of diſcipline.
13 He maketh his boaſt to haue the knowledge of God: and hee calleth himſelfe the ſonne of the Lord.
14 He is made * to reproue our thoughts. Iohn 7.7. ephe 5 13.
15 It grieueth vs alſo to looke * vpon him: for his life is not like other mens: his wayes are of another faſhion. Iſa.53 3.
16 He counteth vs as baſtards, and he withdraweth himſelfe from our wayes as from filthineſſe: he commendeth greatly the latter end of the iuſt, and boaſteth that God is his father.
17 Let vs ſee then if his words be true: let vs proue what end he ſhall haue.
18 For if the righteous man be the * ſonne of God, he will helpe him, and deliuer him from the hands of his enemies. Pſal.22.8,9 matt.27.43.
19 Let vs * examine him with rebukes and torments, that we may know his meekenes, and proue his patience. Iere.11.19.
20 Let vs condemne him vnto a ſhamefull death: for he ſhalbe preſerued as he himſelfe ſaith
21 Such things doe they imagine, and goe aſtray: for their owne wickednelle hath blinded them.
22 And they doe not vnderſtand the myſteries of God, neither hope for the reward of righteouſneſſe, nor can diſcerne the honour of the ſoules that are faultleſſe.
23 For God created man without corruption, and made him after the * image of his owne likeneſſe. Gen.1.27. and 2.7. and 5.1. eccl.17.2,3. Gen.3.1,2.
24 * Nevertheleſſe, through enuie of the deuill came death into the world: and they that hold of his ſide, proue it.

CHAP. III.

1 *The conuerſation and aſſurance of the righteous.*
7 *The reward of the ſtabſtaff.* 11 *What are miſerable.*

BUt the * ſoules of the righteous are in the hande of God, and no torment ſhall touch them. Deut.33.3.
2 * In the ſight of the vnwiſe they appeared to die, and their ende was though grieuous, Chap.5.4.
3 And their departing from vs, deſtruction, but they are in peace.
4 And though they ſuffer paine before men, yet is * their hope full of immortalitie. Rom.8.24. 2 cor.5.1. 1.pet.1.13.
5 They are puniſhed but in few things, yet in many things ſhall they be wel rewarded: * For God prooueth them, and findeth them meete for himſelfe. Exod.16.4. deut.8.2.
6 Hee trieth them as the gold in the furnace, and receiueth them as a perfect fruit offering. Matt.13.43.
7 * And in the time of their viſion they ſhall ſhine, and runne thorowe as the ſparkes among the ſtubble.
8 They * ſhall iudge the nations, and haue dominion ouer the people, and their Lord ſhall reigne for euer. Mat.19.28. 1.cor.6.2.
9 They that truſt in him ſhall vnderſtand the truth, and the faithfull ſhall remaine with him in loue: for grace and mercy is among his Saints, and he regardeth his elect.
10 * But the vngodly ſhall bee puniſhed according to their imaginations: for they haue deſpiſed Mat.25.42.

despised the righteous and forsaken the Lord.

12 Who so despiseth wisedome and discipline, is miserable, and their hope is vaine, their labours are foolish, their works unprofitable.

13 Their wiues are vnwise, and their children wicked: their offering is cursed.

14 Therefore the barren is blessed which is vndefiled, and knoweth not the sinfull bed: * she shall haue fruit in the visitation of the soules.

15 And the Eunuch, which with his handes hath not wrought iniquity, nor imagined wicked things against God: for vnto him shall be giuen the speciall gift of faith, and an acceptable portion in the Temple of the Lord.

16 For glorious is the fruite of good labours, and the root of wisdome shall neuer fade away.

17 But the children of adulterers shall not be partakers of the holy things, and the seed of the wicked bed shalbe rooted out.

18 And though they liue long, yet shall they be nothing regarded, and their last age shall be without honour.

19 If they die hastily, they haue no hope, neither comfort in the day of triall.

20 For horrible is the end of the wicked generation.

CHAP. IIII.

Of vertue and the commodite thereof. 10 The death of the righteous and the condemnation of the vnfaithfull.

BEtter is barrennesse with vertue: for the memorial thereof is immortall: for it is known with God and with men.

2 When it is present, men take example thereat, and if it goe away, yet they desire it: it is alway crowned and triumpheth, and winneth the battell and the vndefiled rewards.

3 But the multitude of the vngodly which abound in children is vnprofitable: and the bastard plants shall take no deepe roote, or lay any fast foundation.

4 For though they bud foorth in the branches for a time, * yet they shall be shaken with the winde: for they stand not fast, and through the vehemencie of the wind they shalbe rooted out.

5 For the vnperfect branches shalbe broken, and their fruit shall be vnprofitable and sowre to eate, and meet for nothing.

6 For all the children that are borne of the wicked bed, shall be witnesse of the wickednesse against their parents when they be asked.

7 But though the righteous bee preuented with death, yet shall he be in rest.

8 For the honourable age is not that which is of long time, neither that which is measured by the number of yeeres.

9 But wisedome is the gray haire, and an vndefiled life is the old age.

10 * He pleased God and was beloued of him, so that whereas he liued among sinners, he translated him.

11 He was taken away, lest wickednesse should alter his vnderstanding, or deceit beguile his minde.

12 For wickednesse by bewitching obscureth the things that are good, and the vnstedfastnesse of concupiscence peruerteth the simple mind.

13 Though he was soone dead, yet fulfilled he much time.

14 For his soule pleased God: therefore hasted he to take him away from wickednesse.

15 Yet the people see and vnderstand it not, and consider no such things in their hearts, how that grace and mercy is vpon his saints, and his prouidence ouer the elect.

16 Thus the righteous that is dead, condemneth the vngodly which are liuing: and the youth that is soone brought to an ende, the long life of the vnrighteous.

17 For they see the end of the wise, but they vnderstand not what God hath deuised for him, and wherefore the Lord hath preserued him in safety.

18 They see him and despise him, but the Lord will laugh them to scorne,

19 So that they shall fall hereafter without honour, and shall haue a shame among the dead for euermore: for without any voice shall he burst them, and cast them downe, and shake them from the foundations, so that they shall be vtterly wasted, and they shalbe in sorow, and their memorial shall perish.

20 So they being afraid, shal remember their sinnes, and their owne wickednes shall come before them to conuince them.

CHAP. V.

1 The constantnesse of the righteous before their persecutours. 14 The hope of the vnfaithfull is vaine. 15 The blessednesse of the Saints and godly.

THen shall the righteous stand in great boldnesse before the face of such as haue tormented him, and taken away his labours.

2 When they see him, they shal be vexed with horrible feare, and shall be amazed for his wonderfull deliuerance,

3 And shall change their minds, and sigh for griefe of mind, and say within themselues, This is he whom we sometime had in derision, and in a parable of reproch.

4 * We fooles thought his life madnesse, and his end without honour.

5 How is he counted among the children of God, and his portion among the Saints!

6 Therefore we haue erred from the way of trueth, and the light of righteousnesse hath not shined vnto vs, and the sunne of vnderstanding rose not vpon vs.

7 We haue wearied our selues in the way of wickednesse and destruction, and we haue gone through dangerous wayes: but we haue not knowen the way of the Lord.

8 What hath pride profited vs: or what profit hath the pompe of riches brought vs?

9 All those things are * passed away like a shadow, and as a poste that passeth by:

10 As a shippe that passeth ouer the waues of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the path of it in the floods:

11 Or * as a bird that flyeth thorow in the ayre, & no man can see any token of her passage, but onely heare the noyse of her wings, beating the light winde, parting the ayre through the vehemencie of her going, and flieth on, shaking her wings, whereas afterward no token of her way can be found:

12 Or as when an arrow is shot at a marke, it parteth the ayre, which immediatly commeth together againe, so that a man cannot

know where it went thorow.

13 Euen so we, alloone as we were borne, we began to draw to our end, and haue shewed no token of vertue, but are consumed in our owne wickednesse.

14 For * the hope of the vngodly is like the dust that is blowen away with the winde, and like a thinne some that is scattered abroad with the storme, and as the smoake which is dispersed with the winde, and as the remembrance of him passeth, that tarrieth but for a day.

15 But the righteous shall liue for euer: their reward also is with the Lord, and the most high hath care of them.

16 Therefore shall they receiue a glorious kingdome, and a beautifull crowne of the Lords hand: for with his right hand shall he couer them, and with his arme shall he defend them.

17 He shall take his iealousie for armour, and shall arme the creatures to be reuenged of the enemies.

18 He shall put on righteousnesse for a breastplate, and take true iudgement in stead of an helmet.

19 He wil take holines for an inuincible shield.

20 Yea will sharpen his fierce wrath for a sword, and the world shal fight with him against the vnwise.

21 Then shall the thunderbolts go straight out of the lightnings, and shall flie to the marke as out of the bent bow of the cloudes, and out of his anger that throweth stones, shall thicke haile be cast, and the water of the sea shall be wroth against them, and the floods shall mightily ouerflow.

22 And a mighty wind shall stand vp against them, and like a storme shal scatter them abroad. Thus iniquitie shall bring all the earth to a wilderneſſe, and wickednesse shall ouerthrow the thrones of the mighty.

Iob 8.9 psal. 3.4 & 143. 4.pro 10.25. & 11 7.sam. 1.10,11.

CHAP. VI.

The calling of Kings, Princes, and Iudges, which are also exhorted to search wisedome.

HEare therefore, O yee kings, and vnderstand: learne ye that be Iudges of the ends of the earth.

2 Giue eare, ye that rule the multitudes, and glorie in the multitude of people.

3 For the rule * is giuen you of the Lord, and power by the most high, which will try your works, and search out your imaginations.

4 Because that ye being officers of his kingdome, haue not iudged aright, nor kept the Law, nor walked after the will of God,

5 Horribly and suddenly will he appeare vnto you: for an hard iudgement shall they haue that beare rule.

6 For her that is most low, is worthy mercy, but the mighty shall be mightily tormented.

7 For he that is Lord ouer all, will spare no * person, neither shall he feare any greatnesse: for he hath made the small and great, and careth for all alike,

8 But for the mighty abideth the surer triall.

9 Vnto you therefore, O tyrants, do I speake, that ye may learne wisedome, and not go amisse.

10 For they that keepe holinesse holily, shall be holy, and they that are learned therein, shall find a defence.

11 Therefore set your delight vpon my words and desire them, and ye shalbe instructed.

Rom. 13.2.

Deut. 10.17. 2.chro. 19.7. iob. 34.19. eccl 35.12, 16. acts 10. 34. rom. 2. 11 gal 2.6. eph. 6 9. colos. 3. 25. 1 pet. 1. 17.

12 Wisedom is cleare, and neuer fadeth away, and is easily seene of them that loue her, & found of such as seeke her.

13 She preuenteth them that desire her, that she may first shew her selfe vnto them.

14 Who so awaketh vnto her betimes, shall haue no great trauaile: for he shall finde her sitting at his doores.

15 To thinke vpon her then is perfite vnderstanding: and who so watcheth for her, shall be soone without care.

16 For she goeth about, seeking such as are meete for her, and sheweth her selfe cheerefully vnto them in the wayes, and meeteth them in euery thought.

17 For the most true desire of discipline is her beginning: and the care of discipline is loue:

18 And loue is the keeping of her lawes: and the keeping of the lawes is the assurance of immortalitie:

19 And immortalitie maketh vs neere vnto God.

20 Therefore the desire of wisedome leadeth to the kingdome.

21 If your delight be then in thrones & scepters, O kings of the people, honour wisedome, that ye may reigne for euer.

22 Now I wil tel you what wisedome is, and whence it commeth, and will not hide the mysteries from you, but will seeke her out from the beginning of her nativitie, and bring the knowledge of her into light, and will not kerpe backe the truth.

23 Neither will I haue to doe with consuming enuie: for such a man shall not be partaker of wisedome.

24 But the multitude of the wise is the preseruation of the world, and a wise King is the stay of the people.

25 Be therefore instructed by my words, and ye shall haue profit.

CHAP. VII.

Wisedome ought to be preferred aboue all things.

MY selfe am also mortall and a man like all other, and am come of him that was first made of the earth.

2 And in my mothers wombe was I fashioned to be flesh in ten moneths: I was * brought together into blood of the seed of man, and by the pleasure that commeth with sleepe.

Iob 10,10, 11.

3 And when I was borne, I receiued the common ayre, and fell vpon the earth, which is of like nature, crying and weeping at the first as all other doe.

4 I was nourished in swadling clothes, and with cares.

5 For there is no king that had any other beginning of birth.

6 All * men then haue one entrance vnto life, and alike going out.

Iob 1. 21. 1. sam. 6.7.

7 Wherefore I prayed, and vnderstanding was giuen me: I called, and the spirit of wisedome came vnto me.

8 I preferred her to scepters & thrones, and counted riches nothing in comparison of her.

9 * Neither am I compare precious stones vnto her: for all golde is but a little grauell in respect of her, and siluer shall be counted but

Iob 28.15.

but day before her.

10 I loued her aboue health and beauty, and purposed to take her for my light: for her light cannot be quenched.

1.King.3.13 mat.6.33. 11 All good things therefore came to me together with her, and innumerable riches thorow her hands.

12 So I was glad in all: for wisedome was the authour thereof, and I knew not that she was the mother of these things.

13 And I learned vnfainedly, and communicated without enuie, and I doe not hide her riches.

14 For she is an infinite treasure vnto men, which who so vse, become partakers of the loue of God, and are accepted for the gifts of knowledge.

15 God hath graunted me to speake according to my mind, and to iudge worthily of the things that are giuen me: for he is the leader vnto wisedome, and the directer of the wise.

16 For in his hande are both wee and our words, and all wisedome, and the knowledge of the workes.

17 For he hath giuen me the true knowledge of the things that are, so that I know how the world was made, and the powers of the elements,

18 The beginning and the end, and the mids of the times: how the times alter, & the change of the seasons,

19 The course of the yere, the situation of the starres,

20 The nature of liuing things, and the furiousnes of beasts, the power of the windes, and the imaginations of men, the diuersities of plants, and the vertues of roots.

21 And all things both secret and knowen do I know: for wisedome the worker of all things hath taught me it.

22 For in her is the spirite of vnderstanding, which is holy, the onely begotten, manifolde, subtil, moueable, cleare, vndefiled, euident, not hurtfull, louing the good, sharpe, which cannot be letted, doing good,

23 Courteous, stable, sure, without care, hauing all power, circumspect in all things, and passing through all intellectuall, pure, and subtill spirits.

24 For wisedome is nimbler then all nimble things: shee goeth thorow and atteineth to all things, because of her pureneſſe.

25 For she is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence that floweth from the glory of the Almightie: therefore can no defiled thing come vnto her.

Hebr.1.3. 26 For * shee is the brightnesse of the euerlasting light, the vndefiled mirrour of the Maiesty of God, and the image of his goodnesse.

27 And being one, she can doe all things, and remaining in her selfe, renueth all, and according to the ages she entreth into the holy soules, and maketh them the friends of God and Prophets.

28 For God loueth none, if he dwell not with wisedome.

29 For she is more beautifull then the Sunne, and is aboue all the order of the starres, and the light is not to be compared vnto her.

30 For night commeth vpon it, but wickednesse cannot ouercome wisedome.

CHAP. VIII.

The effects of Wisedome.

16 Peter 1 Labor 20 Euening

SHee also reacheth from one end to another mightily, and comely doeth shee order all things.

2 I haue loued her, and sought her from my youth: I desired to marry her, such loue had I vnto her beautie.

3 In that shee is conuersant with God, it commendeth her nobilitie: yea, the Lord of all things loueth her.

4 For shee is the Schoolemistresse of the knowledge of God, and the chooser out of his workes.

5 If riches bee a possession to bee desired in this life, what is richer then wisedome, that worketh all things?

6 For if prudence worketh, what is it among all things that worketh better then she?

7 If a man loue righteousnesse, her labours are vertuous: for shee teacheth sobernesse and prudencie, righteousnes, and strength, which are the most profitable things that men can haue in this life.

8 If a man desire great experience, shee can tell the things that are past, and discerne things to come: shee knoweth the subtilties of wordes & the solutions of darke sentences: she foreseeth the signes and wonders, or euer they come to passe, and the successe of seasons and times.

9 Therefore I purposed to take her vnto my company, knowing that shee would counsell mee good things, and comfort mee in cares and griefes.

10 For her sake shall I haue glory among the multitude, & honour among the Elders though I be yong.

11 I shall be found of sharpe iudgement, so that I shall be maruelous in the sight of great men.

12 When I holde my tongue, they shall abide my leasure: when I speake, they shall heare diligently, and if I talke much, they shall lay their hands vpon their mouth.

13 Moreouer, by her, I shall obteine immortalitie, and leaue an euerlasting memoriall among them that come after me.

14 I shall gouerne the people, and the nations shall be subdued vnto me.

15 Horrible tyrants shalbe afraide when they heare me: among the multitude I shall be counted good, and mightie in battell.

16 When I come home I shall rest with her: for her company hath no bitternesse, and her fellowship hath no tediousnesse, but mirth and ioy.

17 Nowe when I considered these things by my selfe, and pondered them in mine heart, how that to bee ioyned vnto wisedome is immortalitie,

18 And great pleasure is in her friendship, and that in the workes of her hands are infinite riches, and that in the exercise of talking with her is prudencie, and glory by communing with her, I went about, seeking how I might take her vnto me.

19 For I was a wittie childe, and was of a good spirit.

20 Yea, rather being good, I came to an vndefiled body.

21 Neuertheleſſe, when I perceiued that I

could not enioy her, except God gaue her (and that was a point of wisedome also, to know whose gift it was) I went vnto the Lorde, and besought him, and with my whole heart I said,

CHAP. IX.

A prayer of Solomon to obtaine wisedome.

O God of Fathers, and Lord of mercie, which hast made all things with thy word,

2 And ordained man through thy wisedome, that he should haue dominion ouer the creatures which thou hast made,

3 And gouerne the world according to equitie and righteousnesse, and execute iudgement with an vpright heart:

4 Giue me that wisedome, which sitteth by thy throne, and put me not out from among thy children.

5 For I thy seruant, and sonne of thine handmayde, am a feeble person, and of a short time, and yet lesse in the vnderstanding of iudgement and the lawes.

6 And though a man be neuer so perfite among the children of men, yet if thy wisedome be not with him, he shalbe nothing regarded.

7 Thou hast chosen me to be a King of thy people, and the iudge of thy sonnes and daughters.

8 Thou hast commaunded mee to builde a Temple vpon thine holy mount, and an altar in the citie, wherein thou dwellest, a likenesse of thine holy Tabernacle, which thou hast prepared from the beginning,

9 And thy wisedome with thee, which knoweth thy workes, which also was when thou madest the world, and which knew what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandements.

10 Send her out of thine holy heauens, and send her from the throne of thy Maiestie, that she may bee with me, and labour, that I may know what is acceptable in thy sight.

11 For she knoweth and vnderstandeth all things, & she shall leade me soberly in my workes, and preserue me by her glory.

12 So shall my workes bee acceptable, and then shall I gouerne thy people righteously, and be meet for my fathers throne.

13 For what man is he that can knowe the counsell of God, or who can thinke what the will of God is?

14 For the thoughts of mortall men are fearefull, and our forecasts are vncertaine,

15 Because a corruptible body is heauie vnto the soule, & the earthly mansion keepeth downe the minde that is full of cares:

16 And hardly can wee discerne the things that are vpon the earth, & with great labour finde we out the things which are before vs: who can then seeke out the things that are in heauen?

17 Who can knowe thy counsell, except thou giue him wisedome, and sende thy holy Spirit from aboue?

18 For so the wayes of them which are vpon earth are reformed, and men are taught the things that are pleasant vnto thee, and are preserued through wisedome.

CHAP. X.

The deliuerance of the righteous, and the destruction of the enemies commeth through wisedome.

She preserued the first father of the world, that was formed, and kept him when he was created alone, and brought him out of his offence,

2 And gaue him power to rule all things.

3 But the vnrighteous in his wrath departed from her, and perished by killing his brother in his fiere.

4 For whose sake the earth was ouerflowen, but wisedom preserued it again, gouerning the iust man by a litle wood.

5 Moreouer, when the nations were ioyned in their malicious confederacies, she knew the righteous, and preserued him faultlesse vnto God, and kept him sure, because he loued him tenderly as a sonne.

6 She preserued the righteous, when the vngodly perished, when he fled from the fire that fell downe vpon the fiue cities.

7 Of whose wickednesse the waste land that smoketh, yet giueth testimonie, and the trees that beare fruite that neuer commeth to ripenesse: and for a remembrance of the vnfaithfull soule, there standeth a pillar of salt.

8 For all such as regarded not wisedome, had not onely this hurt, that they knew not things which were good, but also left behinde them vnto men a memoriall of their foolishnesse, so that in the things wherein they sinned, they cannot lie hid.

9 But wisedome deliuered them that serued her.

10 When the righteous fled because of his brothers wrath, she led him right way, shewed him the kingdome of God, gaue him knowledge of holy things, made him rich in his labours, and made his paines profitable.

11 Against the couetousnes of such as defrauded him, she stood by him and made him rich.

12 She saued him from the enemies, and defended him from them that laie in waite, and she gaue him the price in a mightie battell, that he might knowe that the feare of God is stronger then all things.

13 When the righteous was solde, shee forsooke him not, but deliuered him from sinne: she went downe with him into the dungeon,

14 And failed him not in the bands, till she had brought him the sceptre of the Realme, and power against those that oppressed him, and them that had accused him she declared to be lyars, and gaue him perpetuall glory.

15 She deliuered the righteous people and faultlesse seede from the nations that oppressed them.

16 Shee entred into the soule of the seruant of the Lord, and stoode by him in wonders and signes against the terrible kings.

17 Shee gaue the Saints the reward of their labours, and led them foorth a marueilous way: on the day time shee was a shadowe vnto them, and a light of starres in the night.

18 Shee brought them through the red sea, and caried them through the great water,

19 But shee drowned their enemies, and brought them out of the bottome of the deepe.

20 So the righteous tooke the spoyles of the vngodly, and praysed thy holy Name, O Lord, and magnified thy victorious hande, with one accord.

21 For wisedome openeth the mouth of the dumbe, & maketh the tongues of babes eloquent.

CHAP.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The miracles done for Israel.* 13 *The vengeance of sinners.* 28 *The great power and mercy of God.*

SHe prospered their workes in the handes of thine holy Prophet.

Exod. 16. 1. 2 *They went through the wildernesse that was not inhabited, and pitched their tents in places where there lay no way.

Exod. 17. 10, 11. Num. 20. 11. 3 *They stood against their enemies, and were auenged of their aduersaries.

4 *When they were thirsty they called vpon thee, and water was giuen them out of the high rocke, and their thirst was quenched out of the hard stone.

5 For by the things whereby their enemies were punished, by the same were the Israelites helped in their neede.

6 For in stead of a fountaine of running water, the enemies were troubled at the corrupt blood, which was to rebuke the commandement of the killing of the children, but thou gauest vnto thine owne abundance of water vnlooked for,

Exod. 17. 20. 7 Declaring by the thirst that was at that time, *how thou hadst punished thine aduersaries.

8 For when they were tryed and chastised with mercy, they knew how the vngodly were iudged and punished in wrath.

9 For these hast thou exhorted as a father, and proued them: but thou hast condemned the other as a rightcous King, when thou didst examine them.

10 Whether they were absent or present, their punishment was alike: for their griefe was double with mourning, and the remembrance of things past.

11 For when they perceiued that through their sorrowes good came vnto them, they felt the Lord.

12 And seeing the things that came to passe, at the last they wondred at him, whome afore they had cast out, denied and derided: for they had another thirst then the iust.

13 Because of the foolish deuices of their wickednesse wherewith they were deceiued, and worshipped *serpents, that had not the vse of reason, and vile beastes, thou sendedst a multitude of vnreasonable beastes vpon them for a vengeance, that they might know, that wherewith a man sinneth, by the same also shall he bee punished.

Chap. 12. 24. rom. 1, 23.

14 For vnto thine almighty hand, that made the world of *nought, it was not vnpossible to send among them a multitude of *Beares, or fierce Lions,

Gene. 1 1. hebr. 11. 3. Leuit. 26 22 ser. 8. 16, 17. chap. 16. 1.

15 Or furious beastes newly created and vnknowen, which should breathe out blastes of fire, and cast out smoke as a tempest, or shoote horrible sparkes like lightnings out of their eyes,

16 Which might not onely destroy them with hurting, but also kill them with their horrible sight.

17 Yea, without these might they haue bene cast downe with one winde, being persecuted by the vengeance, and scattered abroad through the power of thy Spirite: but thou hast ordered all things in measure, number, and weight.

18 For thou hast euer had great strength and might, and who can withstand the power of thine arme?

19 For as the small thing that the ballance weigheth, so is the world before thee, and as a drop of the morning dewe that falleth downe vpon the earth.

20 But thou hast mercy vpon all: for thou hast power of all things, and makest as though thou sawest not the sinnes of men, because they should amend.

21 For thou louest all the things that are, and hatest none of them whom thou hast made: for thou wouldest haue created nothing that thou hadst hated.

22 And how might any thing endure, if it were not thy will? or how could any thing bee preserued, except it were called of thee?

23 But thou sparest all: for they are thine, O Lord, which art the louer of soules.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The mercy of God toward sinners.* 14 *The works of God are vnreprouable.* 19 *God giueth leasure to repent.*

FOr thine incorruptible Spirite is in all things.

2 Therefore thou chastenest them meastirably that goe wrong, and warnest them by putting them in remembrance of the things wherein they haue offended, that leauing wickednesse, they may beleeue in thee, O Lord.

Deut. 9. 3. and 12. 31. and 18. 9, 12. 3 *As for those old inhabitants of the holy land, thou didst hate them.

4 For they committed abominable workes, as sorceries and wicked sacrifices,

5 And slaying of their owne children without mercy, and eating of the bowels of mans flesh in banketting, where the raging priest shed abominable blood.

6 And the fathers were the chiefe murtherers of the soules, destitute of all helpe, whom thou wouldest destroy by the hands of our fathers,

7 That the land which thou louest abone all other might be a meete dwelling for the children of God.

Exod. 33. 2. deut. 2. 32. 8 *Nenertheless, thou sparedst them also, as men, and sendedst the forerunners of thine hoste, euen hornets to destroy them by little and little,

9 Not that thou wast vnable to subdue the vngodly vnto the righteous in battell, or with cruell beasts, or with one rough word to destroy them together.

10 But in punishing them by little and little, thou gauest them space to repent, knowing well that it was an vnrighteous nation, and wicked of nature, and that their thought could neuer be altered.

11 For it was a cursed seede from the beginning: neither hast thou not spared them when they sinned, because thou fearedst any man.

Rom. 9. 20. 12 For who dare say, *What hast thou done? or who dare stand against thy iudgement? or who dare accuse thee for the nations that perish, whome thou hast made? or who dare stand against thee to reuenge the wicked men?

1. Pet. 5. 7. 13 For there is none other God but thou, *that carest for all things, that thou mayest declare how that thy iudgement is not vnright.

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14 There dare neither king nor tyrant in thy sight, require accompts of them whom thou hast punished.

15 For so much then as thou art righteous thy selfe, thou ordrest all things righteously, *thinking it not agreeable to thy power to condemne him, that hath not deserued to be punished. *Iob 10.2,3.*

16 For thy power is the beginning of righteousnesse, and because thou art Lord of all things, it causeth thee to spare all things.

17 When men thinke thee not to be of a perfit power, thou declarest thy power, and reprouest the boldnesse of the wise.

18 But thou ruling thy power, iudgest with equitie, and gouernest vs with great fauour: for thou mayest shew thy power when thou wilt.

19 By such woorkes now hast thou taught thy people, that a man should be iust and louing, and hast made thy children to haue a good hope: for thou giuest repentance to sinners.

20 For if thou hast punished the enemies of thy children that had deserued death with so great consideration, and requesting vnto them, giuing them time and place that they might change from their wickednesse,

21 With how great circumspection wilt thou punish thine owne children, vnto whose fathers thou hast sworne and made couenants of good promises?

22 So when thou dost chasten vs, thou punishest our enemies a thousand times more, to the intent that when wee iudge, we should diligently consider thy goodnesse, and when we are iudged, we should hope for mercy.

23 Wherefore thou hast tormented the wicked that haue liued a dissolute life by their owne imaginations.

24 *For they went astray very farre in the wayes of errour, and esteemed the beasts, which their enemies despised, for gods, being abused after the maner of children, that haue none vnderstanding. *Chap.11.13. rom.1.23.*

25 Therefore hast thou sent this punishment that they should be in derision as children without reason.

26 But they that will not bee reformed by those scornfull rebukes, shal feele the worthy punishment of God.

27 For in those things when they suffred, they disdained: but in these whom they counted godly, when they saw themselues punished by them, they all acknowledged the true God, whom afore they had denied to know: therefore came extreme damnation vpon them.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *All things be vaine, except the knowledge of God.*
10 *Idolaters and idoles are mocked.*

SVrely all men are vaine by nature, and are ignorant of God, *and could not know him that is, by the good things that are seen, neither consider by the woorkes the workemaister. *Rom.1.19.*

2 *But they thought the fire or the winde, or the swift ayre, or the course of the starres, or the raging water, or the lights of heauen to bee gouernours of the world and gods. *Deut.4.19. and 17.3.*

3 Though they had such pleasure in their beautie that they thought them gods, yet should they haue knowen how much more excellent her is that made them: for the first author of beautie hath created these things.

4 Or if they wondred at the power, and operation of them, yet should they haue perceiued thereby, how much he that made these things, is mightier.

5 For by the greatnesse of their beauty, and of the creatures, the Creator being compared with them, may be considered.

6 But yet the blame is lesse in these, that seeke God and would finde him, and yet peraduenture doe erre.

7 For they *goe about by his woorkes to seeke him, and are yet swaded by the sight, because the things are beautifull that are seene. *Rom.1.21.*

8 Howbeit they are not to be excused.

9 For if they can know so much, that they can discerne the world, why doe they not rather find out the Lord thereof?

10 But miserable are they, and among the dead is their hope, that call them gods, which are the woorkes of mens hands, gold, and siluer, and the thing that is inuented by arte, and the similitude of beasts, or any vaine stone that hath bene made by the hand of antiquity.

11 *Or as when a carpenter cutteth downe a tree meete for the woorke, and pareth off all the barke thereof cunningly, and by arte maketh a vessell profitable for the vse of life. *Isa.44.13. ier.10.3.*

12 And the chips that are cut off from his woorke, hee bestoweth to dresse his meate to fill himselfe.

13 And that which is left of these things, which is profitable for nothing (for it is a crooked piece of wood and full of knobs) he carueth it diligently at his leasure, and according as hee is expert in cunning, hee grueth it a proportion, and fashioneth it after the similitude of a man,

14 Or maketh it like some vile beast, and straketh it ouer with red, and paineth it, and couereth euery spot that is in it.

15 And when he hath made a conuenient tabernacle for it, he setteth it in a wall, and maketh it fast with yron,

16 Prouiding so for it, lest it fall: for he knoweth that it cannot helpe it selfe, because it is an image, which hath need of helpe.

17 Then he prayeth for his goods, and for his mariage, and for children: hee is not ashamed to speake vnto it that hath no life.

18 Hee calleth on him that is weake, for health: he prayeth vnto him that is dead, for life: he requireth him of helpe, that hath no experience at all.

19 And for his iourney, him that is not able to goe, and for gaine, and woorke, and successe of his affaires, hee requireth furtherance of him that hath no maner of power.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 *The detestation and abomination of images.* 8 *A curse of them, and of him that maketh them.* 14 *Wherefore idolatry proceeded.* 23 *What euils come of idolatry.*

AGaine, another man purposing to saile, and intending to passe thorow the raging waues, calleth vpon a stocke more rotten then the shippe that carryeth him.

2 For as for it, couetousnesse of money hath found it out, and the craftesman made it by

‖ *Or, the ship.*

by cunning.

Exod. 14.22 3 But thy prouidence, O Father, gouerneth it: * for thou hast made a way, euen in the sea, and a sure path among the waues,

4 Declaring thereby that thou hast power to helpe in all things, yea, though a man went to the sea without means.

5 Neuertheless, thou wouldest not that the workes of thy wisedome should be vaine, & therefore doe men commit their liues to a small piece of wood, and passe ouer the roomie sea in a ship and are saued.

Gene. 6 4. & 7.10. 6 * For in the olde time also when the proud giants perished, the hope of the world went into a ship which was gouerned by thine hand, and so left seed of generation vnto the world.

7 For blessed is the tree whereby righteousnesse commeth.

8 But that is cursed that is made with hands, Psal. 115.8 Baruch 6.3 * both it, and he that made it: he, because he made it, and it being a corruptible thing, because it was called god.

Psal. 5.5. 9 * For the vngodly and his vngodlinesse are both alike hated of God: so truely the worke and he that made it, shalbe punished together.

10 Therefore shal there be a visitation for the idoles of the nations: for of the creatures of God they are become abomination, Ierem. 10.8 Habac. 2.18 * and stumbling blocks vnto the soules of men, and a snare for the feet of the vnwise.

11 For the inuenting of idoles was the beginning of whoredome, and the finding of them is the corruption of life.

12 For they were not from the beginning, neither shall they continue for euer.

13 The vaine glory of men brought them into the world: therefore shall they come shortly to ende.

14 When a father mourneth grieuously for his sonne that was taken away suddenly, hee made an image for him that was once dead, whom now he worshippeth as a god, and ordeined to his seruants ceremonies and sacrifices.

15 Thus by processe of time this wicked custome preuailed, and was kept as a law, and idoles were worshipped by the commaundement of tyrants.

16 As for those that were so farre off, that men might not worship them presently, they did counterfeit the visage that was farre off, and made a gorgeous image of a king, whom they would honour, that they might by all meanes flatter him that was absent, as though he had bene present.

17 Againe, the ambition of the craftesmen thrust forward the ignorant to increase the superstition.

18 For hee peraduenture willing to please a noble man, laboured with all his cunning to make the image of the best fashion.

19 And so through the beautie of the worke, the multitude was allured, and so tooke him nowe for a god, which a little afore was but honoured as a man.

20 And this was the deceiuing of mans life, when men, being in seruitude through calamitie and tyranny, ascribed vnto stones and stocks the name, which ought not to be communicate vnto any.

21 Moreouer, this was not enough for them that they erred in the knowledge of God: but whereas they liued in great warres of ignorance, those so great plagues called they peace.

Deut. 18.10 sere. 7.9 and 19.4. 22 For either * they slew their owne children in sacrifice, or vsed secret ceremonies, or raging dissolutenesse by strange rites,

23 And so kept neither life nor marriage cleane: but either one slew another by treason, or els vexed him by adulterie.

24 So were all mixt together, blood and slaughter, theft and deceit, corruption, vnfaithfulnesse, tumules, periurie,

25 Disquieting of good men, vnthankfulnes, defiling of soules, changing of birth, disorder in marriage, adulterie and vncleannesse.

26 For the worshipping of idoles, that ought not to be named, is the beginning and the cause, and the end of all euil.

27 For either they be mad when they be merrie, or prophesie lies, or liue vngodly, or els lightly forsweare themselues.

28 For in so much as their trust is in the idoles, which haue no life, though they sweare falsly, yet they thinke to haue no hurt.

29 Therefore for two causes shall they iustly be punished, because they haue an euil opinion of God, addicting themselues vnto idoles, and because they sweare vniustly to deceiue, and despise holinesse.

30 For it is not the power of them by whom they sweare, but the vengeance of them that sinne, which punisheth alwayes the offence of the vngodly.

CHAP. XV.

The voyce of the faithfull, praysing the mercie of God, by whose grace they serue not idoles.

21 Octob. Lesson Moon

BVt thou, O our God, art gracious and true, long suffering, and gouernest all things by mercy.

2 Though we sinne, yet are we thine: for we know thy power: but we sinne not, knowing that we are counted thine.

3 For to knowe thee, is perfect righteousnesse, and to know thy power, is the roote of immortalitie.

4 For neither hath the wicked inuention of men deceiued vs, nor the vnprofitable labour of the painters, nor an image spotted with diuers colours.

5 Whose sight stirreth vp the desire of the ignorant: so that hee coueteth the forme that hath no life, of a dead image.

6 They that loue such wicked things, are worthy to haue such things to trust to, and they that make them, and they that desire them, and they that worship them.

Rom. 9.21 7 The * potter also tempereth soft earth, and fashioneth euery vessell with labour to our vse: but of the same clay hee maketh both the vessels that serue to cleane vses, and the contrary likewise: but whereto euery vessel serueth, the potter is the iudge.

8 So by his wicked labour he maketh a vaine god of the same clay: euen he, which a little afore was made of earth himselfe, and within a little while after goeth thither againe whence he was taken, * when he shall make accompt for the lone of his life.

Luke 12.20. 9 Notwithstanding he careth not for the labour.

bour hee taketh, nor that his life is short, but hee striueth with the goldsmithes, and siluersmithes, and counterfeiteth the coppersmithes, and taketh it for an honour to make deceiueable things.

10 His heart is ashes, and his hope is more vile then earth, and his life is lesse worthy of honour then clay.

11 For he knoweth not his owne maker, that gaue him his soule, that had power and breathed in him the breath of life.

12 But they count our life to be but a passtime, and our conuersation as a market, where there is gaine: for they say wee ought to be getting on euery side, though it be by euill meanes.

13 Now hee that of earth maketh fraile vessels and images, knoweth himselfe to offend aboue all other.

14 All the enemies of thy people, that holde them in subiection, are most vnwise, and more miserable then the very fooles.

15 For they iudge all the idoles of the nations to be gods, which neither haue eye sight to see, nor noles to smell, nor eares to heare, nor fingers of hands to grope, and their feete are slow to goe.

16 For man made them, and he that hath but a borowed spirite, fashioned them: but no man can make a god like to himselfe.

17 For seeing he is but mortall himselfe, it is but mortall that hee maketh with vnrighteous hands: he himselfe is better then they whom he worshippeth: for he liued, but they neuer liued.

18 Yea, they worshipped beastes also, which are their most enemies, & which are the worst, if they be compared vnto others, because they haue none vnderstanding.

19 Neither haue they any beautie to be desired in respect of other beasts, for they are destitute of Gods praise, and of his blessing.

CHAP. XVI.

The punishment of idolaters. 20 *The benefits done vnto the faithfull.*

THerefore by such thinges they are worthily punished and * tormented by the multitude of beasts. *Chap.11.17. 14.numb. 21.6.*

2 In steade of the which punishment thou hast beene fauourable to thy people, and to satisfie their appetite, hast prepared a meate of a strange taste, euen * quailes, *Num.11.31*

3 To the intent that they that desired meate, by the things which were shewed & sent among them, might turne away their necessarie desire, and that they, which had suffered penurie for a space, should also feele a new taste.

4 For it was requisite, that they which vsed tyrannie, should fall into extreame penurie, and that to these onely it should be shewed, how their enemies were tormented.

5 * For when the cruell fiercenesse of the beasts came vpon them, and they were hurt with the stings of cruell serpents, *Numb.21.6. 1.cor.10.9.*

6 Thy wrath endured not perpetually, but they were troubled for a little season, that they might bee reformed, hauing a ‖ * signe of saluation to remember the commaundement of thy Law. *‖The signe of the brasen serpent. Num.21.9.*

7 For he that turned toward it, was not healed by the thing that he saw, but by thee, O Sauiour of all. *12.41.Luc.3*

8 So in this thou shewedst our enemies, that it is thou, which deliuerest from all euill.

9 * For the biting of grashoppers and flies killed them, and there was no remedy found for their life: for they were worthy to be punished by such. *Exod. 8.24. and 10.4. reuel.9.7.*

10 But the teeth of the venemous dragons could not ouercome thy children: for thy mercy came to helpe them, and healed them.

11 For they were pricked, because they should remember thy wordes, and were speedily healed, lest they should fall into so deepe forgetfulnesse, that they could not bee called backe by thy benefite.

12 For neither herbe nor plaister healed them, but thy word, O Lord, which healeth all things.

13 For thou hast the power of life and death, * and leadest downe into the gates of hell, and bringest vp againe. *Deut.32.39. 1 sam.2.6. tob.13.2.*

14 A man indeede by his wickednes may slay another: but when the spirit is gone forth, it turneth not againe, neither can hee call againe the soule that is taken away.

15 But it is not possible to escape thine hand.

16 * For the vngodly that would not knowe thee, were punished by the strength of thine arme, with strange raine & with haile, and were pursued with tempest, that they could not auoid, and were consumed with fire. *Exod.9.23.*

17 For it was a wonderous thing that fire might doe more then water, which quencheth all things: but the worlde is the auenger of the righteous.

18 For sometime was the fire so tame, that the beastes, which were sent against the vngodly, burnt not: and that, because they should see, and knowe, that they were persecuted with the punishment of God.

19 And sometime burnt the fire in the mids of the water, aboue the power of fire, that it might destroy the generation of the vniust land.

20 * In the stead whereof thou hast fed thine owne people with Angels foode, and sent them bread ready from heauen without their labour, which had abundance of all pleasures in it, and was meete for all tastes. *Exod.16.14 numb 11.7. psal.78.25. iohn 6 31.*

21 For thy sustenance declared thy sweetnesse vnto thy children, which serued to the appetite of him that tooke it, and was meete to that that euery man would.

22 Moreouer, the * snow and yce abode the fire and melted not, that they might know, that the fire burning in the haile, and sparckling in the raine, destroyed the fruit of the enemies. *Exod.9.23.*

23 Againe it forgate his owne strength, that the righteous might be nourished:

24 For the creature that serueth thee which art the maker, is fierce to punishing the vnrighteous: but it is easie to doe good vnto such as put their trust in thee.

25 Therefore was it changed at the same time vnto all fashions to serue thy grace, which nourisheth all things, according to the desire of them that haue neede thereof,

26 That thy children whom thou louest, O Lord, might knowe, * that it is not the increase of fruites that feedeth men, but that it is thy word, *Deut 8.3. matth 4.4.*

world, which preserued them that rest in thee.

27 For that which could not bee destroyed with the fire, being onely warmed a little with the sunne beames, melted,

28 That it might be knowen that we ought to preuent the sunne rising to giue thankes vnto thee, and to salute thee before the day spring.

29 For the hope of the vnthankfull shall melt as the winter yce, and flow away as vnprofitable waters.

CHAP. XVII.

The iudgement of God against the wicked.

22 Octob 1 Lesson Morn

GReat thy iudgements are great, and cannot be expressed: therefore men doe erre, that will not be reformed.

2 For when the vnrighteous thought to haue thine holy people in subiection, they were bound with the bands of darkenes, and long night, and being shut vp vnder the roofe, did lie there to escape the euerlasting prouidence.

3 And while they thought to be hid in their darke sinnes, they were scattered abroad in the darke couering of forgetfulnes, fearing horribly and troubled with visions.

4 For the denne that did them, kept them not from feare: but the sounds that were about them troubled them, and terrible visions and sorowfull sights did appeare.

5 No power of the fire might giue light, neither might the cleere flames of the starres lighten the horrible night.

6 For there appeared vnto them onely a sudden fire, very dreadfull: so that being afrayd of this vision, ‖ which they could not see, they thought the things which they sawe to be worse. ‖ That is, the mighty vision. Exod. 7.12. and 8.7,19.

7 * And the illusions of the Magicall artes were brought downe, and it was a most shamefull reproch for the boasting of their knowledge.

8 For they that promised to driue away feare and trouble from the sicke person, were sicke for feare, and worthy to be laughed at.

9 And though no fearefull thing did feare them, yet were they afrayd at the beastes which passed by them, and at the hissing of the serpents: so that they died for feare, and said they sawe not the ayre, which by no meanes can be auoyded.

10 For it is a fearefull thing when malice is condemned by her owne testimony: and a conscience that is troubled, doeth euer forecast cruell things.

11 For feare is nothing else, but a betraying of the succours, which reason offereth.

12 And the lesse that the hope is within, the more doth he esteeme the ignorance of the thing that tormenteth him, great.

13 But they that did endure the night that was intolerable, and that came out of the bottomes of hell, which is inuincible, slept the same sleepe,

14 And sometimes were troubled with monstrous visions, and sometime they swooned, as though their owne spirit should betray them: for a sudden feare not looked for, came vpon them.

15 And thus whosoeuer fell downe, there kept and shut in prison but without yrons.

16 For whether he was an husbandman, or a shepheard, or one that was set to worke alone, if he were taken, he must suffer this necessitie, that he could not auoide:

17 (For with one chaine of darkenesse were they all bound) whether it were an hissing winde or a sweete song of the birds among the thicke branches of the trees, or the vehemencie of hasty running water,

18 Or a great noise of the falling downe of stones, or the running of skipping beastes, that could not be seene, or the noyse of cruell beastes that roared, or that sound that answereth againe ‖ Or, Echo. in the hollow mountaines: their fearefull thoings made them swoone.

19 For all the world stoned with cleere light, and no man was hindered in his labour.

20 Only vpon them there fell an heauy night and image of that darknes that was to come vpon them: yea, they were vnto themselues more grieuous then darknesse.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 The fiery pillar that the Israelites had in Egypt. 8 The deliuerance of the faithful. 10 The Lord smote the Egyptians. 20 The fauor of the people in the wilderness. 21 Aaron stood betweene the liuing and the dead with his censer.

22 Octob 1 Lesson Euening

BUt thy saints had a very great light, whose voyce they heard, and saw not the figure of them, they thought them blessed, because they also had not suffered the like.

2 And because they did not hurt them, which did hurt them afore, they thanked them, and alkey pardon for their enmitie.

3 Wherefore thou gauest them a burning pillar of fire to leade them in the vnknowen way, and mildest the sunne that it burned not them in their honourable iourney. Exod. 13.22, and 14.24. psal 78.14. and 105.39.

4 For they were worthy to be depriued of the light, and to be kept in darkenesse, which had kept thy children (thus vp, by whom the vncorrupt light of the law should be giuen to the world.

5 * For whereas they consulted to slay the babes of the Saintes, by one expos'd that was cast out, and preserued to reprehend them, thou hast taken away the multitude of their children, and destroyed them altogether in the mighty waues. Exod. 1. 22.

6 Of that night were our fathers certified afore, that they, knowing to what oathes they had giuen credite, might be of good cheere.

7 Thus thy people receiued the health of the righteous, and the enemies were destroyed. Exo. 14.24, 25.

8 For as thou hast punished the enemies, so hast thou glorified vs whom thou hast called.

9 For the children of good men offered secretly, and made a law of the godlines by one consent, that the Saints should receiue good and euil in like manner, and that the fathers should first sing prayse.

10 But a disagreeing cry was heard of the enemies, and there was a lamentable noise for the children that were bewailed. The Lord smote the

11 For the * master and the seruant were punished with like punishment, and the common people suffered alike with the king. Exod. 11.9. and 12 29. Egyptians

12 So they altogether had innumerable dead with one kinde of death, neither were the liuing sufficient to bury them: for in the twinkling of an eye the noblest offspring of them was destroyed.

31 So they that could beleeue nothing, because

cause of the enchantments, confessed this people to be the children of God, in the destruction of the first borne:

14 For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the middes of her swift course,

15 Thine almighty word leapt downe from heauen out of thy royall throne, as a fierce man of warre in the middes of the lande that was destroyed,

16 And brought thine vnfained commandement, as a sharpe sword, and stood vp, and filled all things with death, and being come downe to the earth, it reached vnto the heauens.

17 Then the sight of the fearefull dreames vexed them suddenly, and feare fell vpon them vnawares.

18 Then lay there one here, another there halfe dead, and shewed the cause of his death.

19 For the visions that vexed them, shewed them these things afore: so that they were not ignorant, wherefore they perished.

20 Now tentation of death touched the righteous also, and among the multitude in the wildernesse there was a plague, but the wrath endured not long. Num. 16.46.

21 For the blamelesse man made haste, and defended them, and tooke the weapons of his ministration, euen prayer, and the reconciliation by the perfume, and set himselfe against the wrath, and so brought the miserie to an end, declaring that he was thy seruant.

22 For he ouercame not the multitude with bodily power, nor with fight of weapons; but with the word he subdued him that punished, alleaging the oths and couenants made vnto the fathers.

23 For when the dead were fallen downe by heapes one vpon another, he stood in the mids, and cut off the wrath, and parted it from coming to the liuing.

24 For in the long garment was all the ornament, & in the foure rowes of the stones was the glory of the fathers grauen, with thy maiesty in the diademe of his head. Exod. 28.6, 33.

25 Vnto these the destroyer gaue place, and was afraid of them, for it was sufficient, that they had tasted the wrath.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The death of the Egyptians, and the great ioy of the Hebrewes.* 11 *The meate that was giuen at the desire of the people.* 17 *All the elements serue to the will of God.*

AND for the vngodly, the wrath came vpon them without mercy vnto the ende: for he knew what should come vnto them,

2 That they, when they had consented to let them goe, and had sent them out with diligence, would repent and pursue them.

3 For while yet sorow was betake them, and they lamented by the graues of the dead, they deuised another foolishnesse, so that they persecuted them in their flieing, whom they had [a] cast out afore with prayer.

4 For the destinie whereof they were worthy, brought them to this end, and caused them to forget the things that had come to passe, that they might accomplish the punishment, which

a That is, the children of Israel whom they before had desired and prayed to goe their way.

remained, by torments.

5 Both that thy people might trie a marueilous passage, and that they might find a strange death.

6 For every creature in his kinde was fashioned of new, and serued in their owne offices enioyned them, that thy children might be kept without hurt.

7 For the cloud ouershadowed their tents, and the dry earth appeared, where afore was water: so that in the red Sea there was a way without impediment, and the great deepe became a greene field.

8 Through the which all the people went that were defended with thine hand, seeing thy wonderous marueiles.

9 For they incred like horses, and leaped like lambes, praysing thee, O Lord, which hadst deliuered them. ‖Or, were fed.

10 For they were yet mindefull of those things which were done in the land where they dwelt, how the ground brought forth flies in stead of cattell, and how the riuer sendred with the multitude of frogs in stead of fishes.

11 But at the last they saw a new generation of birds, when they were intised with lust, and desired delicate meates. Exod. 16.13, num. 11.31.

12 For the quailes came forth of the Sea vnto them for comfort, but punishments came vpon the sinners not without signes that were giuen by great thundrings: for they suffered worthily according to their wickednesse, because they shewed a cruell hatred toward strangers. Chap. 16.2. ‖Or, Egyptians.

13 For the one sort would not receiue them when they were welcome, because they knew them not: the other sort brought the strangers into bondage that had done them good.

14 Besides all their things vnto would not suffer, that any regard should be had of them: for they handled the strangers delitefully.

15 Others that had receiued them with great banquetting, & admitted them to be partakers of the same lawes, did afflict them with great labours.

16 Therefore they were striken with blindnesse, as in olde time certaine were at the doores of the [a] righteous, so that euery one being compassed with darknesse, sought the entrance of his doore. Gen. 19. 11.

17 Thus the elements agreed among themselues in this change, as when one tune is changed vpon an instrument of musicke, and the melodie still remaineth, which may easily bee perceiued by the sight of the things that are come to passe.

18 For the things of the earth were changed into things of the water, and the thing that did swimme went vpon the ground.

19 The fire had power in the water contrary vnto his owne vertue, and the water forgate his owne kind to quench.

20 Againe, the flames did not hurt the flesh of the corruptible beasts that walked therin, neither melted they that which seemed to be [b] yee, and was of a nature that easily could melt, and yet was an immortall meat.

21 For in all things, O Lord, thou hast magnified and glorified thy people, and hast not despised to aide them in euery time and place.

b He meaneth Manna, spoken Exod. 16.14,15. and numb. 11.7.

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The wisedome of Iesus the sonne of Sirach, called *Ecclesiasticus*.

This argument was found in a certaine Greeke copie.

THis Iesus was the sonne of Sirach, and Sirachs father was also called Iesus, & he lived in the latter times after the people had bene led away captive, and brought home againe, and almost after all the Prophets. Now his grandfather, as he himselfe witnesseth, was a man of great diligence, and wisedome among the Hebrewes, who did not onely gather the graue sentences of wise men that had bene before him, but he himselfe also spake many full of great knowledge and wisedome. So this first Iesus died, and left this which he had gathered: and Sirach afterward left it to Iesus his sonne, who tooke it and put it in order in a book, & called it *Wisedome*, intitling it both by his own name, his fathers name, & his grandfathers: thinking by this title of *Wisedome*, to allure the Reader to read this book with more great desire, and to consider it more diligently. Therefore this booke containeth wise sayings, and darke sentences, & similitudes, with certaine diuine histories which are notable and ancient, euen of men that were approued of God, and certaine prayers and songs of the author himselfe: moreouer, what benefits the Lord had bestowed vpon his people, and what plagues hee had heaped vpon their enemies. This Iesus did imitate Salomon, and was no lesse famous in wisedome and doctrine, who was therefore called a man of great knowledge, as he was indeed.

The Prologue of the wisedome of Iesus the sonne of Sirach.

WHereas many and great things haue bene giuen vs by the Law and the Prophets, and by others that haue followed them, (for the which things Israel ought to be commended by the reason of doctrine and wisedome, wherby the readers ought not only to become learned themselues, but also may be able by the diligent study thereof to bee profitable vnto strangers, both by speaking and writing) after that my grandfather Iesus had giuen himselfe to the reading of the Law and the Prophets, and other bookes of our fathers, and had gotten therein sufficient iudgement, he purposed also to write some thing pertaining to learning and wisedome, to the intent that they which were desirous to learne, and would giue themselues to these things, might profit much more in liuing according to the Law. Wherefore I exhort you to receiue it louingly, and to reade it with diligence, and to take it in good worth, though we seeme to faile in some things not able to attaine to the interpretation of such words as are hard to be expressed: for y things that are spoken in the Hebrew tongue, haue another force in themselues then when they are translated into another tongue: and not onely these things, but other things also, as the Law it selfe, and the Prophets, and other bookes haue no small difference when they are spoken in their owne language. Therefore in the eight and thirtieth yeere, when I came into Egypt vnder king Euergetes, and continued there, I found a copy full of great learning, and I thought it necessary to bestow my diligence and trauel to interpret this booke. So for a certaine time with great watching & studie I gaue my selfe to the finishing of this booke, that it might be published, that they which remaine in banishment, and are desirous to learne, might apply themselues vnto good maners, and liue according to the Law.

Saint Iohn the Euangelist

29 October Lesson Euening 9

C H A P. I.

1 Wisedome commeth of God. 11. A praise of the feare of God. 29. The meanes to come by wisedome.

ALl wisdom *commeth* of the Lord, [and hath beene euer with him] and is with him for euer.

2 Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of the raine, and the dayes of the world? [who can measure] the height of heauen, the breadth of the earth, and the depth?

3 Who can finde the wisedome [of God which hath bene before all things?]

4 Wisedome hath beene created before all things, and the vnderstanding of prudence from euerlasting.

5 [The word of God most high is the fountaine of wisedome, and the euerlasting commandements are the entrance vnto her.]

6 Vnto whom hath the roots of wisedome bene declared? or who hath knowen her wise counsels?

7 [Vnto whom hath the doctrine of wisedome bene discouered & shewed? and who hath vnderstood the manifold entrance vnto her?]

8 There is one wise, [euen the most high Creatour of all things, the Almighty, the king of power and very terrible, which sitteth vpon his throne.

9 He is the Lord that hath created her, [euen the holy Ghost:] he hath seene her, numbred her, [and measured her.]

10 Hee hath powred her out vpon all his workes, and vpon all flesh, according to his gift, and giueth her abundantly vnto them that loue him.

11 The feare of the Lord is glory, and gladnesse, and reioycing, and a ioyfull crowne.

12 The feare of the Lorde maketh a merry heart, & giueth gladnesse, and ioy, and long life.

13 Who so feareth the Lord, it shall goe well with him at the last, and he shall find fauour in the day of his death.

14 [The loue of God is honourable wisedom, and vnto whome it appeareth in a vision, they loue it for the vision, and for the knowledge of the great workes thereof.]

15 The feare of the Lord is the beginning of wisedome, and was made with the faithfull in the wombe: [she goeth with the chosen women, and is knowen with the righteous and faithfull.

16 The feare of the Lord is an holy knowledge.

17 Holinesse shall preserue, and iustifie the heart, and giueth mirth and gladnesse.

18 Who

1 King. 3.9. and 4.29. That which is marked with these two markes, [] is read in the Latine copies, and not in the Greeke.

Rom. 11.34.

Psal 111.10 Prou. 9.10. & 28.28.

Saint Matthias / S Euen

18 Who so feareth the Lord, shall prosper, and in the day of his end he shall be blessed.]

19 She hath built her everlasting foundations with men, & is given to be with their seed.

20 To feare God is the fulnesse of wisedome, and filleth men with her fruits.

21 She filleth their whole house with [all] things desirable, & the garners with the things that her bringeth forth, and both twaine are gifts of God.

22 The feare of the Lorde is the crowne of wisedome, and giueth peace and perfect health: he hath seene her and numbred her.

23 ‖ She reineth downe knowledge, and understanding of wisedome, and hath brought vnto honour them that possessed her. ‖Or, wisedoms.

24 The feare of the Lorde is root of wisdom, and her branches are long life.

25 [In the treasures of wisdome is vnderstanding, and holy knowlege, but wisdome is abhorred of sinners.]

26 The feare of the Lorde driueth out sinne, and when she is present, she driueth away anger.

27 ¶ For wicked anger cannot be iustified: for his rashnesse in his anger shall be his destruction.

28 A patient man will suffer for a time, and then shall he haue the reward of ioy.

29 He will hide his wordes for a time, and many mens lippes shall speake of his wisdome.

30 In the treasures of wisedome are the secrets of knowledge, but the sinner abhorreth the worship of God.

31 If thou desire wisedome, keepe the commandements, and the Lord shall giue her vnto thee, [and wil fill her treasures.]

32 For the feare of the Lord is wisdom & discipline: he hath pleasure in faith and meekenes.

33 Be not disobedient to the feare of the Lord, and come not vnto him with a double heart.

34 ¶ Bee not an hypocrite that men should speake of thee, but take heed what thou speakest.

35 Exalt not thy selfe, lest thou fall and bring thy soule to dishonour, and so God discouer thy secrets, and cast thee downe in the midst of the congregation, because thou wouldest not receiue the true feare of God, and thine heart is full of deceit.

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth the seruants of God to righteousnes, loue, vnderstanding, and patience. 11 To trust in the Lord. 13 A curse vpon them that are faint hearted and impatient.

MY sonne, if thou wilt come into the seruice of God [stande fast in righteousnesse and feare, and] prepare thy soule to tentation.

2 Settle thine heart, and be patient: [bow downe thine eare, & receiue the wordes of vnderstanding] and shunke not away when thou art assailed, [but wait vpon God patiently.]

3 Ioyne thy selfe vnto him, and depart not away, that thou mayst be increased at thy last end.

4 Whatsoeuer commeth vnto thee, receiue it patiently, and be patient in the change of thine affliction.

5 * For as golde [and siluer are] tried in the fire, euen so are men acceptable in the fornace of aduersitie. *Wisd. 3.6 prou. 17.3.*

6 Beleeue in God, and he will helpe thee: order thy way aright, and trust in him: [holde fast his feare, and grow old therein.]

7 Ye that feare the Lord, wait for his mercie: thinke not awry from him that ye fall not.

8 Ye that feare the Lord, beleeue him, and your reward shall not faile.

9 O yee that feare the Lorde, trust in good things, and in the euerlasting ioy and mercie.

10 [Ye that feare the Lord, loue him, & your hearts shalbe lightened.]

11 Consider the old generations [of men, yee children,] marke them well: was there euer any confounded that put his trust in the Lord? or who hath continued in his feare, and was forsaken? or whom did he euer despise, that called vpon him? Trust in the Lord Psal. 37.25

12 For God is gracious and mercifull, & forgiueth sinnes, and saueth in the time of trouble, [and is a defender for all them that seeke him in the truth.]

13 Woe vnto them that haue a ‖ fearefull heart, [and to the wicked lips] and to the faint hands, and to the sinner that goeth two * maner of wayes. ‖Or, double, 1. King. 18. 21.

14 Woe vnto him that is faint hearted: for he beleeueth not: therefore shall he not be defended.

15 Woe vnto you that haue lost patience, [and haue forsaken the right wayes, and are turned backe vnto the frowarde wayes:] for what wil ye doe when the Lord shall visite you?

16 They that feare the Lord, will not disobey his word: and they that * loue him, will keepe his wayes. John 14.23 24.

17 They that feare the Lord, will seeke out the things that are pleasant vnto him: and they that loue him, shall be fulfilled with his law.

18 They that feare the Lord, will prepare their hearts, and humble their soules in his sight.

19 [They that feare the Lord, keepe his commandements, and wil be patient till he see them.

20 Saying, if we do not repent] we shall fall into the hands of the Lord, & not into the hands of men:

21 For as his greatnesse is, so is his mercie.

CHAP. III.

2 To our father and mother ought we to giue double honour. 10 Of the blessing and curse of the father and mother. 22 No man ought ouer curiously to search out the secrets of God.

[THE children of wisedome are the Church of the righteous, and their offspring is obedience and loue.]

2 Heare your fathers iudgement, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe.

3 For the Lord will haue the father honored of the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother ouer the children.

4 Who so honoureth his father, his sinnes shall be forgiuen him, [and he shal abstaine from them, and shall haue his daily desires.]

5 And he that honoureth his mother, is like one that gathereth treasure.

6 Who so honoureth his father, shall haue ioy of his owne children, and when he maketh his prayer, he shall be heard.

7 He that honoureth his father, shall haue a long

long life, and her that is obedient vnto the Lord, shall comfort his mother.

8 Her that feareth the Lord, honoureth his parents, and doeth seruice vnto his parents as vnto lords.

Exod.20.12. deut.5.16. matth.15.4. ephe.6.2.3. Or, the blessing of man.

9 * Honour thy father and mother in deede and in worde, [and in all patience,] that thou mayest haue ‖ Gods blessing, [and that his blessing may abide with thee in the end.]

10 For the blessing of the father establisheth the houses of the children, and the mothers curse rooteth out the foundations.

11 Reioyce not at the dishonour of thy father: for it is not honour vnto thee, but shame,

12 Seeing that mans glory commeth by his fathers honour, and the reproch of the mother is dishonour to the children.

13 My sonne, helpe thy father in his age, and grieue him not as long as he liueth.

14 And if his vnderstanding faile, haue patience with him, and despise him not when thou art in thy full strength.

15 For the good intreatie of thy father shall not be forgotten, but it shall be a fortresse for thee against sinnes, [and for thy mothers offence thou shalt be recompensed with good, and it shall be founded for thee in righteousnesse.]

16 And in the day of trouble thou shalt be remembred: thy sinnes also shall melt away as the yce in the faire weather.

17 He that forsaketh his father, shall come to shame, and he that angreth his mother, is cursed of God.

18 ¶ My sonne, performe thy doings with meekenesse, so shalt thou be beloued of them that are approued.

Phil.2.3.

19 The * greater thou art, the more humble thy selfe [in all things,] and thou shalt find fauour before the Lord.

20 Many are excellent and of renowme: but the secrets are reuealed vnto the meeke.

21 For the power of the Lord is great, and he is honoured of the lowly.

Not Psal.131.1. pro.25.27. rom.12.3. to search after Secrets of God

22 * Seeke not out the things that are too hard for thee, neither search the things rashly which are too mighty for thee.

23 [But] what [God] hath commaunded thee, thinke vpon that with reuerence, [and be not curious in many of his works,] for it is not needful for thee to see with thine eyes the things that are secret

24 Be not curious in superfluous things: for many things are shewed vnto thee aboue the capacitie of men.

25 The medling with such hath beguiled many, and an euill opinion hath deceiued their iudgement.

26 Thou canst not see without eyes: professe not the knowledge therefore that thou hast not.

27 A stubburne heart shal fare euill at the last: and he that loueth danger, shall perish therein.

28 An hart that goeth two wayes, shall not prosper: and hee that is froward of heart, shall stumble therein.

29 An obstinate heart shall be laden with sorrowes: and the wicked man shall heape sinne vpon sinne.

30 The perswasion of the proude is without remedy, and his steps shal be plucked vp: for the plant of sinne hath taken roote in him, [and hee shall not be discerned.]

31 The heart of him that hath vnderstanding, shall perceiue secret things, and an attentiue eare is the desire of a wiseman.

32 [An heart that is wise and vnderstanding, will abstaine from sinne, and shall prosper in the workes of righteousnesse.]

33 Water quencheth burning fire, * and almes taketh away sinnes.

Dan.4.24. Psal.41.1.

34 And hee that rewardeth good deedes, will remember it afterward, and in the time of the fall, hee shall find a stay.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Almes must bee done with gentlenesse. 12 The studie of wisedome and her fruits. 20 An exhortation to eschew euill, and doe good.

St. Hierome S. Luke Horn

MY sonne, defraud not the * poore of his liuing, and make not the needie eyes to waite long.

Deut.15.7. Gene. alms 25 Octob

2 Make not an hungrie soule sorowfull, neither vexe a man in his necessitie.

3 Trouble not the heart that is grieued, and deferre not the gift of the needy.

4 Refuse not the prayer of one that is in trouble: * turne not away thy face from the poore.

Tobit.4.7. S Lefevre Moore

5 Turne not thine eyes aside [in anger] from the poore, and giue him none occasion to speake euill of thee.

6 For if hee curse thee in the bitternesse of his soule, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him.

7 Be courteous vnto the company [of poore, and humble thy soule vnto the Elder,] and bow downe thy head to a man of worship.

8 Let it not grieue thee to bow downe thine eare vnto the poore, [but pay thy debt] and giue him a friendly answere.

9 ¶ Deliuer him that suffereth wrong, from the hand of the oppressor, and be not faint hearted ‖ when thou iudgest.

Or, to defend him.

10 Be as a father vnto the fatherlesse, and as an husband vnto their mother: so shalt thou bee as the sonne of the most High: and he shall loue thee more then thy mother doeth.

11 Wisedome exalteth her children, and reteineth them that seeke her, [and will goe before them in the way of righteousnesse.]

12 Hee that loueth her, loueth life, and they that seeke life in the morning, shall haue great ioy.

13 He that keepeth her, shall inherite glorie: for vnto whom shee entreth, him the Lorde will blesse.

14 They that honour her, shalbe the seruants of the holy One, and them that loue her, the Lord doth loue.

15 Who so giueth eare vnto her, shall iudge the nations, and hee that goeth vnto her, shall dwell safely.

16 Hee that is faithfull vnto her, shall haue her in possession, and his generation shall possesse her.

17 For first she will walke with him by crooked wayes, and bring him into feare and dread, and torment him with her discipline vntill shee haue tryed his soule, and haue proued him by her iudgements.

18 Then will shee returne the straight way vnto him, and comfort him, and shewe him her secrets, [and heape vpon him the treasures

of knowledge, and vnderstanding of righteousnesse.]

19 But if he goe wrong, she will forsake him, and giue him ouer into the hands of his destruction.

20 [¶ My sonne,] make much of time, and * eschew the thing that is euill,

Rom.12,9. 1 thes.5.22.

21 And be not ashamed [to say the trueth] for thy life: for there is a * shame that bringeth sinne, and a shame that bringeth worship and fauour.

a To bee ashamed to confesse thy God, thy faith, to testifie the trueth, and to reproue sinne, doth bring sinne vnto thee: the contrary shame bringeth worship.

22 Accept no person against thine owne conscience, that thou bee not confounded to thine owne decay, [and] forbeare not thy neighbour in his fault.]

32 And keepe not backe counsell when it may do good, neither hide thy wisedome when it may be famous.

24 For by the talke is wisedome knowen, and learning by the words of the tongue, [and counsell, wisedome and learning by the talking of the wise, and stedfastnesse in the workes of righteousnesse.]

25 In no wise speake against the worde of trueth, but be ashamed of the lies of thine owne ignorance.

26 Be not ashamed to confesse thy sinnes, and resist not the course of the riuer.

27 Submit not thy selfe vnto a foolish man, neither accept the person of the mighty.

28 Striue for the trueth vnto death, [and beleeue iustice for thy life,] and the Lord God shall fight for thee [against thine enemies.]

29 Be not hastie in thy tongue, neither slacke and negligent in thy works.

30 Be not as a lyon in thine owne house, neither beate thy seruants for thy fantasie, [nor oppresse them that are vnder thee.]

31 * Let not thine hand be stretched out to receiue, and shut when thou shouldest giue.

Acts.20.35

Orente 1 Sephon Eroni

St. Marke CHAP. V. Eroni

1 *In riches may we not put any confidence.* 7 *The vengeance of God ought to bee feared, and repentance may not be deferred.*

TRust not vnto thy * riches, and say not, I haue enough for my life: [for it shall not helpe in the time of vengeance and indignation.]

Luke 12,15, 19,20. chap. 11.18,19. prou 10.2. ezek.7.19. Apoc. 1.18.

2 Followe not thine owne minde and thy strength, to walke in the wayes of thine heart:

3 Neyther sayth thou, [Howe haue I had strength?] or who will bring mee vnder for my workes? For God the auenger will reuenge the wrong done by thee.

25 Celoc 1 Lebon Eroni

4 And say not, I haue sinned, and what euill hath come vnto mee? for the Almightie is a patient rewarder, but he will not leaue thee vnpunished.

5 Because thy sinne is forgiuen, be not without feare, to heape sinne vpon sinne.

6 And say not, The mercie of God is great: hee will forgiue my manifold sinnes: for mercie and wrath come from him, and his indignation commeth downe vpon sinners.

7 Make no tarying to turne vnto the Lord, and put not off from day to day: for suddenly shall the wrath of the Lord breake forth, and in thy securitie thou shalt bee destroyed, and thou shalt perish in the time of vengeance.

8 Trust not in wicked riches: for they shall not helpe thee in the day of punishment [and vengeance.]

9 Be not caried about with euery wind, and goe not into euery way: for so doeth the sinner that hath a double tongue.

10 Stand fast in thy late vnderstanding [and in the way and knowledge of the Lord] and haue but one maner of word, [and follow the word of peace and righteousnesse.

11 Be humble to heare the word of God, that thou mayest vnderstand it, and make a true answere with wisedome.]

12 * Bee swift to heare good things, and let thy life bee pure, and giue a patient answere.

Iames 1. 19

13 If thou hast vnderstanding, answere thy neighbour: if not, lay thine hande vpon thy mouth, [lest thou bee trapped in an vndiscreet word, and so be blamed.]

14 Honour and shame is in the talke, and the tongue of a man causeth him to fall.

15 Be not counted a * talebearer, and lie not in wait with thy tongue: for shame [and repentance] follow the theefe, and an euill condemnation is ouer him that is double tongued: [but he that is a backbiter shalbe hated, enuied and confounded.]

Leuit.19.16

16 Do not rashly, neither in small things nor in great.

26 Cele 1 Lepo Eroni

CHAP. VI.

1 *It is the propertie of a sinner to be euill tongued.* 6 *Of friendship.* 33 *Desire to be taught.*

BE not of a friend [thy neighbours] * enemy: for such shall haue an euill name, shame and reproch, and he shall be in infamie as the wicked that hath a double tongue.

a For that is against the rule of charitie, which loueth all, & hateth nothing but onely sinne. b As a bull teareth in pieces a young tree with his hornes, so the mistrusting in thine owne wisdome, & standing in thine owne conceit, because of thy wit, thy power or riches, shouldest destroy thy selfe.

2 Bee not proud in the deuice of thine owne minde, lest thy soule rent thee as * a bull,

3 And eate vp thy leaues, and destroy thy fruit, and so thou be left as a dry tree [in the wildernesse.]

4 For a wicked soule destroyeth him that hath it, and maketh him to bee laughed to scorne of his enemies, [and bringeth him to the portion of the vngodly.]

5 A sweete talke multiplieth the friends [and pacifieth them that be at variance,] and a sweet tongue increaseth much good talke.

6 Hold friendship with many, neuertheless haue but one counseller of a thousand.

7 If thou gettest a friend, proone him first, and bee not hastie to credit him.

8 For some man is a friend for his owne occasion, & will not abide in the day of thy trouble.

9 And there is some friend that turneth to enmitie, and taketh part against thee, and in contention bee will declare thy shame.

10 Againe, some * friend is but a companion at the table, and in the day of thine affliction he continueth not.

Cpap.37.5.

11 But in thy prosperity he will be as thou thy selfe, and will vse libertie ouer thy seruants.

12 If thou be brought lowe, he will be against thee, and will hide himselfe from thy face.

13 Depart from thine enemies, and beware of thy friendes.

14 A faithfull friend is a strong defence, and he that findeth such a one, findeth a treasure.

15 A faithfull friend ought not to be changed for any thing, and the weight [of golde and siluer] is not to bee compared to the goodnesse [of his faith.]

16 A faithfull friende is the medicine of life [and immortalitie,] & they that feare the Lord, shall find him.

17 Who so feareth the Lord, shall direct his friendship aright, and as his owne selfe, so shall his friend be.

18 ¶ My sonne, receiue doctrine from thy youth vp: so shalt thou finde wisedome [which shall endure] till thine old age.

19 Goe to her as one that ploweth, and soweth, and wait for her good fruits: for thou shalt haue but litle labour in her worke: but thou shalt eat of her fruits right soone.

20 How exceeding sharpe is shee to the vnlearned? he that is without iudgement, will not remaine with her.

21 Vnto such one shee is as a fine touchstone, and he casteth her from him without delay.

22 For they haue the name of wisedome, but there be but few that haue the knowledge of her.

23 [For with them that know her, shee abideth vnto the appearing of God.]

24 Giue eare, my sonne: receiue my doctrine, and refuse not my counsell,

25 And put thy feete into her linkes, and thy necke into her chaine.

26 Bowe downe thy shoulder vnto her, and beare her, and be not weary of her bands.

27 Come vnto her with thy whole heart, and keepe her wayes with all thy power.

28 Seeke after her, and search her, and shee shall be shewed thee: and when thou hast gotten her, forsake her not.

29 For at the last thou shalt finde rest in her, and that shalbe turned to thy ioy.

30 Then shall her fetters be a strong defence for thee, [and a sure foundation] & her chaines a glorious rayment.

31 For there is a golden ornament in her, and her bands are the laces of purple colour.

32 Thou shalt put her on as a robe of honour, and shalt put her vpon thee as a crowne of ioy.

33 My sonne, if thou wilt, thou shalt bee taught, and if thou wilt apply thy minde, thou shalt be wittie.

34 If thou loue to heare, thou shalt receiue [doctrine,] and if thou delight in hearing, thou shalt be wise.

35 Stand with the multitude of the elders, which are wise, and ioyne with him that is wise.

Chap. 8. 9.

36 *Desire to heare all godly talke, and let not the graue sentences of knowledge escape thee.

37 And if thou seest a man of vnderstanding, get thee soone vnto him, and let thy foote weare the steps of his doores.

38 Let thy mind bee vpon the ordinances of the Lord, and be ‖ continually *occupied in his commaundements: so shall hee establish thine heart, and giue thee wisedome at thine owne desire.

‖ Or, earnestly. Psal. 1. 2, 3.

CHAP. VII.

1 We must forsake euill, and yet not iustifie our selues. 23 The behauiour of the wise toward his wife, his frend, his children, his seruants, his father and mother.

DO no euill: so shall no harme come vnto thee.

2 Depart from the thing that is wicked, and sinne shall turne away from thee.

3 My sonne, sowe not vpon the furrowes of vnrighteousnesse, least that thou reape them seuen folde.

4 Alike not of the Lord preeminence, neither of the King the seat of honour.

5 *Iustifie not thy selfe before the Lord: [for he knoweth thine heart,] and boast not thy wisedome in the presence of the king. Iob. 2. 9. Psal. 143. 2. eccles. 7. 17. luke 18. 11.

6 Seeke not to be made a Iudge, least thou bee not able to take away iniquitie, and least thou, fearing the person of the mightie, shouldest commit an offence against thine vprightnesse.

7 Offend not against the multitude of a citie, and cast not thy selfe among the people.

8 *Bind not two sinnes together: for in one sinne shalt thou not be vnpunished. Chap. 5. 5.

9 Say not, God will looke vpon the multitude of mine oblations, and when I offer to the most high God, he will accept it.

10 Be not faint hearted, when thou makest thy prayer, neither slacke in giuing of almes.

11 Laugh no man to scorne in the heauinesse of his soule: for [God which seeth all things] is her *that can bring downe, and set vp againe. 1. Sam. 2. 7.

12 Sowe not a lie against thy brother, neither doe the same against thy friend.

13 Vse not to make any maner of lie: for the custome thereof is not good.

14 Make not many words when thou art among the elders, neither *repeate a thing in thy prayer. Mat. 6. 5, 7.

15 Hate not laborious worke, neither the husbandry which the most high hath created. Rom. 12. 11.

16 Number not thy selfe in the multitude of the wicked, but remember that vengeance will not slacke.

17 Humble thy minde greatly: for the vengeance of the wicked is fire and wormes.

18 Giue not ouer thy friend for any good, nor thy true brother for the gold of Ophir.

19 Depart not from a wise and good woman, [that is fallen vnto thee for thy portion in the feare of the Lord:] for her grace is aboue golde.

20 ¶ *Whereas thy seruant worketh truely, intreate him not euill, nor the hireling that doth worke himselfe wholly for thee. Leuit. 19. 13 chap. 33. 29. and 34. 23.

21 Let thy soule loue a good seruant, and defraud him not of libertie, [neither leane him a poore man.]

22 *If thou haue cattell, looke well to them, and if they be for thy profite, keepe them with thee. Deut. 25. 4.

23 *If thou haue sonnes, instruct them, and bow their necke from their youth. Chap. 30. 12.

24 If thou haue daughters, keepe their bodie, and shew not thy face cheerefull towarde them.

25 Marry thy daughter, and so shalt thou performe a weightie matter: but giue her to a man of vnderstanding.

26 If thou haue a wife after thy minde, forsake her not, but commit not thy selfe to the hatefull.

27 *Honour thy father from thy whole heart, and forget not the sorrowes of thy mother. Chap. 3. 9. tobi. 4. 3.

28 Remember that thou wast borne of them, and how canst thou recompence them the things that they haue done for thee?

29 ¶ Feare the Lord with all thy soule, and honour his ministers.

30 Loue him that made thee, with all thy strength, * and forsake not his seruants.

Deut. 12. 28. 19. Leuit. 2. 3. numb. 18. 15.

31 Feare the Lord with all thy soule, and honour the Priests, * and giue them their portion, as it is commanded thee, the first fruites, [and purifications] and sacrifices for sinne, and the offrings of the shoulders, and the sacrifices of sanctification, and the first fruits of the holy things.

32 Stretch thine hand vnto the poore, that thy ‖blessing, [and reconciliation] may be accomplished.

‖ Or, liberalitie.

33 Liberalitie pleaseth all men liuing, and * from the dead restraine it not.

Tobit 2. 4, 7. and 4. 17.

34 * Let not them that weepe, bee without [comfort:] but mourne with such as mourne.

Rom. 12. 15.

35 * Be not slowe to visite the sicke: for that shall make thee to be beloued.

Mat. 25. 36.

36 Whatsoeuer thou takest in hand, remember the end, and thou shalt neuer doe amisse.

CHAP. VIII.

We must take heede with whom we haue to doe.

STriue not with a mighty man, least thou fall into his hands.

2 * Make not variance with a rich man, least he on the other side weigh downe thy weight: * for gold [and siluer] hath destroyed many, and hath subuerted the hearts of kings.

Matth. 5. 25. Chap. 31. 6.

3 Striue not with a man that is ful of words, and lay no sticks vpon his fire.

4 Play not with a man that is vntaught, least thy kindred be dishonoured.

5 * Despise not a man that turneth himselfe away from sinne, nor cast him not in the teeth with all, but remember that we are all worthy blame.

Gal. 6. 1.

6 * Dishonour not a man in his olde age: for they were as we which are not old.

Leuit. 19. 32.

7 Be not glad of the death of thine enemie, but remember that we must die all, [and so enter into ioy.]

8 * Despise not the exhortation of the [Elders] that be wise, but acquaint thy selfe with their wise sentences: for of them thou shalt learn wisedome [and the doctrine of vnderstanding,] and howe to serue great men [without complaint.]

Chap. 6. 35.

9 Goe not from the doctrine of the Elders: for they haue learned it of their fathers, and of them thou shalt learne vnderstanding, and to make answere in the time of need.

10 Kindle not the coales of sinners, [when thou rebukest them,] least thou be burnt in the fierie flames [of their sinnes.]

11 Rise not vp against him that doth wrong, that he lay not waite as a spie for thy mouth.

12 * Lend not vnto him that is mightier then thy selfe: for if thou lendest him, count it but lost.

Chap. 29. 9.

13 Be not surety aboue thy power: for if thou be surety, thinke to pay it.

14 Goe not to law with the iudge: for they will giue sentence according to his owne honour.

15 * Trauaile not by the way with him that is rash, least he doe thee iniurie: for he followeth his owne wilfulnesse, and so shalt thou perish through his folly.

Gen. 4. 8.

16 * Striue not with him that is angry, and goe not with him into the wildernesse: for bloode is as nothing in his sight, and where there is no helpe, he will ouerthrow thee.

Pro. 22. 24

17 Take no counsell at a foole: for he cannot keepe a thing close.

18 Doe no secret thing before a stanger: for thou canst not tell what he goeth about.

19 Open not thine heart vnto euery man, lest he be vnthankefull vnto thee, [and put thee to reproofe.]

CHAP. IX.

Of iealousie. 11 *An old friend is to be preferred before a new.* 18 *Righteous men should bee bidden to thy table.*

BE not ielous ouer thy wife of thy bosome, neither * teach her by thy meanes an euill lesson.

a Let her not haue rule ouer thee, for then will she be contrary vnto thee,

2 Giue not thy life vnto a woman, least shee ouercome thy strength, [and so thou bee confounded.]

3 Meete not an harlot, least thou fall into her snares.

4 Vse not the company of a woman that is a singer, [and a dancer, neither heare her,] least thou be taken by her craftinesse.

5 Gaze not on a * maid, that thou fall not by that that is precious in her.

6 * Cast not thy mind vpon harlots [in any maner of thing,] least thou destroy [both thy selfe and] thine heritage.

7 Goe not about gazing in the streetes of the citie, neither wander thou in the secret places thereof.

8 * Turne away thine eye from a beautifull woman, and looke not vpon others beauty: for many * haue perished by the beauty of women: for through it loue is kindled as a fire.

9 [Euery woman that is an harlot, shall be troden vnder foote as doung, of euery one that goeth by the way.

10 Many wondering at the beauty of a strange woman, haue bene cast out: for her words burne as a fire.]

11 Sit not at all with another mans wife, [neither lie with her vpon the bed,] nor banket with her: least thine heart incline vnto her, and so through thy desire fall into destruction.

12 ¶ Forsake not an olde friend: for the new shall not bee like him: a newe friend is as newe wine: when it is olde, thou shalt drinke it with pleasure.

13 * Desire not the honour [and riches] of a sinner: for thou knowest not what shall bee his ende.

14 Delight not in the thing that the vngodly haue pleasure in, but remember that they shall not be found iust vnto their graue.

15 Keepe thee from the man that hath power to slay: so shalt thou not doubt the feare of death: and if thou come vnto him, make no fault, least he take away thy life: remember that thou goest in the middes of snares, and that thou walkest vpon the towers of the citie,

16 Try thy neighbour as neere as thou canst, * and take counsell of the wise.

17 * Let thy talke be with the wise, and all thy commu-

communication in the Law of the most High.
All Lord make thee and indeede teach thee: and let thy trespacing be in the feare of the Lord.

19 For I the hands of the craftesmen shall the workes be consummated, and the wise prince of the people by his words, [and the word by the wisedome of the Elders.]

20 A man full of words is dangerous in his citie, and he that is rash in his talking, shall be hated.

CHAP. X.

1 *Of Kings and Iudges.* 7 *Pride and covetousnesse are to be abhorred.* 22 *Labour is praysed.*

A Wise Iudge will instruct his people with discretion: the gouernance of a prudent man is well ordered.

2 As the Iudge of the people is himselfe, so are his officers, and what manner of man the ruler of the citie is, such are all they that dwell therein.

3 *An vnruld King vndooeth his people, but where they that be in authoritie, are men of vnderstanding, there the citie prospereth.

4 The gouernment of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, [and all iniquity of the nations is to be abhorred,] and when time is, he will set vp a profitable ruler ouer it.

5 In the hand of God is the prosperitie of man, and vpon the glorious will he lay his honour.

6 *Bee not angry for any wrong, with thy neighbor, and do nothing by iniurious practises.

7 Pride is hateful before God and man, and by both her doone cruell iniquity.

8 *Because of vnrighteous dealings, and wrongs, and riches got not by desert, the kingdome is translated from one people to another.

9 There is nothing worse then a couetous man: [why art thou proud, O earth and ashes? there is not a more wicked thing, then to loue money:] for such one would euen sell his soule, and for his life euery one is compelled to pull out his owne bowels.

10 [All vnrighte is of small indurance, and the disease that is hard to heale, is grieuous to the Physician.]

11 The Physician cutteth off the sore disease, and he that is to day a King, to morrow is dead.

12 All is earth and ashes proud, seeing that when a man dyeth, her is the heire of serpents, beasts, and wormes?

13 The beginning of mans pride, is to fall away from God, and to turne away his heart from his maker.

14 For pride is the originall of sinne, and he that hath it, shall powre out abomination, till at last he be ouerthrowne: therefore the Lord brought the perturbations [of the wicked] to dishonour, and destroyeth them in the end.

15 The Lord hath *cast downe the thrones of the [proud] princes, and set vp the meeke in their stead.

16 The Lord plucketh vp the roots of the [proud] nations, and planteth the lowly with glory among them.

17 The Lord ouerthroweth the lands of the heathen, and destroyeth them vnto the foundations of the earth: her causeth them to wither away, and destroyeth them, and maketh their memorial to cease out of the earth.

18 [God destroyeth the memorial of the proud, and leaueth the remembrance of the humble.]

19 Pride was not created to men, neither wrathfull ouerthrowing the generation of women.

20 Where is a seede of men, worthy to be an honourable seed: the honourable seed are they that feare the Lord: there is a seed of men, which is without honour: the seed without honour, are they that transgresse the commandements of the Lord: in a seed that remaineth, which feareth the Lord, and a kinde plante, that loue him: but they are a seed without honour, that despise the law, and a detestable seed that breake the commandements.

21 Her that is the chiefe among brethren, is honourable: so are they that feare the Lord in his sight.

22 The feare of the Lorde causeth that the kingdome falleth not, but the kingdome is lost by cruelty and pride.

23 The feare of the Lord is the glory as well of the rich and the noble, as of the poore.

24 It is not meete to despise the poore man that hath vnderstanding, neither is it conuenient to magnifie the rich that is a wicked man.

25 The great man and the iudge, and the man of authoritie, are honourable, yet is there none of them greater then her that feareth the Lord.

26 *Vnto the seruant that is wise, shall they that are free, doe seruice: *he that hath knowledge, will not grudge when he is reformed, [and the ignorant shall not come to honour.]

27 Murder not reason with a thou shouldst do thy worke, neither be aduaunt thyself though pride in the time of aduersitie.

28 *Better is her that laboureth, and hath plenteousnesse of all things, then he that is gorgeous, and wanteth bread.

29 My sonne, get thy selfe prayse by meekenesse, and esteeme thy selfe as thou deseruest.

30 Who will count him iust that sinneth against himselfe? or honour him that dishonoureth his owne soule?

31 The poore is honoured for his knowledge [and his feare,] but the rich is had in reputation because of his goods.

32 He that is honourable in pouertie, how much more shall he be when he is rich? and he that is vnhonest being rich, how much more will he be so when he is in pouertie?

CHAP. XI.

1 *The praise of humilitie.* 5 *After the outward appearance ought wee not to iudge.* 7 *Of rash iudgement.* 14 *All things come of God.* 29 *All men are not to be brought into their hand.*

WIsedome *lifteth vp the head of him that is lowe, and maketh him to sit among great men.

2 Commend not a man for his beautie, neither despise a man in his utter appearance.

3 The Bee is but small among the foules: yet doth her fruit passe all sweetnesse.

4 Bee not proud of clothing and raiment, *and exalt not thy selfe in the day of honour: for the workes of the Lord are wonderfull [and glorious] secret, [and vnknowen] are his

[Or, the workeman is praysed according to the worke.

1 King. 12. 1, 13, 14.

Leui. 19.17.

Ier. 27.6. dan. 4 14.

Luke 1.52. & 14.11. & 18.14. 1. sam. 2.7, 8.

Gen. 41.40. dan. 6.3.

Act. 12.21, 23.

Prou. 17.2, 2. Sam. 13. 13.

Pro. 12.9, 11

1. Sam. 15. 28. Ester 6. 10.

5 Many tyrants have sate vpon the earth, and the wilfully hath worne the crowne.

6 Many mighty men haue bene brought to dishonour, and the honourable haue bene deliuered into other mens handes.

Deut. 13. 14 and 17. 4, 6 Josh. 7. 26. Prou. 18. 13

7 ¶ [* Blame no man (saith) before thou hast enquired the matter: vnderstand first, and then reproue (rightfully.)]

8 * Giue no answere before thou hast heard the cause, neither interrupt men in the middes of their tales.

9 Strive not for a matter that thou hast not to doe with, and sit not in the iudgement of sinners.

10 My sonne, meddle not with many matters: * for if thou goest much, thou shalt not be blameles, and if thou follow after it, yet shalt thou not attaine it, neither shalt thou escape, though thou flee from it.

Mat. 19. 23. 1. Tim. 6. 9.

Prou. 10. 3.

11 * There is some man that laboureth and taketh paine, and the more he hasteth, the more he wanteth.

12 Againe there is some that is slouthfull, and Isa. 42. 19. * hath needs of helpe: for he wanteth strength, and hath great pouertie, yet the eye of the Lord looketh vpon him to good, and setteth him vp from his low estate.

13 And he lifteth vp his head: so that many men marueile at him, [and giue honour vnto God.]

Job 1. 21. 1. Sam. 2. 6. 14 * Prosperity and aduersity, life and death, pouerty and riches come of the Lord.

15 Wisedom and knowledge, and vnderstanding of the Law are of the Lord: loue and good workes come of him.

16 Error and darkenesse are appointed for sinners, and they that exalt themselues in euil, ware old in euil.

17 The gift of the Lord remaineth for the godly, and his good will maketh prosperitie for euer.

18 ¶ Some man is rich by his care and nigardship, and this is the portion of his wages,

Luke 12. 19. 19 In that he saith, * I haue gotten rest, and now will I eate continually of my goods, yet he considereth not that the time draweth neere, that hee must leaue all these things vnto other men, and die himselfe.

20 Stand thou in thy state, and exercise thy selfe therein, and remaine in thy worke vnto thine age.

21 Wonder not at the works of sinners, but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easie thing in the sight of the Lord suddenly to make a poore man rich.

22 The blessing of the Lord is in the wages of the godly, and he maketh his prosperitie soone to flourish.

23 ¶ Say not, What profit and pleasure shall I haue? and what good things shal I haue hereafter?

24 Againe, say not, I haue enough, and possesse many things, and what euil can come to me hereafter?

Wisd. 5. 8. 24. 25 * In thy good state remember aduersitie, and in aduersitie forget not prosperitie.

26 For it is an easie thing vnto the Lord in the day of death to reward a man according to his waies.

27 The aduersitie of an houre maketh one to forget pleasure: and in a mans end, his workes are discouered.

28 Iudge none blessed before his death: for a man shalbe knowen by his children.

29 Bring not euery man into thine house: for the deceitfull haue many trappes, [and are like stomacks that belch filthily.]

30 As a partridge is taken vnder a decoy, [and the hinde is taken in the snare,] so is the heart of the proud man, which like a spie watcheth for thy fall.

31 For he lieth in waite, and turneth good vnto euil, and in things worthy praise he will finde some fault.

32 Of one little sparke is made a great fire, [and of one deceitfull man is blood increased:] for a sinfull man layeth wait for blood.

33 Beware of a wicked man: for he imagineth wicked things, lest he bring thee into a perpetuall blame.

34 Lodge a stranger, and he will destroy thee with vnquietnesse, and driue thee from thine owne.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Vnto whom we ought to doe good.* 10 *Enemies ought be not to be trusted.*

WHen thou doest good, know to whom thou doest it, so shalt thou be thanked for thy benefits.

2 * Doe good vnto the righteous, and thou shalt finde [great] reward, though not of him, yet of the most High.

Gala. 6. 10. 1. Tim. 5. 8.

3 Hee cannot haue good that continueth in euill, and giueth no almes: [for the most high hateth the sinners, and hath mercie vpon them that repent.]

4 Giue vnto such as feare God, and receiue not a sinner.

5 Doe well vnto him that is lowly, but giue not to the vngodly: holde backe thy bread, and giue it not vnto him, lest he ouercome thee thereby: else thou shalt receiue twise as much euill for all the good that thou doest vnto him.

6 For the most High hateth the wicked, and will repay vengeance vnto the vngodly, and reserueth them against the day of horrible vengeance.

7 Giue vnto the good, and receiue not the sinner.

8 A friend cannot bee knowen in prosperitie, neither can an enemie be vnknowen in aduersitie.

9 When a man is in wealth, it grieueth his enemies, but in heauinesse and trouble a mans very friend will depart from him.

10 Trust neuer thine enemie: for like as an yron rusteth, so doth his wickednesse.

11 And though he make much crouching and kneeling, yet double thy selfe, and beware of him, and then shalt hee be to him, as he that wipeth a glasse, and thou shalt know that all his rust hath not bene well wiped away.

12 Set him not by thee, lest he destroy thee, and stand in thy place.

13 Neither let him sit at thy right hand, lest he seeke thy roome, and thou at the last remember my wordes, and bee pricked with my sayings.

14 * Binde not two sinnes together: for there shall not one be vnpunished. Chap. 7. 8. and 21. 3.

15 Who

15 Who will bewayle a charmer, that is stongen of the serpent? or all such as come neere the beastes? so is it with him that keepeth company with a wicked man, and wrappeth himselfe in his sinnes.

16 For a season will he bide with thee: but if thou stumble, he cannot.

Iere. 41. 6. 17 An enemie is sweete in his lippe: he can make many good wordes, and speake many good things: yea, he can weepe with his eyes, but in his heart he imagineth how to throwe thee into the pit: and if he may finde opportunity, he will not be satisfied with blood.

18 If aduersitie come vpon thee, thou shalt finde him there first, and though he pretend to helpe thee, yet shall he supplante thee: he will shake his head, and clap his hands, and will make many wordes, and diligently his countenance.

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CHAP. XIIII.

1 The companies of the proud & of the rich are to be eschewed. 15 The loue of God. 17 Loke doo company with thine like.

Ecclesiasticus. 13. LIE that toucheth pitch, shall be defiled with it: and hee that is familiar with the proud, shalbe like vnto him.

2 Burthen not thy selfe aboue thy power, whilest thou liuest, and company not with one that is mightier, and richer then thy selfe: for howe agree the kettle and the earthen pot together? for if the one be smitten against the other, it shalbe broken.

3 The rich dealeth vnrighteously, & threatneth withall: but the poore being oppressed must intreate: if the rich haue done wrong, hee must yet be intreated: but if the poore haue done it, hee shall straightwayes be threatned.

4 If thou be to his profite, he vseth thee: but if thou haue nothing, he will forsake thee.

5 If thou haue any thing, hee will liue with thee: yea, he will make thee a bare man, and will not care for it.

6 If hee haue needs of thee, hee will defraude thee, and will laugh at thee, and put thee in hope, and giue thee all good wordes, and say, What wantest thou?

7 Thus will he shame thee in his meate, vntil he hath sucked thee vp cleane twise or thrise, and at the last he will laugh thee to scorne: afterward when he seeth thee, he will forsake thee, and shake his head at thee.

8 [Submit thy selfe vnto God, and waite vpon his hand.]

9 Beware that thou be not deceiued in thine own conceit, and brought downe by thy simplenesse: [be not too humble in thy wisedome.]

10 ¶ If thou be called of a mightie man, absent thy selfe: so shall he call thee the more oft.

11 Presse not thou vnto him, that thou be not shut out, but go not thou farre off, lest he forget thee.

12 Withdraw not thy selfe from his speach, but beleeue not his many wordes: for with much communication will he tempt thee, and laughingly will he grope thee.

13 Hee is vnmercifull, and keepeth not promise: thee will not spare to doe thee hurt, and to put thee in prison.

14 Beware, and take good heede: for thou walkest in perill of thine ouerthrowing: when thou hearest this, awake in thy sleepe.

15 Loue the Lord all thy life, and call vpon him for thy saluation.

16 ¶ Euery beast loueth his like, and euery man loueth his neighbour.

17 All flesh will resort to their like, and euery man will keepe company with such as he is himselfe.

18 How can the wolfe agree with the lambe? no more can the vngodly with the righteous.

19 What fellowship hath [a hyena with a dog? and what peace is betweene the rich and the poore?

20 As the wilde asse is the Lions pray in the wildernesse, so are poore men the meate of the rich.

21 As the proude hate humility, so do the rich abhorre the poore.

22 If a rich man fall, his friends set him vp againe: but when the poore falleth, his friends driue him away.

23 If a rich man offend, hee hath many helpers: he speaketh proud wordes, and yet men iustifie him: but if a poore man fayle, they rebuke him, and though hee speake wisely, yet can it haue no place.

24 When the rich man speaketh, euery man holdeth his tongue: and looke what he saith, they praise it vnto the cloudes: but if the poore man speake, they say, What fellow is this? and if he doe stomble, they will destroy him.

25 Riches are good vnto him that hath no sinne [in his conscience,] and pouerty is euill in the mouth of the vngodly.

26 The heart of a man changeth his countenance, whether it be in good or euill.

27 A cheerefull countenance is a token of a good heart: for it is an hard thing to know the secrets of the thought.

CHAP XIIII.

1 The offence of the tongue. 17 Man is but a vaine thing. 22 Happy is he that continueth in wisedome.

BLessed is the man [that hath not fallen by (the word of) his mouth, and is not tormented with the sorrow of sinne.

2 Blessed is he that is not condemned in his conscience, and is not fallen from his hope in the Lord.

3 Riches are not comely for a nigarde, and what should an enuious man do with money?

4 He that gathereth together from his owne soule, heapeth together for others, that will make good cheere with his goods.

5 He that is wicked vnto himselfe, to whom will he be good? for such one can haue no pleasure of his goods.

6 There is nothing worse, then when one enuieth himselfe: and this is a reward of his wickednesse.

7 And if he doe any good, he doth it not knowing thereof, and against his will, and at the last he declareth his wickednesse.

8 The enuious man hath a wicked looke: he turneth away his face, and despiseth men.

9 A couetous mans eye hath neuer enough of a portion, and his wicked malice withereth his owne soule.

10 A wicked eye enuieth the bread, and there is scarcenesse vpon his table.

Prou. 23. 6.

11 My sonne, let nothing hinder thee to doe that good, and giue the Lord his due seruice.

12 Remember that death tarieth not, and that the * couenant of the graue is not shewed vnto thee.

13 *Do good vnto thy friend before thou die, and according to thine ability stretch out thine hand, and giue him.

14 Defraud not thy selfe of the good day, and let not the portion of the good desires ouerpasse thee.

15 Shalt thou not leaue thy trauailes vnto another, and thy labours for the diuiding of the heritage?

16 Giue and take, and sanctifie thy soule: [worke thou righteousnesse before thy death:] for in the graue there is no meate to finde.

17 ¶ *All flesh waxeth olde, as a garment, and this is the condition of all times, Thou shalt die the death.

18 As the greene leaues on a thicke tree, some fall, and some grow, so is the generation of flesh and blood: one commeth to an end, and another is borne.

19 All corruptible things shall faile, and the worker thereof shall goe withall.

20 [Euery excellent worke shall be iustified, and he that worketh it, shall haue honour thereby.]

21 *Blessed is the man that doeth meditate honest things by wisdome, [and exerciseth himselfe in iustice,] and hee that reasoneth of holy things by his vnderstanding.

22 Which considereth in his heart her wayes, and vnderstandeth her secrets.

23 Goe thou after her as one that seeketh her out, and lie in waite in her wayes.

24 He shall looke in at her windowes, and hearken at her doores.

25 He shall abide beside her house, and fasten a stake in her walles: hee shall pitch his tent besides her.

26 And hee shall remaine in the lodging of good men, and shall set his children vnder his couering, and shall dwell vnder her branches.

27 By her hee shall be couered from the heate, and in her glory shall he dwell.

CHAP. XV.

1 The goodnesse that followeth him which feareth God. 3 God reiecteth and casteth off the sinner. 11 God is not the author of euill.

HE that feareth the Lord, will doe good: and he that hath the knowledge of the Law, will keepe it sure.

2 As an [honourable] mother shall hee meete him, and heer, * as his wife married of a virgin, will receiue him.

3 With the bread of life] and vnderstanding shall shee feede him, and giue him the * water of [wholesome] wisedome to drinke.

4 Hee shall stay himselfe in her, and shall not be moued, and shall holde himselfe fast by her, and shall not be confounded.

5 Shee shall exalt him aboue his neighbours, and in the middes of the congregation shall shee open his mouth: [with the spirit of wisedome, and vnderstanding shall she fill him, and clothe him with the garment of glory.]

6 Shee shall cause him to inherite ioy, and the crowne of gladnesse, and an euerlasting name.

7 But foolish men shall not come vnto her: [but such as haue vnderstanding will meete her:] the sinners shall not see her.

8 For shee is farre from pride [and deceit,] and men that lie, cannot remember her: [but men of truth shall haunt her, and shall prosper euen vnto the beholding of God.]

9 Praise is not seemely in the mouth of the sinner: for that is not sent of the Lord.

10 But if praise come of wisedome, [and be plenteous in a faithfull mouth] then the Lorde will prosper it.

11 Say not thou, It is through the Lord that I fall me backe: for thou oughtest not to doe the things that he hateth.

12 Say not thou, He hath caused mee to erre: for he hath no need of the sinfull man.

13 The Lord hateth all abomination [of error] and they that feare God, loue it not.

14 *He made man from the beginning, and left him in the hand of his counsell, [& gaue him his commaundements and precepts.] *Gen.1.27.*

15 If thou wilt, thou shalt obserue the commandements, and tell iste thy good will.

16 He hath set water and fire before thee: stretch out thy hand vnto which thou wilt.

17 *Before man is life and death, [good and euill:] what him liketh shalbe giuen him. *Ierem.21.8.*

18 For the wisedome of the Lord is great, and he is mighty in power, and beholdeth all things [continually.]

19 *And the eyes [of the Lord] are vpon them that feare him, and he knoweth all the workes of man. *Psal.34.15, 16, Iob.4. 13.*

20 He hath commaunded no man to doe vngodly, neyther hath he giuen any man licence to sinne: [for he desireth not a multitude of vnbeleeuers, and vnprofitable children.]

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of vnhappy and wicked children. 17 No man can hide himselfe from God. 24 An exhortation to the receiuing of instruction.

DEsire not the multitude of vnprofitable children, neither delight in vngodly children: though they be many, reioyce not in them, except the feare of the Lord be with them.

2 Trust not thou to their life, neyther rest vpon their multitude.

3 For one that is iust, is better then a thousand sinfull, and better it is to die without children, then to leaue behinde him vngodly children.

4 For by one that hath vnderstanding, shall the city be inhabited: but the stocke of the wicked shalbe wasted incontinently.

5 Many such things haue I seene with mine eyes, and mine eare hath heard greater things then these.

6 *In the congregation of the vngodly shall a fire be kindled, and among vnfaithfull people shall the wrath be set on fire. *Chap.21.3, 10.*

7 *He spared not the olde giants which were rebellious, trusting to their owne strength. *Gen.6.4.*

8 *Neither spared hee whereas Lot dwelt, those whom he abhorred for their pride. *Gen.19.23, 25.*

9 Hee had no pitie vpon the people that were destroyed, and punished vp in their sinnes.

10 *And so hee preserued the fiue hundreth thousand fourteene, that were gathered in the hardnesse of their heart, in afflicting them and *Num.14.15, 16, 20. and 26.51.*

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2 That is the day of death. *Chap 41. tob 47. luke 14.13.*

Man.

Isa.40 6. 1.pet 1.24. iames 1.10.

As man

Psal 1.2.

Peter

3 As a pure virgine newly maried, doth friendly intreate her husband: so shall iustice pure and vndefiled gently entertaine her louer.

Iohn 4.10.

God is omnipresent. Creation of Man.

and pitying them, hasteneth them vnto him by turning.

11 Therefore if there be one stiffnecked among the people, it is conuenient he be punished: for mercy and wrath are with him: he is mighty to forgiue, and to powre out displeasure.

Chap. 5. 6. 12 * As his mercy is great, so is his punishment also: he iudgeth a man according to his works.

13 The vngodly shall not escape with his spoyle, and the patience of the godly shall not be despised.

14 He will giue place to all good deedes, and euery one shall finde according to his workes, [and after the vnderstanding of his pilgrimage.]

15 The Lord hardened Pharao, that he should not knowe him, and that his workes should bee knowen vpon the earth vnder the heauen.

16 His mercy is knowen to all creatures: he hath separate his light from the darkenesse with an aduisement.

17 Say not thou, I will hide my selfe from the Lord: for who will thinke vpon me from aboue? I shal not be knowen in so great an heape of people: for what is my soule among such an infinite number of creatures?

18 Beholde, the heauen, and the * heauen of heauens, which are for God, the depth, and the earth, and all that therein is, shall be mooued when he shall visite.

19 All the world which is created and made by his will, the mountaines also, and the foundations of the earth shall shake for feare, when the Lord looketh vpon them.

20 These things doeth no heart vnderstand worthily, but he vnderstandeth euery heart.

21 And who vnderstandeth his waies? and the storme that no man can see: for the most part of his works are hid.

22 Who can declare the workes of his righteousnesse? or who can abide them? for his abidance is far off, and the trying out of all things inclyeth.

23 He that is humble of heart, will consider these things: but an vnwise and erroneous man casteth his minde vpon foolish things.

24 My sonne, hearken vnto mee, and learne knowledge, and marke my wordes with thine heart.

25 I will declare thee weighty doctrine, and I will instruct thee exactly in knowledge.

26 The Lord hath set his works in good order from the beginning: and part of them hath hee vnderstood from the other when hee first made them.

27 Hee hath garnished his workes for euer, and their beginning to long as they shal endure, they are not hungry nor wearied in their labours, nor cease from their offices.

28 None of them hindereth another, neither was any of them disobedient vnto his word.

29 After this the Lord looked vpon the earth, and filled it with his good things.

30 With all manner of liuing beasts hath he couered the face thereof, and they returne into it again.

1 *The creation of man, and the gift of knowledge: his abiding vnto death, and the restauration.*

THe * Lord hath created man of the earth, and turned him vnto it againe. Gen. 1. 27. and 5. 2. wisd. 2. 23. and 7. 1. 6. 1. cor. 11. 7. col. 3. 10.

2 He gaue him the number of dayes and certaine times, and gaue him power of thinges that are vpon earth.

3 He clothed them with strength as they had needs, and made them according to his image.

4 Hee made all flesh to feare him, so that hee had the dominion ouer the beasts and fowles.

5 [* He created out of him an helper like vnto himselfe;] and gaue them discretion and tongue, and eyes, eares, and an heart to vnderstand, and finally hee gaue them a skilful and stedfast spirit: hee gaue them speach to declare his workes. Gen. 2. 22. 1. cor. 11. 9.

6 And he filled them with knowledge of vnderstanding, and shewed them good and euill.

7 He set his eye vpon their hearts, declaring vnto them his noble workes.

8 And gaue them occasion to reioyce perpetually in his miracles, that they should prudently declare his works, & that the elect should praise his holy name together.

9 Beside this, hee gaue them knowledge, and gaue them the Law of life for an heritage, that they might now knowe that they were mortall. a Through their owne transgression.

10 Hee made an euerlasting couenant with them, and shewed them his iudgements.

11 Their eyes saw the maiestie of his glory, and their eares heard his glorious voyce.

12 And he said vnto them, Beware of all vnrighteous things. * Hee gaue euery man charge of his neighbour. Exod. 20. 16, 17. and 21. 23.

13 Their wayes are euer before him, and are not hid from his eyes.

14 Euery man from his youth is giuen to euill, and their flesh hearts cannot become liuely. b That is, soft & gentle, for the holy Ghost to write his lawes in. Deut. 4. 20. and 10. 15.

15 Hee appointed a ruler vpon euery people, and kept all the nations of the whole earth.

16 * And he did chuse Israel, as a peculiar people to himselfe, whom hee nourished with discipline as his first borne, and giueth him most louing light, and doth not forsake him.

17 All their workes are as the Sunne before him, and his eyes are continually vpon their wayes.

18 None of their vnrighteousnesse is hidden from him, but all their sinnes are before the Lord.

19 And as hee is mercifull, and knoweth his worke, he doth not leaue them nor forsake them, but spareth them.

20 * The almes of a man is as a thing sealed vp before him, and he keepeth the good deedes of men as the apple of the eye, and giueth repentance to their sonnes and daughters. Almes Chap. 29. 13. & penitence.

21 * At the last shall hee arise, and reward them, and shall repay their reward vpon their head. Mat. 25. 35.

22 * But vnto them that will repent, hee giueth place to returne, and exhorteth such Acts 3. 19.

such as faile, with patience, [and tendreth them the petition of the needie.]

Jer.3.12. 22 Returne thou vnto the Lord, and forsake thy sinnes: make thy prayer before his face, and take away the offence.

24 Turne againe vnto the most High: for he will bring thee from darkenesse vnto wholesome light: hate the thing vnrighteousnesse, and hate greatly all abomination.

25 [Who can tell the righteousnes and iudgements of God? stand in the petition that is set forth thee, and in the prayer of the most hie God, and goe in the paths of the holy world with such as be living and confesse God:]

Psal.6.5. 26 [Who can praise thee out of high in the hell, *Isai.38.18,* as doe all that line and confesse him?

19. 27 [Abide not thou in the sinnes of the vngodly, but praise the Lord before death.]

28 Thankefulnesse perisheth from the dead, as though he were not: but the liuing, and he that is sound of heart prayseth the Lord. [and reioyceth in his mercy.]

29 How great is the louing kindnesse of the Lord our God, and his compassion vnto such as turne vnto him in holinesse!

30 For all things cannot be in man, because the sonne of man is not immortall. [and they take pleasure in the vanitie of wickednesse.]

31 What is more cleare then the Sunne? yet shall it faile.

32 So flesh and blood that thinketh euil, shall be espyed.

33 The eye seeth the power of the high heauen, and all men are but earth and ashes.

CHAP. XVIII.

The vnspeakeable workes of God. 6, 7. The misery and wretchednesse of man. 9 Against God we ought not to complaine. 22 The performing of vowes.

HE that liueth for euer, * made all things together: the Lord who onely is iust, and there is none other but he. [and he remaineth a victorious king for euer.] *Gen.1,1.*

2 He ouerseeth the world with the power of his hand, and all things obey his will: for he gouerneth all things by his power. and diuideth the holy things from the prophane.

3 To whom hath he giuen power to expresse his workes? who will seeke out the ground of his noble acres?

4 Who shall declare the ruines of his greatnesse? or who will take vpon him to tell out his mercy?

5 As for the wonderous workes of the Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, neither can any thing bee put vnto them, neither may the ground of them bee found out.

6 But when a man hath done his best, he must begin againe, and when he thinketh to come to an ende, he must goe againe to his labour.

7 [What is man? whereto serueth he? what good or euill can he doe?

Psal.90.10. 8 If the number of a mans dayes bee an hundreth yeeres, it is much: and no man hath certaine knowledge of his death.

9 The drops of raine are vnto the sea, and

great gravell stones [so] many as these [are] in the [world,] so are a thousand yeeres in the sight of the euerlasting. *2.Pet.3.8.*

10 Therefore is [God] patient with them, and powreth out his mercy vpon them.

11 He saw and perceiued, that [the arrogancie of their heart, and their ruine was] euill: therefore hee made his pitie more plenteous vnto them, and shewed them the way of righteousnesse.]

12 The mercy that a man hath, reacheth to his neighbour: but the mercy of the Lord is vpon all flesh: he chasteneth, and nurtureth, and teacheth, and bringeth backe, as a shepheard his flocke.

13 He hath mercy on them that receiue discipline, and that diligently seeke after his iudgements.

14 [My sonne, when thou doest good, reproue not: and whatsoeuer thou giuest, vse no discomfortable words.

15 Shall not the deaw asswage the heate? so is a word better then a gift.

16 Lo, is not a word better then a good gift? but a gracious man giueth them both.

17 A foole will reuyle churlishly, and a gift of the enuious putteth out the eyes.

18 [Get thee righteousnesse before thou come to iudgement:] learne before thou speake, and vse physicke or euer thou be sicke.

19 [Examine thy selfe before thou be iudged, *1.Cor.11.31* and in the day of the visitation thou shalt finde mercy.

20 Humble thy selfe before thou be sicke, and whiles thou mayest yet sinne, shew thy conuersion.

21 Let nothing let thee to pay thy vowe in time, and deferre not vnto death to bee reconciled: [for the wrathe of God endureth for euer.]

22 Before thou prayest, prepare thy selfe, and be not as one that tempteth the Lord.

23 Thinke vpon the * wrath that shall be at the ende, and the houre of vengeance, when he shall turne away his face. *Chap.7.17, 36.*

24 * When thou hast enough, remember the time of hunger: and when thou art rich, thinke vpon pouerty and needs. *Chap.11.25.*

25 From the morning vntill the euening, the time is changed: and all such things are soone done before the Lord.

26 A wise man feareth in all things, and in the dayes of transgression hee keepeth himselfe from sinne: but the foole doeth not obserue the time.

27 Euery wise man knoweth wisedome, and knowledge, and prayseth him that findeth her.

28 They that haue vnderstanding, deale wisely in words: [they vnderstand the truth and righteousnesse,] and powre out wise and sufficient graue sentences for mans life.

29 The chiefe authoritie of speaking is of the Lord alone: for a mortall man hath but a dead heart.

30 [* Follow not thy lustes, but turne thee *Rom.6.* from thine owne appetites. *and 13.14.*

31 For if thou giuest thy soule her desires, it shall make thine enemies that enuie thee, to laugh thee to scorne.

32 Take not thy pleasure in great voluptuousnesse,

sudden, and brought upon the wife with such calamity.

33 Become not a beggar by making banquets of that that thou hast borrowed, and so leave nothing in thy purse: else shalt thou be accounted ready lie in wait for thine owne life.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Who and wherefore being wise to purpose. 6 In thy words use discretion. 22 The difference of the wisedome of God and man. 27 Whereby thou mayst know what is in man.

A labouring man that is given to drunkenness, shall not be rich: and he that contemneth small things, shall fall by little and little.

2 Wine and women leade wise men out of the way, and put men of understanding to reproofe.

3 And he that companieth adulterers, shall become impudent: rottenness and wormes shall have him to heritage, and her that is too bold, shall be taken away, and be made a publike example.

4 He that is hastie to give credite, is light minded, and he that erreth, sinneth against his owne soule.

5 Who so rejoyceth in wickednesse, shall be punished: the that hateth to be reproved, shall be shortened, and he that abhorreth babbling, eschueth wickednesse.

6 He that refraineth his tongue, may live with a troublesome man, and he that hateth babbling, shall have lesse evill.

7 Rehearse not to another that which is told unto thee: so shalt thou not be vnhappy.

8 Declare not other mens manners, neither to friend nor foe: and if the same appertaine not unto thee, reveale it not.

9 For he will hearken unto thee, and marke thee, and when he findeth opportunity, he will hate thee.

10 If thou hast heard a word against thy neighbour, let it die with thee, and be sure, it will not burst thee.

11 A fool trauaileth when he hath heard a thing, as a woman that is about to bring forth a childe.

12 As an arrow that sticketh in ones thigh, so is a word in a fooles heart.

13 Reprooue a friend, lest he doe evill, and if he haue done it, that he doe it no more.

14 Reprooue a friend, that he may keepe his tongue: and if he have spoken, that he say it no more.

15 Tell thy friend his fault: for oft times a slander is raised, and give no credence to every word.

16 A man sinneth with his tongue, but not with his will: and who is he, that hath not offended in his tongue?

17 Reprooue thy neighbour before thou threaten him, and being without anger, give place unto the Law of the most High.

18 The feare of the Lord is the first degree to receive her, and wait upon her is the first degree to love her.

19 The knowledge of the commandements of the Lord is the doctrine of life, and they that doe that which pleaseth him, receive the fruit of immortality.

20 The feare of the Lord is all wisedome, and the performing of the Law is perfect wisedome, and the knowledge of his almightie power.

21 If a seruant say unto his master, I will not doe as it pleaseth thee: though afterward he doe it, he shall provoke him that nourished him unto sinne.

22 The knowledge of lewdnesse is not honest: neither is it at all commendable where may be counsell of shame: but it is vtterly execrable and it is the fooles to want of wisedome.

23 Yea that hath small understanding, and feareth God, is better then one that hath much knowledge, and transgresseth the Lawes of the most High.

24 There is a craftie subtiltie, and it is iust, but it is verie frowarde: and there is that maketh the open and manifest law: yet there is that is wilie, and iudgeth rigteously.

25 There is some, that being about wicked purposes, doe bow downe themselues, and are sad, whose inward parts within altogether with deceit: he hideth downe with his face, and cloaketh himselfe deafe: yet before thou perceiue, hee will be vpon thee to hurt thee.

26 And though he be to weake, that he can do thee no harme, yet when he may find opportunitie, he will doe evill.

27 A man may be knowen by his looke, and one that hath vnderstanding, may be perceiued by the viewing of his countenance.

28 A mans garment, & his excellive laughter, and going, declare what person he is.

CHAP. XX.

1 Of correction and repentance. 6 To speake and keepe silence in time. 17 The fall of the wicked. 23 Of lying. 24 The theefe and the manhereer. 28 Gifts blinde the eyes of the wise.

There is some rebuke that is not comely: again, some man holdeth his tongue, and he is wise.

2 It is much better to reprooue, then to beare euill will, and he that acknowledgeth his fault, shalbe preserued from hurt.

3 As when a grieued man & vnruly wil would beare a maydē, so he that vseth violence in iudgements.

4 How good a thing is it, when thou art reprooued, to shew repentance: for so shalt thou escape wilfull sinne.

5 Some man keepeth silence, and is found wise: and some by much babbling is examined hatefull.

6 Some man holdeth his tongue, because he hath not to answere: another keepeth silence, knowing a conuenient time.

7 A wise man will hold his tongue till he see opportunitie: but a trifler and a foole will regard no time.

8 He that vseth many words, shall be abhorred, and he that taketh authoritie to himselfe, shall be hated.

9 Some man hath oft times prosperitie in wicked things: and I sometime a thing that is found, profiteth lasse.

10 There is some gift that is not profitable for thee, and there is some gift whose reward is double.

11 Some

Gen. 19. 33. 1. kin. 11. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Iosh. 22. 18, 22.

Chap. 22. 30, 23.

Chap. 30. 20.

Eccles. 3. 7. Chap. 32. 4.

Levit. 19. 17. Matt. 18. 15.

Iames 3. 2

21 Some man humbleth himself for slothfulness, and lowreth his countenance against his soule.

22 Some man humbleth himself for shame, and will in deceitfulness throw down his head.

23 Some man pretendeth much for a little gaine, for the which he payeth seven times more.

Chap. 6.5

24 A wise man with words maketh himselfe to be loved: but the desires of fooles shall be powred out.

25 The gift of an unthankful fool shall do thee no good, neither yet of one that is unmerciful: for he looketh to receive many things for one: he craveth little, and is unkindly much: he poureth out his mouth like a crier: to day he lendeth, to morrow he will be sought, and such one is to be hated of God and man.

26 The foole saith, I have no friends: I have no thanke for all my good deedes: and they that eat my bread, speake evill of me.

27 How oft, and of how many shall he be laughed to scorne? for he comprehendeth not by right iudgement that which he hath: and is all one as if he had it not.

28 The fall of a wicked man is very sudden: so shall the fall of the wicked come suddenly.

29 A man without grace is as a speech out of season which is oft told by the mouth of the ignorant.

30 A wise sentence taketh grace when it commeth out of a fooles mouth: for he speaketh not in due season.

31 Some man sinneth not because of poverty, and yet is not grieved when he is alone.

32 Some man there is that destroyeth his owne soule, because he is ashamed, and for the regard of persons loseth it.

33 Some man promiseth unto his friend for shame, and getteth an enemie of him for nought.

Chap. 25.2

34 * A lie is a wicked shame in a man: yet is it oft in the mouth of the prudent.

35 A theefe is better then a man that is accustomed to lie: but they both shall have destruction to heritage.

36 The conditions of liars are unhonest, and their shame is ever with them.

37 A wise man shall bring himselfe to honour with his words, and he that hath understanding, shall please great men.

Prov. 13.18 and 28.19

38 * He that tilleth his land, shall increase his heape: and he that worketh righteousnesse, shall be exalted, and hee that pleaseth great men, shall have pardon of his iniquitie.

Exod. 23.8 Deut. 16.19

39 Rewards and gifts blinde the eyes of the wise, and make them blinde, that they cannot reprove faults.

40 Hidde wisedome that is not, and treasure that is hoarded up, what profite is in them both?

41 Better is he that keepeth his ignorance secret, then a man that hideth his wisedome.

42 The necessary patience of him that followeth the Lord, is better, then he that governeth his life without the Law.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Not to continue in sinne. 5 The prayer of the afflicted. 6 To hate to be reproved. 13 The mouth of the wise man. 26 The thoughts of the foole.

Chap 5.5 Psal. 51.4 Luke 15.21

MY sonne, hast thou sinned? doe so no more, but pray for the time past, that thou may be forgiven them.

2 Flee from sinne as from a serpent: for if thou commest too neere it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, to slay the soules of men.

3 All iniquitie is as a two edged sword, the wounds whereof cannot be healed.

4 Strife and injuries waste riches: so the house of the proude shall be made

5 * The prayer of the poore going out of the mouth, commeth unto the eares of the Lorde, and iudgement commeth speedily unto him.

Exod. 3.9. and 22.23. Deut. 24.15

6 Who so hateth to be reproved, is in the way of sinners: but he that feareth the Lord, converteth in heart.

7 An eloquent talker is known afarre off: but he that is wise, perceiveth when he falleth.

8 He that buildeth his house with other mens money, is like one that gathereth stones to make his grave.

9 * The congregation of the wicked is like flaxe wrapped together: their end is a flame of fire to destroy them.

Chap. 16.6.

10 The way of sinners is made plaine with stones, but at the end there of is hell, (darknesse and paines.)

11 He that keepeth the Law of the Lord, ruleth his own affections therein: and the increase of wisedome is the end of the feare of God.

|| Or, keepeth the understanding thereof.

12 He that is not wise, will not suffer himself to be taught: but there is sometime that increaseth bitternesse.

13 The knowledge of the wise shall abound like water: their counsell is like a pure fountaine of life.

14 * The inner parts of a foole are like a broken vessell: he can keepe no knowledge within his heart.

Chap. 33.5.

15 When a man of understanding heareth a wise word, he will commend it, and encrease it: but if an unpregnant man heare it, he will displease it, and cast it behinde his backe.

16 The talking of a foole is like a burden in the way: but there is comelinesse in the talke of a wise man.

17 They inquire at the mouth of the wise man in the congregation, and they shall ponder his words in their heart.

18 As is a house that is destroyed, so is wisedome unto a foole, and the knowledge of the unwise is as words without order.

19 Doctrine unto fooles is as fetters on the feete, and like manicles upon the right hand.

20 A foole lifteth up his voyce with laughter, but a wise man doubteth scarce smile secretly.

Chap. 19. 27, 28.

21 Learning is unto a wise man a jewell of gold, and like a bracelet upon his right arme.

22 A foolish mans foot is soone in his [neighbours] house: but a man of experience is ashamed to looke in.

23 A foole will peepe in at the doore into the house: but he that is well brought up, will stand without.

24 It is the point of a foolish man to hearken at the doore: for he that is wise, will be grieved with such dishonour.

25 The lippes of talkers will be telling such things as pertaine not unto them, but the words of such as have understanding, are weighed in the ballance.

26 The heart of fooles is in their mouth: but the mouth of the wise is in their heart.

27 When

27 When the vngodly curseth Satan, he curseth his owne soule.

Chap. 28. 13. 28 * A backbiter defileth his owne soule, and is hated where soeuer he is: [but he that keepeth his tongue, & is discreete, shall come to honour.]

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of the sluggard. 12 Not to speake much to a foole. 16 A good conscience feareth not.

A Slouthfull man is like a filthy stone, which euery man mocketh at for his shame.

2 A slouthfull man is to be compared to the [a] dung of oxen, and euery one that taketh it vp, will shake it out of his hand.

3 An euill nurtured sonne is the dishonor of the father: and the daughter is least to be esteemed.

4 A wise daughter is an heritage vnto her husband: but shee that liueth dishonestly, is her fathers heauinesse.

5 Sheer that is bold, dishonoureth both her father and her husband, [and is not inferiour to the vngodly,] but they both shall despise her.

6 A tale out of time is as musicke in mourning: but wisedome knoweth the seasons of correction and doctrine.

7 Who so teacheth a foole, is as one that gleweth a potsheard together, and as hee that waketh one that sleepeth from a sound sleepe.

8 If children liue honestly, and haue wherewith, they shall put away the shame of their parents.

9 But if children be proude, with hautinesse and foolishnesse they defile the nobilitie of their kinred.

10 Who so telleth a foole of wisedome, is as a man which speaketh to one that is asleepe: when he hath told his tale, he saith, What is the matter?

Chap. 38. 16. 11 * Weepe for the dead, for hee hath lost the light: so weepe for the foole, for he wanteth vnderstanding: make small weeping for the dead, for hee is at rest: but the life of a foole is worse then the death.

12 Seuen dayes do men mourne for him that is dead: but the lamentation for the foole and vngodly [should endure] all the dayes of their life.

Chap. 12. 12. 13 Talke not much with a foole, and goe not to him that hath no vnderstanding, * beware of him least it turne thee to paine, and lest thou be defiled when he shaketh himselfe. Depart from him, and thou shalt finde rest, and shalt not receiue sorrow for his foolishnesse.

14 What is heauier then lead? and what other name should a foole haue?

Prou. 27. 3. 15 * Sand and salt, and a lumpe of yron is easier to beare, then an vnwise, [foolish & vngodly man.]

16 As a frame of wood ioyned together in a building cannot bee loosed with shaking, so the heart that is stablished by aduised counsell, shall feare at no time.

17 The heart that is confirmed by discreete wisedome, is as a faire plaistering on a plaine wall.

18 As reedes that are set vp on high, cannot abide the wind, so the fearefull heart with foolish imagination can endure no feare.

19 Hee that hurteth the eye bringeth forth teares, and he that hurteth the heart, bringeth forth the affection.

20 Who so casteth a stone at the birds, frayeth them away: and hee that vpbraideth his friend, breaketh friendship.

21 Though thou drewest a sworde at thy friend, yet despaire not: for there may be a returning to fauour.

22 If thou haue opened thy mouth against thy friend, feare not: for there may bee a reconciliation, so that vpbraiding, or pride, or disclosing of secrets, or a traiterous wound doe not let: for by these things euery friend will depart.

23 Be faithfull vnto thy friend in his pouertie, that thou mayest reioyce in his prosperitie. Abide stedfast vnto him in the time of his trouble, that thou mayest bee heire with him in his heritage: for pouertie is not alwayes to be contemned, nor the rich that is foolish, to bee had in admiration.

24 As the vapour and smoke of the chimney goeth before the fire, so euill words [rebukes and threatnings] goe before blood shedding.

25 I will not be ashamed to defend a friend: neither will I hide my selfe from him, though he should do me harme wholsoeuer heareth it, shall beware of him.

26 Who shall set * a watch before my mouth, and a seale of wisedome vpon my lips, that I fall not suddenly by them, and that my tongue destroy me not. *Psal. 141. 3.*

CHAP. XXIII.

1 A prayer of the author. 13 Of vices, blasphemie and vnwise communication. 16 Of three kindes of sinnes. 23 Many sinnes procede of adultery. 27 Of the feare of God.

O Lord, father and gouernour of all my whole life, leaue me not to their counsell, and let mee not fall by [‖] them.

‖ Or, my lips.

2 Who will correct my thought, and put the doctrine of wisedome in mine heart, that they may not spare me in mine ignorance, neither let [‖] their faults passe?

‖ That is, of the tongue and lips.

3 Least mine ignorances increase, and my sinnes abound to my destruction, and least I fall before mine aduersarie, and mine enemies reioyce ouer mee, whole hope is farre from thy mercy.

4 O Lord, father and God of my life, [leaue me not in their imagination] neither giue mee a proud looke, but turne away from thy seruants a stout mind.

5 Take from me vaine hope, and concupiscence, and retaine him in obedience, that desireth continually to serue thee.

6 Let not the greedinesse of the belly, nor lust of the flesh hold me, and giue not me thy seruant ouer into an impudent mind.

7 ¶ Heare, O yee children, the instruction of a mouth that shall speake trueth: who so keepeth it, shall not perish through his lips, [nor be hurt by wicked workes.]

8 The sinner shall be taken by his owne lips: for the euill speaker and the proud doe offend by them.

9 * Accustome not thy mouth to swearing: [for in it there are many falles,] neither take vp for a custome the naming of the Holy one.

Exod 20 7. chap 27. 15. matth. 5. 33. 34.

one: [for thou shalt not be vnpunished for such things.]

10 For as a seruant which is oft punished, cannot be without some skarre, so he that sweareth, and nameth God continually, shall not bee faultlesse.

11 A man that vseth much swearing, shall bee filled with wickednes, and the plague shal neuer goe from his house: when he shall offend, his fault shall be vpon him, and if he knowledge not his sinne, he maketh a double offence: and if hee sweare in vaine, he shall not be innocent, but his house shall be full of plagues.

12 There is a worde which is clothed with death: God grant that it be not found in the heritage of Jacob: but they that feare God, eschew all such, and are not wrapped in sinne.

‖*Or, inordinate swearing.*

13 Vse not thy mouth to ‖ ignorant rashnesse: for therein is the occasion of sinne.

14 ¶ Remember thy father and thy mother when thou art set among great men, least thou bee forgotten in their sight, and so through thy custome become a foole, and wish that thou hadst not beene borne, and curse the day of thy nativitie.

2. Sam 16 7.

15 *The man that is accustomed to opprobrious words, will neuer be reformed all the dayes of his life.

Three kinds of Sins

16 There be two sortes [of men] that abound in sinne, and the third bringeth wrath [and destruction:] a minde hote as fire that cannot be quenched, til it be consumed: an adulterous man that giueth his bodie no rest, till he haue kindled a fire.

17 (All bread is sweete to a whoremonger: he will not leaue off till he perish)

18 A man that breaketh wedlocke, and thinketh thus in his heart, *Who seeth mee? I am compassed about with darknesse: the walles couer me: no bodie seeth mee: whom needs I to feare? the most High will not remember my sinnes.

Isa. 29. 15.

19 Such a man only feareth the eyes of men, and knoweth not that the eyes of the Lorde are ten thousand times brighter then the sunne, beholding all the waies of men, [and the ground of the deepe,] and considereth the most secrete parts.

20 Hee knewe all things or euer they were made, and after they be brought to passe also, he looketh vpon them all.

Leuit. 20. 10. Deut. 22, 22.

21 *The same man shall bee punished in the streetes of the citie, [and shall bee chased like a yong horse foale,] and when he thinketh not vpon it, he shall be taken: [thus shall hee be put to shame of euery man, because hee would not vnderstand the feare of the Lord.]

22 And thus shall it goe also with euery wife that leaueth her husband, and getteth inheritance by another.

Exod. 20, 14

23 *For first thee hath disobeyed the Law of the most High, and secondly thee hath trespassed against her owne husband, and thirdly she hath played the whore in adultery, and gotten her children by another man.

24 She shal be brought out into the Congregation, and examination shall bee made of her children.

25 Her children shall not take roote, and her branches shall bring forth no fruit.

26 A shamefull report shall shee leaue, and her reproch shall not be put out.

27 And they that remaine, shall knowe that there is nothing better then y feare of the Lord, and that there is nothing sweeter then to take heede vnto the commandements of the Lord.

28 It is great glory to follow the Lord, and to be receiued of him is long life.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 A prayse of wisedome proceeding fourth of the mouth of God. 6 Of her works and place where she resteth. 10 She is giuen to the children of God.

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WIsedome shall prayse her selfe, [and be honoured of God,] and reioyce in the midst of her people.

2 In the congregation of the most High shal shee open her mouth, and triumph before his power.

3 [In the midst of her people shall she be exalted, and wondred at in the holy assembly.

4 In the multitude of the chosen she shall be commended, and among such as be blessed, she shall be praysed, and shall say,]

5 I am come out of the mouth of the most High, [first borne before all creatures.

6 I caused the light that faileth not, to arise in the heauen,] and couered the earth as a cloude.

7 My dwelling is aboue in the height, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloude.

8 I alone haue gone round about the compasse of heauen, and haue walked in the bottome of the depth.

Prou. 8. 23. Exod 31. 3. Psal. 132. 8.

9 I possessed the waues of the sea, and all the earth, and all people, and nations, [and with my power haue I troden downe the hearts of all, both high and low.]

10 In all these things I sought rest, and a dwelling in some inheritance.

11 So the creatour of all things gaue mee a commandement, and he that made me appointed me a tabernacle, and sayd, Let thy dwelling bee in Jacob, and take thine inheritance in Israel, and roote thy selfe among my chosen.

12 *He created me from the beginning, and before the world, and I shall neuer faile: *In the holy habitation I haue serued before him, and so was I stablished in Sion.

13 *In the welbeloued citie gaue he mee rest, and in Jerusalem was my power.

14 I tooke roote in an honourable people, euen in the portion of the Lords inheritance.

15 I am set vp on hie like a cedar in Libanus, and as a Cypres tree vpon the mountaines of Hermon.

16 I am exalted like a palme tree ‖ about the banks, and as a rose plant in Jericho, as a faire olive tree in a pleasant field, and am exalted as a plane tree by the water.

17 I smelled as the cinamon, and as a bagge of spices: I gaue a sweete odour as the best myrrhe, as Galbanum, and onix, and sweete storax, and perfume of incense in an house.

18 As the •Terebinth, haue I stretched out my branches, and my branches are the branches of honour and grace.

19 *As the vine haue I brought forth [fruit] of sweete sauour, and my flowers are the fruite of honour and riches.

20 I am the mother of beautifull loue, and of

‖ *Or, in Cades* a Terebinth is a hard tree spread abroad with long boughs whereout runneth the gumme called a pure turpentine, which cleanseth the stomacke of putrified humours, and purifieth the eares: so the wisedome of God declared in his Scriptures, spreadeth abroad her manifolde branches of knowledge and vnderstanding, to purge the inward eares and corruption of the soule.

Iohn 15. 1.

of feare, and of knowledge, and of holy hope, I giue eternall things to all my children to whom God hath commanded.

21 [In mee is all grace of life and trueth: in me is all hope of life and vertue.]

22 Come vnto me all yee that be desirous of me, and fill your selues with my fruits.

Psal. 19.10 11. 23 *For the remembrance of mee is sweeter then hony, and mine inheritance [sweeter] then the hony combe: [the remembrance of me indureth for euermore.]

24 They that eate mee, shall haue the more hunger, and they that drinke me, shall thirst the more.

25 [Who so hearkeneth vnto me, shal not come to confusion, and they that worke by me, shal not offend: [they that make me to be knowen, shall haue euerlasting life.]

26 All these things are the booke [of life] and the Couenant of the most High God, [and the knowledge of the trueth,] *and the Lawe that Moses [in the precepts of righteousnesse] commanded for an heritage vnto the house of Iacob, [and the promises pertaining to Israel.]

Exod 20.1. and 24.3. deut. 4.1. and 33.4.

27 Be not weary to behaue your selues valiantly with the Lord, that hee may also confirme you: cleaue vnto him: for the Lorde Almightie is but one God, and beside him there is none other Sauiour.

28 [Out of Dauid his seruant hee ordayned to raise vp a most mighty King that should sitte in the throne of honour for euermore.]

29 Hee filleth all things with his wisedome, as *Physon, and as Tygris in the time of the new fruits.

Gen. 2.11.

30 He maketh the vnderstanding to abound like Euphrates, and as *Iordan in the time of the harueste.

Iosh. 3.15.

31 He maketh the doctrine of knowledge to appeare as the light, and ouerfloweth as Geon in the time of vintage.

32 The first man hath not knowen her perfitly: no more shall the last seeke her out.

33 For her considerations are more abundant then the sea, and her counsell is profounder then the great deepe.

34 I wisedome [haue cast out floods:] I am as an arme of the riuer: I runne into Paradise as a water conduit.

35 I said, I will water my faire garden, and will water my pleasant ground: and loe, my ditch became a flood, and my flood became a sea.

36 For I make doctrine to shine as the light of the morning, and I lighten it for euer.

37 [I will pearce thorowe all the lower partes of the earth: I will looke vpon all such as be asleepe, and lighten all them that trust in the Lord.]

38 I will yet powre out doctrine, as prophesie, and leaue it vnto all ages for euer.

Chap. 33.16

39 *Beholde that I haue not laboured for my selfe onely, but for all them that seeke wisedome.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Of three things which please God, and of three which he hateth.* 7 *Of nine things that bee not to bee suspected.* 14 *Of the malice of a woman.*

THree things reioyce mee, and by them am I beautified before God and men: *the vnity of brethren, the loue of neighbours, a man and wife that agree together.

Gen 13.2,5. rom. 12.18.

2 Three sorts of men my soule hateth, and I vtterly abhorre the life of them: a poore man that is proud, a rich man that is a lyar, and an olde adulterer that doteth.

3 If thou hast gathered no thing in thy youth, what canst thou finde in thine age?

4 O how pleasant a thing is it when gray headed men minister iudgement, and when the Elders can giue good counsell!

5 Oh, how comely a thing is wisedome vnto aged men, and vnderstanding and prudence to men of honour!

6 The crowne of olde men, is to haue much experience, and the feare of God is their glory.

7 There be nine things, which I haue iudged in mine heart to be happy, and the tenth will I pronounce with my tongue: a man that reioyceth with his children, and liueth to see the fall of his enemies.

8 Well is him that dwelleth with a wife of vnderstanding, *and that hath not fallen with his tongue, and that hath not serued such as are vnworthy of him.

Chap. 14.2. and 19.16. iames. 3.2.

9 Well is him that findeth prudencie, and he that speaketh in the eares of them that will heare.

10 O how great is he that findeth wisedome! yet is there none aboue him that feareth the Lord.

11 The feare of the Lord passeth all things in clearenesse.

12 [Blessed is the man vnto whom it is granted to haue the feare of God.] Vnto whom shall he be likened that hath attained it?

13 The feare of the Lord is the beginning of his loue, and faith is the beginning to be ioyned vnto him.

14 [The greatest beautie is the beautie of the heart, and the greatest malice is the malice of a woman.]

15 Giue me any plague, saue onely the plague of the heart, and any malice, saue the malice of a woman:

16 Or any affliction, saue the affliction of them that hate, or any vengeance, saue the vengeance of the enemie.

17 There is not a more wicked head then the head of the serpent, and there is no wrath aboue the wrath of an enemy.

18 *I had rather dwell with a lion and dragon then to keepe house with a wicked wife.

Or, woman. Prou. 21.19

19 The wickednesse of a woman changeth her face, and maketh her countenance blacke as a sacke.

Or, a beare.

20 Her husband is sitting among his neighbours: because of her hee sigheth sore or hee beware.

21 All wickednesse is but little to the wickednesse of a woman: let the portion of the sinner fall vpon her.

22 An the climing vp of a sandy way is to the feete of the aged, so is a wife full of words to a quiet man.

23 *Stumble not at the beauty of a woman, and desire her not for thy pleasure.

Chap. 24. 12. 2 Sam. 11.2. and 13.2.

24 If a woman nourish her husband, shee is angry and impudent, and full of reproch.

25 A wicked wife maketh a sory heart, an heauie

uie countenance, and a wounded minde, weake hands and feeble knees, and cannot comfort her husband in heauinesse.

Genes. 3.6. 1 Tim. 2.14. 26 Of the * woman came the beginning of sinne, and through her we all die.

27 Giue the water no passage, [no not a little,] neither giue a wicked woman libertie to goe out.

28 If shee walke not in thine obedience, [shee shall confound thee in the sight of thine enemies.] a To wit, the bill of diuorcement. Cut her off then from thy flesh: * Giue her, and forsake her.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The praise of a good woman. 5 Of the feare of three things, and of the fourth. 6 Of the iealous and drunken woman. 29 Of two things that cause sorrow, and of the third which moueth wrath.

BLessed is the man that hath a vertuous wife: for the number of his yeeres shall be double.

2 An honest woman reioyceth her husband, and she shall fill the yeeres of his life with peace.

3 A vertuous woman is a good portion, which shall be giuen for a gift vnto such as feare the Lord.

4 Whether a man be rich or poore, he hath a good heart toward the Lord, and they shall at all times haue a cheerefull countenance.

Feare of three things. 5 ¶ There bee three things that mine heart feareth, and my face is afraid of the fourth: treason in a city, the assembly of the people, and false accusation: all these are heauier then death.

6 ¶ But the sorow and griefe of the heart is a woman that is iealous ouer an other: and shee that commeth with all, is a scourge of the tongue.

7 An euill wife is as a yoke of oxen that draw diuers wayes: hee that hath her, is as though he held a scorpion.

8 A drunken woman, and such as cannot be tamed, is a great plague: for shee cannot couer her owne shame.

9 The whoredome of a woman may be knowen in the pride of her eyes, and eye lids.

Chap. 42.11 10 ¶ * If thy daughter be not shamefast, hold her straitly, least she abuse her selfe through ouermuch liberty.

11 Take heede of her that hath an vnshamefast eye: and maruele not if she trespasse against thee.

12 As one that goeth by the way, and is thirsty, so shall she open her mouth, & drinke of euery next water: by euery hedge shall shee sit downe, and open her quiuer against euery arrow.

13 The grace of a wife reioyceth her husband, and feedeth his bones with her vnderstanding.

14 A peaceable woman, and of a good heart, is a gift of the Lord, & there is nothing so much worth as a woman well instructed.

15 A shamefast and faithfull woman is a double grace, and there is no waight to bee compared vnto her continent minde.

16 As the sunne when it ariseth in the high places of the Lord, so is the beauty of a good wife the ornament of her house.

17 As the cleere light is vpon the holy candlesticke, so is the beautie of the face in a ripe age.

18 As the golden pillars are vpon the sockets of siluer: so are faire feete with a constant minde.

19 [Perpetuall are the foundations that bee layde vpon a strong rocke: so are the commaundements of GOD in the heart of an holy woman.]

20 My sonne, keepe the strength of thine age stable, and giue not thy strength to strangers.

21 When thou hast gotten a fruitfull possession thorow all the fields, sowe it with thine owne seed, trusting in thy nobility.

22 So thy stocke that shal liue after thee, shal growe, trusting in the great liberality of their nobilitie.

23 An harlot is compared to a sowe: but the wife that is married, is counted as a tower against death to her husband.

24 A wicked woman is giuen as a reward to a wicked man: but a godly woman is giuen to him that feareth the Lord.

25 A shamelesse woman contemneth shame: but a shamefast woman will reuerence her husband.

26 A shamelesse woman is compared to a dogge: but she that is shamefast, reuerenceth the Lord.

27 A woman that honoureth her husband, shall be iudged wise of all: but she that despiseth him, shalbe blazed for her pride.

28 A loud crying woman & a babbler, let her bee sought out to driue away the enemies: the mind of euery man that lieth with such, shall be conuersant among the troubles of warre.

29 There bee two things that grieue mine heart, and the third maketh me angry: a man of warre that suffereth pouerty: and men of vnderstanding that are not set by: and when one departeth from righteousnesse vnto sinne: the Lord appointeth such to the sword.

30 [There be two things which me thinkes to bee hard and perillous,] a marchant cannot lightly keepe him from wrong, and a victailer is not without sinne.

CHAP. XXVII.

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1 Of the poore that would be rich. 5 The probation of the Man that feareth God. 13 The inconstancie of a foole. 16 The secrets of friends are not to bee vttered. 26 The wicked imagineth euill which turneth vpon himselfe.

BEcause of pouerty haue many sinned: and hee that seeketh to be rich, turneth his eyes aside. Prou. 23.4. 1 Tim. 6.9.

2 As a naile in the wall sticketh fast betweene the ioynts of the stones, so doeth sinne sticke betweene the selling and the buying.

3 If he holde him not diligently in the feare of the Lorde, his house shall soone bee ouerthrowen.

4 As when one sifteth, the filthinesse remaineth in the sive, so the filth of man remaineth in his thought.

5 The fornace prooueth the potters vessell: * so doth [temptation] trie mens thoughts. Prou. 27.21

6 * The fruit declareth if the tree haue bene trimmed: so the worde [declareth] what man hath in his heart. Mat. 7.17.

7 Praise no man except thou haue heard his talke: for this is the triall of men.

8 ¶ If thou followest righteousnesse, thou shalt get her, and put her on as a faire garment, [and shalt dwell with her, and she shall defend thee for euer: and in the day of knowledge thou shalt finde stedfastnesse.]

9 The birds resort vnto their like: so doeth the truetly turne vnto them that are practised in her.

10 As the lion waiteth for the beast, so doeth sinne vpon them that doe euill.

11 The talking of him that feareth God, is all wisedome: as for a foole, her changeth as the Moone.

12 If thou bee among the vndiscreet, obserue the time, but haunt still the assembly of them that are wise.

13 The talking of fooles is grieuous, and their sport is in the pleasure of sinne.

14 * The talke of him that sweareth much maketh the haire to stand vp: and to striue with such, stoppeth the eares.

15 The strife of the proud is bloodshedding, and their scoldings are grieuous to heare.

16 * Who so discouereth secrets, loseth his credit, and findeth no friend after his will.

17 Loue thy friend, and be faithfull vnto him: but if thou bewrayest his secrets, thou shalt not get him againe.

18 For as a man destroieth his enemy, so doest thou destroy the friendship of thy neighbour.

19 As one that letteth a bird goe out of his hand, so if thou giuest ouer thy friend, thou canst not get him againe.

20 Follow after him no more, for hee is too farre off: he is as a roe escaped out of the snare: [for his soule is wounded.]

21 As for wounds, they may bee bound vp againe: and an euill word may be reconciled: but who so bewrayeth the secrets of a friend, hath lost all his credit.

22 * Hee that winketh with the eyes, imagineth euill: and he that knoweth him, will let him alone.

23 When thou art present, he will speake sweetly, and praise thy words: but at the last hee will turne his talke, and slander thy saying.

24 Many things haue I hated, but nothing so euill as such one: for the Lord also hateth him.

25 Who so casteth a stone on high, casteth it vpon his owne head: and hee that smiteth with guile, maketh a great wound.

26 Who so * diggeth a pit, shall fall therein, [and hee that layeth a stone in his neighbours way, shall stumble thereon,] and hee that layeth a snare for another, shalbe taken in it himselfe.

27 He that worketh euill, shall be wrapped in euill, and shall not know from whence they come vnto him.

28 Mockerie and reproch follow the proud, and vengeance lurketh for them as a lion.

29 They that reioyce at the fall of the righteous, shall be taken in the snare, and anguish shall consume them before they die.

30 Despite & anger are abominable things, and the sinfull man is subiect to them both.

Prou. 19. 10. and 22. 22.

Chap. 23. 9, 10.

Psal. 7. 15. Prou. 26. 27. eccles. 10. 8.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *We ought not to desire vengeance, but to forgiue thy offence.* 13 *Of the vices of the tongue, and of the dangers thereof.*

HEe * that seeketh vengeance, shall finde vengeance of the Lord, and he will surely keepe his sinnes.

2 † Forgiue thy neighbour the hurt that hee hath done to thee, so shall thy sinnes be forgiuen thee also when thou prayest.

3 Should a man beare hatred against man, and * desire forgiuenesse of the Lord?

4 He will shew no mercie to a man, which is like himselfe: and will he aske forgiuenesse of his owne sinnes?

5 If he that is but flesh, nourish hatred, [and aske pardon of God,] who will intreat for his sinnes?

6 Remember the end, and let enmitie passe: imagine not death and destruction to another through anger, but persuere in the commandements.

7 Remember the commandements: so shalt thou not bee rigorous against thy neighbour: [consider diligently] the Couenant of the most High, and forgiue his ignorance.

8 * Beware of strife, and thou shalt make thy sinnes fewer: for an angrie man kindleth strife.

9 And the sinfull man disquieteth friends, and bringeth in false accusations among them that be at peace.

10 * As the matter of the fire is, so it burneth, and mans anger is according to his riches his anger increaseth, and the more vehement the anger is, the more is hee inflamed.

11 An hastie brawling kindleth a fire, and an hastie fighting sheddeth blood: [a tongue that beareth false witnesse, bringeth death.]

12 If thou blowe the sparke, it shall burne: if thou spit vpon it, it shall bee quenched, and both these come out of the mouth.

13 †* Abhorre the slanderer and double tongued: for such haue destroyed many that were at peace.

14 The * double tongue hath disquieted many, & driuen them from nation to nation: strong cities hath it broken downe, and ouerthrowen the houses of great men: [the strength of the people hath it brought downe, and bene the decay of mighty nations.]

15 The double tongue hath cast out many vertuous women, and robbed them of their labours.

16 ¶ Who so hearkeneth vnto it, shal neuer find rest, and neuer dwell quietly.

17 The stroke of the rod maketh markes in the flesh, but the stroke of the tongue breaketh the bones.

18 There be many that haue perished by the edge of the sword, but not so many as haue fallen by the tongue.

19 Well is him that is kept from an euill tongue, and commeth not in the anger thereof, which hath not drawen in that yoke, neither hath bene bound in the bands thereof.

20 For the yoke thereof is a yoke of yron, and the bands of it are bands of brasse.

21 The death thereof is an euill death: hell were better then such one.

22 It shall not haue rule ouer them that feare God, neither shall they be burnt with the flame thereof.

23 Such as forsake the Lord, shal fall therein:

Deut. 32. 35. rom. 12. 19.

† Man ought not to seeke vengeance.

Mat. 6. 14.

Chap. 8. 1.

Pro. 26. 21.

† The tongue Chap. 21. 28. a That is, the tongue which saith, and vnsaith, or speaketh one thing, & thinketh an other. Or, the tongue which speaketh neither out of the new or olde Testament, but of their own braine.

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and it ſhall burne them, and no man ſhalbe able to quench it: it ſhall fall vpon them as a lion, and deuoure them as a leopard.

24 Hedge thy poſſeſſion with thornes, and make doores and barres for thy mouth.

25 Binde vp thy ſiluer and golde, and weigh thy words in a balance, and make a dooze and a barre, [and a ſure bridle] for thy mouth.

26 Beware that thou ſlide not by it and ſo fall before him that lieth in wait, [and thy fall be incurable, euen vnto death.]

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Doe lend money, and doe almes.* 15 *Of a faithfull man aſſeuering for his friend.* 24 *The poore mans life.*

HEe that will ſhewe mercie, † lendeth to his neighbor: and he that hath power ouer himſelfe, keepeth the commandements.

Deu 15.7.8 mat 5.42. luke 6.35.

2 *Lende to thy neighbour in time of his neede, and pay thou thy neighbour againe in due ſeaſon.

3 Keepe thy word, and deale faithfully with him, and thou ſhalt alway finde the thing that is neceſſary for thee.

4 Many when a thing was lent them, reckoned it to bee found, and grieued them that had helped them.

5 Till they receiue, they kiſſe his hands, and for their neighbours good they humble their voyce: but when they ſhould pay againe, they prolong the terme, and giue a careleſſe anſwere, and make excuſes by reaſon of the time.

6 And though he be able, yet grieth he ſcarce the halfe againe, & reckoneth the other as a thing found: elſe hee deceiueth him of his money, and maketh him an enemy without a cauſe: he payeth him with curſing and rebuke, and grieth him euill wids for his good deed.

7 There be many which refuſe to lend becauſe of this inconuenience, fearing to bee defrauded without cauſe.

8 Yet haue thou patience with him that humbleth himſelfe, and deferre not mercie from him.

9 Helpe the poore for the Commandements ſake, and turne him not away, becauſe of his pouertie.

10 Loſe thy money for the brothers and neighbours ſake, & let it not ruſt vnder a ſtone to thy deſtruction.

Deu. 4.24. mat. 6.20. Luke 11.41. and 12.33. acts 10.4. 1.tim 6.18, 19.

11 *Beſtow the treaſure after the commandement of the moſt High, and it ſhall bring thee more profit then gold.

12 ‖ Lay vp thine * almes in thy ſecret chambers and it ſhall keepe thee from all affliction.

‖ Or, giue thine almes ſecretly Tob 4.8 9, 10 11.

13 [A mans almes is as a purſe with him, and ſhal keepe a mans fauour as the apple of the eye, and afterward ſhall it ariſe, and pay euery man his reward vpon his head.]

14 It ſhall fight for thee againſt thine enemies, better then the ſhielde of a ſtrong man, or ſpeare of the mightie.

15 An honeſt man is † ſuretie for his neighbour: but he that is impudent, forſaketh him.

† Of ſuretiſhip

16 Forget not the friendſhip of the ſuretie: for he hath layd his life for thee.

17 The * wicked deſpiſeth the good deed of his ſuretie.

a As he is a foole that is ſuretie for euery man: ſo is he vngodly that in no wiſe will be ſurerie for any man.

18 The wicked will not become ſuretie: and he that is of an vnthankful minde, forſaketh him that deliuered him.

19 [Some man promiſeth for his neighbour: and when he hath loſt his honeſtie, he will forſake him]

20 Suretiſhip hath deſtroyed many a rich man, and remoued them as the waues of the ſea: mighty men hath it driuen away from their houſes, and cauſed them to wander among ſtrange nations.

21 A wicked man tranſgreſſing the commandements of the Lord, ſhal fal into ſuretiſhip: and he that medleth much with other mens buſines, is intangled in controuerſies.

22 ¶ Helpe thy neighbour according to thy power, and beware that thou thy ſelfe fall not.

23 * The chiefe thing of life is water, and bread, and clothing, and lodging to couer thy ſhame. Chap. 36.26

24 † The poore mans life in his owne lodge, is better then delicate fare in another mans. †Sober liuing.

25 Be it little or much, holde thee contented, that the houſe ſpeake not euill of thee.

26 For it is a miſerable life to goe from houſe to houſe: for where thou art a ſtranger, thou dareſt not open thy mouth.

27 Thou ſhalt lodge and feed vnthankefull men, and after ſhalt haue bitter words for the ſame, ſaying,

28 Come, thou ſtranger, and prepare the table, and feed me of that thou haſt ready.

29 Giue place, thou ſtranger, to an honourable man: my brother commeth to be lodged, and I haue need of mine houſe.

30 Theſe things are heauy to a man that hath vnderſtanding, the vpbraiding of the houſe, and the reproch of the lender.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Of the correction of children.* 14 *Of the commoditie of health.* 17 *Death is better then a ſorowfull life.* 22 *Of the ioy and ſorow of the heart.*

HE that loueth his ſonne, *cauſeth him oft to feele the rod, that he may haue ioy of him in the end. Prou. 13.24. and 23.13.

2 Hee that chaſtiſeth his ſonne, ſhall haue ioy in him, and ſhal reioyce of him among his acquaintance.

3 Hee that *teacheth his ſonne, grieueth the enemie, and before his friends he ſhall reioyce of him. Deu 6.7.

4 Though his father die, yet is he as though he were not dead: for he hath left one behind him that is like him.

5 In his life he ſaw him, and had ioy in him, and was not ſory in his death, [neither was hee ſhamed before his enemies.]

6 He left behind him an auenger againſt his enemies, and one that ſhould ſhew fauour vnto his friends.

7 He that flattereth his ſonne, bindeth vp his wounds, and his heart is grieued at euery cry.

8 An vntamed horſe will be ſtubburne, and a wanton childe will be wilfull.

9 If thou bring vp thy ſonne delicately, hee ſhall make thee afraide: and if thou play with him, he ſhall bring thee to heauineſſe.

10 Laugh not with him, leaſt thou bee ſory with him, and leaſt thou gnaſh thy teeth in the end.

11 *Giue him no libertie in his youth, and winke not at his follie. Chap. 7.23.

12 Bow

12 Bowe downe his necke while he is yong and beate him on the sides whiles hee is a child, lest he ware stubborne, and be disobedient vnto thee, and so bring sorrow to thine heart.

13 Chastise thy childe, and be diligent therein, least his shame grieue thee.

† The praise of health.

14 ¶ † Better is the poore being whole and strong, then a rich man that is afflicted in his body.

15 Health and strength is aboue all gold, and a whole body aboue infinite treasure.

16 There is no riches aboue a sound body, and no ioy aboue the ioy of the heart.

17 Death is better then a bitter life, [& long rest] then continuall sickenesse.

a Like as meate that is set vpon the graues of dead men is vnprofitable for that they eat it not: euen so knowledge in him that openeth not his mouth to vtter it, is vnprofitable, Chap. 41. 14. *Chap.* 20. 3. *Prou.* 12. 25. *and* 15. 13. *and* 17. 22.

18 a The good things that are powred on a mouth shut vp, are as measles of meate set vpon a graue.

19 What good doeth the offering vnto an idole? for he can neither eate, nor smell: so is hee that is persecuted of the Lord, [and beareth the reward of iniquity.]

20 Hee seeth with his eyes, and groneth like a gelded man, that lieth with a virgine and sighеth.

21 * Giue not ouer thy minde to heauinesse, and vexe not thy selfe in thine owne counsell.

22 The ioy of the heart is the life of man, and a mans gladnesse is the prolonging of his dayes.

23 Loue thine owne soule, and comfort thine heart: driue sorrowe farre from thee: for sorrowe hath slaine many, and there is no profite therein.

24 Enuy and wrath shorten the life, and carefulnesse bringeth age before the time.

25 A noble and good heart will haue consideration of his meate and diet.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Of couetousnes. 2 Of them that take paine to gather riches. 8 The praise of a rich man without a fault. 13 We ought to flee drunkennesse and follow sobernesse.

† Couetousnesse, *1. Tim. 6. 9, 10.*

WAking † after * riches, pineth away the body, and the care thereof driueth away sleepe.

2 This waking care breaketh the sleepe, as a great sickenesse breaketh the sleepe.

3 The rich hath great labour in gathering riches together, and in his rest hee is filled with pleasures.

4 The poore laboureth in liuing poorely, and when he leaueth off, he is still poore.

5 He that loueth golde, shall not be iustified, and hee that followeth corruption, shall haue enough thereof.

Chap. 8. 2.

6 * Many are destroyed by the reason of gold, and haue found their destruction before them.

7 It is as a stumbling blocke vnto them that sacrifice vnto it, and euery foole is taken therewith.

Luke 6. 24.

8 Blessed is the rich which is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold, [nor hoped in money and treasures.]

9 Who is hee, and wee will commend him? for wonderfull things hath hee done among his people.

10 Who hath bene tried thereby, and found perfit? let him bee an example of glory, who might offend, and hath not offended, or doe euill, and hath not done it.

11 Therefore shall his goods bee stablished, and the congregation shall declare his almes.

† Temperancie. *Flee from drunkenness . . .*

12 If thou sit at a costly table, † open not thy mouth wide vpon it, and say not, Behold much meat.

13 Remember that an euill eie is a shrew: and what thing created is worse then a wicked eye? for it weepeth for euery cause.

14 Stretch not thine hande whereforeuer it looketh, and thrust it not with it into the dish.

15 Consider by thy selfe him that is by thee, and marke euery thing.

16 Eate modestly that which is set before thee, and deuoure not lest thou be hated.

17 Leaue thou off first for nurtures sake, and be not vnstable, least thou offend.

18 When thou sittest among many, reach not thine hand out first of all.

19 * How little is sufficient for a man well taught: and thereby he belcheth not in his chamber [nor feeleth any paine.]

Chap. 37. 29

20 A wholesome sleepe commeth of a temperate belly: hee riseth vp in the morning, and is well at ease in himselfe: but paine in watching and cholericke diseases, and pangs of the belly are with an vnsatiable man.

21 If thou hast bene forced to eate, arise, goe foorth, * vomite and then take thy rest: [so thou shalt bring no sickenesse vnto thy body.]

a This counsel only concerning the health of the body, is here alleaged, rather for a remedie to helpe digestion vnto a weake stomacke, then for an instruction to tolerate intemperancie: for sin sitting is forbidde vs, Luke 21 34. *Prou.* 22 9. † Liberality. *Judeth.* 13. 2, 8. *Psal.* 104. 15 *pro.* 31. 4, 5, 6, 7.

22 My sonne, heare mee, and despise me not, and at the last thou shalt finde as I haue tolde thee: in all thy workes bee quicke, so shall there no sickenesse come vnto thee.

23 * Whoso is † liberall in his meat, men shall bleise him: and the testimony of his honestly shall be beleeued.

24 But against him that is a niggard of his meate, the whole city shall murmure: the testimonies of his niggardnesse shall be sure.

25 Shewe not thy valiantnesse in wine: for * wine hath destroyed many.

26 The furnace proueth the edge in the tempering: so doeth wine the hearts of the proud by drunkennesse.

27 * Wine soberly drunken, is profitable for the life of man: what is his life that is ouercome with wine?

28 Wine was made [from the beginning] to make men glad, [& not for drunkennesse.] Wine measurably drunken and in time, bringeth gladnesse and cheerefulnesse of the minde.

29 But wine dronken with excesse, maketh bitternesse of mind with brawlings & scoldings.

30 Drunkennesse increaseth the courage of a foole, till he offend: it diminisheth his strength and maketh wounds.

31 * Reproue not thy neighbour at the wine, and dispise him not in his mirth: giue him no despiteful words, and presse not vpon him with contrary words.

Chap. 20. 1.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 An exhortation to modestie. 3 Let the ancient speake. 14 To giue thanks after the repast. 15 Of the feare and confidence in God.

† Humblenesse.

IF thou be made the master of the feast, lift not thy selfe vp, but bee among them, as one of the rest: take diligent care for them, and so sit downe.

2 And when thou hast done all thy duty, sit

owne, that thou mayest bee merry with them, and receiue a crowne for thy good behauiour.

3 Speake thou that art the elder: for it becommeth thee, but with sound iudgement, and hinder not musicke.

4 Powre not out words, where there is no audience, * and shew not foorth wisedome out of time.

Eccles. 32. 7.

5 The consent of musicians at a banket, is as a signet of a carbuncle set in gold.

chap 20. 7.

6 And as the signet of an Emmerald well trimmed with gold, so is the melody of musicke in a pleasant banquet.

7 [Giue eare, and be still, and for thy good behauiour thou shalt be beloued.]

8 Thou that art yong, speake if need be, and yet scarcely when thou art twise asked.

9 Comprehend much in few wordes: [in many things bee as one that is ignorant:] bee as one that vnderstandeth, and yet holde thy tongue.

10 If thou be among * great men, compare not thy selfe vnto them: and when the elder speaketh, babble not much.

Iob. 32. 6.

11 Before the thunder goeth lightning, and before a shamefast man goeth fauour.

12 Stand vp betimes, and be not the last: but get thee home without delay.

13 And there take thy pastime, and do what thou wilt, so that thou doe none euil, or vse proud words.

Giue thanks after a repast

14 But aboue all things giue thankes vnto him that hath made thee, and replenished thee with his goods.

15 ¶ Who so feareth the Lorde, will receiue his doctrine, and they that rise early, shall finde fauour.

16 Hee that seeketh the Law, shall bee filled therewith: but the hypocrite shall be offended thereat.

17 They that feare the Lord, shall finde that which is righteous, and shall kindle iustice as a light.

18 An vngodly man will not be reformed, but findeth out excuses according to his will.

19 A man of vnderstanding despiseth not counsell: but a lewd and proud man is not touched with feare, euen when he hath done rashly.

20 [My sonne] doe nothing without aduisement: so shalt it not repent thee after the deede.

21 Goe not in the way where thou maiest fall, nor where thou mayest stumble among y stones, neither trust thou in the way that is plaine.

22 And beware of thine owne children, [and take heede of them, that bee thine owne household.]

23 In euery good worke, be of a faithfull heart: for this is the keeping of the commaundements.

24 ¶ Who so beleeueth in the Lorde, keepeth the commandements: and hee that trusteth in the Lord shall take no hurt.

‖ Or, *the law.*

We read Lego Moris

CHAP XXXIII.

1 *The deliuerance of him that feareth God.* 4 *The answere of the wise.* 12 *Man is in the hand of God, as the clay is in the hand of the potter.* 23 *Of euill seruants.*

† The feare of God.

THere shall no euill come vnto him that † feareth the Lord: but when he is in tentation, he will deliuer him againe.

2 A wise man hateth not the Law: but hee that is an hypocrite therein, is as a ship in a storme.

3 A man of vnderstanding walketh faithfully in the Law, and the Lawe is faithfull vnto him.

4 As the question is made, prepare the answere, and so shalt thou be heard: be sure of the matter, and so answere.

5 The heart of the * foolish is like a cart wheele: and his thoughts are like a roling axeltree.

Chap. 21. 16

6 As a wild horse neyeth vnder euery one that sitteth vpon him, so is a scornefull friend.

7 ¶ Why doeth one day excell another, seeing that the light of the dayes of the yeere come of the sunne?

8 The knowledge of the Lorde hath parted them asunder, and he hath by them disposed the times and solemne feasts.

9 Some of them hath he chosen and sanctified, and some of them hath he put among the dayes to number.

10 And all men are of the * ground, and Adam was created out of the earth: but the Lord hath diuided them by great knowledge, and made their wayes diuers.

Gen. 1. 27. and 2. 7.

11 Some of them hath he blessed and exalted, and some of them hath he sanctified, and appropriate to himselfe: but some of them hath bee cursed, and brought them low, and put them out of their estate.

12 * As the clay is in the potters hand, to order it at his pleasure, so are men also in the hand of their Creator, to whom he may reward them as liketh him best.

Isai. 45 9. rom. 9. 20, 21

13 Against euill is good, and against death is life: so is the godly against the sinner, and the vngodly against the faithfull.

14 So in all the works of the most High thou mayest see that there are euer two, one against another.

15 ¶ I am awaked vp last of all, as one that gathereth after them in the vintage. In the blessing of the Lord I am increased, and haue filled my winepresse, like a grape gatherer.

16 * Behold, how I haue not laboured onely for my selfe, but for all them that seeke knowledge.

Chap 24 39.

17 Heare me, O yee great men of the people, and hearken with your eares, yee rulers of the congregation.

18 Giue not thy sonne and wife, thy brother and friende, power ouer thee while thou liuest, and giue not away thy substance to another, lest it repent thee, and thou intreat for the same againe.

19 As long as thou liuest, and hast breath, * giue not thy selfe ouer to any person.

a That is, let no man vse thee as his seruant, when thou hast committed all thy goods into his hand.

20 For better it is that thy children should pray vnto thee, then that thou shouldest looke vp to the hands of thy children.

21 In all thy workes be excellent, that thy honour be neuer stained.

22 At the time when thou shalt ende thy dayes, and finish thy life, distribute thine inheritance.

23 ¶ The fodder, the whip, and the burden belong vnto the asse: and meate, correction and worke vnto thy seruant.

24 If thou set thy seruaunt to labour, thou shalt

shalt find rest: but if thou let him go idle, he shall seeke libertie.

25 The yoke and the thong bow downe the harts neckes: so tame thine euill seruant with the whips and correction.

26 Send him to labour, that he goe not idle: for idlenesse teacheth much euill.

27 Set him to worke, for that belongeth vnto him: if he be not obedient, † put on more heauie fetters.

†How slaues were ordered in olde time.

28 But bee not excessiue toward any, & without discretion doe nothing.

29 * If thou haue a faithful seruant, let him be vnto thee as thine owne soule: for in blood hast thou gotten him. If thou haue a seruant, entreat him as thy brother: for thou hast need of him, as of thy selfe. If thou entreat him euill, and he run away, wilt thou seeke him?

*Chap. 7. 20.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

Of dreames. 13 *The praise of them that feare God.* 18 *The offerings of the wicked.* 22 *The bread of the needie.* 27 *God doeth not allow the workes of an vnfaithfull man.*

THe hope of a foolish man is vaine and false, † and dreames make fooles to haue wings.

† Dreames.

2 Who so regardeth dreames, is like him that will take hold of a shadow, and follow after the winde.

3 Euen so is it with the appearings of dreames, as the likenesse of a face is before another face.

4 Who can be cleansed by the vncleane? or what truth can be spoken of a liar?

5 Soothsayings, witchcraft, and dreaming, is but vanity: and a minde that is occupied with fantasies, is as a woman that trauaileth.

6 Whereas such visions come not of the most High to thy thee, let not thine heart vpon them.

7 For dreames haue deceiued many, and they haue failed that put their trust therein.

8 The law shalbe fulfilled without lies, and wisedom is sufficient to a faithful mouth: [what knowledge hath he that is not tried?]

9 A man that is instructed, vnderstandeth much, and hee that hath good experience, can talke of wisedome.

10 He that hath no experience, knoweth little, and he that erreth, is full of craft.

11 When I wandered to and fro, I saw many things, and mine vnderstanding is greater then I can expresse.

12 I was oft times in danger of death, yet I was deliuered by these things.

13 ¶ The spirit of those that feare the Lord, shall liue: for their hope is in him that can helpe them.

14 Who so † feareth the Lord, feareth no man, neither is afraid: for he is his hope.

† The feare of the Lord.

15 Blessed is the soule of him that feareth the Lord: in whom putteth he his trust? who is his strength?

16 * For the eyes of the Lord haue respect vnto them that loue him: he is their * mighty protection, and strong ground, a defence from the heate, and a shadow for the noone day, a succour from stumbling, and an helpe from falling.

*Psal. 33. 18. Psal. 91. 1, 2.

17 He setteth vp the soule, and lightneth the eyes: he giueth healthy life, and blessing.

18 ¶ He that * giueth an offering of vnrighteous goods, offereth a mocking sacrifice, and the gifts of the vnrighteous please not him.

*Prou. 21. 27.

19 [But the Lord is theirs euely, that patiently abide him in the way of truth and righteousnesse.]

20 The most High doth not allow the † offerings of the wicked, * neither is he pacified for sinne by the multitude of sacrifice.

† The offerings of the wicked and their prayer. *Prou. 15. 8.

21 Who so bringeth an offering of the goods of the poore, doeth as one that sacrificeth y sonne before the fathers eyes.

22 The bread of the needfull is the life of the poore: he that defraudeth him thereof, is a murtherer.

*The bread of the needy.

23 He that taketh away his neighbours liuing, slayeth him, * and he that defraudeth the labourer of his hire, is a bloodshedder.

*Deut. 24. 14, 15. *chap. 7. 20.

24 ¶ When one buildeth, & another breaketh downe, what profit haue they then but labour?

25 ¶ When one prayeth, and another curseth, whose voyce will the Lord heare?

26 * He that washeth himselfe because of a dead body, and toucheth it againe, what auaileth his washing?

*Numb. 19. 11, 12.

27 * So is it with a man that fasteth for his sinnes, and committeth them againe: who will heare his prayer? or what doth his fasting helpe him?

*2. Pet. 2. 20, 21, 22.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Of true sacrifices.* 14 *The prayer of the fatherlesse, and of the widow, and how that humbleth himselfe.*

WHo so keepeth the Lawe, * bringeth offerings enow: he that holdeth fast the commandements, † offereth an offering of saluation.

*1. Sam. 15. 22. *iere. 7. 3, 5, 6, 7.

2 He that is thankefull to them that haue well deserued, offereth fine flowre: * and he that giueth almes, sacrificeth praise.

† True sacrifices. *Phil. 4. 18.

3 To depart from euill is a thankefull thing to the Lord, and to forsake vnrighteousnesse, is a reconciling vnto him.

4 * Thou shalt not appeare empte before the Lord.

*Exod. 23. 15. and 34. 20. deut. 16. 16.

5 For all these things are done because of the commandement.

6 * The offring of the righteous maketh the altar fat, and the smell thereof is sweete before the most High.

*Gen. 4. 4, 5.

7 The sacrifice of the righteous is acceptable, and the remembrance thereof shall neuer be forgotten.

8 Giue the Lord his honour with a good and liberall eye, and diminish not the first fruits of thine hands.

9 * In all thy giftes shew a ioyfull countenance, and dedicate thy tithes with gladnesse.

*2. Cor 9 7.

10 Giue vnto the most High according as he hath enriched thee, * and looke what thine hand is able, giue with a cherefull eye.

*Tob. 4. 8. Leuit. 23. 21, 22. deut. 15. 21.

11 For the Lord recompenseth, and will giue thee seuen times as much.

12 * Diminish nothing of thine offering: for he will not receiue it, and abstaine from wrongfull sacrifices: for the Lord is the Iudge and regardeth no * mans person.

*Deut. 10 17. 2 chro. 19. 7. iob 34. 19. wisd 6 7 all. 10. 34. rom. 2. 11. gal. 2. 6. ephe. 6. 9 col. 3 25. 1. pet. 1. 17.

13 He accepteth not the person of the poore, but he heareth the prayer of the oppressed.

14 He despiseth not the desire of the fatherlesse nor the widow, when shee powreth out her prayer.

15 Doth

15 Doth not the teares runne downe the wi-
dowes cheekes? and her cry is against him that
caused them? [for from her cheekes doe they goe
vp vnto heauen, and the Lorde which heareth
them, doth accept them.]
16 Hee that serueth the Lord shall be accepted
with fauour, and his prayer shall reach vnto the
cloudes.
17 The prayer of him that humbleth himselfe,
goeth thorow the cloudes, and ceaseth not till it
come neere, & will not depart till the most High
haue respect thereunto to iudge righteously, and
to execute iudgement.
18 And the Lord wil not be slacke, nor the Al-
mightie will tarrie long from them, till he hath
smitten in sunder the loynes of the vnmercifull,
and auenged himselfe of the heathen, till he haue
taken away the multitude of the cruell, & broken
the scepter of the vnrighteous, till he giue euery
man after his workes, and reward them after
their deuices, till he haue iudged the cause of his
people, and comforted them with his mercy.
19 Oh, how faire a thing is mercy in the time
of anguish & trouble! It is like a cloud of raine,
that commeth in the time of a drought.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *A prayer to God in the person of all faithfull men,*
against those that persecute his Church. 22 *The praise*
of a good woman.

HAue mercie vpon vs, O Lorde God of all
things, and beholde vs, and [shew vs the
light of thy mercies,]
†Against the wicked. 2 And send thy feare † among the nations,
which seeke not after thee, [that they may know
that there is no God but thou, and that they may
shew thy wonderous works.]
Ierem.10.25. 3 Lift vp thine * hand vpon the strange na-
tions, that they may see thy power.
4 As thou art sanctified in vs before them,
so be thou magnified among them before vs.
5 That they may know thee, as wee know
thee: for there is none other God but onely thou,
O Lord.
6 Renew the signes, and change the wonders: shewe the glory of thine hand, and thy
right arme, that they may shew forth thy won-
derous acts.
7 Raise vp thine indignation, and powre out
wrath: take away the aduersaries, and smite the
enemie.
8 Make the time short: remember thine othe,
that thy wonderous works may be praised.
9 Let the wrath of the fire consume them
that escape, and let them perish that oppresse the
people.
10 Smite in sunder the heads of the Princes
that bee our enemies, and say, There is none o-
ther but we.
†A prayer for the godly. 11 †Gather all the tribes of Iacob together,
[that they may know that there is none other
God but onely thou, and that they may shew thy
wonderous workes,] and inherit thou them as
from the beginning.
Exod.4.22. 12 O Lord, haue mercy vpon the people, that
is called by thy name, and vpon Israel, * whom
thou hast likened to a first borne sonne.
13 Oh, be mercifull vnto Ierusalem the citie
of thy Sanctuary, the citie of thy rest.
14 Fill Sion, that it may magnifie thine ora-
cles, and fill thy people with thy glory.
15 Giue witnes vnto those that thou hast pos-
sessed from the beginning, and raise vp the pro-
phecies that haue been shewed in thy name.
16 Reward them that waite for thee, that thy
Prophets may be found faithfull.
17 O Lord, heare the prayer of thy seruants,
according to the * blessing of Aaron ouer thy peo-
ple, [and guide thou vs in the way of righteous-
nesse:] that all they which dwell vpon the earth,
may knowe that thou art the Lord the eternall
God. *Num.6.23.*
18 ¶ The belly deuoureth all meates, yet is
one meate better then another.
19 As the throat taketh venison, so doeth a
wise minde discerne false words.
20 A froward heart bringeth griefe, but a
man of experience will requite it.
21 A woman is apt to receiue euery man: yet
is one daughter better then another.
22 The beauty of a woman cheereth the face,
and a man loueth nothing better.
23 If there be in her tongue gentlenes, meek-
nesse, and wholesome talke, then is not her hus-
band like other men. †The praise of a good woman.
24 He that hath † gotten a [vertuous] wo-
man, hath begunne to get a possession: she is an
helpe like vnto himselfe, & a pillar to rest vpon.
25 Where no hedge is, there the possession is
spoyled: and he that hath no wife, wandereth to
and fro, mourning.
26 Who will trust a theefe that is alway rea-
die, and wandereth from towne to towne? and
likewise him, that hath no rest, and lodgeth
wherelsoeuer the night taketh him?

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *How a man should know friends and counsellers.*
22 *To keepe his company that feareth God.*

EVery friend saith, † I am a friend vnto him
also: but there is some friend, which is onely
a friend in name. †Of friendship.
2 Remaineth there not heauines vnto death,
when a companion and friend is turned to an
enemie?
3 O wicked presumption, from whence art
thou sprung vp to couer the earth with deceit?
4 * There is some companion which in pro-
speritie reioyceth with his friend: but in the time
of trouble he is against him. *Chap.6.10.*
5 There is some companion that helpeth his
friend for the bellies sake, & taketh vp the buck-
ler against the enemie.
6 Forget not thy friend in thy minde, and
thinke vpon him in thy riches.
7 Seeke † no counsell at him of whom thou
art suspected, and disclose not thy counsell vnto
such as hate thee. †Of whō we should take counsell.
8 * Euery counseller praiseth his owne coun-
sell: but there is some that counselleth for him-
selfe. *Chap.8.19. and 9.16.*
9 Beware of the counseller, and be aduised
afore whereto thou wilt vse him: for he will coun-
sell for himselfe, lest he cast the lot vpon thee,
10 And say vnto thee, Thy way is good, and
afterward he stand against thee, and looke what
shall become of thee. ‖ *Or, what need he hath.*
11 [Aske no counsell for religion of him that
is without religion, nor of iustice, of him that
that hath no iustice,] nor of a woman tou-
ching

thing her of whom he is fearfull, nor of a seruant in matters of warre, nor of a marchant concerning exchange, nor of a buyer for the sale, nor of an enuious man touching thankfulnesse, nor of the vnmercifull touching kindnesse, [nor of an vnhonest man of honesty] nor of the slouthfull for any labour, nor of an hireling for the finishing of a worke, nor of an idle seruant for much businesse: hearken not vnto these in any matter of counsell.

12 But bee continuall with a godly man whome thou knowest to keepe the commandements of the Lorde, whose minde is according to thy minde, and is sory for thee when thou stumblest.

13 Take counsell of thine owne heart: for there is no man more faithfull vnto thee, then it.

14 For a mans minde is sometimes more accustomed to shew more then seuen watchmen that sit aboue in an high tower.

15 And aboue all this pray to the most high, that he will direct thy way in truth.

16 Let reason go before euery enterprise, and counsell before euery action.

17 ¶ The [changing] of the countenance is a signe of the changing of the heart: foure things appeare, good and euill, life and death, but the tongue hath continuall the gouernement ouer them.

18 ¶ Some man is witty, and hath instructed many, & yet it is vnprofitable vnto himselfe.

19 Some man will be wise in words, and is hated, yea, he is destitute of all food,

Or, wisedome.

20 Because grace is not giuen him of the Lord: for he is destitute of all wisedome.

21 Another is wise for himselfe, and the fruites of vnderstanding are faithfull in his mouth.

22 A wise man instructeth his people, and the fruites of his wisedome fayle not.

23 A wise man shalbe plentifully blessed, and all they that see him, shall thinke him blessed.

24 The life of man standeth in the number of dayes: but the dayes of Israel are innumerable.

25 A wise man shall obteine credit among his people, and his name shalbe perpetuall.

26 My sonne, proue thy soule in thy life, and see what is euill for it, and permit it not to do it.

27 For all things are not profitable for all men, neither hath euery soule pleasure in euery thing.

†*Of temperance. Chap. 31. 19, 20.*

28 Be not † greedy in all delights, and be not too hastily vpon all meates:

29 * For excesse of meates bringeth sicknesse, and gluttony commeth into cholericke diseases.

30 By surfeit haue many perished: but he that ||dieteth himselfe, prolongeth his life.

||Or, taketh heed.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 A Physician is commendable 16 To bury the dead. 24 The wisdome of him that is learned.

HOnour the † Physician with that honour that is due vnto him, because of necessitie: for the Lord hath created him.

†*Of Physicians and Physicke.*

2 For of the most hie commeth healing, and he shall receiue gifts of the king.

3 The knowledge of the Physician lifteth vp his head, and in the sight of great men hee shall be in admiration.

4 The Lord hath created medicines of the earth, and he that is wise, will not abhorre them.

5 * Was not the water made sweete with wood, that men might know the vertue thereof? *Exod. 15. 25.*

6 So he hath giuen men knowledge, that hee might bee glorified in his wonderous workes.

7 With such doeth he heale men, and taketh away their paines.

8 Of such doeth the Apothecary make a confection, & yet he cannot finish his owne workes: for of the Lord commeth prosperity and wealth ouer all the earth.

9 My sonne, faile not in thy sickenesse, but * pray vnto the Lord, and hee will make thee whole. *Isa. 38. 2, 5.*

10 Leaue off from sinne, & order thine handes aright, and cleanse thine heart from all wickednesse.

11 Offer sweete incense, and fine flowre for a remembrance: make the offering fat, for thou art not the † first giuer.

† *God befloweth first his benefits, and we must render a portion thereof, to such vses as he appointeth.*

12 Then giue place to the Physician: for the Lord hath created him: let him not goe from thee, for thou hast neede of him.

13 The houre may come, that their enterprises may haue good successe.

14 For they also shall pray vnto the Lorde, that hee would prosper that, which is giuen for ease, and their physicke for the prolonging of life.

15 Hee that sinneth before his maker, let him fall into the hands of the physician.

16 My sonne, * powre foorth teares ouer the dead, † and begin to mourne, as if thou hadst sustred great harme thy selfe, and then couer his body according to his appointment, and neglect not his burriall. *Chap. 22. 11.*

† *Of mourning.*

||Or, the cremes.

17 Make a grieuous lamentation, and be earnest in mourning, and vse lamentation as hee is worthy, and that a day or two, least thou be euill spoken of, and then comfort thy selfe for thine heauinesse.

18 * For of heauinesse commeth death, and the heauinesse of the heart breaketh the strength. *Pro. 15. 13. and 17. 22.*

19 Of the affection of the heart commeth sorrowe, and the life of him that is afflicted, is according to his heart.

20 Take no heauinesse to heart: driue it away and remember the last end.

21 Forget it not: for there is no turning againe: thou shalt do him no good, but hurt thy selfe.

22 Remember his iudgement: thine also shal be likewise, vnto mee yesterday, and vnto thee to day.

23 * Seeing the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest, and comfort thy selfe againe for him, when his spirit is departed from him. *2 Sam. 12. 20.*

24 ¶ The wisedome of a learned man commeth by vsing well his vacant time: and he that ceaseth from his owne matters and labour, may come by wisedome.

25 How can hee get wisedome that holdeth the plough, and hee that hath pleasure in the goade, and in driuing oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and talketh but of the breede of bullocks?

26 Her giueth his minde vnto the leuerwer, and is diligent to glue the ioynt fodder.

27 So is it of euery carpenter, and workemaister that labowreth night and day: and they that cut and graue seales, and make sundry diuersities, and glue themselues to counterfeite imagerie, and watch to perfoorme the worke.

28 The Smith in like maner abideth by his anuill, and doeth his diligence to labour the yron: the vapour of the fire driueth his flesh, and he must fight with the heate of the furnace: the noyse of the hammer is euer in his eares, and his eyes looke still vpon the thing that he maketh: her setteth his minde to make vp his worke: therefore he watcheth to polish it perfectly.

29 So doeth the potter sit by his worke: her turneth the wheele about with his feete: her is carefull alway at his worke, and maketh his worke by number.

30 He fashioneth the clay with his arme, and with his feete her tempereth the hardnesse therof: his heart imagineth howe to couer it with leade, and his diligence is to cleanse the ouen.

31 All these hope in their handes, and euery one is wise in his worke.

32 Without these can not the cities be maintined, nor inhabited, nor occupied.

33 And yet they are not asked their iudgement in the counsell of the people, neither are they hie in the congregation, neyther sit they vpon the iudgement seates, nor vnderstand the order of iustice: they cannot declare matters, according to the forme of the Lawe, and they are not meete for hard matters.

34 But they maintaine the state of the world, and their desire is concerning their worke and occupation.

CHAP XXXIX.

1 A wise man. 16 The workes of God. 24 Vnto the good, good things profite, but vnto the euill, euen good things are euill.

HE only that applieth his minde to the Law of the most high, and is occupied in the meditation therof, seeketh out the † wisedome of all the ancient, and exercised himselfe in the prophecies.

† Of true wisdome.

2 Her keepeth the sayings of famous men, and entreth in also to the secrets of darke sentences.

3 He seeketh out the mystery of graue sentences, and exercised himselfe in darke parables.

4 He shall serue among great men, and appeare before the prince: he shall trauaile through strange countries: for he hath tried the good and the euill among men.

5 He will giue his heart to resort early vnto the Lord that made him, and to pray before the most high, and will open his mouth in prayer, and pray for his sinnes.

6 When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the Spirit of vnderstanding, that he may powre out wise sentences, and giue thankes vnto the Lord in his prayer.

† Or, the Lord.

7 † He shall direct his counsell and knowledge: so shall he meditate in his secrets.

8 He shall shewe foorth his science and learning, and reioyce in the Lawe and couenant of the Lord.

9 Many shall commend his vnderstanding, and his memory shall neuer be put out, nor depart away: but his name shall continue from generation to generation.

10 The congregation shall declare his wisedome, and shew it. *Chap. 44 15.*

11 Though he be dead, he shall leaue a greater name then a thousand: and if he liue still, he shall get the same.

12 Yet will I speake of moe things: for I am full as the moone.

13 Hearken vnto me, yee holy children, and bring foorth fruite as the rose that is planted by the brookes of the field.

14 And giue ye a sweet smell as † incense, and bring foorth flowres as the lillie: giue a smell, and sing a song of praise: bleste the Lord in all his workes. † Or, Libanus

15 Giue honour vnto his Name, and shewe foorth his praysle with the songs of your lips, and with harpes, and yee shall say after this maner, The

16 *All the workes of the Lord are exceeding good, and all his commandements are done in due season. *Gene. 1. 31. mar. 7. 37.* Works of God

17 And none may say, What is this, wherefore is that? for at time conuenient they shal all be sought out: at his commandement the water stood as an heape, and at the word of his mouth the waters gathered themselues.

18 His whole famour appeared by his commandement, and none can diminish that which hee will saue.

19 The workes of all flesh are before him, and nothing can be hid from his eyes.

20 He seeth from euerlasting to euerlasting, and there is nothing wonderfull vnto him.

21 A man needs not to say, What is this? wherefore is that? for hee hath made all things for their owne vse.

22 His blessing shall run ouer as the streame, and moysten the earth like a flood.

23 As hee hath turned the waters into saltnesse, so shall the heathen feele his wrath.

24 As his wayes are plaine and right vnto the iust, so are they stumbling blockes to the wicked.

25 ¶ For the good are good things created from the beginning, and euill things for the sinners.

26 * The principall things for the whole vse of mans life is water, fire, and yron, and salt, and meale, wheate and hony, and milke, the blood of the grape, and oyle, and clothing. *Chap. 29. 23.*

27 All these things are for good to the Godly: but to the sinners they are turned vnto euill.

28 There be spirits that are created for vengeance, which in their rigor lay on sore strokes: in the time of destruction they shewe foorth their power, and accomplish the wrath of him that made them.

29 * Fire, and haile, and famine, and death: all these are created for vengeance. *Chap. 40 9, 10.*

30 The teeth of wilde beasts, † the scorpions, and the serpents, and the swoorde execute vengeance for the destruction of the wicked.

31 They shall be glad to doe his commandements: and when need is, they shalbe ready vpon earth, and when their houre is come, they shal not ouerpasse the commandement.

32 There-

32 Therefore haue I taken a good courage vnto me from the beginning, and pase thought on these things, and haue put them in writing.

Gen. 1. 31. 33 * All the works of the Lord are good, and he giueth euery one in due season, and when needs is:

34 So that a man needs not to say, This is worse then that: for in due season they are all worthy prayse.

35 And therefore praise the Lord with whole heart & mouth, and bicsse the Name of the Lord.

CHAP. XL.

1 Many miseries in mans life. 14 Of the blessing of the righteous, and prerogatiue of the feare of God.

† The miseries of mans life.

GReat † trauaile is created for all men, and an heauie yoke vpon the sonnes of Adam from the day that they goe out of their mothers wombe, till the day that they returne to the mother of all things,

2 Namely their thoughts, and feare of the heart, and their imagination of the things they wait for, and the day of death,

3 From him that sitteth vpon the glorious throne, vnto him that is beneath in the earth and ashes:

4 From him that is clothed in blewe silke, and weareth a crowne, euen vnto him that is clothed in simple linnen.

5 Wrath and enuie, trouble, and vnquietnes, and feare of death, and rigour, and strife, and in the time of rest, the sleepe in the night vpon his bed, change his knowledge.

6 A little or nothing is his rest, and afterward in sleeping he is as in a watch towre in the day: hee is troubled with the visions of his heart, as one that runneth out of a battell.

7 And when all is safe, he awaketh, and marueileth that the feare was nothing.

8 Such things come vnto all flesh, both man and beast, but seuen fold to the vngodly:

Chap. 39. 29, 30. 9 Moreouer, * death and blood, and strife, and sword, oppression, famine, destruction, and punishment.

Gen. 7. 11. Gen. 3. 19. chap. 41. 10. Eccles. 1. 7. 10 These things are all created for the wicked, and for their sakes came the * flood also.

11 *All things that are of the earth, shall turne to earth againe: and they that are of the * waters, shall returne into the sea.

† Faithfulnesse. 12 ¶ All bribes and vnrighteousnesse shall be put away: but † faithfulnesse shall endure for euer.

13 The substance of the vngodly shalbe dried vp like a riuer, and they shall make a sound like a great thunder in the raine.

14 When hee openeth his hand, he reioyceth: but all the transgressours shall come to nought.

15 The children of the vngodly shall not obtaine many branches: for the vncleane roots are as vpon the hie rocks.

16 Their tender stalke by what water soeuer it be or water banke, it shall be pulled vp before all other herbes.

17 ¶ Friendlines is as a most plentiful garden of pleasure, and mercy endureth for euer.

Phil. 4. 12. 1. Tim. 6. 6. 18 * To labour and to be content with that a man hath, is a sweete life: but he that findeth a treasure, is about them both.

19 Children, and the building of the city maketh a perpetuall name: but an honest woman is counted aboue them both.

20 Wine and musicke reioyce the heart: but the loue of wisedome is aboue them both.

21 The pipe and the psalterion make a sweete noyse: but a pleasant tongue is aboue them both.

22 Thine eye desireth fauour and beautie: but a greene seede time, rather them both.

23 A friend and companion come together at opportunity: but aboue them both is a wife with her husband.

24 Friends and helpe are good in the time of trouble: but almes shall deliuer more then them both.

25 Gold and siluer fasten the feete: but counsell is esteemed aboue them both.

26 Riches and strength lift vp the mind: but the feare of the Lord is aboue them both: there is no want in the feare of the Lord, and it needeth no helpe.

27 The feare of the Lord is a pleasant garden of blessing, and there is nothing so beautifull as it is.

28 ¶ My sonne, leade not a beggers life: for better it were to die then to beg.

29 The life of him that dependeth on another mans table, is not to be counted for a life: for he tormenteth himselfe after other mens meate: but a wise man and well nourtured will beware therof.

30 Begging is sweet in the mouth of the vnshamefast, and in his belly there burneth a fire.

CHAP. XLI.

1 Of the remembrance of death. 3 Death is not to be feared. 8 A curse vpon them that forsake the Law of God, 12 Good name and fame. 14 An exhortation to giue heede vnto wisedome. 17 Of what things a man ought to be ashamed.

† Of death.

O † Death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liueth at rest in his possessions, vnto the man that hath nothing to vexe him, and that hath prosperity in all things: yea, vnto him that yet is able to receiue meate!

2 O death, how acceptable is thy iudgement vnto the needefull, and vnto him whose strength faileth, and that is now in the last age, and is vexed with all things, and to him that despayreth, and hath lost patience!

3 Feare not the iudgement of death, remember them that haue bene before thee, and that come after, this is the ordinance of the Lord ouer all flesh.

4 And why wouldest thou bee against the pleasure of the most High? whether it be tenne, or an hundreth, or a thousand yeeres, there is no defence for life against the graue.

5 ¶ The children of the vngodly are abominable children, and so are they that keepe company with the vngodly.

6 The inheritance of vngodly children shall perish, and their posterity shall haue a perpetuall shame.

7 The children complaine of an vngodly father, because they are reproched for his sake.

8 Wo be vnto you, O ye vngodly, which haue forsaken the Law of the most High God: for though you increase, yet shall you perish.

9 If ye be borne, ye shall be borne to curling: if ye die, the curse shall be your portion.

Chap. 40. 11. 10 *All that is of the earth, shall turne to earth againe:

against: so the vngodly go from the euill to destruction.

11 Though men mourne for their body, yet the wicked name of the vngodly shall be put out.

12 Haue regard to thy name: for that shall continue with thee aboue a thousand treasures of gold.

13 A good life hath the dayes numbred: but a † good name endureth for euer.

† A good name. Chap. 20. 29.

14 My children, keepe wisedom in peace: *for wisedome that is hid, and a treasure that is not seene, what profit is in them both?

15 A man that hideth his foolishnes, is better then a man that hideth his wisedome.

16 Therfore beare reuerence vnto my words: for it is not good in all things to bee † ashamed: neither are all things allowed as faithfull in all men.

† Of shamefastnesse.

17 Bee ashamed of whoredome before father and mother: be ashamed of lies before the prince and men of authority:

18 Of sinne before the iudge and ruler: of offence before the congregation and people: of vnrighteousnes before a companion and friend,

19 And of theft before the place where thou dwellest, and before the trueth of God and his Couenant, and to leane with thine elbowes vpon the ‖bread, or to bee reproued for giuing or taking,

‖ Or, table.

20 And of silence vnto them that salute thee, and to looke vpon an harlot,

21 And to turne away thy face from thy kinsman: or to take away a portion or a gift, or to be euill minded toward another mans wife,

22 Or to solicite any mans mayd, or to stand by her bed, or to reproche thy friendes with words,

23 Or to vpbraid when thou giuest any thing, or to report a matter that thou hast heard, or to reueale secret words.

24 Thus mayest thou well be shamefast, and shalt find fauour with all men.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The Law of God must be taught. 9 A daughter. 11 A woman. 18 God knoweth all things, yea, euen the secrets of thine heart.

† In what things we ought not to be ashamed.

OF these things bee not thou † ashamed, neither haue regard to offend for any person:

2 Of the Law of the most High and his Couenant, and of iudgement to iustifie the godly:

3 Of the cause of thy companion, or of strangers, or of distributing the heritage among friendes:

4 To be diligent to keepe true balance, and weight, whether thou haue much or little:

5 To sel merchandise at an indifferent price, and to correct thy children diligently, & to beate an euill seruant to the blood:

6 To set a good locke where an euill wife is, and to locke where many hands are:

7 If thou giue any thing by number, and weight, to put all in writing, both that that is giuen out, and that that is receiued againe:

8 To teach the vnlearned, and the vnwise, and the aged, that contend against the young: thus shalt thou be well instructed, and approued of all men liuing.

‖ Or, is a secret watche to the father.

9 ¶ The daughter ‖maketh the father to watch secretly, and the carefulnesse that hee hath for her, taketh away his sleepe in the night, lest shee should passe the flower of her age: and when she hath an husband, lest she should be hated:

10 In her virginitie, lest she should be defiled, or gotten with childe in her fathers house, and, when she is with her husband, lest she misbehaue herselfe: and when shee is married, lest she continue vnfruitfull.

11 * If thy daughter bee vnshamefast, keepe her straitly, lest she cause thine enemies to laugh thee to scorne, and make thee a common talke in the city, and defame thee among the people, and bring thee to publique shame. Chap. 26. 10

12 * Beholde not euery bodies beauty, and companie not among women. Chap. 25. 23.

13 For as the moth commeth out of garments: * so doeth wickednes of the woman. Gen. 3. 6.

14 The wickednesse of a man is better then the good intreatie of a woman, to wit, of a woman that is in shame and reproch.

15 ¶ I will remember the works of the Lord, and declare the thing that I haue seene: by the word of the Lord are his works.

16 The Sunne that shineth, looketh vpon all things, and all the worke thereof is full of the glory of the Lord.

17 Hath not the Lorde appointed that his Saintes should declare all his woonderous works, which the Almighty Lord hath stablished to confirme all things by in his Maiestie?

18 Hee seeketh out the depth, and the heart, and hee knoweth their practises: for the Lord knoweth all science, and he beholdeth the signes of the world.

God knoweth all things

19 He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and discloseth the paths of things that are secret.

20 * No thought may escape him, neither may any word be hid from him. Iob 42. 4. Isa. 29. 15.

21 He hath garnished the excellent workes of his wisedom, and he is from euerlasting to euerlasting, and for euer: vnto him may nothing be added, neither can he be minished: he hath no neede of any counseller.

22 Oh, how delectable are all his works, and to be considered euen vnto the sparkes of fire!

23 They liue all and endure for euer: and whensoeuer neede is, they are all obedient.

24 They are all double one against another: he hath made nothing that hath any fault.

25 The one ‖commendeth the goodnes of the other, and who can bee satisfied with beholding Gods glory?

‖ Or, stabbeth.

CHAP. XLIII.

The summe of the creation of the workes of God.

THis high ornament † the cleare firmament, the beautie of the heauen so glorious to behold,

† The wonderful works of God.

2 The Sunne also, a marueilous instrument when it appeareth, declareth at his going out, the worke of the most high.

3 At noone it burneth the countrey, and who may abide for the heate thereof?

4 The Sunne burneth the mountaines three times more then he that keepeth a furnace with continual heate: it casteth out the fiery vapours, and with the shining beames blindeth the eyes.

5 Great is the Lord that made it, and by his commandement he causeth it to runne hastily.

6 * The

Gen. 1. 16. 6 *The moone also hath he made to appeare according to her season, that it should be a declaration of the time, and a signe for the world.

Exod. 12. 2. 7 *The feasts are appointed by the moone: the light thereof diminisheth vnto the end.

8 The moneth is called after the name thereof, and groweth wonderously in her changing.

9 It is a campe pitched on high, shining in the firmament of heauen: the beautie of heauen are the glorious starres, and the ornament that sheweth in the high places of the Lord.

10 By the commaundement of the holy one they continue in their order, and faile not in their watch.

Gen. 9. 13, 14. 11 ¶ *Looke vpon the rainebow, and praise him that made it: very beautifull is it in the brightnesse thereof.

Isa. 40. 22. 12 *It compasseth the heauen about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High haue bended it.

13 ¶ Through his commandement hee maketh the snowe to haste, and sendeth swiftly the lightning of his iudgement.

14 Therefore he openeth his treasures, and the clouds flie forth as the foules.

15 In his power hath hee strengthened the clouds, and broken the haile stones.

16 The mountaines leape at the sight of him: the South wind bloweth according to his will.

17 The sound of his thunder beateth y earth: so doth the storme of the North: the whirlewind also, as birds that flie, scattereth the snowe, and the falling downe thereof is as the grashoppers that light downe.

18 The eye marueileth at the beautie of the whitenesse thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raine of it.

19 Hee also powreth out the frost vpon the earth like salt, and when it is frozen, it sticketh on the tops of pales.

20 When the colde Northwinde bloweth, and yce is frozen of the water, it abideth vpon all the gatherings together of water, and clotheth the waters as with a brestplate.

21 It deuoureth the mountaines, and burneth the wildernesse, and destroyeth that that is greene, like fire.

22 The remedie of all these is when a cloude commeth hastily, and when a dew commeth vpon the heat, it refresheth it.

23 [By his word he stilleth the wind:] by his counsell hee appeaseth the deepe, and planteth Ilands therein.

24 They that saile ouer the Sea, tell of the perils thereof, and when we heare it with our eares, we marueile thereat.

25 For there bee strange, and wonderous works, diuers maner of beastes, and the creation of whales.

26 Through him are all things directed to a good end, and are stablished by his word.

27 And when we haue spoken much, we can not attaine vnto them: but this is the summe of all, That he is all.

28 What power haue we to praise him? for he is aboue all his works.

Psal. 96. 4. 29 The Lord is terrible, and very great, and marueilous in his power.

30 Praise the Lorde, and magnifie him as much as ye can, yet doeth he farre exceed: exalt him with all your power, and be not weary, yet can ye not attaine vnto it.

31 *Who hath seene him, that hee might tell vs? and who can magnifie him as he is? John 1. 18. psal. 106. 2.

33 For there are hid yet greater things then these be, for we haue seene but a few of his works.

33 For the Lord hath made all things, and giuen wisedome to such as feare God.

CHAP. XLIIII.

The praise of certaine holy men, Enoch, Noe, Abraham, Isaac and Iacob.

LEt vs now commend the famous men, and our fathers, of whom we are begotten.

2 The Lord hath gotten great glory by them, and that through his great power from the beginning.

3 They haue borne rule in their kingdomes, and were renowned for their power, and were wise in counsell, and declared prophesies.

4 *They gouerned the people by counsel, and by the knowledge of learning meete for the people, in whose doctrine were wise sentences. Exod. 18. 25.

5 They inuented the melody of musicke, and expounded the verses that were written.

6 They were rich and mighty in power, and liued quietly at home.

7 All these were honourable men in their generations, and were well reported of in their times.

8 There are of them that haue left a name behinde them, so that their praise shall be spoken of.

9 There are some also which haue no memoriall, *and are perished as though they had neuer beene, and are become as though they had neuer beene borne, and their children after them. Gen. 7. 22.

10 But the former were mercifull men, whose righteousnes hath not bene forgotten.

11 For whole posterity a good inheritance is reserued, and their seed is contained in the couenant.

12 Their seede is contained in the couenant, and their posterity after them.

13 Their seed shal remaine for euer, and their praise shall neuer be taken away.

14 Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liueth for euermore.

15 *The people speake of their wisedom, and the congregation talke of their praise. Chap 39. 10.

16 †*Enoch pleased the Lord God, therefore was he translated for an ensample of repentance to the generations. † Enoch. Gen. 5. 24. heb. 11. 5.

17 †*Noe was found perfit, and in the time of wrath hee had a reward: therefore was hee left as a remnant vnto the earth, when the flood came. † Noe. Gen. 6. 9 & 7. 1. heb. 11. 7.

18 An euerlasting couenant was made with him, that all flesh should *perish no more by the flood. Gen. 9. 11.

19 †Abraham was a* great father of many people: in glory was there none like vnto him. † Abraham. Gen. 12. 3 & 15. 5. & 17. 4.

20 Hee kept the Law of the most high, and was in couenant with him, and he set the couenant *in his flesh, and in tentation he was found faithfull. Gen. 21. 4.

21 Therefore hee assured him by an *othe, that hee would bleese the nations in his seede, and that hee would multiply him as the dust of Gen. 22. 16, 17. & 28. galat. 3. 8.

of the earth, and exalt his seed as the starres, and cause them to inherit from sea to sea, and from the riuer vnto the ende of the world.

Gen. 26.2,3. † Isaac. 22 * With † Isaac did hee confirme likewise for Abraham his fathers sake, the blessing of all men, and the couenant,

† Iacob. ‖ Or, knew him. *Gen.* 27. 28 *and* 28.1 23 And caused it to rest vpon the head of † Iacob, and ‖ made himselfe knowen by * his blessings, and gaue him an heritage and diuided his portions, * and parted them among the twelue tribes.

Gen. 28.14. † Ioseph. 24 And hee brought out of him a † mercifull man, which found fauour in the sight of all flesh.

CHAP. XLV.

The prayse of Moses, Aaron and Phinees.

† Moses. *Exod.* 1.13. *and* 7.22. AND † Moyses the * beloued of God and men, brought he forth, whose remembrance is blessed.

2 He made him like to the glorious Saints, and magnified him by the feare of his enemies.

Exod. 6 7.8. 9. *chapters.* 3 By his wordes hee caused the wonders to cease, and hee made him * glorious in the sight of kings, and gaue him commandements for his people, and shewed him his glory.

Num. 12.3. 4 * He sanctified him with faithfulnesse, and meekenesse, and chose him out of all men.

Exod. 19.7. 5 Hee caused him to heare his voyce, and brought him into the darke cloud, * and there he gaue him the commandements before his face, euen the Law of life and knowledge, that hee might teach Iacob the couenant, and Israel his iudgements.

† Aaron. *Exod.* 4.28. 6 He exalted † Aaron an holy man like vnto him, euen his * brother of the tribe of Leui.

7 An euerlasting couenant made hee with him, and gaue him the Priesthood among the people, and made him blessed through his comely ornament, and clothed him with the garment of honour.

8 Hee put perfect ioy vpon him, and girded him with ornaments of strength, as with breeches, and a tunicle, and an ephod.

Exod. 28.35. 9 Hee compassed him about with belles of golde, and with many bels round about, * that when he went in, the sound might be heard, and might make a noise in the Sanctuarie, for a remembrance to the children of Israel his people.

10 And with an holy garmeut, with gold also, and blue silke, and purple, and diuers kindes of workes, and with a breastlap of iudgement, and with the † signes of trueth,

† Vrim and Thummim. 11 And with worke of scarlet cunningly wrought, and with precious stones grauen like seales, and set in golde by goldsmiths worke for a memoriall, with a writing grauen after the number of the tribes of Israel,

12 And with a crowne of golde vpon the mitre, bearing the forme and marke of holinesse, an ornament of honour, a noble worke garnished, and pleasant to looke vpon.

13 Before him were there no such faire ornaments: there might no stranger put them on, but only his children: and his childrens children perpetually.

14 Their sacrifices were wholly consumed euery day twise continually.

a That was, either put into his hand the booke of † Law written to reade vnto the people, or els some sacrifice that hee might offer vnto God for their offences. *Leuit.* 8.12 15 Moyses filled a his handes, * and anoynted him with holy oyle: this was appointed vnto him by an euerlasting couenant, and to his seed, so long as the heauens should remaine, that hee should minister before him, and also to execute the office of the Priesthood, and bleste his people in his name.

16 Before all men liking the Lord chose him that hee should present offerings before him, and a sweete sauour for a remembrance to make reconciliation for his people.

Deut. 17.18. *and* 31.9. 17 * He gaue him also his commandements and authoritie according to the Lawes appointed, that he should teach Iacob the testimonies, and giue light vnto Israel by his Law.

Num. 16.1,2 18 * Strangers stood vp against him, and enuied him in the wildernesse, euen the men that tooke Dathan and Abirams part, and the company of Core in fury and rage.

19 This the Lord saw, and it displeased him, and in his wrathfull indignation were they consumed: hee did wonders vpon them, and consumed them with the fiery flame.

Num. 17.8. 20 * But hee made Aaron more honourable, and gaue him an heritage, and parted the first fruits of the first borne vnto him: vnto him specially he appointed bread in abundance.

21 For the Priests did eat of the sacrifices of the Lord, which he gaue vnto him and to his seede.

Deut. 12.12 *and* 18.1. 22 * This had he none heritage in the land of his people, neither had he any portion among the people: for the Lorde is the portion of his inheritance.

† Phinees. *Num.* 25 12, 13. 1. *mac.* 2. 54. 23 The third in glory is † * Phinees the sonne of Eleazar, because hee had zeale in the feare of the Lord, & stood vp with good courage of heart, when the people were turned backe, and made reconciliation for Israel.

24 Therefore was there a couenant of peace made with him, that he should be the chiefe of the Sanctuary and of his people, and that hee and his posterity should haue the dignity of the priesthood for euer,

25 And according to the couenant made with Dauid, that the inheritance of the kingdome should remaine to his sonne of the tribe of Iuda: so the heritage of Aaron should be to the onely sonne of his sonne, and to his seed. God giue vs wisedome in our heart to iudge his people in righteousnesse, that the good things that they haue, be not abolished, and that their glory may endure for their posterity.

CHAP. XLVI.

The prayse of Iosue, Caleb, and Samuel.

† Iosue. *Num.* 27.18 *deut.* 34 9. *iosh.* 1.2. *and* 12.7. IEsus † * the sonne of Naue was valiant in the wars, and was the successour of Moyses in prophesies, who according vnto his name was a great sauiour of the elect of God, to take vengeance of the enemies that rose vp against them, and to set Israel in their inheritance.

Iosh 8.1,2. 2 * What glory gate he, when he lift vp his hand, and drew out his sword against the cities?

3 Who was there before him, like to him? for he fought the battels of the Lord.

Iosh. 10,12, 13,14. 4 * Stood not the Sunne still by his meanes, and one day was as long as two?

5 Hee called vnto the most high Gouernour, when the enemies preassed vpon him on euery side, and the mighty Lord heard him with the haile stones, and with mighty power.

Iosh. 10,11. 6 Hee rushed in vpon the nation in battell, and in the * going downe of Bethoron he destroyed

stroyed the aduersaries, that they might knowe his weapons, and that he fought ‖ in the sight of the Lord: for he ‖ followed the Almighty.

‖Or, that the Lord fauoured habatt. L ‖Or. pursued the mighty ones. Num 14.6. 1.mac.2.55, 56.

7 * In the time of ‡Moyses also he did a good worke: hee and † Caleb the sonne of Jephune stood against the enemie and withheld the people from sinne, and appeased the wicked murmuring.

† Caleb. Num.26 65 deu 1.35,36 Iosh.14.11.

8 * And of sire hundred thousand people of foote, they two were preserued to bring them into the heritage, euen into the land that floweth with milke and honie.

9 * The Lord gaue strength also vnto Caleb, which remained with him vnto his olde age, so that hee went vp into the hie places of the land, and his seed obteined it for an heritage,

10 That all the children of Israel might see, that it is good to follow the Lord.

† Iudges.

11 Concerning the † Iudges, euery one by name, whose heart went not a whoring, nor departed from the Lorde, their memorie bee blessed.

12 Let * their bones flourish out of their place, and their names by succession remaine to them that are most famous of their children.

Chap.49.10

† Samuel. 1 Sam.10 1. and 16.13.

13 ¶ † Samuel the Prophet of the Lord beloued of his Lord, * ordained kings, and anointed the princes ouer his people

14 By the Law of the Lord hee iudged the congregation, and the Lord had respect vnto Jacob.

15 This Prophet was approued for his faithfulnes, & he was knowen faithfull in his words and visions.

16 * He called vpon the Lord Almighty, when his enemies pressed vp him on euery side, when he offered the sucking lambe.

1.Sam.7 9, 10,11.

17 And the Lord thundred from heauen, and made his voyce to be heard with a great noyse.

18 So hee discomfited the princes of the Tyrians: and all the rulers of the Philistims.

19 * And before his long sleepe he made protestation in the sight of the Lord, and his anoynted, that hee tooke no substance of any man, no not so much as a shooe, and no man could accuse him.

1.Sam.12.3.

20 * After his sleepe also he tolde of the kings death, and from the earth lift hee vp his voyce, and prophesied that the wickednesse of the people should perish.

1.Sam.28. 18,19.

CHAP. XLVII.

The prayse of Nathan, Dauid, and Salomon.

17 Nathan of Lebanon

A Fter him rose vp † * Nathan to prophesie in the time of Dauid.

† Nathan. 2.Sam 12.1

2 For as the fat is taken away from the peace offring, so was † Dauid chosen out of the children of Israel.

† Dauid.

3 * He played with the Lyons, as with kids, and with beares, as with lambes.

1.Sam 17. 34.

4 * Slew he not a giant when he was yet but yong, and tooke away the rebuke from the people, when he lift vp his hand with the stone in the sling, to beate downe the pride of Goliah?

1.Sam.17. 49.50,51.

5 For hee called vpon the most High Lord, which gaue him strength in his right hand, to slay that mighty warriour, and that hee might set vp the horne of his people againe.

1.Sam 18.7 ‖ Or, the people. ‖Or, with blessings of the Lord.

6 * So ‖ hee gaue him the praise of ten thousand, and honoured him with ‖ great prayses, and gaue him a crowne of glory.

2.Sam.5.7.

7 * For hee destroyed the enemies on euery side, and rooted out the Philistims his aduersaries, and brake their horne in sunder vnto this day.

8 In all his workes he praysed the Holy one, and the most High with honourable words, and with his whole heart he sung songs, and loued him that made him.

9 * Hee set singers also before the altar, and according to their tune he made sweete songs, that they might prayse God dayly with their songs.

1.Chro.16.4

10 He ordeined to keepe the feast dayes comely, and appointed the times perfectly, that they might praise the holy Name of God, and make the Temple to sound in the morning.

11 * The Lord tooke away his sinnes, and exalted his horne for euer: hee gaue him the couenant of the kingdome, and the throne of glory in Israel.

2.Sam 12. 13.

12 After him rose vp a wise sonne, who by him dwelt in a large possession.

13 † * Salomon reigned in a peaceable time, and was glorious: for God made all quiet round about, that he might build an house in his name, and prepare the Sanctuary for euer.

† Salomon. 1.King.4. 21,24.

14 * How wise wast thou in thy youth, and wast filled with vnderstanding as with a flood!

1.King.4. 29,30.

15 Thy minde couered the whole earth, and hath filled it with graue and darke sentences.

16 Thy name went abroad in the yles, and for thy peace thou wast beloued.

17 * The countreys marueiled at thee for thy songs, and prouerbes, and similitudes, and interpretations.

1.King.4 31,32.

18 By the Name of the Lorde God, which is called the God of Israel, thou hast * gathered golde as tinne, and hast as much siluer as lead.

1 King.10. 27.

19 * Thou diddest bowe thy loynes to women, and wast ouercome by thy body.

1.King 11.1

20 Thou diddest staine thine honour, and hast defiled thy posteritie, & hast brought wrath vpon thy children, and hast felt sorow for thy follie.

21 * So the kingdome was diuided, and Ephraim began to be a rebellious kingdome.

1.King 12, 15,16,17.

22 * Neuertheless the Lord left not off his mercy, neither was he destroyed for his workes: neither did he abolish the posterity of his elect, nor tooke away the seede of him that loued him, but he left a remnant vnto Jacob, and a roote of him vnto Dauid.

2.Sam.7.15.

23 Thus rested Salomon with his fathers, and of his seede hee left behinde him † Roboam, euen ‖ the foolishnesse of the people, and one that had no vnderstanding, * who turned away the people through his counsell, and † Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, * which caused Israel to sinne, and shewed Ephraim the way of sinne,

† Roboam. ‖Or, a most vndiscreet foole. 1.King 12, 10,11,13, 14.

24 So that their sinnes were so much increased, that they were driuen out of the land.

† Ieroboam. 1.King.12. 28,30.

25 For they sought out all wickednesse, til the vengeance came vpon them.

CHAP. XLVIII.

The prayse of Elias, Elizeus, Ezekias and Isaias.

17 Nabal of Lebanon

THen stoode vp † * Elias the Prophet as a fire, and his word burnt like a lampe.

† Elias. 1.King.17.1

2 He

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2 Hee brought a famine vpon them, and by his zeale hee diminished them: [for they might not away with the commaundements of the Lord.]

3 By the worde of the Lord hee shut the heauen, * and three times brought he the fire from heauen.

1.*King.*18. 38.& 2.*kin.* 1,10,12.

4 O Elias, how honourable art thou by thy wonderous deedes! who may make his boast to be like thee!

5 *Which hast raised vp the dead from death, and by the worde of the most High out of the graue:

1.*King.*17. 21,22.

6 Which hast brought Kings vnto destruction, and the honourable from their seat:

7 Which heardest the rebuke of the Lord in Sina, * and in Horeb the iudgement of the vengeance:

1.*King.*19. 15.

8 *Which diddest anoynt Kings that they might † recompense, and Prophets to bee thy successors:

1.*King.*19. 16,17.

† The wickednes of Achab and Iezabel.

9 *Which wast taken vp in a whirlewind of fire, and in a charet of fierie horses:

2.*King.*2.11 *Malac.*4.5.

10 Which wast appointed * to reproone in due season, and to pacifie the wrath of the Lords iudgement before it kindled, and to turne the hearts of the fathers vnto the children, and to set vp the tribes of Iacob.

11 Blessed were they that saw thee, and slept in loue: for * we shall liue.

2 That is, they that are such.

12 *When Elias was couered with the storme, † Eliseus was filled with his spirite: whilst he liued, he was not moued for any prince, neither could any bring him into subiection.

2.*King.*2. 11.15

† Eliseus.

13 Nothing could ouercome him, * and after his death his body prophesied.

2.*King.*13. 21.

14 He did wonders in his life, and in death were his works marueilous.

15 For all this the people repented not, neither departed they from their sinnes: * till they were carted away prisoners out of their lande, and were scattered through all the earth, so that there remained but a very few people with the prince vnto the house of Dauid.

2.*King.*18. 11,12.

16 Howbeit some of them did right, and some heaped vp sinnes.

17 † * Ezekias made his city strong, and conueyed water into the mids thereof: hee digged through the rocke with yron, and made fountaines for waters.

† Ezekias. 2.*King.*18 2

18 * In his time came Sennacherib vp, and sent Rabsaces, and lift vp his hand against Sion, and boasted proudly.

2.*King.*18. 13.

19 Then trembled their hearts and hands, so that they sorowed like a woman in trauaile.

20 But they called vpon the Lord, which is mercifull, and lift vp their hands vnto him, and immediatly the Holy one heard them out of heauen.

21 [Hee thought no more vpon their sinnes, nor gaue them ouer to their enemies,] but deliuered them by the hand of Esai.

22 * He smote the hoste of the Assyrians, and his Angel destroyed them.

2.*Kin.*19.35 *isa.*37.36. *tob.*1.18.

23 For Ezekias had done the thing that pleased the Lorde, and remayned stedfastly in the wayes of Dauid his father, as † Esai the great Prophet and faithful in his vision had commanded him.

1.*mac.*7.4'. 2.*mac.*8. 19. † Isaias. 2.*King.*20. 10,11. *isa.*38.8.

24 * In his time the sunne went backward, and he lengthened the Kings life.

25 He saw by an excellent spirit what should come to passe at the last, and he comforted them that were sorowfull in Sion.

26 He shewed what should come to passe for euer, & secret things, or euer they came to passe.

CHAP. XLIX.

Of Iosias, Hezekiah, Dauid, Ieremie, Ezekiel, Zorobabel, Iesus, Nehemias, Enoch, Ioseph, Sem and Seth.

1 Bk Wisdom 1 Lesson

THe remembrance of † * Iosias is like the compolition of the perfume that is made by the arte of the Apothecarie: it is sweete as hony in all mouthes, and as musicke at a banquet of wine.

† Iosias. 2.*King.*22,1 *and* 23.2. 2.*chro.*34.1.

2 Hee behaued himselfe vprightly in the reformation of the people, and tooke away all abominations of iniquitie.

3 He * directed his heart vnto the Lord, & in the time of the vngodly he established religion.

2.*King.*23.4

4 All, except Dauid and Ezekias, and Iosias, committed wickednesse: for euen the Kings of Iuda forsooke the Law of the most High, and failed.

5 Therefore he gaue their ‖ horne vnto other, and their honour to a strange nation.

‖ Or, power.

6 Hee burnt the elect city of the Sanctuary, * and destroyed the streetes thereof according to the ‖ prophelie of † Ieremias.

2.*King.*25.9 ‖ Or, hand. † Ieremias.

7 For they * intreated him euil, which neuertheless was a Prophet, * sanctified from his mothers woombe, that hee might roote out and afflict, and destroy, and that he might also build vp, and plant.

*Iere.*38.6. *Iere.*1.5.

8 † * Ezechiel saw the glorious vision, which was shewed him vpon the charet of the Cherubins.

† Ezechiel. *Eze.*1.3, 15.

9 * For he made mention of the enemies vnder the figure of the raine, and directed them that went right.

*Ezek.*13 9. & 38.11,16

10 ¶ * And let the bones of the twelue Prophets flourish out of their place, and let their memorie be blessed: for they comforted Iacob, and deliuered them by assured hope.

*Chap.*46.12. *Hag* 2.24. *eze* 3.2

11 ¶ * How shall we praise † Zorobabel, which was as a ring on the right hand!

†Zorobabel.

12 So was † * Iesus also the sonne of Iosedec: these men in their time builded the house, and set vp the Sanctuarie of the Lord againe, which was prepared for an euerlasting worship.

† Iesus. *Zech.*3.1. *eze* 3 2. *hag.*1.12, *and* 2 3. *Nehe.*7.1.

13 ¶ * And among the elect was † Neemias whose renowme is great, which set vp for vs the walles that were fallen, and set vp the gates and the bars, and laid the foundations of our houses.

† Nehemias.

14 ¶ But vpon the earth was no man created like † * Enoch: for he was taken vp from the earth.

† Enoch. *Gen.*5.24. *chap.*44.16, *hebr.*11.5.

15 Neither was there a like man vnto † * Ioseph the gouernour of his brethren, and the vpholder of his people, whose bones were kept.

† Ioseph. *Gen* 41.44. *and* 42.6. *and* 45.8.

16 † * Sem and † Seth were in great honour among men: and so was † Adam about euery liuing thing in the creation.

† Sem. *Gen.*5.3. *and* 11.10, † Seth. † Adam.

CHAP. L.

1 *Of Simon the sonne of Onias.* 22 *An exhortation to praysе the Lord.* 27 *The authour of this booke.*

† SImon * the sonne of Onias the hie Priest, which in his life set vp the house againe, and in his dayes established the † Temple,

† Simon. 2.*Mac* 3.4. ‖ Or, people.

2 Vnder

2 Vnder him was the foundation of the double height layed, and the high walles that compasseth the Temple.

3 In his dayes the places to receiue water, that were decayed, were restored, and the braile was about in measure as the sea.

a Which Salomon made, 1. Kin. 7. 23.

4 Hee tooke care for his people, that they should not fall, and fortified the citie against the siege.

5 How honourable was his conuersation among the people, and when hee came out of the house couered with the vaile!

6 He was as the morning starre in the mids of a cloud, and as the moone when it is full,

7 And as the sunne shining vpon the temple of the most High, and as the rainebowe that is bright in the faire clouds,

8 And as the flower of the roses in the Spring of the yeere, and as lillies by the springs of waters, and as the branches of the frankincense tree in the time of Summer,

9 As a fire and incense in the censer, and as a vessell of massie gold, set with all maner of precious stones,

10 And as a faire olive tree that is fruitfull, and as a cypresse tree, which groweth vp to the clouds.

11 When hee put on the garment of honour, and was clothed with all beautie, he went vp to the holy altar, and made the garment of holinesse honourable.

12 When hee tooke the portions out of the Priests hands, he himselfe stood by the hearth of the altar, compassed with his brethren round about, as the branches doe the cedar tree in Libanus, and they compassed him as the branches of the palme trees.

13 So were all the sonnes of Aaron in their glory, and the oblations of the Lorde in their hands, before all the congregation of Israel.

14 And that hee might accomplish his ministerie vpon the altar, and garnish the offering of the most High and Almightie,

15 He stretched out his hand to the drinke offering, and powred of the blood of the grape, and hee powred at the foot of the altar the perfume of good sauour vnto the most high King of all.

16 Then shouted the sonnes of Aaron, and blowed with braken trumpets, and made a great noyse to bee heard, for a remembrance before the most High.

17 Then all the people together hasted, and fell downe to the earth vpon their faces to worship their Lord God Almightie, and most high.

18 The singers also sang with their voyces, so that the sound was great, and the melody sweet.

19 And the people prayed vnto the Lord most high, with prayer before him that is mercifull, till the honour of the Lord were performed, and they had accomplished his seruice.

20 Then went he downe, and stretched out his hands ouer the whole Congregation of the children of Israel, that they should giue prayse with their lips vnto the Lord, and reioyce in his Name.

21 He began againe to worship, that he might receiue the blessing of the most high.

22 Now therefore giue praise al ye vnto God, that worketh great things euery where, which hath increased our dayes from the wombe, and dealt with vs according to his mercy,

23 That he would giue vs ioyfulnes of heart, and peace in our dayes in Israel, as in old time,

24 That he would confirme his mercy with vs, and deliuer vs at his time.

25 ¶ There be two maner of people, that my heart abhorreth, and the third is no people:

26 They that sit vpon the mountaine of Samaria, the Philistims, & the foolish people that dwell in Sicimus.

[Or, Sichem.

27 ¶ Iesus the sonne of Strach, the sonne of Eleazarus of Ierusalem, hath written the doctrine of vnderstanding and knowledge in this booke, and hath powred out the wisedome of his heart.

28 Blessed is he that exerciseth himselfe therein: and he that layeth vp these in his heart shall be wise.

29 For if he do these things, he shalbe strong in all things: for he setteth his steps in the light of the Lord, which giueth wisedome to the godly. The Lord be praysed for euermore. So be it, so be it.

CHAP. LI.

A prayer of Iesus the sonne of Sirach.

1 I Will confesse thee, O Lord & King, and praise thee, O God my Sauiour: I will giue thanks vnto thy Name.

2 For thou art my defender and helper, and hast preserued my body from destruction, & from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that are occupied with lies: thou hast holpen me against mine aduersaries,

3 And hast deliuered mee according to the multitude of thy mercy, and for thy Names sake, from the roaring of them that were ready to deuoure me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had,

4 And from the fire that choaked mee round about, and from the mids of the fire that I burned not,

5 And from the bottome of the belly of hell, from an vncleane tongue, from lying words, from false accusation to the King, and from the slander of an vnrighteous tongue.

6 [My soule shal praise y Lord vnto death:] for my soule drew neere vnto death: my life was neere to the hell beneath.

7 They compassed mee on euery side, & there was no man to helpe mee: I looked for the succour of men, but there was none.

8 Then thought I vpon thy mercy, O Lord, and vpon thine acts of olde, how thou deliuerest such as wait for thee, and sauest them out of the hands of the heathen enemies.

[Or, nations.

9 Then lifted I vp my prayer frō the earth, and prayed for deliuerance from death.

10 I called vpon the Lorde the father of my Lord, that he would not leaue mee in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud, without helpe.

11 I will prayse thy Name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiuing: and my prayer was heard.

12 Thou sauedst me from destruction, and deliueredst me from the euil time: therefore will I giue thanks, and praise thee, and blesse the name of the Lord.

13 When I was yet young, or euer I went abroad,

abroad, I desired wisedome openly in my prayer.
14 I prayed for her before the Temple, and sought after her unto farre countreys, & she was as a grape that wareth ripe out of the flowr.
15 Mine heart reioyced in her: my foot walked in the right way, and from my youth up sought I after her.
16 I bowed somewhat downe mine eare, and receiued her, and gate me much wisedome:
17 And I profited by her: therefore will I ascribe the glory unto him, that giueth me wisedome.
18 For I am aduised to doe thereafter: I will be zealous of that that is good: so shall I not be confounded.
19 My soule hath wrastled with her, and I haue exercised my workes: I lifted up mine hands on high, and considered the ignorances thereof.
20 I directed my soule unto her, and I found her in pureneſſe: I haue had mine heart ioyned with her from the beginning: therefore shall I not be forsaken.
21 My bowels are troubled in seeching her: therefore haue I gotten a good possession.
22 The Lord hath giuen me a tongue for my reward, wherewith I will praise him.
23 Draw neere unto me, ye vnlearned, and dwell in the house of learning.
24 Wherefore are ye slowe? and what say you of these things, seeing your soules are very thirstie?
25 I opened my mouth, and sayde, * Buy her for you without money. *Isa 55.1.*
26 Bowe downe your necke vnder the yoke, and your soule shall receiue instruction: she is ready that ye may finde her.
27 Beholde with your eyes, * howe that I haue had but little labour, and haue gotten unto me much rest. *Chap.6.28.*
28 Get learning with a great summe of money: for by her ye shall possesse much gold.
29 Let your soule reioyce in the mercy of the Lord, and be not ashamed of his praise.
30 Doe your duetie betimes, and he will giue you a reward at his time.

Baruch.

19 Nouēbr 1 Lesson Euene

CHAP. I.

** Baruch wrote a booke during the captiuity of Babylon, which he read before Iechoniah and all the people. 10 The Iewes sent the booke with money unto Ierusalem to their other brethren, to the intent that they should pray for them.*

AND these are the wordes of the booke, which Baruch the son of Nerias, the sonne of Maasias, the sonne of Sedecias, the sonne of ‖ Asadias, the son of Helcias wrote in at Babylon, ‖*Or, Sedeias*
2 In the fift yeere, and in the seuenth day of the moneth, what time as the Chaldeans tooke Ierusalem, and burnt it with fire.
3 And Baruch did reade the wordes of this booke, that Iechonias the sonne of Joacim king of Juda might heare, & all the people that were come to heare the booke,
4 And in the audience of the gouernour, and of the Kings sonnes, and before the Elders, and before the whole people, from the lowest unto the highest, before all them that dwelt at Babylon by the riuer ‖ Sud. ‖*Or, Sodi.*
5 Which when they heard it, wept, fasted, and made prayers before the Lord.
6 They made a collection also of money, according to euery mans power,
7 And sent it to Jerusalem unto Joacim the sonne of Helcias the sonne of Salom Priest, and unto the other priests, & to all the people, which were with him at Jerusalem,
8 When he had receiued the vessels of the Temple of the Lord, that were taken away out of the Temple, to bring them againe into y land of Juda, the tenth day of the moneth ‖ Siuan, to wit, siluer vessels, which Sedecias the sonne of Josias king of Juda had made, ‖*Or, Siban.*
9 After that Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon had leadde away Iechonias from Jerusalem, and his Princes and his Nobles, prisoners, and the people, and caried them to Babylon.
10 And they sayd, Behold, we haue sent you money, wherewith ye shall buy burnt offerings for ‖ me, and incense, and prepare a ‖ meate offering, and offer upon the altar of the Lord our God, ‖*Or, Manna, for Manhah, which was the euening and morning sacrifice.*
11 And pray for the life of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, and for the life of Baltasar his sonne, that their dayes may be upon earth, as the dayes of heauen,
12 And that God would giue us strength and lighten our eyes, that we may liue under the shadow of Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon, and under the shadow of Baltasar his sonne, that we may long doe them seruice, and finde fauour in their sight.
13 Pray for us also unto the Lord our God, (for we haue sinned against the Lord our God, and unto this day the furie of the Lord, and his wrath is not turned from us)
14 And reade this Booke (which we haue sent to you to bee rehearsed in the Temple of the Lord) upon the feast dayes, and at time conuenient.
15 Thus shall ye say, * To the Lord our God belongeth righteousnesse, but unto us the confusion of our faces, as it is come to passe this day unto them of Juda, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *Chap.2.6.*
16 And to our Kings and to our princes, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers,
17 Because we haue * sinned before the Lord our God, *Dan 9.5.*
18 And haue not obeyed him, neither hearkened unto the voyce of the Lorde our God, to walke in the commandements that he gaue us openly.
19 From the day that the Lord brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, euen unto this day, we haue bene disobedient unto the Lord our God, and we haue bene negligent to heare his voyce.

20 *Where-

Deut.28.15. 20 * Although their plagues are come vpon vs, and the curse which the Lord appointed by Moyses his seruant at the time that he brought our Fathers out of the land of Egypt to giue vs a land that floweth with milke and hony, as appeareth this day.

21 Neuertheleſſe, we haue not hearkened vnto the voyce of the Lord our God, according to all the wordes of the prophets, whom he ſent vnto vs.

22 But euery one of vs followed the wicked imagination of his owne heart, to ſerue ſtrange gods, and to doe euill in the ſight of the Lord our God.

CHAP. II.

1 The Iewes confeſſe that they ſuffer iuſtly for their ſinnes. The true confeſſion of the Chriſtians. 11 The Iewes deſire to haue the wrath of God turned from them. 32 He promiſeth that he will call againe the people from captiuitie, and giue them a new and euerlaſting Teſtament.

THerefore the Lord our God hath performed his word, which he pronounced againſt vs, and againſt our Iudges that gouerned Iſrael, and againſt our Kings, and againſt our Princes, and againſt the men of Iſrael and Iuda.

2 To bring vpon vs great plagues, ſuch as neuer came to paſſe vnder the whole heauen, as they that were done in Ieruſalem, according to things that were written in the law of Moyſes.

Deut.28.53. 3 That ſome among vs ſhould * eat the fleſh of his owne ſonne, and ſome the fleſh of his owne daughter.

4 Moreouer, he hath deliuered them to be in ſubiection to all the kingdoms that are round about vs, to be as a reproch and deſolation among all the people round about where the Lord hath ſcattered them.

5 That they are brought to be beneath and not aboue, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt the Lord our God, and haue not heard his voice.

Dan.9.15. 6 * To the Lord our God appertaineth righteouſneſſe, but vnto vs and to our fathers open ſhame, as appeareth this day.

7 For all theſe plagues are come vpon vs, which the Lord hath pronounced againſt vs.

8 Yet haue wee not prayed before the Lord that we might turne euery one from the imaginations of his owne wicked heart.

9 So the Lorde hath watched ouer the plagues, and the Lord hath brought them vpon vs: for the Lord is righteous in all his workes, which he hath commanded vs.

10 Yet we haue not hearkened vnto his voice, to walke in the commaundements of the Lorde that he hath giuen vnto vs.

Dan.9.15. 11 * And now, O Lorde God of Iſrael, that haſt brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and an hie harme, and with ſignes, and with wonders, and with great power, and haſt gotten thy ſelfe a Name, as appeareth this day,

12 O Lord our God, we haue ſinned, we haue done wickedly: we haue offended in all thine ordinances.

13 Let thy wrath turne from vs: for wee are but a few left among the heathen, where thou haſt ſcattered vs.

14 Heare our prayers, O Lord, and our petitions, and deliuer vs for thine owne ſake, & giue vs fauour in the ſight of them, which haue led vs away,

15 That all the earth may know that thou art the Lord our God, and that thy Name is called vpon Iſrael, and vpon their poſterity.

16 Therefore looke downe from thine holy Temple, and thinke vpon vs: incline thine eare, O Lord, and heare vs.

17 * Open thine eyes, and behold: for the dead that are in the graues, and whoſe ſoules are out of their bodies, * giue vnto the Lorde, neither ‖ praiſe nor righteouſneſſe.

Deut.26.15. iſa.63.15. Pſal.6.5,6. and 115.17, 18. iſa.38. 18,19. *Or, glory. ‖Or, glory, nor praiſe of righteouſneſſe.*

18 But the ſoule that is vexed for the greatneſſe of ſinne, and he that goeth crookedly, and weake, and the eyes that faile, and the hungry ſoule will giue thee praiſe and righteouſneſſe, O Lord.

19 For we do not require mercie in thy ſight, O Lord our God, for the righteouſnes of our fathers, or of our Kings,

20 But becauſe thou haſt ſent out thy wrath and indignation vpon vs, as thou haſt ſpoken by thy ſeruants the Prophets, ſaying,

21 * Thus ſayth the Lord, Bow downe your ſhoulders, and ſerue the king of Babylon: ſo ſhall ye remaine in the land, that I gaue vnto your fathers.

‖Or, by the hand of thy ſeruants. Ier.27.7.

22 But if yee will not heare the voyce of the Lord, to ſerue the king of Babylon,

23 I will cauſe to ceaſe in the cities of Iuda, and in Ieruſalem, I will cauſe to ceaſe the voyce of mirth, and the voyce of ioy, and the voyce of the bridegroome, and the voyce of the bride, and the land ſhall be deſolate of inhabitants.

24 But wee would not hearken vnto thy voyce, to ſerue the King of Babylon: therefore haſt thou performed the words that thou ſpakeſt by thy ſeruants the Prophets, namely, that the bones of our Kings, and the bones of our fathers ſhould be carried out of their places.

25 And loe, they are caſt out to the heat of the day, and to the cold of the night, and are dead in great miſery with famine, and with the ſword, and in banishment.

26 And the Temple wherein thy Name was called vpon, thou haſt brought to the ſtate, as appeareth this day, for the wickednes of the houſe of Iſrael, and the houſe of Iuda.

27 O Lord our God, thou haſt intreated vs according to equitie, and according to all thy great mercie,

28 As thou ſpakeſt by thy ſeruant Moyſes, in the day when thou didſt commaund him to write thy Law before the children of Iſrael, ſaying,

29 * If yee will not abide my voyce, then ſhall this great Coarne and multitude be turned into a very few among the nations where I will ſcatter them.

Leuit.26.14 deut.28.15.

30 For I know that they will not heare me: for it is a ſtiffnecked people: but in the lande of their captiuitie they ſhall remember themſelues,

31 And know that I am the Lord their God: then will I giue them an heart to vnderſtand, and eares.

32 And they ſhall heare, and praiſe mee in the land of their captiuitie, and thinke vpon

my Name.

33 Then shall they turne them from their hard backes, and from their euill works: for they shall remember the way of their fathers, which sinned before the Lord.

34 And I will bring them againe into the land, which I promised with nu the vnto their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, and they shall be lords of it: and I will increase them, and they shall not be diminished.

35 And I will make an euerlasting covenant with them, that I will bee their God, and they shall be my people: and I will no more driue my people of Israel out of the land that I haue giuen them.

CHAP. III.

20 Nou. 1 Cho. 2d Coen

1 *The people continueth in their prayer begun for their deliuerance.* 9 *He praiseth wisdom vnto the people, shewing that so great aduersities came vnto them for the despising thereof.* 36 *Only God was the finder of wisdome.* 37 *Of the incarnation of Christ.*

O Lord Almighty, O God of Israel, the soule that is in trouble, and the spirit that is vexed, crieth vnto thee.

2 Heare, O Lord, and haue mercie: for thou art mercifull, and haue pity vpon vs, because we haue sinned before thee.

3 For thou endurest for euer, and we vtterly perish.

4 O Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, heare now the prayer of the dead Israelites, and of their children, which haue sinned before thee, and not hearkened vnto the voyce of thee their God, wherefore these plagues hang vpon vs.

5 Remember not the wickednesse of our fathers, but thinke vpon thy power, and thy Name at this time.

6 For thou art the Lord our God, and thee O Lord, will we praise.

7 And for this cause hast thou put thy feare in our hearts, that we should call vpon thy Name, and praise thee in our captiuity: for we haue considered in our minds all the wickednesse of our fathers, that sinned before thee.

8 Behold, we are yet this day in our captiuitie, where thou hast scattered vs, to bee a reproch and a curse, and subiect to payments, according to all the iniquities of our fathers, which are departed from the Lord their God.

9 O Israel, heare the commandements of life: hearken vnto them, that thou mayst learne wisedome.

10 What is the cause, O Israel, that thou art in thine enemies land, and art waxen old in a strange country,

11 And art defiled with the dead, and art counted with them, that goe downe to the graues?

12 Thou hast forsaken the fountaine of wisedome:

13 For if thou hadst walked in the way of God, thou shouldest haue remained safe for euer.

14 Learne where is wisedome, where is strength, where is vnderstanding, that thou mayest know also from whence commeth long continuance, and life, and where the light of the eyes and peace is.

15 Who hath found out her place? or who hath come into her treasures?

16 Where are the princes of the heathen, and such as ruled the beasts vpon the earth?

17 They that had their pastime with the fowles of the heauen, that hoarded vp siluer and golde, wherein men trust and made none end of their gathering?

18 For they that coined siluer, and were so carefull of their worke, and whose inuention had none end,

19 Are come to nought, and gone downe to hell, and other men are come vp in their steads.

20 When they were yoong, they saw the light, and dwelt vpon the earth: but they vnderstood not the way of knowledge,

21 Neither perceiued the paths thereof, neither haue their children receiued it: but they were farre off from that way.

22 It hath not beene heard of in the land of Chanaan, neither hath it beene seene in Theman,

23 Nor the Agarines that sought after wisedome vpon the earth, nor the merchants of Merran, and of Theman, nor the expounders of fables, nor the searchers out of wisedome haue knowen the way of wisedome, neither doe they thinke vpon the pathes thereof.

24 O Israel, howe great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession!

25 It is great, and hath none end, it is high, and vnmeasurable.

26 There were the giants, famous from the beginning, that were of so great stature, and so expert in warre.

27 Those did not the Lords chuse, neither gaue he the way of knowledge vnto them:

28 But they were destroyed, because they had no wisedome, and perished through their owne foolishnesse.

29 Who hath gone vp into heauen to take her, and brought her downe from the cloudes?

30 Who hath gone ouer the sea to finde her, and hath brought her rather then fine golde?

31 No man knoweth her wayes, neither considereth her paths.

32 But he that knoweth all things, knoweth her, and hee hath found her out with his vnderstanding: this same is hee which hath prepared the earth for euermore, and hath filled it with foure footed beasts.

33 When hee sendeth out the light, it goeth: and when hee calleth it againe, it obeyeth him with feare.

34 And the starres shine in their watch, and reioyce. When he calleth them, they say, Here we be: and so with cheerefulnesse they shew light vnto him that made them.

35 This is our God, and there shall none other be compared vnto him.

36 Hee hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath giuen it vnto Iacob his seruant, and to Israel his beloued.

37 Afterward he was seene vpon earth, and dwelt among men.

CHAP.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The reward of them that keepe the Lawe, and the punishment of them that dispise it. 12 A comforting of the people being in captiuitie. 19 A complaint of Ierusalem, and vnder the figure thereof the Church. 25 A consolation and comforting of the same.

THis is the booke of the commaundements of God, and the Lawe that endureth for euer: all they that keepe it, shall come to life: but such as forsake it, shall die.

2 Turne thee, O Iacob, and take holde of it: walke by the brightnes before the light thereof.

3 Giue not thine honour to another, nor the things that are profitable vnto thee, to a strange nation.

4 O Israel wee are blessed: for the thinges that are acceptable vnto God, are declared vnto vs.

5 Bee of good comfort, O my people, which art the memoriall of Israel.

6 Ye are sold to the nations, not for your destruction: but because ye prouoked God to wrath ye were deliuered vnto the enemies.

7 For ye haue displeased him that made you, offering vnto deuils, and not to God.

8 Ye haue forgotten him that created you, euen the euerlasting God, and ye haue grieued Ierusalem, that nourished you.

9 (When she sawe the wrath comming vpon you from God, she said, Hearken, ye that dwell about Sion: for God hath brought me into great heauinesse.

10 I see the captiuitie of my sonnes & daughters, which the euerlasting will hath brought vpon them.

11 With ioye did I nourish them, but I must leaue them with weeping and mourning.

12 Let no man reioyce ouer me a widowe, and forsaken of many, which for the sinnes of my children am desolate, because they departed from the Law of God.

13 They would not know his righteousnesse, nor walke in the wayes of his commandements: neither did they enter into the pathes of discipline, through his righteousnesse.

14 Come, ye that dwell about Sion, and call to remembrance the captiuitie of my sonnes and daughters, which the euerlasting hath brought vpon them.

15 For he hath brought vpon them a nation from farre, an impudent nation, and of a strange language,

16 Which neither reuerence the aged, nor pitie the yong: these haue caried away the deare beloued of the widowes, leauing me alone, and destitute of my daughters.

17 But what can I helpe you?

18 Surely he that hath brought these plagues vpon you, can deliuer you from the hands of your enemies.

19 Goe your way, O children, goe your way, for I am left desolate.

20 I haue put off the clothing of peace, and put vpon me the sackcloth of prayer, and so long as I liue, I will call vpon the euerlasting.

21 Bee of good comfort, O children: cry vnto God, and he will deliuer you from the power, and hand of the enemies.

22 For I haue hope of your saluation thorow the euerlasting, and ioy is come vpon me from the holy One, because of the mercy which shall quickely come vnto you from our euerlasting Sauiour.

23 For I sent you away with weeping, and mourning: but with ioy and perpetuall gladnes will God bring you againe vnto me.

24 Like as now the neighbours of Sion saw your captiuitie, so shall they also see shortly your saluation from God, which shall come vnto you with great glorie, and brightnes from the Euerlasting.

25 My children, suffer patiently the wrath that is come vpon you from God: for thine enemie hath persecuted thee, but shortly thou shalt see his destruction, and shalt treade vpon his necke.

26 My darlings haue gone by rough wayes, and we are led away as a flocke that is scattered by the enemies.

27 Be of good comfort, my children, and cry vnto God: for he that led you away, hath you in remembrance.

28 And as it came into your minde to goe astray from your God: so endeuour your selues tenne times more, to turne againe and to seeke him.

29 For he that hath brought these plagues vpon you, will bring you euerlasting ioy againe, with your saluation.

30 Take a good heart, O Hierusalem: for he which gaue thee that name, will comfort thee.

31 They are miserable that afflict thee, and such as reioyce at thy fall.

32 The cities are miserable whom thy children serue: miserable is shee that hath taken thy sonnes.

33 For as shee reioyced at thy decay, and was glad of thy fall, so shall she be sory for her owne desolation.

34 For I will take away the reioycing of her great multitude, and her ioy shall be turned into mourning.

35 For a fire shall come vpon her from the Euerlasting, long to endure, and she shalbe inhabited of diuels for a great season.

36 O Ierusalem looke toward the East, and behold the ioy that commeth vnto thee from thy God.

37 Loe, thy sonnes (whom thou hast let goe) come gathered together from the East vnto the West, reioycing in the word of the holy One vnto the honour of God.

CHAP. V.

1 Ierusalem is mouned vnto gladnes for the rewarde of her people, and vnder the figure thereof the Church.

PVt off thy mourning clothes, O Hierusalem, and thine affliction, and decke thee with the worshipp and honour, that commeth vnto thee from God, for euermore.

2 Put on the garment of righteousnesse, that commeth from GOD, and let a crowne vpon thine head of the glory of the euerlasting.

3 For God will declare thy brightnesse to euery countrey vnder the heauen.

4 And God will name thee by this name for euer, The peace of righteousnesse, and the

the glory of the everlasting God.

5 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand up on hie, and looke about thee toward the East, and beholde thy children gathered from the East unto the South by the word of the holy One, rejoycing in the remembrance of God.

6 For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God will bring them againe unto thee, exalted in glory, as children of the kingdome.

7 For God hath determined to bring downe every high mountaine, and the long endureing rocks, and to fil the valleies, to make the ground plaine, that Israel may walke safely unto the honour of God.

8 The woods and all sweete smelling trees shall overshadow Israel at the commaundement of God.

9 For God shall bring Israel with joy in the light of his maiestie, with the mercy and righteousnesse that commeth of him.

CHAP. VI.

A COPIE OF THE EPISTLE THAT Jeremias sent unto them that were led away captives into Babylon by the King of the Babylonians, to certifie them of the thing that was commaunded him of God.

BEcause of the sinnes, that ye have committed against God, ye shal be led away captives unto Babylon, by Nabuchodonosor, King of the Babylonians.

2 So when ye be come into Babylon, ye shall remaine there many yeeres, and a long season, even seven generations, and after that will I bring you away peaceably from thence.

3 Now shall yee see in Babylon gods of silver, and of gold, and of wood, borne upon mens shoulders, to cause the people to feare.

4 Beware therefore that ye in no wise be like unto strangers, neither be ye afraid of them, when yee see the multitude before them and behinde them worshipping them.

5 But say ye in your hearts, O Lorde, we must worship thee.

6 For mine Angel shalbe with you and shall care for your soules.

7 As for their tongue, it is polished by the carpenter, and they themselves are gilted, and layde over with silver: yet are they but lies, and cannot speake.

8 And as they take golde for a mayd that loueth to be decked,

9 So make they crownes for the heads of their gods: sometimes also the Priestes themselves convey away the golde and silver from their gods, and bestow it upon themselves.

10 Yea, they give of the same unto the harlots that are in their houses: againe, they decke their gods of silver, and gods of golde, and of wood, with garments like men.

11 Yet cannot they be preserved from rust and wormes.

12 Though they have covered them with clothing of purple, and wipe their faces because of the dust of the Temple, wherewith there is much upon them.

13 One holdeth a scepter, as though he were a certaine Judge of the countrey: yet can he not slay such as offend him.

14 An other hath a dagger or an axe in his right hande: yet is he not able to defende himselfe from battell, nor from theeues: so then it is evident that they be no gods.

15 Therefore feare them not: for as a vessell that a man useth, is nothing worth when it is broken,

16 Such are their gods: when they be set up in their temples, their eyes be full of dust by reason of the feete of those that come in.

17 And as the gates are shut in round about upon him that hath offended the king: or as one that should be led to be put to death, so the priestes keepe their temples with doores, & with lockes, and with barres, least their gods should be spoyled by robbers. Or, courts.

18 They light up candles before them: yea, more then for themselves, whereof they cannot see one: for they are but as one of the posts of the temple.

19 They confesse, that even their hearts are gnawen upon: but when the things that creepe out of the earth, eate them and their clothes, they feele it not.

20 Their faces are blacke through the smoke that is in the Temple.

21 The owles, swallowes, & birdes lie upon their bodies, and upon their heads, yea, and the cats also.

22 By this ye may be sure, that they are not gods: therefore feare them not.

23 Notwithstanding the golde, that is about them to make them beautifull, except one wipe off the rust, they cannot shine: neither when they were molten, did they feele it.

24 The things wherein is no breath, are bought for a most high price.

25 They are borne upon mens shoulders, because they have no feete, whereby they declare unto men, that they be nothing worth, yea, and they that worship them, are ashamed. Isa. 46. 7.

26 For if they fall to the ground at any time, they cannot rise up again of themselves, neither if one set them upright, can they moove of themselves, neither if they be bowed downe can they make themselves straight: but they set gifts before them, as unto dead men.

27 As for the things that are offered unto them, their Priestes sell them, and abuse them: likewise also the women lay up of the same: but unto the poore and sicke they give nothing.

28 The menstruous women, and they that are in childbed, touch their sacrifices: by these things yee may knowe that they are no gods: feare them not.

29 From whence commeth it then, that they are called gods? because the women bring gifts to the gods of silver, and golde, and wood.

30 And their Priests sit in their temples, having their clothes rent, their heads and beards are shaven, and being bare headed,

31 They roare and cry before their gods, as men do at the feast of one that is dead.

32 The Priests also take away of their garments, and cloth their wives and children.

33 Whether it be evill that one doeth unto them, or good; they are not able to recompence it: they can neither set up a King, nor put him downe.

34 In like maner they can neither give riches nor money: though a man make a vowe unto them, and keepe it not, they will not require it.

35 They

22 Nov. I. Selon. Morn.

In this chapter are the makers and maintainers of images mightily confuted, a That is, seuentie yeeres. Isa. 44. 8, 9, 10. & 46. 5, 7. psal. 115. 4. wisd. 13. 10.

35 They can saue no man from death, neither deliuer the weake from the mighty.

36 They cannot restore a blinde man to his sight, nor helpe any man in his need.

37 They can shew no mercy to the widow, nor do good to the fatherlesse.

38 Their gods of wood, gold, and siluer, are as stones that bee hewen out of the mountaine, and they that worshippe them, shall bee confounded.

39 How should a man then thinke or say, that they are gods?

40 Moreouer, the Chaldeans themselues dishonour them: for when they see a dumbe man, that cannot speake, they present him to Bel, 41 And desire that hee would make him to speake, as though hee had any feeling: yet they that vnderstand their things, cannot leaue them: for they also haue no sence.

42 Further more, the women, girded with coards, sit in the streetes, and burne ‖ strawe. Or, bran.

43 And if one of them bee drawen away, and lie with any such as come by, shee casteth her neighbour in the teeth, because shee was not so worthily reputed, nor her coard broken.

44 Whatsoeuer is done among them, is lies: how may it then be thought or sayd, that they are gods?

45 Carpenters and goldsmiths make them, neither be they any other thing, but euen what the workeman will make them.

46 Yea, they that make them, are of no long continuance: how should then the things that are made of them, be gods?

47 Therefore they leaue lies, and shame for their progenitie.

48 For, when there commeth any warre, or plague vpon them, the Diuines imagine with themselues, where they may hide themselues with them.

49 How then can men not perceiue, that they be no gods, which can neither defend themselues from warre, nor from plagues?

50 For seeing they be but of wood, and of siluer, and of golde, men shall know hereafter that they are but lies, and it shalbe manifest to all nations and Kings, that they bee no gods, but the workes of mens hands, & that there is no worke of God in them. Psal. 115.4 wisd. 13.10

51 Wherefore it may be knowen, that they are no gods.

52 They can set vp no King in the land, nor giue raine vnto men.

53 They can giue no sentence of a matter, neither pertaine from iniurie: they haue no power, but are as crowes betweene the heauen and the earth.

54 When there falleth a fire vpon the house of those gods of wood, and of siluer, and of gold, the Priests will escape and saue themselues, but they shall be as the bakers therein.

55 They cannot withstand any enemie: how can it then bee thought or sayd, that they be gods?

56 Moreouer, their gods of wood, of gold, and of siluer, can neither defend themselues from theeues nor robbers.

57 For they that are strongest, take away their gold and siluer, and apparell, wherewith they be clothed: and when they haue it, they get them away: yet can they not helpe themselues.

58 Therefore it is better to be a King, and so to shew his power, or else a profitable vessel in an house, wherein he that vseth it might haue profit, then such false gods: or to bee a doore in an house, to keepe such things safe as bee therein, then such false gods: or a pillar of wood in a palace, then such false gods.

59 For the Sunne, and the Moone, and the starres that shine, when they are sent downe for necessaries, obey.

60 Likewise also the lightening, when it shineth, it is euident: and the wind bloweth in euery countrey.

61 And when God commaundeth the clouds to go about the whole world, they doe as they are bidden.

62 When the fire is sent downe from aboue to destroy hils and woods, it doeth that which is commanded: but these are not like any of these things, neither in forme nor power.

63 Therefore men should not thinke, nor say that they bee gods, seeing they can neither giue sentence in iudgement, nor do men good.

64 Forsomuch now as yee are sure, that they be no gods, feare them not.

65 For they can neither curse, nor blesse Kings:

66 Neither can they shewe signes in the heauen among the heathen, neither shine as the Moone.

67 The beasts are better then they: for they can get them vnder a couert, and doe themselues good.

68 So yee may be certified that by no maner of meanes they are gods: therefore feare them not,

69 For as a skarrow in a garden of cucumbers keepeth nothing, so are their gods of wood, and of siluer, and of golde:

70 And likewise their gods of wood, and gold, and siluer, are like to a white thorne in an orchard, that euery bird sitteth vpon, and as a dead body that is cast in the darke.

71 By the purple also and blackenesse which falleth vpon them, ye may vnderstand, that they be no gods: yea, they themselues shall be consumed at the last, and they shall be a shame to the countrey.

72 Better therefore is the iust man, that hath none idoles: for he shall be farre from reproofe.

¶ The song of the three holy children, which followeth in the third Chapter of Daniel, after this place, They fell downe bound into the middes of the hote fierie fornace.

23 The prayer of Azarias. 46 The crueltie of the king. 48 The flame deuoureth the Chaldeans. 49 The Angel of the Lord was in the fornace. 51 The three children prayse the Lorde, and prouoke all creatures to the same.

24 AND they walked in the mids of the flame, prayſing God, and magnifiéd the Lord.

25 Then Azarias ſtood vp, and prayed on this maner, and opening his mouth in the middes of the fire, ſayd,

26 Bleſſed bee thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy Name is worthy to bee prayſed and honoured for euermore.

27 For thou art righteous in all the things, that thou haſt done vnto vs, and all thy workes are true, and thy wayes are right, and all thy iudgements eraritie.

28 In all the things that thou haſt brought vpon vs, and vpon Ieruſalem, the holy citie of our fathers, thou haſt executed true iudgements: for by right & equitie haſt thou brought all theſe things vpon vs because of our ſinnes.

29 For wee haue ſinned and done wickedly, departing from thee: in all things haue we treſpaſſed,

30 And not obeyed thy commandements, nor kept them, neither done as thou hadſt commanded vs, that we might proſper.

31 Wherefore in all that thou haſt brought vpon vs, and in euery thing that thou haſt done to vs, thou haſt done them in true iudgement:

32 As in deliuering vs into the hands of our wicked enemies, and moſt hatefull traitors, and to an vnrighteous king, and the moſt wicked in all the world.

33 And now wee may not open our mouthes: wee are become a ſhame and reproofe vnto thy ſeruants, and to them that worſhip thee.

34 Yet for thy Names ſake we beſeech thee, giue vs not vp for euer, neither breake thy Couenant,

35 Neither take away thy mercy from vs, for thy beloued Abrahams ſake, and for thy ſeruant Iſaacs ſake, and for thy holy Iſraels ſake,

36 To whom thou haſt ſpoken and promiſed, that thou wouldeſt multiply their ſeede as the ſtarres of heauen, and as the ſand, that is vpon the ſea ſhore.

37 For we, O Lord, are become leſſe then any nation, and be kept vnder this day in all the world, becauſe of our ſinnes:

38 So that now we haue neither Prince, nor Prophet, nor gouernour, nor burnt offering, nor ſacrifice, nor oblation, nor incenſe, nor place to offer before thee, and to finde mercie.

39 Neuertheleſſe, in a contrite heart, and an humble ſpirit, let vs be receiued.

40 As in the burnt offering of rammes and bullocks, and as in ten thouſand of fat lambes, ſo let our offering be in thy ſight this day, that it may pleaſe thee: for there is no confuſion to them, that put their truſt in thee.

41 And now we follow thee with all our heart, and feare thee, and ſeeke thy face.

42 Put vs not to ſhame, but deale with vs after thy louing kindneſſe, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

43 Deliuer vs alſo by thy miracles, and giue thy Name the glory, O Lord,

44 That all they that doe thy ſeruants euill, may be confounded: euen let them be confounded by thy great power and power, and let their ſtrength be broken,

45 That they may know, that thou onely art the Lord God, a glorious ouer the whole world.

46 ¶ Now the Kings ſeruants that had caſt them in, ceaſed not to make the oouen hote with a naphtha, and with pitch, and with towe, and with fagots.

a Which is a certaine kinde of fat and chalkie clay, as Plinius writeth, 2. booke chap. 105.

47 So that the flame went out of the fornace fourtie and nine cubits.

48 And it brake forth, and burnt thoſe Chaldeans, that it found by the fornace.

49 But the Angel of the Lord went downe into the fornace with them that were with Azarias, and ſmote the flame of the fire out of the fornace,

50 And made in the middes of the fornace like a moyſt whiſling winde, ſo that the fire touched them not at all, neither grieued nor troubled them.

51 Then theſe three (as out of one mouth) prayſed, and glorified, and bleſſed God in the fornace, ſaying,

52 Bleſſed be thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and prayſed, and exalted aboue all things for euer, and bleſſed bee thy glorious & holy Name, and prayſed aboue all things, and magnified for euer.

53 Bleſſed be thou in the Temple of thine holy glory, and prayſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

54 Bleſſed be thou that beholdeſt the depths, and ſitteſt vpon the Cherubims, and prayſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

55 Bleſſed bee thou in the glorious throne of thy kingdome, and prayſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

56 Bleſſed bee thou in the firmament of heauen, and prayſed aboue all things, and glorified for euer.

57 O all yee workes of the Lord, bleſſe yee the Lord: prayſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

58 O yee heauens, bleſſe ye the Lord: prayſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer. *Pſal. 148. 4.*

59 O Angels of the Lord, bleſſe ye the Lord: prayſe him, & exalt him aboue all things for euer.

60 All yee waters that be aboue the heauen, bleſſe ye the Lord, prayſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

61 All yee powers of the Lord, bleſſe yee the Lorde: prayſe him, and exalt him aboue all things

things for euer.

62 O Sunne and Moone, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

63 O Starres of heauen, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

64 Euery ſhowre and dewe, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

65 All yee windes, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

66 O fire and heat, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

‖Or, colde. 67 O ‖ winter and Summer, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

‖Or, froſte. 68 O dewes and ‖ ſtormes of ſnow, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

69 O frost and cold, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

70 O yce and ſnowe, bleſſe yee the Lorde: praiſe him and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

71 O nights and dayes, bleſſe yee the Lorde: praiſe him and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

72 O light and darkeneſſe, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

73 O lightnings and cloudes, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

74 Let the earth bleſſe the Lord: let it praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

75 O mountaines and hilles, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

76 All things that growe on the earth, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

77 O fountaines, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

78 O Sea, and floods, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

79 O whales, and all that moue in the waters, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

80 All yee foules of heauen, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

81 All yee beaſtes and cattell, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

82 O children of men, bleſſe yee the Lorde: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

83 Let Iſrael bleſſe the Lord, praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

84 O Prieſts of the Lord, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

85 O ſeruants of the Lord, bleſſe ye the Lorde: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

86 O ſpirites and ſoules of the righteous, bleſſe yee the Lord: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

87 O Saints and humble of heart, bleſſe yee the Lorde: praiſe him and exalt him aboue all things for euer.

88 O Ananias, Azarias, and Miſael, bleſſe yee the Lorde: praiſe him, and exalt him aboue all things for euer: for he hath deliuered vs from the hell, and ſaued vs from the hand of death, and deliuered vs out of the middes of the furnace and burning flame: euen out of the middes of the fire hath he deliuered vs.

89 Confeſſe vnto the Lord, that he is gracious: for his mercie endureth for euer.

90 All yee that worſhip the Lorde, bleſſe the God of gods: praiſe him, and acknowledge him: for his mercie endureth worlde without ende.

¶ The hiſtorie of ‖ Suſanna, which ſome ioyne to the end of Daniel, and make it the thirteenth Chapter.

‖Or, Suſanna

1 The two gouernours are taken with the loue of Suſanna. 19 They take her alone in the garden. 20 They ſolicite her to wickednesſe. 23 She chuſeth rather to obey God, though it be to the danger of her life. 34 She is accuſed. 45 Daniel doth deliuer her. 62 The gouernours are put to death.

THere dwelt a man in Babylon called Joacim.

2 And he tooke a wife, whoſe name was Suſanna, the daughter of Helcias, a very faire woman, and one that feared God.

3 Her father and her mother alſo were godly people, and taught their daughter according to the Law of Moſes.

4 Now Joacim was a great rich man, and had a faire garden ioyning vnto his houſe, and to him reſorted the Iewes, becauſe he was moſt honourable then all others.

5 The ſame yere were appointed two of the ancients of the people to be Iudges, ſuch as the Lord ſpeaketh of, that the iniquitie came from Babylon, and from the ancient Iudges, which ſeemed to rule the people.

6 Theſe haunted Joacims houſe, and all ſuch as had any thing to doe in the Law, came thither vnto them.

7 Nowe when the people departed away at noone, Suſanna went into her husbands garden to walke.

8 And the two elders ſaw her that ſhe went in daily and walked, ſo that their lust was inflamed toward her.

9 Therefore they turned away their *mind, and caſt downe their eyes, that they ſhould not ſee heauen, nor remember iuſt iudgements.

*To wit, from God.

10 And albeit they were both wounded with

her lone, yet durst not one shewe another his griefe.

11 For they were ashamed to declare their lust, that they desired to have to do with her.

12 Yet they watched diligently from day to day to see to her.

13 And the one said to the the other, Let vs goe now home, for it is dinner time.

14 So they went their way, and departed one from another: yet they returned againe, and came into the same place, and after that they had asked one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust: then appointed they a time both together when they might finde her alone.

15 Nowe when they had spied out a conuenient time, that she went in, as her manet was, with two maydes onely, and thought to wash her selfe in the garden, (for it was an hotte season)

16 And there was no body there, saue the two Elders that had hid themselues, and watched for her.

17 She saide to her maydes, Bring me oyle and sope, and shut the garden doores, that I may wash me.

18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doores, & went out themselues at a backe doore, to fet the thing that she had commanded them: but they saw not the Elders, because they were hid.

19 Now when the maides were gone foorth, the two Elders rose vp and ranne vnto her, saying,

20 Beholde, the garden doores are shut, that no man can see vs, and wee burne in loue with thee: therefore consent vnto vs, and lie with vs.

21 If thou wilt not, we will beare witnesse against thee, that a yong man was with thee, and therefore thou didst lende away thy maydes from thee.

22 Then Sulanna sighed, and said, I am in trouble on euery side: for if I doe this thing, it is death vnto mee: and if I doe it not, I cannot escape your hands.

23 It is better for me to fall into your hands, and not doe it, then to sinne in the sight of the Lord.

24 With that Sulanna cryed with a loude voyce, and the two elders cried out against her.

25 Then ranne the one, and opened the garden doore.

26 ¶ So when the seruants of the house heard the cry in the garden, they rushed in at the backe doore, to see what was done vnto her.

27 But when the Elders had declared their matter, the seruants were greatly ashamed: for there was neuer such a report made of Sulanna.

28 On the morowe after, came the people to Joacim her husband, and the two Elders came also, full of wicked imagination against Sulanna, to put her to death,

29 And said before the people, Send for Sulanna the daughter of Helcias Joacims wife. And immediatly they sent.

30 So she came with her father and mother, her children and all her kinred.

31 Now Sulanna was very tender, and faire of face.

32 And these wicked men commanded to vncouer her face, (for she was couered) that they might be satisfied with her beauty.

33 Therefore they that were about her, and all that knew her, wept.

34 Then the two Elders stoode vp in the middes of the people, and layd their hands vpon her head.

35 Which wept, and looked vp toward heauen: for her heart trusted in the Lord.

36 And the Elders saide, As we walked in the garden alone, she came in with two maydes, whom she sent away from her, and shut the garden doores.

37 Then a yong man, which there was hid, came vnto her, and lay with her.

38 Then wee which stood in a corner of the garden, seeing this wickednesse, ran vnto them, and we saw them as they were together.

39 But we could not hold him: for he was stronger then we, and opened the doore and leaped out.

40 Now when we had taken this woman, we asked her what yong man this was, but she would not tell vs: of these things are we witnesses.

41 Then the assembly beleeued them, as those that were the Elders and iudges of the people: so they condemned her to death.

42 Then Sulanna cried out with aloude voyce, and saide, O euerlasting God, that knowest the secrets, and knowest all things afore they come to passe,

43 Thou knowest, that they haue borne false witnesse against me, and beholde, I must die, whereas I neuer did such things as these men haue maliciously inuented against me.

44 And the Lord heard her voyce.

45 ¶ Therefore when she was led to be put to death, the Lord raised vp the holy spirit of a yong childe, whose name was Daniel.

46 Who cryed with a loude voyce, I am cleane from the blood of this woman.

47 Then all the people turned them toward him, and said, What meane these wordes, that thou hast spoken?

48 Then Daniel stoode in the middes of them, and said, Are yee such fooles, O Israelites, that without examination, or knowledge of the trueth, yee haue condemned a daughter of Israel?

49 Returne againe to iudgement: for they haue borne false witnesse against her.

50 Wherefore the people turned againe in all haste, and the Elders said vnto him, Come, sit downe among vs, and shew it vs, seeing God hath giuen thee the office of an Elder.

51 Then said Daniel vnto them, Put these two aside, one farre from another, and I will examine them.

52 So when they were put asunder one from another, he called one of them and spake vnto him, O thou that art olde in a wicked life, now thy sinnes which thou hast committed aforetime are come to light.

53 For thou hast pronounced false iudgements, and hast condemned the innocent, and hast let the guiltie goe free, albeit the Lorde saith, The innocent and righteous shalt thou not slay. Exod. 23.7.

54 Now then, if thou hast seene her, tell me, Vnder what tree sawest thou them companying

for, left.

57 Thus haue ye dealt with the daughters of Israel: and they for fear consented vnto you: but the daughter of Iuda would not abide your wickednesse.

58 Now therefore tell me, Vnder what tree didest thou take them companying together? who answered, Vnder a mastick tree.

for, mirtle tree.

59 Then sayd Daniel vnto him, Verily thou hast also lied against thine owne head: for loe, the Angel of God receiued of God the sentence of him, & shall cut thee in two.

60 So put he him aside, and commanded to bring the other, and sayd vnto him, O thou seede of Chanaan, and not of Iuda, beautie hath deceiued thee, and lust hath peruerted thine heart.

61 Thus haue ye dealt with the daughters of Israel, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Iuda would not abide your wickednesse.

62 Now therefore tell me, Vnder what tree didest thou take them companying together? who answered, Vnder a mastick tree.

63 Then sayd Daniel vnto him, Verily thou hast also lied against thine owne head: for the Angel of God waiteth with the sword to cut thee in two, and to destroy you both.

64 Which when all the whole assembly heard with a loud voyce, and praised God, which saueth them that trust in him.

65 And they arose against the two Elders, (for Daniel had conuicted them of false witnesse by their owne mouth.)

66 And according to the Law of Moyses they dealt with them, as they dealt wickedly against their neighbour, and put them to death. Thus the innocent blood was saued the same day.

Deut. 19. 19. prou. 19. 5.

67 Therefore Helcias and his wife prayed God for their daughter Susanna, with Joacim her husband, and all the kinred, that there was no dishonestie found in her.

68 From that day forth was Daniel had in great reputation in the sight of the people.

69 And King Astyages was layed with his fathers, and Cyrus of Persia reigned in his stead.

The historie of Bel and of the Dragon, which is the fourteenth Chapter of Daniel after the Latine.

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NOw when King Astyages was layed with his fathers, Cyrus the Persian receiued his kingdome.

2 And Daniel did eate at the kings table, and was honoured aboue all his friends.

3 Now the Babylonians had an idole, called Bel, and there were spent vpon him euery day twelue a great measures of fine floure, and fourtie sheepe, and fiue great b pots of wine.

4 And the King worshipped it, and went daily to honour it: but Daniel worshipped his owne God. And the King sayd vnto him, Why doest not thou worship Bel?

5 Who answered, and sayd, Because I may not worship idoles made with handes, but the liuing God, which hath created the heauen and the earth, and hath power vpon all flesh.

6 Then sayde the king vnto him, Thinkest thou not that Bel is a liuing God? Seest thou not how much he eateth and drinketh euery day?

7 Then Daniel smiled and sayd, O king, be not deceiued: for this is but clay within, & brasse without, and did neuer eate any thing.

8 So the king was wroth, and called for his priests, and sayd vnto them, If yee tell mee not who this is that eateth vp these expenses, ye shall die:

9 But if yee can certifie me that Bel eateth them, then Daniel shall die: for he hath spoken blasphemie against Bel. And Daniel sayd vnto the king, Let it bee according to thy word.

10 Now the priests of Bel were threescore and ten, besides their wiues and children: and the King came with Daniel into the temple of Bel.

11 So Bels priests sayd, Beholde, wee will goe out, and set thou the meate there, O King, and let the wine bee tilled: then shut the doore fast, and seale it with thine owne signet.

12 And to morrow when thou comest in, if thou findest not that Bel hath eaten vp all, wee will suffer death, or els Daniel that hath lyed vpon vp.

13 Now they thought themselues sure enough for vnder the table they had made a priuie entrance, and there went they in euer, and tooke away the things.

14 So when they were gone forth, the King set meates before Bel. Now Daniel had commanded his seruants to bring ashes, and these did he sowed throughout all the Temple, in the presence of the King alone: then went they out, and shut the doore, and sealed it with the kings signet, and so departed.

15 Now in the night came the Priests with their wiues and children, (as they were wont to doe) and did eate and drinke vp all.

16 In the morning betimes, the King arose and Daniel with him.

17 And the king sayd, Daniel, are the seales whole? Who answered, Yea, O king, they be whole.

18 And assoone as hee had opened the doore, the king looked vpon the table, and cryed with a loud voyce, Great art thou, O Bel, and with thee is no deceit.

19 Then laughed Daniel, and held the king that he should not goe in, and sayd, Behold now the pauement, and marke well whose footesteps are these.

20 And the king sayd, I see the footesteps of men, women, and children: therefore the king was angry.

21 And tooke the Priests, with their wiues, and children, and they shewed him the priuie doores, where they came in, and consumed such things as were vpon the table.

22 There-

a Called Artaba, whereof euery one conteined somewhat more then ninegallons, which make in al an hundreth and eightgallons at the least.

b Called Metreta, and euery one of these measures conteined about two gallons, which in all make threescore.

22 Therefore the King slew them, and deliuered Bel into Daniels power, who destroyed him and his temple.

23 ¶ Moreouer in that same place there was a great dragon, which the Babylonians worshipped.

24 And the King sayd vnto Daniel, Canst thou that this is of brasse also? lo, he liueth, and eateth and drinketh, so that thou canst not say, that he is no liuing God: therefore worship him.

25 Then sayd Daniel vnto the King, I will worship the Lord my God: for he is the liuing God.

26 But giue mee leaue, O King, and I will slay this dragon without sworde or staffe. And the King sayd, I giue thee leaue.

27 Then Daniel tooke pitch, and fatte, and haire, and did seethe them together, and made lumpes thereof: this he put in the dragons mouth, and so the dragon burst in sunder. And Daniel sayd, Beholde, whom ye worship.

28 When the Babylonians heard it, they were wonderfull wroth, and gathered them together against the King, saying, The King is become a Iew: for he hath destroyed Bel, and hath slaine the dragon, and put the Priestes to death.

29 So they came to the King, and sayd, Deliuer vs Daniel, or else we will destroy thee and thine house.

30 Nowe when the King sawe, that they preassed sore vpon him, and that necessitie constrayned him, hee deliuered Daniel vnto them:

31 Who cast him into the Lions den, where he was sixe dayes.

32 In the denne there were seuen Lions, and they had giuen them euery day two bodies and two sheepe, which then were not giuen them, to the intent that they might deuoure Daniel.

33 ¶ Now there was in Iewrie a Prophet called Habacuc, which had made pottage, and broken bread into a bowle, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers.

34 But the Angel of the Lord sayd vnto Habacuc, Go, carry the meate that thou hast into Babylon vnto Daniel, which is in the Lions denne.

35 And Habacuc sayde, Lorde I neuer sawe Babylon, neither doe I know where the denne is.

36 Then the Angel tooke him by the crowne of the head, and bare him by the haire of the head, and through a mighty winde set him in Babylon vpon the denne.

37 And Habacuc cryed, sayinge, O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner that God hath sent thee.

38 Then sayde Daniel, O God, thou hast thought vpon mee, and thou neuer failest them that seeke thee and loue thee.

39 So Daniel arose, and did eat, and the Angel of the Lord set Habacuc in his owne place againe immediately.

40 Vpon the seuenth day the King went to bewaile Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and beholde, Daniel sate in the midst of the Lions.

41 Then cryed the King with a loud voyce, saying, Great art thou, O Lord God of Daniel, and there is none other beside thee.

42 And he drew him out of the den, and cast them that were the cause of his destruction into the denne, and they were deuoured in a moment before his face.

The first booke of the Maccabees.

CHAP. I.

1 *The death of Alexander the king of Macedonia.* 11 *Antiochus taketh the kingdome.* 12 *Many of the children of Israel make couenant with the Gentiles.* 21 *Antiochus subdueth Egypt and Ierusalem vnto his dominion.* 50 *Antiochus setteth vp idolatrie.*

AFter that Alexander the Macedonian, the sonne of Philip, went fourth of the land of Chettiim, and slew Darius King of the Persians and Medes, and reigned for him, as he had before in Grecia,

2 he tooke great warres in hand, and wanne strong holdes, and slew the Kings of the earth.

3 So went hee thorow to the endes of the worlde, and tooke spoyles of many nations, in so much that the worlde stoode in awe of him: therefore his heart was puffed vp and was hautie.

4 Nowe when hee had gathered a mighty strong hoste,

5 And had reigned ouer regions, nations, and kingdomes, they became tributaries vnto him.

6 After these things hee fell sicke, and knew that he should die.

7 Then hee called for the chiefe of his seruants, which had bene brought vp with him of children, and parted his kingdom among them, while he was yet aliue.

8 So Alexander had reigned twelue yeeres when he died.

9 And his seruants reigned euery one in his roome.

10 And they all caused themselues to be crowned after his death, and so did their children after them many yeeres: and much wickednesse increased in the world.

11 For out of these came the wicked roote, euen Antiochus Epiphanes, the sonne of king Antiochus, which had bene an hostage at Rome, and he reigned in the hundreth and seuen and thirtieth yeere of the kingdome of the Grekes.

12 In those dayes went there out of Israel wicked men, which entised many, saying, Let vs goe, and make a couenant with the

a The first battell with the Carthaginenses was fought at this time.

b The beginning of the kingdome of Egypt.

c The beginning of the kingdome of Syria.

Or, noble.

d The beginning of the kingdome of the Parthians. *Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 6.*

the heathen that are round about vs: for since we departed from them, we haue had much sorrow.

13 So this deuice pleased them well:

14 And certaine of the people were readie, and went to the King, which gaue them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen.

15 Then set they vp a place of exercise at Jerusalem, according to the customs of the heathen,

16 And made themselues vncircumcised, and forsooke the holy Couenant, and ioyned themselues to the heathen, and were sold to do mischiefe.

17 So when Antiochus kingdome was set in order, hee went about to reigne ouer Egypt, that he might haue the dominion of two Realmes.

18 Therefore hee entred into Egypt with a mightie company, with Chariots, and Elephants, and with horsemen, and with a great nauie,

19 And moued warre against Ptolemeus King of Egypt: but Ptolemeus was afraid of him, and fled, and many were wounded to death.

20 Thus they conquered strong cities in the land of Egypt, and tooke away the spoiles of the land of Egypt.

21 And after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt, hee turned againe in the hundreth fourtie and three yeere,

22 And came vp against Israel and Jerusalem with a mightie people,

23 And entred proudly into the Sanctuarie, and tooke away the golden Altar, and the Candlestick for the light, and all the instruments thereof, and the Table of the shewbread, and the powring vessels, and the boules, and the golden viols, and the vaile, and the crowne, and the golden ornaments that were before the Temple, all which he pild and tooke away.

24 He tooke also the siluer and golde, and the precious vessels, and he tooke the secret treasures that he found; and when he had taken all away, he departed into his owne land,

25 After he had murthered many men, and spoken very proudly.

26 Therefore there was a great lamentation in euery place of Israel,

27 So that the Princes and the Elders mourned: the young women and the young men were made feeble, and the beautie of the women was changed.

28 Euery bridegroome tooke him to mourning, and she that sate in the marriage chamber mourned for heauinesse.

29 The land also was moued for the inhabitants thereof: for all the house of Iacob was couered with confusion.

30 After two yeeres the King sent his chiefe tributemaister into the cities of Juda, which came to Jerusalem with a great multitude,

31 And spake peaceable words to them in deceit, and they gaue credit vnto him.

32 Then fell he suddenly vpon the citie, and smote it with a great plague, & destroyed much people of Israel.

33 And when he had pild the citie, & set fire round about, pulling downe the houses thereof, and walles thereof on euery side,

34 The women and their children tooke they captiue, and led away the cattell.

35 Then builded they the city of Dauid with a great and strong wall, and with mighty towers, and made it a strong hold for them.

36 And they put therein a sinfull nation, wicked men, & fortified themselues therein.

37 And they layed it with weapons and victuailes, and gathered the spoyle of Jerusalem, and laid it vp there,

38 Thus became they a sore snare, and were an ambushment for the Sanctuarie, and were wicked aduersaries vnto Israel.

39 Thus they shed innocent blood on euery side of the Sanctuarie, and defiled the Sanctuarie.

40 Insomuch that the citizens of Jerusalem fled away because of them, and it became an habitation of strangers, being desolate of them whom she had borne: & her owne children did leaue her.

41 Her Sanctuarie was left waste as a wilderneſſe, her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into reproch, and her honor brought to nought.

42 As her glory had bene great, so was her dishonour, and her excellencie was turned into sadnes.

43 Also the King wrote vnto all his kingdom, that all the people should be as one, and that euery man should leaue his lawes.

44 And all the heathen agreed to the commandement of the king.

45 Yea, many of the Israelites consented to his religion, offring vnto idols, and defiling the Sabbath.

46 So the king sent letters by the messengers vnto Jerusalem, and to the cities of Juda, that they should follow the strange lawes of the countrey,

47 And that they should forbid the burnt offrings and sacrifices, and the offrings in the Sanctuary,

48 And that they should defile the Sabbaths and the feasts,

49 And pollute the Sanctuary and the holy men,

50 And to set vp altars and groues, and chappels of idoles, and offer swines flesh, and vncleane beasts,

51 And that they should leaue their children vncircumcised, and defile their soules with vncleannesse, and pollute themselues, that they might forget the Law, and change all the ordinances.

52 And that whosoeuer would not doe according to the commandement of the king, should suffer death.

53 In like manner wrote hee throughout all his kingdomes, and set ouerseers ouer all the people, for to compell them to doe these things.

54 And he commanded the cities of Juda to doe sacrifice, citie by citie.

55 Then went many of the people vnto them by heapes, euery one that forsooke the Law, and so they committed euill in the land,

56 And

a The wicked fal headlong into mischiefe.

f By drawing the skin ouer y part that was circumcised, as Celſ. 7. cap. 25. Epiph. lib. de ponderibus & mensuris.

g The secõd battell with the Carthaginenses.

Ioseph. Antiq. 12 cap. 6. & 7.

[Or, drinke offrings.]

b The battell of Machabees.

46 And they drove the Israelites into secret places, even wheresoever they could flee for succour.

47 The fifteenth day of Casleu, in the hundreth and five and fortieth yeere, they set vp the abomination of desolation vpon the altar, and they builded altars throughout the cities of Iudah on every side.

48 And before the doores of the houses, and in the streetes they burnt incense.

49 And the bookes of the Law, which they found, they burnt in the fire, and cut in pieces.

50 Whosoeuer had a booke of the Testament found by him, or whosoeuer consented vnto the Law, the kings commandement was, that they should put him to death by their authoritie.

51 And they executed these things euery moneth vpon the people of Israel that were found in the cities.

52 And in the five and twentieth day of the moneth, they did sacrifice vpon the altar, which was in the stead of the altar of sacrifices.

53 And according to the commandement, they put certaine women to death, which had caused their children to be circumcised.

54 And they hanged vp the children at their breckes, and they spoyled their houses, and slew the circumcisers of them.

55 Yet were there many in Israel, which were of courage, and determined in themselues, that they would not eat vncleane things.

56 But chose rather to suffer death, then to bee defiled with those meates: so because they would not breake the holy couenant, they were put to death.

57 And this ‖ tyrannie was very great vpon the people of Israel.

‖ Or, rage.

i It is a manifest note of the enemies of God, to burne the books of the Law, Hist. eccles. lib. 8. cap. 2.

CHAP. II.

1 The mourning of Mattathias and his sonnes for the destruction of the holy citie. 19 They refuse to doe sacrifice vnto idoles. 24 The zeale of Mattathias for the law of God. 33 They are slaine, and will not fight againe because of the Sabbath day. 49 Mattathias dying, commaundeth his sonnes to stirre by the word of God, after the example of the fathers.

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 7.

IN those dayes stood vp Mattathias the priest, the sonne of Joannes, the sonne of Simeon, of the sonnes of Joarib of Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.

2 And hee had fiue sonnes, Joannan called Gaddis,

3 Simon called Thassi,

4 Judas which was called Maccabeus,

5 Eleazar called ‖ Abaron, and Jonathan, whose name was Apphus.

‖ Or, Auaran.

6 Now he saw the blasphemies, which were committed in Juda and Jerusalem:

7 And he said, Woe is me: wherefore was I borne, to see this destruction of my people, and the destruction of the holy citie, and thus to sit still? it is deliuered into the handes of the enemies.

8 And the Sanctuarie is in the handes of strangers: her Temple is as a man that hath no renowme.

9 Her glorious vessels are caried away into captiuitie: her infants are slaine in the streetes, and her young men are fallen by the sworde of the enemie.

10 What people is not of her kingdome, and hath not gotten of her spoyles?

11 All her glory is taken away, of a free woman, she is become as a bondmaid.

12 Behold, our sanctuarie, and our beautie, and honour is desolate, and the Gentiles haue defiled it.

13 What profite shall we then haue any longer?

14 And Mattathias rent his clothes, he, and his sonnes, and put sackcloth vpon them, and mourned very sore.

15 ¶ Then came men from the King to the citie of Modin, to compell them to forsake God, and to sacrifice.

16 Diuers of the Israelites consented vnto them: but Mattathias and his sonnes assembled together.

17 Then spake the commissioners of the king, and said vnto Mattathias, Thou art the chiefe and an honourable man, and great in this citie, and hast many children and brethren.

18 Come thou therefore first, and fulfill the kings commandement, as all the heathen haue done, and also the men of Juda, and such as remaine at Jerusalem, so shalt thou and thy familie bee in the Kings fauour, and thou and thy children shall be enriched with siluer and golde, and with many rewards.

19 Then Mattathias answered and said with a loud voyce, Though all nations that are vnder the kings power, obey him, and fall away euery man from the religion of their fathers, and consent to his wordes and commandements:

20 Yet will I and my sonnes and my brethren, walke in the couenant of our fathers.

21 God be merciful vnto vs, that we forsake not the law and the ordinances.

22 We will not hearken vnto the Kings wordes to transgresse our religion, neither on the right hand nor on the left.

23 And when hee had left off speaking these words, there came one of the Iewes in the sight of all, to sacrifice vpon the altar which was at Modin, according to the kings commandement.

24 Now when Mattathias saw it, he was inflamed with zeale, that his reines shooke, and his wrath was kindled according to the ordinance of the law: therefore hee ranne vnto him, and killed him by the altare.

25 And at the same time hee slew the Kings commissioner, that compelled him to doe sacrifice, and destroyed the altar.

26 Thus hare he a zeale to the Law of God, * doing as Phinees did vnto Zambri the sonne of Salom.

27 ¶ Then cryed Mattathias with a loude voyce in the citie, saying, Whosoeuer is zealous of the Lawe, and will stand by the couenant, let him come forth after me.

28 So he, and his sonnes fled into the mountaines, and left all that they had in the citie.

29 Then many that ‖ sought after iustice and iudgement,

30 Went downe into the wildernes, to dwell there, both they, and their children, and their wiues and their cattell: for the afflictions increased sore vpon them.

31 ¶ Now when it was told vnto the kings seruants,

a The father promiseth for his children, that they shall serue God: so doeth Iosh. for his household, Iosh. 24. 15.

b It is a griefe to the godly to see the people offend.

* Numb. 25. 7.

‖ Or, that sought after iustice and iudgement.

seruants, and to the garisons, which were in Jerusalem in the citie of Dauid, that men had broken the Kings commandement, and were gone downe into the secret places in the wildernesse,

32 Then they pursued after them: and hauing ouertaken them, they camped against them and set the battell in aray against them on the Sabbath day,

33 And said vnto them, Let this now bee sufficient: come forth and do according to the commandement of the King, and ye shall liue.

34 But they answered, We will not goe forth, neither will we doe the kings commandement, to defile the Sabbath day.

35 Then they gaue them the battell.

36 Wel the other answered them nothing, neither cast any one stone at them, or stopped the priuie places,

37 But said, We will die all in our innocencie: the heauen and earth shall testifie for vs, that ye destroy vs wrongfully.

38 Thus they gaue them the battell vpon the Sabbath, and slew both men and cattell, their wiues & their children to the number of a thousand people.

39 ¶When Mattathias and his friends vnderstood this, they mourned for them greatly,

40 And said one to another, If we all doe as our brethren haue done, and fight not against the heathen for our liues, and for our lawes, then shall they incontinently destroy vs out of the earth.

41 Therefore they concluded at the same time, saying, Whosoeuer shall come to make battell with vs vpon the Sabbath day, we will fight against him, that wee die not all, as our brethren that were murthered in the secret places.

42 Then came vnto them the assembly of the Asideans, which were of the strongest men of Israel, all such as were well minded toward the Law.

43 And all they that were fled for persecution, ioyned themselues vnto them, and were an helpe vnto them.

44 So they gathered a power, and smote the wicked men in their wrath, and the vngodly in their anger, but the rest fled vnto the heathen, and escaped.

45 Then Mattathias and his friends went about and destroyed the altars,

46 And circumcised the children by force that were vncircumcised, as many as they found within the coasts of Israel,

47 And they put them after the proude men: and this act prospered in their hands.

48 So they recouered the Law out of the hand of the Gentiles, and out of the hand of kings, and gaue not place to the wicked.

49 Now when the time drewe neere, that Mattathias should die, he said vnto his sonnes, Now is pride and perfection increased, and the time of destruction, and the wrath of indignation.

50 Now therefore, my sonnes, be ye zealous of the Law, and giue your liues for the couenant of our fathers.

51 Call to remembrance what acts our fathers did in their time: so shall ye receiue great honour and an euerlasting name.

52 *Was not Abraham found faithful in tentation, and it was imputed vnto him for righteousnesse? *Gen.22.9, 1.Mac.4.3.*

53 *Joseph in the time of his trouble kept the commandement, and was made the Lord of Egypt. *Gen.41.40.*

54 *Phinches our father, because he was zealous and feruent, obteined the couenant of the euerlasting Priesthood. *Num.25.13. ecclus.45. 23,24.*

55 *Jesus for fulfilling the word, was made the gouernour of Israel. *Iosh.1.2.*

56 *Caleb, because he bare witnes before the congregation, receiued the heritage of the land. *Num.14.6, 7.Iosh.14.*

57 *Dauid, because of his mercie, obteined the throne of the kingdome for euermore. *13. 2.Sam.2.4c.*

58 *Elias, because he was zealous and feruent in the Lawe, was taken vp vnto heauen. *2.King.2.11*

59 *Ananias, Azarias, and Misael by their faith were deliuered out of the flame. *Dan.3.16, 17,18,26.*

60 *Daniel, because of his innocencie, was deliuered from the mouth of the Lions. *Dan.6.22.*

61 And thus yee may consider throughout all ages, that whosoeuer put their trust in him, shall not want strength.

62 *Feare not ye then the words of a sinfull man: for his glorie is but dong and wormes. *Mat.10.28, 28.31.isa.*

63 To day is he set vp, and to morrow he shall *not be found: for he is turned into his dust, and his purpole perisheth. *40.6,7.& Iam.1.10.*

64 Wherefore my sonnes, take good hearts, and shew your selues manlie for the Lawe: for by it shall you obteine glorie. *1.pet.1.24. ecclus.14.18*

65 And beholde, I know that your brother Simon is a man of counsell: giue eare vnto him alway: he shalbe a father vnto you.

66 And Judas Maccabeus hath bene mightie and strong, euen from his youth vp: let him be your captaine, and fight you the battell for the people.

67 Then shall ye bring vnto you all those that obserue the Lawe, and shall auenge the iniuries of your people.

68 Recompence fully the heathen, and giue your tribes to the commandement of the Law.

69 So he blessed them, and was laid with his fathers.

70 And died in the hundreth, fortie and first yeere, and his sonnes buried him in his fathers sepulchre at Modin, and all Israel made great lamentation for him.

CHAP. III.

Judas is made ruler ouer the Israel. 11 He killeth Apollonius and Seron the princes of Syria. 44 His confidence of Judas toward God. 55 Judas determineth to fight against Lysias, whom Antiochus had made captaine ouer his host.

THen Judas his sonne, called Maccabeus, rose vp in his place.

2 And all his brethren helped him, and all they that held with his father, and fought with courage the battell of Israel.

3 So he gate his people great honour: he put on a brest plate as a giant, and armed himselfe, and set the battell in aray, protecting the campe with his sword.

4 In his actes he was like a Lion, and as a Lions whelpe roaring after the praye.

5 For he pursued the wicked, & sought them out, and burnt vp those that vexed his people.

6 So

6 So that the wicked fled by reason of him, and all the workers of iniquity were put to trouble: and saluation prospered in his hands.

7 And he grieued many Kings, but Iacob reioyced by his actes, and his memoriall is blessed for euer.

8 Moreouer also through the streets of Iuda, and destroyed the wicked out of them, & turned away the wrath from Israel.

9 So was he renowned vnto the ends of the earth, and he assembled together those that were ready to perish.

10 ¶ Then Apollonius gathered the Gentiles, and a great hoste out of Samaria, to fight against Israel.

11 Which when Iudas perceiued, he went forth to meete him, and smote him, and slew him, so that many fell downe slaine, and the rest fled.

12 So Iudas woke their spoiles, and took also Apollonius sword, and fought with it all his life long.

13 ¶ Now when Seron a prince of the armie of Syria, heard that Iudas had gathered vnto him the congregation, and company of the faithfull, and went forth to the warre,

14 He said, I will get me a name, and will be glorious in the Realme: For I will go fight with Iudas, and them that are with him, which haue despised the Kings commaundement.

15 So he made him ready to go vp, and there went with him a mighty hoste of the vngodly to helpe him, and to be auenged of the children of Israel.

16 And when he came neere to the going vp of Beth-horon, Iudas went forth to meete him with a small company.

17 But when they saw the armie comming against them, they said to Iudas, How are we able, being so few, to fight against so great a multitude and strong, seeing we be so weary, and haue fasted all this day?

18 Then said Iudas, It is an easie thing for many to be shut vp in the handes of few, and there is no difference before the God of heauen, to deliuer by a great multitude, or by a small company.

19 For the victorie of the warre standeth not in the multitude of the hoste, but the strength commeth from heauen.

20 They come against vs with a proude and proude multitude to destroy vs, and our wiues, and our children, and to robbe vs,

21 But we doe fight for our liues, and for our Lawes.

22 And God himselfe will destroy them before our face: therefore be not ye afraid of them.

23 And when he had left off speaking, he leapt suddenly vpon them: so was Seron and his hoste destroyed before him.

24 And they pursued them from the going downe of Beth-horon vnto the plaine: where there were slaine eight hundreth men of them, & the residue fled into the land of the Philistims.

25 Then the feare and terrour of Iudas and his brethren fell vpon the nations round about.

26 So that his fame came vnto the King: for all the Gentiles could tell of the warres of Iudas.

27 ¶ But when king Antiochus heard these tidings, he was angrie in his minde: wherefore he sent forth, and gathered all the power of his Realme, a verie strong armie,

28 And opened his treasure, and gaue his hoste a yeres wages in hand, commaunding them to be ready for a yere for all occasions.

29 Furthermore, when he saw that the money of his treasures failed, and that the tributes in the countrey were small, because of the dissention, and plagues that he had brought vpon the land, in taking away the Lawes which had been of old time,

30 He feared least he should not haue now at the second time, as at the first, for the charges and gifts that he had giuen with a liberall hand afore: for in Iudea little he farre passed the other Kings that were before him.

31 Eftherefore he was heauie in his minde, and thought to goe into Persia, for to take tributes of the countreyes, and to gather much money.

32 So he left Lysias a noble man, and of the Kings blood to ouerlee the kings businesse, from the riuer of Euphrates, vnto the borders of Egypt.

33 And to bring vp his sonne Antiochus, till he came againe.

34 Moreouer, he gaue him halfe of his hoste and Elephants, and gaue him the charge of all things that he would haue done,

35 And concerning those which dwelt in Iuda and Ierusalem, that he should send an armie against them, to destroy and roote out the power of Israel and the remnant of Ierusalem, and to put out their memoriall from that place,

36 And to set strangers for to inhabite all their quarters, and part their land among them.

37 And the king tooke the halfe of the hoste that remained, and departed from Antiochia his royall citie, in the yere an hundreth fourtie and seuen, and passed the riuer Euphrates, and went through the high countries.

38 Then Lysias chose Ptolomeus the sonne of Dorymenus, and Nicanor, & Gorgias mightie men and the kings friends,

39 And sent with them fourty thousand footmen, and seuen thousand horsemen, to goe into the land of Iuda, and to destroy it, as the king commanded.

40 So they went forth with all their power and came & pitched by † Emmaus in the plaine countrey.

† Emmaus.

41 Now when the merchants of the countrey heard the rumour of them, they tooke very much siluer and gold, and seruants, and came into the campe to buy the children of Israel for slaues, and the strength of Syria, and of strange nations ioyned with them.

42 ¶ Now when Iudas and his brethren sawe that troubles increased, and that the hoste drew neere vnto their borders, considering the kings words, whereby he had commanded to destroy the people, and vtterly abolish them,

43 They sayd one to another, Let vs redresse the decay of our people, and let vs fight for our people, and for our Sanctuarie.

44 Then the congregation were soone ready gathered to fight, and to pray, and to desire mercie and compassion.

45 As for Ierusalem, it was not inhabited, but was as a wildernesse. There went none that was borne in it, in or out at it, and the Sanctuary

a Who was gouernour of Syria, Ioseph. Antiq. 12. chap. 9.

Sanctuarie was troden downe, and the strangers kept the fortresse, and it was the habitation of the heathen: and the mirth of Jacob was taken away: the pipe and the harpe ceased.

46 So they gathered themselues together, and came to Maliphha before Jerusalem: for at Maliphha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Israel.

47 And they fasted that day, and put sackcloth vpon them, and cast ashes vpon their heads, and rent their clothes,

48 And opened the booke of the law, wherein the heathen sought to paint the likenesse of their idoles,

49 And brought the Priests garments, and the first fruites, and the tithes, and set there the Nazarites, which accomplished their dayes.

50 And they cryed with a loud voyce toward heauen, saying, What shall we do with these? and whither shall we carry them away?

51 For thy Sanctuarie is troden downe and defiled, and thy Priestes are in heauinesse, and brought downe.

52 And beholde, the heathen are come against vs, to destroy vs: thou knowest what things they imagine against vs.

53 How can we stand before them, except thou helpe vs?

54 Then they blew the trumpets, and cryed with a loud voice.

55 And after this Judas ordeined captaines ouer the people, euen captaines ouer thousandes, and captaines ouer hundreths, ouer fiftes, and captaines ouer tens.

56 And they commanded them that builded houses, or married wiues, or planted vineyardes, or were fearefull, that they should returne euerie one to his owne house, according to the Law.

Deut. 20 5 marg. 7. 3.

57 So the hoste remoued, and pitched vpon the South side of Emmaus.

58 Then Judas said, Arme your selues and be valiant men, & be ready against the morning to fight with these gentiles, which are gathered together against vs, to destroy vs & our Sanctuarie.

59 For it is better for vs to die in battell, then to see the calamities of our people and of our Sanctuarie.

60 Neuertheles, as the will of God is in heauen, so be it.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Judas goeth against Gorgias which lieth in waite.* 14 *He putteth Gorgias and his hoste to flight.* 28 *Lysias inuadeth Iudea.* 29 *But Iudas driueth him out.* 43 *Iudas purifieth the Temple, and dedicateth the altar.*

Then tooke Gorgias fiue thousand foote men, and a thousand of the best horsemen, and departed out of the campe by night,

Ioseph. lib. 12. chap. 10.

2 To inuade the campe of the Iewes, and to slay them suddenly: and the men of the fortresse were his guides.

3 Now when Judas heard it, he remoued, and they that were valiant men, to smite the Kings armie which was at Emmaus,

4 Whiles yet the armie was dispersed from the campe,

5 In the meane season came Gorgias by night into Judas campe: and when he found no man there, he sought them in the mountaines: for sayd he, they flee from vs.

6 But assoone as it was day, Judas shewed himselfe in the fielde with three thousand men, which had neither harnesse nor swordes to their mindes.

7 And they saw that the armies of the heathen were strong and well armed, and their horse men about them, and that they were expert men of warre.

8 Then sayde Judas to the men that were with him, Feare ye not their multitude, neither be afraid of their assaute.

9 Remember how our fathers were deliuered in the red Sea, when Pharaoh pursued them with an armie. Exod. 14 9. 29.

10 Therefore now let vs crie vnto heauen, and the Lord will haue mercie vpon vs, and remember the couenant of our fathers, and will destroy this hoste before our face this day.

11 So shall all the heathen know, that there is one, which deliuereth and saueth Israel.

12 Then the strangers lift vp their eyes, and saw them comming against them,

13 And they went out of their tents into the battel, and they that were with Judas blewe the trumpets.

14 So they ioyned together, and the heathen were discomfited, and fled by the plaine.

15 But the hindmost of them fell by the sword, and they pursued them vnto Gazeron, and vnto the plaines of Idumea, and of Azotus, and of Jamnia, so that there were slaine of them about three thousand men. Or, Assemeth.

16 So Judas turned againe with his hoste, from pursuing them,

17 And said vnto the people, Be not greedy of the spoiles: for there is a battell before vs.

18 And Gorgias and the armie is here by vs in the mountaine: but stand yee now fast against your enemies, and ouercome them: then may ye safely take the spoiles.

19 As Judas was speaking these wordes, there appeared one part which looked from the mountaines.

20 But when Gorgias saw that his were fled, and that Judas souldiers burnt the tents: (for the smoake that was seene, declared what was done.)

21 When they sawe these things, they were sore afraid, and when they saw also that Judas and his hoste were in the field ready to fight,

22 They fled euery one into the land of strangers.

23 So Judas turned againe to spoile the tents, where he gate much gold and siluer, and precious stones, and purple of the sea, and great riches.

24 Thus they went home, and sung Psalmes and praised toward the heauen: for he is gracious, and his mercie endureth for euer.

25 And so Israel had a great victory in that day.

26 ¶ Now all the strangers that escaped, came, and tolde Lysias all the things that were done.

27 Who when he heard these things was sore afraid & discouraged, because such things came not vpon Israel as he would, neither such things as the king had commanded him, came to passe.

28 Therefore the next yeere following, gathered Lysias threescore thousand choosen foote men,

men, and five thousand horsemen to fight against Jerusalem.

29 So they came into ‖ Idumea, and pitched their tents at ‖ Beth-sura, where Judas came against them with ten thousand men.

30 And when he saw that mighty army, he prayed, and said, Blessed be thou, O Saviour of Israel, which didst destroy the assault of the mighty man by the hand of thy servant David, and gavest the host of the strangers into the hand of Jonathan, the sonne of Saul, and of his armour bearer:

31 Shut up this army in the hand of thy people of Israel, and let them bee confounded with their power, and with their horsemen.

32 Make them afraide, and consume their boldnesse and strength, that they may be astonished at their destruction.

33 Cast them downe by the sword of them that love thee: then shall all they that know thy Name, praise thee with songs.

34 So they joyned together, and there were slaine of Lysias host, five thousand men, and they fell before them.

35 Then Lysias, seeing his army put to flight, and the manlinesse of Judas souldiers, and that they were ready, either to live or die valiantly, he went into Antiochia, and gathered strangers, and when he had furnished his army, he thought againe (being prepared) to come against Judea.

36 Then said Judas & his brethren, Behold, our enemies are discomfited: let us now goe up, to cleanse and to repaire the Sanctuary.

37 So all the host gathered them together, and went up into the mountaine of Sion.

38 Now when they saw the Sanctuary layde waste, and the altar defiled, & the doores burnt up, and the shrubs growing in the courts, as in a forest, or as on one of the mountaines, and that the Priests chambers were broken downe,

39 They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and cast ashes upon their heads,

40 And fell downe to the ground on their faces, and blew an alarme with the trumpets, and cried toward heaven.

41 Then Judas commaunded certaine of the men to fight against those which were in the castle, till he had cleansed the Sanctuary.

42 So he chose Priests that were undefiled, such as delighted in the law,

43 And they cleansed the Sanctuary, and bare out the defiled stones into an uncleane place,

44 And consulted what to doe with the altar of burnt offerings which was polluted.

45 So they thought it was best to destroy it, lest it should be a reproch unto them, because the heathen had defiled it: therefore they destroyed the altar,

46 And layed up the stones upon the mountaine of the Temple in a convenient place, till there should come a prophet, to shew what should be done with them.

47 So they tooke whole stones according to the Law, and builded a newe altar according to the former,

48 And made up the Sanctuary, and the things that were within the Temple, and the courts, and all things.

49 They made also newe holy vessels, and brought into the Temple the candlestucke, and the altar of burnt offerings, and of incense, and the table.

50 And they burnt incense upon the altar, and lighted the lamps which were upon the candlestucke, that they might burne in the Temple.

51 They set also the shew bread upon the table, and hanged up the vailes, and finished all the workes that they had begun to make.

52 And upon the five and twentieth day of the ninth moneth, which is called the moneth of Chasleu, in the hundreth and eight and fortieth yere they arose up betimes in the morning,

53 And offred sacrifice according to the Law, upon the new altar of burnt offerings, that they had made.

54 According to the time, and according to the day, that the heathen had defiled it, in the same day, was it made new with songs, and harpes, and lutes, and cymbals.

55 And all the people fell upon their faces, worshipping and praising toward the heaven him that had given them good successe.

56 So they kept the dedication of the altar eight dayes, offering burnt offerings with gladnesse, and offred sacrifices of deliverance and praise.

57 And decked the forefront of the Temple with crownes of gold and shields, and dedicated the gates and chambers, and hanged doores upon them.

58 Thus there was very great gladnesse among the people, and the reproch of the heathen was put away.

59 So Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained that the dayes of dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from yere to yere, by the space of eight dayes, from the five and twentieth day of the moneth Chasleu, with mirth and gladnesse.

60 And at the same time builded they up mount Sion with high walles and strong towres round about, lest the Gentiles should come and tread it downe, as they had done afore.

61 Therefore they set a garison there to keepe it, and fortified Beth-sura to keepe it, that the people might have a defence against Idumea.

CHAP. V.

3 Judas vanquished the heathen that goe about to destroy Israel, and is holpen of his brethren Simon and Jonathan. 50 He overthroweth the citie of Ephron, because they denied him passage thorow it.

NOw when the nations round about heard, that the altar was builded, and the Sanctuary renewed as afore, they were sore grieved. *Ioseph lib. 13. cap. 13*

2 Therefore they thought to destroy the generation of Jacob that was among them, and began to slay and destroy the people.

3 Then Judas fought against the children of Esau in Idumea at ‖ Arabathene, because they besieged the Israelites, and he smote them with a great plague, and spoyle them of straits, and tooke their spoiles. ‖ *Or, Arabathan.*

4 He thought also upon the malice of the children of Bean, which had bene a snare and an hinderance unto the people, when they lay in wait for them in the high way.

5 Wherefore he shut them up in towres, and besieged

‖ *Or, Judea.*
‖ *Or, Bethboron.*
1. *Sam.* 17. 50, 51.
1. *Sam.* 14. 13, 14.

delighted them, and destroyed them utterly, and burnt their towers with fire, with all that were in them.

6 Afterwards, went he against the children of Ammon, where he found a mighty power, and a great multitude with Timotheus their captaine.

7 So he had many battels with them, but they were destroyed before him, and so he discomfited them,

8 And took Gazer, with the townes thereof, and so turned againe into Judea.

9 ¶ Then the heathen that were in Galaad, gathered them together against the Israelites that were in their quarters, to slay them: but they fled to the castle of Datheman,

10 And sent letters to Judas, and to his brethren, saying, The heathen that are about us, are gathered against us, to destroy us.

11 And they make them ready for to come, and to take the fortresse, wherevnto ye are fled, and Timotheus is captaine of their hoste.

12 Come now therefore, and deliuer us out of their hands: for many of us are slaine:

13 And all our brethren that were at Tubin, are slaine, and they have taken away their wiues and their children, and their goods, and destroyed there almost a thousand men.

14 While these letters were yet a reading, behold, there came other messengers from Galile, with their clothes rent, which bolde the same tidings,

15 And sayd that they of Ptolemais, and of Tyrus, and of Sidon, and of all Galile of the Gentiles were gathered against them to destroy them.

16 When Judas and the people heard these wordes, a great congregation came together, to consult what they might doe for their brethren that were in trouble, and whome they besieged.

17 Then sayde Judas to Simon his brother, Chuse thee out men, and go and deliuer thy brethren in Galile, and I and my brother Jonathan will go into the countrey of Galaad.

18 ¶ So he left Jolephus the sonne of Zacharias, and Azarias to bee captaines of the people, and to keepe the remnant of the hoste in Judea.

19 And commanded them, saying, Take the ouerlight of this people, and make no warre against the heathen, vntill we come againe.

20 And vnto Simon were giuen three thousand men, to goe into Galile, and to Judas eight thousand men for the country of Galaad.

21 Then went Simon into Galilee, and gaue diuers battels to the heathen, and the heathen were discomfited by him.

22 And hee pursued them vnto the gates of Ptolemais: and there were slaine of the heathen almost three thousand men: so hee tooke their spoiles.

23 Thus they rescued them that were in Galile and in Arbattis with their wiues, and their children, and all that they had, and brought them into Judea with great ioy.

24 ¶ Judas Maccabeus also, and his brother Jonathan went ouer Jorden, & trauailed three dales iourney in the wilderneſſe,

25 Where they met with the Nabathites, who receiued them louingly, & tolde them euery thing that was done vnto their brethren in the country of Galaad,

26 And howe that many of them were besieged in Bosora, and Bosor, in Alemis, Chaſphon, Maged and Carnaim (all these cities are strong and great)

27 And that they were kept in other cities of Galaad, and to morrowe they are appointed to bring their hoste vnto these gates, and to take them, and to destroy them all in one day.

28 So Judas and his hoste turned in all haste by the way of the wildernesse towarde Bosora, and wanne the citie, and slew all the males with the edge of the sword, and tooke all their spoile, and set fire vpon the citie.

29 And in the night he remoued from thence, and went toward the fortresse.

30 And betimes in the morning when they looked vp, beholde, there was an innumerable people bearing ladders, and instruments of warre, to take the fort, and had assaulted them.

31 When Judas sawe that the battell was begun, and that the cry of the citie went vp to heauen with trumpets, and a great sound,

32 Then he sayd vnto the armie, Fight this day for your brethren.

33 So he went forth behinde them with three companies, and they blew the trumpets, and cried with prayer.

34 Then the hoste of Timotheus knewe, that it was Maccabeus, and they fled from him, and he smote them with a great slaughter, so that there was killed of them the same day, almost eight thousand men.

35 ¶ Then departed Judas vnto Maspha, and layde siege vnto it, and wan it, and slew all the males thereof, and spoiled it, and set fire vpon it.

36 From thence went he and tooke Chaſphon, Maged, and Bosor, and the other cities in Galaad.

37 After these things gathered Timotheus another hoste, and he campeth before Raphon beyond the flood.

38 Now Judas had sent to espie the hoste, and they brought him word againe, saying, All the heathen that bee round about us, are gathered vnto him, and the hoste is very great.

39 And hee hath hired the Arabians to helpe them, and they haue pitched their tents beyond the flood, and are ready to come & fight against thee. So Judas went to meet them.

40 Then Timotheus sayd vnto the captains of his hoste, When Judas and his hoste come nere to the flood, if he passe ouer first vnto vs, we shall not be able to withstand him: for he will be too strong for vs.

41 But if he be afraid, and campe beyond the flood, we will goe ouer vnto him, and shall preuaile against him.

42 Now when Judas came neere to the flood, he caused the gouernors of the people to remaine by the flood, and commanded them, saying, Suffer none to pitch a tent, but let euery man come to the battell.

43 So hee went first ouer toward them, and all the people after him: and al the heathen were discomfited before him, and cast away their weapons, and fled into the temple that was at Carnaim.

44 Which citie Iudas wanne, and burnt the Temple with all that were in it: so was Carnaim subdued, and might not withstand Iudas.

45 ¶ Then Iudas gathered all the Israelites that were in the countrey of Galaad, from the least vnto the most, with their wiues and their children, and their baggage, a very great hoste, to come into the land of Iuda.

46 So they came vnto Ephron, which was a great citie by the way, and strongly defenced: they could not passe, neither at the right hand nor at the left, but must go thorow it.

47 But they that were in the citie, shut themselues in, and stopped vp the gates with stones: & Iudas sent vnto them with peaceable wordes, saying,

48 Let vs passe thorow your land, that we may go into our owne countrey, and none shall hurt you: we will but onely go thorow on foot: but they would not open vnto him.

49 Wherefore Iudas commanded a proclamation to be made throughout the hoste, that euery man should assault it according to his standing.

50 So the valiant men set vpon it, and assaulted the citie all that day, and all that night, and the citie was giuen ouer into his handes:

51 & they slew all the males with the edge of the sword, and destroied it, and tooke the spoile thereof, and went thorow the citie ouer them that were slaine.

52 Then went they ouer Iorden into the great plaine before Bethsan.

53 And Iudas gathered together those that were behinde, and gaue the people good exhortation all the way thorow, till they were come into the land of Iuda.

54 Thus they went vp with ioy and gladnes vnto mount Sion, where they offered burnt offerings, because there were none of them slaine, but came home againe in safety.

55 ¶ Now whiles Iudas & Ionathan were in the land of Galaad, and Simon their brother in Galile before Ptolemais,

56 Ioseph the sonne of Zacharias and Azarias the captaines, hearing of the valiant acts, and battels which they had atchieued, sayd,

57 Let vs get vs a name also, and go fight against the heathen that are round about vs.

58 So they gaue their hoste a commandement, and went toward Iamnia.

59 But Gorgias and his men came out of the citie to fight against them.

60 And Ioseph & Azarias were put to flight, & pursued vnto the borders of Iudea: and there were slaine that day of the people of Israel about two thousand men: so that there was a great ouerthrow among the people of Israel,

61 Because they were not obedient vnto Iudas and his brethren, but thought to do some valiant thing.

62 Also they came not of the stocke of these men, by whose hands deliuerance was giuen to Israel.

63 But the man Iudas, and his brethren were greatly commended in the sight of all Israel, and of all the heathen, wheresoeuer their name was heard of.

64 And the people came vnto them, bidding them welcome.

65 Afterward went Iudas forth with his brethren, & fought against the children of Esau in the land toward the South, where he wanne Hebron, and the townes thereof, and he destroyed the castell therof, and burnt the towers thereof round about.

66 Then remoued he to go into the land of the ‖ strangers, and went thorow Samaria.

‖ Or, Philistims.

67 At the same time were the Priestes of the citie slaine in the battell, which would shewe their valiantnes, and went forth to battell without counsell: and when Iudas came to Azotus in the strangers land, he brake downe their altars, and burnt with fire the images of their gods, and tooke away the spoiles of the cities, and came againe into the land of Iuda.

CHAP. VI.

1 Antiochus willing to take the citie of Elimais, & driuen away of the citizens, & He falleth into sickenes, and dieth. 17 He seeme Antiochus is made king. 34 The maner to prouoke elephants to fight. 43 Eleazarus valiant act. 48 The siege of Sion.

NOwe when king Antiochus trauailed thorow the high countries, he heard that Elimais in the country of Persia, was a citie greatly renowned for riches, siluer, and gold.

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 13.

2 And that there was in it a very rich Temple, wherein were coueringes of golde, coat armours, and harnesse, which Alexander king of Macedonia the sonne of Philip (that reigned first in Grecia) had left there.

3 Wherefore he went about to take the citie, and spoile it, but he was not able: for the citizens were huished of the matter,

4 And rose vp against him in battell, and he fled and departed thence with great heauinesse, and came againe into Babylon.

5 Moreouer, there came one which brought him tidings in the country of Persia, that the armies that went against the land of Iuda, were driuen away,

6 And that Lysias, which went forth first with a great power, was driuen away of the Iewes, and that they were made strong by the armour, and power, and diuers spoiles which they had gotten of the armies whome they had destroyed,

7 And that they had pulled down the abomination, which he had set vp vpon the altar at Ierusalem, and fenced the Sanctuarie with high walles, as it was afore, and Beth-sura his citie.

8 So when the king had heard these words, he was astonished, and sore moued: therefore he layd him down vpon his bed, and fell sicke for very sorrow, because it was not come to passe as he had thought.

9 And there continued he many dayes: for his griefe was euer more and more, so that he saw he must needes die.

10 Therefore he sent for all his friends, and sayd vnto them, The sleepe is gone from mine eyes, and mine heart fainteth for very care.

11 And I thinke with my selfe, Into what aduersitie am I come? and into what floods of miserie am I fallen nowe, where as afortime I was in prosperitie, and greatly set by, by reason of my power?

12 And nowe doe I remember the euils that I

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 13.

Thine there as Jerusalem: by I tooke all the vessels of gold and silver that were in it, and sent to destroy the inhabitants of Juda without cause.

13 I know that these troubles are come upon me for this same cause, and behold, I mvst die with great sorowe in a strange land.

14 Then called he for Philip, one of his friends, whom he made ruler of all his Realme.

15 And gave him the crowne, and his robe, and the ring, that he should instruct his sonne Antiochus, and bring him vp, till he might reigne himselfe.

16 So king Antiochus died there in the hundreth fourty and ninth yeere.

Ioseph. Ant. lib. 12. cap. 14.

17 ¶ When Lysias knew that the king was dead, he ordained Antiochus his sonne (whome he had brought vp) to reigne in his fathers stead, and called him Eupator.

18 Now they that were in the castle at Ierusalem, kept in the Israelites round about the Sanctuary, and sought always their hurt, and the strengthening of the heathen.

19 Therefore Judas thought to destroy them, and called all the people together to besiege them.

20 So they came together, and besieged them in the hundreth and fifth yeere, and made instruments to shoote, and other engines of warre.

21 But certaine of them that were besieged, gate forth, (unto whom some ungodly men of Israel ioyned themselues)

22 And they went unto the king, saying, How long wilt thou not doe iudgement, and auenge our brethren?

23 We haue been ready to serue thy father, and to goe forward to obey his commandements, and to obey his commandements.

24 Therefore they of our nation shut vp vs for this cause, and wheresoeuer they found any of vs, they slewe them, and spoyled our inheritances.

25 And they haue not only layde hand vpon vs, but vpon all about their borders.

26 And behold, this day are they besieging the castle at Jerusalem to take it, and haue fortified both the Sanctuarie, and Beth-zura.

27 And if thou dost not preuent them quickly, they will do greater things then these, & thou shalt not be able to ouercome them.

28 When the king heard this, he was very angry, and called all his friends, the captaines of his armie, and the horsemen.

29 And hyrelings also were hyred, came vnto him from the kings, that were confederate, and from the Iles of the sea.

30 So the number of his armie was an hundreth thousand footemen, and twenty thousande horsemen, and two and thirtie Elephants exercised in battell.

31 These came through Idumea, and drewe neere to Beth-zura, and besieged it a long season, and made engines of warre: but they came out, and burnt them with fire, and fought valiantly.

32 Then departed Judas from the castle, and pitched neere vnto Beth-zacharias, ouer against the Kings campe.

33 So the king arose very early, and brought the armie and his power towarde the way of Beth-zacarias, where the armie set themselues in array to the battell, and blew the trumpets.

34 And to prouoke the Elephants to fight, they shewed them the blood of grapes and mulberies.

35 And they set the beastes according to the ranges: so that by euery Elephant their stood a thousande men armed with coates of maile and helmets of braße vpo their heads, and vnto euery beast were ordeined fiue hundreth horsemen of the best.

36 Which were ready at all times wheresoeuer the beast was: and whithersoeuer the beast went, they went also, & departed not from him.

37 And vpon them were strong towers of wood that couered euery beast, which were fastened thereon with instruments, and vpon euery one were two & thirtie men that fought in them, and the Indian that ruled him.

38 They set also the residue of the horsemen vpon both the sides in two wings of the hoste, to stirre them vp, and to keepe them in the valleys.

39 And when the sunne shone vpon the golden shields, the mountaines glistred therewith, and gaue light as lamps of fire.

40 Then part of the kings armie was spread vpon the hie mountaines, and part beneath: & they marched forward warily, and in order.

41 And all they that he with the noyse of their multitude, & the marching of the companie and the rating of the harnesse, were astonied: for the armie was very great and mighty.

42 Then Judas and his hoste marched into the battel, and they slew six hundreth men of the kings armie.

43 ¶ Now when Eleazar, the sonne of Abaron, saw one of the Elephants armed with royal harnesse, and was more excellent then all the other beastes, he thought that the king should be vpon him.

Or, Lauro.

44 Wherefore he ieoparded himselfe to deliuer his people, and to get him a perpetuall name,

45 And ranne boldly into the middes of the hoste, clapping on the right hand and on the left; so that they departed away on both sides.

46 So went he to the Elephants feete, and gate him vnder him, and slewe him: then fell the Elephant downe vpon him, and there he died.

a This cannot be followed, because it is contrary to the commandement.

47 But the other seeing the power of the kings and the fiercenesse of his armie, departed from them.

48 ¶ And the kings armie went vp to Ierusalem toward Jerusalem, and the king pitched his tent in Judea toward mount Sion.

49 Moreouer the king tooke peace with them that were in Beth-zura: for when they came out of the citie, because they had no victuales there, and were shut vp therein, and the Sabbaths had rested,

50 The king tooke Beth-zura, and set there a garison to keepe it.

51 And besieged the Sanctuary many daies, and made instruments to shoote, and other engines of warre, and instruments to cast fire and stones, and pieces to cast darts and slings.

52 ¶ They also made engines against their engines, and fought a long season.

Or, the Jewes.

53 But because garners there were no victuales, for it was the seuenth yeere; and they that were in Judea, and were deliuered from the

Gentiles, had eaten up the ruinous of the slaye.

54 So that in the Sanctuarie were few men left: for the famine came so vpon them, that they were scattered every man to his owne place.

55 ¶ Nowe when Lysias heard that Philip, (whom Antiochus the King, whiles hee liued, had ordeined to bring vp Antiochus his Sonne, that he might be king)

56 Was come againe out of Persis, and Media, and the Kings hoste with him, and thought to take vnto him the rule of things,

57 He and his hasted, & were stirred forward by them: in the euille to goe and tell the King, and the captaines of the hoste, and to others, saying, Let vs decrease daylie, and our vitailes are but small, and the place that we lay siege vnto is strong, and the affaires of the Realme depend vpon vs.

58 Nowe therefore let vs agree with their men, and take truce with them, and with all their nation,

59 And graunt them to liue after their Lawes, as they did afore: for they be grieued, and doe all their things, because we haue broken their Lawes.

60 So the King and the Princes were content, and sent vnto them to make peace, and they receiued it.

61 When the king and the princes had made an othe vnto them, they came vpon this out of the fortresse.

62 And the king went vp to mount Sion: but when hee sawe that the place was well defenced, he brake his othe that he had made, and commanded to breake downe the wall round about.

63 Then departed hee in all haste, and returned vnto Antiochia, where he found Philip hauing dominion of the citie: so he fought against him, and tooke the citie by force.

CHAP. VII.

Demetrius raising and ouerthrowing Alcimus, maketh him high Priest. 5 Many murthered of Alcimus and Bacchides. 10 Judas ouercommeth Nicanor. 21 Maketh peace with the Romanes. 27 Nicanor and the Priests against Nicanor. 41 Judas taketh his enemy alyue, he beheadeth his prayer.

1 IN the hundreth, and one and fiftieth yeere began Demetrius the Sonne of Seleucus from Rome, and came vp with a few men vnto a citie of the sea coast, and reigned there.

2 And when he came into the possession of the fathers, his dominion, his souldiers caught Antiochus and Lysias and brought them vnto him.

3 But when it was told him, he said, Shewe me not their faces.

4 So they slue them to death. Nowe when Demetrius was set vpon the throne of his kingdome,

5 There came vnto him all the wicked and vngodly men of Israel, whose captaine was Alcimus, that would haue bene the high Priest.

6 These men accused the people vnto the king, saying, Judas and his brethren haue slaine all thy friendes, and driuen vs out of our owne land.

7 Wherefore send now some man, whom thou trustest, that he may goe and see all the destruction which he hath done vnto vs and to the kinges land, and let him punish them with all their partakers.

8 And the king chose Bacchides a friende of his, which was a great man in the Realme, and ruled beyond the riuer, and was faithfull vnto the king, and sent him,

9 And that wicked Alcimus, whom he made the Priest, and commanded him to be auenged of the children of Israel.

10 So they departed, and came with a great hoste vnto the land of Juda, and sent messengers to Judas and his brethren, deceitfully with peaceable words.

11 But they beleeued not their sayings: for they saw that they were come with a great hoste.

12 Then a company of the gouernours assembled vnto Alcimus and Bacchides to intreate of reasonable points.

13 And that Asideans were the first that required peace among the children of Israel.

14 For sayde they, He that is a Priest of the seede of Aaron, is come with this armie: therefore he will not hurt vs.

15 Then he spake vnto them peaceably, and sware vnto them, and sayd, We will doe you no harme, neither your friends:

16 And they beleeued him: but hee tooke of them three score men, and slew them in one day, according to the wordes that were written.

17 They haue cast the bodies of thy Saints, and their blood round about Jerusalem, & there was no man that would burie them.

18 So there came a feare and a trembling among all the people: for they sayd, There is neither truth nor iudgement in them: for they haue broken the couenant and othe that they made.

19 Then Bacchides remoued from Jerusalem, and pitched his tent at Bath-zeth, where he sent forth & tooke many of the men that had forsaken him, and certaine of the people, whome he slew and cast into the great pit.

20 Then committed he the countrey vnto Alcimus and left men of warre with him to helpe him, so they went to the King.

21 Thus Alcimus layde for the Soueraintie.

22 And all such as troubled the people resorted vnto him, insomuch that they obteined the land of Juda, and did much hurt in Israel.

23 Nowe when Judas sawe all the mischiefe that Alcimus and his company had done among the Israelites more then the heathen,

24 They went throughout all the borders of Judea, and punished those that were fallen away, so that they came no more abroad in the countrey.

25 But when Alcimus sawe that Judas and his people had gotten the vpper hand, and knew that he was not able to withstande them, he went againe to the King and accused them of wicked things.

26 Then the king sent Nicanor one of his chiefe Princes, which hated Israel deadly, and commanded him that he should destroy the people.

27 ¶ So Nicanor came to Jerusalem with a great hoste, and sent vnto Judas and his brethren deceitfully with friendly wordes, saying,

28 Let there be now no warre betwixt me and you, I will come with a few men, to see them of peace.

29 So

Or, Hasideans.

Or, giue hands.

Psal. 79. 2.

Or, Bethsith, or Bezeth.

Ioseph. Ant. 12. chap. 16.

29 So he came vnto Judas, and they saluted one another peaceably: but the enemies were prepared to take away Judas.

30 Neuertheleſſe, it was told Judas, that he came vnto him vnder deceit: therefore he feared him, and would see his face no more.

31 When Nicanor perceiued that his counsel was betrayed, he went out to fight against Judas, beside ‖ Carphalalama.

‖ Or, Caphar-ſarama.

32 Where there were slaine of Nicanors host about fiue thousand men: so they fled vnto the citie of Dauid.

33 After this came Nicanor vp vnto mount Sion, and some of the Priests with the Elders of the people went forth of the Sanctuarie to salute him peaceably, and to shew him the burnt offering that was offered for the King.

34 But hee laughed at them, and mocked them, and counted them prophane, and spake proudly,

35 And swore in his wrath, saying, If Judas and his host be not deliuered now into mine handes, if euer I come againe in safetie, I will burne vp this house. With that, went he out in a great anger.

36 Then the priests came in, and stood before the altar in the Temple, weeping, and saying,

37 Forsomuch as thou, O Lorde, hast chosen this * house, that thy Name might be called vpon therein, and that it should be an house of prayer, and petition for thy people,

Isa. 56. 5, 7.

38 Bee auenged of this man and his hoste, and let them bee slaine by the sword: remember their blasphemies, and suffer them not to continue.

39 ¶ When Nicanor was gone from Jerusalem, he pitched his tent at Beth-horon, and there an hoste met him out of Syria.

40 And Judas pitched in ‖ Adasa, with three thousand men, where Judas prayed, saying,

‖ Or, Adarſa.

41 O Lord, * because the messengers of King Sennacherib blasphemed thee, thine Angel went forth, and slew an hundreth, fourescore and fiue thousand of them.

2. Kin. 19. 35 ecclu. 48. 21 isa. 37. 36. 2. mac. 8. 19

42 So destroy thou this hoste before vs to day, that all other may know that hee hath spoken wickedly against thy Sanctuary, and punish him according to his malice.

43 So the armies ioyned together in battell, the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar: but Nicanors hoste was discomfited, and hee himselfe was first slaine in the battell.

44 Nowe when his armie sawe that Nicanor was slaine, they cast away their weapons, and fled.

45 But they pursued after them a dayes iourney from Adasa vnto Gasera, blowing an alarme with the trumpets after them.

46 So they came forth of all the townes of Judea round about, and rushed vpon them, and threw them from one to another, so that they all fell by the sword, and there was not one of them left.

47 Then they tooke the spoiles, and the pray, and smote off Nicanors head, and his right hand, which he held vp so proudly, and brought it with them, and hanged them vp afore Jerusalem.

48 So the people reioyced greatly, and kept that day as a day of great gladnesse.

49 And they ordeined to keepe yeerely that day on the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar.

50 Thus the land of Juda was in rest a little while.

Romans

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Judas considering the power and policie of the Romanes, maketh peace with them.* 22 *The conditions of mutuall friendship sent to the Iewes.*

IUdas heard also the fame of the Romans, that they were mighty, and valiant, and agreeable to all things that were required of them, and made peace with all that came vnto them,

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 18.

2 And that they were men of great power, and they told them of their battels, and their worthy acts, which they did among the ‖ Galatians whom they had conquered, and made to pay tribute,

‖ Or, Frenchmen.

3 And what they had done in the countrey of Spaine: how that they had wonne there the mines of siluer and gold,

4 And that by their counsell and gentle behauiour they were rulers in euery place, though the place was farre from them, and that they had discomfited and giuen great ouerthrowes to the Kings that came against them, from the vttermost part of the earth, and that others gaue them tribute euery yeere,

5 How they had also discomfited by battell Philip and Perses kings of the ‖ Macedonians, and others that rose against them, and how they ouercame them,

‖ Or, Citims.

6 And how great Antiochus king of Asia, that came against them in battell, hauing an hundreth and twenty Elephants, with horsemen and charets, and a very great armie, was discomfited by them,

7 And how they tooke him aliue, and ordeined him, with such as should reigne after him, to pay a great tribute, and to giue hostages, and a separate portion,

8 Euen the countrey of India, and Media, and Lydia, and of his best countreyes, which they tooke of him, and gaue them to King Eumenes.

9 Againe when it was told them that the Grecians were comming to destroy them,

10 They sent against them a captaine, which gaue them battell, and slewe many of them, and tooke many prisoners with their wiues, and children, and spoyled them, and conquered their lande, and destroyed their strong holdes, and subdued them to bee their bondmen vnto this day:

11 Moreouer, how they destroyed & brought into subiection other kingdomes and Iles, whosoeuer had withstood them:

12 But that they kept amity with their owne friends, and those that staied vpon them: finally, that they conquered kingdomes, both farre and neere, insomuch that whosoeuer heard of their renowme, was afraid of them.

13 For whom they would helpe to their kingdomes, those reigned, and whom they would, they put downe: thus were they in most high authoritie.

14 Yet for all this that none of them ware a crowne, neither was clothed in purple, to bee magnified thereby,

15 But that they had ordeined themselues a councell, wherein three hundred and twentie

men consulted dayly, and prouided for the common affaires, to gouerne them well,

16 And that they committed their gouernement to one man euery yeere, who did rule ouer all their countrey, to whom euery man was obedient: and there was neither hatred nor enuie among them.

17 ¶ Then Judas chose Eupolemus the sonne of John, the sonne of Accus, and Jason the sonne of Eleazar, and sent them vnto Rome, to make friendship and mutuall fellowship with them,

18 That they might take from them the yoke (for they saw that the kingdome of the Grecians would keepe Israel in bondage.)

19 So they went vnto Rome, which was a very great iourney, and came into the ‖ Senate where they spake and sayd,

‖ Or, councel.

20 Judas Maccabeus with his brethren, and the people of the Iewes hath sent vs vnto you, to make a bond of friendship and peace with you, and yee to register vs as your partakers and friends.

21 And the matter pleased them.

22 And this is the copie of the Epistle that they wrote in tables of brasse, and sent to Jerusalem, that they might haue by them a memoriall of the peace, and mutuall fellowship.

23 Good successe bee to the Romanes, and to the people of the Iewes, by sea, and by land for euer, and the sword, and enemie be from them.

24 If there come first any warre vpon the Romanes, or any of their friends throughout all their dominion,

25 The people of the Iewes shall helpe them, as the time shall bee appointed, with all their heart,

26 Also ‖ they shall giue nothing to them that come to fight for them, nor serue them with wheate nor weapons, nor money, nor ships, as it pleaseth the Romanes, but ‖ they shall keepe their couenants without taking any thing of them.

‖ Or, the Romanes.

‖ Or, the Iewes.

27 Likewise also, if warre come first against the nation of the Iewes, the Romanes shal helpe them with a good will, according as the time shall be appointed them.

28 Neither shall wheate be giuen vnto them, that take their part, nor weapons, nor money, nor ships, as it pleaseth the Romanes, who will keepe these couenants without deceit.

29 According to these articles the Romanes made the bond with the people of the Iewes.

30 If after these points the one partie, or the other will adde or diminish, they may doe it at their pleasures, and whatsoeuer they shall adde or take away, shalbe ratified.

31 And as touching the euill that Demetrius hath done vnto the Iewes, we haue written vnto him, saying, Wherefore layest thou thine heauie yoke vpon our friends, and confederates the Iewes?

32 If therefore they complaine any more against thee, wee will doe them iustice, and fight with thee by sea and by land.

CHAP. IX.

1 *After the death of Nicanor, Demetrius sendeth his armie against Judas.* 18 *Judas is slaine.* 31 *Jonathan is put in the stead of his brother.* 47 *The battel betweene Jonathan and Bacchides.* 55 *Alcimus is smitten with the palsie, and dieth.* 68 *Hee commeth vpon Jonathan by the counsell of certaine wicked persons, and is ouercome.* 70 *The truce of Jonathan with Bacchides.*

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 18.

NOw in the meane season, when Demetrius had heard how Nicanor and his host had giuen the battell, hee sent Bacchides, and Alcimus againe into Judea, and his ‖ chiefe strength with them.

‖ Or, the right horne.

2 So they went forth by the way that is toward Galgala, and pitched their tents before Mesaloth which is in Arbelis, and wanne it, and slew much people.

3 And in the first moneth of the hundreth, fiftie and two yeere, they layd their siege against Jerusalem.

4 But they raised their campe, and came to Berea with twenty thousand foot men, and two thousand horsemen.

5 Now Judas had pitched his tent at ‖ Eleaza, and three thousand chosen men with him.

‖ Or, Laisa.

6 And when they saw that the multitude of the armie was great, they were sore afrayd, and many conueyed themselues out of the host, so that there abode no moe of them, but eight hundreth men.

7 When Judas saw that his host failed him, and that he must needes fight, he was sore troubled in mind that he had no time to gather them together, and was discouraged.

8 Neuertheless, he sayd vnto them that remained, Let vs rise, and goe vp against our enemies, if peraduenture wee may be able to fight with them.

9 But they would haue stayed him, saying, We are not able: but let vs rather saue our liues: turne backe now, seeing our brethren are departed: for shall wee fight against them, that are so few?

10 Then Judas sayd, a God forbid, that we should doe this thing, to flee from them: if our time bee come, let vs die manfully for our brethren, and let vs not staine our honour.

a He that was wont to pray and ouercome, is ouercome when he trusteth in his strength, & omitteth prayer.

11 Then the host remoued out of the tents, and stood against them, who had diuided their horsemen into two troupes, and they that threw with slings, and the archers marched in the foreward, and they that fought in the foreward were all valiant men.

12 And Bacchides was in the right wing. So the army drew neere on both sides, and blew the trumpets.

13 They of Judas side blew the trumpets also, and the earth shooke at the noyse of the armies, and the battell continued from morning to night.

14 And when Judas saw that Bacchides and the strength of his armie was on the right side, he tooke with him all the hardie men,

15 And brake the right wing, and followed vpon them vnto mount Azotus.

16 Now when they which were of the left wing, saw that the right wing was discomfited, they followed Judas behinde, and them that were with him hard at the heeles.

17 Then was there a sore battell: for many were slaine of both the parties.

18 Judas also himselfe was killed, and the remnant flew.

19 So Jonathan and Simon tooke Judas their brother, and buried him in his fathers sepulchre

sepulchre in the city of Modin.

20 And all the Israelites wept for him, and mourned greatly for him, and lamented many dayes, saying,

21 How is the valiant man fallen which deliuered Israel!

22 Concerning the other things of Judas, both the battels and the valiant acts that he did, and of his worthinesse, they are not written: for they were very many.

Ioseph. Ant. 13. chap. 1. and 3.

23 ¶ Now after the death of Judas, wicked men came vp in all the coasts of Israel, and there arose all such as gaue themselues to iniquity.

24 In those dayes was there a very great famine in the land, and all the country gaue ouer themselues with them.

25 And Bacchides did chuse wicked men, and made them lords in the land.

26 These sought out, and made search for Judas friends, and brought them vnto Bacchides, which auenged himselfe vpon them, and mocked them.

27 And there came so great trouble in Israel, as was not since the time that no Prophet was seene among them.

28 Then came all Judas friends together, and said vnto Jonathan,

29 Seeing thy brother Judas is dead, and there is none like him to goe forth against our enemies, euen against Bacchides, and ‖ against them of our nation that are enemies vnto vs,

‖ Or, against the enemies of our nation.

30 Therefore, this day we chuse thee that thou mayest be our Prince and captaine in his place to order our battell.

31 So Jonathan tooke the gouernance vpon him at the same time, and ruled in steade of his brother Judas.

32 But when Bacchides knew it, he sought for to slay him.

33 Then Jonathan and Simon his brother perceiuing that, fled into the wildernesse of Thecua with all their company, and pitched their tents by the water poole of Asphar.

34 Which when Bacchides vnderstood, hee came ouer Jorden with all his hoste vpon the Sabbath day.

35 (Now had Jonathan sent his brother Iohn a captaine of the people, to pray his friends, the Nabathites, that they would keepe their baggage which was much.

‖ Or, Iambri.

36 But the children of ‖ Ambri came out of Medaba and tooke John and all that he had, and when they had taken it, went their way.

37 After this came word vnto Jonathan, and to Simon his brother, that the children of Ambri made a great marriage, and brought the bride from ‖ Medaba with great pompe: for she was daughter to one of the noblest Princes of Canaan.

‖ Or, Nadabath.

38 Therefore they remembred John their brother, and went vp and hid themselues vnder the couert of the mountaine.

39 So they lift vp their eyes, and looked, and behold there was a great noyse, and much preparation: then the bridegroome came forth, and his friends and his brethren met them with timbrels and instruments of musicke, and many weapons.

40 Then Jonathans men that lay in ambush, rose vp against them, and slew many of them, and the remnant fled into the mountaines, so that they tooke all their spoiles.

41 Thus the marriage was turned to mourning, and the noyse of their melodie into lamentation.

42 And so when they had auenged the blood of their brother, they turned againe vnto Jorden.

43 When Bacchides heard this, he came vnto the border of Jorden with a great power vpon the Sabbath day.)

44 Then Jonathan said vnto his company, Let vs rise now, and fight against our enemies: for it is not to day as in time past.

45 Behold, the battell is before vs, and behind vs, and the water of Jorden on this side and that side, and the marish and forest, so that there is no place for vs to turne aside.

46 Wherefore cry now vnto heauen, that ye may be deliuered from the power of our enemies: so they ioyned battell.

47 Then Jonathan stretched out his hand to smite Bacchides: but he turned aside from him and reuiled.

48 Then Jonathan, and they that were with him lept into Jorden, and swimmed ouer vnto the further banke: but the other would not passe through Jorden after them.

49 So in that day were slaine of Bacchides side about a thousand men.

50 Then he turned againe to Jerusalem, and built vp the strong cities in Jude, as the castle of Jericho, and Emmaus, and Bethhoron, and Bethel, and Thamnatha, ‖ Pharathoni, and ‖ Tephoo, with hie walles, with gates, and with barres,

‖ Or, Phara. ‖ Or, Thepo.

51 And set garisons in them, that they might vse their malice vpon Israel.

52 He fortified also the citie Beth-sura, and Gazara, and the castle, and set a Garison in them with prouision of victailes.

53 Hee tooke also the chiefest mens sonnes in the countrey for hostages, and put them in the castle at Jerusalem to be kept.

54 ¶ Afterward in the hundreth, fifty and three yeere, in the second moneth, Alcimus commanded that the walles of the inner court of the Sanctuary should bee destroyed, and hee pulled downe the monuments of the Prophets, and began to destroy them.

55 But at the same time Alcimus was plagued, and his enterprises were hindered, and his mouth was stopped: for he was smitten with a palsie, and could no more speake, nor giue order concerning his house.

56 Thus died Alcimus with great torment at the same time.

57 And when Bacchides sawe that Alcimus was dead, hee turned againe to the King, and so the lande of Juda was in rest two yeeres.

58 Then all the vngodly men held a counsell, saying, Behold, Jonathan and his company dwell at ease, and without care: wherefore let vs bring Bacchides hither, and he will take them all in one night.

59 So they went and consulted with him.

60 Who arose and came with a great hoste, and sent letters priuily to his adherents, which were in Judea, to take Jonathan, and those that were with him: but they could not, for

their counsell was knowen vnto them,

61 And ‖ they tooke fifty men of the countrey, which were the chiefe workers of the wickednes, and slew them.

‖Or, Ionathan.

62 ¶ Then Jonathan and Simon with their company departed vnto‖ Beth-basin which is in the wildernes, and repaired the decay thereof, and made it strong.

‖Or, Bethbessin.

63 When Bacchides knew this, he gathered all his hoste, and sent word to them that were of Judea.

64 Then came he and laid siege to Beth-basin, and fought against it a long season, & made instruments of warre.

65 But Jonathan had left his brother Simon in the city, and went forth into the countrey, and came with a certaine number,

66 And slew‖ Odomeras and his brethren, and the children of Phaliron in their tents: so he began to slay, and increased in power.

‖Or, Odares.

67 Simon also and his company went out of the city, and burnt vp the instruments of warre,

68 And fought against Bacchides, and discomfited him, and vexed him sore, so that his counsell and iourney was in vaine.

69 Wherefore he was very wroth at the wicked men, b that gaue him counsell to come into the countrey, and slew many of them, and purposed to returne into his owne countrey.

b Wicked counsel falleth on the counsellers.

70 Whereof when Jonathan had knowledge, he sent ambassadours vnto him, to intreate of peace with him, and that the prisoners should be deliuered.

71 Which thing he accepted, & did according to his desire, and made an othe, that he would neuer do him harme all the dayes of his life.

72 So he restored vnto him the prisoners that he had taken afore time out of the land of Juda, and so returned and went into his owne land, neither did he come any more into their borders.

73 Thus the sword ceased from Israel, and Jonathan dwelt at Machmas, and began there to gouerne the people, and destroyed the vngodly men out of Israel.

CHAP. X.

4 Demetrius desireth to haue peace with Ionathan. 18 Alexander also desireth peace with the Iewes. 48 Alexander maketh warre against Demetrius. 50 Demetrius is slaine. 51 The friendship of Ptolomeus and Alexander.

Ioseph. Ant. 13 chap. 2,3

IN the hundreth and threescore yeere came Alexander the sonne of Antiochus Epiphanes and tooke Ptolemais, and they receiued him, and there he reigned.

2 Now when Demetrius the king heard it, he gathered an exceeding great hoste, and went forth against him to fight.

3 Also Demetrius sent letters vnto Jonathan with louing words, as though he would preferre him.

4 For hee sayd, Wee will first make peace with him, before hee ioyne with Alexander against vs.

5 Els he will remember all the euill that we haue done against him, and against his brethren and his nation.

6 And so he gaue Jonathan leaue to gather an hoste, and to prepare weapons, and to bee confederate with him, and commaunded the hostages that were in the castle, to be deliuered vnto him.

7 ¶ Then came Jonathan to Jerusalem, and read the letters in the audience of all the people, and of them that were in the castle.

8 Therefore they were sore afraide, because they heard that the king had giuen him licence to gather an armie.

9 So they that were of the castle, deliuered the hostages vnto Jonathan, who restored them to their parents.

10 Jonathan also dwelt at Jerusalem, and began to build, and repaire the city.

11 And hee commaunded the workemen to builde the walles, and the mount Sion rounde about with hewen stone, to fortifie it: and so they did.

12 Then the strangers that were in the castles which Bacchides had made, fled,

13 So that euery man left his place, & went into his owne countrey.

14 Onely at Beth-sura remained certaine which had forsaken the Law and the commandements: for it was their refuge.

15 ¶ Now when King Alexander had heard of the promises that Demetrius had made vnto Jonathan: and when it was tolde him of the battels and noble actes, which hee and his brethren had done, and of the paines that they had endured,

16 He saide, Might wee finde such a man? now therefore we will make him our friend and confederate.

17 Upon this he wrote a letter, and sent it vnto him, with these wordes, saying,

18 KING ALEXANDER to his brother Jonathan sendeth saluation.

19 We haue heard of thee, that thou art a very valiant man, and worthy to be our friend.

20 Wherefore this day we ordeine thee to be the hie Priest of thy nation, and to be called the Kings friend: (and he sent him a purple robe, and a crowne of golde,) that thou mayest ‖ consider what is for our profit, and keep friendship toward vs.

‖Or, mitre. ‖Or, take our part.

21 So in the seuenth moneth of the hundreth and threescore yeere, vpon the feast day of the tabernacles, Jonathan put on the holy garment, and gathered an hoste, and prepared many weapons.

22 ¶ Which when Demetrius heard, he was maruellous sory, and said,

Ioseph. Ant. 13 chap 3.

23 What haue we done, that Alexander hath preuented vs in getting the friendship of the Jewes for his strength?

24 Yet will I write and exhort them, and promise them dignities and rewards, that they may helpe me.

25 Whereupon hee wrote vnto them these wordes, KING DEMETRIVS vnto the nation of the Jewes sendeth greeting.

26 We haue heard that ye haue kept your couenant toward vs, and continued in our friendship, and haue not ioyned with our enemies, whereof we are glad.

27 Now therefore remaine still, and keepe fidelity towards vs, and we will recompense you for the good things that ye haue done for vs,

28 And wil release you of many charges, and giue you rewards.

29 And now I discharge for your sake all the Jewes from tributes, and free you from the customes

customes of salt, and the crowne taxes, and from the third part of the seede.

30 And from the halfe of the fruit of the trees which is mine owne duetie, I so release them, that from this day foorth, none shall take any thing of the land of Juda, or of the three gouernments, which are added thereunto, as of Samaria and of Galile, from this day forth for euermore.

a And of the country beyond Iorden, as Iosephus writeth.

31 Jerusalem also with all things belonging thereto, shall bee holy and free from the tenthes and tributes.

32 Also I release the power of the castle which is at Jerusalem, and giue it vnto the hie Priest, that he may set in it such men, as he shall chuse to keepe it.

33 Moreouer I freely deliuer euery one of the Jewes that were taken away prisoners out of the land of Juda throughout all my Realme, and euery one of them shalbe free from tributes, yea, euen their cattell.

34 And all the feastes, and Sabbaths, and new moones, and the dayes appointed, and the three dayes before the feast, and the three dayes after the feast, shall be dayes of freedome and libertie for all the Jewes in my Realme,

35 So that in them no man shal haue power to doe any thing, or to vexe any of them in any maner of cause.

36 Also thirtie thousand of the Jewes shall be written vp in the Kings hoste, and haue their wages payed them as appertaineth to all them that are of the Kings armie: and of them shall bee ordeined certaine to keepe the Kings strong holds.

37 And some of them shall bee set ouer the kings most secret affaires, and their gouernours and their princes shall be of themselues, and they shall liue after their own lawes, as the king hath commanded in the land of Juda.

38 And the three gouernments that are added vnto Judea from the country of Samaria, shall be ioyned vnto Judea, and they shall bee as vnder one, and obey none other power, but the high Priest.

39 And I giue Ptolemais and the borders thereof vnto the Sanctuary at Jerusalem, for the necessary expenses of the holy things.

40 Moreouer I will giue euery yeere fifteene thousand sicles of siluer of the kings reuenues, out of the places appertaining vnto me.

41 And all the ouerplus which they haue not payed for the things due, as they did in the former yeeres, from henceforth they shall giue it toward the works of the Temple.

42 And besides this, the fiue thousand sicles of siluer which they received yeerely of the accompt appointed for the intertainement of the Sanctuarie, these yeeres passed, euen these things shall be released, because they appertaine to the Priests that minister.

43 Item, whosoeuer they bee that flee vnto the Temple at Jerusalem, or within y libertries thereof and are indebted to the king for any maner of thing, they shall be pardoned, and all that they haue in my Realme.

44 For the building also and repairing of the workes of the Sanctuary, expenses shall be giuen of the kings reuenues.

45 And for the making of the walles of Jerusalem, and fortifying it round about, that the holdes in Judea may bee built vp, shall also the cost be giuen out of the kings reuenues.

46 ¶ But when Jonathan and the people heard these wordes, they gaue no credite vnto them, neither receiued them: for they remembred the great wickednesse that hee had done in Israel, and how sore he had vexed them.

47 Wherefore they agreed vnto Alexander: for hee was the first that had intreated of true peace with them, and so were confederate with him alway.

48 Then gathered King Alexander a great hoste, and camped ouer against Demetrius.

49 So the two kings ioyned battell, but Demetrius hoste fled, and Alexander pursued him, and preuailed against them.

50 So that sore battel continued till the sunne went downe, and Demetrius was slaine the same day.

51 ¶ Then Alexander sent Ambassadours vnto Ptolemeus the king of Egypt, with these words, saying, *Ioseph. Ant. 13 cap. 6.*

52 For so much as I am come againe to my Realme, and am set in the throne of my fathers, and haue gotten the dominion, and haue destroied Demetrius, and enioy my countrey,

53 Seeing that I haue euen giuen him the battell, and he and his armie is discomfited by me, and I sit in the throne of his kingdome,

54 Let vs now make friendship together, and giue me now thy daughter to wife: so shall I be thy sonne in law, and giue thee rewards, and vnto her things according to thy dignity.

55 Then Ptolemeus the king gaue answere, saying, Happy bee the day, wherein thou art come againe vnto the land of thy fathers, and sittest in the throne of their kingdome.

56 Now therefore will I fulfill thy writing: but meete me at Ptolemais that we may see one another, and that I may make thee my sonne in law, according to thy desire.

57 So Ptolemeus went out of Egypt with his daughter Cleopatra, and came vnto Ptolemais in the hundreth threescore and two yeere,

58 Where king Alexander met him, and he gaue vnto him his daughter Cleopatra, and married them at Ptolemais with great glory, as the maner of kings is.

59 ¶ Then wrote king Alexander vnto Jonathan, that he should come and meete him.

60 So he went honourably vnto Ptolemais, and there he met the two kings, and gaue them great presents of siluer and golde, and to their friends, and found fauour in their sight.

61 And there assembled certaine pestilent fellowes of Israel, and wicked men to accuse him: but the king would not heare them.

62 And the king comanded that they should take off the garments of Jonathan, and clothe him in purple, and so they did: and the king appointed him to sit by him.

63 And said vnto his Princes, Goe with him into the mids of the citie, and make a proclamation, that no man complaine against him of any matter, and that no man trouble him for any maner of cause.

64 So when his accusers saw his honour according as it was proclaimed, and that he was clothed in purple, they fled all away.

65 And the king preferred him to honor, and wrote

wrote him among his chiefe friendes, and made him a duke and partaker of his dominion.

66 Thus Jonathan returned to Jerusalem with peace and gladnesse.

67 ¶ In the hundreth, threescore and fine yere came Demetrius the sonne of Demetrius, from Creta into his fathers land.

68 Whereof when king Alexander heard, he was very sory, and returned vnto Antiochia.

69 Then Demetrius appointed Apollonius the gouernour of Coelosyria, who gathered a great hoste, and camped in Jamnia, and sent vnto Jonathan the high Priest, saying,

70 Darest thou, being but alone, lift vp thy selfe against vs? and I am laughed at, and reproched, because of thee: now therefore why doest thou vaunt thy selfe against vs in the mountaines?

71 Now then if thou trust in thine owne strength, come downe to vs into the plaine field, and there let vs try the matter together: for I haue the strength of cities.

72 Aske and learne who I am, and they shall take my part: and they shall tell thee that your foote is not able to stand before our face: for thy fathers haue bene twise chased in their owne land.

73 And now how wilt thou bee able to abide so great an hoste of horsemen and footmen in the plaine, where is neither stone, nor rocke, nor place to flee vnto?

74 When Jonathan heard the wordes of Apollonius, he was moued in his mind: wherefore hee chose tenne thousand men, and went out of Jerusalem, and Simon his brother met him for to helpe him.

75 And hee pitched his tents at Joppe: but they shut him out of the city: for Apollonius garison was in Joppe.

76 Then they fought against it, and they that were in the city, for very feare let him in: so Jonathan wan Joppe.

77 Apollonius hearing of this, tooke three thousand horsemen with a great hoste of foote men, and went toward Azotus, as though hee would goe forward, and came immediatly into the plain field, because he had so many horsemen, and put his trust in them.

78 So Jonathan followed vpon him to Azotus, and the armie skirmished with his arriere band.

79 For Apollonius had left a thousand horsemen behind them in ambush.

80 And Jonathan knewe that there was an ambushment behind him, and though they had compassed in his hoste, and shot dartes at the people from the morning to the euening,

81 Yet the people stood still, as Jonathan had commanded them, till their horses were weary.

82 Then brought Simon forth his hoste, and set them against the bande: but the horses were weary, and he discomfited them, and they fled: so the horsemen were scattered in the field,

83 And they fled to Azotus, and came into the temple of Dagon their idole, that they might there saue themselues.

84 But Jonathan set fire vpon Azotus and all the cities round about it, and tooke their spoiles, and burnt with fire the temple of Dagon with all them that were fled into it.

85 Thus were slaine and burnt about eight thousand men.

86 So Jonathan remoued the hoste from thence, and camped by Ascalon, where the men of the city came forth, and met him with great honour.

87 After this went Jonathan and his hoste againe to Jerusalem with great spoyles.

88 And when King Alexander heard these things, he began to doe Jonathan more honour,

89 And sent him a collar of gold, as the vse is to bee giuen vnto such as are of the Kings blood: he gaue him also Accaron, with the borders thereof in possession.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The dissension betweene Ptolemeus and Alexander his sonne in law.* 17 *The death of Alexander.* 19 *Demetrius reigneth after the death of Ptolemeus.* 32 *Sion is besieged of Jonathan.* 42 *Demetrius seeing that no man resisted him, sendeth his army againe.* 54. *Tryphon mounteth Antiochus against Demetrius.*

AND the king of Egypt gathered a great hoste, like the sand that lyeth vpon the sea shore, and many ships, and went about through deceit to obtaine the kingdome of Alexander, and to ioyne it vnto his owne Realme. *Ioseph. Ant. 13. cap. 7.*

2 Vpon this he went into Syria with friendly wordes, and was let into the cities, and men came forth to meet him: for king Alexander had commanded them to meete him, because he was his father in law.

3 Nowe when hee entred into the citie of Ptolemais, he lett bands and garisons in euery citie.

4 And when he came neere to Azotus, they shewed him the temple of Dagon that was burnt, and Azotus, and the suburbes thereof that were destroyed, and the bodies cast abroad, and them that he had burnt in the battel: for they had made heapes of them by the way where hee should passe.

5 And they tolde the King what Jonathan had done, to the intent they might get him euill will: but the King held his peace.

6 And Jonathan met the King with great honour at Joppe, where they saluted one another, and lay there.

7 So when Jonathan had gone with the King vnto the water that was called Eleutherus, he turned againe to Jerusalem.

8 So King Ptolemeus gate the dominion of the cities by the sea vnto Seleucia vpon the sea coast, imagining wicked counsels against Alexander,

9 ¶ And sent ambassadours vnto king Demetrius, saying, Come, let vs make a league betweene vs, and I will giue thee my daughter, which Alexander hath, and thou shalt reigne in thy fathers kingdome.

10 For I repent that I gaue Alexander my daughter: for he goeth about to slay me.

11 Thus he slandered Alexander, as one that should desire his Realme.

12 And he tooke his daughter from him, and gaue her vnto Demetrius, and forsooke Alexander, so that their hatred was openly knowen.

13 Then Ptolemeus came to Antiochia, where he set two crownes vpon his owne head, of Asia, and of Egypt.

14 In the meane season was King Alexander in Cilicia: for they that dwelt in those places, had rebelled against him:

15 But

15 But when Alexander heard it, he came to warre against him, and Ptolemeus brought forth his host, and met him with a mighty power, and put him to flight.

16 Then fled Alexander into Arabia, there to be defended: so Ptolemeus was exalted.

17 And Zabdiel the Arabian smote off Alexanders head, and sent it vnto Ptolemeus.

18 But the third day after, King Ptolemeus died, & they that were in the holdes, were slaine one of another.

19 And Demetrius reigned in the hundreth, threescore and seuenth yeere.

20 ¶ At the same time gathered Jonathan them that were in Judea, to lay siege vnto the castle which was at Jerusalem, and they made many instrumens of warre against it.

21 Then went there certaine vngodly persons (which hated their owne people) vnto king Demetrius, and told him that Jonathan besieged the castle.

22 So when he heard it, he was angrie, and immediatly came vnto Ptolemais, and wrote vnto Jonathan, that he should lay no maner siege vnto it, but that he should meete him, and speake with him at Ptolemais in all haste.

23 Neuertheless, when Jonathan heard this, hee commanded to besiege it: hee chose also certaine of the Elders of Israel, and the Priests, and put himselfe in danger,

24 And tooke with him siluer and gold, and apparell, and diuers presents, and went to Ptolemais vnto the King, and found fauour in his sight.

25 And though certaine vngodly men of his owne nation had made complaints vpon him,

26 Yet the King intreated him as his predecessors had done, and promoted him in the sight of all his friends,

27 And confirmed him in the hie Priesthood with all the honourable things, that hee had afore, and made him his chiefe friend.

28 Jonathan also desired the King, that hee would make Judea free with the three gouernments, and the country of Samaria, and Jonathan promised him three hundred talents.

29 Whereunto the king consented, and gaue Jonathan writing of the same, containing these words.

30 KING DEMETRIVS vnto his brother Jonathan, and to the nation of the Jewes sendeth greeting.

31 Wee send you heere a copie of the letter, which wee did write vnto our cousin Lasthenes concerning you, that ye should see it.

32 King Demetrius vnto Lasthenes his father, sendeth greeting.

33 For the faithfulnesse that our friends the nation of the Jewes keepe vnto vs, and for their good will towards vs, we are determined to doe them good.

34 Wherefore wee alligne to them the coasts of Judea, with the three gouernments, Apherema, and Lydda, and Ramathe (which are added vnto Judea, from the country of Samaria) and all that appertaineth to all them that sacrifice in Jerusalem: both concerning the paymens which the King tooke yeerely aforetime both for the fruites of the earth, and for the fruites of the trees.

35 As for the other things appertaining vnto vs of the tenthes and tributes, which were due vnto vs, and the customes of salt, and crowne taxes, which were payed vnto vs, we discharge them of all from henceforth.

36 And nothing hereof shal be reckoned from this time forth and for euer.

37 Therefore see that ye make a copy of these things, and deliuer it vnto Jonathan, that it may bee set vp vpon the holy mount in an open place.

38 After this, when Demetrius the king saw that his land was in rest, and that no resistance was made against him, hee sent away all his host, euery man to his owne place, except certaine bands of strangers, whome he brought from the yles of the heathen: wherefore all his fathers host hated him.

39 Now was there one Tryphon, that had bene of Alexanders part afore, which when he saw that all the host murmured against Demetrius, he went to ‖ Simalcue the Arabian, that brought vp Antiochus the sonne of Alexander, ‖Or, Emalcuel.

40 And lay fore vpon him, to deliuer him this young Antiochus, that he might reigne in his fathers stead: he told him also what great euill Demetrius had done, and how his men of warre hated him, and he remained there a long season.

41 Also Jonathan sent vnto King Demetrius to driue them out which were in the castle at Jerusalem, and those that were in the fortresses: for they fought against Israel.

42 So Demetrius sent vnto Jonathan, saying, I will not only doe these things for thee and thy nation; but if opportunitie serue, I will honour thee and thy nation.

43 Now therefore thou shalt doe me a pleasure, if thou wilt send me men to helpe me: for all mine army is gone from me.

44 So Jonathan sent him three thousand strong men vnto Antiochia, and they came vnto the king: wherefore the King was very glad at their comming.

45 ¶ But they that went of the city, euen an hundreth and twenty thousand men, gathered them together in the mids of the city, and would haue slaine the King.

46 But the King fled into the palace, and the citizens kept the streetes of the city, and began to fight.

47 Then the King called to the Jewes for helpe, which came to him altogether, and went abroad through the citie,

48 And slew the same day an hundreth thousand, and set fire vpon the city, and tooke many spoyles in that day, and deliuered the King.

49 So when the citizens saw that the Jewes had gotten the vpper hand of the city, and that they themselues were disappointed of their purpose, they made their supplication vnto the king, saying,

50 ‖ Grant vs peace, and let the Jewes ceasse from vexing vs and the city. ‖Or, giue vs the right hand.

51 So they cast away their weapons, & made peace, and the Jewes were greatly honoured before the King, and before all that were in his realme, and they came again to Jerusalem with great prey.

52 Thus King Demetrius sate in the throne of his kingdome, and had peace in his land.

53 Neuertheles, he dissembled in all that euer he

he spake, and withdrew himselfe from Jonathan, neither did he reward him according to the benefits which he had done for him, but troubled him very sore.

54 ¶ After this returned Tryphon with the yong childe Antiochus, which reigned, and was crowned.

55 Then there gathered vnto him all the men of warre, whom Demetrius had scattered, and they fought against him, who fled, and turned his backe.

56 So Tryphon tooke the ‖ beasts, and wan Antiochia.

‖ Or, Elephants.

57 And young Antiochus wrote vnto Jonathan, saying, I appoynt thee to bee the chiefe Priest, & make thee ruler ouer the foure gouernments, that thou mayest be a friend of the kings.

58 Vpon this he sent him golden vessels to be serued in, and gaue him leaue to drinke in golde, and to weare purple, & to haue a collar of gold.

59 He made his brother Simon also captaine from the coasts of Tyrus vnto the borders of Egypt.

60 Then Jonathan went sooth, and passed thorow the cities beyond the flood, and all the men of warre of Syria gathered vnto him for to helpe him: so he came vnto Ascalon, and they of the citie receiued him honourably.

61 And from thence went he vnto Gaza: but they of Gaza shut him out: wherfore he laid siege vnto it, and burned the suburbs therof with fire, and spoiled them.

62 Then they of Gaza made supplication vnto Jonathan, and he made peace with them, and tooke of the sonnes of the chiefe men for hostages, and sent them to Jerusalem, and went thorow the countrey vnto Damascus.

63 And when Jonathan heard that Demetrius Princes were come into Cades, which is in Galile, with a great hoste, purposing to driue him out of the countrey,

64 He came against them, and left Simon his brother in the countrey.

65 And Simon besieged Beth-sura, & fought against it a long season, and shut it vp.

66 So they desired to haue peace with him, which he granted them, and afterward put them out from thence, and tooke the city, and set a garison in it.

67 Then Jonathan with his hoste, came to the water of Genesar, and betimes in the morning came to the plaine of Azor.

68 And behold, the hostes of the ‖ strangers met him in the plaine, & had layd ambushments for him in the mountaines.

‖ Or, heathen.

69 So that when they came against them, the ambushments rose out of their places and skirmished.

70 So that all that were on Jonathans side, fled: and there was not one of them left, except Mattathias the sonne of ‖ Ablalomus, and Judas the sonne of Calphi the Captaines of the hoste.

‖ Or, Absalomus.

71 Then Jonathan rent his clothes, and cast earth vpon his head and prayed,

72 And turned againe to them to fight, and put them to flight, so that they fled away.

73 Now when his owne men that were fled, sawe this, they turned againe vnto him, and helped him to follow after all vnto their tents at Cades, and there they camped.

74 So there were slaine of the strangers the same day about three thousand men, and Jonathan turned againe to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jonathan sendeth ambassadors to Rome, 2 and to the people of Sparta, to renew their couenant of friendship. 24 Jonathan putteth to flight the Princes of Demetrius. 40 Tryphon taketh Jonathan by deceit.

JOnathan now seeing that the time was meete for him, chose certaine men, and sent them vnto Rome, to stablish and renew the friendship with them.

Ioseph. Ant. 13. cap 8.

2 He sent letters also vnto the ‖ Spartians and to other places, for the same purpose.

‖ Or, Lacedemonians.

3 So they went vnto Rome, and entred into the Senate, and sayd, Jonathan the hie priest and the nation of the Jewes sent vs vnto you, for to renew friendship with you, and the bond of loue, as in times past.

4 So the Romanes gaue them free passports, that men should leade them home into the land of Juda peaceably.

5 ¶ AND THIS is the copy of the letters that Jonathan wrote vnto the Spartians,

6 Jonathan the hie Priest with the Elders of the nation, and the priests, and the rest of the people of the Jewes, send greeting vnto the Spartians their brethren.

7 Heretofore were letters sent vnto Onias the hie Priest, from ‖ Arius, which then reigned among you, that you would be our brethren, as the copie hereunder written specifieth.

Ioseph. Ant. 12. cap. 5.

‖ Or, Darius.

8 And Onias entreated the Ambassadour honourably, and receiued the letters: wherein there was mention made of the bond of loue and friendship.

9 But as for vs, we neede no such writings: for wee haue the holy bookes in our handes for comfort.

10 Neuertheless, we thought it good to send vnto you, for the renewing of the brotherhood and friendship, lest wee should bee strange vnto you: for it is long since the time that ye sent vnto vs.

11 Wherefore we remember you at all seasons continually, and in the feasts and other dayes appointed, when we offer sacrifices and prayers, as it is meet and conuenient to thinke vpon our brethren.

12 And wee reioyce at your prosperous estate.

13 And though we haue bene enuironed with great troubles and warres, so that the Kings round about vs haue fought against vs,

14 Yet would wee not be grieuous vnto you, nor to other our confederates and friends in these warres.

15 For we haue had helpe from heauen, that hath succoured vs, and wee are deliuered from our enemies, and our enemies are subdued.

16 Yet haue wee chosen Numenius the sonne of Antiochus, and Antipater the sonne of Jason, and sent them vnto the Romanes, for to renew the former friendship with them, and league.

17 Wee commanded them also to goe vnto you, and to salute you, and to deliuer you our letters concerning the renewing of our brotherhood.

18 And

18 And now ye shall doe vs a pleasure to giue vs an answere of these things.

19 ¶ And this was the copy of the letters, which Arius the King of Sparta sent vnto Onias.

20 THE KING of the Spartians vnto Onias the high Priest sendeth greeting.

21 It is found in writing that the Spartians and Iewes are brethren, and come out of the generation of Abraham.

22 And now for so much as this is come to our knowledge, yee shall doe well to write vnto vs of your prosperitie.

23 As for vs we haue written vnto you, that your cattell and goods are ours, and ours are yours: these things haue we commanded to be shewed vnto you.

24 ¶ Now when Jonathan heard that Demetrius Princes were come to fight against him with a greater hoste then afore,

25 He went from Jerusalem, and met them in the land of Hamath: for hee gaue them not space to come into his owne country.

26 And helent spies vnto their tents, which came againe and told him, that they were appointed to come vpon him in the night.

27 Therefore when the Sunne was gone downe, Jonathan commanded his men to watch, and to be in armes ready to fight all the night, and sent watchmen round about the hoste.

28 But when the aduersaries heard that Jonathan was ready with his men to the battell, they feared, and trembled in their hearts, and kindled fires in their tents, and fled away.

29 Howbeit Jonathan and his company perceiued not till the morning: for they saw the fires burning.

30 Then Jonathan followed vpon them, but he could not ouertake them: for they were gone ouer the flood Eleutherus.

31 So Jonathan turned to the Arabians, which were called Zabadeans, and slew them, and tooke their spoile.

32 Hee proceeded further also, and came vnto Damascus, and went through all the country.

33 But Simon his brother went forth, and came to Ascalon, and to the next holdes, departing vnto Joppe, and wanne it.

34 For he heard that they would deliuer the holde to them that tooke Demetrius part: wherefore he set a garison there to keepe it.

35 ¶ After this came Jonathan home, and called the Elders of the people together, and deuised with them for to build vp the strong holdes in Judea,

36 And to make the walles of Jerusalem higher, and to make a great mount betwixt the castle and the citie, for to separate it from the city, that it might be alone, and that men should neither buy, nor sell in it.

37 So they came together to build vp the citie: for part of the wall vpon the brooke of the East side was fallen downe, and they repaired it, and called it Caphenatha.

38 Simon also set vp Adida in Sephela, and made it strong with gates and barres.

39 ¶ In the meane time Tryphon purposed to reigne in Asia, and to weare the crowne, when he had slaine the king Antiochus,

40 For he was afraid that Jonathan would not suffer him, but fight against him: wherefore he went about to take Jonathan, and to kill him. So he departed and came vnto Bethsan.

41 Then went Jonathan forth against him to the battell with fourtie thousand chosen men, and came vnto Bethsan.

42 But when Tryphon saw that Jonathan came with so great an hoste, hee durst not lay hand vpon him.

43 But receiued him honourably, and commended him vnto all his friendes, and gaue him rewards, and commaunded his men of warre to be as obedient vnto him, as to himselfe.

44 And said vnto Jonathan, Why hast thou caused this people to take such trauaile, seeing there is no warre betweene vs?

45 Therefore now send them home againe, and chuse certaine men to waite vpon thee, and come thou with mee to Ptolemais, For I will giue it thee, with the other strong holdes, and the other garisons, and all them that haue the charge of the common affaires: so will I returne, and depart: for this is the cause of my comming.

46 Jonathan beleeued him, and did as hee bad him, and sent away his hoste, which went into the land of Juda,

47 And retained but three thousand with him, whereof hee sent two thousand into Galile, and one thousand went with himselfe.

48 Now assoone as Jonathan entred into Ptolemais, they of Ptolemais shut the gates, and tooke him, and slewe all them with the sword, that came in with him.

49 Then sent Tryphon an hoste of horsemen and footmen into Galile, and vnto his great plaine, to destroy all Jonathans company.

50 But when they knew that Jonathan was taken, and slaine, and those that were with him, they encouraged one another, and came ready against them ready to the battell.

51 But when they which followed after them, saw that it was a matter of life, they turned backe againe.

52 By this meanes all they came in safe land of Juda peaceably, and bewailed Jonathan, and them that were with him, and feared greatly, and all Israel made great lamentation.

53 For all the heathen that were round about them, sought to destroy them.

54 For they said, Behold they haue no captaine, nor any man to helpe them: therefore let vs now fight against them, and roote out their memorie from among men.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *After Jonathan was taken, Simon is chosen captaine.* 17 *Tryphon, taking his children and money for the redemption of Jonathan, killeth him and his children.* 31 *Tryphon slayeth Antiochus, and possesseth the nation.* 36 *Demetrius taketh truce with Simon.* 43 *Iohannes sweareth Gaza.* 50 *He possesseth the towre of Sion.* 53 *He maketh his sonne Iohn captaine.*

NOw when Simon heard that Tryphon gathered a great hoste to come into the land of Iuda, and to destroy it,

2 And saw that the people was in great trouble and feare, hee came vp to Jerusalem, and gathered the people together,

3 And gaue them exhortation, saying, Yee know

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know what great things I, & my brethren, and my fathers house haue done for the Lawe, and the Sanctuarie, and the battels, and troubles that we haue seene.

4 By reason wherof all my brethren are slaine for Israels sake, and I am left alone.

5 Now therefore God forbid, that I should spare mine owne life in any time of trouble: for I am not better then my brethren.

6 But I will auenge my nation, and the Sanctuarie, and our wiues and our children: for all the heathen are gathered together to destroy vs of very malice.

7 In hearing these wordes the hearts of the people were kindled,

8 So that they cryed with a loud voyce, saying, Thou shalt be our captaine in stead of Iudas and Ionathan thy brethren.

9 Fight thou our battels, and whatsoeuer thou commandest vs, we will do it.

10 ¶ So he gathered all the men of warre, making haste to finish the walles of Jerusalem, and fortified it round about.

11 Then sent he Jonathan the sonne of Absalom, with a great hoste vnto Joppe, which droue them out that were therein, and remained there himselfe.

12 Tryphon also remooued from Ptolemais with a great armie, to come into the land of Juda, and Jonathan was with him as prisoner.

13 And Simon pitched his tents at Addidis vpon the open plaine. (Or, Addus.)

14 But when Tryphon knew that Simon stood vp in stede of his brother Jonathan, and that he would fight against him, he sent messengers vnto him, saying,

15 Whereas we haue kept Jonathan thy brother, it is for money that he is owing in the kings account concerning the businesse that he had in hand.

16 Wherefore send now an hundreth talents of siluer, and his two sonnes for hostages, that when hee is letten goeth he will not turne from vs, and we will send him againe.

17 Neuerthelesse Simon knew that hee dissembled in his wordes, yet commaunded he the money and children to be deliuered vnto him,

18 Lest he should be in greater hatred of the people of Israel:

19 Who might haue said, Because hee sent him not the money and the children, therefore is Jonathan dead.

19 So he sent the children and an hundreth talents: but he dissembled, and would not let Jonathan goe.

20 ¶ Afterwarde came Tryphon into the land to destroy it, and went round about by the way, that leadeth vnto Adora: but whereseuer they went, thither went Simon and his hoste.

21 Now they that were in the castle sent messengers vnto Tryphon, that hee should make haste to come by the wildernes, and to send them vitailes.

22 So Tryphon made ready all his horsemen: but the same night fell a very great snow, so that he came not, because of the snow: but he remooued and went into the country of Galaad.

23 And when he came neere to Baskama, he slew Jonathan, and he was buried there.

24 So Tryphon returned, and went into his owne land.

25 ¶ Then sent Simon to take the bones of Jonathan his brother, and they buried him in Modin his fathers citie.

26 And all Israel bewailed him with great lamentation and mourned for him very long.

27 And Simon made vpon the sepulchre of his father and his brethren, a building high to looke vnto of hewen stone behind and before.

28 And set vp seuen pillars vpon it, one against another, for his father, his mother, and foure brethren.

29 And set great pillars round about them, and set armes vpon the pillars for a perpetuall memorie, and carued ships beside the armes, that they might be seene of men sayling in the Sea.

30 This sepulchre which he made at Modin, standeth yet vnto this day.

31 ¶ Now as Tryphon went craftly with the young King Antiochus, he slewe him traitorously. (Ioseph. Ant. 13. chap. 10.)

32 And reigned in his steade, and crowned himselfe King of Asia, & brought a great plague vpon the land.

33 Simon also built vp the castles of Judea, and compassed them about with high towres, and great walles, euen with towres, and gates, and barres, and layde vp vitailes in the strong holds.

34 Moreouer Simon chose certaine men and sent them to king Demetrius, that he would discharge the land: for all Tryphons doings were robberies.

35 Whereupon Demetrius the king answered him and wrote vnto him after this maner:

36 DEMETRIVS the King vnto Simon the hie Priest, and the friend of Kings, and to the Elders, and to the nation of the Jewes, sendeth greeting.

37 The golden crowne, and [precious stone (Or, collar, or bandricke: in Greeke Basanen, or habon.)] that ye sent vnto vs, haue we receiued, and are ready to make a stedfast peace with you, and to write vnto the officers, to release you of the things wherein we made you free.

38 So the things that we haue granted you, shall be stable: the strong holds which ye haue builded, shall be your owne.

39 Also we forgiue the ouersights, and faults committed vnto this day: and the crowne tare that ye ought vs, and whereas was any other tribute in Jerusalem, it shall be now no more.

40 And they that are meete among you to be written with our men, let them be written vp, that there may be peace betweene vs.

41 Thus the yoke of the heathen was taken from Israel in the hundreth and seuentie yeere.

42 And the people of Israel began to write in their letters and publique instruments, IN THE FIRST yeere of Simon, the hie and chiefe Priest, gouernour and Prince of the Jewes.

43 In those dayes Simon camped against Gaza, and besieged it round about, where he set vp an engine of warre, and approched vnto the citie, and beat a tower, and tooke it.

44 So they that were in the engine, leapt into the city, and there was great trouble in the citie,

45 In so much that the people of the city rent their clothes and climbed vp vpon the walles with

with their wiues, and children, and cryed with a loud voice, beseeching Simon to graunt them peace, saying,

46 Deale not with vs according to our wickednesse, but according to thy mercie.

47 Then Simon pitied them, & would fight no more against them, but put them out of the citie, and cleansed the houses, wherein the idoles were, and so entred thereunto with Psalmes and thanksgiuing.

48 So when he had cast all the filthines out, he let such men true as kept the Law, and fortified it, and builded there a dwelling place for himselfe.

49 Now, when they in the castle at Jerusalem were kept, that they could not come forth nor goe into the countrey, neither buy nor sell, they were very hungry, and many of them were famished to death.

50 In so much that they besought Simon to make peace with them: which he graunted them, and put them out from thence, and cleansed the castle from filthinesse.

51 And vpon the three and twentie day of the second moneth, in the hundreth seuentie and one yeere they entred into it with thanksgiuing, and branches of palme trees, and with harpes, and with cymbals, and with viols, & with psalmes, and songs, because the great enemie of Israel was vtterly come.

52 And he ordeined that the same day should be kept euery yeere with gladnesse.

53 And he fortified the mount of the Temple that was beside the castle where he dwelt himselfe with his company.

54 Simon also seeing that John his sonne was now a man, he made him captaine of all the hostes, and caused him to dwell in ‖ Gazara.

‖ Or, Gaza.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Demetrius is ouercome of Arsaces. 12 Simon being captaine, there is a great quietnes in Israel. 18 The couenant of friendship with the Romanes, and with the people of Sparta is renued.

IN the hundreth, seuentie and two yeere, gathered king Demetrius his hoste, and departed vnto Media, to get him helpe to fight against Tryphon.

2 But when Arsaces the king of Persia and Media heard, that Demetrius was entred within his borders, he sent one of his princes to take him alme.

3 So he went and ouercame the army of Demetrius, and tooke him, and brought him to Arsaces which kept him in ward.

4 Thus all the land of Iuda was in rest, so long as Simon liued: for he sought the wealth of his nation: therefore were they glad to haue him for their ruler, and to doe him worship alway.

5 Simon also wanne the citie of Joppe to his great honour to be an hauen towne, and made it an entrance vnto the yles of the sea.

6 He enlarged also the borders of his people, and conquered the countreyes.

7 He gathered vp many of their people that were prisoners, and he had the dominion of Gazaris, and Beth-sura, and the castle, which he cleansed from filthinesse, and there was no man that resisted him.

8 So that euery man tilled his ground in peace, and the land gaue her fruits, and the trees gaue their fruit.

9 The elders sate in the open places, and consulted all together for the common wealth, and the yong men wore honourably clothed and armed.

10 He prouided victailes for the cities, and all kind of munition, so that his glorious fame was renowned vnto the end of the world.

11 He made peace throughout the land, and Israel had perfit mirth and ioy.

12 For euery man sate vnder his vine, and the figtrees, and there was no man to fray them.

13 There was none in the land to fight against them: for then the Kings were ouercome.

14 He helped all those that were in aduersitie among his people: hee was diligent to see the Law kept, and hee tooke away the vngodly, and wicked.

15 He beautified the Sanctuary, and increased the vessels of the Temple.

16 When the Romans heard, and the Spartians had knowledge that Jonathan was dead, they were very sory.

17 But when they heard that Simon his brother was made high Priest in his stead, and how he had won the land against with the cities in it,

18 They wrote vnto him in tables of brasse, to renew the friendship and bond of loue, which they had made with Judas and Jonathan his brethren.

19 Which writings were read before the congregation at Jerusalem, and this is the copy of the letters that the Spartians sent.

20 THE SENATORS and citie of Sparta vnto Simon the great Priest, and to the Elders, and to the Priestes, and to the residue of the people of the Jewes their brethren send greeting.

21 When your ambassadours that were sent vnto our people, certified vs of your glory and honour, we were glad of their comming.

22 And haue registred their ambassage in the publike records in this maner, NVMENIVS the sonne of Antiochus, and Antipater the sonne of Jason the Jewes ambassadours came vnto vs, to renew amitie with vs.

23 And it pleased the people, that the men should bee honourably intreated, and that the copie of their ambassage should bee registred in the publike records, that it might be for a monumtall vnto the people of Sparta: and a copie of the same was sent to Simon the chiefe Priest.

24 After this, Simon sent Numenius to Rome, with a great shield of gold of a thousand pound weight to confirme the friendship with them.

25 Which when the people vnderstood, they sayd, What thanks shall we recompense againe vnto Simon and his children?

26 For he and his brethren, and the house of his father haue stablished Israel, and ouercome their enemies, and haue confirmed the libertie thereof: therefore they wrote this in tables of brasse, and set it vpon pillars in mount Sion.

27 The copie of the writing is this, In the eighe and twentie day of the moneth † Elul, in the hundreth seuentie and two yeere, in the third yeere of Simon the high Priest.

† August.

28 In

‖Or, Ierusalem,

28 And Saruuel in the great congregation of the Priests, and of the people, and of the gouernours of the nation, and of the elders of the countrey, we would signifie vnto you, that many battels haue bene fought in our countrey.

29 Wherein Simon the sonne of Mattathias (come of the children of Ierib) and his brethren put themselues in danger, and resisted the enemies of their nation, that their Sanctuarie, and Law might be maintained, and did their nation great honour.

30 For Ionathan gathered his nation together, and became their hie Priest, and is layde with his people.

31 After that would their enemies haue inuaded their countrey, and destroied their lande, and layd their hands on their Sanctuary.

32 Then Simon resisted them, and fought for his nation, & spent much of his owne substance, and armed the valiant men of his nation, and gaue them wages.

33 Hee fortified alſo the cities of Iudea, and Bethsura that lieth vpon the borders of Iudea, (where the ordinance of their enemies lay sometime) and set there a garrison of the Iewes.

34 And he fortified Ioppe, which lieth vpon the sea, and ‖Gazara that bordereth vpon Azotus (where the enemies dwelt afore) and there he placed Iewes, and furnished them with things necessary for the reparation thereof.

‖Or, Gaza, or Gazaru.

35 Nowe when the people sawe the faithfulnesse of Simon, and to what glory hee thought to bring his nation vnto, they made him their gouernour, and the chiefe Priest, because he had done all these things, and for the vprightnesse, and fidelitie that hee had kept to his nation, and that sought by all meanes to exalt his people.

36 For in his time they prospered wel by him, so that the heathen were taken out of their countrey, and they also which were in the citie of Dauid at Ierusalem, where they had made them a castle, out of the which they went, and defiled all things that were about the Sanctuarie, and did great hurt vnto Religion.

37 And he set Iewes in it, and fortified it, for the assurance of the land and citie, and raised vp the walles of Ierusalem.

38 And King Demetrius confirmed him in his hie Priesthood for these causes,

39 And made him one of his friends, and gaue him great honour.

40 For it was reported that the Romanes called the Iewes their friends and confederates, and that they honourably receiued Simons ambassadours,

41 And that the Iewes and Priests consented that Simon should be their prince, and high Priest perpetually, till God raised vp the true Prophet,

42 And that he should be their captaine and haue the charge of the Sanctuarie, and so set men ouer the workes, and ouer the Countrey, and ouer the weapons, and ouer the fortresses, and that shoulde make prouision for the holy things,

43 And that he should be obeied of euery man, and that all the writings in the country should be made in his name, and that he should be clothed in purple, and weare gold,

44 And that it should not be lawfull for any of the people, or Priests to breake any of these things, or to withstand his words, or to call any congregation in the country without him, to be clothed in purple, or weare a collar of gold:

45 And if any did contrary to these things, or brake any of them, hee should be punished.

46 So it pleased all the people to agree that it should be done to Simon according vnto these words.

47 Simon also accepted it, and was content to be the hie Priest, and the captaine, and the Prince of the Iewes and of the Priestes, and to be the chiefe of all.

48 And they commaunded to set vp this writing in tables of braſſe, and to fasten it to the wall that compassed the Sanctuary in an open place,

49 And that a copy of the same should be layd vp in the treasurie, that Simon and his sonnes might haue it.

CHAP. XV.

1 Antiochus maketh a couenant of friendship with Simon. 11 Tryphon is pursued. 15 The Romans write letters vnto Kings and nations in the defence of the Iewes. 29 Antiochus refusing the helpe that Simon sent him, breaketh his couenant.

MOreouer, King Antiochus the sonne of Demetrius sent letters from the yles of the sea, vnto Simon the priest, and prince of the Iewes, and to all the nation,

2 Conteining these words, ANTIOCHVS the King vnto Simon the great Priest, and to the nation of the Iewes, sendeth greeting.

3 For so much as certaine pestilent men haue vsurped the kingdome of our fathers, I and purposed to challenge the realme againe, and to restore it to the olde estate: wherefore I haue gathered a great hoste, and prepared ships of warre,

4 That I may go throow the countrey, and be auenged of them, which haue destroyed our countrey, and wasted many cities in the realme.

5 Now therefore I do confirme vnto thee all the liberties, whereof all the Kings my progenitors haue discharged thee, and all the payments, whereof they haue released thee.

6 And I giue thee leaue to coine money of thine owne stampe with in thy country,

7 And that Ierusalem and the Sanctuary be free, and that all the weapons that thou hast prepared, and the fortresses, which thou hast builded, and keepest in thine handes, shall be thine.

8 And all that is due vnto the King, and all that shall be due vnto the King, I forgiue it thee, from this time forth for euermore.

9 And when we haue obteined our kingdom, we will giue thee and thy nation, and the temple great honour, so that your honour shalbe knowen throwout the world.

10 ¶ In the hundreth, fourty & foure yeere, went Antiochus into his fathers land, and all the bandes came together vnto him, so that few were left with Tryphon. *Ioseph. Ant. 13. chap. 12.*

11 So the King Antiochus pursued him, but he fled and came to Dora, which lieth by the sea side.

12 For hee saw that troubles were toward him,

him, and that the army had forsaken him.

13 Then camped Antiochus against Dora with an hundreth and twenty thousand fighting men, and eight thousand horsemen.

14 So he compassed the citie about, and the ships came by the sea. Thus they pressed the city by lande, and by sea, insomuch that they suffered no man to go in nor out.

15 In the meane season came Numenius, and his company from Rome, having letters written vnto the kings and countries, wherein were contained these words,

16 LVCIVS the Consul of Rome vnto king Ptolemeus sendeth greeting.

17 The ambassadours of the Iewes are come vnto vs as our friendes and confederates from Simon the high Priest, and from the people of the Iewes, to renew friendship, and the bond of loue.

18 Who haue brought a shield of golde weighing a thousand pound.

19 Wherefore we thought it good to write vnto the kings and countreys, that they should not go about to hurt them, nor to fight against them, nor their cities, nor their countrey, neither to maintaine their enemies against them.

20 And we were content to receiue of them the shield.

21 If therefore there be any pestilent fellowes fled from their countrey vnto you, deliuer them vnto Simon the hie Priest, that he may punish them according to their owne law.

22 The same things were written to Demetrius the king, and to Attalus, and to Arathes, and to Arsaces,

23 And to all the countreys, as ‖ Samsamas, and to them of Sparta, and to ‖ Delus, and to ‖ Mindus, & to Sycion, and to Caria, and to Samos, and to Pamphylia, and to Lycia, and to Halicarnassus, and to Rhodus, and to Phaselis, and Cos, and to Sidon, and to Coytina, and to Guidon, and to Cyprus, and to Cyrene.

‖ Or, Sampsace.
‖ Or, Delo.
‖ Or Mido, or, Mydus.

24 And they sent a copy of them to Simon the high Priest.

25 ¶ So Antiochus the king camped against Dora the second time euer ready to take it, and made diuers engines of warre, and kept Tryphon in, that he could neither go in nor out.

26 Then Simon sent him two thousand chosen men to helpe him with siluer and golde, and much furniture.

27 Neuertheless, he would not receiue them, but brake all the Couenant, which he had made with him afore, and withdrewe himselfe from him,

28 And sent vnto him Athenobius one of his friends, to commune with him, saying, Ye withhold Ioppe, and Gazara, with the castle that is at Ierusalem, the city of my Realme,

29 Whose borders ye haue destroyed & done great hurt in the land, and haue the gouernment of many places of my kingdome.

30 Wherefore now deliuer the cities, which ye haue taken, with the tributes of the places, that ye haue rule ouer without the borders of Iudea,

31 Or else giue me for them fiue hundreth talents of siluer, and for the harme that ye haue done, and for the tributes of the places other fiue hundreth talents: if not, we will come, and fight against you.

32 So Athenobius the kings friende came to Ierusalem, and when he saw the honour of Simon, and the cupboord of golde and siluer plate, and so great preparation, he was astonished, and told him the kings message.

33 Then answered Simon, and sayde vnto him, We haue neither taken other mens landes, nor withholden that which appertaineth to others: but our fathers heritage, which our enemies had vniustly in possession a certaine time.

34 But when we had occasion, we recouered the inheritance of our fathers.

35 And whereas thou ‖ requirest Ioppe and Gazara, they did great harme to our people, and thorow our countrey, yet will we giue an hundreth talents for them. But Athenobius answered him not one word.

‖ Or, complainest concerning.

36 But turned againe angry vnto the King, and told him all these wordes, and the dignitie of Simon, with all that he had seene: and the king was very angry.

37 ¶ In the meane time fled Tryphon by ship vnto Orthosias.

38 Then the king made Cendebeus captaine of the sea coast, and gaue him bandes of footemen and horsemen,

39 And commanded him to remoue the hoste toward Iudea, and to builde vp Cedron, and to fortifie the gates, and to warre against the people: but the king pursued Tryphon.

40 So Cendebeus came vnto Iamnia, and began to vexe the people, and to inuade Iudea, and to take the people prisoners, & to slay them.

41 And he built vp Cedron, where he set horsemen and garisons, that they might make outrodes by the wayes of Iudea, as the king had commanded him.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Cendebeus the captaine of Antiochus hoste is put to flight by the sonnes of Simon. 11 Ptolemeus the sonne of Abubus killeth Simon & his two sonnes at a banket. 25 Iohn killeth them that be in wait for his life.

THey came Iohn vp from Gazara, & told Simon his father, what Cendebeus had done. *Ioseph. Ant. 13. chap. 12*

2 So Simeon called two of his eldest sonnes, Iudas and Iohn, and saide vnto them, I and my brethren, and my fathers house, haue euer from our youth vnto this day fought against the enemies of Israel, and the matters haue had good successe vnder our hands, and we haue deliuered Israel oftentimes.

3 But I am now olde, and yee by Gods mercy are of a sufficient age: bee ye therefore in stead of me, and my brother, & goe forth and fight for our nation, and the helpe of heauen be with you.

4 So he chose twenty thousand fighting men of the countrey with the horsemen, which went forth against Cendebeus, and rested at Modin.

5 In the morning they arose, and went into the plaine field: and behold, a mighty great hoste came against them both of footemen, and horsemen: but there was a riuer betwixt them.

6 And Iohn ranged his armie ouer against him, and when he saw that the people was afrayde to goe ouer the riuer, hee went ouer first himselfe, and the men seeing him, passed thorowe after him.

7 Then he deuided his men, and set the horse-

men in the mids of the footmen.

8 For their enemies horsemen were very many: but when they blew the trumpets, Cendebeus fled with his hoste, whereof many were slaine, and the remnant gate them to the fortresse.

9 Then was Judas Johns brother wounded: but John followed after them, till hee came to Cedron, which Cendebeus had built.

10 Also they fled vnto the towers, that were in the fields of Azotus, and those did Iohn burne with fire: thus were there slaine two thousande men of them: so he returned peaceably into the land of Juda.

11 ¶ Now in the fielde of Jericho was Ptolemeus the sonne of Abubus made captaine, and he had abundance of siluer and gold.

12 (For hee had married the daughter of the hie Priest)

13 Therefore hee waxed proude in his minde, and thought to rule the lande, & thought to slay Simon and his sonnes by deceit.

14 Now as Simon went about thorowe the cities of the countrey, and studied carefully for them, hee came downe to Jericho with Mattathias, and Judas his sonnes in the hundreth, seuentie and seuen yeere, in the eleuenth moneth, which is the moneth Sabat.

15 Then the sonne of Abubus receiued them by treason into a litle hold, called Dochus, which he had built, where he made the a great banket, and had his men there.

16 So when Simon & his sonnes had made good cheere, Ptolemeus stood vp with his men, and tooke their weapons, and entred in to Simon in the banket house, and slewe him with his two sonnes and certaine of his seruants.

17 Whereby hee committed a great villenie, and recompensed euill for good.

18 Then wrote Ptolemeus these things and sent to the king, that he might sende him an hoste to helpe him, and so would deliuer him the countrey with the cities.

19 He sent other men also vnto Gazara, to take John, & sent letters vnto the captaines to come to him, and he would giue them siluer, and golde, and rewards.

20 And to Jerusalem he sent other to take it, and the mountaine of the Temple.

21 But one ran before, and tolde John in Gazara, that his father, & his brethren were slaine, and that Ptolemeus had sent to slay him.

22 When hee heard this, hee was sore astonished, and layd handes on them that were come to slay him, and slew them: for hee knew that they went about to kill him.

23 Concerning other things of John, both of his warres, and of his noble acts (wherein he behaued himselfe manfully) of y building of wals which he made, and other of his deeds,

24 Beholde, they are written in the Chronicles of his Priesthood, from the time that he was made high Priest after his father.

¶ The second Booke of the Maccabees.

CHAP. I.

1 *An Epistle of the Iewes that dwelt at Ierusalem, sent vnto them that dwelt in Egypt, wherein they exhort them to giue thankes for the death of Antiochus.* 19 *Of the fire that was hidde in the pitte.* 24 *The prayer of Nemias.*

THE brethren the Iewes which be at Jerusalem, and they that are in the countrey of Judea, vnto the brethren the Iewes that are thorowout Egypt, sende salutation, and prosperitie.

2 God bee gracious vnto you, and remember his couenant made with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob his faithfull seruants,

3 And giue you all an heart to worship him, and to doe his will with a whole heart and with a willing minde,

4 And open your hearts in his Lawe & commandements, and send you peace,

5 And heare your prayers, and bee reconciled with you, & neuer forsake you in time of trouble.

6 Thus now we pray here for you.

7 When Demetrius reigned in the hundreth threescore and ninth yeere, we Iewes wrote vnto you in the trouble and violence that came vnto vs in those yeeres, after that Jason and his company departed out of the holy lande and kingdome,

8 And burnt the porch, & shed innocent blood. Then we prayed vnto the Lord, & were heard: we offered sacrifices and fine flour, and lighted the lampes, and set forth the bread.

9 Nowe therefore keepe yee the dayes of the feast of the tabernacles in the moneth Chasleu.

10 ¶ In the hundreth, fourescore and eight yeere, the people that was at Jerusalem, & in Judea, and the counsell, and Judas, vnto Aristobulus king Ptolemeus master, which is of the stocke of the anointed Priests, and to the Iewes that are in Egypt, sendeth greeting and health.

11 Inasmuch as God hath deliuered vs from great perils, we thanke him highly, as though we had ouercome the king.

12 For he brought them into Persia by heaps that fought against the holy citie.

13 For albeit the captaine and the army that was with him, seemed inuincible, yet they were slaine in the Temple of Nanea, by the deceite of Naneas priestes.

14 For Antiochus as though he would dwell with her, came thither, hee and his friends with him to receiue money vnder the title of a dowry.

15 But when the priests of Nanea had laid it foorth, and he was entred with a small company within the temple, they shut the temple, when Antiochus was come in.

16 And by opening a priuy doore of the vaut, they cast stones, as it were thunder, vpon the captaine and his, and hauing dzuiled them in pieces, they cut off their heads, and threw them to those that were without.

17 God be blessed in all things, which hath deliuered vp the wicked.

18 Whereas wee are nowe purposed to keepe the

the purification of the temple vpon the fine and twenty day of the moneth Chasleu, we thought it necessarie to certifie you thereof, that yee also might keepe the feast of the Tabernacles, and of the fire which was giuen vs when Neemias offred sacrifice, after that he had built the Temple, and the altar.

19 For when as our fathers were led away vnto Persia, the Priests, which tooke the * fire of the altar priuily, and hid it in a hollow pit, which was dry in the bottome, and therein they kept it, so that the place was vnknowen vnto euery man.

Leuit.6.13. and 10.2. and 16.12.

20 Nowe after many yeeres when it pleased God that Neemias should bee sent from the king of Persia, he sent of the posteritie of those Priests, which had hid it, to fetch the fire, and as they tolde vs, they found no fire, but thicke water.

21 Then commaunded hee them to drawe it vp, and to bring it: and when the things appertaining to the sacrifices were brought, Neemias commaunded the Priests to sprinkle the wood, and the things layde thereupon with water.

22 When this was done, and the time came that the Sunne shone, which afore was hid in the cloude, there was a great fire kindled, so that euery man maruelled.

23 Nowe the Priests, and all prayed, whyle the sacrifice was consuming: Jonathan began, and the other answered thereunto.

24 And the prayer of Neemias was after this maner, O Lorde, Lorde God maker of all things, which art fearefull and strong, and righteous, and mercifull, and the onely and gracious King,

25 Onely liberall, onely iust and Almightie and euerlasting, thou that deliuerest Israel from all trouble, and hast chosen the fathers, and sanctified them,

26 Receiue the sacrifice for the whole people of Israel, and preserue their owne portion, and sanctifie it.

27 Gather those together, that are scattered from vs: deliuer them that serue among the heathen: looke vpon them that are despised, and abhorred, that the heathen may know that thou art our God.

28 Punish them that oppresse vs, and with pride doe vs wrong.

29 Plant thy people againe in thine holy place, *as Moyses hath spoken.

Deut.30 5.

30 And the Priests sang Psalmes thereunto.

31 Nowe when the sacrifice was consumed, Neemias commaunded the great stones to bee sprinkled with the residue of the water.

32 Which when it was done, there was kindled a flame, which was consumed by the light, that shined from the altar.

33 So when this matter was knowen, it was tolde the king of Persia, that in the place where the Priestes, which were led away, had hid fire, there appeared water, wherewith Neemias and his company had purified the sacrifices.

34 The king tried out the thing, and closed the place about, and made it holy.

35 And to them that the king fauoured, hee gaue and bestowed many gifts.

36 And Neemias called the same place Ephthar, which is to say, purification: but many men call it Nephthar.

a That is to say, a shining, it is also called Nephi, or Nephthar, which is a cleansing.

CHAP. II.

1 How Ieremie hid the Tabernacle, the Arke and the Altar in the hill. 23 Of the fiue bookes of Jason contained in one.

IT is found also in the writtings of Jeremias the Prophet, that he commanded them, which were caried away, to take fire, as was declared, and as the Prophet commanded them that were led into captiuitie,

2 *Giuing them a law, that they should not forget the commandements of the Lorde, & that they should not erre in their mindes, when they sawe images of gold and siluer, with their ornaments.

Baruch.6.

3 These and such other things commanded he them, and exhorted them that they should not let the Law goe out of their hearts.

4 It is written also, how the Prophet, by an oracle that he had, charged them to take the Tabernacle and the Arke, and follow him: and when hee came vp into the mountaine where Moyses went vp, * and sawe the heritage of God,

Deut.34.1.

5 Jeremias went foorth, and found an hollow caue, wherein he layd the Tabernacle, and the Arke, & the altar of incense, and so stopped the doore.

6 And there came certaine of those that followed him, to marke the place: but they could not finde it.

7 Which when Jeremias perceiued, he reproued them, saying, As for that place, it shall be vnknowen, vntill the time that God gather his people together againe, and that mercie bee shewed.

8 Then shal the Lord shew them these things, and the maiestie of the Lorde shall appeare and the cloud also, as it was shewed vnder Moyses, and as * when Salomon desired, that the place might be honourably sanctified.

1.King 8. 14,23,30. 2.chro.6.21. 1.Kin. 8.62, 65. 2.chro.7. 4,5. Leuit.9.24. and 10.16. 2 Chro.7.1.

9 For it is manifest that hee, being a wise man, offered the * sacrifice of dedication, and consecration of the Temple.

10 * And as when Moyses prayed vnto the Lord, the fire came down from heauen, and consumed the sacrifice: so when Salomon prayed, * the fire came downe from heauen, and consumed the burnt offering.

11 And Moyses sayd, because the sinne offring was not eaten, therefore is it consumed.

12 So Salomon kept those eight dayes.

13 Those things also are declared in the writings and registers of ‖ Neemias, and how hee made a liburarie, and how he gathered the actes of the Kings, and the Prophets, and the actes of Dauid, and the epistles of the Kings concerning the holy gifts.

‖ Some reade Ieremie.

14 Euen so Judas also gathered all things that came to passe by the warres that were among vs, which things we haue.

15 Wherefore if yee haue need thereof, sende some to fetch them vnto you.

16 Whereas wee then are about to celebrate the purification, we haue written vnto you, and ye shall doe well, if ye kepe the same dayes.

17 Wee hope also that the God which deliuered all his people, and gaue an heritage to them all and the kingdome, and the Priesthood,

hood, and the Sanctuary,

Deut. 30, 5. 18 * As he promised in the Lawe, will shortly haue mercie vpon vs, and gather vs together from vnder the heauen into his holy place: for he hath saued vs from great perils, and hath cleansed the place.

19 As concerning Judas Maccabeus and his brethren, the purification of the great Temple, and the dedication of the altar,

20 And the warres against Antiochus Epiphanes and Eupator his sonne,

21 And the manifest signes that came from heauen vnto those which manfully stood for the Jewes religion: (for though they were but few, yet they ranne thorow whole countries, and pursued the barbarous armies,

22 And repayred the Temple that was renowned thorowout all the world, and deliuered the citie, and established the Lawes, that were like to bee abolished, because the Lord was mercifull vnto them with all lenitie)

23 All which shall I assay to abridge in one volume those things that Jason the Cyrenian hath declared in fiue bookes.

24 For considering the wonderfull number, and the difficultie that they haue that would be occupied in the rehearsall of stories, because of the diuersitie of the matters,

25 We haue endeuoured, that they that would reade, might haue pleasure, and that they which are studious, might easily keepe them in memorie, and that whosoeuer reade them, might haue profit.

26 Therefore to vs that haue taken in hand this great labour, it was no easie thing to make this abridgement, but required both sweat and watching.

27 Like as he that maketh a feast, and seeketh other mens commoditie, hath no small labour: so wee also for many mens sakes are very well content to vndertake this great labour.

28 Leauing to the author the exact diligence of euery particular, wee will labour to goe forward according to the prescript order of an abridgement.

29 For as hee that will build a newe house, must prouide for the whole building, but hee that setteth out the plat, or goeth about to paint it, seeketh but onely what is comely for the decking thereof:

30 Euen so I thinke for vs, that it appertaineth to the first writer of a storie to enter deeply into it, and to make mention of all things, and to be curious in euery part:

31 But it is permitted to him that will shorten it, to vse few words, and to auoid those things that are curious therein.

32 Here then will we begin the story, adding thus much to our former words, that it is but a foolish thing to abound in words before the storie, and to be short in the storie.

CHAP. III.

2 Of the honor done vnto the Temple by the kings of the Gentiles. 6 Simon vttereth what treasure is in the Temple. 7 Heliodorus is sent to take them away. 26 Hee is stricken of God, and healed at the prayer of Onias.

WHat time as the holy citie was inhabited with all peace, and when the lawes were very well kept, because of the godlines of Onias the high Priest, and hatred of wickednesse,

2 It came to passe that euen the Kings did honour the place, and garnished the Temple with great gifts.

3 In so much that Seleucus King of Asia of his owne rents, bare all the costes belonging to the seruice of the sacrifices.

4 But one Simon of the tribe of Beniamin being appointed ruler of the Temple, contended with the hie Priest concerning ‖ the iniquity committed in the citie. ‖ Or, the fame & prouision.

5 And when he could not ouercome Onias, hee gate him to Apollonius the sonne of Thraseas, which then was gouernour of Coelosyria, and Phenice,

6 And told him that the treasurie in Jerusalem was full of immunerable money, which did not belong to the prouision of the sacrifices, and that it were possible that their things might come into the Kings hands.

7 Now when Apollonius came to the King, and had shewed him of the money, as it was told him, the king chose out Heliodorus his treasurer, and sent him with a commaundement, to bring him the foresayd money.

8 Immediatly Heliodorus tooke his iourney as though he would visite the cuties of Coelosyria and Phenice, but in effect to fulfill the kings purpose.

9 So when he came to Jerusalem, and was courteously receiued of the hie Priest into the citie, hee declared what was determined concerning the money, and shewed the cause of his comming, and asked if these things were so in deed.

10 Then the hie Priest told him that there were such things layed vp by the widowes and fatherlesse.

11 And that a certaine of it belonged vnto Hircanus the sonne of Tobias a noble man, and not as that wicked Simon had reported, & that in all, there were but foure hundreth talents of siluer, and two hundreth of gold,

12 And that it were altogether impossible to do this wrong to them that had committed it of trust to the holinesse of the place and Temple, which is honoured through the whole world for holinesse and integrity.

13 But Heliodorus because of the Kings commandement giuen him, said that in any wise it must be brought into the kings treasurie.

14 So he appointed a day, & went in to take order for these things: then there was no small griefe throughout the whole citie.

15 For the Priests fell downe before the altar in the Priests garments, and called vnto heauen vpon him which had made a Lawe concerning things giuen to be kept, that they should be safely preserued for such as had committed them to be kept.

16 Then they that looked the hie Priest in the face, were wounded in their heart: for his countenance, and the changing of his colour declared the sorrow of his minde.

17 The man was so wrapped in feare and trembling of the body, that it was manifest to them that looked vpon him, what sorrow he had in his heart.

18 Others also came out of their houses by heapes vnto the common prayer, because the place was like to come vnto contempt.

19 And

19 And the women, girt with sackecloth vnder their breists, filled the streets, and the virgins that were kept in, raine some to the gates, and some to the walles, and others looked out of the windowes.

20 And all held vp their hands toward heauen, and made prayer.

21 It was a lamentable thing to see the multitude that fell downe of all sorts, and the expectation of the hie Priest being in such anguish.

22 Therefore they called vpon the Almighty Lord, that he would keepe safe & sure the things, which were layed vp for those that had deliuered them.

23 Neuertheleſſe, the thing that Heliodorus was determined to doe, that did he performe.

24 And as hee and his souldiers were now there present by the treasurie, he that is the Lord of the spirits, and of all power, shewed a great vision, so that all they which presumed to come with him, were astonished at the power of God, and fell into feare and trembling.

25 For there appeared vnto them an horse with a terrible man sitting vpon him, most richly barded, and he ran fiercely and smote at Heliodorus with his forefeete, and it seemed that hee that sate vpon the horse, had harneſſe of gold.

26 Moreouer, there appeared two yong men, notable in strength, excellent in beautie, & comely in apparel, which stood by him on either side, and scourged him continually, and gaue him many sore stripes.

27 And Heliodorus fell suddenly vnto the ground, and was couered with great darknesse: but they that were with him, tooke him vp, and put him in a litter.

28 Thus hee that came with so great company, & many souldiers into the said treasurie, was borne out: for hee could not helpe himselfe with his weapons.

29 So they did know the power of God manifestly, but hee was dumbe by the power of God, and lay destitute of all hope and health.

30 And they praised the Lord that had honoured his owne place: for the Temple which a little afore was full of feare and trouble, when the Almighty Lord appeared, was filled with ioy and gladneſſe.

31 Then straightway certaine of Heliodorus friends, prayed Onias, that he would call vpon the most High to grant him his life, which lay ready to giue vp the ghost.

32 So the high Priest, considering that the King might suspect that the Iewes had done Heliodorus some * euill, he offered a sacrifice for the health of the man.

33 Now when the high Priest had made his prayer, the same yong men in the same clothing appeared, and stood beside Heliodorus, saying, Giue Onias the high Priest great thankes: for, for his sake hath the Lord granted thee thy life:

34 And seeing that thou hast beene scourged from heauen, declare vnto all men the mightie power of God: and when they had spoken these words, they appeared no more.

35 So Heliodorus offered vnto the Lord sacrifice, and made vowes vnto him great vowes which had graunted him his life, and thanked Onias, and went againe with his hoste to the king.

36 Then testified hee vnto euery man of the great workes of God that he had seene with his eyes.

37 And when the king asked Heliodorus, who were meet to bee sent yet once againe to Ierusalem, he said,

38 If thou hast any enemy, or traitour, send him thither, & thou shalt receiue him well scourged, if hee escape with his life: for in that place, no doubt, there is a speciall power of God.

39 For hee that dwelleth in heauen hath his eye on that place, and defendeth it, and hee beateth and destroyeth them that come to hurt it.

40 This came to passe concerning Heliodorus, and the keeping of the treasurie.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Simon reporteth euill of Onias. 7 Iason obtaineth the office of the hie Priest by corrupting the King, 27 and was by Menelaus defrauded by like bribing. 34 Onias is slaine treacherously by Andronicus.

THis Simon now, of whom wee spake afore, being a bewrayer of the money, and of his owne naturall countrey, reported euill of Onias, as though he had moued Heliodorus vnto this, and bene inuenter of the euill.

2 Thus was hee bold to call him traitour, that was so beneficiall to the city, and a defender of his nation, and so zealous of the Lawes.

3 But when his malice increased so far, that through one that belonged to Simon, murders were committed,

4 Onias considering the danger of this contention, and that Apollonius, as hee that was the gouernour of Coelosyria and Phenice, did rage, and increase Simons malice,

5 Hee went to the King not as an accuser of the citizens, but as one that intended the common wealth both priuately and publikely.

6 For hee saw it was not possible, except the King tooke order, to quiet the matters, and that Simon would not leaue off his folly.

7 But after the death of Seleucus, when Antiochus called Epiphanes, tooke the kingdome, Iason the brother of Onias laboured by vnlawfull meanes to be high Priest.

8 For he came vnto the King, and promised him three hundreth and threescore talents of siluer, and of another rent fourescore talents.

9 Besides this he promised him an hundred and fiftie, if hee might haue licence to set vp a place for exercise, and a place for the youth, and that they would ‖ name them of Ierusalem, Antiochians.

10 The which thing when the king had granted, and he had granted the superiority, he began immediatly to draw his kinsmen to the customs of the Gentiles.

11 And abolished the friendly priuiledges of the kings, that the Iewes had set vp by Iohn the father of Eupolemus, which was sent ambassadour vnto Rome, to become friends and confederates: he put downe their lawes and policies, and brought vp new statutes, and contrary to the Law.

12 For he presumed to build a place of exercise vnder the castle, and brought the chiefe yong men vnder his subiection, and made them weare ‖ hats.

a In working some trecherie or sorcerie against him.

* Or, euill

‖ Or, that he would write the Antiochians that were at Ierusalem, among them.

‖ Or, huskins, in token of warre, as the Gentiles did.

13 So there beganne a great desire to follow the maners of the Gentiles, and they tooke vp the fashions of strange nations by the exceeding wickednesse of Iason, not the hie Priest, but the vngodly person,

14 So that the Priestes were now no more diligent about the seruice of the altar, but despised the Temple, and regarded not the sacrifices, but made haste to be partakers of the wicked expenses at the play, after the casting of the stone.

15 For they did not set by the honour of their fathers, but liked the glory of the Gentiles best of all.

16 By reason whereof great calamitie came vpon them: for they had them to be their enemies and punishers, whose custome they followed so earnestly, and desired to be like them in all things.

17 For it is not a light thing to transgresse against the Lawes of God, but the time following shall declare these things.

18 ¶ Now when the ‖ games that were vsed euery fift yeere, were played at Tyrus, the King being present,

19 This wicked Iason sent from Ierusalem men to looke vpon them, as though they had bene Antiochians, which brought three hundreth drachmes of siluer for a sacrifice to Hercules: albeit they that caried them, desired they might not bee bestowed on the sacrifice (because it was not comely) but to be bestowed for other expenses.

20 So hee that sent them, sent them for the sacrifice of Hercules: but because of those that brought them, they were giuen to the making of gallies.

21 ¶ Now Apollonius the sonne of Menestheus was sent into Egypt because of the coronation of King Ptolemeus Philometor: but when Antiochus perceiued that he was euill affectioned toward his affaires, he sought his own assurance, and departed from thence to Ioppe, and he came to Ierusalem.

22 There hee was honourably receiued of Iason, and of the citie, and was brought in with torchlight, and with great shoutings, and so hee went with his hoste into Phenice.

23 Three yeere afterward Iason sent Menelaus, the foresayd Simons brother, to beare the money vnto the King, and to bring to passe certaine necessary affaires, whereof hee had giuen him a memoriall.

24 But hee, being commended to the King, magnified him for the appearance of his power, and turned the Priesthood vnto himselfe: for he gaue three hundreth talents of siluer more then Iason.

25 So he gate the Kings ‖ letters patents, albeit he had nothing in himselfe worthy of the hie Priesthood, but bare the stomacke of a cruell tyrant, and the wrath of a wilde beast.

26 Then Iason, which had deceiued his owne brother, being deceiued by another, was compelled to flee into the country of the Ammonites.

27 So Menelaus gate the dominion: but as for the money that hee had promised vnto the King, he spake none other for it, albeit Sostratus the ruler of the castle required it.

28 For vnto him appertained the gathering of the customes: wherefore they were both called before the King.

29 Now Menelaus left his brother Lysimachus in his stead in the Priesthood, and Sostratus left Crates which was the gouernour of the Cyprians.

30 ¶ Whiles these things were in doing, the Tharsians, and they of Mallot made insurrection, because they were giuen to the Kings concubine called Antiochis.

31 Then came the kingin all haste, to appease the businesse, leauing Andronicus a man of authoritie to be his lieutenant.

32 Now Menelaus, supposing that hee had gotten a conuenient time, stole certaine vessels of golde out of the Temple, and gaue certaine of them to Andronicus: and some hee sold at Tyrus and in the cities thereby.

33 Which when Onias knew of a surete, hee reproued him, and withdrew himselfe into a Sanctuary by Daphne in Antiochia.

34 Wherefore Menelaus, taking Andronicus apart, prayed him to slay Onias: so when hee came to Onias, hee counselled him craftily, giuing him his right hand with an othe: (howbeit hee suspect him,) and perswaded him to come out of the Sanctuary) so hee slew him incontinently without any regard of righteousnesse.

35 For the which cause not onely the Iewes, but many other nations also were grieued, and tooke it heavily for the vnrighteous death of this man.

36 ¶ And when the King was come againe from the places about Cilicia, the Iewes that were in the citie, and certaine of the Greekes that abhorred the fact also, complained because Onias was slaine without cause.

37 Therefore Antiochus was sore in his minde, and he had compassion, and wept because of the modestie and great discretion of him that was dead.

38 Wherefore being kindled with anger, hee tooke away Andronicus garment of purple, and rent his clothes, and commaunded him to be led thorowout the citie, and in the same place where he had committed the wicked maiste against Onias, hee was slaine as a murtherer. Thus the Lord rewarded him his punishment, as hee had deserued.

39 ¶ Now when Lysimachus had done many wicked deedes in the citie through the counsell of Menelaus, and the fame was spread abroad, the multitude gathered them together against Lysimachus: for he had carried out now much vessell of gold.

40 And when the people arose, and were full of anger, Lysimachus armed about three thousand, and began to vse vnlawfull power, a certaine tyrant being their captaine, one that was no lesse decayed in wit then in age.

41 But when they vnderstood the purpose of Lysimachus, some gate stones, some great clubs, and some cast handfuls of ashes which lay by, vpon Lysimachus men, and eyther hurted them,

42 Whereby many of them were wounded, some were slaine, and all the other turned abacke: but the wicked Theefe himselfe they by the treasorie.

43 For these causes an accusation was laid against

a This game was to trie strength by casting a stone that had an hole in the mids, or a piece of mettall.

‖ Or, Olympian sports, which were games kept euery fift yeere.

‖ Or, commandements.

b That is, of them that measured the corne.

against Menelaus.

44 And when the king came to Tyrus, three men sent from the Senate pleaded the cause before him.

45 But Menelaus being now convinced, promised to Ptolemeus the son of Dorymenes much money, if he would perswade the king.

46 So Ptolemeus went to the king into a court, where as he was to coole himselfe, and turned the kings minde.

47 Insomuch that he discharged Menelaus from the accusations (notwithstanding hee was the cause of all mischiefe) and condemned those poore men to death, which if they had told their cause, yea, before the Scythians, they should have bene heard as innocent.

48 Thus were they soone punished unjustly, which followed upon the matter for the citie, and for the people, and for the holy vessels.

49 Wherefore they of Tyrus hated that wickednesse, and minister'd all things liberally for their burial.

50 And so through the covetousnesse of them that were in power, Menelaus remained in authority, increasing in malice, and declared himselfe a great traitor to the citizens.

CHAP. V.

1 Of the signes and tokens seene in Ierusalem. 6 Of the end & wickednes of Iason. 11 The pursuit of Antiochus against the Jewes. 15 The spoiling of the Temple. 27 Maccabeus fleeth into the wildernesse.

ABout the same time Antiochus undertooke his second voyage into Egypt.

2 And then were there seene throughout all the citie of Ierusalem fourty dayes long, horsemen running in the aire, with robes of Golde, and as bands of speare-men,

3 And as troupes of horsemen set in aray, incountering and coursing one against another with shaking of shields and multitude of darts, and drawing of swords and shooting of arrowes, and the glittering of the golden armour seene, and harnesse of all sorts.

4 Therefore every man praied, that those tokens might turne to good.

5 Now when there was gone foorth a false rumour, as though Antiochus had bene dead, Iason tooke at the least a thousand men, and came suddenly upon the city, and they that were upon the walles, being put backe, and the citie at length taken,

6 Menelaus fled into the castle, but Iason slew his owne citizens without mercie, not considering, that to have the aduantage against his kinsemen is greatest disaduantage, but thought that hee had gotten the victory of his enemies, and not of his owne nation.

7 Yet hee gate not the superiority, but at the last received shame for the reward of his treason, and went againe like a vagabond into the countrey of the Ammonites.

8 Finally he had this end of his wicked conuersation, that he was accused before Areta the king of the Arabians, and fled from citie to city, being pursued of every man, and hated as a forsaker of the Lawes, and was in abomination, as an enemy of his countrey and citizens, and was driuen into Egypt.

Or, from city to city

9 Thus he that had chased many out of their owne country, perished as a banished man, after that hee was gone to the Lacedemonians, thinking there to have gotten succour by reason of kinred.

10 And hee that had cast many out unburied, was thrown out himselfe, no man mourning for him, nor putting him in his graue: neither was hee partaker of his fathers sepulchre.

11 ¶ Now when these things that were done, were declared to the king, hee thought that Iudea would haue fallen from him: wherefore hee came with a furious minde out of Egypt, and tooke the citie by violence.

12 He commanded his men of warre also, that they should kill and not spare such as they met, and to slay such as went into their houses.

13 Thus was there a slaughter of yong men, and olde men, and a destruction of men and women and children, and virgins and infants were murthered:

14 So that within three dayes were slaine fourescore thousand, and fourtie thousand taken prisoners, and there was as many solde as were slaine.

15 Yet was hee not content with this, but durst goe into the most holy Temple of all the world, hauing Menelaus that traitour to the Lawes, and to his owne countrey to be his guid,

16 And with his wicked hands tooke the holy vessels, which other kings had given for the garnishing, glory, and honour of that place, and handled them with his wicked hands.

17 So hauty in his minde was Antiochus, that he considered not that God was not a little wroth for the sinnes of them that dwelt in the city, for the which such contempt came upon that place.

18 For if they had not bene wrapped in many sinnes, hee, alsoone as he had come, had suddenly bene punished, and put back from his presumption, as Heliodorus was, whom Seleucus the king sent to view the treasurie.

19 But God hath not chosen the nation for the places sake, but the place for the nations sake.

20 And therefore is the place become partaker of the peoples trouble, but afterward shall it bee partaker of the benefits of the Lord, and as it is now forsaken in the wrath of the Almighty, so when the great Lord shall be reconciled, it shall be set vp in great worship againe.

21 ¶ So when Antiochus had taken eighteene hundred talents out of the Temple, hee gate him to Antiochia in all haste, thinking in his pride to make men saile upon the drie lande, and to walke upon the sea: such an high mind had he.

22 But he left deputies to vexe the people: at Ierusalem Philip a Phrygian by birth, in maners more cruell then he that set him there:

23 And at Garizin Andronicus, and with them Menelaus, which was more grieuous to the citizens then the other, and was despitefull against the Iewes his citizens.

24 Hee sent also Apollonius a cruell prince, with an army of two and twenty thousand, whom he commanded to slay those that were toward mans age, and to sell the women, and the yonger sort.

25 So when he came to Ierusalem, hee fained

peace, and kept him still within the holy day of Sabbath: and then finding the Iewes keeping the feast, hee commanded his men to take their weapons.

26 And so hee slewe all them that were gone forth to the new, and running thorow the citie with his men armed, hee murthered a great number.

27 But Judas Maccabeus being as it were the tenth, fled into the wildernes, and lived there in the mountaines with his company among the beastes, and dwelling there, and eating grasse, lest they should be partakers of the filthinesse.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Iewes are compelled to leaue the Law of God.* 4 *The Temple is defiled.* 10 *The woman cruelly punished.* 28 *The grieuous paine of Eleazarus.*

NOt long after this, sent the King an old man of ‖ Athens, for to compel the Iewes to transgresse the lawes of the fathers, and not to be gouerned by the Law of God,

‖ Or, Antiochia.

2 And to defile the Temple that was at Ierusalem, and to call it the Temple of Iupiter Olympius, and that of Garizin, according as they did that dwelt at that place, Iupiter that keepeth hospitality.

3 This wicked gouernement was sore and grieuous vnto the people.

4 For the temple was full of dissolution, and gluttonie of the Gentiles, which dallied with harlots, and had to doe with women within the circuite of the holy places, and brought in such things as were not lawfull.

5 The altar also was full of such things, as were abominable and forbidden by the Law.

6 Neither was it lawfull to keepe the Sabbaths, nor to obserue their ancient feastes, nor plainely to confesse himselfe to be a Iew.

7 In the day of the Kings birth they were grieuously cõpelled perforce euery month to banket, & when the feast of Bacchus was kept, they were constrained to goe in the procession of Bacchus with garlands of Iuie.

8 Moreouer through the counsell of Ptolemeus, there went out a commandement vnto the next cities of the heathen against the Iewes, that the like customs, and ‖ banketing should bee kept.

‖ Or, eating of the flesh that was sacrificed.

9 And who so would not conforme themselues to the maners of the Gentiles, should bee put to death: then might a man haue seene the present miserie.

10 For there were two women brought forth that had circumcised their sonnes, whom when they had led round about the city (the babes hanging at their breasts) they cast them down headlong ouer the walles.

11 Some that were runne together into dennes to keepe the Sabbath day secretly, were discouered vnto Philip, and were burnt together, because that for the reuerence of the honourable day they were afraide to helpe themselues.

12 ¶ Now I beseech those which reade this booke, that they be not discouraged for these calamities, but that they iudge these afflictions not to be for destruction, but for a chastening of our nation.

13 For it is a token of his great goodnesse, not to suffer sinners long to continue, but straight wayes to punish them.

14 For the Lord doth not long wait for vs, as for other nations, whom he punisheth when they are come to the fulnesse of their sinnes.

15 But thus hee dealeth with vs, that our sinnes should not be heaped vp to the full, so that afterward he should punish vs.

16 And therefore hee neuer withdraweth his mercie from vs: and though hee punish with aduersitie, yet doth he neuer forsake his people.

17 But let this be spoken now for a warning vnto vs: and now will we come to the declaring of the matter in few words.

18 ¶ Eleazar then one of the principall scribes, an aged man, & of a well fauoured countenance was constrained to open his mouth, and to eate swines flesh.

19 But hee desiring rather to die gloriously then to liue with hatred, offered himselfe willingly to the torment, and spit it out:

20 As they ought to goe to death which suffer punishment for such things, as it is not lawfull to taste of the delice to liue.

21 But they that had the charge of this wicked banket, for the olde friendship of the man, tooke him aside priuily, and prayed him that hee would taste such flesh, as was lawfull for him to vse, and as hee would prepare for himselfe, and dissemble as though he had eaten of the things appointed by the King, euen the flesh of the sacrifice,

22 That in so doing hee might bee deliuered from death, and that for the olde friendship that was among them, he would receiue this fauour.

23 But he began to consider discreetly, and as became his age, and the excellencie of his ancient yeeres, and the honour of his gray hayres, whereunto he was come, and his most honest conuersation from his childhoode, but chiefly the holy Law made and giuen by God: therefore hee answered consequently, and willed them straightwayes to send him to the graue.

24 For it becommeth not our age, said he, to dissemble, whereby many yong persons might thinke that Eleazar being fourescore yeeres olde and ten, were now gone to ‖ another religion.

‖ Or, to another maner of life.

25 And so through mine hypocrisie (for a little time of a transitory life) they might bee deceiued by me, and I should procure malediction, and reproch to mine olde age.

26 For though I were now deliuered from tormẽts of men, yet could I not escape the hand of the Almightie, neither aliue nor dead.

27 Wherefore I will now change this life manfully, and will shewe my selfe such as mine age requireth,

28 And so wilt leaue a notable example for such as bee young to die willingly, and courageously for the honourable and holy Lawes. And when he had sayd these words, immediatly hee went to torment:

29 Now they that led him, changed the loue which they bare him before, into hatred, because of the words that he had spoken: for they thought it had bene a rage.

30 And as he was ready to giue the ghost because of the strokes, hee sighed and sayd, The Lord that hath the holy knowledge, knoweth manifestly, that whereas I might haue beene deliuered from death, I am scourged, and suffer

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shall lose peices of my body, but in my minde I suffer them also for his religion.

31 Even now after this manner ended he his life, leaning his death for an example of a noble courage, and a memoriall of vertue, not only vnto young men, but vnto all his nation.

CHAP. VII.

The punishment of the seuen brethren and of their mother.

1 ¶ It came to passe also that seuen brethren, with their mother, were taken to bee compelled by the king against the Law to taste swines flesh, and were tormented with scourges and whips.

2 But one of them which spake first, sayde thus, What lookest thou? and what wouldest thou know of vs? wee are ready to die rather then to transgresse the lawes of our fathers.

3 Then was the king angry, and commanded to heate pans and caldrons, which were incontinently made hote.

4 And he commanded the tongue of him that spake first, to be cut out, and to slay him, and to cut off the vtmost parts of his body in the sight of his other brethren and his mother.

5 Now when hee was thus mangled in all his members, he commanded him to be brought aliue to the fire and to fry him in the panne: and while the smoke for a long time smoked out of the pan, the other brethren with their mother exhorted one another to die courageously, saying in this manner,

6 The Lord God doeth regard vs, & in deed taketh pleasure in vs, as Moyses * declared in the long warrein hee testified openly, saying, That God will take pleasure in his seruants. Deut. 32. 36.

7 ¶ So when the first was dead after this maner, they brought the second to make him a mocking stocke: and when they had pulled the skinne with the haire ouer his head, they asked him if hee would eate, ar he were punished in all the members of the body.

8 But hee answered in his owne language, and sayd, No. Wherefore hee was tormented forthwith like the first.

9 And when hee was at the last breath, hee sayd, Thou murtherer takest this present life from vs, but the King of the world will rayse vs vp, which die for his Lawes, in the resurrection of euerlasting life.

10 ¶ After him was the third had in derision, and when they demaunded his tongue, hee put it out incontinently, and stretched forth his hands boldly,

11 And spake manfully, These haue I had from the heauen, but now for the Law of God I dispise them, and trust that I shall receiue them of him againe.

12 Insomuch that the King and they which were with him, marueiled at the young mans courage, as at one that nothing regarded the paines.

13 ¶ Now when he was dead also, they vexed and tormented the fourth in like maner.

14 And when hee was now ready to die, hee sayd thus, It is better that wee should change this which we might hope for of men, and waite for our hope from God, that wee may be raised vp againe by him: as for thee, thou shalt haue no resurrection to life.

15 ¶ Afterward they brought the fift also and tormented him,

16 Who looked vpon the King, and sayde, Thou hast power among men, and though thou be a mortall man, thou doest what thou wilt: but thinke not that God hath forsaken our nation.

17 But abide a while, and thou shalt see his great power, how he will torment thee and thy seede.

18 After him also they brought the first, who being at the point of death, said, Deceiue not thy selfe foolishly: for wee suffer these things, which are worthy to be wondred at for our owne sakes, because we haue offended our God.

19 But thinke not thou, which vndertakest to fight against God, that thou shalt bee vnpunished.

20 But the mother was marueilous aboue all other, and worthy of honourable memorie: for when she saw her seuen sonnes slaine within the space of one day, she suffered it with a good will, because of the hope that she had in the Lord.

21 Yea, she exhorted euery one of them in her owne language, and being full of courage and wilesome, stirred vp her womanly affections, with a manly stomacke, and sayd vnto them,

22 I cannot tell howe yee came into my wombe: for I neither gaue you breath nor life: it is not I that set in order the members of your body,

23 But doubtlesse the Creator of the worlde, which formed the birth of man, and found out the beginning of all things, will also of his owne mercy giue you breath, and life againe, as yee now regard not your owne selues, for his lawes sake.

24 Now Antiochus thinking himselfe despised, and considering the iniurious wordes, while the youngest was yet aliue, he did exhort him not only with wordes, but sware also vnto him by an othe that he would make him rich and wealthy, if he would forsake the lawes of his fathers, and that hee would take him as a friend, & giue him offices.

25 But when the young man would in no case hearken vnto him, the King called his mother, and exhorted that shee would counsell the young man to saue his life.

26 And when he had exhorted her with many words, she promised him that she would counsell her sonne.

27 So shee turned her vnto him, laughing the cruel tyrant to scorne, and spake in her owne language, O my sonne, haue pitie vpon mee, that bare thee nine moneths in my wombe, and gaue thee sucke three yeeres, and nourished thee, and tooke care for thee vnto this age, & brought thee vp.

28 I beseech thee, my sonne, looke vpon the heauen and the earth, and all that is therein, and consider that God made them of things that were not, and so was mankinde made likewise.

29 Feare not this hangman, but shew thy selfe worthy such brethren by suffering death, that I may receiue thee in mercie with thy brethren.

30 Whilst she was yet speaking these words, the young man sayd, Whom waite ye for? I will not obey the Kings commandement: but I will obey the commaundement of the Law that was giuen vnto our fathers by Moyses.

31 And

31 And thou that imagineſt all miſchiefe againſt the Hebrewes, ſhalt not eſcape the hands of God.

32 For we ſuffer theſe things becauſe of our ſinnes.

33 But though the liuing Lord be angry with vs a litle while for our chaſtening and correction, yet will he be reconciled with his owne ſeruants.

34 But thou, O man without religion and moſt wicked of all men, lift not thy ſelfe vp in vaine, which act puffed vp with vncertaine hope, and liftest thine hands againſt the ſeruants of God.

35 For thou haſt not yet eſcaped the iudgement of Almighty God, which ſeeth all things.

36 My brethren that haue ſuffered a litle paine, are now vnder the diuine Couenant of euerlaſting life: but thou through the iudgement of God, ſhalt ſuffer iuſt punishments for thy pride.

37 Therefore I, as my brethren haue done, offer my body and life for the Lawes of our fathers, beſeeching God, that he wil ſoone be mercifull vnto our nation, and that thou by torment and punishment mayeſt confeſſe, that he is the onely God,

38 And that in me and my brethren the wrath of the Almighty, which is righteouſly fallen vpon all our nation, may ceaſe.

39 Then the king being kindled with anger, raged more cruelly againſt him then the others, and tooke it grieuously that he was mocked.

40 So he alſo died holily, and put his whole truſt in the Lord.

41 Laſt of all after the ſonnes, was the mother put to death.

42 Let this now bee ynough ſpoken concerning the bankets, and extreme cruelties.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Iudas gathereth together his hoſte. 9 Nicanor is ſent againſt Iudas. 16 Iudas exhorteth his ſouldiers to conſtancie. 20 Nicanor is ouercome. 27 The Iewes giue thanks, after they haue put their enemies to flight, deuiding part of the ſpoiles vnto the fatherleſſe & vnto the widowes. 30 Timotheus and Bacchides are diſcomfited. 35 Nicanor fleeth vnto Amiochus.

THen Iudas Maccabeus, and they that were with him, went priuily into the townes, and called their kinſefolkes and friendes together, and tooke vnto them all ſuch as continued in the Iewes religion: and aſſembled fiue thouſand men.

2 So they called vpon the Lorde, that he would haue an eye vnto his people, which was vexed of euery man, and haue pitie vpon the Temple that was defiled by wicked men,

3 And that he would haue compaſſion vpon the citie that was deſtroyed, and almoſt brought to the ground, and that he would heare the voice of the blood that cryed vnto him,

4 And that he would remember the wicked ſlaughter of the innocent children, and the blaſphemies committed againſt his Name, and that he would ſhew his hatred againſt the wicked.

5 Now when Maccabeus had gathered this multitude, he could not be withſtood by the heathen: for the wrath of the Lord was turned into mercy.

6 Therefore he came vnawares and burnt vp the townes and cities: yea he tooke the moſt conuenient places, and put many of the enemies to flight,

7 But eſpecially he vſed the nights to make ſuch aſſaults, in ſo much that the fame of his manlineſſe was ſpread euery where.

8 ¶ So when Philippus ſaw that this man increaſed by litle and litle, and that things proſpered with him for the moſt part, hee wrote vnto Ptolemeus the gouernour of Cœleſyria and Phœnice to helpe him for the kings affaires.

9 Then ſent he haſtily Nicanor the Captaine of Parroclus a Theſſalian friend of his, and gaue him of all nations of the heathen no leſſe then twenty thouſand men, to roote out the whole generation of the Iewes, and ioyned with him Gorgias a captaine, which in matters of warre had great experience.

10 Moreouer ordained he a tribute to the king of two thouſand talents, which the Romanes ſhould haue, to be taken of the Iewes that were taken priſoners.

11 Therefore immediatly he ſent to the cities on the ſea coaſt, prouoking them to buy Iewes to be their ſeruants, promiſing to ſell fourſcore and ten for one talent: but he conſidered not the vengeance of Almighty God, that ſhould come vpon him.

12 When Iudas then knewe of Nicanors comming, he ſolde them that were with him, of the comming of the armie.

13 Now were there ſome of them fearefull, which truſted not vnto the righteouſnes of God, but fled away, and abode not in that place.

14 But the other ſolde all that they had left, and beſought the Lord together to deliuer them from that wicked Nicanor, which had ſolde them, or euer he came neere them.

15 And though he would not doe it for their ſakes, yet for the couenant made with their fathers, and becauſe they called vpon his holy and glorious Name.

16 And ſo Maccabeus called his men together, about fiue thouſand, exhorting them not to bee afraide of their enemies, neither to feare the great multitude of the Gentiles, which came againſt them vnrighteouſly, but to fight manly,

17 Setting before their eyes the iniury that they had vniuſtly done to the holy place, and the cruelty done to the city by deriſion, and the deſtruction of the orders eſtabliſhed by their fathers.

18 For they, ſaid hee, truſt in their weapons and boldenes: but our confidence is in the Almighty God, which at a becks can both deſtroy them that come againſt vs, and all the world.

19 Moreouer, hee admoniſhed them of the helpe that God ſhewed vnto their fathers, as when there periſhed an hundreth and fourtiſcore and fiue thouſand vnder Sennacherib.

20 And of the battell that they had in Babylon againſt the Galatians, how they came in all to the battell eight thouſand, with fiue thouſand Macedonians; and when the Macedonians were aſtoniſhed, the eight thouſand ſlew an hundreth and twenty thouſand through the helpe that was giuen them from heauen, whereby they had receiued many benefites.

21 Thus when hee had made them bold with theſe wordes, and ready to die for the lawes and

2 *King.* 19. 35. *Iſa.* 37. 36. *tob.* 1. 18. *eccluſ.* 48. 22. 1. *mac.* 7. 41. ‖ *Some reade* ſixe thouſand.

and the country, he diuided his army into foure parts.

22 And ouer his seuerall companies he appointed captaines ouer the army, to wit, Simon, and Joseph, and Jonathan, Galilee, and one thousand hundred men.

23 And when Eleazarus had read the holy booke, and giuen them a token of the helpe of God, Lucias ouer the first company, began with Ptolemee.

24 And because they trusted greatly vnto them, they slew twenty thousand and more: And wounded and maimed the more part of Ptolemees host, and so put all to flight.

25 Also they took the money from those that came to buy them, and pursued them farre: but lacking wise, they returned.

26 For it was the day before the Sabbath, and therefore they would no longer pursue them.

27 So they tooke their weapons, and spoyled the enemies, & kept the Sabbath, giuing thanks, and praysing the Lord wonderfully, which had deliuered them that day, and powred vpon them the beginning of his mercy.

28 And after the Sabbath, they distributed the spoyles to the sicke, and to the fatherlesse, and to the widowes, and diuided the residue among themselues and their children.

29 When this was done, and they all had made a generall praier, they beseeched the merciful Lord to be reconciled at the length with his seruants.

30 Afterward with our enemies they fell vpon Timotheus and Bacchides, and slew aboue twenty thousand, and wan high & strong holdes, and diuided great spoyles, making an equall portion vnto the sicke, and to the fatherlesse, and to the widowes, and to aged persons also.

31 Moreouer, they gathered their weapons together, and layd them vp diligently in conuenient places, and brought the remnant of the spoyles to Jerusalem.

32 They slew also Philarches a most wicked person which was with Timotheus, and had vexed the Iewes many wayes.

33 And when they kept the feast of Victorie in their countrey, they burnt Callisthenes that had set fire vpon the holy gates, which was fled into a little house: to be rewarded a reward meet for his wickednes.

34 And that most wicked Nicanor, which had brought a thousand merchants to buy the Iewes.

35 Who through the helpe of the Lord brought downe of them whom he thought as nothing, insomuch that he put off his glorious rayment, and fled purposely through the countrey like a fugitiue seruant, and came alone to Antiochia, with great dishonour through the destruction of his host.

36 Thus he that promised to pay tribute to the Romanes, by meanes of the prisoners of Jerusalem, thought scornes, that the Iewes had a defender, and for this cause none could hurt the Iewes, because they followed the Lawes appointed by him.

Num. 31. 17
1. sam. 30. 24.

Or, God their defender.

CHAP. IX.

1 Antiochus vanishing in Perse, persecuteth it not to flight. 5 By the persecuting the Iewes, he is stricken of the Lord. 12 The feined repentance of Antiochus. 28 He dieth miserably.

AT the same time came Antiochus againe with dishonour, out of the country of Persia.

2 For when he came to Persepolis, and went about to robbe the Temple, and to subdue the city, the people ran in a rage to defend themselues with their weapons, and put them to flight, and Antiochus was put to flight by the inhabitants, and returned with shame.

3 Now when he came to Ecbatane, he vnderstood the things that had come vnto Nicanor and Timotheus.

4 And then being chafed in his mine, he thought to impute to the Iewes their fault, which had put him to flight, and therefore commanded his charetmen to driue continually, and to dispatch the iourney: for Gods iudgement compelled him: for he had said thus in his pride, I will make Jerusalem a common burying place of the Iewes, when I come thither.

5 But the Lord Almighty, and God of Israel, smote him with an incurable and inuisible plague: for assoone as hee had spoken these words, a paine of the bowels that was remediless came vpon him, and sore torments of the inner parts,

6 And that most iustly: for he had tormented other mens bowels with diuers and strange torments.

7 Howbeit he would in no wise cease from his arrogancie, but swelled the more with pride, breathing out fire in his rage against the Iewes, and commaunded to haste the iourney: but it came to passe that he fell downe from the charet that ranne swiftly, so that all the members of his body were bruised with the great fall.

8 And thus he that a little afore thought he might commaund the floods of the Sea (so proud was he beyond the condition of man) and to weigh the high mountaines in the balance, was now cast on the ground, and caried in an horselitter, declaring vnto all the manifest power of God.

9 So that the wormes came out of the body of this wicked man in abundance: & whiles he was aliue, his flesh fell off for paine and torment: and all his armie was grieued at his smell.

Acts 12. 23.

10 Thus no man could beare because of his stincke, him that a little afore thought he might reach to the starres of heauen.

Or, vnmercifull.

11 Then he began to leaue off his great pride, and selfe-will when he was plagued, and came to the knowledge of himselfe by the scourge of God, and by his paine which increased euery moment.

12 And when he himselfe might not abide his owne stincke, he said these words, It is meete to be subiect vnto God, and that a man which is mortall, should not thinke himselfe equall vnto God through pride.

13 This wicked person prayed also vnto the Lorde, who would now haue no mercie on him,

14 And said thus, that he would set at liberty the holy city vnto the which he made haste to destroy it, and to make it a burying place.

15 And as touching the Iewes (whom he had iudged not worthy to bee buryed, but would haue cast them out with their chil-

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dren to be deuoured of the fowles & wilde beasts hee would make them all like the citizens of Athens.

16 And whereas he had spoiled the holy Temple afore, hee would garnish it with great gifts, and increase the holy vessels, and of his reuenewes beare the charges belonging to the sacrifices.

17 Yea, and that he would also become a Iew himselfe, and goe thorow all the world that was inhabited, and preach the power of God.

18 But for all this his pains would not cease, for the iust iudgement of God was come vpon him: therefore despairing of his health he wrote vnto the Iewes this letter vnder written, conteining the forme of a supplication.

19 ¶ THE KING, and prince Antiochus vnto the Iewes his louing citizens, wisheth much ioy, and health and prosperitie.

20 If yee and your children fare well, and it all things goe after your minde, I giue great thanks vnto God hauing hope in the heauen.

21 Though I lie sicke, yet am I mindfull of your honour, and good will for the loue I beare you: therefore when I returned from the countrey of Persia, & fell into a sore disease, I thought it necessary to care for the common safety of all,

22 Not distrusting mine health, but hauing great hope to escape this sickenesse.

23 Therefore considering that when my father led an hoste against the high countreys, he appointed who should succeed him:

24 That if any controuersie happened contrary to his expectation, or if that any tidings were brought that were grieuous, they in the land might knowe to whom the affaires were committed, that they should not be troubled.

25 Againe, when I ponder how that the gouernours, that are borderers and neighbours vnto my kingdome, waite for all occasions, and looke but for opportunitie, I haue ordeined that my sonne Antiochus shall be King, whom I oft commended and committed to many of you, when I went into the high prouinces, and haue written vnto him as followeth hereafter.

26 Therefore, I pray you, and require you to remember the benefites that I haue done vnto you generally, and particularly, and that euery man will be faithfull to me and to my sonne.

27 For I trust that he will be gentle and louing vnto you according vnto my mind.

28 ¶ Thus the murtherer and blasphemer suffered most grieuously, and as he had intreated other men, so hee died a miserable death in a strange countrey among the mountaines.

29 And Philip that was brought vp with him, carried away his bodie, who fearing the sonne of Antiochus, went into Egypt to Ptolemeus Philometor.

CHAP. X.

1 Iudas Maccabeus taketh the citie and the Temple. 10 The acts of Eupator. 16 The Iewes fight against the Idumeans. 24 Timotheus inuadeth Iudea, with whom Iudas ioyneth battell. 29 Fiue men appeare in the aire to the helpe of the Iewes. 37 Timotheus is slaine.

MAccabeus nowe and his company, through the helpe of the Lord, wanne the Temple and the citie again.

2 And beate downe the altars & chappels that the heathen had builded in the open places.

3 And cleansed the Temple, and made another altar, and striking stones, and tooke fire of them, and offred sacrifices, & incense, and set reeres, and lightes vpon the altar, which gaue light in the Temple.

4 And when that was done, they fell prostrate vpon the ground, and prayed that the Lord, that they might neuer fall into such troubles againe, but if they sinned any more against him, that he himselfe would chasten them with mercy, and that they might not be deliuered to the blasphemous, and barbarous nations.

5 Now vpon the same day, that the strangers polluted the temple, on the very same day it was cleansed againe, euen the fine and twentieth day of the same moneth which is Chaslen.

6 They kept eight dayes with gladnesse as in the feast of the Tabernacles, remembring, that not long afore they held the feast of the Tabernacles when they lived in the mountaines and dennes like beasts.

7 And for the same cause they bare greene boughes, and faire branches of palmes, and sang Psalmes vnto him that had giuen them good successe in cleansing his place.

8 They ordeined also by a common statute and decree, that euery yeere those dayes should be kept of the whole nation of the Iewes.

9 And this was the end of Antiochus called Epiphanes.

10 ¶ Now will we declare the acts of Antiochus Eupator, which was the sonne of this wicked man, gathering briefly the calamities of the warres that followed.

11 For when he had taken the kingdome, he made one Lysias, which had been captaine of the hoste in Phenice, and Coelosyria, ruler ouer the affaires of the Realmes.

12 For Ptolomeus first was called Macron, purposed to doe iustice vnto the Iewes for the wrong that had been done vnto them, and went about to behaue himselfe peaceably with them.

13 For the which cause, he was accused of his friends before Eupator, and was called oft times traitour, because he had left Cyprus that Philometor had committed vnto him, and came to Antiochus Epiphanes: therefore seeing that he was no more in estimation, he was discouraged, and poisoned himselfe, and died.

14 ¶ But when Gorgias was gouernour of the same place, he entertained strangers, and made warre oft times against the Iewes.

15 Moreouer, the Idumeans that held the strong holds which were meete for their purpose, troubled the Iewes, and by receiuing them that were driuen from Ierusalem, tooke in hand to continue warre.

16 Then they that were with Maccabeus, made prayers, and besought God that he would be their helper, and so they fell vpon the strong holds of the Idumeans,

17 And assaulted them lore, that they wanne the places, and slew all that fought against them on the wall, and killed all that they met with, and slew no lesse then twenty thousand.

18 And because certaine (which were no lesse then

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the nine thousand) were fled into two strong castles, having all maner of things conuenient to sustaine the siege,

19 Maccabeus left Simon, and Joseph, and Zaccheus also, and those that were with them, which were enow to besiege them, and departed to those places which were maist necessary.

20 Now they that were with Simon, being led with couetousnesse, were intreated for money (though certain of those that were in the castle) and tooke seuenty thousand a drachmes and let some of them escape.

a A drachme is the eight part of an ounce, which is about three pence.

21 But when it was told Maccabeus what was done, he called the gouernours of the people together, and accused those men, that they had solde their brethren for money, and let their enemies goe.

22 So he slewe them when they were conuict of treason, and immediately wanne the two castles:

23 And hauing good successe, as in all the warres that he tooke in hand, he slew in the two castles moe then twenty thousand.

24 Now Timotheus whom the Iewes had ouercome afore, gathered an armie of strangers of all sorts, and brought a great troupe of horsemen out of Asia, to winne Iewrie by strength.

25 But when he drew neere, Maccabeus, and they that were with him, turned to pray vnto God, and sprinkled earth vpon their heads, and girded their reines with sackecloth.

26 And fell downe at the foote of the altar, and besought the Lord to bee mercifull to them, and to be an enemie to their enemies, and to be an aduersary to their aduersaries, * as the law declareth.

Exod. 23. 20. deut. 20. 4.

27 So after the prayer they tooke their weapons, and went on further from the citie, and when they came neere to the enemies, they tooke breede to themselues.

28 And when the morning appeared, they both ioyned together: the one part had the Lord for their refuge, and pledge of prosperitie, and noble victorie, and the other tooke courage as a guide of their warre.

29 But when the battell waxed strong, there appeared vnto the enemies from heauen fiue comely men vpon horses with bridles of golde, and two of them led the Iewes,

30 And tooke Maccabeus betwixt them, and couered him on euery side with their weapons, and kept him safe, but shot darts and lightnings against the enemies, so that they were confounded with blindnesse, and beaten downe and full of trouble.

31 There were slaine of foote men twentie thousand and fiue hundred, and fiue hundred horsemen.

32 As for Timotheus himselfe, hee fled vnto Gazara, which was called a very strong holde, wherein Chereas was captaine.

33 But Maccabeus and his company layde siege against the fortresses with courage for foure dayes.

34 And they that were within, trusting to the height of the place, blasphemed exceedingly, and spake horrible words.

35 Neuertheless, vpon the ‖ fifth day in the morning, twentie yong men of Maccabeus company, whose hearts were enflamed, because of the blasphemies, came vnto the wal, and with bold stomacks smote downe those that they met.

‖ Or, the fiue and twentieth day.

36 Others also that climed vp vpon the engines of warre against them that were within, set fire vpon the towers, and burnt those blasphemers quicke with the fires that they had made, and others brake vp the gates, and receiued the rest of the armie, and tooke the citie.

37 And hauing found Timothrus, that was crept into a caue, they killed him, and Chereas his brother Apollophanes.

38 When this was done, they prayed the Lord with Psalmes and thankesgiuing, which had done so great things for Israel, and giuen them the victorie.

CHAP. XI.

1 Lysias goeth about to ouercome the Iewes. 8 Succour is sent from heauen vnto the Iewes. 16 The letter of Lysias vnto the Iewes. 20 The Liter of king Antiochus vnto Lysias. 27 A letter of the same vnto the Iewes. 34 A letter of the Romanes to the Iewes.

VEry shortly after this, Lysias the Kings steward, and a kinsman of his, which had the gouernance of the affaires, tooke sore displeasure for the things that were done.

2 And when he had gathered about fourescore thousand, and all the horsemen, he came against the Iewes, thinking to make the citie an habitation of the Gentiles.

3 And the Temple would he haue to get money by, like the other temples of the heathen: for he would sell the Priests office euery yere.

4 And thus being puffed vp in his minde, because of the great number of footemen, and thousands of horsemen, and in his fourescore Elephants,

5 He came into Iudea, and drew neere to Beth-sura, which was a castle of defence, fiue a furlongs from Jerusalem, and layed sore siege vnto it.

a Whereof eight make a mile.

6 But when Maccabeus and his company knewe that hee belleged the holds, they, and all the people made prayers with weeping, & teares before the Lord, that hee would send a good Angel to deliuer Israel.

7 And Maccabeus himselfe first of all tooke weapons, exhorting the other that they would leopard themselues together with him to helpe their brethren: so they went forth together with a courageous mind.

8 And as they were there besides Jerusalem, there appeared before them vpon horseback a man in white clothing, shaking his harnesse of gold.

9 Then they prayed the mercifull God all together, and tooke heart, insomuch that they were ready, not only to fight with men, but with the most cruel beasts, and to breake downe wals of yron.

10 Thus they marched forward in aray, hauing an helper from heauen: for the Lord was mercifull vnto them.

11 And running vpon their enemies like lions, they slewe eleuen thousand footmen, and sixteene hundreth horsemen, and put all the other to flight.

12 Many of them also being wounded, escaped naked, & Lysias himselfe fled away shamefully,

fully, and so escaped.

13 Who as he was a man of vnderstanding, considering what losse he had had, and knowing that the Hebrewes could not bee ouercome because the Almightie God helped them, sent vnto them,

14 And promised that he would consent to all things which were reasonable, and perswade the king to be their friend.

15 Maccabeus agreed to Lysias requestes, hauing respect in all thinges to the common wealth, and whatsoeuer Maccabeus wrote vnto Lysias concerning the Iewes, the King granted it.

16 For there were letters written vnto the Iewes from Lysias containing these wordes, LYSIAS vnto the people of the Iewes sendeth greeting,

17 Iohn and ‖ Abeallom, which were sent from you, deliuered me the things that you demand by writing, and required me to fulfill the things that they had declared.

‖ Or, Absalon, or Absalom.

18 Therefore what things soeuer were meet to bee reported to the king himselfe, I haue declared them, and he granted that that was possible.

19 Therefore if ye behaue your selues as friends toward his affaires, hereafter also I will endeuour my selfe to doe you good.

20 As concerning these things, I haue giuen commandement to these men, & to those whom I sent vnto you, to commune with you of the same particularly.

21 Fare ye well, the hundred and eight and fortie yeere, the foure and twentieth day of the moneth Dioscorinthius.

22 ¶ Now the Kings letter conteined these words, KING ANTIOCHVS vnto his brother Lysias sendeth greeting.

23 Since our father is translated vnto the gods, our will is, that they which are in our Realme, liue quietly, that euery man may applie his owne affaires.

24 We vnderstand also that the Iewes would not consent to our father, for to be brought vnto the customs of the Gentiles, but would keepe their owne maner of liuing: for the which cause they require of vs, that we would suffer them to liue after their owne lawes.

25 Wherefore our minde is that this nation shall bee in rest, and haue determined to restore them their Temple, that they may be gouerned according to the customs of their fathers.

26 Thou shalt doe well therefore to send vnto them, and grant them peace, that when they are certified of our minde, they may bee of good comfort, and cheerefully goe about their owne affaires.

27 And this was the Kings letter vnto the nation, KING ANTIOCHVS vnto the Elders of the Iewes, and to the rest of the Iewes sendeth greeting.

28 If ye fare well, we haue our desire: we are also in good health.

29 Menelaus declared vnto vs that your desire was to returne home, & to apply your owne businesse.

‖ Or, April, some reade Xanicus, and some Zanicus.

30 Wherefore those that will depart, we giue them free libertie, vnto the thirty day of the moneth of ‖ Panthicus,

31 That the Iewes may vse their owne maner of liuing and lawes, like as afore, and none of them by any maner of wayes to haue harme for things done by ignorance.

32 I haue sent also Menelaus to comfort you.

33 Fare ye well: the hundreth and eight and fortie yeere, the fifteenth day of the moneth of Panthicus.

34 ¶ The Romanes also sent a letter conteining these words, QVINTVS MEMMIVS and Titus ‖ Manilius ambassadours of the Romanes, vnto the people of the Iewes sende greeting.

‖ Or, Manlius.

35 The things that Lysias the kings kinsman hath granted you, we grant the same also.

36 But concerning that which he shall report vnto the king, send hither some with speed, whe yee haue considered the matter diligently, that wee may consult thereupon, as shall be best for you: for we must goe vnto Antiochia.

37 And therefore make haste and send some men, that we may know your minde.

38 Farewell: this hundreth and eight and fortie yeere, the fifteenth day of the moneth of Panthicus.

CHAP. XII.

2 Timotheus troubleth the Iewes. 3 The wicked deed of them of Ioppe against the Iewes. 6 Iudas is auenged of them. 9 He setteth fire in the hauen of Iamnia. 20 The pursuit of the Iewes against Timotheus. 24 Timotheus is taken and let goe vnhurt. 32 Iudas pursueth Gorgias.

WHen these couenants were made, Lysias went vnto the king, and the Iewes tilled their ground.

2 But the gouernours of the places, as Timotheus, and Apollonius the sonne of Genneus, and Ieronymus, and also Demophon, and besides them Nicanor the gouernour of Cyprus, would not let them liue in rest and peace.

3 ¶ They of Ioppe also did such a vile acte: they prayed the Iewes that dwelt among them, to goe with their wiues and children into the ships, which they had prepared as though they had ought them none euill will.

4 And so by the common aduice of the citie, they obeyed them, and suspected nothing: but when they were gone foorth into the deepe, they drowned no lesse then two hundreth of them.

5 Now when Iudas knewe of this crueltie shewed against his nation, he commanded those men that were with him, to make them ready.

6 And hauing called vpon God the righteous Iudge, he went foorth against the murtherers of his brethren, and set fire in the hauen by night, and burnt the ships, and those that fled thence, he slew.

7 ¶ And when the citie was shut vp, he departed as though hee would come againe, and roote out all them of the citie of Ioppe.

8 But when he perceiued that the Iamnites were minded to do in like maner vnto ỳ Iewes, which dwelt among them,

9 He came vpon the Iamnites by night, and set fire in the hauen with the naute, so that the light of the fire was seene at Ierusalem, vpon a two hundreth and foortie furlongs.

10 Now when they were gone from thence nine furlongs, in their iourney toward Timotheus, about fiue thousande men of foote and

and fiue hundreth horsemen of the Arabians set vpon him.

11 So the battell was sharpe, but it prospered with Judas through the helpe of God: the [a] Nomades of Arabia, being ouercome, besought Judas to make peace with them, and promised to giue him certaine [b] cattell, and to helpe him in other things.

[a] So called, because they were shepheards.
[b] Or, pastures

12 And Judas thinking that they should in deede bee profitable concerning many things, graunted them peace: whereupon they shooke hands, and so they departed to their tents.

13 ¶ Judas also assaulted a citie called Caspis, which was strong by reason of a bridge, and fenced round about with walles, and had diuers kinds of people dwelling therein.

14 So they that were within it, put such trust in the strength of the walles, and in store of victuals, that they were the slacker in their doings, reuiling them that were with Judas, and reproching them: yea, they blasphemed and spake such words as were not lawfull.

15 But Maccabeus souldiers, calling vpon the great prince of the world (which without any [c] instruments, or engines of warre, did * cast downe the walles of Jericho, in the time of Jesus) gaue a fierce assault against the walles,

[c] Or, battell rammes.
* Josh. 6. 20.

16 And tooke the citie by the will of God, and made an exceeding great slaughter, insomuch that a lake of two furlongs broad, which lay thereby, seemed to flow with blood.

17 ¶ Then departed they from thence, seuen hundreth and fiftie furlongs, and came to Characa vnto the Iewes, that are called Tubieni.

18 But they found not Timotheus there: for he was departed from thence, and had done nothing, and had left a garrison in a very strong holde.

19 But Dositheus, & Sosipater, which were captaines with Maccabeus, went forth, & slew those that Timotheus had left in the fortresse, more then ten thousand men.

20 And Maccabeus prepared, & ranged his army by bands, and went couragiously against Timotheus, which had with him an hundreth and twenty thousand men of foot, and two thousand and fiue hundreth horsemen.

21 When Timotheus had knowledge of Judas comming, he sent the women, and children, and the other baggage afore vnto a fortresse called Carnion (for it was hard to besiege, and vneasie to come vnto because of the straights on all sides)

22 But when Judas first band came in sight, the enemies were smitten with feare, & a trembling was among them through the presence of him that seeth all things, insomuch that they fleeing one heere, another there, were oft times hurt by their owne people, and wounded with the points of their owne swords.

23 But Judas was very earnest in pursuing, and slew those wicked men: yea, he slew thirtie thousand men of them.

24 Timotheus also himselfe fell into the hands of Dositheus, and Sosipater, whom hee besought with much craft to let him goe with his life, because he had many of the Iewes parents, and the brethren of some of them, which, if they put him to death, should be despited.

25 So when he had assured them with many words, and promised that he would restore them without hurt, they let him goe for the health of their brethren.

26 ¶ Then went Maccabeus toward Carnion, and Artagation, and slew fiue and twenty thousand persons.

27 And after that hee had chased away and slaine them, Judas remooued the hoste toward Ephron a strong citie, wherein was Lysias and a great multitude of all nations, and the strong young men kept the walles, defending them mightily: there was also great preparation of engins of warre, and darts.

28 But when they had called vpon the Lord, which with his power breaketh the strength of the enemies, they wanne the citie, and slewe fiue and twenty thousand of them that were within.

29 ¶ From thence went they to Scythopolis, which lyeth fiue hundred furlongs from Jerusalem.

30 But when the Iewes that dwelt there, testified that the [d] Scythopolitans dealt louingly with them, and intreated them kindely in the time of their aduersitie,

[d] Or, Scythians.

31 They gaue them thankes, desiring them to be friendly still vnto them, and so they came to Jerusalem, as the feast of the weekes approched.

32 ¶ And after the feast called Pentecost, they went forth against Gorgias the gouernour of Idumea:

33 Who came out with three thousand men of foote, and foure hundreth horsemen.

34 And when they ioyned together, a few of the Iewes were slaine,

35 And Dositheus one of the Baccenors, which was on horseback and a mighty man, tooke Gorgias, and laid holde of his garment, and drew him by force, because hee would haue taken the wicked man aliue: but an horseman of Thracia fell vpon him, and smote off his shoulder, so that Gorgias fled into [e] Marisa.

[e] Or, Moresa, or, Maresa.

36 And when they that were [f] with Esdrin, had foughten long, and were weary, Judas called vpon the Lord, that he would shew himselfe to bee their helper, and Captaine of the field.

[f] Or, with Gorgias.

37 And then he began in his owne language, and sung Psalmes with a loud voice, insomuch that straightwayes hee made them that were about Gorgias, to take their flight.

38 ¶ So Judas gathered his hoste, and came into the citie of Odolla. And when the seuenth day came, they cleansed themselues (as the custome was) and kept the Sabbath in the same place.

39 And vpon the day following, as necessitie required, Judas and his company came to take vp the bodies of them that were slaine, and to bury them with their kinsemen in their fathers graues.

40 Now vnder the coates of euery one that was slaine, they found iewels that had bene consecrate to the idoles of the * Iamnites, which thing is forbidden the Iewes by the Law. Then euery man saw that this was the cause wherfore they were slaine.

* Deut. 7. 25. Josh. 7. 1. 12, 13.

41 And so euery man gaue thankes vnto the Lord, the righteous Iudge, which had opened the things that were hid.

42 And

42 And they gaue themselues to prayer, and besought him, that they should not vtterly be destroyed for the fault committed. Besides that, noble Iudas exhorteth the people to keepe themselues from sinne, forsomuch as they sawe before their eyes the things which came to passe by the sinne of them that were slaine,

43 And hauing made a gathering throughout the company, sent to Ierusalem about two thousand drachmes of siluer, to offer a sinne offering, doing very wel and honestly, that he thought of the resurrection.

44 For if he had not hoped that they which were slaine, should rise againe, it had bene superfluous, and vaine, to ᵃ pray for the dead.

45 And therefore he perceiued that there was great fauour layed vp for those that died godly. (It was an holy & good thought.) So he made a reconciliation for the dead that they might be deliuered from sinne.

a From this verse to the ende of this chapter, the Greeke text is corrupt, so that no good sense, much lesse certeine doctrine can be gathered thereby. Also, it is euident, that this place was not written by ‡ holy Ghost, both because it dissenteth from the rest of the holy Scriptures, and also the authour of this booke acknowledging his owne infirmitie, desireth pardon, if he haue not attained to that hee should. And it seemeth that this Iason the Cyrenian, out of whom he tooke this abridgement, is Ioseph Ben-gorion, who hath written in Ebrew fiue bookes of these matters, and intreating this place, maketh no mention of this prayer for the dead, *lib. 3. chap. 19.* For it is contrary to the custome of the Iewes, euen to this day, to pray for the dead. And though Iudas had so done, yet this particular example is not sufficient to establish a doctrine, no more then Zipporahs was to proue that women might minister the Sacrament, Exo. 4. 25. or the example of Razis, that one may kill himselfe, whom this authour so much commendeth, Chap. 14 41.

CHAP. XIII

1 The comming of Eupator into Iudea. 4 The death of Menelaus. 10 Maccabeus going to fight against Eupator moueth his souldiers vnto prayer. 15 He killeth fourteene thousand men in the tents of Antiochus. 21 Rhodocus the betrayer of the Iewes is taken.

IN the hundreth fourty and nine yeere, it was tolde Iudas that Antiochus Eupator was comming with a great power into Iudea,

2 And Lysias the steward and ruler of his affaires with him, hauing both in their armie an hundreth and tenne thousand men of foot of the Grecians, and fiue thousand horsemen, and two and twenty Elephants, and three hundreth charets scith with hooks.

3 Menelaus also ioyned himselfe with them, and with great deceit encouraged Antiochus, not for the safegard of the countrey, but because he thought to haue bene made the gouernour.

4 But the King of kings moued Antiochus minde against this wicked man, and Lysias informed the king that this man was the cause of all mischiefe, so that the king commaunded to bring him to Berea to put him vnto death as the maner was in that place.

5 Nowe there was in that place a tower of fiftie cubits high, full of ashes, and it had an instrument that turned round, and on enery side it rouled downe into the ashes:

6 And there wholoeuer was condemned of sacrilege, or of any other grieuous crime, was cast of all men to death.

7 And so it came to passe that this wicked man should die such a death, and it was a most iust thing that Menelaus should want burtail.

8 For because he had committed many sinnes by the altar, whose fire and ashes were holy: he himselfe also died in the ashes.

9 ¶ Now the king raged in his minde, and came to shewe himselfe more cruell vnto the Iewes then his father.

10 Which things when Iudas perceiued, hee commaunded the people to call vpon the Lorde night and day, that if euer hee had holpen them, he would now helpe them, when they should be put from their Law, from their countrey, and from the holy Temple:

11 And that hee would not suffer the people which a little afore began to reconer, to be subdued vnto the blaspheamous nations.

12 So when they had done this altogether, and besought the Lord for mercie with weeping and fasting, and falling downe three dayes together, Iudas exhorted them to make themselues ready.

13 And he being a part with the Elders, tooke counsell to goe forth, afore the king brought his hoste into Iudea, and should take the citie, and commit the matter to the helpe of the Lord.

14 So committing the charge to the Lorde of the world, he exhorted his souldiers to fight manfully euen vnto death for the Lawes, the Temple, the citie, their countrey, and the common wealth, and camped by Modin.

15 And so giuing his souldiers for a watchword, The victory of God, he picked out the manliest yoong men, and went by night into the kings campe, and slewe of the hoste fourteene thousand men, and the greatest Elephant with all that sate vpon him.

16 Thus with they had brought a great feare, and trouble in the campe, and all things went prosperously with them, they departed.

17 This was done in the breake of the day, because the protection of the Lorde did helpe them.

18 ¶ Now whē the king had tasted the manlinesse of the Iewes, he went about to take the holds by policie,

19 And marched toward Beth-sura, which was a strong holde of the Iewes: but hee was chased away, hurt, and lost of his men.

20 For Iudas had sent vnto them that were in it, such things as were necessary.

21 But Rhodocus which was in the Iewes hoste, disclosed the secrets of the enemies: therefore he was sought out, and when they had gotten him, they put him in prison.

22 After this did the King commune with them that were in Beth-sura, and ‖ tooke truce with them, departed, and ioyned battell with Iudas, who ouercame him. ‖ Or, gaue and tooke the right hand.

23 But when hee vnderstood, that Philip (whom he had left to be ouerseer of his businesse at Antiochia) did rebell against him, hee was astonished, so that hee yeelded himselfe to the Iewes, and made them an oth to doe all things that were right, and was appeased towarde them, and offered Sacrifice and adorned the Temple, and shewed great gentlenesse to the place,

24 And embraced Maccabeus, & made him captaine and gouernour from Ptolemais vnto the Gerremians.

25 Neuertheless

25 Neuertheleſſe when hee came to Ptolemais, the people of the citie were not content with this agreement: and becauſe they were grieued, they would that hee ſhould breake the couenants.

26 Then went Lyſias vp into the iudgement ſeate, and excuſed the fact all well as he could, and perſwaded them, and pacified them, and made them well affectioned, and came againe vnto Antiochia. This is the matter concerning the Kings iourney, and his returne.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Demetrius mooued by Alcimus ſendeth Nicanor to kill the Iewes. 18 Nicanor maketh a compact with the Iewes, 29 which he yet breaketh through the motion of the King. 37 Nicanor commandeth Razis to be taken, who ſlayeth himſelfe.

AFter three yeeres was Iudas informed that Demetrius the ſonne of Seleucus was come vp with a great power and nauy by the hauen of Tripolis,

2 And when hee had wonne the countrey, and ſlaine Antiochus and his lieutenant Lyſias,

3 Howe Alcimus, which had beene the high Prieſt, and wilfully defiled himſelfe in the time that all things were confounded, ſeeing that by no meanes he could ſaue himſelfe, nor haue any more entrance to the holy Altar,

4 Hee came to King Demetrius in the hundreth fiftie and one yeere, preſenting vnto him a crowne of golde, & a palme, and of the boughes which were vſed ſolemnely in the Temple, and that day he held his tongue.

5 But when he had gotten opportunitie, and occaſion for his rage, Demetrius called him to counſell, and aſked him what deuiſes or counſels the Iewes leamed vnto.

6 To the which he anſwered, The Iewes that be called Aſſideans, whoſe captaine is Iudas Maccabeus, maintaine warres, and make inſurrections, and will not let the Realme be in peace.

7 Therefore I, being depriued of my fathers honour (I meane the dignitie Prieſthood) am now come hither,

8 Partly becauſe I was well affectioned vnto the Kings affaires, and ſecondly becauſe I ſought the profit of mine owne citizens: for all our people, through their rathneſſe, are not a litle troubled.

9 Wherefore, O King, ſeeing thou knoweſt all theſe things, make prouiſion for the countrey, and our nation which is abuſed, according to thine owne humanitie, that is readie to helpe all men.

10 For as long as Iudas liueth, it is not poſſible that the matter ſhould be well.

11 When hee had ſpoken theſe words, other friends alſo hauing euill will at Iudas, ſtirred Demetrius on fire.

12 Who immediately called for Nicanor the ruler of the Elephants, and made him captaine ouer Iudea,

13 And ſent him forth, commanding him to ſlay Iudas, and to ſcatter them that were with him, and to make Alcimus the prieſt of the great Temple.

14 Then the Heathen which fled out of Iudea from Iudas, came to Nicanor by flockes, thinking the harme and calamities of the Iewes as be their welfare.

15 Now when the Iewes hearde of Nicanors comming, and the gathering together of the Heathen, they ſtrawed themſelues with earth, and prayed vnto him which had appointed himſelfe a people for euer, and who alwayes defend his owne portion with euident tokens.

16 So at the commandement of the captaine, they remooued ſtraight wayes from thence, and came to the towne of Deſſau.

17 Where Simeon Iudas brother had ioyned battell with Nicanor, and was ſomewhat aſtoniſhed through the ſudden ſilence of the enemies.

18 Neuertheleſſe Nicanor hearing the manlineſſe of them that were with Iudas, and the bolde ſtomackes that they had for their countrey, durſt not proue the matter with bloodſhedding.

19 Wherefore he ſent Poſſidonius, & Theodotus, and ‖ Matthias betoke to make peace. ‖ Or, Theodotus.

20 So when they had taken long aduiſement thereupon, and the captaine ſhewed it vnto the multitude, they were agreed in one minde, and conſented to the couenants. ‖ Or, Mattathias.

21 And they appointed a day when they ſhoulde particularly come together: ſo when the day was come, they ſet for euery man his ſtoole.

22 Neuertheleſſe Iudas commaunded certaine men of armes to waite in conuenient places, leaſt there ſhould ſuddenly ariſe any euill through the enemies: and ſo they communed together of the things where vpon they had agreed.

23 Nicanor, while he abode at Ieruſalem, did none hurt, but ſent away the people that were gathered together.

24 Hee loued Iudas, and fauoured him in his heart. ‖ Or, had Iudas before his eyes.

25 He prayed him alſo to take a wife, and to beget children: ſo he married, and they liued together.

26 But Alcimus perceiuing the loue that was betweene them, and vnderſtanding the couenants that were made, came to Demetrius, and tolde him, that Nicanor had taken ſtrange matters in hand, and ordeyned Iudas a traitor to the Realme, to be his ſucceſſor.

27 Then the King was diſpleaſed, and by the reports of this wicked man, hee wrote to Nicanor, ſaying, that he was very angry for the couenants, commanding him that he ſhoulde ſend Maccabeusin all haſt priſoner vnto Antiochia.

28 When theſe things came to Nicanor, hee was aſtoniſhed and ſore grieued, that he ſhoulde breake the things wherein they had agreed, ſeeing that that man had committed no wickedneſſe.

29 But becauſe it was not commodious to him to withſtand the King, he ſought craftily to accompliſh it.

30 Notwithſtanding when Maccabeus perceiued that Nicanor beganne to be rough vnto him, and that hee intreated him more rudely then he was wont, he perceiued that ſuch rigour came not of good, and therefore hee gathered a few of his men, and withdrewe himſelfe from Nicanor.

31 But the other perceiuing that hee was

The blasphemie of Nicor

preuented by Maccabeus worthie policie, came in to the great and holy Temple, and commaunded the Priests, which were offering their diuine Sacrifices, to deliuer him the man.

32 And when they sware that they could not tell where the man was, whom he sought,

33 He stretched out his right hand toward the Temple, and made an othe in this maner, If ye will not deliuer mee Judas as a prisoner, I will make this Temple of God a plaine field, & will breake downe the altar, and will erect a notable temple vnto Bacchus.

34 After their wordes he departed: then the Priests lift vp their hands toward heauen, and besought him that was euer the defender of their nation, saying in this maner,

35 Thou, O Lord of all things, which hast neede of nothing, wouldest that the Temple of thine habitation should be among vs.

36 Therefore now, O most holy Lord, keepe this house euer vndefiled, which lately was clensed, and stoppe all the mouthes of the vnrighteous.

37 Howe was there accused vnto Nicanor, Razis one of the Elders of Jerusalem, a louer of the citie, and a man of very good report, which for his loue was called a father of the Jewes.

38 For this man aforetimes when the Jewes were minded to keepe themselues vndefiled and pure, being accused to bee of the Religion of the Jewes, did offer to spend his body and life with all constancie for the Religion of the Jewes.

39 So Nicanor willing to declare the hatred that he bare to the Jewes, sent about fiue hundreth men of warre to take him.

40 For hee thought by taking him to doe the Jewes much hurt.

41 But when this companie would haue taken his castle, and would haue broken the gates by violence, & commanded to bring fire to burne the gates, so that hee was readie to be taken on euery side, he fell on his sword,

42 Willing rather to die manfully, then to giue himselfe into the handes of wicked men, and to suffer reproch vnworthie for his noble stocke.

43 Notwithstanding what time as he missed of his stroke for haste, and the multitude rushed in violently betweene the doores, he ranne boldly to the wall, and cast himselfe downe manfully among the multitude:

44 Which conueyed themselues lightly away, and gaue place, so that he fell vpon his drifte.

45 Neuertheless while there was yet breath in him, being kindled in his minde, he rose vp, & though his blood gushed out like a fountaine, and he was very sore wounded, yet he ranne thorow the mids of the people,

46 And gate him to the toppe of an hie rocke: so when his blood was vtterly gone, he tooke out his owne bowels with both his hands, & threw them vpon the people, calling vpon the Lord of life and spirite, that he would restore them againe vnto him, and thus he died.

aAs this priuate example ought not to bee followed of the godly because it is contrary to the worde of God, although the author seeme heere to approoue it: so that place as touching praier, Chap. 12. 44. thogh Iudas had apooynted it, yet were it not sufficient to prooue a doctrine, because it is onely a particular example.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Nicanor goeth about to come vpon Iudas on the Sabboth day.* 5 *The blasphemie of Nicanor.* 14 *Maccabeus expounding vnto the Iewes the vision and encou-*

raged them. 21 *The prayer of Maccabeus.* 30 *Maccabeus commendeth Nicanors head & hands to be cut off, and his tongue to be giuen vnto the fowles.* 35 *The author excuseth himselfe.*

NOw when Nicanor knewe that Judas and his company were in the countrey of Samaria, he thought with all assurance to come vpon them, vpon the Sabbath day.

2 Neuertheless the Jewes that were compelled to goe with him, sayd, O kill not so cruelly and barbarously, but honour and sanctifie the day that is appointed by him that seeth all things.

3 But this most wicked person demaunded, Is there a Lord in heauen, that commanded the Sabbath day to be kept?

4 And when they sayde, There is a liuing Lord, which ruleth in the heauen, who commaunded the seuenth day to be kept,

5 Then he sayd, And I am mightie vpon earth to commaund them to arme themselues, and to performe the kings businesse. Notwithstanding he could not accomplish his wicked enterprise.

6 For Nicanor lifted vp with great pride, purposed to set vp a memorial of the victorie obtained of all them that were with Judas.

7 But Maccabeus had euer sure confidence and a perfect hope that the Lorde would helpe him,

8 And exhorted his people not to be afrayde at the comming of the heathen, but alway to remember the helpe that had beene shewed vnto them from heauen, and to trust nowe also that they should haue the victorie by the Almighty.

9 Thus he encouraged them by the law and Prophets, putting them in remembrance of the battels that they had wonne afore, and so made them more willing.

10 And stirred vp their hearts, and shewed them also the deceitfulnesse of the heathen, and how they had broken their othes.

11 Thus hee armed euery one of them, not with the assurance of shields and speares, but with wholesome wordes and exhortations, and shewed them a dreame worthy to bee beleeued, and reioyced them greatly.

12 And this was his vision, He thought that he saw Onias, (which had bene the high Priest, a vertuous and a good man, reuerent in behauiour, and of sober conuersation, well spoken, and one that had bene exercised in all points of godlinesse from a childe) holding vp his handes toward heauen, and praying for the whole people of the Jewes.

13 After this there appeared vnto him another man which was aged, honourable, and of a wonderfull dignitie, and excellency aboue him.

14 And Onias spake and sayd, This is a louer of the brethren, who prayeth much for the people, and for the holy citie, to wit, Jeremias the Prophet of God.

15 He thought also that Jeremias held out his right hand, & gaue vnto Judas a sword of gold, and as he gaue it, he spake thus,

16 Take this holy sworde a gift from God, wherewith thou shalt wounde the aduersaries.

17 And

17 And so being comforted by the wordes of Judas which were very sweet and able to stirre them vp to valiantnes & to encourage the hearts of the yong men, they determined to pitch no campe, but courageously to set vpon them, and manfully to assaile them, and to trie the matter hand to hand, because the citie and the Sanctuarie and the Temple were in danger.

18 As for their wiues and children, and brethren, and kinsfolkes, they set lesse by their danger: but their greatest and principall feare was for the holy Temple.

19 Againe they that were in the citie, were carefull for the armie that was abroad.

20 Now whiles they all waited for the triall of the matter, and the enemies nowe met with them, and the hoste was set in aray, & the beasts were separated into conuenient places, and the horsemen were placed in the wings:

21 Maccabeus considering the comming of the multitude, and the diuers preparations of weapons, and the fiercenesse of the beasts, held vp his hands toward heauen, calling vpon the Lord that doeth wonders, and that looked vpon them, knowing that the victorie commeth not by the weapons, but that he giueth the victorie to them that are worthy, as seemeth good vnto him.

22 Therefore in his prayer he sayd after this maner, O Lord, * thou that didst send thine Angel in the time of Ezekias king of Judea, who in the hoste of Sennacherib, slew an hundreth fourescoure and fiue thousand,

23 Send now also thy good Angel before vs, O Lorde of heauens, for a feare and dread vnto them,

24 And let the be discomfited by the strength of thine arme, which come against thine holy people to blaspheme. Thus with these wordes he made an end.

25 Then Nicanor and they that were with him, drewe neere with trumpets and shoutings for ioy.

27 But Judas and his companie praying and calling vpon God, encountred with the enemies.

27 So that with their handes they fought, but with their hearts they prayed vnto God, and slewe no lesse then fiue and thirtie thousand men: for through the presence of God they were wonderously comforted.

28 Now when they left off, and were turning againe with ioy, they vnderstood that Nicanor himselfe was slaine for all his armour.

29 Then they made a great shout and a crie, praysing the Almightie in their owne language.

30 Therefore Judas which was euer the chiefe defender of his citizens both in body and mind, and which bare euer good affection towardes them of his nation, commanded to smite off Nicanors head, with his hand and shoulder, and to bring it to Jerusalem.

31 And when he came there, he called all them of his nation, and set the Priestes by the altar, and sent for them of the castle,

32 And shewed them wicked Nicanors head, and the hand of that blasphemer, which he had holden vp against the holy Temple of the Almightie, with proud braggs.

33 Yee cauled the tongue also of wicked Nicanor to be cut in litle pieces, and to be cast vnto the foules, and that the rewards of his madnesse should be hanged vp before the Temple.

34 So euery man prayed toward the heauen the glorious Lorde, saying, Blessed be he, that hath kept his place vndefiled.

35 He hanged also Nicanors head vpon the high castle, for an euident and plaine token vnto all of the helpe of God.

36 And so they established all together by a common decree that they would in no case suffer this day without keeping it holy:

37 And that the feast should be the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth, which is called Adar in the Syrians language, the day before Mardochens day.

38 Thus farre as concerning Nicanors matters, and from that time the Hebrewes had the citie in possession. And here will I also make an end.

39 If I haue done well, and as the storie requireth, it is the thing that I desired: but if I haue spoken slenderly and barely, it is that I could.

40 For as it is hurtfull to drinke wine alone, and then againe water: and as wine tempered with water is pleasant and delighteth the taste: so the setting out of the matter delighteth the eares of them that reade the storie. And here shall be the end.

*Or, Elephants.

1. King. 19. 35. Esa. 37. 36. Ecclus. 48. 22.

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The ſumme of the whole Scripture of the Bookes of the old and new Teſtament.

GOD,

THE bookes of the olde Teſtament doe teach vs, that the ſame God, whom Adam, Noe, Abraham, Iſaac, Iacob, Dauid, and the other fathers did worſhip, is * the onely true God, and that hee is the ſame Almighty and a euerlaſting: who of his meere goodneſſe hath created by his Word b heauen and earth, and all that is in them: From whom all things doe come: without whom there is nothing at all: And that he is c iuſt and mercifull: who alſo d worketh all in all, e after his owne will: f To whom it is not lawfull to ſay, wherefore doth he thus or thus?

Creation of man

And,

MOreouer, theſe Bookes teach vs, that this very God Almighty, after he created all things, ſhaped alſo Adam the firſt man, g to the image and ſpirituall ſimilitude of himſelfe, and that he did conſtitute him Lord ouer all things that he had created in earth. Which Adam by the enuie and fraude of the deuill, tranſgreſſing the precept of his Creator, h by this his ſinne brought in ſuch and ſo great ſinne into the worlde, that we which be ſprong from him by the fleſh, i bee in nature the children of wrath, and thereupon we be made ſubiect and thrall to death, to damnation, to the yoke and tyranny of the deuill.

Chriſt promiſed.

FVrthermore, we are taught by theſe excellent bookes, that God promiſed to k Adam, l Abraham, m Iſaac, n Iacob, o Dauid, and to other Fathers of the olde time, that he would ſende that bleſſed ſeede, his ſonne Ieſus Chriſt our Sauiour, which ſhould deliuer all thoſe from ſinne, and from the p tyrannie of the deuill which by a liuely and working faith ſhould beleeue this promiſe, and put their truſt q in Ieſus Chriſt, hoping that of him and by him, they ſhould obtaine this deliuerance.

The Law.

ALſo they giue vs to vnderſtand, that in the meane ſeaſon, while thoſe Fathers the Iſraelites looked for the ſaluation, and deliuerance promiſed (for that the nature of man is ſuch, ſo proud and ſo corrupt, that thoſe would not willingly acknowledge themſelues to bee ſinners, which had neede of the Sauiour promiſed) God the Creator gaue by Moſes his r Lawe written in two Tables of ſtone: that by it, ſinne & the malice of mans heart being s knowen, men might more vehemently thirſt for the ſcomming of Ieſus Chriſt, who ſhould redeeme and deliuer them from ſinne: which thing, neither the Lawe, nor yet the ſacrifices and oblations of the Law did t performe. For they were ſhadowes and figures of the true oblation of the body of Chriſt: by which oblation all u ſinne ſhould be blotted out, and quite put away.

Chriſt God our Sauiour came.

BY the bookes of the new Teſtament we be taught, that Chriſt ſo afore promiſed (* which is God aboue all things moſt bleſſed for euer) euen he, I ſay, was ſhadowed in the bookes of the olde Teſtament, and in ſacrifices figured, that hee was a ſent at the laſt from the Father, the ſelfe ſame time which the Father did conſtitute within himſelfe: I ſay, b at that time when all wickednеſſe abounded in the worlde, then hee was ſent: And this Ieſus our Sauiour being borne in the fleſh, c ſuffered death, and roſe againe from the dead. Which actes of his were not done by him in reſpect of the d good workes of any man (for we were all ſinners) but that this God our Father ſhould e appeare true, in exhibiting the abundant f riches of his grace which he promiſed, and that g through his mercie hee might bring vs to ſaluation.

A Lambe.
A ſacrifice.
Peace.
Adoption.

Whereupon it is euidently ſhewed in the h Newe Teſtament, that Ieſus Chriſt, being the true i Lambe, the true k ſacrifice of the worlde, l putting away the ſinnes of men, came into this worlde to purchaſe grace and m peace for vs with the Father, waſhing vs from our ſinnes in his owne blood, and n ſhould deliuer vs from the bondage of the deuill, whom by ſinne we did ſerue: And ſo we ſhould be p adopted by him to be the ſonnes of God, made q heires with him of that moſt excellent and euerlaſting kingdome.

The holy Ghoſt.
Faith.
Charitie.
Hope.
Iuſtification and ſanctification.

Now that we ſhould acknowledge this ſingular and excellent benefit of God towards vs, almighty God r giueth vs his holy Spirit: the s fruit and effect of which, is faith in God, and in his Chriſt. For without the holy Ghoſt, by which we are inſtructed and t ſealed, neither can we beleeue that God the Father ſent Meſſias, nor yet that Ieſus is Chriſt: For * no man (ſaith Paul) can ſay that Ieſus is the Lord, but by the holy Ghoſt. The x ſame Spirit witneſſeth to our ſpirit, that we are the children of God, y and powreth into our bowels that charitie which Paul deſcribeth to the Corinthians. Furthermore, that holy Spirit doth giue vs hope, which is a ſure looking for eternall life, whereof he himſelfe is the certaine z token and pledge. Alſo he endueth vs other * ſpirituall gifts, of the which Paul writeth to the Galatians. Therefore the benefit of faith is not to be deſpiſed for leſſe to be ſet by. For by the meane of this truſt & a faith in Chriſt, which b worketh by charity, & ſheweth it ſelfe outwarde by the workes of charity, moouing man thereto, we are c iuſtified and ſanctified: that is to ſay, God and the Father of our Lord Ieſus

* Iſaiah. 45. 14.
a Gene. 21. 33. dan. 7. 9.
b Gene. 2. 2. iſa. 45. 18.
c Exod. 9 27. pſal. 9. 7. & iſa. 45 21. exod. 22. 17.
d 1. Cor. 12. 6.
e Iere. 18. 6.
f Iſaiah 45 9. rom. 9. 20.
g Gene. 1. 27. wiſd. 2. 23, 24.
h Rom. 5. 12, 18.
i Epheſ. 2. 3.
k Gene. 3 15.
l Gene. 12. 3.
m Gene. 26 4.
n Gene. 28. 14.
o 2. Sam. 7. 12. pſal. 132. 11.
p Heb 2. 14.
q Exod. 20. 1.
r Rom. 3 20.
s Gal. 3. 19.
t Heb. 7. 18. and 10. 1.
u Iohn 1. 29.
* Rom. 9. 5.
a Luke 1. 31.
b Gal. 4. 4, 5. epheſ. 1. 10.
c Rom. 5 8.
d Eph. 5. tit. 3 5.
e Rom. 15. 8.
f Epheſ. 2 7.
g Titus 3. 5.
h Iſaiah 53 7.
i Iohn 1. 29.
k Epheſ. 5. 2. heb. 9 26.
l Acts 3. 19.
m Eph 2. 14, 15.
n Reuel. 1. 5.
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p Gal. 4. 5. ep. 1. 5
q Rom. 8. 17.
r Eph. 1 5. rom. 8. 15. gal 4. 6.
s Epheſ 1. 1. gal. 5. 23.
t Eph. 1. 13. & 4 3
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x Rom 8. 16.
y Rom. 5. 5. 1. cor. 13. 4.
z Epheſ. 1. 14.
* Gal. 5. 22.
a Gal. 5. 6.
b Eph. 5. 2. heb. 13. 21.
c Rom 3. 30 and 4. 2 gal. 2. 16.

Ieſus Chriſt (which is made our [d] Father alſo by him, being our [e] brother) doth accompt vs to bee iuſt and holy through his grace, and through the merits of his ſonne Ieſus Chriſt, not [f] imputing our ſinnes to vs, ſo furre forth, that we ſhould ſuffer the paines of hell for them.

Good workes.

Finally, Chriſt himſelfe [g] came into the world, to the intent that we through him being ſanctified and cleanſed from our ſinnes, following his will in good workes, ſhould deſire the things pertaining to the fleſh, and freely [h] ſerue him in righteouſneſſe and holineſſe all the dayes of our life: and that [i] by good workes (which God hath prepared for vs to walke in) wee ſhould [k] ſhew our ſelues to be called to his grace, and gift of faith: which good workes who ſo hath not, doth ſhew himſelfe not to haue ſuch a faith in Chriſt as is required in vs.

Chriſt our maſter and teacher.

To Chriſt muſt we come, and [l] follow him with a cheerefull minde, that he may teach vs: For he is [m] our maſter, [n] lowly and humble of heart: he is to vs an [o] example, whereby we muſt learne the rule to liue well.

Biſhop. Mediatour. Aduocate.

Moreouer, hee is our [p] Biſhop, and our [q] high Prieſt, which did himſelfe offer vp for vs his owne blood, being the onely [r] mediatour betweene God and men: Who now ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father, being made our [ſ] aduocate, making prayer and interceſſion for vs: who doubtleſſe ſhall obteine for vs [t] whatſoeuer we ſhall deſire, either of him, or elſe of his Father in his Name, if ſo be that we thus deſiring, ſhall beleeue that he will ſo doe: for thus hath he promiſed. Therefore let vs not doubt, if we ſinne at any time, to come with [u] repentance (to the which he doth inuite and ſtirre vs at the very beginning of his preaching) and with ſure truſt to the [x] throne of his grace, with this beliefe, that we ſhall obteine mercie. For therefore [y] hee came into the world, that hee might ſaue ſinners by his grace.

Iudgement.

THis is verily Chriſt Ieſus, which ſhall come at a [z] certaine time appointed by his Father, and ſhall ſit in great maieſtie to [a] iudge all men, and to render to euery man [b] the workes of his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or euill: And he ſhall ſay to them which ſhall be on the right ſide, which in this world did looke for the good things to come (that is to ſay, life euerlaſting:) [c] Come yee bleſſed of my Father, enioy the kingdome that hath beene prepared for you from the beginning of the world, but to them which ſhall be on the left ſide, hee ſhall ſay: Depart from me yee curſed into euerlaſting fire prepared for the deuill and his Angels. And then [d] ſhall the ende bee, when Chriſt hauing vtterly vanquiſhed all maner of enemies, ſhall deliuer vp the kingdome to God the Father.

Eternall life.

Eternall fire.

To what intent the Scriptures were written.

TO the intent that we mought vnderſtand theſe things, the [e] ſacred Bookes of the Bible were deliuered to vs by the goodneſſe of God through his holy Spirit, with the preaching of that doctrine which is contained in them, and with his Sacraments, by which the trueth of his doctrine is ſealed vp to vs: that wee [f] mought vnderſtand, I ſay, and beleeue that there is one onely true God, and one Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt, whom (as he had promiſed) hee hath ſent: [g] and that wee beleeuing mought haue in his Name life euerlaſting.

Chriſt the onely foundation.

BEſides this [h] foundation, no man can lay any other in the Church of Chriſt: and vpon this foundation the Church doth ſtand ſure and ſtedfaſt. And Paul willeth him to be [i] accurſed which ſhall preach any other faith and ſalnation, then by Ieſus Chriſt, yea, [k] although hee were an Angel from heauen.

For [l] of him, through him, and for him, are all things: To whom with the Father and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end, Amen.

[d] Matth. 5.48. and 23.9.
[e] Heb. 2.11.
[f] 2 Cor. 5.19.
[g] Titus 2.11, 12, 13.
[h] Luke 2.74.
[i] Epheſ. 2.10.
[k] 2. Pet. 1.10.
[l] Epheſ. 5.2.
[m] Mat. 23.8.
[n] Matt. 11.29.
[o] Iohn 13.15. 1. pet. 2 20, 21.
[p] 1 Pet. 2.25.
[q] Heb. 4.14.
[r] 1. Tim. 2.5.
[ſ] 1. Iohn 2.1, 2.
[t] Iohn 14.13. and 16.23. marke 11.24.
[u] Matth. 4.17.
[x] Heb. 4.16.
[y] 1. Tim. 1.15.
[z] Matth. 25.13.
[a] 2. Tim. 4.1.
[b] 2. Cor. 5.10.
[c] Matth. 25.34. &c.
[d] 1. Cor. 15.24, 25, 26.
[e] 2. Pet. 1.19, 21.
[f] Iohn 17.3.
[g] Iohn 20.31.
[h] 1. Cor. 3.11.
[i] Galat. 1.8.
[k] Rom. 11.36.

¶ Certaine

¶ Certaine questions and answeres touching the doctrine of Predestination, the vse of Gods word and Sacraments.

Question.

WHy doe men so much vary in matters of religion?

Answere.

Because all haue not the like measure of knowledge, neither doe al beleeue the Gospel of Christ.

Question.

What is the reason therof?

Answere.

Because they only beleeue the Gospel and doctrine of Christ, which are ordained vnto eternall life.

Question.

Are not all ordained vnto eternall life?

Answere.

Some are vessels of wrath ordained vnto destruction, as others are vessels of mercie prepared to glory.

Question.

How standeth it with Gods iustice, that some are appointed vnto damnation?

Answere.

Very well: because all men haue in themselues sinne, which deserueth no lesse: and therefore the mercy of God is wonderfull in that he vouchsafeth to saue some of that sinful race, and to bring them to the knowledge of the truth.

Question.

If Gods ordinance and determination must of necessitie take effect, then what need any man to care? for he that liueth well, must needes be saued, if he be predestinate ordained: and he that liueth ill, must needes be damned if he be therevnto appointed.

Answere.

Not so: for it is not possible, that either the elect should alwayes liue without care to doe well, so that the remembrance should leaue any well therevnto. For this doing right, and well of good works, is a testimony of the Spirit of God, which is giuen to the elect onely, wherebie faith is wrought in them, that hauing grafte in Christ, they grow in holinesse to that glory, wherevnto they are appointed. Neither are they to haue assurance to thinke that they may doe as they list themselues, because they are predestinate vnto saluation: but rather they endeuour to walke in such good workes as God in Christ Iesus hath ordayned them vnto, and prepared for them to be occupied in, to their owne comfort, ioy and assurance, and to his glory.

Question.

But how shall I know my selfe to bee one of those whom God hath ordained to life eternall?

Answere.

By the motions of spirituall life, which belonge onely to the children of God: by the which that life is perceiued, euen as the life of this body is discerned by the sence and motions therof.

Question.

What meane you by the motions of spirituall life?

Answere.

I meane remorse of conscience, ioyned with the louing of sinne, and loue of righteousnesse: the hand of faith reaching vnto life eternall in Christ, the conscience comforted in distresse, and raised vp to confidence in God by the worke of his Spirit: a thankefull remembrance of Gods benefits receiued, and the vsing of all aduersities as occasion of amendement sent from God.

Question.

Cannot such perish as at some time or other feele these motions within themselues?

Answere.

It is not possible that they should: for as Gods purpose is not changeable, so he repenteth not of the graces & gifts of his adoption: neither doth he cast off those whom he hath once receiued.

Question.

Why then should we pray by the example of Dauid, that he cast vs not from his face, and that he take not his holy Spirit from vs?

Answere.

In so praying we make protestation of the vnfainednesse of faith, which moueth vs to pray: we should not haue courage to aske, if we were not assured that God will giue according to his purpose and promise, that which we require.

Question.

Doe the children of God feele the motions aforesaid alwayes alike?

Answere.

No truely: for God sometime to proue his, permitteth to leaue them in such sort, that the flesh ouermaistereth the spirit, wherof ariseth trouble of conscience for the time

yet the ſpirit of adoption is power to take away from them that heauy ſeare of death, & all miſerie they paſſe. But as in ſome diſeaſes of the body, the powers of bodily life are feared: So in ſome aſſaults theſe motions of ſpirituall life are not perceiued, becauſe they lie hidden in our manifold infirmities, as the fire couered with aſhes. Yet as after ſickeneſſe commeth health, and after clouds the Sunne ſhineth cleare: ſo the powers of the ſpirituall life will more or leſſe be felt and perceiued in the children of God.

Queſtion.

What if I neuer feele theſe motions in my ſelfe, ſhall I deſpaire, and thinke my ſelfe a caſtaway?

Anſwere.

God forbid: for God calleth his at what time he ſeeth good: & the inſtruments wherby he vſually calleth, haue not the like effect at all times, yet it is not good to neglect the meanes whereby God hath determined to worke the ſaluation of his. For as ware is not melted without heat, nor clay hardened but by meanes thereof: ſo God vſeth meanes both to draw thoſe vnto himſelfe, whom her hath appointed vnto ſaluation, and alſo to bewray the wickedneſſe of them whome her iuſtly condemneth.

Queſtion.

By what meanes vſeth God to draw men to himſelfe that they may be ſaued?

Anſwere.

By the preaching of his word and the miniſtring of his Sacraments thereunto annexed.

Queſtion.

What meane you by the word of God?

Anſwere.

I meane the doctrine of the Prophets and Apoſtles which they receiued of the ſpirit of God, and haue left written in that Books which we commonly call the Old and New Teſtament.

Queſtion.

How may I be aſſured that it is the word of God, which that Books containeth?

Anſwere.

By the maieſtie of God appearing in that plaine and ſimple doctrine: by the purenes, holineſſe and holines thereof: by the certainty of euery thing therein affirmed: by the ſucceſſe of all things according to it: by perpetuall conſent which is in it, in euery part thereof: by the excellencie of the matters vttered: But eſpecially by the teſtimonie of Gods Spirit, whereby it was written, who moueth the hearts of thoſe in whom it reſteth, to conſent vnto his word, and reuerently to imbrace it.

Queſtion.

How doth this word of God ſerue to draw men vnto him?

Anſwere.

When it is ſo preached and heard, that men may vnderſtand and learne what God teacheth: accept and receiue thankfully that which is thereby giuen, promiſed & aſſured: and be moued with deſire and diligence to doe that which it commandeth.

Queſtion.

Doe the Sacraments alſo ſerue to this ende?

Anſwere.

Yea verily: that by ſight, taſte and feeling, as well as by hearing, we might be inſtructed, aſſured, and brought to obedience.

Queſtion.

How doth our Baptiſme ſerue hereunto?

Anſwere.

It teacheth vs to put on Chriſt, that with his righteouſneſſe our ſinfulneſſe may be hidden: it aſſureth vs that we are ſo graft into Chriſt, that all our ſinnes by him are waſhed away: it chargeth vs to die to ſinne, to continue in the profeſſion of Chriſt, and to loue each other.

Queſtion.

Hath the Lords ſupper alſo this vſe?

Anſwere.

Yea doubtleſſe: for it teacheth, that the body and blood of Chriſt crucified, is the only food of the new borne children of God: it aſſureth that Chriſt is wholly theirs to giue and to continue life ſpirituall and heauenly to body and ſoule, to nourith, ſtrengthen, refreſh, & to make cheerefull the hearts of the elect: it requireth thankefull remembrance of the death of Chriſt, vnite among thoſe that doe profeſſe him with a free confeſſion of his truth.

Queſtion.

Why is not this vſe of the Sacraments commonly knowen?

Anſwere.

Becauſe they are abuſed to forme, for faſhion, for cuſtome and company, without reſpect vnto the ende, wherevnto they are ſo annexed, whereby ſome vſe vpon any occaſion, or for any reaſon vnto them, which teacheth the right vſe of euery thing.

Queſtion.

I perceiue that nothing is more neceſſary then the word of God: therefore I pray you ſhew me how I may attaine to ſome knowledge of this holie booke.

Anſwere.

By diligent hearing of them as preached, by continuall and orderly exerciſe of reading and praying.

Queſtion.

What orderly exerciſe thinke you moſt conuenient to be vſed herein?

Anſwere.

Anſwere.

That as euery day, ſwile at the leaſt, wee muſt commit ſome portion of the holy Scripture to memorie: ſo this booke shall make it very easie vnto vs, that no day bee ſuffered to paſſe without ſome reading, in ſuch ſort that occaſion thereby may bee taken to ſpeake againe vnto God by prayer, as he in his word ſpeaketh vnto vs: So that in the ſame two Chapters would bee aduertly and diligently read euery day, all other tedious compoſitions and lets ſet apart.

Queſtion.

This ſeemeth very eaſie to be done: what thinke you elſe requiſite?

Anſwere.

That ſome eſpeciall places of Scripture be ſo committed to memorie, that the minde may euer be furniſhed with ſome good matter againſt all temptations. To which ende I note theſe Scriptures vnto you, which ſhall ſerue, vntil other occaſion worke more: Pſalmes 139. 37. 50. Eſa. 53. Iob. 17. Rom.

Queſtion.

But the Scriptures are hard, and not eaſie to vnderſtand.

Anſwere.

Diſcourage not your ſelfe herewith: for God maketh them eaſie to ſuch as in humilitie ſeeke him: and that hardneſſe that you finde, ſtirreth to mooue you to the more diligence, and to make inquirie of ſuch as haue knowledge, when any doubt ariſeth. That which you perceiue not at one time, God ſhall reueile at another: So that you ſhall haue your growing in grace, knowledge and godlineſſe, to Gods glorie and your ſtrong comfort in Chriſt, whoſe Name be euer be praiſed. Amen.

The

The names and order of all the Bookes of the Olde and New Testament, with the number of their Chapters.

Genesis hath Chapters	50	Proverbs hath Chapters	31
Exodus	40	Ecclesiastes	12
Leuiticus	27	The song of Salomon	8
Numbers	36	Isaiah	66
Deuteronomie	34	Ieremiah	52
Ioshua	24	Lamentations	5
Iudges	21	Ezekiel	48
Ruth	4	Daniel	12
1.Samuel	31	Hosea	14
2.Samuel	24	Ioel	3
1.Kings	22	Amos	9
2.Kings	25	Obadiah	1
1.Chronicles	29	Ionah	4
2. Chronicles	36	Micah	7
The prayer of Manasseh, Apocrypha.		Nahum	3
Ezra	10	Habakkuk	3
Nehemiah	13	Zephaniah	3
Ester	10	Haggai	2
Iob	42	Zechariah	14
Psalmes	150	Malachi	4

The Bookes called Apocrypha.

1.Esdras	9	Baruch with the Epistle of Ieremiah	6
2.Esdras	16	The Song of the three children	
Tobie	14	The story of Susanna	
Iudeth	16	The idole Bel and the Dragon	
The rest of Esther	6	1. Maccabees	16
Wisedome	19	2. Maccabees	15
Ecclesiasticus	51		

The Books of the New Testament.

Mathew	28	1.Timotheus	6
Marke	16	2.Timotheus	4
Luke	24	Titus	3
Iohn	21	Philemon	1
The Actes	28	To the Hebrewes	13
The Epistle to the Romans	16	The Epistle of Iames	5
1. Corinthians	16	1.Peter	5
2. Corinthians	13	2.Peter	3
Galatians	6	1.Iohn	5
Ephesians	6	2.Iohn	1
Philippians	4	3.Iohn	1
Colossians	4	Iude	1
1. Thessalonians	5	Reuelation	22
2.Thessalonians	3		

¶ The

The holy [a] Gospel of Iesus Christ,

[b] according to Matthewe.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this historie written by Matthew, Marke, Luke, & Iohn, ỹ Spirit of God so gouerned their hearts that although they were foure in number, yet in effect and purpose they so consent, as though the whole had bene composed by any one of them. And albeit in stile and maner of writing they be diuers, and sometime one writeth more largely that which the other doeth abridge: nevertheless in matter and argument, they all tend to one end: which is to publish to the world the fauour of God toward mankinde through Christ Iesus, whom the Father hath giuen as a pledge of his mercy and loue. And for this cause they entitle their story, Gospel, which signifieth good tydings, forasmuch as God hath performed in deed that which the fathers hoped for. So that hereby we are admonished to forsake the world, and the vanities therof, and with most affectioned hearts embrace this incomparable treasure freely offred vnto vs: for there is no ioy nor consolation, nor peace nor quietnesse, no felicity nor situation, but in Iesus Christ, who is the very substance of this Gospel, & in whom all the promises are Yea, & Amen. And therfore vnder this word is contained the whole new Testament: but commonly we vse this name for the historie, which the foure Euangelists write, containing Christs comming in the flesh, his death, and resurrection, which is the perfect summe of our saluation. Matthew, Marke, & Luke are more copious in describing his life and death: but Iohn more laboureth to set forth his doctrine, wherin both Christs office, & also the vertue of his death and resurrection more fully appeareth: for without this, to know that Christ was borne dead, & risen again, should nothing profit vs. The which thing notwithstanding that the three first touch partly, as he also sometime intermedleth the historical narration, yet Iohn chiefly is occupied herein. And therfore as a most learned interpreter writeth, they describe, as it were, the body, & Iohn setteth before our eyes the soule. Wherfore the same aptly termeth the Gospel written by Iohn, the key which openeth the doore to the vnderstanding of the others: for whosoeuer doth know the office, vertue & power of Christ, shall read that which is written of the Sonne of God come to be the Redeemer of the world, with more profit. Now as concerning the writers of this history, it is euident that Matthew was a Publicane or custome gatherer, and was thence chosen of Christ to bean Apostle. Marke as thought to haue bene Peters disciple, and to haue planted the first Church at Alexandria, where he died the eight yere of the reigne of Nero. Luke was a Physition of Antiochia, and became Pauls disciple, & fellow in all his trauailes: hee liued fourescore and foure yeres, and was buried at Constantinople. Iohn was that Apostle whom the Lord loued, the sonne of Zebedeus, and brother of Iames; he died threescore yeere after Christ, and was buried neere to the citie of Ephesus.

CHAP. I.

1 *The genealogie of Christ, that is, The Messias promised to the Fathers,* 18 *Who was conceiued by the holy Ghost, and borne of the Virgine Mary, whom she was betrothed vnto Ioseph.* 20 *The Angel satisfieth Josephs mind.* 21 *Why hee is called Iesus, and wherefore Emmanuel.*

THE [a] Booke of the generation of IESVS CHRIST the [d] sonne of Dauid, [e] the sonne of Abraham.

2 [f] Abraham begate Isaac. [g] And Isaac begate Iaakob. And [h] Iaakob begate Iudas and his brethren.

3 [i] And Iudas begate Pharez, and Zara of Thamar. And [k] Pharez begate Ezrom. And Ezrom begate Aram.

4 And Aram begate Aminadab. And Aminadab begate Naasson. And Naasson begate Salmon.

5 And Salmon begate Booz of [l] Rachab. And [m] Booz begate Obed of Ruth. And Obed begate Iesse.

6 And [n] Iesse begate Dauid the king. And [o] Dauid the king begate Salomon of her that was the wife of Urias.

7 And [p] Salomon begate Roboam. And Roboam begate Abia. And Abia begat Asa.

8 And Asa begate Iosaphat. And Iosaphat begate Ioram. And Ioram begate Ozias.

9 And Ozias begate [q] Joathem. And Joathem begate Achaz. And Achaz begate Ezekias.

10 And [r] Ezekias begate Manasses. And Manasses begate Amon. And Amon begate Iosias.

11 And [s] Iosias begate Iacim. And Iacim begate Iechonias and his brethren about the time they were caried away to Babylon.

12 And after they were caried away into Babylon, [t] Iechonias begate [u] Salathiel.

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a This word signifieth good tydings, and is taken here for the story which conteineth the ioyfull message of the comming of the sonne of God promised from the beginning.

b That is, written and taught by Matthew.

a Luke 2. 1 Iohn 1.

Luke 3.23.

c This is the rehearsall of the progenie, wherein Iesus Christ is sprong according to the flesh.

d So called, for that he came of the stocke of Dauid.

e Both these are first rehearsed, because Christ was especially promised to

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come of them and their seed, and therefore Christ commonly was called the sonne of Dauid, because the promise was more euidently confirmed vnto him. *Gen.* 22. 2. *Gen.* 26. 4. *Gen.* 49. 35. *Gen* 38. 27.

f By incestuous adulterie, the which shame setteth foorth his great humilitie, who made himselfe of no reputation, but became a seruant for our sakes: yea, a worme and no man, the reproch of men, and contempt of the people, and at length suffered the accursed death of the crosse. 2 *Cor.* 2. 5. *Iohn.* 4. 18. 19. 15.

g Rachab and Ruth being Gentiles, signifie that Christ came not onely of the Iewes, and for them, but also of the Gentiles, and for their saluation.

Iosh 6. 21.
1 *Sam.* 16. 1. and 19. 13.
2 *Sam.* 11. 3.
1 *King.* 11. 43.
1 *Chron.* 3. 10.

h He hath omitted three Kings, Ioas, Amasias, Azarias, shortning the number, to make the times foureteene generations.

2 *King.* 23. 34.

i After the captiuitie, the title royall was appointed vnto him: for though notwithstanding that they were as slaues for the space of seuentie yeeres, yet by the prouidence of God the gouernement remained in the tribe of Iuda, vntill the comming of Christ.

1. Chro. 3. 17, 19. ezra 3. 2. and 5. 2.

k Albeit the Iewes number their kinred by the male kinde, yet this linage of Mary is comprehended vnder the same, because she was married to a man of her owne stocke and tribe.

l Who is the true King, Priest and Prophet anoynted of God to accomplish the office of the redeemer.

Luke 1. 27.

m Before he tooke her home to him.

n As the Angel afterward declared to Ioseph.

o Vpright and fearing God, and therefore suspecting that shee had committed fornication, before she was betrothed, would neither retaine her, which by the Law should be married to an other, neither by accusing her put her to shame for her fact.

Deut. 24. 1.

p This dreame is witnessed by the holy Ghost, and is a kinde of reuelation. Num. 12. 6.

q This name putteth him in remembrance of Gods promise to Dauid. Luke 1. 31. r That is, a Sauiour. Act. 4. 12. Phil. 2. 10. Isa. 7. 14. s Or, thou. t God is ioyned with vs by the meanes of Iesus Christ, who is both God and man. u Christ is here called the first borne, because shee had neuer any before, and not in respect of any shee had after. Neither yet doeth this worde (till) import alwayes a time following wherein the contrary may be affirmed, as our Sauiour, saying that he will be present with his disciples till the ende of the worlde, meaneth not, that after this worlde he will not be with them.

2 Thes. 2. CHAP. II. 2 Epiphan.

1 *The time and place of Christs birth.* 11 *The wise men offer their presents.* 14 *Christ fleeth into Egypt.* 16 *The young children are slaine.* 23 *Ioseph returneth into Galilee.*

WHen * Iesus was then borne at Beth-lehem in * Iudea, in the dayes of Herode the king, beholde, there came

* And Salathiel begate Zorobabel.
13 And Zorobabel begate Abiud. And Abiud begate Eliacim. And Eliacim begate Azor.
14 And Azor begate Sadoc. And Sadoc begate Achim. And Achim begate Eliud.
15 And Eliud begate Eleazar. And Eleazar begate Matthan. And Matthan begate Iacob.
16 And Iacob begate Ioseph, the husband of Marie, k of whom was borne Iesus, that is called l Christ.
17 So all the generations from Abraham to Dauid, are fourteene generations: and from Dauid vntill they were caryed away into Babylon, fourteene generations: and after they were caried away into Babylon, vntill Christ, fourteene generations.
18 ¶ Now the birth of Iesus Christ was thus: (When as his mother Mary was * betrothed to Ioseph, m before they came together, she was found * with childe of the holy Ghost.
19 Then Ioseph her husband being a iust man, and not willing to * make her a publike example, was minded to put her away secretly.
20 But whiles he thought these things, beholde, the Angel of the Lorde appeared vnto him in a p dreame, saying, Ioseph the sonne of Dauid, feare not to take Marie for thy wife: for that which is conceiued in her, is of the holy Ghost.
21 And shee shall bring forth a sonne, and thou shalt * call his name Iesus: for he shall * saue his people from their sinnes.
22 And all this was done that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lorde by the Prophet, saying,
23 * Beholde, a Virgine shall be with child, and shall beare a sonne, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which is by interpretation, t God with vs.
24 ¶ Then Ioseph being raised from sleepe, did as the Angel of the Lord had inioyned him, and tooke his wife.
25 But knewe her not, till shee had brought forth her * first borne sonne, and he called his name IESVS.

a Wisemen from the East to Ierusalem.
2 Saying, Where is he that is borne King of the Iewes that is borne? for we haue seene his * starre in the East, and are come to worship him.
3 When king Herode heard this, he was troubled, and all Ierusalem with him.
4 And gathering together all the chiefe Priestes and Scribes of the people, hee asked of them, where Christ should be borne.
5 * And they sayde vnto him, At Bethlehem in Iudea: for so it is written by the Prophet,
6 * And thou Beth-lehem in the land of Iuda, art not the least among the princes of Iuda: for out of thee shall come the gouernour that shall feede my people Israel.
7 Then Herode * priuily called the wisemen, and diligently inquired of them the time of the starre that appeared,
8 And sent them to Beth-lehem, saying, Goe, and search diligently for the babe: and when yee haue found him, bring me worde againe, that I may come also, and worship him.
9 ¶ So when they had heard the King, they departed: and loe, the starre which they had seene in the East, went before them, till it came, and stoode ouer the place where the babe was.
10 And when they sawe the starre, they reioyced with an exceeding great ioy.
11 And went into the house, and * found the babe with Mary his mother, and fell downe, and worshipped him, and opened their treasures, and presented vnto him gifts, euen b golde, and incense, and myrrhe.
12 And after they were warned of God in a dreame, that they should * not go againe to Herode, they returned into their country another way.
13 ¶ After their departure, behold, the Angel of the Lorde appeareth to Ioseph in a dreame, saying, Arise, and take the babe and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there till I bring thee worde: for Herode will seeke the babe, to destroy him.
14 So he arose, and tooke the babe and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt,
15 And was there vnto the death of Herode, * that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lorde by the * Prophet, saying, Out of Egypt haue I called my Sonne.
16 ¶ Then Herode, seeing that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Beth-lehem, and in all the coastes thereof, from two yeere olde and vnder, according to the time which hee had diligently searched out of the wisemen.
17 Then was that fulfilled which was

b Wisemen, or Magi, in the Persians & Chaldeans tongue, signifie Philosophers, Priests, or Astronomers, and are here the first fruites of the Gentiles that came to worship Christ.

c An extraordinary signe to set forth that Kings honour whome the world did not esteeme.

d Which was a declaration of that reuerence, which the Gentiles should beare vnto Christ.

e They could well tel of Christ in generall: but whē they should professe his name, and giue him his due honour, they were colde & shrinke backe.

Micah 5. 2. Iohn 7. 42.

f An euill conscience is a burning fire.

g The starre vanished away before, to the intent they should tarie at Ierusalem, & there inquire of thething to the confusion of the Iewes.

* Or, saw.

h The Persians maner was not to salute Kings without a present, and therefore they brought of that which was most precious in their countrey, whereof euery one of them offered.

i Promise ought not to be kept where Gods honour and preaching of his truth is hindered: or else it ought not to be broken.

k That which was prefigured by the deliuerance of the Israelites out of Egypt, which was Christs Church and his body, is now verified, and accomplished in the head Christ. Hos. 11. 1. l Within a certaine time after.

spoken

Herod renewed the sorowe which the Benjamites had suffered long before: yet for al his cruelty he could not bring to passe, ‖ Christ should not reigne.

a That is, they were killed and dead.

o Thus the faithfull may see how God hath infinite meanes to preserue them from ‖ rage of tyrants.

‖ *Or, therefore.*

‖ *Or, of Nazareth.*

‖ Which is holy and consecrated to God: alluding vnto those that were Nazarites in the old Law, which were a figure of that holinesse which should be manifested in Christ, as was Samson, Ioseph, &c.

18 ‖ In Rama was a voice heard, mourning, and weeping, and great lamentation: Rachel weeping for her children, and would not bee comforted, because they were not.

19 And when Herode was dead, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeareth in a dreame to Ioseph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the babe and his mother, and goe into the lande of Israel: for they are dead which sought the babes life.

21 Then he arose vp, and tooke the babe and his mother, and came into the lande of Israel.

22 But when hee heard that Archelaus did reigne in Iudea in steade of his father Herode, hee was afraide to goe thither: ‖ yet after hee was warned of God in a dreame, hee turned aside into the partes of Galile,

23 And went and dwelt in a citie called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophets, which was, that he should be called ‖ a Nazarite.

CHAP. III.

1 The office, doctrine, and life of Iohn. 7 The Pharisees are reproued. 8 The fruites of repentance. 13 Christ is baptized in Iordan, 17 And authorized by God his Father.

IN ‖ a those dayes, Iohn the Baptist came and preached in the b wildernesse of Iudea,

2 And said, ‖ Repent: for the c kingdome of heauen is at hand.

3 For this is he of whom it is spoken by the Prophet Esaias, saying, * The voice of him that cryeth in the wildernesse, is, Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his paths straight.

4 * And this Iohn had his d garment of camels haire, ‖ a girdle of a skin about his loynes: his meate was also ‖ e locusts and wilde hony.

5 * Then went out to him Ierusalem and all Iudea, and all the region round about Iordan.

6 And they were baptized of him in Iordan, ‖ confessing their sinnes.

7 Now when he saw many of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees come to his baptisme, he said vnto them, * O ‖ generations of vipers, who hath forewarned you to flee from the anger to come?

8 ‖ Bring foorth therefore e fruits worthy amendment of life.

9 And thinke not to say within your selues, We haue Abraham to our father: for I say vnto you, that God is able of these stones to raise vp children vnto Abraham.

10 And now also is the * axe put to the roote of the trees: * therefore euery tree which bringeth not foorth good fruite, is hewen downe and cast into the fire.

11 * In deede I baptize you with water to amendment of life, but hee that commeth after me, is mightier then I, whose shoes I am not worthy to beare: he will baptize you with the holy ghost, and with ‖ fire.

12 Which hath his ‖ fanne in his hand, and will make cleane his floore, and gather his wheate into his garner, but will burne vp the chaffe with vnquenchable fire.

13 ¶ * Then came Iesus from Galile to Iordan vnto Iohn, to be baptized of him.

14 But Iohn put him backe, saying, I haue neede to be baptized of thee, and commest thou to me?

15 Then Iesus answering, said to him, Let be nowe: for thus it becommeth vs to ‖ fulfill all righteousnesse. So hee suffered him.

16 And Iesus when hee was baptized came straight out of the water. And loe, the heauens were opened vnto him, and Iohn sawe the Spirit of God descending like a ‖ doue, and lighting vpon him.

17 And loe, a voyce came from heauen, saying, * This is my ‖ beloued Sonne, in whom I am well pleased.

a In the 15 yere of the reigne of Tiberius, after Christ had long time remained in Nazaret, and was now about 30. yeere olde, Luke 3 1 23.

b So called in respect of the plaine countrey and fertile valies: and not because it was not inhabited.

‖ *Or, be sorie for your faultes past, and amend.*

c Which is, that God will reigne ouer vs, gather vs vnto him, pardon our sinnes, and adopt vs by the preaching of the Gospel. *Isa.* 42 3; *mar.* 1. 3. *Luke* 3 4 *iohn.* 1. 23. *Mar.* 1. 6

d Women with haire, as grosse haire cloth. ‖ *Or, grashoppers.*

e Such meates as nature brought forth without mans labour or diligence: read Leuit 11 22. *Mat.* 1. 5. *Luk* 3 7.

f Acknowledging their faults: for there is no repentance without confession. *Chap.* 12 34. ‖ *Or, broodes.*

g He menaceth those venemous and malicious Pharises with the iudgement of God, except they shew before men such works as are agreeable to the profession of the godly, whom Isai calleth the trees of righteousnesse, Chap 61. 3.

h The ministerie of God is as hand to destroy such as are not meete to be of his Church. *Chap.* 7. 19. *Mat.* 1. 8 *Luke* 3. 16 *iob.* 1. 26 *acts* 1. 5. & 2. 4. & 8. 17 *and* 19. 4. 5.

i When God baptizeth inwardly with the vertue of his Spirit, he burneth and consumeth the vices, and inflameth ‖ hearts with loue toward him.

k Which is the preaching of the Gospel, whereby he gathereth the faithfull as good corne, and scatereth the infidels as chaffe. *Marke* 1 9. *Luke* 3. 21.

l We must render perfit obedience to God in all things, which hee hath ordeined.

m To shew the state of his kingdome, which is in all meekenesse & lowlinesse. *Chap.* 17. 5 2. *pet.* 1. 17.

n The fauour of God appeareth on Iesus Christ, that from him it might be powred on vs, which deserue of our selues his wrath and indignation. *Coloss.* 1. 13.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Christ fasteth and is tempted. 11 The Angels minister to him. 17 He beginneth to preach. 18 He calleth Peter, Andrew, Iames and Iohn, & healeth all the sicke.

THen * was Iesus led aside a of the Spirit into the wildernesse, to be b tempted of the deuill.

2 And when he had fasted fourtie dayes and fourtie nights, he was afterward hungry.

3 Then came to him the tempter, and sayd, If thou be the Sonne of God, c command that these stones be made bread.

4 But hee answering, sayd, It is written, * Man shall not liue by bread onely, but by euery d worde that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the deuill tooke him vp into the e holy Citie, and set him on a ‖ pinacle of the Temple,

6 And sayde vnto him, If thou bee the Sonne of God, cast thy selfe downe: for it is written, * that hee will giue his Angels charge ouer thee, and with their hands they shall ‖ lift thee vp, least at any time thou

Marke 1. 12. *Luke* 4. 2.

a By the holy Ghost.

b To the ende that he ouercoming these temptations might get ‖ victorie for vs.

c Satan would haue Christ to distrust God, and his word, & follow other strange and vnlawfull meanes. *Deut.* 8 3.

d He meeteth the order that God hath established to maintaine his creatures by.

e To wit, Ierusalem ‖ *Or, vnto which shewrith where the wind listeth.* *Psal* 91. 11, 12.

f He allegeth but halfe the text, thereby the rather, and cloke his craftie purpose.

g We muſt not leaue ſuch lawfull meanes as God hath appointed, to ſeeke others after our owne fantaſie.

h In a viſion. *Deut.6.13.and 10.20. Marke 1.13. Luke 4. 13.*

i The word of God is the ſword of the Spirit, wherwith Satan is ouercome.

k To comfort him.

Marke 1.14. Luke 4.14. ſohn 4.43.

l And caſt in priſon by Herod.

m For ſo they called the lake of Gennezareth. *Iſa.9.1.2.*

n Chriſt had preached now almoſt a yere in Iudea, & Samaria, & after went to preach in the vppermoſt Galile, which was one of the borders of Paleſtina.

o Which was without comfort hath received conſolation *Marke 1.15. Marke 1.16.*

p God hath choſen the weake things of the world to confound ſ mightie, 1.Cor. 1 27

q To draw them out of the ſea of this world, wherein they are drowned.

r We ought to be moſt ready to follow Chriſt when he calleth, leuing all worldly reſpects apart.

ſ That is, ſ bleſſedtidings of forgiuenes of ſins and reconciliation with God.

t So that by healing incurable diſeaſes Chriſts diuinitie appeared.

u They that were mad or ſicke at a certaine time of the moone.

x It was a countrey wherein were temples as the word ſignifieth.

7 Jeſus ſayd vnto him, It is written againe, * Thou ſhalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Againe the deuill tooke him vp vnto an exceeding high mountaine, and h ſhewed him all the kingdomes of the world, and the glory of them,

9 And ſayd to him, All theſe will I giue thee, if thou wilt fal downe and worſhip me.

10 Then ſayd Jeſus vnto him, Auoyde Satan: for it is written, * Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him onely ſhalt thou ſerue.

11 * Then the deuill i left him: and behold, the Angels k came and miniſtred vnto him.

12 ¶ * And when Jeſus had heard that John was l deliuered vp, hee returned into Galile,

13 And leauing Nazareth, went & dwelt in Capernaum, which is neere the m ſea, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim,

14 That it might be fulfilled which was ſpoken by Eſaias the Prophet, ſaying,

15 * The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim by the way of the ſea, beyond Jordan, n Galile of the Gentiles:

16 The people which ſate in o darkneſſe, ſaw great light: and to them which ſate in the region and ſhadow of death, light is riſen vp.

17 * From that time Jeſus beganne to preach, and to ſay, Amend your liues: for the kingdome of heauen is at hand.

18 ¶ * And Jeſus walking by the ſea of Galile, ſaw two brethren, Simon, which was called Peter, and Andrew his brother caſting a net into the ſea (for they were p fiſhers.)

19 And he ſayd vnto them, Follow me, and I will make you fiſhers of men.

20 And they ſtraightway leauing the nets, followed him.

21 And when hee was gone forth from thence, he ſawe other two brethren, James the ſonne of Zebedeus, and John his brother in a ſhip with Zebedeus their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 And they * without tarying, leauing the ſhip and their father, followed him.

23 So Jeſus went about all Galile, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Goſpell of the r kingdome, and healing euery ſickenes and euery diſeaſe among the people,

24 And his fame ſpread abroad through all Syria: and they brought vnto him all ſicke people, that were taken with diuers diſeaſes and gripings, and them that were poſſeſſed with t deuils, and thoſe which were u lunatike, and thoſe that had the palſie: and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes out of Galile, and x Decapolis, and Jeruſalem, and Judea, and from beyonde Jordan.

1 *Chriſt is the light of the world. 13 The ſalt of the earth & light of the world. 16 Good works. 17 Chriſt came to fulfill the Law. 21 What is meant by killing. 23 Reconciliation. 27 Adultery. 29 Offences. 31 Diuorcement. 33 Not to ſweare. 39 To ſuffer wrong. 44 To loue our enemies. 48 Perfection.*

AND when he ſaw the multitude, he went vp into a mountaine: and when he was ſet, his diſciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, ſaying,

3 * Bleſſed are the a poore in ſpirit: for theirs is the kingdome of heauen.

4 * Bleſſed are they that b mourne: for they ſhall be comforted.

5 * Bleſſed are the c meeke: for they ſhall inherite the earth.

6 Bleſſed are they which d hunger and thirſt for righteouſnes: for they ſhalbe filled.

7 Bleſſed are the mercifull: for they ſhall obteine mercie.

8 Bleſſed are the * pure in heart: for they ſhall ſee God.

9 Bleſſed are the peacemakers: for they ſhalbe called the e children of God.

10 Bleſſed are they which * ſuffer perſecution for righteouſnes ſake: for theirs is the kingdome of heauen.

11 * Bleſſed are ye when men reuile you, and perſecute you, and ſay all maner of euill againſt you for my ſake, falſly.

12 Reioyce and be glad, for great is your reward in heauen: for ſo perſecuted they the Prophets which were before you.

13 * Ye are the f ſalt of the earth: but if the ſalt haue loſt his ſauour, wherewith ſhall it be ſalted? it is thence forth good for nothing but to be caſt out, and to be troden vnder foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A citie that is ſet on an hill, can not be hid.

15 * Neither doe men light a candle, and put it vnder a buſhell, but on a candleſticke, and it giueth light vnto all that are in the houſe.

16 * Let your light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorifie your father which is in heauen.

17 Thinke not that I am come to deſtroy the Lawe, or the Prophets. * I am not come to deſtroy them, but to fulfill them.

18 * For truely I ſay vnto you, Till heauen and earth periſh, one iote, or one title of the Law ſhall not eſcape, till g all things be fulfilled.

19 * Whoſoeuer therefore ſhall breake one of h theſe leaſt commandements, and teach men ſo, hee ſhall be called the leaſt in the kingdome of heauen: but whoſoeuer ſhall obſerue and teach them, the ſame ſhall bee called great in the kingdome of heauen.

20 For I ſay vnto you, except your righteouſnes * exceede the righteouſnes of the

ſuperfluous. *Iames 2.10* k Whoſoeuer ſhall tranſgreſſe the leaſt of the ten commandements in word and example, he ſhall be caſt out of the kingdome of God, except it be pardoned him in Chriſt. *Luke 11.39*

Matt. 5 Eke 6 Feria Trin Gloſ 20 of 27 Luke 6.20.

a That feele themſelues voide of all righteouſneſſe, that they may onely ſeeke it in Chriſt. *Iſa.61.2 3 7 & 65.13,19. Luke 6.21.*

b Which feele their owne miſerie, and ſeeke their comfort in God. *Pſal 37.11.*

c Who rather would ſuffer all iniuries, the they would reuenge themſelues.

d Being in neceſſitie, deſire nothing but that which is vpright and godly. *Pſal.24.4.*

e For he is called the God of peace, 1. Cor. 14 33 1.*Pet.3.14.* 1 *Pet.4.14.* *act 5.41. Marke 9.50. Luke 14.34.*

f Your office is to ſeaſon men with the ſalt of the heauenly doctrine. *Marke 4.21. Luke 8. 16. and 11.33.* 1.*Pet. 2.12.*

g Becauſe you are ſeene farre off, giue good example of life.

h The Goſpel is the ſtabliſhing and accompliſhing of the law. *Luke 16.17.*

i The doctrine of the law conteineth nothing vnprofitable or

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l Which neither expound the law truely, nor obserue it well.
m He sheweth how these worthy doctors haue falsly glosed this commandement. *Exod.* 20.13. *deut.* 5.17.
‖ *Or subiect to punishment.* ‖ *Or, without cause.*
n For God knowing his secret malice will punish him.
o Which signifieth in ‖ Syrians tongue, an idle braine, and is spoken in contempt.
p Like iudgement almost the Romanes obserued: for Triumuiri had the examination of smal matters, ‖ counsel of 3. of greater causes, and finally great matters of importace were decided by the Senate of 72. Iudges, which here is compared to the iudgement of God, or to be punished with hell fire.
q For that thou hast offended him, or he hath offended thee: for God preferreth brotherly reconciliation to sacrifice. *Luke* 12.58. *Exod.* 20.14. *rom.* 13.9.
r Chastitie is required both in body and mind. *Chap.* 18.8,9. *mar.* 9.47.
s Nothing is so precious which ought not to be reiected in respect of the glory of God.
‖ *Or, and not thee.*

1 Scribes and Pharises, ye shal not enter into the kingdome of heauen.
21 m Ye haue heard that it was said vnto them of the olde time, * Thou shalt not kill: for whosoeuer killeth, shall bee ‖ culpable of iudgement.
22 But I say vnto you, Whosoeuer is angry with his brother ‖ o without cause, shall be culpable of iudgement. And whosoeuer saith vnto his brother, o Raca, shall be worthy to be punished by the p Councill. And whosoeuer shall say, Foole, shall be worthy to be punished with hell fire.
23 If then thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remembrest that thy brother hath ought against thee,
24 Leaue there thine offering before the altar, and goe thy way: first be q reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
25 * Agree with thine aduersarie quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him, lest thine aduersarie deliuer thee to the Iudge, and the Iudge deliuer thee to the sergeant, and thou be cast into prison.
26 Verely I say vnto thee, thou shalt not come out thence, till thou hast payed the vtmost farthing.
27 ¶ Ye haue heard that it was sayd to them of olde time, * Thou shalt not commit adulterie.
28 But I say vnto you, that whosoeuer looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed r adulterie with her alreadie in his heart.
29 * Wherefore if thy right ‖ s eye cause thee to offend, plucke it out, and cast it from thee: for better it is for thee, that one of thy members perish, then that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
30 Also if thy right hand make thee to offend, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for better it is for thee that one of thy members perish, then that thy whole body should bee cast into hell.
31 It hath bene said also, * Whosoeuer shal put away his wife, let him giue her a testimoniall of diuorcement.
32 But I say vnto you, Whosoeuer shall put away his wife (except it be for fornication) t causeth her to commit adultery: u whosoeuer shal marrie her that is diuorced, committeth adultery.
33 Againe, ye haue heard that it was said to them of olde time, * Thou shalt not forsweare thy selfe, but shalt performe thine othes to the Lord.
34 But I say vnto you, * Sweare not at all, neither by heauen, for it is the throne of God:
35 Nor yet by the earth: for it is his footstoole: neither by Ierusalem: for it is the citie of the great King.
36 Neither shalt thou sweare by thine head, because thou canst not make one haire white or blacke.
37 * But let your communication be, Yea, yea: Nay, nay. For whatsoeuer is more then these, commeth of v euill.
38 ¶ Ye haue heard that it hath bene said, An * x eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.
39 But I say vnto you, * Resist not ‖ euill: but whosoeuer y shall smite thee on the right cheeke, turne to him the other also.
40 And if any man will sue thee at the Law, and take away thy coate, let him haue thy cloke also.
41 And whosoeuer wil compell thee to go a mile, go with him twaine.
42 * Giue to him that asketh, and from him that would borow of thee, turne not away.
43 Ye haue heard that it hath bene said, * Thou shalt loue thy neighbour, and z hate thine enemie.
44 But I say vnto you, * Loue your enemies: blesse them that curse you: do good to them that hate you, * & pray for them which hurt you, and persecute you,
45 * That ye may be the children of your Father that is in heauen: for he maketh his sunne to arise on the euill, and the good, and sendeth raine on the iust and vniust.
46 * For if ye loue them which loue you, what reward shall you haue? Doe not the a Publicanes euen the same?
47 And if ye be friendly to your brethren onely, what singular thing doe ye? doe not euen the Publicanes likewise?
48 Ye shall therefore be b perfite, as your Father which is in heauen, is perfite.

Iames 5.12.
v Let simplicitie and truth be in your words, and then ye shall not be so light and ready to sweare.
w When a man speaketh otherwise then hee thinketh in hart, it commeth of an euill conscience, and of the deuill. *Exod.* 21.24. *leuit.* 24.20. *deut.* 19.21.
x Albeit this was spoken for the iudges, yet euery man applied it to reuenge his priuate quarell. *Luke* 6.29. *rom* 12.17. *1.cor* 6.7.
‖ *Or, iniurie.*
z Rather receiue double wrong, then reuenge thine owne griefes. *Deut.* 15.7. *Leuit.* 19.18.
b This was added by the false expositors the Pharises. *Luke* 6.27,35. *Luke* 23.34. *act.* 7.60. *1.cor.* 4.13.
‖ *Or, rash to vpon you.* *Luke* 6.35. *Luke* 6.32.
c These did take to farme the taxes, tolles and other payments, and therefore were greatly in disdaine with all men.
Or, imbraces. d We must labour to attaine to the perfection of God, who of his bountifulnesse doeth good so them that are vnworthy.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Of almes,* 5 *prayer,* 14 *forgiuing one another,* 16 *fasting.* 19 *How forbidden the care full seeking of worldly things, and willeth men to put their whole trust in him.*

TAke heede that you giue not your almes before men, to be seene of them, or else yee shall haue no reward of your Father which is in heauen.
2 * Therefore when thou giuest thine almes, thou shalt not make a trumpet to be blowen before thee, as the a hypocrites doe in the Synagogues and in the streetes, to be praysed of men. Verely I say vnto you, they haue b their reward.
3 But when thou doest thine almes, let not thy c left hand knowe what thy right hand doeth,
4 That thy almes may be in secret, and thy Father that seeth in secret, he will reward thee d openly.
5 And when thou prayest, be not as the hypocrites: for they loue to stand, and pray in the Synagogues, and in the corners of the streetes, because they would be seene of men. Verely I say vnto you, they haue their reward.

a Whose workes proceed not of a right faith, but are done for vaine glory.
b In that they are prayed and commended of men.
c It is sufficient that God approue our workes.
d In the day when all things shalbe manifest.

e Withdraw thy selfe rather apart.
‖Or, babble not much.
f He commandeth vs to beware of much babling and superfluous repeates.
g Who is not perswaded by eloquent speach, and long talke, as men are.
h Christ bindeth them not to the wordes, but to the sense, and forme of prayer. *Luke* 11.2.
i We must seeke Gods glory first and aboue all things.
k Reigne thou ouer all, and let vs render vnto thee perfect obedience, as thine Angels doe.
l To be ouercome thereby. *Chap* 13.19.
m This conclusion excludeth mans merits, and teacheth vs to ground our prayers onely on God. *Mar.* 11.25. *Apocal.* 8.3.
n Make their faces to seeme of an other sort then they were wont to doe.
o Whereby is commanded to auoide all vaine ostentation. *Luke* 12.33. 1. *Tim.* 6.19. *Luke* 11.34.
p If thine eye be disposed to liberalitie, Prou. 22.9.
q If thine affection be corrupt, and giuen to couetousnesse, Prou. 23.9.
r If the concupiscence & wicked affections ouercome reason, we must not marueile though men be blinded, and be like vnto beasts. *Luke* 16. 23. *Psal.* 55.22. *Luke* 12.22. *Phil.* 4.6. 1. *Cor.* 6.8. 1. *Pet.* 5.7.
s Mans trauaile auaileth nothing where God giueth not increase.

6 But when thou prayest, * enter into thy chamber: and when thou hast shut thy doore, pray vnto thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

7 Also when ye pray, ‖ f vse no vaine repetitions as the heathen: for they thinke to be heard for their much babbling.

8 Be ye not like them therefore: for your g Father knoweth whereof yee haue need, before ye aske of him.

9 After this h manner therefore pray yee, * Our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy i Name,

10 Thy k kingdome come. Thy will be done euen in earth, as it is in heauen.

11 Giue vs this day our daily bread.

12 And forgiue vs our debts, as we also forgiue our debters.

13 And leade vs not l into tentation, but deliuer vs * from euill: for m thine is the kingdome, and the power, and the glory for euer, Amen.

14 * For if yee doe forgiue men their trespasses, your heauenly Father will also forgiue you.

15 But if yee doe not forgiue men their trespasses, no more will your Father forgiue you your trespasses.

16 Moreouer, when yee fast, looke not sowre, as the hypocrites: for they n disfigure their faces, that they might seeme vnto men to fast. Verely I say vnto you, that they haue their reward.

17 But when thou fastest, o anoint thine head, and wash thy face,

18 That thou seeme not vnto men to fast, but vnto thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, will reward thee openly.

19 ¶ Lay not vp treasures for your selues vpon the earth, where the moth and canker corrupt, and where theeues dig through, and steale.

20 * But lay vp treasures for your selues in heauen, where neither the moth nor canker corrupteth, and where theeues neither dig through, nor steale.

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 ¶ * The light of the body is the eye: if then thine eye bee p single, thy whole body shall be light.

23 But if thine eye bee q wicked, then all thy body shall bee darke. Wherefore if the r light that is in thee, bee darkenesse, how great is that darkenesse?

24 * No man can serue two masters: for either hee shall hate the one, and loue the other, or else hee shall leane to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serue God and riches.

25 * Therefore I say vnto you, Bee not s carefull for your life, what yee shall eate, or what ye shall drinke: nor yet for your bodie, what yee shall put on. Is not the life more worth then meate? and the bodie then raiment?

26 Behold the fowles of the heauen: for they sowe not, neither reape, nor carrie into the barne: yet your heauenly Father feedeth them? Are ye not much better then they?

27 Which of you by taking care, is able to adde one cubite vnto his stature?

28 And why care ye for raiment? Learne, how the lilies of t the fielde doe growe: they u labour not, neither spin:

29 Yet I say vnto you, that euen Solomon in all his glory was not arayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore if God so clothe the grasse of the field which is to day, and to morow is cast into the ouen, shall he not do much more vnto you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat, or what shall we drinke? or wherewith shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things x seeke the Gentiles) for your heauenly Father knoweth that ye haue need of all these things.

33 But seeke ye first the kingdom of God, and his y righteousnesse, and all these things shalbe ministred vnto you.

34 Care not then for the morow: for the morow shall care for ‖ it z selfe: the day hath enough with his owne griefe.

t The goodnesse of God euen toward the herbes of the field farre passeth all things that man can compasse by his power and labour.
u The word signifieth, they weare not themselues.
x With care and distrust.
y That is, to be regenerate, & amend your liues.
‖Or, his owne things.
z God will prouide for euery day that that shal be necessarie, though we do not increase the present griefe by the carefulnesse how to liue in time to come,

CHAP. VII.

1 *Christ forbiddeth rash iudgement.* 6 *Not to cast holy things to dogs.* 7 *To aske, seeke, or knocke.* 12 *The scope of the Scripture.* 13 *The straite and wide gate.* 15 *Of false prophets.* 16 *The good tree and euill.* 22 *False miracles.* 24 *The house on the rocke, or vpon the sand.*

1 Iudge a not, that ye be not iudged.

2 For with what b iudgement ye iudge, ye shall bee iudged, and with what * measure ye mete, it shall bee measured to you againe.

3 And why seest thou the mote that is in thy brothers eye, & perceiuest not the beame that is in thine owne eye?

4 * Or how sayest thou to thy brother, Suffer mee to cast out the mote out of thine eye, and beholde, a beame is in thine owne eye?

5 Hypocrite, first cast out the beame out of thine owne eye, and then shalt thou see cleerely to cast out the mote out of thy brothers eye.

6 ¶ * Giue ye not that which is holy, to dogges, neither cast yee your pearles before swine, lest they treade them vnder their feete, and turning againe, all to rent you.

7 ¶ * Aske, and it shalbe giuen you: seeke and ye shall finde: knocke, and it shalbe opened vnto you.

8 For whosoeuer asketh, receiueth: and hee that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shalbe opened.

9 For what man is there among you, which if his sonne aske him bread, would giue him a stone?

10 Or if he aske a fish, will he giue him a serpent?

11 If yee then, which are euill, can giue to your children good gifts, how much more shall

a Rash iudgement is forbidden, not the office of a godly iudge, or the priuate admonition of a brother. *Luke* 6.37. *Rom.* 2.1. 1. *Cor.* 4.3. *Mar.* 4.24. *Luke* 6.38.
b Declare not the Gospel to the wicked contemners of God, whom thou seest lese to themselues and forsaken. *Chap.* 21.22. *Mar.* 11.24. *Luke* 11.9. *Iohn* 14.13 & 16.23, 24 *Iames* 1.5.

shall your Father which is in heaven, giue good things to them that aske him?

12 * Therefore whatsoeuer ye would that men should do to you, euen so do ye to them: for this is the * Law and the Prophets.

13 ¶ * d Enter in at the streit gate, for it is the wide gate, and broade * way that leadeth to destruction: and many there be which go in thereat,

14 Because the gate is streit, and the way narrow that leadeth vnto life, and few there be that finde it.

15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are rauening wolues.

16 Ye shall knowe them by their fruites. * Do men gather grapes of thornes? or figs of thistles?

17 So euery good tree bringeth foorth good fruit, and a corrupt tree bringeth foorth euill fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring foorth euill fruite, neither can a corrupt tree bring foorth good fruit.

19 * Euery tree that bringeth not foorth good fruite, is hewen downe, and cast into the fire.

20 Therefore by their fruites yee shall know them.

21 ¶ Not euery one that saith vnto me, * Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdome of heauen, * but hee that doeth my Fathers will which is in heauen.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, haue we not * by thy Name prophesied? and by thy Name cast out deuils, and by thy Name done many great workes?

23 And then will I protestle to them, * I neuer knew you: * depart from me, ye that worke iniquitie.

24 Whosoeuer then heareth of mee these words, * and doeth the same, I will liken him to a wise man, which hath builded his house on a rocke:

25 And the raine fell, & the floods came, and the windes blewe, and beat vpon that house, and it fell not: for it was grounded on a rocke.

26 But whosoeuer heareth these my words, and doeth them not, shall be likened vnto a foolish man, which hath builded his house vpon the sand:

27 And the raine fell, & the floods came, and the windes blewe, and beat vpon that house, & it fel, and the fall thereof was great.

28 ¶ * And it came to passe, when Iesus had ended these words, the people were astonied at his doctrine.

29 For hee taught them as one hauing * authority, and not as the Scribes.

CHAP. VIII.

2 Christ healeth the leper. 5 The Captaines faith. 11 The vocation of the Gentiles. 14 Peters mother in law. 19 The Scribe that would follow Christ. 20 Christes pouerty. 24 He stilleth the sea and the winde, 31 And driueth the deuils out of the possessed into the swine.

NOwe when hee was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes followed him.

2 * And lo, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Master, if thou wilt thou canst make me cleane.

3 And Iesus stretching forth his hand, touched him, saying, I will, be thou cleane: and immediatly his * leprosie was cleansed.

4 Then Iesus said vnto him, See thou tell * no man, but goe, and shew thy selfe vnto the * Priest, and offer the gift that * Moses commanded, for a witnesse to them.

5 ¶ * When Iesus was entred into Capernaum, there came vnto him a * Centurion, beseeching him,

6 And said, Master, my seruant lieth sick at home of the palsie, & is grieuously pained.

7 And Iesus said vnto him, I will come and heale him.

8 But the Centurion answered, saying, Master, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come vnder my roofe: but speake the word onely, and my seruant shalbe healed.

9 For I am a man also vnder the authority of another, and haue souldiers vnder me: and I say to one, Goe, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he commeth: and to my seruant, Doe this, and he doeth it.

10 When Iesus heard that, he marueiled, and said to them that followed him, Verely I say vnto you, I haue not found so great faith, euen in Israel.

11 But I say vnto you, that * many shall come from the East and West, and shall sit downe with Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob in the kingdome of heauen.

12 And the children of the kingdome shal be cast out into * vtter darkenes: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 Then Iesus said vnto the Centurion, Goe thy way, and as thou hast beleeued, so be it vnto thee. And his seruant was healed the same houre.

14 ¶ * And when Iesus came to Peters house, he saw his wiues mother laid downe, and sicke of a feuer.

15 And hee touched her hand, & the feuer left her: so she arose, & ministred vnto them.

16 * When the euen was come, they brought vnto him many that were possessed with deuils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sicke,

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by * Esaias the Prophet, saying, * Hee tooke our infirmities, & bare our sicknesses.

18 ¶ And when Iesus sawe great multitudes of people about him, he commanded them to go ouer the water.

19 * Then came there a certaine Scribe, and said vnto him, Master, * I will followe thee whither soeuer thou goest.

20 But Iesus said vnto him, The foxes haue holes, and the birds of the heauen haue nests, but the Sonne of man hath not wheron to rest his head.

21 ¶ And * another of his disciples saide vnto him, Master, suffer me first to goe, and * bury my father.

a It was not like that leprosie that is now, but was a kinde thereof which was incurable.

b He would not yet be throughly knowen but had his time & howre appointed.

c Our Sauiour would not contemne that which was ordeined by the Law, seeing as yet ceremonies therof were not abolished. *Leuit.* 14.4.

d To condemne them of ingratitude when they shall see thes whole. *Luke* 7.1.

‖ *Or, a captaine ouer an hundreth.*

‖ *Or, seruus.*

e Which are strange people and the Gentiles to whom the couenant of God did not properly appertaine.

f For there is nothing but meere darkenes out of the kingdome of heauen. *Chap.* 22.13. *Mar.* 1.29. *Luke* 4.38. *Mar.* 1.32. *Luke* 4.40.

Isa. 53.4. 1 *Pet.* 2.24.

g The Prophet speaketh chiefly of the feeblenesse add disease of our soules, which Iesus Christ hath borne: therefore he setteth his great mercy and power before our eyes by healing the body. *Luke* 9.59.

h Thought by this meanes to curry fauor with the world: but Iesus sheweth him that he is farre wide from that he looked for: for in stead of worldly wealth there is but pouerty in Christ. i Luke maketh mention of three, which were hindred by worldly respects to commme to Christ. k To succour and helpe him in his old age till he die: and then I will follow thee wholly.

l No diuine or loue yeeld to be preferred to Gods calling: therefore Iesus calleth them dead which are hindred by any worldly thing to follow Christ.
Marke 4.35.
Luke 8.22.

Marke 5.1.
Luke 8.26.

m The wicked would euer deferre their punishment thinking all correction to come too soone.
n The deuill desireth euer to do harme, but he can do no more then God doeth appoint.
o Meaning, the lake of Genesareth.
p These Gergesenes esteemed more their hogs then Iesus Christ

22 But Iesus sayde vnto him, Followe me, and let the l dead bury their dead.
23 ¶ And when he was entred into the ship, his disciples followed him.
24 And behold, there arose a great tempest in the Sea, so that the ship was couered with wawes: but he was asleepe.
25 Then his Disciples came and awoke him, saying, Master, saue vs: we perish.
26 And he said vnto them, Why are yee fearefull, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the Sea: and so there was a great calme.
27 And the men marueiled, saying, What man is this, that both the windes and the Sea obey him?
28 ¶ * And when hee was come to the other side, into the countrey of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with deuils, which came out of the graues very fierce, so that no man might goe by that way.
29 And behold, they cryed out, saying, Iesus the Sonne of God, what haue wee to doe with thee? Art thou come hither to torment vs m before the time?
30 Now there was a farre off from them, a great herd of swine feeding.
31 And the deuils besought him, saying, If thou cast vs out, n suffer vs to goe into the herd of swine.
32 And he said vnto them, Goe. So they went out, and departed into the herde of swine: and behold, the whole herde of swine was caryed with violence from a steepe downe place into the o Sea, and dyed in the water.
33 Then the herdmen fled: and when they were come into the citie, they tolde all things, and what was become of them, that were possessed with the deuils.
34 And beholde, all the citie came out to meete Iesus: and when they saw him, p they besought him to depart out of their coasts.

CHAP. IX.

1 He healeth the palsie, 5 And forgiueth sinne. 9 He calleth and visiteth Matthew. 13 Mercy. 15 He answereth the Pharisies & Iohns disciples. 16 Of the raw cloth & new wine. 22 He healeth the woman of the bloody issue. 25 He raiseth Iairus daughter, 29 Giueth two blinde men their sight, 33 Maketh a dumme man to speake, 35 Preacheth and healeth in diuers places, 38 And exhorteth to prayers for the aduancement of the Gospel.

THen he entred into a ship, and passed ouer, and came into his owne Citie.
2 And * loe, they brought to him a man sicke of the palsie, lying on a bed. And Iesus seeing their a faith, sayde to the sicke of the palsie, Sonne, be of good comfort: thy b sinnes are forgiuen thee.
3 And beholde, certaine of the Scribes sayde with themselues, This man blasphemeth.
4 But when Iesus saw their thoughts, hee saide, Wherefore thinke yee euill things c in your hearts?
5 For whether is it easier to say, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee, or to say, Arise, and walke?
6 And that ye may know that the Sonne of man hath authority in earth to forgiue sinnes, (then saide hee vnto the sicke of the palsie,) Arise, take vp thy bed, and goe to thine house.
7 And hee arose, and departed to his owne house.
8 So when the multitude saw it, they marueiled, and glorified God, which had giuen such authority to men.
9 ¶ * And as Iesus passed foorth from thence, hee sawe a man sitting at the receite of custome, named Matthewe, and said to him, Followe mee. And hee arose, and followed him.
10 And it came to passe, as Iesus sate at meate in his house, beholde, many Publicanes and sinners, that came thither, sate downe at the table with Iesus and his disciples.
11 And when the Pharises saw that, they said to his Disciples, Why eateth your Master with Publicanes and sinners?
12 Now when Iesus heard it, he said vnto them, The * whole neede not a physition, but they that are sicke.
13 But goe f yee and learne what this is, * I will haue mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but the * sinners to repentance.
14 ¶ * Then came the disciples of Iohn to him, saying, Why doe we and the Pharises fast oft, and thy Disciples fast not?
15 And Iesus sayd vnto them, Can the g children of the mariage chamber mourne as long as the bridegrome is with them? But the dayes will come when the bridegrome shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.
16 Moreouer, no man pieceth an old garment with a piece of ‖ newe cloth: for that that should fill it vp, taketh away from the garment, and the breach is worse.
17 Neyther doe they put new wine into h olde ‖ vessels: for then the vessels woulde breake, and the wine would be spilt, and the vessels should perish: but they put newe wine into new vessels, and so are both preserued.
18 ¶ * While he thus spake vnto them, behold, there came a certaine ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is now deceased, but come & lay thine hand on her and she shall liue.
19 And Iesus arose, and followed him with his disciples.
20 (And beholde, a woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelue yeres, came behinde him, and touched the hemme of his garment.
21 For shee sayde in her selfe, If I may touch but his garment onely, I shall bee whole.
22 Then Iesus turned him about, and seeing her, did say, Daughter, be of good comfort:

a And also his faith that had the palsie: for except we haue faith, our sinnes cannot be forgiuen.
b Iesus toucheth the principall cause of all our miseries, which is sinne.
c Because they did maliciously refuse Christ, who offered himselfe vnto them.

Marke 2.3.
Luke 5.18.

d Christ speaketh according to their capacitie: for they more esteemed outward miracles, then the vertue and power of Iesus Christ, whereby their sinnes might be forgiuen.
Marke 2.14.
Luke 5.27.
e He reproueth the vaineperswasion of them, which thought themselues whole, and contemned the poore sicke sinners, which sought Iesus Christ to be their physition.
f Which are puffed vp with vaine confidence of your owne righteousnes.
Hose.6.6.
chap. 12.7.
g God requireth not ceremonies, but brotherly loue of one towards another.
1.*Tim.*1.15.
Marke 2.18.
Luke 5.33.
h Christ would spare his disciples a while, not burdening them too much, least he should discourage them.
i Christ compareth his disciples for their infirmitie, to old garments, and olde vessels, which are not able as yet to beare the perfection of his doctrine, which he meaneth by new cloth and new wine.
‖ *Or, raw and vndressed.*
k The minde which is infected with the dregges of superstitious ceremonies, is not meet to receiue the pleasant wine of the gospel. ‖ *Or, bottels or bags of leather or skin, wherein wine was carried on asses or camels.* *Marke* 5.22. *luke* 8.41.

comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole at that houre.)

23 ¶ Now when Iesus came into the Rulers house, and saw the ‖ minstrels and the multitude making noyse,

24 He said vnto them, Get you hence: for the mayd is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorne.

25 And when the multitude were put forth, he went in and tooke her by the hand, and the mayd arose.

26 And this bruite went throughout all that land.

27 And as Iesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, O Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy vpon vs.

28 And when hee was come into the house, the blinde came to him, and Iesus sayd vnto them, m Beleeue ye that I am able to do this? And they said vnto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched hee their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it vnto you.

30 And their eyes were opened, and Iesus charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But when they were departed, they spread abroad his fame throughout all that land.

32 ¶ * And as they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumme man possessed with a deuill.

33 And when the deuill was cast out, the dumme spake: then the multitude marnelled, saying, The like was neuer seene in Israel.

34 But the Pharises said, * hee ▪ casteth out deuils through the prince of deuils.

35 ¶ And * Iesus went about all cities and townes teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the ▪ kingdome, and healing euery sicknesse and euery disease among the people.

36 * But when he saw the multitude, hee had compassion vpon them, because they were dispersed, and scattered abroad, as sheepe hauing no shepheard.

37 Then sayd he to his disciples, * Surely the haruest is great, but the labourers are few.

38 Wherefore pray the Lord of the haruest, that he would ‖ send forth labourers into his haruest.

CHAP. X.

1 Christ sendeth out his Apostles to preach in Iudea. 7 He giueth them charge, teaching them, and comforting them against persecution. 20 The holy Ghost speaketh by his ministers. 28 Whom we ought to feare. 30 Our haires are counted. 32 To confesse Christ. 37 Not to loue our parents more then Christ. 38 To take vp our crosse. 39 To saue or lose the life. 40 To receiue the preachers.

AND * he called his twelue Disciples vnto him, and gaue them power against vncleane spirits, to cast them out, and to heale euery sicknesse, and euery disease.

2 Now the names of the twelue Apostles are these. The first is Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother: Iames the sonne of Zebedeus, and Iohn his brother.

3 Philip and Bartlemew: Thomas, and Matthew the Publicane: Iames the sonne of Alpheus, and Lebbeus whose surname was Thaddeus:

4 Simon ‖ the Cananite, and Iudas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelue did Iesus send forth, and commanded them, saying, Goe not into the way of the Gentiles, and into the cities of the Samaritanes enter ye not:

6 But goe rather * to the ▪ lost sheepe of the house of Israel.

7 * And as ye goe, preach, saying, The kingdome of heauen is at hand.

8 Heale the sicke: cleanse the lepers: raise vp the dead: cast out the deuils. Freely ye haue receiued, ▫ freely giue.

9 * ‖ Possesse not ▪ golde, nor siluer, nor money in your ‖ girdles,

10 Nor a scrip for the iourney, neither two coates, neither shoes, nor a staffe: * for the workeman is worthy of his meate.

11 * And into whatsoeuer citie or towne ye shall come, enquire who is worthy in it, and there abide till ye goe thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, ‖ salute the same.

13 And if the house bee worthy, let your peace come vpon it: but if it bee not worthy, let your peace returne to you.

14 * And whosoeuer shal not receiue you, nor heare your words, when ye depart out of that house, or that citie, * ‖ shake off the dust of your feete.

15 Truely I say vnto you, it shall bee easier for them of the lande of ▪ Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of iudgement, then for that citie.

16 ¶ * Behold, I send you as sheepe in the middes of wolues: bee ye therefore wise as serpents, and ‖ innocent as doues.

17 But beware of men, for they will deliuer you vp to the Councels, & will scourge you in their Synagogues.

18 And yee shall be brought to the gouernours and Kings for my sake, in a witnesse to them, and to the Gentiles.

19 * But when they deliuer you vp, take no thought how or what ye shall speake: for it shall be giuen you in that houre, what yee shall say.

20 For it is not yee that speake, but the Spirit of your father which speaketh in you.

21 And the * brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the sonne, and the children shall rise against their parents, and shall cause them to die.

22 And yee shall be * hated of all men for my Name: ▪ but he that endureth to the end, he shall be saued.

23 And when they persecute you in this citie, flee ▪ into another: for verily I say vnto you, yee shall not finish all the cities of Israel, till the ‖ Sonne of man be come.

Luke 21.16. Luke 21.17. Mat. 13.13. Luke 21.19.

‖ *Or, the rulers. Acts 13.46.*

a For the kingdome of God must first bee preached vnto them, because Christ was especially promised vnto them. *Luke 10 9.*

b He commandeth them to offer themselues freely to the Lords worke without respect of gaine or lucre. *Marke 6.8. Iuke 9.3. and 22.35.*

‖ *Or, prouide not for.*

c Because he sendeth them not for a long time, but onely for one iourney, he deferreth the things that might let them: neither is this a perpetuall commandement.

‖ *Or, purses. 1. Tim. 5.18. Iuke 10 7. Luke 10.8. Marke 6.11. Iuke 9.5. Acts 13 51. and 18 6.*

d To signifie that their land is polluted, & that you consent not to their wickednes.

e Who were not so likely taught and admonished. *Luke 10 3.*

‖ *Or, simple.*

f Not resisting wrong, much lesse doing wrong.

g To take from them all pretence of ignorance, & to make them inexcusable. *Marke 13.11. Iuke 12.11.*

h To profite and to do good, and not to be idle. i And will comfort you and giue manifest euidence of his presence: and he speaketh not of their first sending, but of the whole time of their Apostleship.

24 * The

m He would proue whether they bare him that reuerence which was due to Messias. *Luke 11.14. Chap. 12.24. marke 3.22. Iuke 11.15.*

n This blasphemie proceedeth of extreme impietie, seeing all the people confessed the contrary. *Marke 6.6. Iuke 13.32.*

o Whereby God gathereth his people together, that hee may reign ouer them. *Marke 6 34. Luke 10 2. Iohn 4.35,36.*

p He meaneth the people are ripe, and ready to receiue the Gospel, comparing the number of the elect to a plentiful harueft.

‖ *Or, thrust forth.*

1 Players vpon flutes or pipes, or other instruments which in those dayes they vsed at burials.

Luke 6.40. ‹ *Iohn 13.16. and 15.20. Chap.22.24.*

k It was the name of an idole which signified the god of flies, and in despite thereof was attributed to the deuil, reade 2. King 1.2. and the wicked called Christ by this name. *Mar 4.22 Luke 8.17 and 12.2.*

l Which in those countreis are so made that men may walke vpon them. *2. Sam.14.11. acts 27.34. Marke 3.38. Luke 9.26. and 12.8.*

m And acknowledge me his onely Sauiour. *Luke 12.51.*

n He giueth vs inward peace in our consciences, but outwardly we must haue warre with wicked worldlings.

o Which thing commeth not of the propertie of Christ, but proceedeth of the malice of men, which loue not the light, but darkenesse, and are offended with the word of saluation. *Micah 7.6. Luke 14 26. Chap.16 24. marke 8.34. Luke 9.23. and 14.27.*

p Also they that inuent any other way to honour God, than that he hath prescribed by his worde, follow not Christ, but goe before him.

q He that doeth preferre his life before my glory. *Luke 16. 16. Iohn 12.10.*

r We must reuerence Christ in his seruants, and receiue them as sent from him, and honour them for their offices sake. *Mar.9.41.*

24 *The disciple is not aboue his master, nor the seruant aboue his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple to bee as his master is, and the seruant as his Lord. *If they haue called the maister of the house k Beelzebub, how much more them of his household?

26 Feare them not therefore: *for there is nothing couered, that shall not bee disclosed, nor hid, that shall not be knowen.

27 What I tell you in darkenesse, that speake ye in light: and what ye heare in the eare, that preach ye on the l houses.

28 And feare yee not them which kill the body, but are not able to kil the soule: but rather feare him, which is able to destroy both soule and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrowes sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father?

30 *Yea, and all the haires of your head are numbred.

31 Feare ye not therefore, yee are of more value then many sparrowes.

32 *Whosoeuer therefore shall m confesse me before men, him will I confesse also before my Father, which is in heauen.

33 But whosoeuer shall denie mee before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heauen.

34 *Thinke not that I am come to send *peace into the earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at *variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 *And a mans enemies shall be they of his owne household.

37 *He that loueth father or mother more then mee, is not worthy of me. And he that loueth sonne or daughter more then mee, is not worthy of me.

38 *And he that taketh not his crosse, and *followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 Hee that will saue his *life, shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake, shall saue it.

40 He that receiueth you, receiueth mee: and he that receiueth me, receiueth him that hath sent me.

41 *He that receiueth a *Prophet in the name of a Prophet, shall receiue a Prophets reward: and he that receiueth a righteous man, in the name of a righteous man, shall receiue the reward of a righteous man.

42 *And whosoeuer shall giue vnto one of these little ones to drinke a cup of colde water onely, in the name of a Disciple, verely I say vnto you, he shall not lose his reward.

CHAP. XI.

1 Christ preacheth. 2. Iohn Baptist sendeth his disciples vnto him. 7 Christ testifieth concerning Iohn. 18 The opinion of the people concerning Christ and Iohn. 20 Christ vpbraideth the vnbeleeuing cities. 25 The Gospell reuealed to the simple. 28 They that labour, and are laden. 29 Christs yoke.

AND it came to passe that when Iesus had made an ende of commanding his twelue disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 ¶ *And when Iohn heard in the prison the workes of Christ, hee sent two of his disciples, and said vnto him,

3 Art thou hee that should come, or shall we looke for another?

4 And Iesus answering, said vnto them, Goe, and shew Iohn what things yee haue heard and seene.

5 The blinde receiue sight, and the halt goe: the lepers are cleansed, and the deafe heare: the dead are raised vp, *to the l poore receiue the Gospel.

6 And blessed is he that shall not be *offended in me.

7 And as they departed, Iesus began to speake vnto the multitude of Iohn, What went yee out into the wildernesse to see? A *reede shaken with the winde?

8 But what went yee out to see? A man clothed in soft rayment? Behold, they that weare soft clothing, are in Kings houses.

9 But what went yee out to see? A Prophet? Yea, I say vnto you, and *more then a Prophet.

10 For this is hee of whom it is written, *Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say vnto you, among them which are *begotten of women, arose there not a greater then Iohn Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is the *least in the kingdome of heauen, is greater then he.

12 And from *the time of Iohn Baptist hitherto, the kingdome of heauen *suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law *prophesied vnto Iohn.

14 And if ye will receiue it, this is *Elias, which was to come.

15 ¶ He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

16 *But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like vnto little children which sit in the markets, and call vnto their fellowes,

17 And say, We haue piped vnto you, and ye haue not daunced, we haue *mourned vnto you, and ye haue not lamented.

18 For Iohn came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a deuil.

19 The sonne of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Beholde a glutton and a drinker of wine, a friend vnto Publicanes and sinners: but *wisdom is iustified of her children.

20 ¶ *Then began he to vpbraid the cities

Luke 7.18,19.

a Not because Iohn was ignorant of Christ, but that hemight teach his disciples that his office was to leade them to Christ. *Isa.61.1. Luke 4.18.*

Or, the Gospel is preached to the poore.

b That take no occasion by Christ to be hindred from the Gospel.

c A man inconstant?

d For the Prophets declared Christ long before he came, but Iohn as it were pointed him with his finger. *Malach 3.1. Luke 7.27,28.*

e Which were begotten and borne by the meanes of man, and after the common course of nature: for Christ was conceiued by the holy Ghost.

f The least of them that shall preach the Gospel in the new estate of Christs Church, shall haue more cleare knowledge then Iohn, and their message shall be more excellent. *Luke 16.16.*

g Mens zeales are inflamed with desire to receive Gods mercies offered, and are most greedy to heare the word.

h They prophecied things to come, which now were more cleare.

i Meaning his testimony concerning Iohn. *Mal 4.5. Luke 7.23,32.*

Or, shew mine errand.

k They that are wise in deede, acknowledge the wisedome of God in him, whom the Pharisies condemne, reade Luke 7.29. *Luke 10.13.*

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cities, wherein most of his great workes were done, because they repented not.

21 Woe be to thee, Chorazin: woe be to thee, Bethsaida: for if the great workes, which were done in Tyrus and Sidon, they had repented long agone in sackecloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, it shall be easier for Tyrus and Sidon at the day of iudgment, then for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art lifted vp unto heaven, shalt be brought downe to hell: for if the great workes which have been done in thee, had been done among them of Sodom, they had remained to this day.

24 But I say unto you, that it shall be easier for them of the land of Sodome in the day of iudgement, then for thee.

25 * At that time Iesus answered, and sayd, I giue thee thankes, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and men of vnderstanding, and hast opened them vnto babes.

26 It is so, O Father, because thy good * pleasure was such.

27 * All things are giuen vnto me of my Father: and * no man knoweth the Sonne, but the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father, but the Sonne, & he to whom the Sonne will reueale him.

28 Come vnto me, all ye that * are wearie and laden: and I will ease you.

29 Take my * yoke on you, and learne of me, that I am meeke and lowly in heart, and ye shall find * rest vnto your soules.

30 * For my yoke is easie, and my burden light.

CHAP. XII.

Christ excuseth his disciples which pluckt the eares of corne. 10 He healeth the dried hand, 22 Helpeth the possessed that was blind & dumbe, 31 Blasphemie. 34 The generation of vipers. 35 Of good words. 36 Of idle words. 38 He rebuketh the vnfaithfull that would needes haue tokens. 49 And sheweth who is his brother, sister and mother.

AT that time Iesus went on a Sabbath day through the corne, and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the eares of corne and to eat.

2 And when the Pharises saw it, they said vnto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawfull to doe vpon the Sabbath.

3 But hee sayd vnto them, * Haue ye not read what Dauid did when hee was an hungred, and they that were with him?

4 How he entred into the house of God, and ate the shewe bread, which was not lawfull for him to eate, neither for them which were with him, but onely for the * priests?

5 Or haue ye not read in the Law how that on the Sabbath dayes the Priestes in the Temple * breake the Sabbath, and are blamelesse?

6 But I say vnto you, that here is one greater then the temple.

7 Wherefore if ye knew what this is, * I will haue mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not haue condemned the innocents.

8 For the Sonne of man is * Lord, euen of the Sabbath.

9 * And hee departed thence, and went into their Synagogue.

10 And behold, there was a man which had his hande dryed vp. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawfull to heale vpon a Sabbath day? that they might accuse him.

11 And he sayd vnto them, What man shall there bee among you, that shall haue a sheepe, and if it fall on a Sabbath day into a pit, will hee not take it and lift it out?

12 How much more then is a man better then a sheepe? therefore it is lawfull to doe well on a Sabbath day.

13 Then sayde hee to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth, and it was made whole as the other.

14 Then the Pharises went out, & consulted against him how they might destroy him.

15 But when Iesus knew it, he departed thence, and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all,

16 And charged them that they shoulde not make him knowen,

17 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying,

18 * Behold my seruant whom I haue chosen, my beloued in whom my soule delighteth: I will put my spirit on him, and he shall shew * iudgement to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not * strive, nor cry, neither shal any man heare his voyce in the streetes.

20 A * bruised reede shall hee not breake, and smoking flaxe shall hee not quench, till hee bring forth iudgement * vnto victorie.

21 And in his Name shall the Gentiles trust.

22 ¶ * Then was brought to him one possessed with a deuil, both blinde and dumme, and hee healed him, so that hee which was blind and dumme, both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and sayd, Is not this the Sonne of Dauid?

24 But when the Pharises heard it, they said, * This man casteth the deuils no other wise out, but through Beelzebub the prince of deuils.

25 But Iesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, Euery kingdom diuided against it selfe, is brought to nought: and euery citie or house diuided against it selfe, shall not stand.

26 So if Satan cast out Satan, he is diuided against himselfe: how shall then his kingdome endure?

27 And if I through Beelzebub cast out deuils, by whom doe your * children cast them out? Therefore they shall bee your iudges.

28 But

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1 Cities of great marchandise fall of dissolution and wretchednes. *Or, therefore.*

Luke 10.21.
m Faith cometh not of mans wil or power, but by the secret illumination of God, which is the declaration of his eternall counsell.
Iohn 3.35.
Iohn 6.46.
n Which feele the weight and griefe of your sinnes and miseries.
o To the gouerned by my spirit, and so mortifie your affections.
Iere. 6.16.
1. *Iohn* 5.3.

Mar. 2.23 *Luke* 6.1. *deut.* 23.25. 1. *Sam.* 21.6.
a Necessitie maketh that lawful, which is prohibited for a certaine respect, in things appertaining to ceremonies.
Exod. 29.33. *Leuit.* 8.31. and 24.9.
Numb. 28.9.
b Not that the Priests brake the Sabbath in doing that which was commanded by the Law, but he speaketh thus to confute the errour of the people, who thought the Sabbath broken, if any necessary worke were done that day.

Hos. 6.6. *chap.* 9.13.
c Christ hath power to exempt his from keeping of the Sabbath, seeing the service required in the Temple, was able to excuse them that laboured in the same.
Mar. 3.1. *Luke* 6.6.

Isa. 42.1.
d The right trade of gouernment, not onely to the Iewes, but also the strange nations.
e He shall not make great noise, nor seeke outward pompe and glory.
f He will beare with them that be infirme and weake.
g Christ shall ouercome all lets which hinder the course of the Gospel, & then shall giue sentence as a conqueror against all his enemies.

Luke 11.14. *chap.* 9.34. *mar.* 3.22. *luke* 11.15. *Or, deuil Luz.*
h Which confirmed deuils by the vertue of Gods Name, albeit it was expressly against the Law of God.

f He declareth to the Pharises that they were in two sorts his enemies, not onely because they did forsake him, but also make open warre against him.
Mar. 3.28,29. *Luke* 12.10.
1.*John* 5.16.
k That is, he that striueth against the trueth, which he knoweth, and against his owne conscience, can not returne to repentance: for he sinneth against the holy Ghost.
‖*Or, corrupt.*
‖*Or, brodes.*
Luke 6.45.
l Much more they shal give account of their blasphemies.
m The wicked words shall be a sufficient proofe to condemne the vngodly, if there were no other thing.
Chap. 16.1. *Luke* 11.29. 1.*Cor.* 1.22.
n This was to find some new shift or pretext to resist his doctrine.
o They were become bastards & degenerate from their holy ancesters.
Ion. 2.1?. & 3.10.
p He taketh part of the day for the whole day.
Ionas 3.5.
q Who was a poore stranger, and yet these know not the Messias which was promised to be their king.
1.*King.* 10.1
2.*Chron.* 9.1
r It is meant as touching her fact in comming to see Salomon, and not her person: for she was not instructed in the Law of God. *Luke* 11.24. ‖*Or, wilderneſſe.*

31 But if I cast out deuils by the Spirit of God, then is the kingdome of God come vnto you.

29 Else how can a man enter into a strong mans houle and spoyle his goods, except he first bind the strong man, and then spoile his houle?

30 He * that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

31 * Wherefore I say vnto you, euery sin, and blasphemie shall be forgiuen vnto men: but the blasphemie against the holy Ghost shall not be forgiuen vnto men.

32 And whosoeuer shall speake a word against the Sonne of man, it shall be forgiuen him: but whosoeuer shall speake against the * holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiuen him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good: or else make the tree ‖ euill, and his fruit euill: for the tree is knowen by the fruit.

34 O ‖ generations of vipers, how can you speake good things, when yee are euill? For of the * abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth foorth good things: and an euill man out of an euill treasure bringeth foorth euill things.

36 But I say vnto you, that of euery * idle worde that men shall speake, they shall giue account therof at the day of iudgement.

37 For by thy words thou shalt bee * iustified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 ¶ * Then answered certaine of the Scribes and of the Pharises, saying, Master, * we would see a signe of thee.

39 But he answered and said to them, An euill and * adulterous generation seeketh a signe, but no signe shall be giuen vnto it, saue the signe of the Prophet Ionas.

40 * For as Ionas was three dayes and three nights in the whales belly: so shall the Sonne of man bee three * dayes and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineue shal rise in iudgement with this generation, and condemne it: for they * repented at the preaching of * Ionas: and behold, a greater then Ionas is here.

42 * The Queene of the South shall rise in iudgement with this generation, and shal * condemne it: for she came from the vtmost parts of the earth to heare the wisedome of Solomon: and behold, a greater then Solomon is here.

43 ¶ * Nowe when the vncleane spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh throughout ‖ drie places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saieth, I will returne into mine houle, from whence I came: and when he is come, he findeth it emptie, sweept and garnished.

45 Then he goeth, and taketh vnto him * seuen other * spirites worse then himselfe, and they enter in, and dwell there: * and the end of that man is worse the the beginning. Euen so shall it be with this wicked generation.

46 ¶ * While he yet spake to the multitude, behold, his mother, and his * brethren stood without, desiring to speake with him.

47 Then one said vnto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speake with thee.

48 But he answered and said to him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And hee stretched foorth his hand towards his disciples, & said, Behold my * mother and my brethren.

50 For whosoeuer shal do my fathers will which is in heauen, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

CHAP. XIII.

3 The state of the kingdome of God set forth by the parable of the seed. 24 Of the tares. 31 Of the mustard seed. 33 Of the leauen. 44 Of the treasure hid in the field. 45 Of the pearles, 47 And of the net. 57 The Prophet is contemned in his owne country.

THe * same day went Iesus out of the houle, and sate by the sea side.

2 And * great multitudes resorted vnto him, so that he went into a shippe, and sate downe: and the whole multitude stoode on the shore.

3 Then he spake many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sowe.

4 And as he sowed, some fel by the wayes side, and the fowles came and deuoured them vp.

5 And some fel vpon stony ground, where they had not much earth, & anon they sprung vp, because they had no depth of earth.

6 And when the same rose vp, they were parched, and for lacke of rooting withered away.

7 And some fell among thornes, and the thornes sprung vp and choked them.

8 Some againe fell in good ground, and brought foorth fruite, one corne an hundreth folde, some fiftie folde, and another thirtie folde.

9 He that * hath eares to heare, let him heare.

10 ¶ Then the disciples came, and sayd to him, Why speakest thou to them in parables?

11 And he answered and sayd vnto them, Because it is giuen vnto you to know the secrets of the kingdome of heauen, but to them it is not * giuen.

12 * * For whosoeuer hath, to him shall be giuen, and he shal haue abundance: but whosoeuer hath not, from him shall bee taken away, euen * that he hath.

13 Therefore speake I to them in parables, because they seeing, doe not see: & hearing, they heare not, neither vnderstand.

14 And

f Meaning, infinite number.
t If Satan be cast out, wee must watch still, that he enter not againe: for sithes he was once mans old guest, he knoweth euery hole & corner of our house.
2.*Pet.* 2.20. *heb.* 6.4. *and* 10.26. *Marke* 3.31. *Luke* 8.20.
u This word in § Scriptures signifieth oft times, euery kinsman.
x Christ preferreth the spirituall kinred to the carnall.

Marke 4.1. *Luke* 8.4,5.
a All desired to heare his doctrine, but there was not like affection in all.

b He sheweth that all men cannot vnderstand these mysteries, and also maketh his disciples more attentiue.
c The Gospel is hid to them that perish.
Chap. 25.29.
d Christ encreaseth in his children his graces.
e Euen that which he seemeth to haue.

ing, ye shall heare, and shall not vnderstand, and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceiue.

15 For this people's heart is waxed fat, and their eares are dull of hearing, and with their eyes they haue winked, least they should see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and should vnderstand with their hearts, and should returne, that I might heale them.

16 But blessed are your eies, for they see: and your eares, for they heare.

17 For verily I say vnto you, that many Prophets and righteous men haue desired to see those things which ye see, and haue not seene them, and to heare those things which ye heare, and haue not heard them.

18 ¶ Heare ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 Whensoeuer a man heareth the word of the kingdome, and vnderstandeth it not, the euill one commeth, and catcheth away that which was sowen in his heart: and this is hee which I hath receiued the seede by the way side.

20 And hee that receiued seede in the stonie ground, is hee which heareth the worde, and incontinently with ioy receiueth it.

21 Yet hath he no roote in himselfe, and dureth but a season: for as soone as tribulation or persecution commeth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 And he that receiueth the seed among thornes, is hee, that heareth the worde: but the care of this world, and the deceitfulnesse of riches choke the worde, and hee is made vnfruitfull.

23 But he that receiueth the seede in the good ground, is he that heareth the word, & vnderstandeth it, which also beareth fruite, and bringeth foorth, some an hundreth fold, some sixtie folde, and some thirtie folde.

24 ¶ Another parable put he foorth vnto them, saying, The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a man which sowed good seede in his field.

25 But while men slept, there came his enemie, and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 And when the blade was sprung vp, and brought foorth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 Then came the seruants of the householder, and said vnto him, Master, sowedst thou not good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 And he said vnto them, The enuious man hath done this. Then the seruaunts said vnto him, Wilt thou then that we goe and gather them vp?

29 But he said, Nay, lest while yee goe about to gather the tares, yee plucke vp also with them the wheat.

30 Let both growe together vntill the haruest, and in time of haruest I will say to the reapers, Gather yee first the tares and binde them in sheaues to burne them:

31 ¶ Another parable put he foorth vnto them saying, The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a graine of mustard seede, which a man taketh and sowe[th] in his field:

32 Which indeed is the least of all seedes: but when it is growen, it is the greatest among herbes, and it is a tree, so that the birds of heauen come and build in the branches thereof.

33 ¶ Another parable spake he vnto them, The kingdome of heauen is like vnto leauen, which a woman taketh and hideth in three peckes of meale, till all be leauened.

34 ¶ All these things spake Iesus vnto the multitude in parables, and without parables spake he not vnto them.

35 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables, and will vtter the things which haue bene kept secret from the foundation of the world.

36 Then sent Iesus the multitude away, and went into the house. And his disciples came vnto him, saying, Declare vnto vs the parable of the tares of the field.

37 Then answered he, and said to them, He that soweth the good seed, is the Sonne of man.

38 And the field is the worlde, and the good seede, they are the children of the kingdome, and the tares are the children of the wicked.

39 And the enemie that sowed them, is the deuill, and the haruest is the end of the world, and the reapers be the Angels.

40 As then the tares are gathered and burned in the fire: so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Sonne of man shal send forth his Angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdome all things that offend, and them which doe iniquitie,

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire. There shall bee wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the iust men shine as the Sunne in the kingdome of their Father. He that hath eares to heare, let them heare.

44 ¶ Againe, the kingdome of heauen is like vnto a treasure hid in the field, which when a man hath found, he hideth it, and for ioy thereof departeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 ¶ Againe, the kingdome of heauen is like to a merchant man that seeketh good pearles,

46 Who hauing found a pearle of great price, went, and solde all that hee had, and bought it.

47 ¶ Againe, the kingdome of heauen is like vnto a draw net cast into the sea, that gathereth of all kinds of things.

48 Which, when it is full, men draw to land, and sit & gather the good into vessels, and cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world.

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f That which the prophet referreth to the secret counsell of God, is here attributed to the hard stubbornesse of the people: for the one cannot be separated from the other.

g To wit, the glory of the sonne of God, to acknowledge him their Sauiour.
Luke 10.24.
Marke 4.15.
Luke 8.11.

Or, was sowen.

h He teacheth that the good & the bad shall bee mixt together in the Church, to the end that the faithfull may arme themselues with patience and constancie.

i Christ meaneth onely that the Church shall neuer be without some wicked men, although they bee neuer so sharply punished by such meanes as he hath left to purge his church.

k This parable is not to be abolished at the small beginnings of the Gospel.
Luke 13.21.

l By this he admoniseth them to waite till the fruit of the Gospell appeare.
Marke 4.31.34.
Psal. 78.2.

m This word signifieth graue and sententious prouerbs, to the end that the doctrine might haue the more maiestie, and the wicked might thereby be confounded.

Deut. 32.13.
Rom. 14.15.

n The wicked which hurt others by their euill examples.

Deut. 12.31.
Psal. 37.

o It is a kind of net that gathereth in all things that come in the way.

p The Greeke word signifieth rotten things.

2 Herod's opinion concerning Christ. 10 John is beheaded. 19 Christ feedeth five thousand men with five loaves & two fishes. 23 He prayeth in the mountaine. 25 Hee appeareth by night vnto his disciples vpon the sea. 31 And saueth Peter. 33 They confesse him to be the sonne of God. 36 He healeth all that touched the hem of his garment.

AT that time Herod the Tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

2 And sayd vnto his seruants, This is Iohn Baptist: a he is risen againe from the dead, & therefore great b works are wrought by him.

3 For Herod had taken Iohn & bound him, & put him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philips wife.

4 For Iohn sayde vnto him, It is not c lawfull for thee to haue her.

5 And when hee would haue put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a d Prophet.

6 But when Herods birth day was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7 Wherefore he e promised with an oth, that he would giue her whatsoeuer she would aske.

8 And she being before instructed of her mother, sayd, Giue me here Iohn Baptists head in a platter.

9 And the king was sory: neuertheless because of the othe, and them that sate with him at the table, he commanded it to be giuen her.

10 And sent, and beheaded Iohn in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a platter, and giuen to the maide, and she brought it vnto her mother.

12 Then his disciples came, and tooke vp his body, and buried it, and went, and told Iesus.

13 f And when Iesus heard it, he departed thence by ship into a g desert place apart. And when the multitude had heard it, they followed him a foote out of the cities.

14 And Iesus went forth and sawe a great multitude, and was moued with compassion toward them, and hee healed their sicke.

15 And when euen was come, h his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the houre is already past: let the multitude depart, that they may go into the townes, and buy them victuals.

16 But Iesus sayde to them, They haue no i neede to goe away: giue yee them to eat.

17 Then sayde they vnto him, We haue here but fiue loaues, and two fishes.

18 And he sayd, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the grasse, and tooke the fiue loaues and the two fishes, and looked vp to heauen and blessed, and brake, and gaue the loaues to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eate, and were satisfied, and they tooke vp of the fragments that remained, twelue baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten, were about fiue thousand men, beside women and little children.

22 And straightway Iesus k compelled his disciples to enter into a ship, & to goe ouer before him, while he sent the multitude away.

23 And assoone as he had sent the multitude away, hee went vp into a mountaine alone to pray: l and when the euening was come, he was there alone.

24 And the ship was now in the middes of the sea, and was tossed with waues: for it was a contrary wind.

25 And in the m fourth watch of the night, Iesus went vnto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when his disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit, and cryed out for feare.

27 But straightway Iesus spake vnto them, saying, Be of good comfort. It is I: be not afraid.

28 Then Peter answered him, and sayd, Master, if it be thou, n bid me come vnto thee on the water.

29 And he sayd, Come. And when Peter was come downe out of the ship, he walked on the water, to goe to Iesus.

30 But when he saw a mighty winde, he was afraide: and as he o began to sinke, he cried, saying, Master, saue me.

31 Immediatly Iesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and sayd to him, p O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And assoone as they were come into the

Or, cousin.

Mar. 6 4. luke 4. 24. ioh. 4. 42, 44.

Men commonly neglect them, whom they haue knowen of childrenalso they do enuy them of the same country & such is their ingratitude, they take light occasion to contemne the graces of God in others.

Saint John Baptist

Mark 6.14. luke 9.7.

a He spake after the common error: for they thought that the soules of them that were departed, entred into another body.

b To approue his resurrection, and to get him greater authoritie.

Marke 6.17. luke 3.19. Leuit. 18.16. and 20.21.

c Aswell because nature abhorreth such horrible incest, as also that hee had taken her by force from his brother.

Deut. 21.16.

d The promise was wicked: but yet it was more vile to be obstinate in the same, that he might seeme constant.

He January 2 Feb. Moon

He May 2 Feb. Moon

He Iaguary 2 Feb. Moon

Or, spoken.

Marke 6.32. luke 9.10.

e To the intent that his disciples now after their ambassage might somewhat rest them, or els that he might instruct them to greater enterprises.

Marke 6.35. luke 9.12. ioh. 6.5.

f Christ leaueth them not destitute of bodily nourishment, which seeke the foode of the soule.

Or, prayed, and gaue thankes to God.

g The disciples were loth to depart from Christ: but yet they shewed their obedience.

Marke 6.46.47. ioh. 6.16, 17, 18

h The night was diuided into foure watches, whereof euery one conteined three houres.

i The presence of Christ maketh his bold.

k His zeale was great, but he had not sufficiently considered the measure of his faith.

l His enterprise was too great, and therefore he must needs fall into danger, when his faith failed.

m Christ correcteth his fault, and also giueth remedy, both at once.

the ship, the winde ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship, came and worshipped him, saying, Of a treuth thou art the sonne of God.

34 ¶ And when they were come ouer, they came into the land at Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place knew him, they sent out into all that countrey round about, and brought vnto him all that were sicke,

36 And besought him, that they might touch the hemme of his garment onely: and as many as touched it, were made whole.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Christ excuseth his disciples, and rebuketh the Scribes and Pharises, for transgressing Gods commandement by their owne traditions.* 13 *The plant that shalbe rooted out.* 18 *What things defile a man.* 21 *He deliuereth the woman of Canaans daughter.* 26 *The bread of the children.* 30 *He healeth the sicke,* 36 *And feedeth foure thousand men, besides women and children.*

THen came to Iesus the Scribes and Pharises, which were of Ierusalem, saying,

2 a Why doe the disciples transgresse the tradition of the Elders? for they a wash not their hands when they eate bread.

3 But he answered and said vnto them, Why do ye also transgresse the commandement of God by your tradition?

4 * For God hath commaunded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: * and hee that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, b Whosoeuer shall say to father or mother, c It is a gift that is offered by me, thou mayest haue profit.

6 Though hee honour not his father or his mother, shall be free: thus haue yee made the commandement of God of no authoritie by your tradition.

7 O hypocrites, Esaias prophecied well of you, saying,

8 * This people draweth neere vnto me with their mouthe, and honoureth me with the lippes, but their heart is farre off from me.

9 * But in vaine they worship me, teaching for doctrines mens precepts.

10 * Then hee called the multitude vnto him, and said vnto them, Heare and vnderstand.

11 That which goeth into the mouth, defileth not the man, but that which commeth out of the mouth, that defileth the man.

12 ¶ Then came his disciples, and said vnto him, Perceiuest thou not, that the Pharises are offended in hearing this saying?

13 But he answered and said, * Euery plant which mine heauenly Father hath not planted, shalbe rooted vp.

14 * Let them alone: they be the blinde leaders of the blinde: and if the blinde leade the blinde, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 ¶ Then answered Peter, and said vnto him, Declare vnto vs this parable.

16 Then said Iesus, Are ye yet without vnderstanding?

17 Perceiue ye not yet, that whatsoeuer entreth into the mouth, goeth into the belly, and is cast into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth, come from the heart, and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart * come euill thoughts, murthers, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false testimonies, slanders.

20 These are the things which defile the man: but to eate with vnwashen hands, defileth not the man.

21 * And Iesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyrus and Sidon.

22 And beholde, a woman a Canaanite came out of the same coastes, and cryed saying vnto him, Haue mercie on me, O Lord, the sonne of Dauid: my daughter is miserably vexed with a deuill.

23 But hee answered her not a worde. Then came to him his disciples, f & besought him, saying, Send her away, for she cryeth after vs.

24 But he answered, and said, I am not sent but vnto the * lost sheepe of the house of Israel.

25 Yet she came, and worshipped him, saying, Lord helpe me.

26 And he answered, and said, Is it not good to take the childrens bread, and to cast it to h whelpes?

27 But she said, Truth, Lord: yet the whelpes eat of the crummes, which fall from their masters table.

28 Then Iesus answered, and said vnto her, O woman, great is thy i faith: be it to thee as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole at that houre.

29 ¶ So Iesus went away from thence, and came neere vnto the sea of Galile, and went vp into a mountaine and sate downe there.

30 And great multitudes came vnto him, * hauing with them halte, blinde, dumbe, maimed, and many other, and cast them downe at Iesus feete, & he healed them,

31 In somuch that the multitude wondred, to see the dumbe speake, the maimed whole, the halte to go, & the blinde to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 * Then Iesus called his disciples vnto him, and said, k I haue compassion on the multitude, because they haue continued with me already three dayes, and haue nothing to eate: and I will not let them depart fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples said vnto him, Whence should we get so much bread in the wildernesse, as should suffice to great a multitude?

34 And Iesus said vnto them, How many loaues haue yee? And they said, Seuen, and a few little fishes.

35 Then he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the ground,

36 And tooke the seuen loaues, and the fishes, and gaue thankes, and brake them, and gaue to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eate, and were sufficed:

Mark 6. 34. a It seemeth they were led with a certaine superstition, notwithstanding our Sauiour would not quench the smoking flaxe, and therefore did beare with these small beginnings.

Mark 7. 1, 5. a Men are more rigorous to obserue their owne traditions then Gods commandements.

Exo. 20. 12. Leuit. 5. 16. ephes 6, 2 Exod. 21. 17. Leuit. 20. 9. prou. 20, 20.

b The Scribes dispensed with them that did not their duetie to their owne parents, so that they would recompense some to their profit by their offerings.

Esa. 29. 13. c God will not be honoured according to mans fansie, but according to good intentions, which are the ground-plot on his word.

Mark 7. 14, 15. John 15. 2. * All they which are not grafted in Iesus Christ by free adoption, and euery doctrine that is not established by Gods word.

a Men are not worthy to be cared for.

Luke 6. 39. Mark 7. 17.

Gene 6. 5 and 8 21. f All vices proceed of the corrupt affection of the heart.

Mark 7. 24.

g The disciples were offended at her importunitie.

Chap. 10. 6.

h Christ calleth them dogges, or whelpes, which were strangers from the house of God.

i Christ granted her petition for her faiths sake, and not at the request of his disciples.

Mark 7. 31. Esa. 35. 5, 6.

Mark 8. 1. k Christ cannot forget those that follow him.

12 Feb 2 Lepton Morn

‖Or, Magadan.

Sainct Iohn Euāgelist 13 to 200

Chap. 12. 38. marke 8. 11. luke 12. 54.

a Although they did not agree in doctrine, yet they ioyned together to fight against the truth

b Men tempt God either by their incredulitie, or curioſitie.

c Which appertaine to the heauenly and ſpirituall life.

Chap. 12. 14.

d Chriſt ſhalbe to them as Ionas rayſed vp from death.

Iwalke 1. 19. and 2. 1. Marke 8. 14. luke 12. 1.

‖Or, reaſoned with themſelues.

e A token of Chriſts diuinitie, to knowe mens thoughts.

Chap. 14. 17. iohn 6. 9. Chap. 15. 34.

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f We may boldly by Chriſts admonition reiect and contemne all erronious doctrine and mans inuentions, and ought onely to cleaue to the word of God.

Marke 8. 27 luke 9. 18 Iohn 6. 69

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and they tooke vp of the fragmentes that remayned, ſeuen baſkets full.

38 And they that had eaten, were foure thouſand men, beſide women, and little children.

39 Then Ieſus ſent away the multitude, and tooke ſhippe, and came into the parts of ‖Magdala.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The Phariſes require a token.* 6 *Ieſus warneth his diſciples of the Phariſes doctrine.* 16 *The confeſſion of Peter.* 19 *The keyes of heauen.* 24 *The faithfull muſt beare the croſſe.* 25 *To winne or looſe the life.* 27 *Chriſts comming.*

THen * came the * Phariſes and Sadducees, and did * tempt him, deſiring him to ſhew them a ſigne from heauen.

2 But he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, When it is euening, ye ſay, Faire weather: for the ſkie is redde.

3 And in the morning ye ſay, To day ſhall be a tempeſt: for the ſkie is redde and lowring. O hypocrites, ye can diſcerne the face of the ſkie, c can ye not diſcerne the * ſignes of the times?

4 * The wicked generation, and adulterous ſeeketh a ſigne, and there ſhall no ſigne bee giuen it, but the d ſigne of the Prophet * Ionas: ſo he left them and departed.

5 ¶ And when his diſciples were come to the other ſide, they had * forgotten to take bread with them.

6 Then Ieſus ſayde vnto them, Take heede and beware of the leauen of the Phariſes and Sadducees.

7 And they ‖ thought in themſelues, ſaying, It is becauſe wee haue brought no bread.

8 But Ieſus * knowing it, ſayde vnto them, O yee of litle faith, why thinke you thus in your ſelues, becauſe yee haue brought no bread?

9 Doe yee not yet perceiue, neither remember the fiue loaues, when there were * fiue thouſand men, and how many baſkets tooke yee vp?

10 Neither the ſeuen loaues when there were * foure thouſand men, and howe many baskets tooke ye vp?

11 Why perceiue yee not, that I ſayd not vnto you concerning bread, that yee ſhould beware of the leauen of the Phariſes and Sadducees?

12 Then vnderſtoode they that he had not ſaid, that they ſhould beware of the leauen of bread, but of the doctrine of the Phariſes, and Sadducees.

13 ¶ * Nowe when Ieſus came into the coaſtes of Cæſarea Philippi, hee aſked his diſciples, ſaying, ‖Whome doe men ſay that I the Sonne of man am?

14 And they ſayd, Some ſay, Iohn Baptiſt: and ſome, Eliah: and others, Ieremias, or one of the Prophets.

15 Hee ſaid vnto them, But whom ſay yee that I am?

16 Then Simon Peter anſwered, and ſaid, * Thou art the Chriſt, the Sonne of the liuing God.

17 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid to him, Bleſſed art thou, Simon the ſonne of Ionas: for g fleſh and blood hath not reuealed it vnto thee, but my Father which is in heauen.

18 And I ſay alſo vnto thee, that thou art * Peter, and vpon h this rocke I will build my Church: and the i gates of hell ſhall not ouercome it.

19 k And I * will giue vnto thee the keyes of the kingdome of heauen, and whatſoeuer thou ſhalt l binde vpon earth, ſhall be bounde in heauen: and whatſoeuer thou ſhalt loose on earth ſhalbe loosed in heauen.

20 Then he charged his diſciples, that they ſhould * tell no man that he was Ieſus the Chriſt.

21 ¶ * From that time forth Ieſus began to ſhew vnto his diſciples, that he muſt go vnto Ieruſalem, and ſuffer many things of the Elders, and of the hie Prieſts and Scribes, and be ſlaine, and rife againe the third day.

22 Then Peter tooke him aſide, & began to rebuke him, ſaying, Maiſter, pity thy ſelfe: this ſhall not be vnto thee.

23 Then he turned backe and ſayd vnto Peter, Get thee behind me, * Satan: thou art an offence vnto me, becauſe thou vnderſtandeſt not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

24 Ieſus ſayde vnto his diſciples, * If any man will follow me, let him forſake himſelfe, and take vp his croſſe and follow me.

25 For whoſoeuer will ſaue his life, ſhall loſe it: and whoſoeuer ſhal loſe his life for my ſake, ſhall finde it.

26 * For what ſhall it profite a man, though he ſhould win the whole world, if he loſe his owne ſoule? or what ſhall a man giue for recompenſe of his ſoule?

27 For the Sonne of man ſhall come in the glory of his Father with his Angels, and * then ſhall he giue to euery man according to his deedes.

28 * Verily I ſay vnto you, there be ſome of them that ſtand here, which ſhal not taſte of death, till they haue ſeene the Sonne of man come in his kingdome.

g He meaneth any thing that is in man. Iohn 1. 32.

h Vpon that faith whereby thou haſt confeſſed and acknowledged me: for it is grounded vpon an infallible trueth.

i The power of Satan which ſtandeth in craft and violence.

k The preachers of the Goſpel open the gates of heauen with the word of God, which is the right key: ſo that where this word is not purely taught, there is neither key nor authority.

Iohn 20. 23.

l Condemne & Gods word.

‖Or, abſolue.

m Becauſe he would yet inſtruct them, and not preuent his time.

n He would plucke out of their hearts that falſe opinion, which they had of his temporall kingdome.

o Which word ſignifieth an adiectiue, which reſiſteth the will of and arrogancie. and 14. 27. Iohn

p That is, whoſoeuer thinketh to ſaue himſelfe by forſaking Ieſus Chriſt. Marke 8. 36. luke 9. 25. iohn 12. 25. Pſalme 62. 12. rom. 2. 6. Marke 9. 1. luke 9. 27.

q This was fulfilled in his reſurrection, which was as an entring into his kingdom, & was alſo confirmed by ſending the holy Ghoſt, whereby he wrought ſo great and ſundrie miracles.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The tranſfiguration of Chriſt, with the maieſtie of Moſes.* 5 *Chriſt ought to be heard.* 11. 13 *Of Elias and Iohn Baptiſt.* 15 *He healeth the lunatike.* 20 *The power of faith.* 21 *Prayer and faſting.* 22 *Chriſt telleth them before of his paſſion.* 27 *He payeth tribute.*

AND ‖ after ſixe dayes Ieſus tooke Peter, and Iames, and Iohn his brother, and brought them vp into an hie mountaine apart,

2 And

16 Sept. 2 Lonorn

Marke 9. 2. luke 9. 28.

‖Or, the ſixt day after.

16 Sept. 2 Lepton morn

a Christ shewed them his glory, that they might not thinke he suffered through infirmitie, but that he offred vp himselfe willingly to die.

b By these two witnesses are represented the law and the Prophets, which lead vs to Christ.

c After Moses & Elias departure, Peter fearing he should lose that ioyfull sight, speaketh as a man distract, & would haue lodged them in earthly houses, which were receiued in glory.

Chap. 3. 17.

d We are reconciled to God by Christ onely.

e Christ is our chiefe and onely schoolemaster.

f And is worshipped Christ.

g For men would not haue beleeued them, before that Christ had made his glory manifested by his resurrection.

Marke 9. 11.

Chap. 11. 14.

malac. 4. 5.

Mar. 9. 1. 12, 13.

luke 9. 28.

h He speaketh chiefly to the Scribes, who began to brag, as if they had now gotten the victorie over Christ, because his disciples were not able to doe this miracle.

Luke. 17. 6.

i By this manner of speech is signified, that they should do things by their faith, should seem impossible.

k The best remedie to strengthen the weake faith, is prayer, which hath fasting adioyned to it, as we haue in the Scripture.

were conuerted, or, returned into Galile. Chap. 10. 17. marke 9. 31. luke 9. 44. and 24. 7.

2 And made a tranſ figured before them: and his face did ſhine as the Sunne, and his clothes were made white as the light.

3 And behold, there appeared vnto them Moſes and Elias, talking with him.

4 Then anſwered Peter, and ſayde to Jeſus, Maiſter, it is good for vs to be here: if thou wilt, let vs make here three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moſes, and one for Elias.

5 Whiles hee yet ſpake, behold, a bright cloude ſhadowed them: & behold, there came a voyce out of the cloud, ſaying, a This is my beloued Sonne, b in whome I am well pleaſed: c heare him.

6 And when d diſciples heard that, they fell on their faces, and were ſore afraid.

7 Then Jeſus came and touched them, and ſayd, Ariſe, and be not afrayd.

8 And when they lifted vp their eyes, they ſaw no man ſaue Jeſus onely.

9 ¶ And as they came downe from the mountaine, Jeſus charged them, ſaying, Shewe the viſion to no man, e vntill the Sonne of man riſe againe from the dead.

10 f And his diſciples aſked him, ſaying, Why then ſay the Scribes that g Elias muſt firſt come?

11 And Jeſus anſwered, and ſayde vnto them, Certainely Elias muſt firſt come, and reſtore all things.

12 But I ſay vnto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but haue done vnto him whatſoeuer they would: likewiſe ſhall alſo the Sonne of man ſuffer of them.

13 Then the diſciples perceiued that he ſpake vnto them of Iohn Baptiſt.

14 ¶ h And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certaine man and kneeled downe to him,

15 And ſayde, Maiſter, haue pitie on my ſonne: for he is lunatike, and is ſore vexed: for oft times he falleth into the fire, and oft times into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy diſciples, and they could not heale him.

17 Then Jeſus anſwered and ſayd, i O generation faithleſſe and crooked, how long now ſhal I be with you? how long now ſhal I ſuffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jeſus rebuked the deuill, and he went out of him, and the child was healed at that houre.

19 Then came k diſciples to Jeſus apart, and ſayd, Why could not we caſt him out?

20 And Jeſus ſayd vnto them, Becauſe of your vnbeliefe: for l verily I ſay vnto you, if yee haue faith as much as a graine of muſtard ſeede, yee ſhall ſay vnto this mountaine, Remoome hence to yonder place, and it ſhall remoome: and nothing ſhalbe vnpoſſible vnto you.

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out, but by m prayer and faſting.

22 ¶ And as they abode n in Galile, Jeſus ſayd vnto them, The ſonne of man ſhall be deliuered into the handes of men,

23 And they ſhall kill him, but the third day ſhall he riſe againe: and they were ſorie.

24 ¶ And when they were come to Capernaum, they that receiued o polle money, came to Peter, and ſayde, Doeth not your Maiſter pay tribute?

25 He ſayd, Yes. And when he was come into the houſe, Jeſus preuented him, ſaying, What thinkeſt thou, Simon? Of whom doe the kings of the earth take tributes, or polle money? of their children, or of ſtrangers?

26 Peter ſayd vnto him, Of ſtrangers. Then ſayd Jeſus vnto him, Then are the children free.

27 Neuertheleſſe, leſt we ſhould p offend them, go to the ſea, and caſt in an angle, and take the firſt fiſh that commeth vp, & when thou haſt opened his mouth, thou ſhalt finde a q piece of twentie pence: that take, & giue it vnto them for me and thee.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The greatest in the kingdom of heauen. 3 He teacheth his disciples to be humble & inuincible. 6 To auoid occasions of euil. 10 Not to contemne the lesse ones. 21 Why Christ came. 15 Of brotherly correction. 17 Of the authoritie of the Church. 19 The commendation of prayer and godly assemblies. 21 Of brotherly forgiuenesse.

1 r The ſame time the diſciples came vnto Jeſus, ſaying, s Who is the greateſt in the kingdome of heauen?

2 And Jeſus called a litle childe vnto him, and ſet him in the midſt of them,

3 And ſayd, t Verily I ſay vnto you, except yee be u conuerted, and become as litle u children, ye ſhall not enter into the kingdome of heauen.

4 Whoſoeuer therefore ſhal humble himſelfe as this litle childe, the ſame is the greateſt in the kingdome of heauen.

5 And whoſoeuer ſhall receiue ſuch a litle childe in my name, receiueth me,

6 x But whoſoeuer ſhall offend one of theſe litle ones which beleeue in mee, it were better for him, that a millſtone were hanged about his necke, and that he were drowned in the depth of the ſea.

7 y Woe be vnto the world becauſe of offences: for it muſt needes bee that offences ſhall come, but woe be to that man by whom the offence commeth.

8 z Wherefore, if thine hand or thy foote cauſe thee to offend, cut them off, and caſt them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life, halt, or maimed, then hauing two handes or two feete, to be caſt into euerlaſting fire.

9 a And if thine eye cauſe thee to offend, plucke it out, and caſt it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, then hauing two eyes, to be caſt into hell fire.

Marke 9. 34.

luke 9. 46.

s They ſtrriue for the rewarde before they haue taken any paine: & where as they ſhould haue hoped and reuerenced one another, they were ambitious, & deſpiſers of their brethren.

Chap. 19. 14.

1 cor. 14. 20.

t Not in lacke of diſcretion, but that they be not vaine glorious, ſeeking to aduance themſelues to worldly honours.

u He calleth children, which humble themſelues with all humilitie and ſubiection.

Marke 9. 42.

luke 17. 2.

x The word ſignifieth a great millſtone which an aſſe turneth with oxen: which is ſaid, e Chriſt regardeth his no more then that they ſhould not backe from him for any trifle or example or offence that may grow.

Chap. 5. 30. marke 9. 45.

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f Christ toucheth the cause of this offence, which is pride & disdaine of our inferiors. *Psal.* 34 7.

g Seeing God hath commaunded his Angels to take the charge of his children, the wicked may be assured that if they despise the, God wil reuenge their cause. *Luke* 19.10.

h We may not lose by our offence that which God hath so dearely bought. *Luke* 15.4. *Leuit.* 19 17. *eccles.* 19.13. *luke* 17.3. *iames* 5.19.

i Wherewith thou mayest be offended: hee speaketh of secret or particular sinnes, and not of open or knowen to others.

‖ *Or, reprooue him.* *Deut.* 19 15. *iohn* 8.17. *heb.* 10.28. *2 cor.* 13.1.

k He meaneth according to the order that was among the Iewes, who had their counsell of quicient and expert men, to censure matters, and exercise discipline. This assembly representeth the Church, which hath appointed them to this charge.

1 Cor. 5.4. *2 thes.* 3. 14.

l In the 16 chap. is a hemiant this of doctrine, and here of ecclesiastical discipline, which dependeth of the doctrine. *Iohn* 20 23.

‖ *Or, done vn.* *Luke* 17.4.

m We must be continually ready to forgiue and be forgiuen, for a common talent was valued at threescore pound: some also were greater, and some lesse.

10 ¶ See that yee despise not one of these litle ones: for I say vnto you, that in heauen their * Angels alwayes behold the face of my Father which is in heauen.

11 For * the Sonne of man is come to ‖ saue that which was lost.

21 How thinke yee? * If a man haue an hundreth sheepe, and one of them bee gone astray, doeth he not leaue ninetie and nine, and goe into the mountaines, and seeke that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say vnto you, hee reioyceth more of that sheepe, then of the ninetie and nine which went not astray.

14 So it is not the will of your Father which is in heauen, that one of these litle ones should perish.

15 ¶ * Moreouer, if thy brother trespasse against * thee, goe and ‖ tell him his fault betweene thee and him alone: if hee heare thee, thou hast wonne thy brother.

16 But if he heare thee not, take yet with thee one or two, that by the * mouth of two or three witnesses euery worde may be confirmed.

17 And if hee will not vouchsafe to heare them, tell it vnto the * Church: and if hee refuse to heare the Church also, let him bee vnto thee as an heathen man, and a Publicane.

18 Verily I say vnto you, * Whatsoeuer yee ‖ binde on earth, shall be bound in heauen: and * whatsoeuer yee loose on earth, shall be loosed in heauen.

19 Againe, Verily I say vnto you, that if two of you shall agree in earth vpon any thing, whatsoeuer they shall desire, it shall be ‖ giuen them of my Father which is in heauen.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the mids of them.

21 Then came Peter to him, and sayde, Master, howe oft shall my brother sinne against mee, and I shall forgiue him? * vnto seuen times?

22 Iesus sayd vnto him, I say not to thee, Vnto seuen times, but vnto * seuentie times seuen times.

23 Therefore is the kingdome of heauen likened vnto a certaine king, which would take ‖ counts of his seruants.

24 And when hee had begun to reckon, one was brought vnto him, which ought him ten thousand * talents.

25 And because he had nothing to pay, his master commaunded him to be solde, and his wife, and his children, & all that he had, and the debt to be payd.

26 The seruant therefore fell downe, and besought him, saying, Master, haue patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that seruant was moued with compassion, and loosed him, and forgaue him the debt.

28 But when the seruant was departed, he found one of his fellowes, which ought him an hundreth * pence, and he layd hands on him, and tooke him by the throate, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 Then his fellow fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Haue patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 But hee would not, but went and cast him into prison, till hee should pay the debt.

31 And when his other fellowes saw what was done, they were very sory, and came, and declared vnto their master all that was done.

32 Then his master called him, and said to him, O wicked seruant, I forgaue thee all that debt, because thou prayedst me.

33 Oughtest not thou also to haue had pitie on thy fellow, * euen as I had pitie on thee?

34 So his master was wroth, and deliuered him to the iaylers, till he should pay all that was due vnto him.

35 So likewise shall mine heauenly Father doe vnto you, except yee forgiue * from your hearts, euery one his brother their trespasses.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Christ answereth for what cause a woman may be diuorced. 11 Continuance is a gift of God. 14 How necessarie litle children are. 16 To obtaine life euerlasting. 24 That rich men can not easily be saued. 28 How graciously he rewardeth all such as follow him: the parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard.

AND * it came to passe, that when Iesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galile, and came into the coasts of Iudea beyond Iordan.

2 And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

3 ¶ Then came vnto him the Pharisees tempting him, and saying to him, Is it lawfull for a man to put away his wife for euery ‖ cause?

4 And he answered and sayd vnto them, Haue ye not read, * that hee which made them at the beginning, made them male and female,

5 And said, * For this cause, shall a man leaue father and mother, and cleaue vnto his wife, and they * twaine shall bee one ‖ flesh.

6 Wherefore they are no more twaine, but one flesh. Let not man therefore put asunder that, which God hath coupled together.

7 They said to him, Why did then * Moses commaund to giue a bil of diuorcement, and so put her away?

8 He said vnto them, Moses, because of the * hardnesse of your heart, suffered you to put away your wiues: but * from the beginning it was not so.

9 I say therefore vnto you, * that whosoeuer shall put away his wife, except it be for whoredome, and marry another, * commiteth adulterie: and whosoeuer marrieth her which is diuorced, * doeth commit adulterie.

10 Then sayd his disciples to him, If the matter

o Which amounteth of our money to the summe of 25 shillings, or very neere, & was nothing in respect of the former, which his master forgaue him.

p God esteemeth onely the heart and affection.

Mar. 10.9.
2 Esdr. 2 Esdr.
1 Esdr.
Or, cause.
Gen. 1.27.
Gen. 2.24. 1 cor. 6.16. ephe. 5.31.
a They that afore were as two shall be now as one person.
‖ Or, person.
Deut. 24.1.
b It was to auoyd the cruelty that men would haue vsed towards their wiues, if they had bene forced to retaine them in their displeasure, furie, and malice.
c That is, at the beginning, and by Gods ordinance.
Chap. 5 32. marke 10.11. luke 16.18. 1 cor. 7.11.
d For this band cannot bebroken at mans pleasure.

17 Sept. 2 Lesson Morning

18 Sept. 2 Lesson morn

o Some by nature are vnable to marrie, and some by arte, (The word Eunuch (gelded) and they were so made, because they should keep the chambers of noble women, for they were iudged chaste.

g Which haue the gift of continence, and vse it to serue God with more free libertie.

h This gift is not common for all men, but is very rare, and giuen to few: therefore men may not rashly abstaine from marriage. *Chap. 18.3. mar. 10.13. Luke 18.15. Marke 10.17. Luke 18.18.*

i Because this yong man knew nothing in Iesus Christ but his manhood, he leadeth him to higher things, to the intent that his doctrine might better take place.

k He spake this that he might desire to know himselfe, &c. *20.13. Deut. 5.17. rom. 13.9. Marke 10.20.*

l He boasteth much, because as yet he knew not himselfe.

m Christ hereby discouered his hypocrisie, and caused him to feele his owne weaknesse, not generally commanding all to doe the like.

n What hinderance men haue by riches. [*Or, cable rope.* o Who can frame mens hearts so, that they shall not set their minds on their riches. *Marke 10.28. Luke 18.28.* p In this worke whereby the world is changed, renued and regenerate: or to ioyne this word with the sentence following, and to take regeneration for the day of iudgement, when the elect shall inioyle and body enioy their inheritance, to the end that they might know that it is not sufficient to haue begunne once

matter be so betweene man and wife, it is not good to marrie.

11 But he saide vnto them, All men can not receiue this thing, saue they to whom it is giuen.

12 For there are some Eunuchs, which were so borne of their mothers belly: and there be some Eunuchs, which be made Eunuchs by men: and there be some Eunuchs, which haue made themselues Eunuchs for the kingdome of heauen. He that is able to receiue this, let him receiue it.

13 ¶ Then were there brought to him little children, that he should put his handes on them, & pray: & the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Iesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come vnto me: for of such is the kingdome of heauen.

15 And when he had put his handes on them, he departed thence.

16 ¶ And beholde, one came, and said vnto him, Good master, what good thing shall I doe, that I may haue eternall life?

17 And he said vnto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, euen God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keepe the commandements.

18 He said to him, Which? And Iesus said, Thefte, Thou shalt not kill: Thou shalt not commit adulterie: Thou shalt not steale: Thou shalt not beare false witnesse.

19 Honour thy father and mother: and, Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe.

20 The yong man said vnto him, I haue obserued all these things from my youth: what lacke I yet?

21 Iesus said vnto him, If thou wilt be perfite, goe, sell that thou hast, and giue it to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come and follow me.

22 And when the yong man heard that saying, he went away sorrowfull: for he had great possessions.

23 Then Iesus said vnto his disciples, Verely I say vnto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdome of heauen.

24 And againe I say vnto you, It is easier for a camell to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man to enter into the kingdome of God.

25 And when his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saued?

26 And Iesus beheld them, and said vnto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

27 ¶ Then answered Peter, and said to him, Behold, we haue forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we haue?

28 And Iesus said vnto them, Verely I say to you, that when the sonne of man shall sit in the throne of his maiestie, ye which followed me in the regeneration,

* shall sit also vpon twelue thrones, & iudge the twelue tribes of Israel.

29 And whosoeuer shall forsake houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or landes, for my names sake, he shall receiue an q hundreth folde more, and shall inherite euerlasting life.

30 * But many that are first, shall be last, and the last shalbe first.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Christ teacheth by a similitude, that God is debter vnto no man, & how he alway calleth men to his labour.* 18 *He admonisheth them of his passion.* 20 *He teacheth how to flee ambition.* 28 *Christ payeth our ransome.* 33 *He giueth two blind men their sight.*

1 FOr the kingdom of heauen is like vnto a certaine housholder, which went out at the dawning of the day to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And he agreed with the labourers for a penie a day, and sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the b thirde houre, and saw other standing idle in the market place,

4 And said vnto them, Goe ye also into my vineyard, and whatsoeuer is right, I will giue you: and they went their way.

5 Againe he went out about the sixt and ninth houre, and did likewise.

6 And he went about the eleuenth houre, and found other standing idle, and said vnto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They said vnto him, Because no man hired vs. He said to them, Goe ye also into my vineyard, and whatsoeuer is right, that shall ye receiue.

8 ¶ And when euen was come, the Master of the vineyard said vnto his steward, Call the labourers, and giue them their hire, beginning at the last, till thou come to the first.

9 And they which were hired about the eleuenth houre came and receiued euery man a penie.

10 Now when the first came, they supposed that they should receiue more, but they likewise receiued euery man a penie.

11 And when they had receiued it, they murmured against the master of the house,

12 Saying, These last haue wrought but one houre, and thou hast made them equall vnto vs, which haue borne the burthen, and heate of the day.

13 And he answered one of them, saying, Friend, I doe thee no wrong: diddest thou not agree with me for a penie?

14 Take that which is thine owne, and goe thy way: I will giue vnto this last as much as to thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do as I will with mine owne? Is thine eye * euil because I am good?

16 * So the last shalbe first, and the first last: * for many are called, but few chosen.

17 And Iesus went vp to Ierusalem, and tooke the twelue disciples apart in the way, and said vnto them,

Lll 2 18 Behold,

Luke 22.30.

q The ioy of conscience which Gods children feele euen in their afflictions, is a thousand fold more worth then all worldly treasures. *Chap. 20. 16. mar. 10.31. luke 13.30*

a Which was called *denarius*, and was of value about foure pence halfepeny of olde money, and was commonly a workemans hire.

b They diuided the day into twelue houres, so that the thirde was the fourth part of the day, fiue of the clocke was noone, nine was three of the clocke after dinner, and the eleuenth houre was an houre before the sunne set.

|| Or, Fellow.

c Or, enuious because of my liberality, Deut. 15.9.

Chap. 19.30. marke 10.31. luke 13.30.

d Therefore euery man in his vocation, as he is called first, ought to goe forward, and encourage others, seeing the hire is indifferent for all.

Chap. 22. 14. Marke 10.32. luke 18.31.

18 Behalde, we goe vp to Ierusalem, and the Sonne of man shalbe betrayed vnto the chiefe Priestes, and vnto the Scribes, and they shall condemne him to death,

19 And shall deliuer him to the Gentiles to mocke, and to scourge, and to crucifie him: but the third day he shall rise againe.

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedeus children with her sonnes, worshipping him, and desiring a certaine thing of him.

21 And he sayd vnto her, What wouldest thou? She sayd to him, Graunt that these my two sonnes may sit, the one at thy right hand, and the other at thy left hand in thy kingdome.

22 And Iesus answered, and said, Ye knowe not what ye aske. Are ye able to drinke of the cup that I shall drinke of, and to be baptized with the baptisme that I shall be baptized with? They sayd to him, We are able.

23 And he said vnto them, Ye shal drinke in deede of my cuppe, and shall be baptized with the baptisme that I am baptized with: but to sit at my right hand, and at my left hand, is not mine to giue: but it shall be giuen to them, for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the other ten heard this, they disdained at the two brethren.

25 Therefore Iesus called them vnto him, and sayd, Ye knowe that the lordes of the Gentiles haue dominion ouer them, and they that are great, exercise authoritie ouer them.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoeuer will be great among you, let him be your seruant,

27 And whosoeuer will be chiefe among you, let him be your seruant,

28 Euen as the Sonne of man came not to be serued, but to serue, and to giue his life for the ransome of many.

29 ¶ And as they departed from Iericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 And beholde, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Iesus passed by, cried, saying, O Lord, the Sonne of Dauid haue mercie vpon vs.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should holde their peace: but they cried the more, saying, O Lord, the Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy vpon vs.

32 Then Iesus stoode still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shoulde doe to you?

33 They sayd to him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 And Iesus moued with compassion, touched their eyes, and immediately their eyen receiued sight, and they followed him.

CHAP. XXI.

7 Christ rideth into Ierusalem on an asse. 12. The buyers and sellers are chased out of the Temple. 15. The children with prosperitie owne Christ. 19. The figtree withereth. 22. Faith preuaileth in prayer. 25. Iohns baptisme. 28. The two sonnes. 33. The parable of the husbandmen. 42. The corner stone reiected. 43. The Iewes reiected, and the Gentiles receiued.

AND * when they drewe neere to Ierusalem, and were come to Bethphage, vnto the mount of Oliues, then sent Iesus two disciples,

2 Saying to them, Goe into the towne that is ouer against you, and anone ye shall finde an asse bounde, and a colte with her: loose them and bring them vnto me.

3 And if any man say ought vnto you, say yee, that the Lord hath need of them, and straightway he will let them goe.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying,

5 * Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy king commeth vnto thee, meeke, and sitting vpon an asse, and a colte the foale of an asse tied to the yoke.

6 So the disciples went, and did as Iesus had commanded them,

7 And brought the asse, & the colte, and put on them their clothes, and set him thereon.

8 And a great multitude spred their garments in the way: other cut downe braunches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 Moreouer, the people that went before, and they also that followed, cried, saying, * Hosanna the Sonne of Dauid: blessed be he that commeth in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna thou which art in the highest heauens.

10 * And when he was come into Ierusalem, all the citie was moued, saying, Who is this?

11 And the people said, This is Iesus the Prophet of Nazareth in Galile.

12 ¶ And Iesus went into the Temple of God, and cast out all them that solde and bought in the * Temple, and ouerthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seates of them that sold doues,

13 And said to them, It is written, * Mine house shalbe called the house of prayer: * but ye haue made it a denne of robbers.

14 Then the blinde and the halt came to him in the Temple, and he healed them.

15 But when the * chiefe Priestes and Scribes saw the meruailes that he did, and the children crying in the Temple, and saying, Hosanna the Sonne of Dauid, they disdained,

16 And said vnto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Iesus said vnto them, Yea, haue ye neuer read, * By the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast * made perfite the praise?

17 ¶ And he left them, and went out of the citie into Bethania, and lodged there.

18 And * in the morning as he returned into the citie, he was hungrie.

19 And seeing a figge tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaues onely, and said to it, Neuer fruite growe on thee hencefoorth. And anon the figge tree withered.

20 And when his disciples sawe it, they marueiled, saying, How soone is the figge tree withered!

21 And Iesus answered, & said vnto them, * Verily I say vnto you, if ye haue faith, and

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a He setteth the asse before their eyes to draw them from ambition, calling it a cup, to signifie the measure of the afflictions, which God hath ordeined for euery man: the which thing also he calleth baptisme.

b God my father hath not giuen me charge to bestow offices of honour here: but to be an example of humilitie vnto all.

Marke 10.42. Luke 22.25. 1 Pet. 5.3.

Marke 10.46. Luke 18.35.

Iohn 18.32.

Marke 10.33.

Sam. Same Gospel 28. to. 29 verse

Gospel for 1 Sond Aduent 10 11 Ter

23 Tuesd. 24 Wed. 25 Thurs. 26 Fryd. 27 Sater. 28 Sonn. 29 Mond. 30 Tuesd.

Matth. 11.5. Luke 19.38.

a By this entrie Christ would shew the state & condition of his kingdom, which is farre contrary to the pompe and glory of y world *Isa. 62.11. Zech. 9.9 Iohn 12.15.*

b That is, the Citie Sidon or Ierusalem.

c It is a maner of speech called Synecdoche, whereby two are taken for one.

d He rid on the foale, and the dam went by.

e Which is to say, Saue I pray thee, desiring God to prosper and send good succese to the Messias.

f For God which is in heauen, must onely saue. *Mar. 11.11. Luke 19.45. Iohn 2.13.*

g In the porch of entrie into the Temple. *Isa. 56.7.*

h Vnder the pretence of religion hypocrites seeke their owne gaine & spoile God of his true worship. *Iere. 7.11. mar. 11.17. Luke 19.46. Marke 11.18. Psal. 8.2.*

i If God reuile his glory and might by babes y cannot as yet speake, is it marueile if they that can speake, doe set forth & magnifie the same?

k In Ebrew it is, hast ordeined or grounded the strength: which is all to one purpose, because God is then most praised when his strength is best knowen.

Matth. 11.23. Luke 19.41. Iohn 19.25.

Matth. 11.21. Luke 10.13.

and bidde not, yet shall not onely doe that which I haue done to the figge tree, but also if ye say vnto this mountaine, Take thy selfe away, and cast thy selfe into the sea, it shalbe done.

22 And whatsoeuer ye shall aske in prayer, if ye beleeue, ye shall receiue it.

23 ¶ And when he was come into the Temple, the chiefe Priests, and the Elders of the people came vnto him, as he was teaching, and sayde, By what authoritie doest thou these things? and who gaue thee this authoritie?

24 Then Iesus answered and sayd vnto them, I also will aske of you a certaine thing, which if ye tell mee, I likewise will tell you by what authoritie I doe these things.

25 The Baptisme of Iohn, whence was it? ‖ from heauen, or of men? Then they reasoned among themselues, saying, If we shall say, From heauen, he will say vnto vs, Why did ye not then beleeue him?

26 And if we say, Of men, we ᵐ feare the people: for all hold Iohn as a Prophet.

27 Then they answered Iesus, and sayd, Wee cannot tell. And he sayd vnto them, Neither tell I you by what authoritie I doe these things.

28 ¶ But what thinke ye? A certaine man had two sonnes, and came to the elder, and sayd, Sonne, goe, and worke to day in my vineyard.

29 But he answered and said, I will not: yet afterward hee repented himselfe, and went.

30 Then came he to the second, and sayd likewise. And he answered, and said, I will, sir: yet he went not.

31 Whether of them twaine did the will of the father? They sayd vnto him, The first. Iesus said vnto them, Verely I say vnto you, that the ⁿ Publicanes and the harlots shall goe before you into the kingdome of God.

32 For Iohn came vnto you in the ᵒ way of righteousnesse, and ye beleeued him not: but the Publicans, and the harlots beleeued him, and ye though ye saw it, were not moued with repentance afterward, that yee might beleeue him.

33 ¶ Heare another parable, There was a certaine houholder, ᵖ which planted a vineyarde, and ᵠ hedged it round about, and ‖ made a winepresse therein, and built a towre, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a straunge countrey.

34 And when the time of the fruit drewe neere, he sent his seruants to ʳ the husbandmen to receiue the fruits thereof.

35 And the husbandmen tooke his ˢ seruants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Againe hee sent other seruants, more then the first; and they did the like vnto them.

37 But last of all he sent vnto them his owne ᵗ sonne, saying, They will reuerence my sonne.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the sonne, they sayd among themselues, ᵘ This is the heire, come, let vs kill him, and let vs take his inheritance.

39 So they tooke him, and cast him out of the vineyarde, and slew him.

40 When therefore the Lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do to those husbandmen?

41 They said vnto him, He will cruelly destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyarde vnto other husbandmen, which shall deliuer him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Iesus said vnto them, Read yee neuer in the Scriptures, ˣ The stone which the builders refused, the same is made the ʸ head of the corner? This was the Lordes doing, and it is marueilous in our eyes.

43 (Therefore I say vnto you, the kingdome of God shall be taken from you, and shall be giuen to a nation, which shall bring forth the fruits thereof.)

44 And whosoeuer shall fal on this stone, he shall bee broken: but on whomsoeuer it shall fall, it will grinde him to powder.

45 And when the chiefe Priestes and Pharises had heard his parables, they perceiued that he spake of them.

46 And they seeking to lay handes on him, feared the people, because they tooke him as a Prophet.

CHAP. XXII.

2 *The parable of the mariage.* 9 *The vocation of the Gentiles.* 11 *The mariage garment.* 17 *Of paying of tribute.* 25 *Of the resurrection.* 36 *The Scribes question.* 44 *Christs question.*

AND ᵃ Iesus answered, and spake vnto them againe in parables, saying,

2 The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a certaine King which maried his sonne,

3 And ᵇ sent forth his seruants to call them that were bidden to the wedding, but they would not come.

4 Againe he sent forth other seruants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I haue prepared my dinner: mine oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come vnto the mariage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their waies, one to his farme, and another about his merchandise.

6 And the remnant tooke his seruants, and intreated them shamefully, and slew them.

7 But when the King heard it, hee was wroth, and sent forth his warriers, and ᵇ destroied those murtherers, and burnt vp their citie.

8 Then saith he to his seruants, Truely the wedding is prepared: but they which were bidden, were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore out into the hie waies, and as many as ye finde, bid them to the mariage.

10 So ᶜ those seruants went out into the hie waies, and gathered together all that euer they found, both ᵈ good and bad: so the wedding was furnished with ghests.

11 Then the King came in, to see the ghests, and saw there a man which had not on a ᵉ wedding garment.

12 And hee said vnto him, Friend, how

1 Which thing seemeth to be impossible. *Chap. 7.7. Iohn 15.7. 1. Iohn 3. 22. Mark. 11. 24. Luke 11. 9.*

m The hypocrites feare man more then God, and malice neuer iustifieth the truth. *Chap. 14.5. mar. 6.20.*

n So far is it impossible for them to repent and be saued, that stand in their owne conceit, that the greatest sinners that are, shall more soone come to repentance.

o God taught by Iohn the way of righteousnesse, whose life was vpright and perfit. *Isa. 5.1. Ier. 2.21 marke 12. 1. Luke 20.9.*

p The vineyard is the people, whom he had elected.

q Vsed all meanes to preserue it, & to make it fruitfull.

[Or, digged.

r Which were the Priests and rulers.

s The Prophets.

t Iesus Christ. *Chap. 26. 3, 4. and 27. 1. Iohn 11. 53.*

[Or, of God.

u As not meet or fit for their building.

x To fasten and ioyne the building together, and to vphold the whole. *Isa. 8. 14.*

Psal. 118. 22. acts 4. 11. rom. 9. 33. 1 pet. 2. 7.

a Christ reprocheth the Iewes of their ingratitude and obstinate malice, in that they reiected the grace of God which was so plentifully offred vnto them.

b God punisheth extremely such ingratitude.

c The ingratitude of them which are bid, cannot cause Gods liberalitie & his holy meanes to perish, which he hath prepared for his.

d In the Church the hypocrites are mixed with the godly.

e He had not a pure affection and spirituall conscience, which proceeded of faith.

Luke 14. 16. rom. 10. 18.

f Though God suffer for a time hypocrites in the Church, yet he knoweth how to trie them, and finde them out. *Chr.* 8.13. & 13. 41. & 25.30. *Chap.* 20.16.

g By the outward and generall calling. *Mar.* 12.33. *Luke* 20.20.

h These were certaine flatterers of the court, which euer maintained that religion which King Herod best approued: and though they were enemies to the Pharises, yet in this thing they consented, thinking to entangle Christ, and so either to accuse him of treason, or to bring him into the hatred of all his people.

i As touching the outward qualitie, as whether a man be rich or poore.

‖ *Or, the coyne of the tribute.*

k Which was of value about foure pence halfe peny.

Rom. 13.7. *mar.* 12.17. *luk.* 20.25 *Mar.* 12.18. *luke* 20 27. *acts* 23.8. *Deut.* 25.5.

‖ *Or, sonnes.*

l By the title of affiance: and here by brother he meaneth the next kinsman, that lawfully might marry her.

m Where Gods word is not preached and vnderstood, there must needes reigne blindnesse and errours.

n For asmuch as they shalbe exempted from the infirmities of this present life.

f cannest thou in hither, and hast not on a wedding garment? and he was speechelesse.

13 Then sayde the King to the seruants, Binde him hand and foote: take him away, and cast him into vtter darkenesse: * there shalbe weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 * For many are called, but few chosen.

15 ¶ * Then went g Pharises & took counsell how they might tangle him in talke.

16 And they sent vnto him their disciples, with the h Herodians, saying, Master, wee know that thou art true, & teachest the way of God truely, neither carest for any man: for thou considerest not the i person of men.

17 Tell vs therefore, how thinkest thou? Is it lawfull to giue tribute vnto Cesar, or not?

18 But Iesus perceiued their wickednes, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shew mee the ‖ tribute money. And they brought him a k peny.

20 And he said vnto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They said vnto him, Cesars. Then said he vnto them, * Giue therefore to Cesar, the things which are Cesars, and giue vnto God, those things which are Gods.

22 And when they heard it, they marueiled, and left him, and went their way.

23 ¶ * The same day the Sadducees came to him (which say that there is no resurrection) and asked him,

24 Saying, Master, * Moses said, If a man die, hauing ‖ no children, let his brother l marrie his wife, and raise vp seed vnto his brother.

25 Nowe there were with vs seuen brethren, and the first married a wife, and deceased: and hauing no issue, left his wife vnto his brother.

26 Likewise also the second, and the third, vnto the seuenth.

27 And last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be of the seuen? for all had her.

29 Then Iesus answered, and said vnto them; Ye m are deceiued, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marrie wiues, nor wiues are bestowed in marriage, but are as the * Angels of God in heauen.

31 And concerning the resurrection of the dead, haue yee not read what is spoken vnto you of God, saying,

32 * I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac; and the God of Iacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the liuing.

33 And when the people heard it, they were astonied at his doctrine.

34 ¶ * But when the Pharises had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they assembled together.

35 And one of them, which was an expounder of the Law, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandement in the Law?

37 Iesus said to him, * Thou shalt loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soule, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and the great Commandement.

39 And the seconde is like vnto this, * Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe.

40 On these two Commandements hangeth the whole Law and the Prophets.

41 ¶ * While the Pharises were gathered together, Iesus asked them,

42 Saying, What thinke yee of Christ? whose * sonne is hee? They said vnto him, Dauids.

43 Hee said vnto them, How then doeth Dauid in ? spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 * The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my ? right hand, * till I make thine enemies thy footestoole?

45 If Dauid then call him ‡ Lord, how is he his sonne?

46 And none could answere him a word, neither durst any from that day forth aske him any moe questions.

Exod. 3.6. *Marke* 12.26. *Deut.* 6.5. *luke* 10.27.

Leuit. 19.18. *mar.* 12.31. *rom.* 13.9. *gal* 5.14. *iames* 2.8.

Mar. 12.35. *luke* 20.41.

o Of what stock or family.

p By the spirit of prophecie, speaking of the kingdome of Christ. *Psal.* 110. 1.

q By the right hand is signified the authoritie & power, which God giueth his Sonne Christ in making him his lieutenant and gouernour ouer his Church.

r Not that his kingdome shall then end: but the office of his humanitie shall cease, and hee with the Father and the holy Ghost shall reigne for euer as one God all in all.

s Christ is Dauids sonne touching his manhood, and his Lord concerning his Godhead.

CHAP. XXIII.

3 Christ condemneth the ambition, couetousnes, and hypocrisie of the Scribes & Pharises. 31 Their persecutions against the seruants of God. 37 He prophesieth the destruction of Ierusalem.

THen spake Iesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, The * Scribes and the Pharises * sit in Moses seat.

3 All therefore whatsoeuer they bid you obserue, that obserue and doe: but after their workes do not: for they say, and do not.

4 * For they binde heauy burdens, and grieuous to be borne, and lay them on mens shoulders: but they themselues will not moue them with one of their fingers.

5 All their workes they do for to be seene of men: for they make their * phylacteries broath, and make long the * fringes of their garments,

6 * And loue the chiefe place at feasts, and to haue the chiefe seates in the assemblies,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 * But be not ye called a Rabbi: for one is your ‖ Doctor, to wit, Christ, and all ye are brethren.

9 And * call no man your father vpon the earth: for there is but one, your Father which is in heauen.

10 Be not called * doctors: for one is your Doctor, euen Christ.

11 But hee that is ‡ greatest among you, let him be your seruant.

12 * For

Luke 11.46.

acts 15.10.

c They were skroles of parchment, wherin the commandements were written: and to this day the Iewes vse the same, and close them in a piece of leather, and so binde them to their brow and left arme, to the intent they might haue continuall remembrance of

a And teach that which Moses saith.

b According to *Moses* whom they reade, but not that which they teach of themselues.

the Law. *Num.* 15.38. *deu.* 22.12. *Mar.* 12.38. *luk.* 11.43 & 20.46.

‖ *Or, master. iames* 3.1.

d Christ forbiddeth not to giue iust honour to Magistrates & masters, but condemneth ambition & superioritie ouer our brothers faith, which office appertaineth to Christ alone.

‖ *Or, teachers. Mat.* 1.6.

e The Pharises were called Masters or fathers, and the Scribes Doctors.

f The best dignitie in the Church, is not Lordship or dominion, but ministery and seruice.

12 * For

Luke 14.12. and 18.14.

12 *For whosoeuer will exalt himselfe, shall be brought low: and whosoeuer will humble himselfe, shall be exalted.

13 Woe therefore be vnto you Scribes and Pharises, hypocrites, because ye shut vp the kingdom of heauen before men: for ye your selues go not in, neither suffer ye them that would enter, to come in.

14 *Woe be vnto you Scribes and Pharises, hypocrites: for ye deuoure widowes houses, euen vnder a colour of long prayers: wherefore ye shall receiue the greater damnation.

15 Woe be vnto you Scribes and Pharises, hypocrites: for ye compasse sea and land to make one of your profession: and when he is made, ye make him twise more a child of hell, then your selues.

16 Woe be vnto you blinde guides which say, Whosoeuer sweareth by the Temple, it is nothing: but whosoeuer sweareth by the golde of the Temple, he is bounden.

17 Ye fooles and blinde, whether is greater, the golde, or the Temple that sanctifieth the golde?

18 And whosoeuer sweareth by the altar, it is nothing: but whosoeuer sweareth by the offering that is vpon it, offendeth.

19 Ye fooles and blinde, whether is greater, the offering, or the altar which sanctifieth the offering?

20 Whosoeuer therefore sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whosoeuer sweareth by the Temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that sweareth by heauen, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe be to you, Scribes and Pharises, hypocrites: for ye tithe mint, and anise, and cummin, and leaue the weightier matters of the Law, iudgement, and mercie, and faithfulnesse. These ought ye to haue done, and not to haue left the other.

24 Ye blinde guides, which strayne out a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25 Woe be to you, Scribes & Pharises, hypocrites: for ye make cleane the vtter side of the cup and platter, but within they are full of extortion and excesse.

26 Thou blinde Pharise, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be cleane also.

27 Woe be to you Scribes & Pharises, hypocrites: for ye are like vnto painted tombes, which appeare beautifull outward, but are within full of dead mens bones, and of all filthinesse.

28 So are ye also: for outward ye appeare righteous vnto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisie and iniquitie.

29 Woe be vnto you, Scribes & Pharises, hypocrites: for ye build the tombes of the Prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 And say, If we had been in the dayes of our fathers, we would not haue been partakers with them in the bloud of the Prophets.

31 So then ye be witnesses vnto your selues, that ye are the children of them that murdered the Prophets.

32 Fulfill ye also the measure of your fathers.

33 O serpents, the generation of vipers, how should ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 Wherefore behold, I send vnto you Prophets, and wise men, and Scribes, and of them ye shall kill and crucifie, and of them shall ye scourge in your Synagogues, & persecute them from citie to citie,

35 That vpon you may come all the righteous bloud that was shed vpon the earth, from the bloud of Abel the righteous, vnto the bloud of Zacharias, the sonne of Barachias, whom ye slew betweene the Temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say vnto you, All these things shall come vpon this generation.

37 *Ierusalem, Ierusalem, which killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent to thee, how often would I haue gathered thy children together, *as the henne gathereth her chickens vnder her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your habitation shalbe left vnto you desolate.

39 For I say vnto you, ye shall not see me henceforth, till that ye say, Blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord.

Luke 11.42.

1 Ye stay at that which is nothing and let passe that which is of greater importance. m Ye seeke how to get estimation with men, and passe not whether ye haue a good conscience or no.

‖Or, intemperancie.

Luke 11.39.

‖Or, painted.

n For a remembrance of them, and in the meane season they passed not for their doctrine.

2. Esd. 1.32. o He will returne no more to them as a teacher but as a Iudge, when as they shalbe compelled to confesse (although too late) that he is the very Sonne of God.

CHAP. XXIIII.

*2 Christ foreweth his disciples the destruction of the Temple. 5. 29 The false Christs. 13 To persevere. 14 The preaching of the Gospel. 29. The signes of the end of the world. 42 He warneth thee to watch. 44 The sudden comming of Christ.

AND Iesus went out, and departed from the Temple, and his disciples came to him, to shew him the building of the Temple.

2 And Iesus said vnto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say vnto you, there shall not be here left a stone vpon a stone, that shall not be cast downe.

3 And as he late vpon the mount of Olives, his disciples came vnto him apart, saying, Tell vs when these things shall be, and what signe shalbe of thy comming, *and of the end of the world.

4 And Iesus answered, & said vnto them, *Take heed that no man deceiue you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceiue many.

6 And ye shall heare of warres, and rumours of warres: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to passe, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and realme against realme, and there shall be pestilence, and famine, and earthquakes in diuers places.

8 All these are but the *beginning of sorrowes.

p To commend your of great ingratitude.

q Christ meaneth that all their race shalbe punished, so that the iniquitie of the fathers shall be powred into the bosome of the children, which resemble their fathers.

Gen. 4.8. 1.Sam. 11.4.

r Read 2. Chro. 24.22. Luke 11.34.

Mark 13.1. Luke 21.5.

a Whose excellencie appeareth in that that Herod for the space of 8. yeres kept fourtie thousand men in worke, the stones were 25 cubites long in height 12. in bredth, 8. as Iosephus writeth.

Luke 19.44.

b They thought the world should be at an end, when Ierusalem were destroyed. Epist. 5. 6. 1.cor. 2.18.

c He answereth them not according to their minds, but admonisheth them of that which is warres haue in the Gospel, and in

d Great and cruell spice, among the heathen, for the contempt of Gods more and more.

23 Rem. a Sonne

23 Sept. 2 Luke Morn

Chap. 10. 17. Luk. 21. 12. Acts 25. 20. and 28. 2.
c As if you were the cause of these troubles.
f Many will keep backe their charitie, because they are vnthankfull and euil vpon whom they should bestow it.
2. Thes. 3. 13. 2. Tim. 3. 5.
g When the Temple shalbe polluted, it shall be a signe of extreme desolation: the sacrifices shall end and neuer be restored.
Mark. 13. 14. Luke 21. 20.
h The horrible destruction of the Temple, and the corruption of Gods pure religion.
Dan. 9. 17.
Acts 1. 12.
Or, man.
i God prouideth for his children in the mids of troubles.
Marke 13. 21. Luke 17. 23.
k Whether the false Christs, and deceiuers leade the people, hiding themselues in holes, as if they were assigned of their profession.
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Then the a kingdome of heauen shall bee likened vnto ten virgins, which tooke their lampes, and went to b meete the bridegroome.

2 And fiue of them were wise, and fiue foolish.

3 The foolish tooke their lampes, but tooke none oyle with them.

4 But the wise tooke oyle in their vessels with their lampes.

5 Nowe while the bridegroome tarried long, all slumbred and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a crie made, Behold, the bridegroome commeth: goe out to meete him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lampes.

8 And the foolish said to the wise, c Giue vs of your oyle, for our lampes are d out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Woe feare lest there will not be ynough for vs and you: but e goe ye rather to them that sell, and buy for your selues.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroome came: and they that were ready, went in with him to the wedding, and the gate was shut.

11 Afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to vs.

12 But he answered, and said, Verily I say vnto you, f I know you not.

13 g Watch therefore: for yee know neither the day nor the houre, when the Sonne of man will come.

14 h For the kingdome of heauen is as a man that going into a straunge countrey, called his seruants, and deliuered vnto them his goods.

15 And vnto one he gaue fiue i talents, and to another two, and to another one, to euery man after his owne ability, & straightway went from home.

16 Then he that had receiued the fiue talents, went k occupied with them, and gained other fiue talents.

17 Likewise also, he that receiued two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that receiued that one, went and digged it in the earth, and hid his masters money.

19 But after a long season, the master of those seruants came, and reckoned with them.

20 Then came he that had receiued fiue talents, and brought other fiue talents, saying, Master, thou deliueredst vnto me fiue talents: behold, I haue gained with them other fiue talents.

21 His master said vnto him, Well done, thou good and faithfull seruant, thou hast been faithfull in a litle, I will make thee ruler ouer many things: enter in into the ioy of thy master.

22 Also he that had receiued two talents, came and said, Master, thou deliueredst vnto me two talents: behold, I haue gained two other talents with them.

23 His master said vnto him, Well done, good seruant, and faithfull, thou hast been faithfull in a litle, I will make thee ruler ouer many: enter in into the ioy of thy master.

24 Then he which had receiued the one talent, came and said, Master, I knew that thou wast an hard man, which reapest where thou sowedst not, & gatherest where thou strawedst not:

25 I was therefore afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: behold, thou hast thine owne.

26 And his master answered, and said vnto him, Thou euil seruant and l slothfull, thou knewest that I reape, where I sowed not, and gather where I strawed not.

27 Thou oughtest therefore to haue put my money to the exchangers, and then at my comming should I haue receiued mine owne with vantage.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and giue it vnto him which hath ten talents.

29 For vnto euery man that hath, it shall be giuen, and he shall haue abundance, and from him that hath not, euen that he hath, shall be taken away.

30 Cast therefore that vnprofitable seruant into vtter m darknesse: there shalbe weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 ¶ And when the Sonne of man commeth in his glory, and all the holy Angels with him, then shall he sit vpon the throne of his glory.

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd separateth the sheepe from the goates.

33 And he shall set the sheepe on his right hand, and the goates on the left.

34 Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come ye n blessed of my Father: inherite ye the kingdome prepared for you from the o foundations of the world.

35 For p I was an hungred, & yee gaue me meate: I thirsted, and ye gaue me drinke: I was a stranger, and ye lodged me:

36 I was naked, and ye clothed me: I was sicke, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came vnto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answere him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or athirst, and gaue thee drinke?

38 And when saw we thee a stranger, and lodged thee? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sicke, or in prison, and came vnto thee?

40 And the King shall answere and say vnto them, Verily I say vnto you, In as much as ye haue done it vnto one of the least of these my brethren, ye haue done it to me.

41 Then shall he say vnto them on the left hand, q Depart from me ye cursed, into euerlasting fire, which is prepared for the deuil and his angels.

42 For I was an hungred, and yee gaue me no meate: I thirsted, and ye gaue me no drinke:

43 I was a stranger, and ye lodged me not: I was naked, and yee clothed me not: sicke, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answere him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sicke, or in prison, and did not minister vnto thee?

45 Then

a This similitude teacheth vs, that it is not sufficient to haue once giuen our selues to follow Christ, but that we must continue.

b To doe him honour, as the maner was.

c Many seeke that which they haue contemned, but it is too late.

d Or quenched.

e This was spoken in reproch, because they made not prouision in time.

f I will not open to you because you haue failed in the midway. Chap. 24. 42. 44. marke 13. 33 & 35. Luke 19. 12.

g This similitude teacheth how we ought to continue in the knowledge of God, and doe good with those graces that God hath giuen vs.

h The master receiueth him into his house to giue him part of his goods and commoditie.

i Euery talent commonly made threescore pound: reade chap. 18. 24.

k Or made.

l Or, lingerer.

m The graces of God shall be taken away from him that doeth not bestow them to Gods glory, and his neighbours profit. Chap. 8. 12. and 22. 13.

n For our saluation commeth of the blessing and fauour of God.

o Hereby God declareth the certainty of our predestination, whereby we are called, because we were chosen in Christ before the foundations of the world. Eph. 1. 4.

p Isa. 58. 7. ezech. 18. 7.

q Christ meaneth not that our saluatiō dependeth on our merits, but teacheth what he is to looke iudgly according to godlines & charity, & that God recompenseth his of his free mercy, likewise as he doth elect them. Matt. 25. 3. Or, as he me. Psal. 62. 8. chap. 7. 23. luke 13. 27.

45 Then shall he answere them, and say, Verily I say vnto you, In as much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 * And these * shal goe into euerlasting paine, and the righteous into life eternall.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Conspiracie of the Priests against Christ. 12 He excuseth Magdalene. 26 The institution of the Lords Supper. 31 The disciples mistrustfull. 48 The treason of Iudas. 62 The sword. 64 Because Christ calleth himselfe the Sonne of God, hee is iudged worthy to die. 69 Peter denieth and repenteth.

AND * it came to passe, when Iesus had finished all these sayings, he said vnto his disciples,

2 Ye know that within two dayes is the Passeouer, and the Sonne of man shalbe deliuered to be crucified.

3 * Then assembled together the chiefe Priests, and the Scribes, and the Elders of the people into the hall of the hie Priest, called Caiaphas,

4 And consulted how they might take Iesus by subtiltie, and kill him.

5 But they said, Not on the feast day lest any tumult be among the people.

6 ¶ * And when Iesus was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came vnto him a woman, which had a box of very costly oyntment, & * powred it on his head, as he sate at the table.

8 And when his disciples saw it, they had * indignation, saying, * To what ende this waste?

9 For this oyntment might haue been solde for much, and bene giuen to the poore.

10 And Iesus knowing it, sayde vnto them, * Why trouble ye the woman? for shee hath wrought a good worke vpon me.

11 * For ye haue the poore alwayes with you, but me shall ye not * haue alwayes.

12 For in that she powred this oyntment on my body, she did it to * burie me.

13 Verily I say vnto you, Wheresoeuer this Gospel shall be preached throughout all the world, there shall also this that she hath done be spoken of for a memoriall of her.

14 ¶ * Then one of the twelue called Iudas Iscariot, went vnto the chiefe Priests,

15 And said, * What will ye giue me? and I will deliuer him vnto you? and they appointed vnto him thirtie * pieces of siluer.

16 And from that time he sought opportunitie to betray him.

17 ¶ * Now on the first day of the feast of vnleauened bread, the disciples came to Iesus, saying vnto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eate the Passeouer?

18 And he said, Go into the citie vnto such a man, and say to him, The master saith, My time is at hand: I will keepe the Passeouer at thine house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Iesus had giuen them charge, and made ready the Passeouer.

20 * Now when the euen was come, he sate downe with the twelue.

21 And as they did eate, he said, Verily I say vnto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorowfull, and began euery one of them to say vnto him, Is it I, Master?

23 And he answered, and sayd, * He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, hee shall betray me.

24 Surely the Sonne of man goeth his way, * as it is written of him: but woe be to that man, by whom the Sonne of man is betrayed: it had bene good for that man, if he had neuer beene borne.

25 Then Iudas which betrayed him, answered, and said, Is it I, Master? He sayd vnto him, Thou hast sayd it.

26 ¶ * And as they did eate, Iesus tooke the bread: and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it, and gaue it to his disciples, and sayd, Take, eate: * this is my body.

27 Also he tooke the cup, and when he had giuen thankes, hee gaue it them, saying, Drinke ye all of it.

28 For this is my * blood of the new testament, that is shed for many, for the remission of sinnes.

29 I say vnto you, that * I will not drinke henceforth of this fruit of the vine vntil that day, when I shall drinke it new with you in my Fathers kingdome.

30 And when they had sung a Psalme, they went out into the mount of Oliues.

31 ¶ * Then sayd Iesus vnto them, All ye shall be * offended by me this night: for it is written, I will * smite the shepheard, and the sheepe of the flocke shalbe scattered.

32 But * after I am risen againe, I will goe before you into Galilee.

33 But Peter answered, and said vnto him, * Though that all men should be offended by thee, yet will I neuer be offended.

34 * Iesus said vnto him, Verily I say vnto thee, that this night, before the cocke crow, thou shalt denie me thrise.

35 Peter said vnto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not denie thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 ¶ * Then went Iesus with them into a place which is called Gethsemane, and said vnto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I goe and pray yonder.

37 And he tooke Peter, & the two sonnes of Zebedeus, and began to * waxe sorowfull, * and grieuously troubled.

38 Then sayd Iesus vnto them, My soule is very heauy, euen vnto the * death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 So he went a little further, & fell on his face, & prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this * cup * passe from me: neuertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 Then he came vnto the disciples, and found them asleepe, & said vnto Peter, What? could ye not watch with me one houre?

41 Watch & pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirite in deede is ready, but the flesh is * weake.

42 Againe he went away the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this

Deu. 22.2. Iohn 5.29.

n We must therefore only do that which God requireth of vs, and not follow mens foolish fantasies.

Marke 14.1. Luke 22.1.

Iohn 11.47.

Mar. 14.3. Iohn 12.1. 2 He sheweth what occasion Iudas tooke to commit his treason.

b This was through Sathanicall motion to whom they gaue credit.

Deut. 15.11.

c This fact was extraordinary, neither was it left as an example to be followed: also Christ is not present with vs bodily or to be honoured with any outward pompe.

d To honour my buriall withall.

Marke 14.10. Luke 22.4.

e Thirty one in value was about fourteene shillings sterling of our money.

Marke 14.12. Luke 22.7.

f Hee maketh haste to a more worthy sacrifice, to wit, to that which the Passeouer signified.

Mar. 14.18. Luke 22.14. Iohn 13.21.

Psal 41.9.

g He that is accustomed to eate with me daily at the table, Psal. 41.9.

h To the intent his disciples might know that all this was appointed by y prouidence of God.

1. Cor. 11.24.

i That is, a true figue and testimonie that my body is made yours, and by me your soules are nourished.

k The white signifieth that our soules are refreshed and satisfied with the blood of Christ spiritually received, so that without him we haue no nourishment.

l You shall no more enioy my bodily presence till we meete together in heauen.

Mar. 14.27. Iohn 16.32. and 18.1.

m Shall turne backe and be discouraged.

Zach. 13.7. Marke 14.28. and 16.7.

n This declareth what danger it is to trust too much to our owne strength.

Iohn 13.38. Marke 14.32. Luke 22.39.

o He feared not death of it selfe, but trembled for feare of Gods anger toward sinne, the burden whereof he bare for our sakes.

p For hee saw Gods anger kindled towards vs.

q That is, the anger of God for mans sinnes.

r He knew well what his Father had determined, as the faithfull doe all counsell of God, but the flesh.

t He speaketh this in a contrary sense, meaning they should anon be well wakened.

u Christ died willingly and therefore presented himselfe to his enemis.

Mar. 14.43. *Iohn* 22.47. *Iohn* 18.3.

‖ *Or, Haile Rabbi.*

x He rebuketh his vnkindnesse vnder the cloke of pretended friendship.

‖ *Or, Iesu saue.*

Gen 9.6. *reuel.* 13.10.

y The exercising of the sword is forbid to priuate persons. Also he would haue hindered by his vndiscreet zeale the worke of God.

z Euery legion contained commonly 6000. footemen, and 732. horsemen, whereby here he meaneth an infinite number.

Isa. 53.10. *Lament.* 4.20.

Verse 31. *Marke* 14.53. *Iohn* 22.54. *Iohn* 18.13,24. *Marke* 14.55.

a He declareth how Iesus was wrongfully accused, to the end we may know his innocency, & not that he suffred for himselfe, but for vs.

b Which could iustly witnesse against him.

Iohn 2.19.

c Christ did neglect their false reports, and moreouer he was not there to defend his cause, but to suffer condemnation.

d Or, adiure thee by thine allegiance towards God.

cup cannot passe away from me, but that I must drinke it, thy will be done.

43 And he came, and found them asleepe againe: for their eyes were heauy.

44 So hee left them and went away againe, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then came he to his disciples, and said vnto them, e Sleep henceforth and take your rest: behold, the houre is at hand, and the Sonne of man is giuen into the handes of sinners.

46 f Rise, let vs goe: beholde, hee is at hand that betrayeth me.

47 g And while hee yet spake, loe, Iudas, one of the twelue, came, & with him a great multitude with swords and staues, from the hie Priests and Elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him, had giuen them a token, saying, Whomsoeuer I shall kisse, that is he, lay hold on him.

49 And forthwith he came to Iesus, and said, God saue thee, Master, and kissed him.

50 Then Iesus said vnto him, x Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid handes on Iesus, and tooke him.

51 And beholde, one of them which were with Iesus, stretched out his hand, and drew his sworde, and stroke a seruant of the hie Priest, and smote off his eare.

52 Then said Iesus vnto him, Put vp thy sword into his ‖ place: for all that y take the sword, shall perish with the sword.

53 Either thinkest thou, that I cannot now pray to my Father, and hee will giue me moe then twelue z legions of Angels?

54 How then should the a Scriptures be fulfilled, which say, that it must be so?

55 The same houre said Iesus to the multitude, Yee be come out as it were against a theefe with swords and staues, to take me: I sate daily teaching in the Temple among you, and ye tooke me not.

56 But al this was done, that the a Scriptures of the Prophets might bee fulfilled. b Then all the disciples forsooke him, & fled.

57 ¶ c And they tooke Iesus, and led him to Caiaphas the high Priest, where the Scribes and the Elders were assembled.

58 And Peter followed him afarre off vnto the hie Priests hall, and went in, and sate with the seruants to see the end.

59 Nowe a the chiefe Priestes and the Elders, and all the whole Councill sought false witnesse against Iesus, to put him to death.

60 But they found none, and though many false witnesses came, yet found they b none: but at the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This man said, c I can destroy the temple of God, and build it in three dayes.

62 Then the chiefe Priest arose, and said to him, Answerest thou nothing? what is the matter that these men witnes against thee?

63 But Iesus d held his peace. Then the chiefe Priest answered, and said to him, I d charge thee by the liuing God, that thou tell vs if thou be the Christ, the sonne of God.

64 e Iesus said to him, e Thou hast said it: neuertheless I say vnto you, hereafter shall yee see the Sonne of man sitting at the right hand of the power of God, and came in the cloudes of the heauen.

65 Then the hie Priest rent his f clothes, saying, He hath blasphemed: what haue we any more needs of witnesse? behold, now ye haue heard his blasphemie.

66 What thinke ye? They answered, and said, He is worthy to die.

67 g Then spat they in his face, and buffeted him: and h other smote him with their rods,

68 Saying, i Prophesie to vs, O Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

69 ¶ k Peter sate without in the hall: and a mayd came to him, saying, Thou also wast with Iesus of Galile.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I wot not what thou sayest.

71 And when he went out into the porch another mayde saw him, and said vnto them that were there, This man was also with Iesus of Nazaret.

72 And l again he denied with an othe, saying, I know not the man.

73 So after a while, came vnto him they that stood by, and said vnto Peter, Surely thou art also one of them: for euen thy speach bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse himselfe, and to sweare, saying, I know not the man. And immediatly the cocke crew.

75 Then Peter remembred the words of Iesus, which had said vnto him, Before the cocke crow, thou shalt deny me thrise. So he went out, and m wept bitterly.

touched with repentance by the motion of Gods spirit, who neuer suffereth his so perish vtterly, though for a time they fal, to the intent they may feele their own weaknes, & acknowledge his great mercy.

CHAP. XXVII.

2 Christ is deliuered vnto Pilate. 3 Iudas hangeth himselfe. 24 Christ is pronounced innocent by the iudge, & yet is condemned, & crucified among theeues. 46 He prayeth vpon the crosse. 51 The vaile is rent. 52 The dead bodies arise. 57 Ioseph burieth Christ. 64 Watchmen keepe the graue.

WHen a the morning was come, all the chiefe Priests, and the Elders of the people tooke counsell against Iesus, to put him to death,

2 And led him away bound, & a deliuered him vnto Pontius Pilate the gouernour.

3 ¶ Then when Iudas which betrayed him, saw that hee was condemned, b he repented himselfe, & brought againe the thirty pieces of siluer to the chiefe Priests, & Elders,

4 Saying, I haue a sinned betraying the innocent blood. But they said, What is that to vs? c see thou to it.

5 And when he had cast downe the siluer pieces in the Temple, he departed, and went, & hanged himselfe.

6 And the chiefe Priests tooke the siluer pieces, and said, It is not lawfull for vs

Chap. 16.27. *rom.* 14.10. *1.thess.* 4.14.

e Christ confesseth that he is the Sonne of God.

f This was one of their owne traditions, if they had heard any Israelite blaspheme.

g The enemies of God call a true confession blasphemie. *Isa.* 50.6.

h The officers smite Christ with their rods or litle staues.

i They mocked him after this sort, that hee might not seeme to be a Prophet, and so would turne the peoples minds from him. *Marke* 14.66. *luke* 22.55. *Iohn* 18.25.

k An example of our infirmitie, that we may learne to depend vpon God, and not put our trust in our selues.

l He was likely

Stand well before Easter Gospell 1st the 55 verse

Mar. 15.1 *luke* 22.66 *Iohn* 18.28.

a For they had no authority to condemne him, or to put any to death.

b Our late repentance bringeth desperation.

c Although he abhor his sinne, yet is he not displeased therwith, but despaireth in Gods mercies, & seeketh his owne destruction.

d These hypocrites lay the whole fault vpon Iudas. *Acts* 1.18. e The hypocrites are full of conscience in a matter of nothing, but to shed innocent blood they make nothing at it.

Easter even 57 Verse to the end

27 Matt. & Chap. Mark 2 Lessons

30 Ianua 2 Lessons Morning

‖Or, Corbana.

to put them into the ‖ treasurie, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they tooke counsell, and bought with them a potters field, for the buriall of e strangers.

8 Wherefore that field is called, * The field of blood vntill this day.

9 (Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the Prophet, saying, * And they tooke thirty siluer pieces, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel valued.

10 And they gaue them for the potters field, as the Lord appointed me.)

11 ¶ * And Iesus stood before the gouernour, and the gouernour asked him, saying, Art thou the king of the Iewes? Iesus said vnto him, Thou sayest it.

12 And when he was accused of the chiefe Priests and Elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then sayd Pilate vnto him, Hearest thou not how many things they lay against thee?

14 But he answered him not to one word, insomuch that the gouernour marueled greatly.

15 Now at the feast the gouernour was wont to ‖ deliuer vnto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas.

17 When they were then gathered together, Pilate sayd vnto them, Whether will yee that I let loose vnto you Barabbas, or Iesus which is called Christ?

18 (For he knew well, that for enuie they had deliuered him.

19 Also when he was set downe vpon the iudgement seat, his wife sent to him, saying, h Haue thou nothing to doe with that iust man: for I haue suffered many things this day in a dreame by reason of him.)

20 * But the chiefe Priests and the Elders had perswaded the people that they should aske Barabbas, and should destroy Iesus.

21 Then the gouernour answered, & said vnto them, Whether of the twaine will yee that I let loose vnto you? And they sayde, Barabbas.

22 Pilate sayd vnto them, What shall I doe then with Iesus which is called Christ? They all sayd to him, Let him be crucified.

23 Then sayd the gouernour, But what euil hath he done? Then they cried the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he auailed nothing, but that more tumult was made, he tooke water & washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this k iust man: looke you to it.

25 Then answered all the people, & sayd, His l blood be on vs, and on our children.

26 Thus let her Barabbas loose vnto them, and scourged Iesus, and deliuered him to be crucified.

27 ¶ * Then the souldiers of the gouernour tooke Iesus into the common hall, and gathered about him the whole band.

28 And they stripped him, and put vpon him a m scarlet robe,

29 And platted a crowne of thornes, and put it vpon his head, and a reed in his right hand, and bowed their knees before him, and mocked him, saying, God saue thee, King of the Iewes.

30 And spitted vpon him, & tooke a reed, and smote him on the head.

31 Thus when they had mocked him, they tooke the robe from him, and put his owne rayment on him, and led him away to crucifie him.

32 * And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they compelled to beare his Crosse.

33 * And when they came vnto the place called Golgotha, (that is to say, the place of dead mens skulles.)

34 They gaue him * vineger to drinke mingled with gall: And when he had tasted thereof, he would not drinke.

35 ¶ And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, and did cast lots, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet, * They diuided my garments among them, and vpon my vesture did cast lots.

36 And they sate, and watched him there.

37 ¶ They set vp also ouer his head his cause written, * THIS IS IESVS THE KING OF THE IEWES.

38 ¶ And there were two theeues crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by, reuiled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, * Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three dayes, saue thy selfe: if thou be the Sonne of God, come downe from the Crosse.

41 Likewise also the hie Priests mocking him, with the Scribes, and Elders, & Pharises, sayd,

42 He saued others, but her cannot saue himselfe: if he be the King of Israel, let him now come downe from the crosse, and wee will beleeue him.

43 * He p trusted in God, let him deliuer him now, if he will haue him: for he sayd, I am the Sonne of God.

44 That same also the q theeues which were crucified with him, cast in his teeth.

45 Now from the r first houre was there darkenesse ouer all the s land, vnto the ninth houre.

46 And about the ninth houre Iesus cried with a loud voyce, saying, * Eli, Eli, lamma sabachthani? that is, * My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, sayd, This man calleth * Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ranne, and tooke * a sponge, and filled it with vineger, and put it on a ‖ reede, and gaue him to * drinke.

49 Other said, Let be: let vs see, if Elias will come and saue him.

50 Then Iesus cried againe with a loud voyce,

Or, guiltie.

g It was a tradition of the Iewes to deliuer a prisoner at Easter.

h This was to the greater condemnation of Pilate, whom neither his owne knowledge could teach nor counsel of others, to defend Christs innocencie.

i The multitude preferre the wicked to the righteous.

k Pilat beareth witnesse that he is innocent before her condemne him.

l If his death be not lawfull, let the punishment fall on our heade & our childrens.

And as they wished, so this curse taketh place to this day.

m To deride him because he called himselfe a King.

n It was a kinde of drinke to open the veines, and so to hasten his death, which was giuen him vpon the Crosse.

o The maner then was to set vp a writing to signifie wherefore a man was executed: but here God gouerned Pilates hand to write otherwise then hee thought.

p This was a great tentation, to goe about to take from him his trust in God, and so to bring him to despaire.

q Meaning by this Synecdoche the one of the theeues.

r That was from noone till three of the clocke.

s Of Iewry and the countrey thereabout.

t Notwithstanding that he feeleth himselfe as it were wounded with Gods wrath and forsaken for our sinnes, yet he ceaseth not to put his confidence in God and call vpon him: which is written to teach vs in all afflictions to trust still in God, be the assaults neuer so grieuous to the flesh.

u They mocked at Christs prayer, as if it had bene in vaine.

Marke 15.21, Luke 23.26.
Marke 15.22, John 19.17.
Psal. 22.18.
marke 15.24.
Psal 22.8, wisd 2.18.
Iohn 3.19.
Psal 22.8.
wisd 2.18.
Iohn 19.29.
‖Or, hyssope stalke.
Psal. 69.21.

x Voluntarily after he had obeyed his father in all things.

2. Chro. 3. 14.

y Which signified an end of all the ceremonies of the Law.

‖ Or, Ierusalem.

z This iudgement of an heathen man was sufficient to condemne the grosse malice of the Iewes.

Mar. 15. 42, 43. Luke 23. 50, 51. Iohn 19. 38.

a Who was so much the more in danger by declaring himselfe to be Iesus disciple.

b Christs burying doth so much more verifie his death and resurrection.

c Which was the day before the Sabbath.

d More will follow his doctrine, then did afore he was put to death.

e That is, men appointed for the keeping of the Temple.

f The more these men go about to subdue Christes power, the more they shew their owne malice, and procure to themselues the greater condemnation, for as much as Gods glory the more appeareth thereby.

poyce, and yeelded vp the x ghost.

51 And behold, y the vaile of the temple was rent in twaine, from the top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the stones were cloven,

52 And the graues did open themselues, and many bodies of the Saints which slept, arose,

53 And came out of the graues after his resurrection, and went into the ‖ holy Citie, and appeared vnto many.

54 When the Centurion, and they that were with him watching Iesus, sawe the earthquake, and the things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truely z this was the Sonne of God.

55 ¶ And many women were there, beholding him a farre off, which had followed Iesus from Galile, ministring vnto him.

56 Among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of Iames and Ioses, and the mother of Zebedeus sonnes.

57 ¶ a And when the euen was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Ioseph, who had also himselfe bene Iesus disciple.

58 He went to Pilate, and asked the body of Iesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be deliuered.

59 So Ioseph tooke the body, and wrapped it in a cleane linnen cloth,

60 And put it in his new b tombe, which he had hewen out in a rocke, and rolled a great stone to the doore of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary sitting ouer against the sepulchre.

62 ¶ Nowe the next day that followed the c Preparation of the Sabbath, the high Priestes and Pharises assembled to Pilate,

63 And said, Sir, we remember that that deceiuer said, while he was yet aliue, After three dayes I will rise.

64 Commaund therefore that the sepulchre bee made sure vntill the third day, lest his Disciples come by night, and steale him away, and say vnto the people, He is risen from the dead: so shall the last d errour bee worse then the first.

65 Then Pilate said vnto them, Ye haue a watch e go, and make it sure as ye know.

66 And they went, and made the sepulchre f sure with the watch, g sealing the stone.

CHAP. XXVIII.

6 The resurrection of Christ. 10 The brethren of Christ. 12 The bie Priests bribe the souldiers. 17 Christ appeareth to his disciples, and sendeth them forth to preach and to baptize. 20 Promising to them continuall assistance.

NOw ‖ in the ‖ ende of the a Sabbath, when the first day of the weeke beganne to dawne, Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the b Angel of the Lord descended from heauen, and came and rolled backe the stone from the doore, and sate vpon it.

3 And his countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow.

4 And for feare of him the keepers were affrayed, and became as dead men.

5 But the Angel answered, and said to the women, Feare ye not: for I know that ye seeke Iesus which was crucified:

6 Hee is not heere, for hee is risen, as he sayd: Come, see the place where the Lord was layd,

7 And goe quickly, and tell his disciples that hee is risen from the dead: and behold, hee goeth before you into Galilee: there yee shall see him, c loe, I haue told you.

8 So they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with feare and great d ioy, and did runne to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Iesus also met them, saying, God saue you. And they came, and tooke him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then sayd Iesus vnto them, Be not afraid. Goe, and tell my brethren, that they go into Galile, and there shall they see me.

11 ¶ Now when they were gone, behold, some of the watch came into the citie, and shewed vnto the high Priests all the things that were done.

12 And they gathered them together with the Elders, and tooke counsell, e gaue large money to the souldiers,

13 Saying, Say, His Disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if the gouernour heare of this, we will perswade him, and saue you harmeless.

15 So they tooke the money, and did as they were taught: and this f saying is noysed among the Iewes vnto this day.

16 ¶ Then the eleuen Disciples went vnto Galile, into a mountaine, where Iesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: and some doubted.

18 And Iesus came, g spake vnto them, saying, a All power is giuen vnto me in heauen, and in earth.

19 b Goe therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the c Name of the Father, and the Sonne, and the holy Ghost,

20 Teaching them to obserue all things, whatsoeuer I d haue commaunded you: and loe, e I am with you alway, vntill the d ende of the world. Amen.

Mar. 16. 1, 2, 3. Iohn 20. 11.

‖ *Or, euening.*

a Here f Euangelist reckoneth the naturall day from the Sunne rising to his rising againe, and not as the Iewes did, which began to count at the first houre after the Sunne set.

b There were two: but it is a maner of speach to vse the singular number for the plurall, and contrary.

c He assureth them that it is so.

d Their ioy was mixed with feare, both because of the Angels presence, & also for that they were not assured.

e An extreame vengeance of God, whereby the Iewes were the more hardened, so that they cannot feele the profite of his death and resurrection.

Heb. 2. 8. 1. Chap. 11. 27. Iohn 17. 2.

Mar. 16. 15.

f Men may not teach their owne doctrine, but whatsoeuer Christ hath taught them: for he reserueth this authoritie to himselfe, to be the only teacher and Author of the doctrine.

Iohn 14. 16.

g By power & grace, and vertue of the holy Ghost.

¶ The

¶ The holy Gospel of Iesus Christ, according to Marke.

CHAP. I.

1 The office, doctrine and life of Iohn the Baptist. 9 Christ is baptized, 13 and tempted. 14 He preacheth, 17 calleth the fishers. 23 Christ healeth the man with the vncleane spirit. 27 New doctrine. 29 He healeth Peters mother in law. 34 The deuils know him. 41 He cleanseth the leper, and healeth diuers others.

THE * beginning of the Gospell of Iesus Christ, the Sonne of God:

2 As it is written in the Prophets, * Beholde, I send my b messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 * The voyce of him that cryeth in the wildernes, is, c Prepare the way of the Lord, make his pathes straight.

4 * Iohn did baptize in the wildernesse, and d preach the baptisme of amendment of life, for remission of sinnes.

5 And all the countrey of Iudea, e they of Ierusalem went out vnto him, and were all baptized of him in the riuer Iordan, confessing their sinnes.

6 * Nowe Iohn was clothed with camels haire, and with a girdle of a skinne about his loynes: and he did eate ‖ * Locusts and wilde honie,

7 * And preached, saying, A stronger then I commeth after me, whose shooes latchet I am not worthy to stoupe downe, and vnloose.

8 Truely it is, I haue * baptized you with * water: but hee will baptize you with the holy Ghost.

9 ¶ * And it came to passe in those dayes, that Iesus came from Nazaret a city of Galile, and was baptized of Iohn in Iordan.

10 And assoone as ‖ he was come out of the water, Iohn sawe the heauens cloue in twaine, and the f holy Ghost descending vpon him like a doue.

11 Then there was a voice from heauen, saying, Thou art my beloued g sonne, in whom I am well pleased.

12 * And immediatly the Spirit driueth him into the wildernesse.

13 And hee was there in the wildernesse fourty dayes, and was h tempted of Satan: hee was also with the wilde beastes, and the Angels ministred vnto him.

14 ¶ * Nowe after that Iohn was committed to prison, Iesus came into Galile, preaching * the Gospel of the kingdome of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdome of God is at hande: repent and beleeue the Gospel.

16 ¶ * And as he walked by the ‖ Sea of Galile, hee sawe Simon, and Andrewe his brother, casting a net into the sea, (for they were fishers.)

17 Then Iesus said vnto them, Followe me, & I will make you to be * fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsooke their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he sawe Iames the sonne of Zebedeus, and Iohn his brother, as they were in the ship, mending their nets.

20 And anon hee called them: and they left their father Zebedeus in the ship with his hired seruants, and went their way after him.

21 ¶ So * they entred into Capernaum, and straightway on the Sabbath day he entred into the Synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonied at his doctrine: * for hee taught them as one that had authoritie, and i not as the Scribes.

23 ¶ And there was in their Synagogue a man which had an vncleane spirit, and hee cryed,

24 Saying, Ah, what haue wee to doe with thee, O Iesus of Nazaret? Art thou come to destroy vs? I know thee what thou art, euen that holy One of God.

25 And Iesus rebuked him, saying, * Holde thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And the vncleane spirit tare him, and cried with a loud voice, and came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, so that they demaunded one of another, saying, What thing is this? what * new doctrine is this? for he commaundeth the foule spirits with authoritie, and they obey him.

28 And immediatly his fame spread abroad throughout all the region bordering on Galile.

29 ¶ * And assoone as they were come out of the Synagogue, they entred into the house of Simon and Andrewe, with Iames and Iohn.

30 And Simons wiues mother lay sicke of a feuer, and anon they told him of her.

31 And hee came & tooke her by the hand, and lift her vp, and the feuer forsooke her by and by, and she ministred vnto them.

32 And when euen was come, and the Sunne was downe, they brought to him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with deuils.

33 And the whole citie was gathered together at the doore.

34 And hee healed many that were sicke of diuers diseases: and he cast out many deuils, and * suffered not the deuils to say that they knew him.

35 And in the morning very earely, ‖ before day, Iesus arose and went out into a solitarie place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with him, followed after him.

37 And

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a He sheweth that Iohn Baptist was ſ first preacher of the Gospel. *Malac.* 3.1.

b In Greeke, Angel, or ambassadour. *Isa* 40.3. *luk.* 3.4 *iohn* 1.15.

c Take away all lets, which might hinder Christ to come to you. *Matth.* 3.1, 6.

d He did both baptize and preach, but preached first, & after baptized, as appeareth by Matt. 3.1. so that the order is here inuerted, which thing is common in the Scriptures. *Matth.* 3.4.

‖ Or, Grashoppers. *Leuit.* 11.22. *Matth.* 9.12. *luke* 3.16 *iohn* 1.27. *Acts* 1.5. & 2.4. & 11.16. & 19.4

e He declareth that he is but the minister of the outward signe, and that it is Iesus Christ that giueth the force and vertue. *Matth.* 3.13. *luke* 3.21. *iohn* 1.33.

‖ Or, Iesus.

f This was done for the confirmation of Iohn and them that stood by.

g The Father beareth witnes that Christ is the very Sonne of God. *Matth* 4 1. *luke* 4.1. ‖ Or, *the holy Ghost.*

h Christ would be tempted, to perswade vs that he will helpe them that be tempted, Heb. 2 18. *Matt.* 4 12. *luke* 4 14. *iohn* 4.43.

i By the which Gospel he will rule and reigne ouer all.

Matth. 4.18. *luke* 5.2.

‖ Or, *lake.*

k To draw them from perdition.

Matth. 4 13. *luke* 4.31.

Matth. 7.28, 29. *luke* 4.32.

l Whose doctrine was dead, and nothing sauoured of the spirit.

m Christ would not suffer the father of lies to beare witnesse to the trueth.

n They referre the miracle to the kinde of doctrine, & so marueile at it, as a new and strange thing, and doe not consider the power of Christ, who is the authour of the one and of the other. *Matth.* 8.14. *luke* 4.38.

o Christ would not haue such witnesses to preach him and his Gospel. So Paul was offended that the Pythonesse should testifie of him, Actes 16.18.

‖ Or, *being yet night.*

37 And when they had found him, they
sayd vnto him, All men seeke for thee.
38 Then hee sayd vnto them, Let vs goe
into the next townes, that I may preach
there also: for I came out for that purpose.
39 And hee preached in their Synagogues, throughout all Galile, and cast the
deuils out.
40 ¶ * And there came a leper to him,
beseeching him, and kneeled downe vnto
him, and said to him, If thou wilt, thou
canst make me cleane.
41 And Iesus had compassion, and put
forth his hand, and touched him, and sayd
to him, I will: be thou cleane.
42 And assoone as he had spoken, immediately the leprosie departed from him, and
he was made cleane.
43 And after hee had giuen him a straite
p commandement, he sent him away forthwith,
44 And sayd vnto him, See thou say nothing to any man, but get thee hence, and
shew thy selfe to q the * Priest, and offer for
thy cleansing those things, which Moses
commanded for a * testimoniall vnto them.
45 But when he was departed, * he began to tell many things, and to publish the
matter: so that Iesus r could no more openly enter into the citie, but was without in
desert places: and they came to him from
euery quarter.

CHAP. II.

3 He healeth the man of the palsey. 5 He forgiueth sinnes. 14 He calleth Leui the customer. 16 He eateth with sinners. 18 He excuseth his disciples, as touching fasting, and keeping the Sabbath day.

AFter a few dayes, he entered into Capernaum againe, and it was noysed that he
was in the * house.
2 And anon many gathered together, in
so much that the places about the doore
could not receiue any more: and he preached
the word vnto them.
3 And there came vnto him, that brought
one sicke of the palsie, borne of foure men.
4 And because they could not come neere
vnto him for the multitude, they vncouered
the roofe of the house where he was: and
when they had broken it open, they let
downe the bed, wherein the sicke of the palsie lay.
5 Now when Iesus saw their faith, hee
sayd to the sicke of the palsie, Sonne, thy
b sinnes are forgiuen thee.
6 And there were certain of the Scribes
sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
7 Why doeth this man speake such blasphemies? who can forgiue sinnes, but God
onely?
8 And immediately when Iesus perceiued in his spirit, that thus they thought with
themselues, he sayd vnto them, Why reason
ye these things in your hearts?
9 Whether is it easier to say to the sicke
of the palsie, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee:
or to say, Arise, and take vp thy bed, and
walke?
10 And that yee may know, that the
Sonne of man hath authoritie in earth to
forgiue sinnes, (he said vnto the sicke of the
palsie,)
11 I say vnto thee, Arise and take vp thy
bed, & get thee hence into thine owne house.
12 And by and by he arose, and tooke vp
his bed, and went forth before them all, insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We neuer saw such a thing.
13 ¶ Then he went againe toward the
sea, and all the people resorted vnto him, and
he taught them.
14 * And as Iesus passed by, he saw Leui
the sonne of Alpheus sit at the receit of custome, and said vnto him, Follow me. And
he rose and followed him.
15 ¶ And it came to passe, as Iesus sate
at table in his house, many Publicanes and
sinners sate at table also with Iesus, and his
disciples: for there were many that followed
him.
16 And when the Scribes and Pharises
saw him eate with the Publicanes and sinners, they said vnto his disciples, How is it,
that hee eateth and drinketh with Publicanes and sinners?
17 Now when Iesus heard it, he saide
vnto them, The whole haue no neede of the
Physician, but the sicke. * I came not to call
the * righteous, but c sinners to repentance.
18 * And the disciples of Iohn and the
Pharises did fast, & came & saide vnto him,
Why doe the disciples of Iohn and of the
Pharises fast, and thy disciples fast not?
19 And Iesus said vnto them, Can the
f children of the marriage chamber fast,
while the bridegroome is with them? as
long as they haue the bridegroome with
them, they cannot fast.
20 But the dayes will come, when the
bridegroome shall be taken from them, and
then shall they fast in those dayes.
21 Also no man soweth a piece of newe
cloth in an olde garment: for els the new
piece taketh away the filling vp from the old,
and the breach is worse.
22 Likewise, no man putteth new wine
into olde vessels: for els the new wine breaketh the vessels, and the wine runneth out,
and the vessels are lost: but new wine must
be put into new vessels.
23 ¶ * And it came to passe as he went
thorow the corne on the Sabbath day, that
his disciples, as they went on their way, began to plucke the eares of corne.
24 And the Pharises said vnto him, Behold, why doe they on the Sabbath day that
which is not lawfull?
25 And he said to them, Haue yee neuer
read what * Dauid did when he had neede,
and was an hungred, both he, and they that
were with him?
26 How he went into the house of God,
in the dayes of * Abiathar the hie Priest, and
did eat the shewbread, which were not lawfull to eat, but for the * Priests, and gaue also to them that were with him?
27 And he said to them, The Sabbath
was made for man, and not man for the
Sabbath.
28 Therefore the sonne of man is Lord
euen of the Sabbath.

CHAP.

Matth.8.2.
Luke 5.12.
p Forbidding him to tell any man, because as yet his time was not come to be knowen.
q It belonged to the Priest to know if a man were healed of the leprosie.
Leuit.14.4.
r To take all maner of excuse from them, and to condemne them of ingratitude.
Luke 5.15.
s The preasse was so great, that he should haue bene thronged.

Matth.9.1.
Luke 5.18.
a Where he was wont to remaine

b By these words Christ shewed y he was sent of his father with authoritie to take away our sinnes.
Iob 14.4.
Isa 43.25.
c Christ speaketh according to their capacitie, who were so blind that they would beleeue nothing but that which they saw with their eyes, and therefore sheweth his authoritie ouer the soule by y power which he hath ouer the body.

d Their owne consciences cause them to confesse the trueth.
Matth.9.9.
Luke 5.27.

1.*Tim.1.15.*
e He speaketh of such as perswade themselues to be iust, although they be nothing lesse.
Matth.9.14.
Luke 5.33.
f Christ sheweth that he will spare his, and not burden them before it be necessary.
g The word properly signifieth new cloth, which as yet hath not passed the hands of the fuller.
Mat.12.1.
Luke 6.1.
1.*Sam.21.6.*
h He was also called Achimelech, as his father was, so that both the father and the some were called by both these names,
1.Chron.24.6.
2.sam.8.17. and
15.29.1.king.
2.26.

Exod 29.33.
Leuit.8.31.
and 24.9.
i Seeing the Sabbath was made for mans vse, it was not meet it should be vsed to his hinderance and incommoditie.

CHAP. III.

1 He healeth the man with the dried hand. 14 He ordeineth his apostles. 21 Christ is thought of the worldlings to be beside himself. 22 He casteth out the vncleane spirit, which the Pharises ascribe vnto the deuil. 29 Blasphemy against the holy Ghost. 35 The brother, sister, and mother of Christ.

AND* he entred againe into the Synagogue, and there was a man which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him whether hee would heale him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him.

3 Then he sayd vnto the man which had the withered hand, Arise: stand foorth in the midst.

4 And he sayd to them, Is it lawfull to doe a good deede on the Sabbath day, or to doe euill? to saue the life, or to kill? But they a held their peace.

5 Then he looked round about on them b angerly, mourning also for the hardnesse of their hearts, and sayd to the man, Stretch foorth thine hand: And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

6 ¶ And the Pharises departed, and straightway gathered a Councill with the c Herodians against him, that they might destroy him.

7 But Iesus auoyded with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude followed him from Galile, and from Iudea,

8 And from Ierusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond Iordan, & they that dwelled about Tyrus and Sidon, when they had heard what great things he did, came vnto him in great number.

9 And he commanded his disciples, that a shippe should waite for him, because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For hee had healed many, insomuch that they preased vpon him, to touch him, as many as had ‖ plagues.

11 And when the vncleane spirits sawe him, they fell downe before him, and cryed, saying, Thou art the sonne of God.

12 And he sharpely rebuked them, to the end they should not vtter him.

13 ¶ *Then he went vp into a mountain, and called vnto him whome hee would, and they came vnto him.

14 And hee appointed twelue that they should be with him, and that hee might send them to preach,

15 And that they might haue power to heale sicknesses, and to cast out deuils.

16 And the first was Simon, and he named Simon, Peter.

17 Then Iames the sonne of Zebedeus, and Iohn, Iames brother, (and named them Boanerges, which is, the sonnes of thunder)

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartlemew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and Iames the sonne of Alpheus, and ‖ Thaddeus, and Simon the ‖ Cananite,

19 And Iudas Iscariot who also betrayed him, and they came d home.

20 And the multitude assembled againe, so that they could not so much as eate bread.

21 And when ‖ his kinsfolke heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they thought he had bene beside himselfe.

22 ¶ And the Scribes which came from Hierusalem, sayd, Hee hath Beelzebub, and through the prince of deuils he casteth out deuils.

23 But he called them vnto him, and said vnto them in parables, How can Satan driue out Satan?

24 For if a kingdome be diuided against it selfe, that kingdome cannot stand.

25 Or if a house be diuided against it self, that house cannot continue.

26 So if Satan make insurrection against himselfe, and be diuided, he cannot endure, but is at an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong mans house, and take away his goods, except he first binde that strong man, and then spoile his house.

28 ¶ * Verily I say vnto you, all sinnes shalbe forgiuen vnto the children of men, and blasphemies, wherewith they blaspheme:

29 But he that blasphemeth against the holy Ghost shall neuer haue forgiuenesse, but is culpable of eternall damnation.

30 Because they said, He had an vncleane spirit.

31 ¶ * Then came his brethren and mother, and stood without, and sent vnto him, and called him.

32 And the people sate about him, & they said vnto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren seeke for thee without.

33 But he answered them, saying, Who is my mother and my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them, which sate in compasse about him, and sayd, Behold my mother and my brethren.

35 For whosoeuer doeth the will of God, he is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAP. IIII.

2 *By the parables of the seede, and the mustard corne, Christ sheweth the state of the kingdome of God.* 11 *A speciall gift of God to know the mysteries of his kingdome.* 37 *He stilleth the tempest of the sea, which obeyed him.*

AND* he beganne againe to teach by the sea side, and there gathered vnto him a great multitude, so that he entred into a ship, and sate in the sea, and all the people was by the sea side on the land.

2 And he taught them many things in parables, and sayde vnto them ‖ in his doctrine,

3 Hearken: Beholde, there went out a sower to sow.

4 And it came to passe as he sowed that some fell by the way side, and the foules of the heauen came and deuoured it vp.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth, and by and by sprang vp, because it had not depth of earth.

6 But assoone as the sunne was vp, it caught heate, and because it had no roote, it withered away.

7 And some fell among the thornes, and the thornes grew vp, and choked it, so that it gaue no fruit.

8 Some againe fel in good ground, & did yeeld

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2 June Mat. 12. 9, 10. Luke 6. 6. 2 Lessons Morn

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a They held their tongues of malice: for they would neither confesse nor denie.

b Christ is in such sort angry with man, that he pitieth him and seeketh to win him.

c Although they hated one another deadly, yet thus hindred they not to ioyne their malice to resist Christ, read Matt. 22, 16.

‖ Or, scourges, meaning diseases.

Chap. 6. 7. matt. 10. 1. luke 9. 1.

‖ Or, Lebbeus, or Iudas.

‖ Or, Zealous.

d The disciples were now conuersant with Christ both at home & abroad.

‖ Or, they that were about him.

e His kinsfolks would haue shut him within doores lest any harme should haue come vnto them, if any tumult had been made: for some would haue made him a king, and the Pharises with other sought his life: so that hereby they might haue procured the hatred of Herode, and of the Pharises and of the Romanes. Matth. 9. 34. and 12. 24. luke 11. 15. Mat. 12. 31. luke 12. 10. 1. iohn 5. 16.

f Which is, when a man fighteth against his own conscience, and striueth against the trueth which is reuealed vnto him: for such one is in a reprobate sense, and cannot come to repentance. Mat. 12. 46. luke 8. 19.

‖ Or, confines.

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Mat. 13. 1. luke 8. 4. B. June Litany

‖ Or, as he taught

a It is called Christs doctrine, either for that he was accustomed to speake vnto them by similitudes: or els because it had that vertue and maiestie, that men could not desire but it came from heauen.

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b For God doth not open all mens hearts to vnderstand his mysteries.

c Which are led by the Spirit of God.

d And are not of the number of the faithfull, neither attaine to the pith and substance, but onely stay in the outward rinde and barke.

Isa.6 9.
matt.13.14.
luke 8.10.
iohn 12.40.
act. 28.26.
rom.11.8.
2 Tim.6.17.
Matt.5.15.
luke.8.16.
and 11.33.

e Christ setteth before their eyes the true patterne of a Christian life

‖ *Or, brought.*

Mat.13.26.
luke 8.17.
and 12.2.

f We may not take occasion to do euil vnder colour to hide our doings: for all shall be disclosed at the length.

Mat.7.2.
luke 6.38.

g If you do your endeuour faithfully, ye shalbe recompensed iustly.

Matt.13 12.
and 25.29.
luke 8.18.
and 19.26.

h That which he thinketh him selfe to haue.

i These two similitudes following, proue, that although the kingdome of God seemeth to haue very litle appearance or beginning, yet God doeth increase it aboue mans reason.

k If the ministers doe their duetie, God will giue the increase.

yeelde fruite that sprung vp, and grew, and it brought forth some thirty folde, some sixtie folde, and some an hundreth fold.

9 Then he said vnto them, He that hath *eares to heare, let him heare.

10 And when hee was alone, they that were about him with the twelue, asked him of the parable.

11 And he sayd vnto them, To *you it is giuen to know the mystery of the kingdome of God: but vnto them that are *without, all things be done in parables,

12 * That they seeing, may see, and not discerne; and they hearing may heare, and not vnderstand, lest at any time they should turne, and their sinnes should be forgiuen them.

13 Againe he said vnto them, Perceiue ye not this parable? how then should ye vnderstand all other parables?

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they that receiue the seed by the wayes side, in whome the word is sowen: but when they haue heard it, Satan commeth immediatly, and taketh away the worde that was sowen in their hearts.

16 And likewise they that receiue the seed in stony ground, are they, which when they haue heard the word, straight waies receiue it with gladnesse.

17 Yet haue they no roote in themselues and endure but a time: for when trouble and persecution ariseth for the word, immediatly they be offended.

18 Also they that receiue the seede among the thornes, are such as heare the word:

19 But the cares of this world, and the * deceitfulnesse of riches, and the lustes of other things enter in, and choke the worde, and it is vnfruitfull.

20 But they that haue receiued seede in good ground, are they that heare the word, and receiue it, and bring foorth fruite, one some thirtie, another sixtie, & some an hundreth.

21 ¶ Also he sayd vnto them, * Is the candle ‖ lighted to be put vnder a bushell, or vnder the table, and not to be put on a candlestick?

22 * For there is nothing hid, that shall not be opened: neither is there a secrete, but that it shall come to light.

23 If any man haue eares to heare, let him heare.

24 And he sayd vnto them, Take heed what yee heare. * With *what measure yee mete, it shall bee measured vnto you: and vnto you that heare, shall more be giuen.

25 * For vnto him that hath shall it bee giuen, and from him that hath not, shall bee taken away, *euen that he hath.

26 ¶ Also he sayd, So is the *kingdome of God, as if a man should cast *seede in the ground,

27 And should sleepe, and rise vp night and day, and the seede should spring and grow vp, he not knowing how.

28 For the earth bringeth foorth fruit of her selfe, first the blade, then the eare, after that full corne in the eare.

29 And assoone as the fruite bringeth it selfe, anon hee putteth in the sickle, *because the haruest is come.

30 ¶ And he said moreouer, Whereunto shall wee liken the kingdome of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a graine of mustard seede, which when it is sowen in the earth, is the least of all seedes that be in the earth:

32 But after that it is sowen, it groweth vp, & is greatest of all herbes, and beareth great branches, in so that the fowles of heauen may build vnder the shadow of it.

33 And with many such parables hee preached the worde vnto them, as they were able to heare it.

34 And without parables spake he nothing vnto them, but hee expounded all things to his disciples apart.

35 ¶ * And the same day when euen was come, he sayd vnto them, Let vs passe ouer vnto the other side.

36 And they left the multitude, and tooke him as he was in the ship: and there were also with him other ships.

37 And there arose a great storme of winde, and the wawes dashed into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the sterne * asleepe on a pillow: and they awoke him, and sayd to him, Master, careth thou not that wee perish?

39 And hee arose vp, and rebuked the winde, and sayd vnto the sea, Peace, and be still. So the wind ceased, and it was a great calme.

40 Then he said vnto them, Why are ye so fearefull? ‖ how is it that yee haue no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who is this, that both the winde and the sea obey him?

CHAP. V.

1 Iesus casteth the diuels out of the man and suffereth them to enter into the swine. 25 Her healeth a woman from the bloody issue, 41 And rayseth the captaines daughter.

AND * they came ouer to the other side of the sea into the countrey of the Gadarenes.

2 And when hee was come out of the shippe, there met him incontinently out of the graues a man, which had an vncleane spirit:

3 Who had his abiding among the graues, and no man could binde him, no not with chaines,

4 Because that when he was often bound with fetters and chaines, he plucked the chaines asunder, and brake the fetters in pieces, neither could any man tame him.

5 And alwayes both night and day hee cryed in the mountaines, and in the graues, and strooke himselfe with stones.

6 And when he saw Iesus a farre off, he ranne, and worshipped him,

7 And cryed with a loud voyce, and sayd, * What haue I to doe with thee, Iesus, the sonne of the most high God? I ‖ charge

Matth.13 31.
luke 13 18.

Matth.13.34

Matth.8. 23.
luke 8. 22.

I And set forward.

m Christ letteth vs ofsentimes to our sahes, both as well that we may learne to know our owne weakenesse, as his mightie power.

‖ *Or, haue you not yet faith?*

Matth.8.28.
luke 8.28.

a The deuill is constrained to confesse Iesus Christ, and yet ceaseth not to resist him.

‖ *Or, I adure thee to sweare by God*

b He abuseth the Name of God, to maintain his tyrannie.

ther by b God, that thou torment me not.

8 (For he sayde vnto him, Come out of the man, thou vncleane spirit.)

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? and he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he prayed him instantly, that hee would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there in the mountaines a great heard of swine feeding.

12 And all the deuils besought him, saying, Send vs into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And immediately Iesus gaue them leaue. Then the vncleane spirits went out, and entred into the swine, and the heard ran headlong from the high banke into the sea, (and there were about two thousand swine) and they were mourned in the sea.

c A Legion conteined aboue 6000 in number read Mat. 26. 53.

‖ Or, runne with violence headlong.

‖ Or, in the lake.

14 And they that fed them, fledde, and tolde it in the citie, and in the country, and they came out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they came to Iesus, and saw him that had bene possessed with the deuill, and had the legion, sit both clothed, and in his right minde: and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it, tolde them what was done to him that was possessed with the deuill, and concerning the swine.

17 Then d they began to pray him, that he would e depart from their coasts.

d Marke how loue of riches and worldly respects hinder men to receiue Christ. e The world thinke more esteeme their swine, then they doe Iesus Christ.

18 And when he was come into the ship, hee that had bene possessed with the deuill, prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Iesus would not suffer him, but sayd vnto him, Go thy way home to thy friends, and shew them what great things the Lord hath done vnto thee, and how hee hath had compassion on thee.

f We must declare vnto others the benefites which God sheweth toward vs, that thereby they may giue him prayse and glorie.

20 So hee departed, and began to publish in ‖ Decapolis, what great things Iesus had done vnto him: and all men did marueile.

‖ Or, in the countrey of the ten cities. Matth 9. 18. Luke 8. 41.

21 ¶ And when Iesus was come ouer againe by shippe vnto the other side, a great multitude gathered to him, and hee was neere vnto the sea.

22 * And beholde, there came one of the rulers of the Synagogue, whose name was Iairus: and when he saw him, he fell downe at his feete,

23 And besought him instantly, saying, My little daughter lyeth at poynt of death: I pray thee that thou wouldest come and lay thine hands on her, that shee may be healed and liue.

24 Then he went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and thronged him.

25 (And there was a certaine woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelue yeeres,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and it auailed her nothing, but shee became much worse,

27 When shee had heard of Iesus, shee came in the preasse behinde, and g touched his garment.

g Her faith brought her to Christ, and moued her to approch neere vnto him, and not a superstitious opinion, to ascribe any vertue to his garments.

28 For she sayd, If I may but touch his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway ‖ the course of her blood was dryed vp, and she felt in her body, that she was healed of that ‖ plague.

‖ Or, fountaine. ‖ Or, sore. ‖ Or, scourge.

30 And immediately when Iesus did know in himself the vertue that went out of him, hee turned him round about in the preasse, and sayde, ‖ Who hath touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said vnto him, Thou seest the multitude thronge thee, and sayest thou, Who did touch me?

32 And he looked round about, to see her that had done that.

33 And the woman feared and trembled: for she knew what was done in her, and shee came and fell downe before him, and tolde him the whole truth.

34 And he said to her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole: goe in peace, and be whole of thy ‖ plague.

‖ Or, scourge.

35 ¶ While he yet spake, there came from the same ruler of the Synagogues house certaine which sayd, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 Assoone as Iesus heard that worde spoken, he sayd vnto the ruler of the Synagogue, Be not afraid: onely beleeue.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, saue Peter and Iames, and Iohn the brother of Iames.

38 So he came vnto the house of the ruler of the Synagogue, and saw the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And he went in, and sayd vnto them, Why make yee this trouble, and weepe? the child is not h dead, but sleepeth.

h He meant, she was not dead to remaine so, because she should incontinently be restored againe to life.

40 And they laughed him to scorne: but he put them all out, and tooke the father, and the mother of the child, and i them that were with him, and entred in where the childe lay.

i For they had no hope to see her aliue againe.

41 And tooke the child by the hand, and sayde vnto her, Talitha cumi, which is by interpretation, (Damsell, I say vnto thee, Arise.

k That is, his three disciples.

42 And straightway the mayden arose and walked: for she was of the age of twelue yeeres: and they were astonied out of measure.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know of it, and commanded to giue her meat.

CHAP. VI.

1 How Christ came to his owne country. 7 The Apostles commission. 14 Sundry opinions of Christ. 25 Iohn is put to death and buried. 31 Christ giueth rest to his disciples. 38 The fiue loaues and two fishes. 48 Christ walketh on the water. 55 He healeth many.

AFterward * hee departed thence, and came into his owne country, and his disciples followed him.

* Mat. 13. 54. Luke 4. 16.

2 And when the Sabbath was come, he began to teach in the Synagogue, and many that heard him were astonied, and sayde, l From whence hath hee these things? and what wisedome is this that is

l Christ is neglected of his owne friends and kinsfolks.

(Or, miracles. (Or, cousin.

b That which ought to moue them to come to Christ, causeth them to goe backe from him, which condemneth of their owne wickednesse.

Matth. 13. 57. *Luke* 4. 24. *Iohn* 4. 44.

c That is, hee would not.

d Lacke of faith maketh vs vnable to receiue Gods benefits.

Matth. 4. 23. *Luke* 23. 22. *Matth.* 29. 1. *chap.* 3. 14. *Luke* 9. 1.

e Christ onely forbiddeth them to carry any thing, which might be burdenous, or hinder their message.

(Or, purses. *Act.* 12. 8.

f Which were a kind of light shoes tied to the foot with string.

g. Hee forbiddeth curiositie in changing their lodgings, in this their speedy message.

Matth. 10. 14. *Luke* 9. 5.

h In token of execration, and of the horrible vengeance of God which shall light vpon them.

Acts 13. 51. and 18. 6. *Iames* 5. 14.

i The oyle was a signe of this miraculous working, and not a medicine to heale diseases: so that the gift of miracles ceasing the ceremonies is to no vse.

Matth. 14. 1. *Luke* 9. 7.

k Meaning of the old Prophets. Luke 9. 19.

l They had three sundrie opinions of it, that they thought the soules being departed out of one bodie, went straight into another. *Leuit.* 18. 16 and 20. 21.

m The liberty that Iohn vsed to reprooue vice without exception of persons, declareth how the true ministers ought to behaue themselues.

in giuen vnto him: that turn such great workes are done by his handes?

3 Is not this the Carpenter, Maries sonne, the brother of Iames and Ioses, and of Iuda and Simone: and are not his sisters here with vs? And they were offended in him.

4 Then Iesus said vnto them, A Prophet is not without honour, but in his owne country, and among his owne kinred, and in his owne house.

5 And ‹ hee could there ‹ doe no great workes, saue that he layde his handes vpon a few sicke folke, and healed them.

6 And hee maruailed at their vnbeliefe. And went about by the townes on euery side, teaching.

7 ¶ And he called the twelue, and began to send them two and two, and gaue them power ouer vncleane spirits,

8 And commaunded them, that they should take nothing for their iourney, saue a staffe onely: neither ‹ scrip, neither bread, neither money in their girdles,

9 But that they should be shodde with ‹ sandales, and that they should not put on two coates.

10 And he layde vnto them, Wheresoeuer ye shall enter into an house, there abide till ye depart a thence.

11 ‹ And whosoeuer shall not receiue you, nor heare you, when ye depart thence, ‹ shake off the dust that is vnder your feete, for a witnesse vnto them. Verely I say vnto you, It shall be easier for Sodom, or Gomorrha at the day of Iudgement, then for that citie.

12 ¶ And they went out, and preached, that men should amend their liues.

13 And they cast out many deuils: and they ‹ annointed many that were sicke, with ‹ oyle, and healed them.

14 ¶ Then king Herode heard of him (for his name was spread abroad) and layd, Iohn Baptist is risen againe from the dead, and therefore great workes are wrought by him.

15 Other sayde, It is Elias: and some sayde, It is a Prophet, or as one ‹ of the Prophets.

16 ‹ So when Herod heard it, he sayde, It is Iohn whom I beheaded: he is ‹ risen from the dead.

17 For Herod himselfe had sent forth, and had taken Iohn and bounde him in prison for Herodias sake, which was his brother Philips wife, because he had married her.

18 For Iohn layd vnto Herod, ‹ It is not ‹ lawfull for thee to haue thy brothers wife.

19 Therefore Herodias had a quarell against him, and would haue killed him, but she could not.

20 For Herode feared Iohn, knowing that he was a iust man and an holy, and reuerenced him, and when he heard him, he did many things, and ‹ heard him gladly.

21 But the time being conuenient, when Herod on his birth day made a banket to his princes and captaines, and chefe estates of Galile:

22 And the daughter of the same Herodias came in and ‹ daunced, and pleased Herode and them that sate at table together, the king layde vnto the mayde, Aske of me what thou wilt, and I will giue it thee.

23 And he sware vnto her, Whatsoeuer thou shalt aske of me, I will giue it thee, euen vnto the halfe of my kingdome.

24 ‹ So she went forth, and sayd to her mother, What shall I aske? And she sayde, Iohn Baptists head.

25 Then shee came in straightway with haste vnto the king, and asked, saying, I would that thou shouldest giue me euen now in a charger the head of Iohn Baptist.

26 Then the king was very sorie: yet for his othes sake, & for their sakes which sate at table with him, he would not reiect her.

27 And immediately the king sent the hangman, and gaue charge that his head should be brought. So he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gaue it to the ‹ mayde, and the mayde gaue it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard it, they came and tooke vp his ‹ body, and put it in a tombe.

30 ¶ ‹ And the Apostles gathered themselues together to Iesus, and told him all things, both what they haue done, and what they had taught.

31 And he layd vnto them, Come yee apart into the wildernesse, and rest a while: for there were many comers and goers, that they had not leasure to eat.

32 ‹ So they went by ship into the boy into a desert place.

33 But the people saw them when they departed, and many knew him, and ran a foot thither out of all cities, and came thither before them, and assembled vnto him.

34 ‹ Then Iesus went out, and saw a great multitude, & had compassion on them, because they were like ‹ sheepe which had no shepheard: and he began to teach them many things.

35 ‹ And when the day was now farre spent, his disciples came vnto him, saying, This is a desert place, and now the day is farre passed.

36 Let them depart, that they may go into the villages and townes about, and buy them bread: for they haue nothing to eat.

37 But he answered, and sayde vnto them, Giue ye them to eate. And they layd vnto him, Shall we goe and buy two hundreth peny worth of bread and giue them to eat?

38 ‹ Then he sayd vnto them, How many loaues haue ye? goe and looke. And when they knewit, they sayde, Fiue, and two fishes.

39 So he commanded them to make them

n Seeke the name of God in his word, that it compell the very tyrants to reuerence it: for no doubt the king had some good motions, but the feare of his owne persons, and the worlde hindred him.

o What inconuenience commeth by wanton dauncing. *Matth.* 14. 8.

p Iosephus calleth her name Salomen, the daughter of Philip & Herodias.

q The Apostles render account of their message, which is to declare their fidelity & obedience.

r Christ bestowed with his disciples a time of holie exercises, to bringeth them to quietnes, that he may instruct thē, and make them strong against troubles. *Matth.* 14. 13. *Luke* 9. 10. *Matth.* 9. 36. and 14. 14.

s This declareth that there is an horrible disorder among that people, where the true preaching of Gods word wanteth. *Luke* 9. 11. *Matth.* 14. 15.

t Which is to bout the bound of their liuing. *Mat.* 14. 17. *Luke* 9. 13. *Iohn* 6. 9.

‖ Or, by tables: for so every rank were as many as a table could hold.

t The Greeke word signifieth such beddes as are made in a garden, so that the company which were there set, might sytte as rowes, or borders of beddes in a garden.

Matth. 14.23. Iohn 6.15.

x Which was about two or three houres before day.

y Christ assureth his and maketh them bold, both by his word, and mightie power.

z They had forgot the miracle which was wrought with the fiue loaues. Matth. 14.14.

‖ Or, markets.

a Not for any such vertue that was in his garment, but for the confidence which they had in him.

all sit downe by companies vpon the greene grasse.

40 Then they sate downe by * rowes, by hundreths, and by fifties.

41 And hee tooke the fiue loaues, and the two fishes, and looked vp to heaven, and gaue thankes, and brake the loaues, and gaue them to his Disciples to set before them, and the two fishes he diuided among them all.

42 So they did all eate, z were satisfied.

43 And they tooke vp twelue baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that had eaten, were about fiue thousand men.

45 ¶ And straightway he caused his disciples to goe into the ship, and to goe before vnto the other side vnto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 Then assoone as hee had sent them away, he departed into a mountaine to pray.

47 * And when euen was come, the ship was in the middes of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them troubled in rowing, (for the winde was contrary vnto them) and about the fourth * watch of the night, he came vnto them, walking vpon the sea, and would haue passed by them.

49 And when they saw him walking vpon the sea, they supposed it had beene a spirit, and cryed out.

50 For they all saw him, and were sore afraid: but anon hee talked with them, and sayd vnto them, y Be of good comfort: it is I, be not afraid.

51 Then he went vp vnto them into the ship, and the winde ceased, and they were sore amazed in themselues beyond measure, and marueiled.

52 * For they had not considered the matter of the loaues, because their hearts were hardened.

53 ¶ And they came ouer, and went into the land of Gennesaret, and arriued.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ranne about throughout all that region round about, and began to carry him thither and thither in beds all that were sicke, where they heard that he was.

56 And whither soeuer hee entered into townes, or cities, or villages, they layd their sicke in the ‖ streetes, and prayed him that they might touch at the least the edge of his garment. And as many as touched him, were made whole.

CHAP. VII.

a The disciples are rebuked for vnwashen handes. 3 The commandement of God is often times ouerthrowen by mens traditions. 20 What defileth man. 24 Of the woman of Syrophenice. 32 The healing of the dumme. 37 The people prayse Christ.

THen * gathered vnto him the Pharises, and certaine of the Scribes which came from Ierusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eate meate with ‖ common * handes, (that is to say, vnwashen) they complained.

3 (For the Pharises and all the Iewes, except they wash their handes * oft, eate not, holding the tradition of the Elders.

4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eate not: and many other things there be, which they haue taken vpon them to obserue, as the washing of cups, and * pots, and of brasen vessels, and of tables.)

5 Then asked him the Pharises and Scribes, ‖ Why walke not thy disciples according to the tradition of the Elders, but eate ‖ meate with vnwashen handes?

6 Then he answered & said vnto them, Surely * Esay hath prophesied well of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their * lips, but their heart is farre away from me.

7 But they worshippe me in vaine, teaching for doctrines the * commandements of men.

8 For yee lay the commandement of God apart, and obserue the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and of cups, and many other such like things yee doe.

9 And he said vnto them, Well, ye reiect the commandement of God, that ye may obserue your owne tradition.

10 For Moses sayde, * Honour thy father and thy mother: and, ‖ Whosoeuer shall curse father or mother, let him † die the death.

11 But yee say, If a man say to father or mother, Corban, that is, By the gift that is offered by me, thou mayest haue profit, he shall be free.

12 So yee suffer him no more to doe any thing for his father, or his mother,

13 Making the word of God of none authoritie, by your tradition which ye haue ordeined: and ye doe many such like things.

14 * Then he called the whole multitude vnto him, and sayd vnto them, Heare me all you vnto me, and vnderstand.

15 There z is nothing without a man, that can defile him, when it entreth into him: but the things which procede out of him, are they which defile the man.

16 If any haue eares to heare, let him heare.

17 And when he came into an house away from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he sayd vnto them, What? are ye without vnderstanding also? Doe ye not knowe that whatsoeuer thing from without entreth into a man, cannot defile him,

19 Because it entreth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, which is the purging of all meates?

20 Then he sayd, That which commeth out of man, that defileth man.

21 * For from within, euen out of the heart of men, proceede euill thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, couetousnesse, wickednesse, deceite, lasciuiousnesse, an wicked eye, backbiting, pride, foolishnesse.

23 All these euill things come from within, and defile a man.

24 ¶ * And from thence hee rose, & went into

b Or, contentiously, striuing to wash best.

c Little pots, somewhat more in quantity then a wine pinte.

‖ Or, bread.

Isa. 29.13.

d With an outward shew.

e Whosoeuer teacheth any doctrine but Gods word, is a false worshipper, and a seducer of the people, seeme his doctrine neuer so probable to the iudgement of man.

Exod. 20.12. deut. 5.16. ephes. 6.2. Exod. 21.17. Leuit. 20.9. prou. 20.20.

† That is without any hope of pardon.

Matth. 15.10.

z There is no outward or corporall thing, which entreth into man, that can defile him: meaning chiefly of meats, which if they be taken excelliuely, it commeth of the inordinate lust of the heart, and so the lust is euill.

Gen. 6.5. and 8.21.

‖ Or, wicked eye.

‖ Or, lasciuiousnesse.

Matth. 15.21.

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into the borders of Tyrus and Sidon, and entred into an house, and would that no man should haue knowen: but hee could not be hid.

25 For a certaine woman, whose little daughter had an vncleane spirit, heard of him, and came, and fell at his feet.

26 (And the woman was a Greeke, a Syrophenitian by nation) and she besought him that hee would cast out the deuill out of her daughter.

27 But Iesus saide vnto her, Let the [h] children first be fed: for it is not good to take the childrens bread, and to cast it vnto [i] whelps.

28 Then she answered, and said vnto him, Truth, Lord: yet in deed the whelpes eate vnder the table of the childrens crumbes.

29 Then he said vnto her, For this saying goe thy way: the deuill is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when shee was come home to her house, she found the deuill departed, and her daughter lying on the bed.

31 ¶ And hee departed againe from the coasts of Tyrus and Sidon, and came vnto the sea of Galile, through the middes of the coasts of Decapolis.

32 And they brought vnto him one that was deafe, and stambled in his speech, and prayed him to put his hand vpon him.

33 Then he tooke him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers in his eares, and did spit, and touched his tongue.

34 And looking vp to heauen, he [l] sighed and said vnto him, Ephphata, that is, be opened.

35 And straightway his eares were opened, and the strring of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plaine.

36 And hee commanded them that they should tell no man: but how much soeuer he forbade them, the more a great deale they published it,

37 And were beyond measure astonied, saying, [m] He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deafe to heare, & the dumbe to speake.

CHAP. VIII.

2 The miracle of the seuen loaues. 11 The Pharisees aske a signe. 15 The leauen of the Pharisees. 22 The blind receiueth his sight. 29 He was knowen of his disciples. 33 He reproueth Peter, 34 and sheweth how necessarie persecution is.

IN [a] those dayes, when there was a very great multitude, and had nothing to eate, Iesus called his disciples to him, and saide vnto them,

2 I [b] haue compassion on the multitude, because they haue now continued with me three dayes, and haue nothing to eat.

3 And if I send them away fasting to their owne houses, they would faint by the way: for some of them came from farre.

4 Then his disciples answered him, [c] How can a man satisfie these [d] with bread here in the wildernesse?

5 And he asked them, How many loaues haue ye? And they said, Seuen.

6 Then he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the ground: and he tooke the seuen loaues, and gaue thanks, brake them, and gaue to his disciples to set before them, and they did set them before the people.

7 They had also a few small fishes: and when he had giuen thanks, hee commanded them also to be set before them.

8 So they did eat, and were sufficed, and they tooke vp of the broken meate that was left, seuen baskets full.

9 (And they that had eaten, were about foure thousand) so he sent them away.

10 ¶ [e] And anon he entred into a shippe with his disciples, and came into the parts of [f] Dalmanutha.

11 [g] And the Pharises came forth, and began to dispute with him, seeking of him a signe from heauen, and tempting him.

12 Then he [h] sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, [i] Why doth this generation seeke a signe? verely I say vnto you, [k] a signe shal not be giuen vnto this generation.

13 ¶ So he left them, and went into the ship againe, and departed to the other side.

14 ¶ [l] And they had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them but one loafe.

15 And hee charged them, saying, Take heed, and beware of the [m] leauen of the Pharises, and of the leauen of Herod.

16 And they thought among themselues, saying, It is, because we haue no bread.

17 And when Iesus knew it, he said vnto them, [n] Why reason you thus because yee haue no bread? perceiue yee not yet, neither vnderstand? haue yee your hearts yet hardened?

18 Haue yee eyes and see not? and haue yee eares and heare not? and doe ye not remember?

19 [o] When I brake the fiue loaues among fiue thousand, how many baskets full of broken meat tooke ye vp? they said vnto him, Twelue.

20 And when I brake seuen among foure thousand, how many baskets of the leauings of broken meat tooke ye vp? and they said, Seuen.

21 Then hee said vnto them, [p] How is it that ye vnderstand not?

22 ¶ And he came to Bethsaida, and they brought a blinde man vnto him, and desired him to touch him.

23 Then he tooke the blinde by the hand, and led him out of the towne, and spet in his eyes, and put his hands vpon him, and asked him, if he saw ought.

24 And he looked vp, and said, I see men: for I see them walking like trees.

25 After that, he put his hands again vpon his eies, and made him looke againe. And he was restored to his sight, and saw euery man afarre off clearely.

26 And hee sent him home to his house, saying, Neither goe into the towne, nor tell it to any in the towne.

27 ¶ [q] And Iesus went out, and his disciples, into the townes of Cesarea Philippi. And by the way he asked his disciples, saying vnto them, Whom doe men say that I am?

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h Meaning the Iewes, to whom the promises were first made.
i The Iewes tooke strangers no better then the dogges, and therefore Christ speaketh according to their opinion.
k She asketh but the poore crumbes, and not the childrens bread, wherein she declareth her faith and humilitie.

l Declaring by this signe the compassion that hee hath vpon mans miseries. *Gen. 1. 3. 1. cor. 15. 16.*
m As if they should say, Besides al the miracles that he hath done, euen this now declareth that whatsoeuer he doth, is very well.

Mark. 15. 32.
a Christ prouideth for his, who they seeme to be destitute and forsaken.
b Or, whence.
c If bread were so hard to come by, it seemed impossible to obtaine other meat.

Mark. 15. 39.
c Which was neere to Bethsaida, betweene the lake of Gennezaret and mount Thabor. *Mark. 16. 1.*
d Oh the incomprehensible loue of our Christ! how long shall wee abuse his great mercies?
e Christ goeth about by sharpnes of speech to saue them from milfull destruction.
f Or, if a signe be giuen.
g As if he would say, If I shewe them any signe, let me be a liar and deceiuer. *Mark. 16. 5.*
g He willeth them to beware of contagious doctrine, & such subtill practises as the aduersaries vsed to suppresse his Gospel. *John 6. 11.*
h Christ reproueth them because their minde are so yet vpon the materiall leauen, notwithstanding they had proued by diuers miracles that hee gaue them their daily bread.

Mark. 16. 13. Luke 9. 18.

28 And they answered, some say, John Baptist: and some, Elias: and some, one of the Prophets.

29 And he sayd vnto them, But whom say yee that I am? Then Peter answered and said vnto him, Thou art the [i] Christ.

30 And hee charged [k] them that concerning him they should tell no man.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Sonne of man must suffer many things, and should be reproued of the Elders, and of the high Priests, and of the Scribes, & be slaine, and within three dayes rise againe.

32 And he spake that thing plainly. Then Peter tooke him aside, and began to rebuke him.

33 Then he turned backe, and looked on his disciples, and rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behinde me, [l] Satan: for thou vnderstandest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

34 ¶ And he called the people vnto him, with his Disciples, and sayde vnto them, [m] Whosoeuer will follow mee, let him forsake himselfe, and take vp his crosse, and follow me.

35 For whosoeuer will [n] saue his life, shall lose it: but whosoeuer shall lose his life, for my sake and the Gospels, he shall [o] saue it.

36 For what shall it profit a man though he should winne the whole world, if he lose his soule?

37 Or what shall a man giue for recompense of his soule?

38 [p] For whosoeuer shall bee ashamed of mee, and of my wordes among this adulterous and sinfull generation, of him shall the Sonne of man bee ashamed also, when hee commeth in the glory of his Father with the holy Angels.

i He that is the anointed of God & fulfilled with all grace for mans saluation.

k Deferring it to a more commodious time, lest sudden haste should rather hinder then further the mysterie of his comming.

l This word signifieth aduersary, or enemie: and he calleth him so, because hee did as much as in him lay, to pull him from obeying God. *Matth.* 10 38. *and* 16.24. *Luke* 9.23. *and* 14.27. *Matth.* 10.39. *and* 16.25. *Luke* 9.24 *and* 17.33. *John* 12.25.

m For mortality and corruption, he shall receiue immortality and perfection. *Matth.* 10.33. *Luke* 9.26. *and* 12.9.

CHAP. IX.

2 The transfiguration. 7 Christ is to be heard. 26 The dumbe spirit is cast out. 29 The force of prayer and fasting. 31 Of the death & resurrection of Christ. 33 The disputation who should be the greatest. 38 Not to hinder the course of the Gospel. 42 Offences are forbidden.

AND [a] hee sayd vnto them, Verily I say vnto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death till they haue seene the [b] kingdome of God come with power.

2 [c] And sixe dayes after, Jesus tooke Peter, and James, and John, and brought them vp into an high mountaine out of the way alone, and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment did [d] shine, and was very white as snow, so white as no fuller can make vpon the earth.

4 And there appeared vnto them Elias with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter answered, and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for vs to be here: let vs make also three Tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 [e] For he knew not what he sayd: for they were afraid.

7 And there was a cloude that ouershadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, [f] This is my beloued Sonne, [g] heare him.

8 And suddenly they looked round about, and sawe no more any man saue Jesus onely with them.

9 [h] And as they came downe from the mountaine, he charged them that they should tell no man what they had seene, saue when the Sonne of man were risen from the dead againe.

10 So they kept that matter to themselues, & demanded one of another, what the rising from the dead againe should meane.

11 Also they asked him, saying, [i] Why say the Scribes, That [k] Elias must first come?

12 And he answered, and said vnto them, Elias verely shall first come, and restore all things: and [l] as it is written of the Sonne of man, he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

13 But I say vnto you, that [m] Elias is come, (and they haue done vnto him whatsoeuer they would) as it is written of him.

14 ¶ [n] And when hee came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the Scribes disputing with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were amazed, and ranne to him, and saluted him.

16 Then hee asked the Scribes, What dispute you [o] among your selues?

17 And one of the companie answered, and said, Master, I haue brought my sonne vnto thee, which hath a dumbe spirit:

18 And whersoeuer hee taketh him, hee [p] teareth him, and hee foameth, and gnasheth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not.

19 Then he answered him, and said, [q] O faithlesse generation, how long now shall I be with you? How long nowe shall I suffer you? Bring him vnto me.

20 So they brought him vnto him: and assoone as the spirit saw him, hee tare him, and he fel downe on the ground, wallowing and foming.

21 Then he asked his father, How long time is it since he hath bin thus? And he said, Of a childe.

22 And oft times he casteth him into the fire, and into the water, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, help vs, and haue compassion vpon vs.

23 And Jesus said vnto him, If [r] thou canst beleeue it, all things are [s] possible to him that beleeueth.

24 And straightway the father of the childe cryed with teares, and said, Lord, I beleeue: helpe my [t] vnbeliefe.

25 ¶ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, hee rebuked the vncleane spirit, saying vnto him, Thou dumbe and deafe spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

a The preaching of the Gospel receiued and increased: he spake this to comfort them, and that they should not thinke they trauelled in vaine. *Matth.* 17.1. *Luke* 9.28.

b Christ sheweth his maiestie so farre as their infirmitie was able to comprehend it.

c Peter measured this vision according to his owne capacitie, not considering the end thereof.

Matth. 3.17. *and* 17.5 *Luke* 3.22. *chap.* 1.11.

d Christ onely must be [1] chiefe teacher and instructer of all them which professe themselues to be his members, seeing that God the Father gineth him this authoritie, and commandeth vs this obedience. *Matth.* 17.9

Malac. 4.5

e Their false opinion was, that either Elias should rise again from the dead, or that his soule should enter into some other body. *Isa.* 53.4.

f That is, Iohn Baptist. *Matth.* 17.14 *Luke* 9.37.38.

g To the nine, which he left the day before.

Or, against them.

h When the spirit commeth vpon him, he teareth him with inward sorow and pangs as in a colike: a man feeleth such griefe, as if his bowels were rent asunder.

i It seemeth that this man deserued not so sharp an answer: but Christ speaketh in his person to the Pharises which were stubborne and desperate.

k The Lord is euer ready to helpe vs, so that we put him not backe through our incredulitie.

l All things that are agreeable to the will of God, shall be granted to him that beleeueth: for faith seeketh nothing that is contrary to his will, or that is not reuealed in his word.

m That is, the feeblenesse and imperfection of my faith.

a Meaning, the childe.

o Meaning, that prayer which is surely grounded vpon faith and hath fasting ioyned vnto it as a profitable aide, *Matth.* 17.22. *Luke* 9.22.

p Because they imagined that Christ should reigne temporally, this matter of his death was so strange, that they could perceiue nothing. *Matth.* 18.1. *Luke* 9.46.

q To wit, onely as man, but as him in whome is all perfection and fulnesse of al graces and benefits, *Luk.* 9.49. 1. *Cor.* 12.13. | *Or, any great worke.*

r Although he shew not him selfe to be mine, yet in that he beareth reuerēce to my name it is ynough for vs. *Matth.* 10.42. *Matth.* 18.6. *Luk.* 17.1,2. *Matth.* 5.30. *and* 18.8.

s It is a maner of speech, which signifieth, that we should cut off all things, which hinder vs to serue Christ. *Isa.* 66.24.

t These similitudes declare the paines, and eternal torments of the damned.

26 Then the spirit cryed, & rent him sore, and came out, and a he was as one dead, in so much that many said, he is dead.

27 But Iesus tooke his hande, and lift him vp, and he rose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him secretly, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said vnto them, This kinde can by no other meanes come forth, but by o prayer and fasting.

30 ¶ p And they departed thence, and went through Galile, and he would not that any should haue knowen it.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said vnto them, The sonne of man shall be deliuered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, but after that he is killed, he shall rise againe the third day.

32 But q they vnderstoode not that saying, and were afraid to aske him.

33 r After he came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house, he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among you by the way?

34 And they held their peace: for by the way they reasoned among themselues, who should be the chiefest.

35 And he sate downe, and called the twelue, and said to them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and seruant vnto all.

36 And he tooke a little child, and set him in the middes of them, and tooke him in his armes, and said vnto them,

37 Whosoeuer shall receiue one of such little children in my Name, receiueth me: and whosoeuer receiueth me, receiueth not s me, but him that sent me.

38 ¶ t Then Iohn answered him, saying, Master, wee saw one casting out deuils by thy Name, which followed not vs, and wee forbade him, because he followeth vs not.

39 u But Iesus sayde, Forbid him not: for there is no man that can doe a miracle by my Name, that can lightly speake euill of me.

40 For whosoeuer is not x against vs, is on our part.

41 y And whosoeuer shal giue you a cuppe of water to drinke for my Names sake, because ye belong to Christ, verely I say vnto you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 z And whosoeuer shall offend one of these little ones, that beleeue in me, it were better for him rather, that a millstone were hanged about his necke, and that he were cast into the sea.

43 a Wherefore, if thine b hand cause thee to offende, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maymed, then hauing two hands, to go into hell, into the fire that neuer shall be quenched,

44 c Where their c worme dieth not, and the fire neuer goeth out.

45 Likewise, if thy foote cause thee to offende, cut it off: it is better for thee to go halt into life, then hauing two feete to be cast into hell, into the fire that neuer shalbe quenched,

46 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire neuer goeth out.

47 And if thine eye cause thee to offende, plucke it out: it is better for thee to goe into the kingdome of God with one eye, then hauing two eyes, to be cast into hell fire,

48 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire neuer goeth out.

49 For euery man shall be d salted with fire: and e euery sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 f Salt is good: but if the f salt be vnsauery, wherewith shall it be seasoned? Haue salt in your selues, and haue peace one with another.

u He teacheth that it is better to be sacrificed to God by salt and fire, that is, to be purged and sanctified, then g to be sent into hell fire. *Leuit.* 2.13. *Matth.* 5.13. *Luk.* 14.34.

x They which destroy the grace that they haue receiued of God, are as salt, which hath lost his sauour, and are worse then infidels.

CHAP. X.

1 *Of diuorcement.* 17 *The rich man questioneth with Christ.* 30 *Their reward that are persecuted.* 35 *Of the sonnes of Zebedeus.* 46 *Bartimeus hath his eyes opened.*

AND a he arose from thence, and went into the coastes of Iudea by the farre side of Iordan, and the people resorted vnto him againe, and as he was wont, he taught them againe.

2 Then the Pharises came and asked him, if it were lawful for a man to put away his wife, and tempted him.

3 And he answered, and said vnto them, What did b Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of diuorcement, and to put her away.

5 Then Iesus answered, and said vnto them, For the hardenesse of your heart he wrote this precept vnto you.

6 But at the c beginning of the creation, d God made them male and female.

7 e For this cause shall man leaue his father and mother, and cleaue vnto his wife.

8 And they twaine shall be one f flesh: so that they are no more twaine, but one flesh.

9 g Therefore, what God hath coupled together, let no man separate.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him againe of that matter.

11 And he said vnto them, h whosoeuer shall put away his wife and marrie another, i committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

13 ¶ k Then they brought little children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Iesus sawe it, he was displeased, and sayde to them, Suffer the little children to come vnto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdome of God.

15 Verely I say vnto you, Whosoeuer shall not receiue the kingdome of God as l a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he tooke them vp in his armes, and put his handes vpon them, and m blessed them.

17 ¶ And when he was gone out on the

a The true way to amend abuses, is to returne to the institution of things, and to try them by Gods word. *Gen.* 1.27. *matth.* 19.4. *Gen.* 2.24. 1.*cor.* 6 16. *ephe.* 5.31. | *Or, person.* 1.*Cor.* 7.10. *Mat.* 5.32. & 19.9. *Luk.* 16.18. 1 *cor* 7.10.

b For the second is not his wife, but his harlot. *Matth* 19.13. *luke* 18.15.

c We must be regenerate and voyd of al pride, & concupiscēce.

d It was vsuall with the Iewes that the greater should blesse the inferior, Heb. 7.7 therefore Christ being head of his Church, did by a solemne kinde of prayer offer vp & consecrate the babes to God.

Matth. 19.16. *Luke* 18.18.

c Christ would shew that his goodnesse was farre other wise then the goodnesse which is attributed to men, which is full of vanity and hypocrisie.

Exod. 20.13. *Deut.* 5.17.

d That is, he approued certaine good seede that was in him, which gaue him a little motion.

e He toucheth his maladie and sore, which before he felt not.

Or, cable rope

f Which putteth his trust in riches.

g For he can giue grace to the rich to cause him to enioy his riches as if he had them not.

Matth. 19.27. *Luke* 18.28.

h We must not measure these promises by our owne couetous desires, but referre the accomplishment to Gods will, who euen in our persecutions and afflictions performeth the same so farre as they be expedient. Let vs therefore learne to haue enough and to want, that being tried, we may enioy our treasures in heauen.

Matth. 19.30. *Luke* 13.30.

i He saith this because they that are first called, should goe still forward and not disdaine others.

Matth. 20.17. *Luke* 18.31.

way, there came one running, and kneeling to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I doe, that I may possesse eternall life?

18 Iesus sayde to him, Why callest thou me good? there is none c good but one, euen God.

19 Thou knowest the commandements, d Thou shalt not commit aduultery. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steale. Thou shalt not beare false witnesse. Thou shalt hurt no man. Honour thy father and mother.

20 Then he answered, and sayd to him, Master, all these things I haue obserued from my youth.

21 And Iesus beholde him, and loued him, and said vnto him, One thing is lacking vnto thee, Goe and e sell all that thou hast, and giue to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come, followe me, and take vp the crosse.

22 But he was sad at that saying, and went away sorowfull: for he had great possessions.

23 And Iesus looked round about, and said vnto his disciples, How hardly doe they that haue riches, enter into the kingdome of God!

24 And his disciples were astonied at his wordes. But Iesus answered againe, and said vnto them, f Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches, to enter into the kingdome of God!

25 It is easier for a g camel to go through the eye of a needle, then for a h rich man to enter into the kingdome of God.

26 And they were much more astonied, saying within themselues, Who then can be saued?

27 But Iesus looked vpon them, and said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

28 ¶ i Then Peter beganne to say vnto him, Lo, we haue forsaken all, and haue followed thee.

29 Iesus answered, and sayde, Verily I say vnto you, there is no man that hath forsaken house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake and the Gospels,

30 But he shall receiue an hundreth folde now at this present: houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands with k persecutions, and in the world to come eternall life.

31 l But many that are first, shall be last, and the last, first.

32 ¶ m And they were in the way going vp to Ierusalem, and Iesus went before them, and they were amazed, and as they followed, they were afraide, and Iesus tooke the twelue againe, and beganne to tell them what things shoulde come vnto him,

33 Saying, Behold, we go vp to Ierusalem, and the Sonne of man shall be deliuered vnto the hie Priests, and to the Scribes, and they shall condemne him to death, and shall deliuer him to the Gentiles.

34 And they shall mocke him, and scourge him, and spit vpon him, and kill him, but the third day he shall rise againe.

35 ¶ n Then Iames and Iohn the sonnes of Zebedeus came vnto him, saying, o Master, we would that thou shouldest do for vs that that we desire.

36 And he said vnto them, What would ye I should doe for you?

37 And they saye to him, Graunt vnto vs, that we may sit one at thy right hand, and the other at thy left hand in thy glory.

38 But Iesus said vnto them, Yee know not what yee aske. Can yee p drinke of the cup that I shall drinke of, and bee baptized with the baptisme that I shall bee baptized with?

39 And they said vnto him, We can. But Iesus said vnto them, Yee shall drinke indeede of the cup that I shall drinke of, and be baptized with the baptisme wherewith I shalbe baptized.

40 But to sit at my right hand, and at my left, is not mine to giue, but it shalbe giuen to them for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard that, they began to disdaine at Iames and Iohn.

42 But Iesus called them vnto him, and sayde to them, q Yee know that they which delight to beare rule among the Gentiles, haue domination ouer them, and they that bee great among them, exercise authority ouer them.

43 But it shall r not bee so among you: but whosoeuer will be great among you, shall be your seruant.

44 And whosoeuer will be chiefe of you, shalbe the seruant of all.

45 For euen the Sonne of man came not to be serued, but to serue, and to giue his life for the ransome of many.

46 ¶ s Then they came to Iericho: and as hee went out of Iericho with his disciples, and a great multitude, t Bartimeus the sonne of Timeus, a blinde man, sate by the way side begging.

47 And when hee heard that it was Iesus of Nazaret, he began to cry and to say, Iesus the Sonne of Dauid, haue mercie on me.

48 And many rebuked him, because hee should hold his peace: but hee u cryed much more, O Sonne of Dauid haue mercie on me.

49 Then Iesus stood still, and commanded him to bee called: and they called the blinde, saying vnto him, Bee of good comfort: arise, he calleth thee.

50 So he threw away his clothe, and rose, and came to Iesus.

51 And Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, What wilt thou that I doe vnto thee? And the blinde said vnto him, Lord, that I may receiue sight.

52 Then Iesus sayde vnto him, Goe thy way: thy faith hath saued thee. And by and by hee receiued his sight, and followed Iesus in the way.

CHAP. XI.

11 *Christ rideth to Ierusalem.* 15 *The fig tree withereth.* 15 *The buyers and sellers are cast out.*

Matth. 20.20.

m Can you be partakers of my crosse and afflictions?

n I haue not this commission for this time.

Luke 22.25.

o Christ would not that his disciples and ministers should beare rule as worldly gouernours doe.

Matth. 20.29. *Luke* 18.35.

p The other Euangelists mention two, but Marke nameth him that was most known.

q The more that Satan resisteth vs the more our faith ought to increase.

11 Hebrew 2 Lefs Morn

of the Temple. 24 Hee declareth the vertue of faith, and how we should pray. 27 The Pharises question with Christ.

Matth 21.1. Luke 19.29.

AND when they came neere to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethania vnto the mount of Olives, hee sent foorth two of his disciples,

a Christ sheweth by this poore entrie, the state of his kingdome, and it is not like to the great magnificence of this world.

2 And said vnto them, a Goe your wayes into that towne that is ouer against you, and assoone as yee shall enter into it, ye shall finde a colt bound, whereon neuer man sate: loose him, and bring him.

3 And if any man say vnto you, Why doe ye this? Say that the Lord hath neede of him, and straightway hee will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found a colt tyed by the doore without, in a place where two wayes mette, and they loosed him.

5 Then certain of them that stood there, said vnto them, What doe yee loosing the colt?

6 And they said vnto them as Jesus had commanded them. So they let them goe.

John 12.14.

7 ¶ And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him, and he sate vpon him.

b Euery one shewed some signe of honour and reuerence. ‖ Or, cast I pray thee.

8 And many spread their garments in the way: other cut downe branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cryed, saying, ‖ Hosanna. Blessed be he that commeth in the Name of the Lord.

c Many came in their own name, but Christ came in the Name of the Lord.

10 Blessed bee the kingdome that commeth in the c Name of the Lord of our father d Dauid: Hosanna, O thou which art in the highest heauens.

d Because the promise was made to him. *Matth 22.42, Luke 19.45.*

11 So Jesus entred into Jerusalem, and into the Temple: and when he had looked about on all things, and now it was euening, he went forth vnto Bethania with the twelue.

Matth 21.19, Luke 19.45.

e Christ was subiect to our infirmities.

12 And on the morow when they were come out from Bethania, hee was e hungrie,

13 And seeing a figge tree a farre off, that had leaues, hee went to see if hee might finde any thing thereon: but when he came vnto it, he found nothing but leaues: for the time of figs was not yet.

14 Then Jesus answered, and said to it, f Neuer man eate fruite of thee hereafter while the world standeth: and his disciples heard it.

f This was to declare how much they displeased God, which haue but an outward shew and appearance without fruit.

15 ¶ And they came to Jerusalem, and Jesus went into the Temple, and began to cast out them that solde and bought in the Temple, and ouerthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seates of them that sold doues.

Isa. 56.7. Jerem. 7.11.

g For neither could they suffer reprehension, nor that their profite should be hindred.

16 Neither would he suffer that any man should carry a vessell thorow the Temple.

17 And hee taught, saying vnto them, Is it not written, g Mine house shall bee called the house of prayer vnto all nations? h but you haue made it a denne of theeues.

18 And the Scribes & the Priests heard it, and sought how to i destroy him: for they feared him, because the whole multitude was astonied at his doctrine.

19 And when euen was come, Iesus went out of the citie.

20 ¶ And in the morning as they passed by, they saw the figge tree dryed vp from the roote.

21 Then Peter remembred, and said vnto him, Master, behold, the figge tree which thou cursedst, is withered.

22 And Jesus answered, and said vnto them, Haue faith in God.

23 For verily I say vnto you, that whosoeuer shall say vnto this mountaine, Take thy selfe away, and cast thy selfe into the sea, and shall not wauer in his heart, but shal beleeue that those things which he saith shall come to passe, whatsoeuer he saith, shall be done to him.

Matth. 7.7. Luke 11.9.

24 Therefore I say vnto you, k whatsoeuer ye desire when ye pray, beleeue that yee shall haue it, and it shall be done vnto you.

25 And when ye shall stand, and pray, forgiue, if yee haue any thing against any man, that your Father also which is in heauen, may forgiue you your trespasses.

26 For if yee will not forgiue, your Father which is in heauen will not pardon you your trespasses.

27 ¶ Then they came againe to Jerusalem: and as he walked in the Temple, there came to him the l high Priests, & the Scribes, and the Elders,

28 And said vnto him, By what authoritie doest thou these things? and who gaue thee this authoritie, that thou shouldest doe these things?

29 Then Jesus answered, and said vnto them, I will also aske of you a certaine thing, and answere ye me, and I will tell you by what authority I doe these things.

30 The m baptisme of Iohn, was it from heauen, or of men? answere me.

31 And they thought with themselues, saying, If wee shall say, From heauen, hee will say, Why then did ye not beleeue him?

32 But if wee say, Of men, we feare the people: for all men counted Iohn, that hee had bene a very Prophet.

33 Then they answered & said vnto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answered and said vnto them, I neither will I tell you by what authority I doe these things.

h Christ taketh occasion to instruct them of the vertue of faith.

Matth. 7.7. Luke 11.9.

i He teacheth vs not hereby to aske whatsoeuer seemeth good in our fantasies: for our prayer must be grounded on faith, and our faith vpon the word of God. *Matth. 6.14. Matth. 21.23. Luke 20.2.*

k He comprehendeth his whole office and ministerie.

l They came of malice, and not to learne: therefore Christ thought them vnworthy to be taught.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The vineyard is let out.* 14 *Obedience and tribute due to princes.* 25 *The resurrection of the dead.* 28 *The summe of the Law.* 35 *Christ the sonne of Dauid.* 38 *Hypocrites must be eschewed.* 41 *The offering of the poore widow.*

Isa. 5.1. Jerem. 2.21. Matt. 21.33. Luke 20.9.

AND he began to speake vnto them in parables, a A certaine man planted a vineyard, and compassed it with a hedge, and digged a pit for the winepresse, and built a towre vnto it, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a farre countrey.

2 And at a time, hee sent vnto the husbandmen a seruant, that he might receiue of the husbandmen of the fruits of the vineyard.

m Baptisme was a testimonie of repentance, and a preparation to the Gospell.

a The Greeke word signifieth the vessell or fat, which standeth vnder the winepresse to receiue the iuyce or liquor.

9 October
2 Sabbath
Morning

3 But they tooke him, and beat him, and sent him away emptie.

4 And againe, he sent vnto them another seruant, and at him they cast stones, and broke his head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

5 And againe, hee sent another, and him they slewe, and many other, beating some, and killing some.

6 Yet had he one sonne, his deare beloued: him also he sent the last vnto them, saying, They will reuerence my sonne.

7 But the husbandmen sayde among themselues, This is the heire: come, let vs kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 So they tooke him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

9 What shall then the Lord of the vineyard doe? He b will come and destroy these husbandmen, and giue the vineyard to others.

10 Haue ye not read so much as this scripture? * The stone which the builders did refuse, is made the head of the corner.

11 This c was done of the Lord, and it is marueilous in our eyes.

12 Then they went about to take him, but they feared the people: for they perceiued that he spake that parable against them: therefore they left him, and went their way.

13 ¶ * And they sent vnto him certaine of the Pharises, and of the Herodians, that they might take him in his talke.

14 And when they came, they sayd vnto him, Master, wee know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou considerest not the d person of men, but teachest the e way of God truely. Is it lawfull to giue tribute to Cesar, or not?

15 Should wee giue it, or should wee not giue it? But he knew their hypocrisie, and sayd vnto them, f Why tempt ye me? Bring me a penie, that I may see it.

16 So they brought it, and he sayd vnto them, Whose is this image and superscription? and they sayd vnto him, Cesars.

17 Then Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, * Giue to Cesar the things that are Cesars, and to God, those that are Gods: and they marueiled at him.

18 ¶ * Then came the Sadducees vnto him, (which say there is no resurrection) and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, * Moses wrote vnto vs, If any mans brother die, and leaue his wife, and leaue no children, that g his brother should take his wife, and raise vp seede vnto his brother.

20 There were seuen brethren, & the first tooke a wife, and when he died, left no issue.

21 Then the second tooke her, and he died, neyther did hee yet leaue issue, & the third likewise.

22 So seuen had her, and left no issue: last of all the wife died also.

23 In the resurrection then, when they shall rise againe, whose wife shall he be of them? for seuen had her to wife.

24 Then Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, Are ye not therefore deceiued, because yee know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise againe from the dead, neither men marry, nor wiues are married, but are h as the Angels which are in heauen.

26 And as touching the dead, that they shall rise againe, haue yee not read in the booke of Moses, how in the bush God spake vnto him, saying, I * am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the i liuing. Ye are therefore greatly deceiued.

28 ¶ * Then came one of the Scribes, that had heard them disputing together, and perceiuing that he had answered them well, he asked him, Which is the first commandement of all?

29 Iesus answered him, The first of all the commandements is, * Heare, Israel, the Lord our God is the onely Lord.

30 Thou shalt therfore loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, & with all thy minde, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandement.

31 And the second is k like, that is, * Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe. There is none other commandement greater then these.

32 Then the Scribe said vnto him, Well Master, thou hast sayd the truth, that there is one God, and that there is none but he.

33 And to loue him with all the heart, and with all the vnderstanding, and with all the soule, and with all the strength, and to loue his neighbour as himselfe, is more then all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 Then, when Iesus saw that hee answered discreetely, he sayd vnto him, Thou l art not farre from the kingdome of God. And no man after that durst aske him any question.

35 ¶ * And Iesus answered and sayd teaching in the Temple, How say the Scribes that Christ is the sonne of Dauid?

36 For Dauid himselfe sayd by the m holy Ghost, * The Lord sayd to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footestoole.

37 Then Dauid himselfe calleth him Lord: by what meanes is he then his sonne? and much people heard him gladly.

38 * Moreouer he sayd vnto them in n his doctrine, Beware of the Scribes, which loue to goe in long o robes, and lone salutations in the markets,

39 And the chiefe seates in the Synagogues, and the first roomes at feasts,

40 Which * deuoure widowes houses, & euen vnder a colour of long prayers. These shall receiue the greater damnation.

41 * And as Iesus sate ouer against the treasurie, he beheld how the people cast money into the treasurie, and many rich men cast in much.

42 And there came a certaine poore widow, and shee threw in two mites, which make a p quadrin.

43 Then hee called vnto him his disciples, and sayde vnto them, Verely I say vnto

b He sheweth the plague that shall befall these ambitious and couetous rulers, whose hearts are hardened against Christ.

Psal. 118.22. *isa.* 28.16. *matt.* 21.42. *act.* 4.11. *rom.* 9.33. 1. *pet.* 2.7.8.

c It is the ordinance of God that it should be so, which most commonly is contrary to mans reason: and thus that which was spoken figuratiuely of Dauid, is fulfilled in Christ, reade Matth. 22.16. *Matth* 21.25. *luke* 20.20.

d As the qualities of the minde or body, or of outward things.

e As godly maners, agreeable to Gods law.

f He gaue them to vnderstand that he knew their malicious intent

Rom. 13.7. *Matth* 22.23. *luke* 20.27. *Deut.* 25.5.

g This was a politike law giuen for a time for the preseruation of families, reade Matth 22.24.

h Not as touching the spirituall nature, but concerning the state of incorruption, and immortality, so that then there shall needs be no more marriage. *Exod.* 3.6. *matth.* 22.32.

i Then it followeth that they liue, although they be deceased out of this life. *Matth.* 22.35. *Exod.* 20.2. *deut.* 6.4.

Or, taught.

k That is, dependeth on the first, & proceedeth of the loue of God. *Leu.* 19.18. *matt.* 22.39. *rom.* 13.9. *gal.* 5.14. *iam.* 2.8.

l He meaneth all the ceremonies of the Law, wherein the hypocrites put great holines.

m Because hee shewed himselfe willing to be taught, and well perceiued the difference betwixt our outward profession, and *that* which God doth principally require of vs *Matth.* 22.44. *luke* 20.41.

n Inspired by the holy Ghost and by the spirit of prophesie. *Psal.* 110.1. *Matth.* 23.6. *luke* 11.43. & 20.46.

Or, as he taught.

o He condemneth not their apparel, but their vaine ostentation, and outward shew of holines, whereby they deceiued the simple people. *Matth.* 23.14. *luke* 20.47.

Or, and vnder pretence praying long.

Luke 21.1.

p Which is about halfe a farthing.

unto you, that this poore widowe hath cast more in, then all they which haue cast into the treasurie.

44 For they all did cast in of their superfluitie: but she of her pouertie did cast in all that she hat, euen all her liuing.

CHAP. XIII.

2 The destruction of Ierusalem. 10 The Gospel shalbe preached to all. 9. 22 The perfecutions and false prophets which shall bee before the comming of Christ, whose houre is vncertaine. 33 He exhorteth euery one to watch.

AND * as he went out of the Temple, one of his disciples said vnto him, Master, see what stones, & what buildings are here.

2 * Then Iesus answered and said vnto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not bee left one stone vpon a stone, that shall not be throwen downe.

3 And as he sate on the mount of olives, ouer against the Temple, Peter, & Iames, and Iohn, and Andrew asked him secretly,

4 Tell vs, when shall these things be, and what shall be the signe when all these things shall be fulfilled?

5 And Iesus answered them, & began to say, * Take heed lest any man deceiue you.

6 For many shal come in my name, saying, I *am Christ, and shall deceiue many.

7 Furthermore, when ye shall heare of wars, and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be: but the end shall not be yet.

8 For nation shal rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome, and there shal be earthquakes in diuers quarters: & there shalbe famine and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrowes.

9 But take yee heede to your selues: for they shal deliuer you vp to the Councils, and to the Synagogues ye shall be beaten, and brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a * testimonie vnto them.

10 And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 * But when they leade you, and deliuer you vp, take yee * no thought afore, neither premeditate * what ye shall say: but whatsoeuer is giuen you at the same time, that speake: for it is not ye that speake, but the holy Ghost.

12 Yea, and the brother shall deliuer the brother to death, and the father the sonne, and the children shall rise against their parents, and shall cause them to die.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my Names sake: but whosoeuer shall endure vnto the end, he shall be saued.

14 * Moreouer, when ye shall see the abomination of desolation (spoken of by * Daniel the Prophet) * standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth, consider it) * then let them that be in Iudea, flee into the mountaines.

15 And let him that is vpon the house, not come downe into the house, neither enter therein, to fetch any thing out of his house.

16 And let him that is in the fielde, not turne backe againe vnto the things which he left behinde him, to take his clothes.

17 Then woe shalbe to them that are with child, and to them that giue sucke in those dayes.

18 i Pray therefore that your flight bee not in the winter.

19 For there shall be in those dayes such tribulation, as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created vnto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those dayes, no * flesh should be saued: but for the elects sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened those dayes.

21 Then * if any man say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or, Lo, he is there, beleeue it not.

22 For false Christs shall arise, and false prophets, and shal shew signes and wonders to deceiue, if it were * possible, the very elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I haue shewed you all things * before.

24 ¶ Moreouer in those dayes, after that tribulation, the Sunne shal waxe darke, and the Moone shall not giue her light,

25 And the * starres of heauen shal fall: & the powers which are in heauen, shall shake.

26 And then shall they see the Sonne of man comming in the cloudes, with great power and glory.

27 * And he shall then send his Angels, and shall gather together his elect from the foure windes, and from the vtmost part of the earth to the vtmost part of heauen.

28 Now learne a parable of the fig tree. When her bough is yet tender, and it bringeth forth leaues, ye know that Sommer is neere.

29 So in like maner, when ye see these things come to passe, know that the kingdom of God is neere, euen at the doores.

30 Verily I say vnto you, that this * generation shall not passe, till all these things be done.

31 Heauen and earth shall passe away, but my words shall not passe away.

32 But of that * day & houre knoweth no man, no, not the Angels which are in heauen, neither the * Sonne himselfe, saue * the Father.

33 * Take heede: watch, and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Sonne of man is as a man going into a strange country, & leaueth his house, and giueth authoritie to his seruants, and to euery man his worke, and commandeth the porter to watch.

35 ¶ Watch therefore, (for ye know not when the master of the house will come, at euen, or at midnight, at the cocke crowing, or in the dawning)

36 Lest if hee come suddenly, hee should finde you sleeping.

37 And those things that I say vnto you, I say vnto all men, Watch.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The Priests conspire against Christ. 3 Mary Magdalene anoynteth Christ. 12 The Passouer is eaten. 18 He telleth afore of the treason of Iudas. 22 The Lords supper is instituted. 46 Christ is taken. 49 Peter denieth him.

AND * two dayes after followed the feast of the Passouer, and of vnleauened bread: and the high Priestes and Scribes sought how they might

a Our Sauiour esteemeth our gifts, by our affections and ready wils.

Matth. 24.1. Luke 21.5.

Luke 19.43,44.

Ephes. 5.6. 2. thes. 2. 3.

a He doth answere them of things that were more necessary for them to know, then the things that they demanded.

b Vsurping the authoritie of Christ.

c That they may be inexcusable.

Mar. 10 19. Luke 12 11 & 21 14.

d He onely forbiddeth that care which commeth of distrust.

e This is not to make them negligent, but to assure them that he will assist them & instruct them sufficiently with answeres, so that they may hereby perceiue that their defence standeth not in their owne wisdome, or eloquence.

Matth 24. 15. Dan. 9. 27.

f This is meant of that time that the Romanes should prophane the Temple.

Luke 21. 20.

g Because the destruction shall be most extreme and cruell.

h For they shall not be able to flee.

i That you haue no let to hinder you when you should escape.

Or, men.

Matth. 24. 23. Luke 21. 8

k The elect may waxe and bee troubled, but they cannot vtterly be deceiued and ouercome.

l Wherefore he that suffereth himselfe now to be seduced hath none excuse.

Isa. 13. 10. ezek. 32. 7. ioel 2. 10. and 3. 15.

m This teacheth that there shal be a change of the whole order of nature.

Matth 24. 31.

n The word signifieth the space of a 100. yeeres: albeit this came to passe before fifte yeeres.

o When the destruction of Ierusalem, the persecutions, & illusions shall come: but chiefly these are vnderstood of the second comming of Christ.

p In that he is man and Mediatour.

Matth. 24. 42.

q For of the comming wee are most assured: but of the time, the yeere, the day or houre, we are ignorant, & therefore must watch continually.

Matth. 26. 2. Luke 22. 1.

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take him by craft, and put him to death.

2 But they said, Not in the feast day, lest there be any tumult among the people.

3 *And when he was in Bethania in the house of Simon the leper, as he sate at table, there came a woman having a box of ointment of [1]spikenard very costly, and she brake the box, and powred it on his head.

4 Therefore a some disdained among themselues, and said, To what ende is this waste of ointment?

5 For it might haue bene solde for more then b three hundreth pence, & bene giuen vnto the poore, and they grudged against her.

6 But Iesus said, Let her alone: why trouble yee her? shee hath wrought a good worke on me.

7 For ye haue the poore with you alwaies, and when ye will ye may do them good, but me ye shall not haue alwayes.

8 She hath done that she could: she came afore hand to annoint my body to the burying.

9 Verely I say vnto you, Wheresoeuer this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done, shal be spoken of in remembrance of her.

10 ¶ *Then Judas Iscariot one of the twelue, c went away vnto the hie Priests to betray him vnto them.

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised that they would giue him money: therefore he sought how he might conueniently betray him.

12 ¶ *Now the first day of vnleauened bread, when they sacrificed the Passeouer, his disciples said vnto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou maiest eat the Passeouer?

13 Then he sent forth two of his disciples, and said vnto them, Goe ye into the city, and there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

14 And whithersoeuer he goeth in, say ye to the goodman of the houle, The Master saith, Where is the lodging where I shall eat the Passeouer with my disciples?

15 And he will shew you an vpper chamber which is large, trimmed and prepared: there make it ready for vs.

16 So his disciples went forth, and came to the citie, and found as he had said vnto them, and made ready the Passeouer.

17 ¶ And at euen he came with the twelue.

18 *And as they sate at table and did eat, Iesus said, Verely I say vnto you, that one of you shall betray me, which eateth with me.

19 Then they began to be sorowfull, and to say to him one by one, Is it I? and another, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said vnto them, It is one of the twelue that *d dippeth with me in the platter.

21 *Truely the Sonne of man goeth his way, as it is f written of him: but woe be to that man, by whom the Sonne of man is betrayed: it had bene good for that man, if he had neuer bene borne.

22 *And as they did eate, Iesus tooke the bread, and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it and gaue to them, and said, Take, eate, this is my body.

23 And he tooke the cup, and when he had g giuen thanks, gaue it to them: and they all dranke of it.

24 And he said vnto them, This is my blood of the new Testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verely I say vnto you, I will drinke no more of the fruite of the vine, vntill that day that I drinke it new in the kingdome of God.

26 And when they had sung a Psalme, they went out to the mount of Olives.

27 ¶ *Then Iesus said vnto them, All ye shall be offended by me this night: for it is written, *I will smite the shepheard, and the sheepe shall be scattered.

28 But after that I am risen, I will goe into *Galile before you.

29 And Peter said vnto him, Although all men should bee offended, yet would not I.

30 Then Iesus said vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, this day, euen in this night, before the cocke crow twise, thou shalt deny me thrise.

31 But he spake more earnestly, If I should dye with thee, I will not deny thee: likewise also said they all.

32 ¶ *After, they came into a place named Gethsemane: then he said to his disciples, Sit ye here, till I haue prayed.

33 And he tooke with him Peter, and James, & Iohn, and he began h to be afraid, and in great heauinesse,

34 And said vnto them, My soule is very heauy, euen vnto the death: tary here and watch.

35 So he went forward a little, and fell downe on the ground, and prayed, that if it were possible, that houre might passe from him.

36 And he said, [1]Abba Father, all things are possible vnto thee: take away this cuppe from me: Neuertheless, not that I will, but that thou [m]wilt, be done.

37 Then he came, & found them sleeping, and said to Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one houre?

38 ¶ Watch ye, and pray, that ye enter not into tentation: the spirit in deede is ready, but the flesh is weake.

39 And againe he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And he returned, and found them asleepe againe: for their eyes were heauy: neither knew they what they should answere him.

41 And he came the third time, and said vnto them, *Sleepe henceforth, and take your rest: it is enough: the houre is come: behold, the Sonne of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise vp: let vs goe: loe, he that betrayeth me, is at hand.

43 *And immediatly, while he yet spake, came Iudas that was one of the twelue, and with him a great multitude with [n]swordes and staues from the hie Priestes & Scribes, and Elders.

44 And he that betrayed him, had giuen them

Matth. 26.6. John 12.1.

[1] Or, of pure nard, and faithfully made.

a As Iudas who caused this murmuring.

b Which are in value about sixe pound sterling.

c To wit, Iudas: who was offended therewith, & therefore made a bargaine.

Matth. 26 14. Luke 22.4.

d He tooke occasion by this ointment, as of a thing euill done.

Matth. 26.17. Luke 22.7,8.

Matth. 26.20. Luke 22.14. John 13.21.

e To dippe the hand, is as much to say, as he that is accustomed to eate with me. Psal. 41.9. John 13.18. Matth. 26.24. acts 1.16.

f This declareth that nothing can be done without Gods prouidence. Matth. 26.26. 1. Cor. 11.24.

g Reade Matth. chap. 26.26.

h The Greeke word is to bleste, which is here taken onely to giue thanks, as S Luke and S. Paul interpret it, and Saint Marke also speaking of the cup.

John 16.32.

i That is, turned from me, because of the persecution.

Zech. 13.7. Chap. 16.7.

Matth. 26.36. Luke 22.39.

k His diuinitie was as it were hid, and his humanitie shewed it selfe fully.

l Ab in Ebrew, and Abba in the Syrian tongue, signifieth father.

m He standeth not so to his owne wil, but that willingly he offereth himselfe to obey God.

n He meaneth that the houre will come when they shalbe kept from sleeping.

Matth 26.47. Luke 22.47. John 18.3.

o It was the fashion then to greete with kissing at their meetings, and also at their departure.

p He repeateth it twise, as if he had bene mooued with a certaine pitie in taking his last leaue.

q To wit, Peter.

r Called Malchus.

f Which declareth that no man can do any thing contrary to Gods ordinance.

v Meaning, all the disciples.

Matth. 26. 57. *Luke* 22. 54. *iohn* 18. 24.

u That is, they which had chiefest authority among the Priests

x Which signified that his hote zeale began now to be abated.

‖ *Or, light.*

Matth 26. 56. ‖ *Or, were not like*

Iohn 2. 19.

y These two witnesses dissented, in that the one reported that Christ sayd, he could destroy the Temple, (as Matthew writeth) and the other sayd that he heard him say, that he would doe it, as is here noted.

z That is, of God, who is worthy al praise: the which word in their language, the Iewes who they speake of God, vse commonly in their writings euen to this day.

Matth. 24. 30.

a Whom they now condemned in that base estate, they should see appeare the last day with maiestie and glorie.

b This declareth the wickednesse and crueltie of the governours, and rulers, seeing their officers contrary to all iustice, thus raged and tormented him that was innocent.

there to him, saying, Art thou also of his disciples? he denied, and said, I am not.

26 One of the seruants of the high Priest, (being his kinsman whose eare Peter cut off) said, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cocke crew.

28 Then they led Iesus from Caiaphas vnto the hall of iudgement: and it was early, and they themselues went not into the hall of iudgement, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eate the Passeouer.

29 Pilate then went out vnto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered, and said vnto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not haue deliuered him vnto thee.

31 Then said Pilate vnto them, Take ye him, and iudge him according to your law. The Iewes therefore said vnto him, It is not lawful for vs to put any man to death:

32 That the saying of Iesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entred into the hall againe, and called Iesus, and said vnto him, Art thou the King of the Iewes?

34 Iesus answered him, Sayest thou this of thy selfe, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Iew? Thine owne nation and the high Priests haue deliuered thee vnto me: what hast thou done?

36 Iesus answered, My kingdome is not of this world: if my kingdome were of this world, then would my seruants fight, that I should not be deliuered to the Iewes: but now is my kingdome not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said vnto him, Art thou a King then? Iesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I borne, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should beare witnesse vnto the truth. Euery one that is of the truth, heareth my voice.

38 Pilate said vnto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out againe vnto the Iewes, and said vnto them, I find no fault in him at all.

39 But ye haue a custome, that I should deliuer vnto you one at the Passeouer: will ye then that I deliuer vnto you the King of the Iewes?

40 Then cried they all againe, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a theefe.

CHAP. XV.

1 Iesus is led to Pilate, 15 He is condemned, reuiled, & put to death, 46 & is buried by Ioseph.

AND anon in the morning, the high Priests held a councell with the Elders, and the Scribes, and the whole counsell, and bound Iesus, and led him away, and deliuered him to Pilate.

2 Then Pilate asked him, Art thou the king of the Iewes? And he answered, and said vnto him, Thou sayest it.

3 And the high Priests accused him of many things.

4 Whereupon Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witnesse against thee.

5 But Iesus answered no more at all, so that Pilate marueiled.

6 Now at the feast Pilate did deliuer a prisoner vnto them, whomsoeuer they would desire.

7 Then there was one named Barabbas, which was bound with his fellowes, that had made insurrection, who in the insurrection had committed murder.

8 And the people crying aloud, and began to desire that he would do as he had euer done vnto them.

9 Then Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I let loose vnto you the King of the Iewes?

10 For he knew that the high Priests had deliuered him of enuie.

11 But the high Priests had mooued the people to desire that he would rather deliuer Barabbas vnto them.

12 And Pilate answered, and said again vnto them, What will ye then that I doe with him, whom ye call the King of the Iewes?

13 Then cryed they again, Crucifie him.

14 Then Pilate said vnto them, But what euill hath he done? And they cried the more vehemently, Crucifie him.

15 So Pilate willing to content the people,

16 And the souldiers led him away into the hall, called Prætorium, and they called together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crowne of thornes, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, saying, God saue thee, King of the Iewes.

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit vpon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they tooke off the purple from him, and put his owne clothes on him, and led him out to crucifie him.

21 And they compelled one Simon a Cyrenian, which passed by, comming out of the field, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to beare his crosse.

22 And they brought him vnto the place Golgotha, which is by interpretation, The place of dead mens skulles.

23 And they gaue him to drinke wine mingled with myrrhe: but he tooke it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots vpon them, what euery man should take.

25 And it was the third houre, when they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written ouer, THE KING OF THE IEWES.

27 And with him they crucified two theeues, the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, He was counted among the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by, railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Vah, thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three dayes,

30 Saue thy selfe, and come downe from the crosse.

31 Likewise also the high Priests mocked him among themselues with the Scribes, and said, He saued others, himselfe he cannot saue.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the crosse, that we may see and beleeue. And they that were crucified with him, reuiled him.

33 And when the sixt houre was come, there was darkenesse ouer all the land vntil the ninth houre.

34 And at the ninth houre Iesus cried with a loude voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 Then one ran and filled a spunge full of vineger, and put it on a reed, and gaue him to drinke, saying, Let alone, let vs see whether Elias will come and take him downe.

37 Then Iesus cried with a loude voice, and gaue vp the ghost.

38 And the vaile of the Temple was rent in two pieces from the top to the bottome.

39 And when the Centurion which stood ouer against him, saw that he so cried out and gaue vp the ghost, he said, Truely this man was the Sonne of God.

40 There were also women looking on afarre off, among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of little Iames and of Ioses, and Salome,

41 Which also followed him, when he was in Galilee, and ministred vnto him: and many other women which came vp with him vnto Ierusalem.

42 And now when the euening was come, because it was the day before the Sabbath, which is the day before the Sabbath,

43 There came Ioseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also himselfe waited for the kingdome of God, and went in boldly vnto Pilate, and craued the body of Iesus.

44 And Pilate wondred if he were already dead: and calling vnto him the Centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the Centurion, he gaue the body to Ioseph.

46 And he bought fine linnen, and tooke him downe, and wrapped him in the linnen, and laid him in a sepulchre that was hewen out of a rocke, and rolled a stone vnto the doore of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Ioses beheld where he was laid.

Matth. 26. 69. *Luke* 22. 55. *iohn* 18. 25.

c We ought to consider our owne infirmitie, that we may learne onely to trust in God, and not in our owne strength.

‖ *Or entred.*

d Peter preposterously hindreth himselfe to see, if he were further layd vnto.

Matth. 26. 71. *Luke* 22. 58. *iohn* 18. 25. *Matth.* 26. 75. *iohn* 13. 38.

‖ *Or, rushed out of the doores, and wept.*

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Matth. 27. 1, 2. *Luke* 22. 66. *iohn* 18. 28.

a For the Romans gaue them no authoritie to put any man to death.

Matth. 27. 12. *Luke* 23. 3. *iohn* 18. 35.

b He would not defend his cause, but presented himselfe willingly to be condemned.

15. Iune 2 Sab. ante

c The people alwayes maintaine their customes, although they be worth nothing.

15. Iubet 2 Sab. Mornino

12 Bissext 9 Sab. mane

d When a iudge hath respect to men, hee quite forgetteth iustice.

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pie, loosen them? Nay: thus, and delivered Iesus when he had scourged him, that he might be crucified.

16 Then the souldiers led him away into the hall, which is the ‖ common hall, and called together the whole band.

17 And clad him with purple, and platted a crowne of thornes, and put it about his head.

18 And began to salute him, saying, Haile, King of the Iewes.

19 And they smote him on the head with a reede, and spat upon him, and bowed the knees, and did him reuerence.

20 And when they had mocked him, they tooke the purple off him, and put his owne clothes on him, and led him out to crucifie him.

21 * And they * compelled one that passed by, called Simon of Cyrene (which came out of the country, and was father of Alexander and Rufus) to beare his crosse.

22 * And they brought him to a place named Golgotha, which is by interpretation, the place of dead mens skulles.

23 And they gaue him to drink wine mingled (with myrhe: but he receiued it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots for them, what euery man should haue.

25 And it was the ‖ third houre, when they crucified him.

26 And the title of his cause was written aboue, THE KING OF THE IEWES.

27 They crucified also with him two theeues, the one on the right hand, and the other on his left.

28 * And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, * And he was counted among the wicked.

29 And they that went by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, * Hey, thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three dayes,

30 Saue thy selfe, and come downe from the crosse.

31 Likewise also euen the high Priestes mocking, said among themselues with the Scribes, He saued other men, himselfe hee cannot saue.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel now come downe from the crosse, that we may see, and beleeue. * They also that were crucified with him, reuiled him.

33 ¶ Now when the first houre was come, darkenesse arose ouer all the land vntill the ninth houre.

34 And at the ‖ ninth houre Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, saying, * Eloi, Eloi, lamma-sabachthani? which is by interpretation, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by when they heard it, sayde, * Beholde, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran, and filled * a sponge full of vinegre, and put it vpon a reede, & gaue him to drinke, saying, * Let him alone; let vs see if Elias will come and take him downe.

37 And Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, and gaue vp the ghost.

38 ¶ And the vaile of the Temple was rent in twaine, from the top to the bottome.

39 Now when the * Centurion, which stood ouer against him, saw that he rent out so cryed the ghost, he said, * Truely this man was the sonne of God.

40 ¶ There were also women, which beheld a farre off, among whom was * Marie Magdalene, & Marie the mother of * James the lesse, and of Ioses, and Salome,

41 (Which also when hee was in Galile, * followed him, and ministred vnto him, and many other women which came vp with him vnto Ierusalem.

42 ¶ And now when night was come, (because it was the day of the preparation, that is, the eue of the Sabbath)

43 Ioseph of Arimathea, an * honourable Counsellour, which also looked for the kingdome of God, came, and went in * boldly vnto Pilate, and asked the body of Iesus.

44 And Pilate marueiled if he were already dead, and called vnto him the Centurion, and asked whether hee had been any while dead.

45 And when hee knewe the truth of the Centurion, he gaue the body to Ioseph.

46 (Who bought a linnen cloth, and tooke him downe, and wrapped him in the linnen cloth, and layd him in a tombe that was hewen out of a rocke, and rolled a stone vnto the doore of the sepulchre.

47 And Marie Magdalene, and Marie Ioses mother beheld where he should be laid.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The women come to the graue. 6 Christ being risen againe appeareth to Magdalene, 14 after to the eleuen, and reproueth their vnbeliefe. 15 He commaundeth the preaching of the Gospel and the manifestation of beliefe vnto them.

AND * when the Sabbath day was past, Marie Magdalene, and Marie the mother of * James, and Salome, bought sweet ointments, that they might come, and embalme him.

2 Therefore early in the morning, the first day of the weeke, they came vnto the sepulcher, when the Sunne was yet ‖ rising.

3 And they sayde one to another, Who shall rolle vs away the stone from the doore of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away (for it was a very great one.)

5 * So they went into the sepulchre, and sawe * a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a long white robe: and they were afrayd.

6 But he said vnto them, Be not afraid: ye seeke Iesus of Nazaret, which had been crucified: he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they put him.

7 But goe your way, and tell his disciples, and * Peter, that he will goe before you into Galile: there shall ye see him, * as he said vnto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled, and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man: for they were afraid.

9 ¶ And

‖ Or, Prætorie.

‖ Or, stake. Matth. 27.32. Luke 23.26.

c It was the custome to make him that was condemned, to carie his crosse, but Iesus was not able for weaknesse.

Matth. 27.33. Luke 23.33. John 19.17.

f Which was to hasten his death: but he would not drinke it, because he would waite for the houre that his Father had appointed, that he might render vnto him perfit obedience.

g The Iewes deuided their day into foure parts, so that by the third houre is here meant the third part of the day which was from six a clocke to nine, at what time Matt saith he was crucified.

Isa. 53.12. John 2 19.

h Meaning, the one of them that were crucified.

i Because this darkenesse was onely ouer the land of Canaan, when the rest of the world was light, the miracle is the greater.

k Which was the third part of the day, and about three of the clocke afternoone.

Psalm 22.1. Matth. 27.46.

l This was spoken mockingly. Psal 69.21.

* Who had charge ouer an hundreth men.

Luke 2.2,3.

Mark 15.37. Luke 23.50,51. John 19.38.

n A graue man and of great authoritie.

o This man shewed his faith boldly when the danger seemed to be most perillous.

Ascension day Gospel Easter euen

Luke 24.1. John 20.1.

Mark 16.1. Luke 24.1. John 20.1.

Or, not rising

Matth 28.1. John 20.12.

a The Angel of God in the likenesse of a young man.

b He specially maketh mention of Peter, to comfort him, because he had fallen into grosse danger when he fell.

Matth. 26.34. chap. 14.28.

And

John 20.18. Luke 8.2.

9 ¶ And when Iesus was risen againe, he appeared (whiche was the first day of the weeke) he appeared first to Maria Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seuen deuils.

10 And she went and told them that had bene with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And when they heard that he was aliue, and had appeared to her, they [a] beleeued it not.

12 ¶ After that, he appeared vnto two of them in another forme, as they walked, and went into the countrey.

13 And they went and told it to the residue, but they beleeued them not.

14 ¶ [b] Finally, he appeared vnto the eleuen as they [c] sate together, and reproued them of their vnbeliefe & hardnesse of heart, because they beleeued not them which had seene him, being risen vp againe.

15 And he [d] said vnto them, [e] Go ye into all the worlde, and preach the Gospell to

a They had soone forgotten that, that Christ had foretold them of his resurrection. Luke 24.1.3.15.

Luke 24.36. John 20.19.

d Mourning and praying.

Mar. 28.19.

e every creature.

16 He that shall beleeue and be baptized, shall be saued: [f] but he that will not beleeue, shall be damned.

17 And these [g] tokens shall follow them that beleeue. [h] In my name they shall cast out deuils, and shall [i] speake with a new tongue,

18 [k] And shall take away serpents, and if they shall drinke any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: [l] they shall lay their hands on the sicke, and they shall recouer.

19 [m] So after the Lord had spoken vnto them, he was receiued into heauen, and sate at the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached euery where. And the [n] Lord wrought with them, and confirmed the word with [o] signes that followed. Amen.

He. 2.4. h The miracles & signes follow the doctrine, so [p] if the doctrine be false, the miracles shall be no

f As well Gentile as Iewe. John 12.48.

g This gift was but for a time, to make men the more willingly to receiue the Gospel, which as yet was not euidently knowen. Acts 10. 18. 45. 2.4 & 10.46 & 19.6.

h Wold other and diuers, as Luke saith. Acts 28. 3. Acts 28.6. Luke 24.51.

i As tartarum Esdræ better. Deut. 23.3

¶ The holy Gospel of Iesus Christ, according to Luke.

CHAPTER 1.

1 Of Zacharie and Elisabet. 13 The Angel foreseeth him of the nativitie of Iohn Baptist. 30 Himselfe likewise is foretolde. 38 The visite of the Angel and Mary. 46 Her song. 57 The birth, circumcision, and graces of Iohn. 68 Zacharias giueth thankes to God, and prophecieth.

FORASMUCH as many haue taken in hand to set forth the storie of those things whereof we are fully perswaded

2 As they deliuered them vnto vs, which from the beginning saw them their selues, and were ministers of the word.

3 It seemed good also to me (most noble Theophilus) all thing considered of [a] purpose from the beginning, to write vnto thee thereof from point to point,

4 That thou mightest acknowledge the certaintie of those things, wherein thou hast bene instructed.

5 ¶ In the time of [b] Herode King of Iudea, there was a certaine [c] priest named Zacharias of the [d] course of Abia, and his wife was of the [e] daughters of Aaron, & her name was Elisabet.

6 Both were iust before God, and walked in all the commandements and [f] ordinances of the Lord without reproofe.

7 And they had no [g] childe, because that Elisabet was barren, and both were [h] well stricken in yeres.

8 And it came to passe, as he executed the [i] priestes office before God, in the [k] order of his course,

9 According to the [l] custome of the [m] priestes office, his lot was [n] to burne incense, when

a Meaning, the Apostles with whom hee was conuersant.

b Or of [c] thing: and it may be referred either to Christ, or to the Gospell: and hereby is meant, that they were the ministers of Christ, who is called the word: or ministers of the word, that is to say, of [d] Gospel: & this commendeth the authority of his doctrine, seeing he receiued it of the Apostles.

c The sonne of Antipater.

d Reade 1 Chro. 24.10.

e By her father: for by her mother they were of the house of Dauid.

f This perfection or iustice is ioined by the Euangelist not to the person of Zacharie, but to the [g] ordinances of God, that is, the whole seruice of God, which is called Iustice, because it is a testimonie of the righteousnesse of God, and a meane to obtaine righteousnesse. The Greeke word signifieth, iustifications, whereby is meant the outward obseruation of the ceremonies commanded by God.

g Thus, the euening, and morning sacrifice, according to the Law,

h Of barrennesse.

i Or Priesthood.

k Or [l] ministerie.

l Or, the vsage.

m Or, Priestes.

n Which signifieth, the strength or soueraignty of God.

o Was made: or measure Gods promise by our weake sences.

p Was ministred.

q Which is, before the Temple.

r Or, Priestes.

s Which signifieth the Temple.

t Or, Priestes.

u Or, Priestes.

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21 Now the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the Temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: then they perceived that he had seene a vision in the Temple: for he made signes unto them, and remayned dumme.

23 And it came to passe, when the dayes of his office were fulfilled, that he departed to his owne house.

24 And after those dayes his wife Elisabet conceived, & hid her selfe five monethes, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the dayes wherein he looked on me, to take from me my rebuke among men.

26 ¶ And in the first moneth, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a citie of Galile, named Nazaret,

27 To a virgin affianced to a man whose name was Ioseph, of the house of Dauid, and the virgins name was Mary.

28 And the Angel went in unto her, and sayde, Haile thou that are freely beloued: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when he sawe him, he was troubled at his saying, and thought what manner of salutation that should be.

30 Then the Angel said vnto her, Feare not, Marie: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 For loe, thou shalt conceiue in thy wombe, and beare a sonne, and shalt call his name IESVS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the sonne of the most high: and the Lorde God shall giue him the throne of his father Dauid.

33 And he shall raigne over the house of Iacob for euer, and of his kingdome shall be none ende.

34 Then said Marie vnto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the Angell answered, and sayde vnto her, The holy Ghost shall come vpon thee, and the power of the most high shall ouershadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be borne of thee, shall be called the sonne of God.

36 And beholde, thy cousin Elisabet, she hath also conceiued a sonne in her olde age: & this is her sixt moneth, which was called barren.

37 For with God shall nothing be vnpossible.

38 Then Marie said, Beholde the seruant of the Lord: be it vnto me according to thy worde. So the Angel departed from her.

39 ¶ And Marie arose in those dayes and went into the hill country with speede to a citie of Iuda,

40 And entred into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabet.

41 And it came to passe, as Elisabet heard the salutation of Marie, the babe leaped in her belly, and Elisabet was filled with the holy Ghost.

42 And she cryed with a loud voyce, and sayde, Blessed art thou among women, & blessed is the fruite of thy wombe.

43 And whence commeth this to me, that the mother of my Lorde should come to me?

44 For loe, assone as the voyce of thy salutation sounded in mine eares, the babe leaped in mine belly for ioy.

45 And blessed is she that beleeued: for those things shall be performed, which were tolde her from the Lord.

46 Then Marie said, My soule magnifieth the Lord,

47 And my spirite reioyceth in God my Sauiour.

48 For he hath looked on the poore degree of his seruant: for beholde, from henceforth shall all ages call me blessed.

49 Because he that is mighty, hath done to me great things, and holy is his Name.

50 And his mercy is from generation to generation on them that feare him.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arme: he hath scattered the proude in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put downe the mighty from their seates, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent away emptie.

54 He hath holpen his seruant Israel, in remembring his mercie.

55 (As he hath spoken to our fathers, to wit, to Abraham, and to his seed for euer.

56 ¶ And Marie abode with her about three moneths: after, she returned to her owne house.

57 ¶ Now Elisabets time was fulfilled, that she should be deliuered, and she brought forth a sonne.

58 And her neighbours, & cousins heard how the Lorde had shewed his great mercy vpon her, and they reioyced with her.

59 And it came to passe on the eight day, that they came to circumcise the babe, and called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60 But his mother answered, and sayde, Not so, but he shall be called Iohn.

61 And they said vnto her, There is none of thy kinred, that is named by this name.

62 Then they made signes to his father, how he would haue him called.

63 And he asked for writing tables, and wrote, saying, His name is Iohn: and they marueiled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake and praysed God.

65 Then feare came on all them that dwelt nere vnto them: and all these things were noysed abroad throughout all the hill country of Iudea.

66 And all they that heard them, layed

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q While their course endured to sacrifice they might not lie with their wiues, nor drinke any liquor that might make one drunk.

r For the barren women enioyed not the promise which God made to the that were married to haue issue: but principally they were deprived of that promise, which God made to Abraham, that he would encrease his seede.

‖ Or, gladnesse be to thee.

‖ Or, receiued into fauour.

s Not for her merits but only through Gods free mercy, who loued vs when we were sinners, that whosoeuer reioyceth should reioyce in the Lord.

Isa. 7. 14. mat. 1. 21. rhap. 3. 31.

t Because he is the true Sonne of God begotten from before all beginning, and manifested in flesh at the determinate time.

Dan. 7. 14. micah. 4. 7.

u She would be resolued of all doubts, to the ende that shee might more surely embrace the promise of God.

x It shall be a secret operation of the holy Ghost.

y He must be pure and without sinne, which must take away the sinnes of the world.

z Note withstanding that Elisabet was married to one of the tribe of Leui, yet she was Maries cousin, which was of the stocke of Dauid. For the Law which forbade mariage of other then of like, was onely that the tribes should not be mixed and confounded, which could not be in marrying with the Leuits: for they had no portion assigned vnto them.

a Which was also called, Kiriath-arba, or Hebron, Ios. 14. 15. and 21. 11.

b This morning was extraordinary, and not natural, which was to commend the miracle.

c She shewed the cause why Mary was blessed.

d By the message of the Angel.

e The soule and the spirit signifie the vnderstanding & affection, which are the two principall parts of the soule

‖ Or, low estate.

f This fauour that God hath shewed me, shall be spoken of for euer.

g According to the promise made to Abraham, that he would be his God, and the God of his seede for euer.

Isa. 51. 9. Psal. 33. 10. isa. 29. 13.

h The wicked lay snares for other, wherein they themselues are taken.

2. Sam 1. 5. 6. 7. Psal. 34. 10. Isa 30. 18. & 48. 9. and 54. 5. ieru 31. 3. 20. Gene. 17. 19. and 22 17. Psal 32. 11.

‖ Or, Beer sabe.

i Not onely for his benefit in pardoning his fault, but also to shew that he was iustly punished for his incredulitie.

k The mightie power of God and his graces, which declared that hee should bee an excellent person.

l In declaring himselfe mindfull of his people and therefore is come from heauen to visite and redeeme them, *Matth.* 1, 21. *chap.* 2. 30. *Psal.* 132. 17, 18.

m When the promises of God seemed to haue failed, and the state of Israel to haue perished, then sent he his Christ, who by his inuincible strength, as with a strong horne ouer threw his enemies. *Ierem.* 23. 6. *and* 30. 10.

n He declareth the cause and fountaine of our redemption, *Gen.* 22. 16, 17. *ierem.* 31. 33. *hebr.* 6. 13.

o This is the ende of our redemption. *2. Pet.* 1. 15.

p To whom no hypocrisie can be acceptable.

them vp in their hearts, saying, What maner childe shall this bee? and the k hand of the Lord was with him.

67 Then his father Zacharias was filled with the holy Ghost, and prophecied, saying,

68 Blessed bee the Lord God of Israel, because he hath l visited * and redeemed his people,

69 * And hath raised vp the m horne of saluation vnto vs, in the house of his seruant Dauid,

70 * As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which were since the world began, saying,

71 That he would send vs deliuerance from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate vs,

72 That he should shew * mercy towards our fathers, and remember his holy Couenant,

73 * And the othe which he sware to our father Abraham:

74 Which was, that he would graunt vnto vs, that we being deliuered out of the hands of our enemies, should * serue him without feare

75 All the dayes of our life, in * holinesse and righteousnesse p before him.

76 And thou, babe, shalt be called the Prophet of the most High: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his wayes,

77 And to giue knowledge of saluation vnto his people, by the q remission of their sinnes,

78 Through the tender mercie of our God, whereby * the r day spring from an high, hath visited vs,

79 To giue light to them that sit in darkenesse, and in the shadow of death, and guide our feete into the way of s peace.

80 And the childe grew, t waxed strong in spirit, and was in u the wildernes, till the day came, that he should shew himselfe vnto Israel.

q He sheweth that our saluation consisteth in the remission of sinnes, which is the principall part of the Gospel. *Zech* 3. 8. *and* 6 12. *mal.* 4 2. r Or branch of a tree, meaning the Messias, who is the Sunne of righteousnesse, which shineth from heauen. s That is, of all felicitie. t He meaneth that part of Iudea which was least inhabited, where also the grosse and rude people dwelled.

CHAP. II.

7 The birth and circumcision of Christ. 22 He was receiued into the Temple 28 Simeon & Anna prophesie of him. 46 He was found among the doctours. 51 His obedience to father and mother.

AND it came to passe in those dayes, that there came a commandement from Augustus Cesar, that all the a world should be taxed.

2 (This first b taxing was made when Cyrenius was gouernour of Syria.)

3 Therefore went all to be taxed, euery man to his owne citie.

4 And c Ioseph also went vp from Galile out of a citie called Nazaret, into Iudea, vnto the citie of * Dauid, which is called Beth-lehem, (because hee was of the house and linage of Dauid,)

5 To be taxed with Mary that was giuen him to wife, which was with childe.

6 ¶ And so it was, that while they were there, the dayes were accomplished that she should be deliuered.

7 And she brought forth her d first begotten Sonne, and wrapped him in swadling clothes, and layde him in a e cratch, because there was no roome for them in the Inne.

8 ¶ And there were in the same countrey shepheards abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night because of their flocke.

9 And lo, the Angel of the Lorde came vpon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them, and they were sore afrayd.

10 Then the Angel sayd vnto them, Bee not afrayd: for beholde, I bring you tidings of great ioy, that shall be to all the people:

11 That is, that vnto you is borne this day in the city of f Dauid, a Sauiour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And g this shalbe a signe to you, Ye shall find the child swadled, and layd in a cratch.

13 And straightway there was with the Angel a multitude of heauenly souldiers, praysing God, and saying,

14 Glory bee to God in the high heauens, and peace in earth, and towards men h good will.

15 And it came to passe when the Angels were gone away from them into heauen, that the shepheards sayd one to another, Let vs goe then vnto Beth-lehem, and see this thing that is come to passe, which the Lorde hath shewed vnto vs.

16 So they came with haste, and found both Mary and Ioseph, and the babe layd in the cratch.

17 And when they had seene it, they published abroad the thing, which was tolde them of that childe.

18 And all that heard it, wondered at the things which were tolde them of the shepheards.

19 But Mary kept all those sayings, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepheards returned, glorifying and praysing God, for all that they had heard & seene, as it was spoken vnto them.

21 ¶ * And when the eight dayes were accomplished, that they should circumcise the childe, his name was then called * IESVS, which was named of the Angel, before hee was conceiued in the wombe.

22 * And when the dayes of ‖her purification after the Law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Ierusalem, to present him to the Lord,

23 (As it is written in the Lawe of the Lord, * Euery man child ‖that first openeth the wombe, shalbe called holy to the Lord:)

24 And to giue an oblation, * as it is commanded in the Law of the Lord, i a paire of turtle doues, or two yong pigeons.

25 And beholde, there was a man in Ierusalem, whose name was Simeon: this man was iust, and feared God, and waited for the consolation of Israel, and the k holy Ghost was vpon him.

26 And

a So much as was subiect to the Romanes. ‖*Or, put in writing.*

b Whereby the people were more charged and oppressed.

c He sheweth by what occasion Iesus was borne in Beth-lehem. *John.* 7. 4.

d Reade Matth. 1. 25.

e Whereby appeared his pouertie, and their cruelnesse, which would not giue such a woman in such a case.

f Which was Beth-lehem.

g Because they should not be offended with Christs poore estate, the Angel preuenteth this doubt, and sheweth in what sort they should find him.

h The free mercy and good will of God, which is the fountaine of our peace and felicitie, and is chiefly declared to the elect.

i Which offring was appointed to them which were so poore that they were not able to offer a lambe.

k The spirit of prophecie.

26 And a reuelation was giue him of the holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seene the Lords ‖ Christ.

27 And hee came † by the motion of the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the childe Iesus, to doe for him after the custome of the Lawe,

28 Then he tooke him in his armes, and praysed God, and sayd,

29 Lord, ‖ now lettest thou thy seruant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes haue seene thy = saluation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

32 A light ‖ to be reuealed to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Ioseph and his mother marueiled at those things, which were spoken touching him.

34 And Simeon * blessed them, and sayd vnto Mary his mother, Behold, this childe is appointed for the ° * fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a signe which shal be spoken against,

35 (Yea and a ? swoorde shall pearce thorow thy soule) that the ‡ thoughts of many hearts may be opened.

36 And there was a Prophetisse, one Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser, which was of a great age, & had ‡ liued with an husband seuen yeeres from her virginitie.

37 And shee was widdow about fourescore and foure yeeres, and went ‡ not out of the Temple, but serued God with fastings and prayers, night and day.

38 She then comming at the same instant vpon them, ‖ confessed likewise the Lord, & spake of him to all that looked for redemption in Ierusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the Lawe of the Lorde, they returned into Galile to their owne citie Nazaret.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was filled with wisedome, and the grace of God was with him.

41 ¶ Now his parents went to Ierusalem euery yeere, * at the feast of the Passeouer.

42 And when hee was twelue yeere olde, and they were come vp to Ierusalem after the custome of the feast,

43 And had finished the dayes thereof, as they returned, the childe Iesus remayned in Ierusalem, and Ioseph knewe not nor his mother,

44 But they supposing that he had bene in the company, went a dayes iourney, and sought him among their kinsfolke, and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned backe to Ierusalem, and sought him.

46 And it came to passe three dayes after that they found him in the Temple, sitting in the middes of the doctours, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonied at his vnderstanding, and answeres.

48 So when they saw him, they were amased, and his mother sayde vnto him, Sonne, why hast thou thus dealt with vs? beholde, thy father and I haue sought thee with heauy hearts.

49 Then sayd he vnto them, How is it that ye sought me? knewe ye not that I must goe about my fathers businesse?

50 But they * vnderstood not the wordes that he spake to them.

51 Then he went downe with them, and came to Nazaret, and was subiect to them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Iesus increased in wisedome and stature, and in fauour with God and men.

CHAP. III.

3 The preaching, baptisme, and prisonment of Iohn. 15 He is thought to be Christ. 21 Christ is baptized. 23 His age, and genealogie.

NOw in the fifteenth yeere of the reigne of Tiberius Cesar, Pontius Pilate being gouernour of Iudea, and Herode being Tetrarch of Galile, and his brother Philip Tetrarch of Iturea, and of the countrey of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the Tetrarch of Abilene,

2 (° When Annas and Caiaphas were the hie ♭ Priests) the word of God came vnto Iohn, the sonne of Zacharias, in the wildernesse.

3 * And hee came into all the coastes about Iordan, preaching the baptisme of repentance for the remission of sinnes,

4 As it is written in the booke of the sayings of Esaias the Prophet, which saith, * The voyce of him that crieth in the wildernes is, Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his pathe straight.

5 Euery ‡ valley shall be filled, and euery mountaine, and hill shal be brought low, and crooked things shalbe made straight, & the rough wayes shall be made smooth.

6 And ‖ all flesh shall see the ‡ saluation of God.

7 Then sayd hee to the people that were come out to be baptised of him, * O ‖ generations of vipers, who hath forewarned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring foorth therefore fruites worthy amendment of life, and beginne not to say with your selues, We haue Abraham to our father: for I say vnto you, that God is able of these stones to raise vp children vnto Abraham.

9 Nowe also is the * axe layde vnto the roote of the trees: therefore euery tree which bringeth not foorth good fruite, shalbe hewen downe, and cast into the fire.

10 ¶ Then the people asked him, saying, What shall we doe then?

11 And he answered, and said vnto them, * He ‡ that hath two coates, let him part with him that hath none: and he that hath meate, let him doe likewise.

12 Then came there ‡ Publicanes also to be baptized, & said vnto him, Master, what shall we doe?

13 And hee sayd vnto them, Require no more then that which is appointed vnto you

14 The souldiers likewise demaunded of him,

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‖ Or, Messias. † Greek, in the Spirit.

‖ Simeon declareth himselfe to die willingly, since hee hath seene that Messias which was promised.
m The meane and substance of saluation.
‖ Or, for the reuelation of.
n That is, prayed to God for them, and for the prosperitie of Christs kingdome.
o To be the fall of the reprobate which perish through their owne default, and raising vp of the elect to whom God giueth faith.
Isa. 8. 14. rom. 9 33. 1 pet. 2. 8.
p That is, sorowes should pearce her heart as a sword.
q This chiefly appeareth when the crosse is layd vpon vs, whereby mens hearts are tried.
r She was seuen yeeres married.
‡ She was continually in the Temple.
‖ Or, prayed. Dan. 16. 2.

‖ Or, learned men.

t Our duetie to God is to be preferred before father and mother.
u For his vocation was not yet manifestly knowen.

a This was the sonne of Herode called the great. Acts 4. 6.
b There could be by Gods law but one sacrificer at once: but because of the troubles that this reigned, the office was so mangled by reason of ambition and briberie, that both Caiaphas and Annas his father in law had it diuided betweene them. Matth. 3. 2. marke 1 4. Esa. 40. 3. iohn 1. 23.
c All impediments shal be taken away, which should hinder the way of God, or of saluation, so that the way shal bee plaine by Christ to leade vs vnto God.
‖ Or, euery man.
d That is, the Messias shalbe reuealed to the world. Matth 3. 7.
‖ Or, vipers broods
e The vengeance of God is at hand. Iames 2. 13. 1 iohn 3. 17.
f He willeth that the richbehpe the poore according to their necessity
g Whose office was to receiue tribute and tolles.

Epiph 2 Leſs Morn

1 Pyne 2 Leſs Morn

him, saying, And what shall we doe? And he sayd vnto them, Doe violence to no man, neither accuse any falsly, and be content with your wages.

15 As the people wayted, and all men mused in their hearts of Iohn, if he were not the Christ,

16 Iohn answered, and sayd to them all, * In deede I [b] baptize you with water, but one stronger then I commeth, whose shoes latchet I am not worthy to vnlooce: he will baptize you with the holy Ghost, and [i] with fire.

17 * Whose fanne is in his hand, and he will make cleane his floore, and will gather the wheate into his garner, but the chaffe will hee burne vp with fire that never shall be quenched.

18 Thus then exhorting with many other things, he preached vnto the people.

19 * But when [k] Herode the Tetrarch was rebuked of him for Herodias his brother Philips wife, & for all the euils which Herode had done,

20 He added yet this aboue all, that he shut vp Iohn in prison.

21 * Now it came to passe, as all the people were baptized, and that Iesus was baptized & did pray, that the heauen was opened:

22 And the holy Ghost came downe in a bodily shape like a doue vpon him, and there was a voice from heauen, saying, Thou art my beloued Sonne: in thee I am well pleased.

23 ¶ And Iesus himselfe began to be about thirtie yeres of age, being as men supposed the sonne of [l] Ioseph, which was the sonne of Eli,

24 The sonne of Matthat, the sonne of Leui, the sonne of Melchi, the sonne of Janna, the sonne of Joseph.

25 The sonne of Mattathias, the sonne of Amos, the sonne of Naum, the sonne of Esli, the sonne of Nagge,

26 The sonne of Maath, the sonne of Mattathias, the sonne of Semei, the sonne of ‖ Joseph, the sonne of Juda,

27 The sonne of Joanna, the sonne of Rhesa, the sonne of Zorobabel, the sonne of Salathiel, the sonne of Neri,

28 The sonne of Melchi, the sonne of Addi, the sunne of Cosam, the sonne of Elmodam, the sonne of Er,

29 The sonne of ‖ Jose, the sonne of Eliezer, the sonne of Jorim, the sonne of ‖ Matthat, the sonne of Leui,

30 The sonne of Simeon, the sonne of Juda, the sonne of Joseph, the sonne of Jonan, the sonne of Eliacim,

31 The sonne of Melea, the sonne of ‖ Mainan, the sonne of Mattatha, the sonne of Nathan, the sonne of David,

32 The sonne of Jesse, the sonne of Obed, the sonne of Booz, the sonne of Salmon, the sonne of Naasson,

33 The sonne of Aminadab, the sonne of Aram, the sonne of Esrom, the sonne of Phares, the sonne of Juda,

34 The sonne of Jacob, the sonne of Isaac, the sonne of Abraham, the sonne of Thara, the sonne of Nachor,

35 The sonne of Sarueh, the sonne of Ragau, the sonne of Phalec, the sonne of Eber, the sonne of Sala,

36 The sonne of Cainan, the sonne of Arpharad, the sonne of Sem, the sonne of Noe, the sonne of Lamech,

37 The sonne of Mathusala, the sonne of Enoch, the sonne of Jared, the sonne of Maleleel, the sonne of Cainan,

38 The sonne of Enos, the sonne of Seth, the sonne of Adam, the sonne [m] of God.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Iesus is led into the wildernesse to be tempted.* 13 *He ouercommeth the deuill.* 14 *He goeth into Galile,* 16 *Preacheth in Nazaret, and Capernaum.* 32 *The Iewes dispose him* 38 *He commeth into Peters house, & healeth his mother in law.* 41 *The deuils acknowledge Christ* 43 *He preacheth throughout the cities.*

AND Iesus full of the holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the spirit into the wildernesse,

2 * And was there fortie dayes tempted of the deuill, and in those dayes [a] he did eate nothing: but when they were ended, he afterward was hungry.

3 Then the deuill sayd vnto him, If thou be the Sonne of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 But Iesus answered him, saying, It is written, * That man shall not liue by bread onely, but by euery [b] word of God.

5 Then the deuill tooke him vp into an high mountaine, and shewed him all the kingdomes of the world, in the twinckling of an eye.

6 And the deuill sayd vnto him, All this power will I * giue thee, and the glory of those kingdomes: for that is deliuered to me: and to whomsoeuer I will, I giue it:

7 If thou therefore wilt ‖ worship mee, they shall be all thine.

8 But Iesus answered him, and sayde, ‡ Hence from me, Satan: for it is written, * Thou shalt worship the Lord thy [c] God, and him alone shalt thou serue.

9 Then he brought him to [e] Jerusalem, and set him on a pinacle of the Temple, and said vnto him, If thou be the Sonne of God, cast thy selfe downe from hence,

10 For it is written, * That he will giue his Angels charge ouer thee to keepe thee,

11 And with their handes they shall lift thee vp, least at any time thou hoouldest dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, It is sayd, * Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the deuill had ended all the tentation, he departed fro him [f] for a season.

14 ¶ And Iesus returned by the power of the Spirit into Galile: and there went a fame of him throughout all the region round about.

[l] Or, Joseph.
[i] Or, Iesus.
[k] Or, Matthia.
[l] Or, Manna.

[m] Not that Adam was ‡ Sonne of God by generation, but by creation, in the which sence God also calleth himselfe Father, Deu. 32.6, 18, 19.

Matth. 3.11. marke 1.8. iohn 1.26. act. 1.5. and 2.4. and 11.16. and 19.4.

a This fast was miraculous, to confirme the Gospel, & ought no more of men to be followed then the other miracles that Christ did. Deut. 8 3. matth. 4.4.

b That is, by the ordinance, and prouidence of God.

‡ Greeke, in a moment of time.

c Satan confesseth that which he cannot gaine, thinking thereby that he might deceiue the more craftily: for he is but prince of the world by permission and hath his power limited.

‖ Or, fall downe before me.

‡ Greeke, go behind me.

Deut. 6.13. and 10.20.

d Christ sheweth that all creatures ought onely to worship & serue God.

e This declareth how hard it is to resist the tentations of Satan: for hee giueth not ouer for twise or thrise putting backe. Psal 91.11, 12. Deut. 6.16.

f It is not ynough, twise or thrise to resist Satan: for he neuer ceaseth to tempt: or if he relent a little, it is to the ende that hee may renew his force, and assaile vs more sharply.

15 For he taught in their Synagogues and was honoured of all men.

16 * And he came to Nazaret, where he had bene brought vp, and (as his custome was) went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stoode vp to reade.

17 And there was deliuered vnto him the booke of the Prophet Elias: and when he opened the booke, he found the place, where it was written,

18 * The Spirit of the Lord is vpon me, because he hath g anointed me, that I should preach the Gospel to the poore: he hath sent me, that I should heale the broken hearted, that I should preach deliuerance to the captiues, and recouering of sight to the blind, that I should set at libertie them that are bruised,

19 And that I should preach the h acceptable yeere of the Lord.

20 And hee closed the booke, and gaue it againe to the minister, and sate downe: and the eyes of all that were in the Synagogue were fastened on him.

21 Then hee beganne to say vnto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your eares.

22 And all i bare him witnesse, and wondered at the gracious words, which proceeded out of his mouth, and sayd, Is not this Ioseph's sonne?

23 Then he sayd vnto them, Ye will surely say vnto mee this prouerbe, Physition, k heale thy selfe: Whatsoeuer we haue heard done in Capernaum, doe it here likewise in thine owne countrey.

24 And he sayd, Verely I say vnto you, * No l Prophet is accepted in his owne countrey.

25 But I tell you of a trueth, many widowes were in Israel in the dayes of * Elias, when heauen was shut three yeeres and sixe monethes, when great famine was throughout all the land.

26 But vnto none of them was Elias sent, saue into Sarepta, a citie of Sidon, vnto m a certaine widowe.

27 Also many lepers were in Israel, in the time of * Eliseus the Prophet: yet none of them was made cleane, sauing Naaman the Syrian.

28 Then all that were in the Synagogue, when they heard it, were filled n with wrath,

29 And rose vp, and thrust him out of the citie, and led him vnto the edge of the hill, whereon their citie was built, to cast him downe headlong.

30 But hee passed o through the mids of them, and went his way,

31 ¶ * And came downe into Capernaum a citie of Galile, and their taught them on the Sabbath dayes.

32 * And they were astonied at his doctrine: for his word was p with authoritie.

33 And in the Synagogue there was a man which had a q spirit of an vncleane deuill, which cryed with a loud voyce,

34 Saying, Oh, what haue wee to doe with thee, thou Iesus of Nazaret? art thou come to destroy vs? I know who thou art, euen the holy one of God.

35 And Iesus rebuked him, saying, hold thy peace, and come out of him. Then the deuill throwing him in the middes of them, came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 So feare came on them all, and they spake among themselues, saying, What thing is this? for with authoritie and power he commandeth the foule spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him spread abroad throughout all the places of the countrey round about.

38 ¶ * And hee rose vp, and came out of the Synagogue, and entred into Simons house, and Simons wines mother was taken with a great feuer, and they required him for her.

39 Then he stood ouer her, and rebuked the feuer, and it left her: and immediatly she rose, and ministred vnto them.

40 Nowe when the sunne was downe, all they that had sicke folkes of diuers diseases, brought them vnto him, and he layd his handes on euery one of them, and healed them.

41 * And deuils also came out of many, crying, and saying, r Thou art the Christ, the Sonne of God: but hee rebuked them, and suffered them not to say that they knew him to be the Christ.

42 And when it was day, hee departed, and went forth into a desert place, and the people sought him, and came to him, and kept him, that he should not depart from them.

43 But hee sayd vnto them, Surely I must also preach the kingdome of God to other cities: for therefore am I sent.

44 And he preached in the Synagogues of Galile.

CHAP. V.

1 Christ preacheth out of the ship. 6 The great draught of fish. 10 Certaine Disciples are called. 12 He cleanseth the Leper. 18 He healeth the man of the palsie. 27 He calleth Matthew the customer. 30 Eateth with sinners. 34 And excuseth his, as touching fasting.

THen * it came to passe, as the people preased vpon him to heare the worde of God, that he stoode by the lake of Gennelaret,

2 And sawe two ships stand by the lake side, but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And * hee entred into one of the ships which was Simons, and required him that he would thrust off a little from the land: and he sate downe, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 ¶ Nowe when hee had left speaking, hee sayde vnto Simon, Launch out into the deepe, and let downe your nettes to make a draught.

5 Then Simon answered, and said vnto him, s Master, we haue trauelled all night, and haue taken nothing: neuertheless at thy t word I will let downe the net.

6 And when they had so done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, so that their net brake.

7 And they beckened to their partners, which

Matth. 13.54. marke 6.1. iohn 4.43.

Isa. 61.1.

g That is, endued with graces.

h He alludeth to the yere of Iubile, which is mentioned in § law, whereby this great deliuerance was figured.

i They approued and commended whatsoeuer he sayd.

k Bestow thy benefits vpon them, which appertaine more vnto thee.

Iohn 4.44.

l Their infidelitie stayed Christ from working miracles.

1. King. 17.9. iames 5.17.

m He sheweth by examples, that God oftimes preferreth the strangers to the of the household.

2. King. 5.14.

n Because they perceiued that the grace of God should be taken from them and giuen to others.

o And escaped miraculously out of their hands: for his houre was not yet come.

Matth. 4.13. marke 1.21. Matth. 7.29. marke 1.22.

p Full of dignitie, and maiestie, which touched the heart of the auditours, and caused them to beare reuerence to his words.

q That is, the motion of the deuil, or that was tormented with a very deuill.

Matth. 8.14. marke 1.30.

Marke 1.34.

r The deuils are constrained to confesse Christ to be the Sonne of God, and yet it doeth nothing auaile them, because it commeth not of faith.

Matth. 4.18. marke 1.16.

a To the intent that he might not be thronged of the preasse, and also that he might the better be heard.

b The word signifieth him that is made ruler ouer any thing.

c He sheweth his prompt obedience to Christs commandement.

which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. Who came, and filled both the ships, that they did sinke.

8 Now when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Iesus knees, saying, Lord, goe from me: for I am a sinfull man.

9 For he was vtterly astonied, and all that were with him, for the draught of fishes which they tooke.

10 And so was also Iames and Iohn the sonnes of Zebedeus, which were companions with Simon. Then Iesus sayd vnto Simon, Feare not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought the ships to land, they forsooke all and followed him.

12 ¶ And it came to passe, as he was in a certaine citie, behold, there was a man full of leprosie, and when he saw Iesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.

13 So he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will, be thou cleane. And immediately the leprosie departed from him.

14 And he commanded him that he should tell it no man: but goe, (saith he) and shew thy selfe to the Priest, and offer for thy cleansing, as Moses hath commanded, for a witnesse vnto them.

15 But so much more went there a fame abroad of him, and great multitudes came together to heare, and to be healed of him of their infirmities.

16 But he kept himselfe apart in the wildernesse, and prayed.

17 ¶ And it came to passe, on a certaine day, as hee was teaching, that the Pharises and doctours of the Lawe sate by, which were come out of euery towne of Galile, and Iudea, and Ierusalem, and the power of the Lord was in him to heale them.

18 And behold, men brought a man lying in a bed, which was taken with a palsie, and they sought meanes to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in, because of the presse, they went vp on the house, and let him downe through the tiling with his bed, and all, in the middes before Iesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he sayd vnto him, Man, thy sinnes are forgiuen thee.

21 Then the Scribes and the Pharises began to thinke, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgiue sinnes, but God onely?

22 But when Iesus perceiued their thoughts, he answered and said vnto them, What thinke you in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier to say, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee: or to say, Rise and walke?

24 But that ye may know that the Sonne of man hath authoritie to forgiue sinnes in earth, (he sayd vnto the sicke of the palsie) I say vnto thee, Arise: take vp thy bed, and go to thine house.

25 And immediately he rose vp before them, and tooke vp his bed wherein he lay, and departed to his owne house, praising God.

26 And they were all amazed, and praised God: and were filled with feare, saying, Doubtlesse we haue seene strange things to day.

27 ¶ And after that he went forth and saw a Publicane named Leui, sitting at the receipt of custome, and sayd vnto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose vp, and followed him.

29 Then Leui made him a great feast in his owne house, where there was a great company of Publicanes, and of other that sate at table with them.

30 But they that were Scribes & Pharises among them, murmured against his disciples, saying, Why eate ye and drinke ye with Publicanes and sinners?

31 Then Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, They that are whole, need not the Physician, but they that are sicke.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 ¶ Then they sayd vnto him, Why do the disciples of Iohn fast often, and pray, and the disciples of the Pharises also, but thine eat and drinke?

34 And he sayd vnto them, Can ye make the children of the wedding chamber to fast, as long as the bridegroome is with them?

35 But the dayes will come euen when the bridegroome shall be taken away from them: then shall they fast in those dayes.

36 Againe he spake also vnto them a parable, No man putteth a piece of a new garment into an old vesture: for then the new rendeth it, & the piece taken out of the new, agreeth not with the old.

37 And no man powreth new wine into old vessels: for then the new wine will breake the vessels, and it will runne out, and the vessels will perish.

38 But new wine must be powred into new vessels: so both are preserued.

39 Also no man that drinketh old wine, straightway desireth new, for he saith, The old is better.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Christ excuseth his disciples offence, and he owne, as touching the breach of the Sabbath.* 12 *After watching and prayer he electeth his Apostles.* 18 *Hee healeth and teacheth the people.* 20 *He sheweth who are blessed.* 27 *To loue our enemies.* 37 *Not to iudge rashly.* 41 *And to auoyde hypocrisie.*

AND it came to passe on the second Sabbath, after the first, that he went through the corne fields, and his disciples plucked the eares of corne, and did eat, and rub them in their hands.

2 And certaine of the Pharises sayd vnto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath dayes?

3 Then Iesus answered them, and sayd, Haue ye not read this, that Dauid did when hee himselfe was an hungrie, and

a They were so laden that they almost sunke.

e The feeling of Gods presence maketh afraid.

f He appointeth him to the office of an Apostle.

Matth. 8. 2. marke 1. 40.

g Hereby he shewed them that he would not transgresse the law, and that they should be inexcusable, who seeing the miracle wrought, would not beleeue Christ.

Leuit. 14. 4.

Matth. 9. 2. marke 2. 3.

h Christ toucheth the principall cause of all our euils.

i For although as his diuinity was sufficiently shewed by this miracle, he gaue them hereby to vnderstand that he had power to forgiue sinnes.

Or, obscure and expectation. Matth. 9. 9. marke 2. 14.

Or, Matthew.

1. Tim. 1. 15.

k Which seeme to be righteous, and yet are but hypocrites.

Matth. 9. 14. marke 2. 18.

‡ *Greeke, make prayers.*

l The friends and familiars of Christ: and here by Leuis Christ declareth that he will not burden his, before that he hath made them able to beare.

m Reade Matth. 9. 17.

n He admonisheth them not to trust too much to their owne sense or iudgement: nor, because they haue accustomed themselues to one thing, to condemne another which is better.

Matth. 12. 1. marke 2. 23.

a Those seuen which continued many dayes, as the Passeouer & the feast of Tabernacles, had two Sabbaths: the first day of the feast, and the last.

1. Sam. 21. 6.

they which were with him, hoot dun
4 How bee entred into the house of Gods, and tooke, and ate the shew bread, and gaue also to them that were with him, which may not lawfull to eate, but for the Priests onely?

5 And he said vnto them, The Sonne of man is Lord euen of the Sabbath day.

6 ¶ * It came to passe also on another Sabbath, that hee entred into the Synagogue and taught, and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the Scribes and Pharises watched him, whether hee would heale on the Sabbath day, that they might finde an accusation against him.

8 But hee knew their thoughtes, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Arise, and stand vp in the midst: And he arose and stood vp.

9 Then said Iesus vnto them, I will aske you a question, Whether is it lawfull on the Sabbath dayes to do good, or to do euil? to saue life, or to destroy it?

10 And hee beheld them all in compasse, and said vnto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he did so, and his hand was restored againe, as whole as the other.

11 Then they were filled full of madnesse, and communed one with another, what they might do to Iesus.

12 ¶ And it came to passe in those dayes, that hee went into a mountaine to pray, and spent the night in prayer to God.

13 * And when it was day, hee called his disciples, and of them hee chose * twelue, which also he called * Apostles.

14 (Simon whom he named also Peter, and Andrew his brother, Iames and Iohn, Philip, and Bartlemew:

15 Matthewe, and Thomas: Iames the sonne of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes:

16 Iudas Iames brother, and Iudas Iscariot, which also was the traitour.)

17 Then hee came downe with them, and stoode in a plaine place, with the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of al Iudea and Ierusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyrus and Sidon, which came to heare him, and to be healed of their diseases:

18 And they that were vexed with foule spirits, and they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went vertue out of him, and healed them all.

20 ¶ * And he lifted vp his eyes vpon his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye * poore: for yours is the kingdome of God.

21 * Blessed are ye that hunger nowe: for ye shalbe satisfied. Blessed are ye that * weepe now: for ye shall laugh.

22 * Blessed are yee when men hate you, and when * they separate you, and reuile you, and put out your name as euil, for the Sonne of mans sake.

23 Reioyce ye in that day, and be glad: for behold, your reward is great in heauen: for after this manner their fathers did to the Prophets.

24 * But woe be to you that are rich, for ye haue receiued your consolation.

25 * Woe be vnto you that are full: for ye shal hunger. Woe be to you that now laugh: for ye shall waile and weepe.

26 Woe be to you when all men speake well of you: for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 ¶ * But I say vnto you which heare, Loue your enemies: doe well to them which hate you:

28 Blesse them that curse you, and pray for them which hurt you.

29 * And vnto him that * smiteth thee on the one cheeke, offer also the other: and him that taketh away thy clothe, forbid not to take thy coate also.

30 * Giue to euery man that asketh of thee: and of him that taketh away thy goods, aske them not againe.

31 * And as ye would that men should do to you, so do ye to them likewise.

32 * For if yee loue them which loue you, what thanke shall ye haue? for euen the * sinners loue those which loue them.

33 And if you do good to them which do good to you, what thanke shall yee haue? for euen the sinners do the same.

34 * And if yee lend to them of whom ye hope to receiue, what thanke shall yee haue? for euen the sinners lend to sinners, to receiue the like.

35 Wherefore loue ye your enemies, * doe good, and lend, looking for nothing againe, and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of * the most High: for he is kind vnto the vnkind, and to the euill.

36 Be ye therefore mercifull, as your Father also is mercifull.

37 ¶ * Iudge not, and ye shall not be iudged: condemne not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgiue, and ye shalbe forgiuen.

38 Giue, and it shalbe giuen vnto you: * a good measure, pressed downe, shaken together, & running ouer shall men giue into your bosome: for with what measure ye mete, with the same shall men mete to you againe.

39 And hee spake a parable vnto them, * Can the blinde leade the blinde? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40 * The disciple is not aboue his master: but whosoeuer will bee a perfit disciple, shalbe as his master.

41 ¶ * And why * seest thou a mote in thy brothers eye, and considerest not the beame that is in thine owne eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou seest not the beame that is in thine owne eye? Hypocrite, cast out the beame out of thine owne eye first, and then shalt thou see perfectly, to pull out the mote that is in thy brothers eye.

43 ¶ * For it is not a good tree that bringeth forth euill fruit; neither an euill tree, that bringeth forth good fruit.

44 * For euery tree is knowen by his owne fruit: * for neither of thornes gather

Exod. 29.33. Leuit. 8.31. and 24.9.
b Hauing power to dispence with and qualifie the keeping of the Sabbath and other ceremonies. Matth. 12.9. marke 3.1.
‖ Or, a person. Matth. 10.1. mar. 3.13. & 6.7. chap. 9.1.
c According to the similitude of the twelue Patriarkes, of whom the Church of God is sprung.
d Ambassadours or messengers whom he had elected before, but now enioyneth them their charge.
‖ Or, Champion. Matth. 5.3.
e They that are humble and submit themselues willingly to obey God. Isa. 65.13. & 66.2. Matt. 5.11.
f He meaneth excommunication, which also he calleth putting out their names: S. Iohn calleth it casting out of the Synagogue, S. Paul, deliuering to Satan, which punishment as it is most terrible when it is iustly executed, so is it comfortable to the godly, when they are cast out of wicked mens company, as the Prophet declareth. Psal. 1.1.
g The word signifieth to leape for ioy, or to shew mirth by outward gesture.

Amos 6.1. eccles. 31.8.
h That put your trust in your riches, and forget the life to come. Isa 5.13, 14.
i Signifying them that liue at ease, and after the pleasures of the flesh.
k He reproueth ambition and vain glory, when as men go about by all meanes to get fauour and worldly pompe. Matth. 5.44. Matth. 5 39.
l Rather endure more iniury then reuenge your selues. 1. Cor. 6.7.
m Be not so carefull for the losse of thy goods, that thou shouldest be discouraged to serue God. Matth. 7.12. rom. 4.25. Matth. 5.48.
n They are commonly called sinners, which are of a wicked life, and without all feare of God. Matth. 5.42. deut. 15.8.
o Not onely not hoping for profit, but to lose the stocke and principall, for as much as Christ bindeth himselfe to repay the whole with a most liberall interest. Matth. 5.45. Matth. 7.1. Matth. 7.2. marke 4.24. Matth. 15.14. Matth. 10.24. iohn 13.16. and 15.20. Matth. 7.3.
p He reproueth the hypocrisie of such as make it their owne businesse to finde faults in their brethren.

faults, and yet are too curious to spie out the least blemish. Matth. 7. 17. Matth. 12.33. Matth. 7.18.

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q The name and title are nothing worthy vpon whom a man is sent of God, except in effect he shewe the same. *Matth. 3. 11. rom. 1. 1 3. iames 1. 22.*

r He speaketh not onely to the false prophets, but to all false pastors, hirelings and hypocrites.

meates, nor disdained gestes or their prayers.

45 Also I was one of the good treasures of his heart bringeth forth good: and an euil man out of the euil treasure of his heart bringeth worthy euill fruit: for of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaketh.

46 ¶ * But why call ye me r Master, Master, and doe not the things that I speake?

47 Whosoeuer commeth to me, and heareth my wordes, and doeth the same, I will shew you to whom he is like.

48 He is like a man which builte an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rocke: and when the waters arose, the flood beat vpon that house, & could not shake it: for it was grounded vpon a rocke.

49 But he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man, that builte an house vpo the earth without foundation, against which the flood did beat, and it fell by and by: and the ruine of that house was great.

CHAP. VII.

1 The healeth the seruant of a centurion. 11 He raiseth vp the widowes sonne of Naim to life. 19 He answereth the disciples whom Iohn Baptist sent vnto him. 24 He commendeth Iohn. 31 And reproueth the Iewes for their wayward iudgement. 36 He eateth with the Pharisie. 37 The woman washeth his feete with her teares, and he forgiueth her sinnes.

WHen* he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entred into Capernaum.

2 And a certaine a Centurions seruant was sicke and ready to die, which was deare vnto him.

3 And when he heard of Iesus, he sent vnto him the Elders of the Iewes, beseeching him that he would come and heale his seruant.

4 So they came to Iesus, and besought him instantly, saying that he was worthy that he should do this for him.

5 For he loueth our nation, and he hath built vs a b Synagogue.

6 Then Iesus went with them: but when he was now not farre from the house, the Centurion sent friendes to him, c saying vnto him, Lord, trouble not thy selfe: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter vnder my roofe.

7 Wherefore, I thought not my selfe worthy to come vnto thee: but say the word, and my seruant shall be whole.

8 For I am likewise a man set vnder authoritie, and haue vnder me souldiers, and I say vnto one, Goe, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he commeth: and to my seruant, Doe this, and he doeth it.

9 When Iesus heard these things, he marueiled at him, and turned him, and said to the people that followed him, I say vnto you, I haue not found so great faith, no not in Israel.

10 And when they that were sent, turned backe to the house, they found the seruant that was sicke, whole.

11 And it came to passe the day after, that he went into a citie called Naim, and many of his disciples went with him, and a great multitude.

12 Now when he came neere to the gate of the citie, behold, there was a dead man carried out, who was the only begotten sonne of his mother, which was a widowe, and much people of the citie was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said vnto her, Weepe not.

14 And he went and touched the e coffin, (and they that bare him, stood still) and he sayd, Young man, I say vnto thee, Arise.

15 And hee that was dead, sate vp, and began to speake, and he deliuered him to his mother.

16 Then there came a feare on them all, and they glorified God, saying, A great Prophet is raised vp among vs, and God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went foorth throughout all Iudea, and throughout all the region round about.

18 ¶ And the disciples of Iohn shewed him of all these things.

19 So Iohn called vnto him two certaine men of his disciples, and sent them to Iesus, saying, Art thou he that should come, or shall we wait for another?

20 And when the men were come vnto him, they said, Iohn Baptist hath sent vs vnto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come, or shall we wait for another?

21 And at that time he cured many of their sicknesses and plagues, and of euill spirites, and vnto many blinde men he gaue sight.

22 And Iesus answered and sayde vnto them, Go your waies and shew Iohn f what things ye haue seene and heard: that g blinde see, the halt goe, the f lepers are cleansed, the deafe heare, the dead rise again, & the poore receiue the Gospel.

23 And blessed is he, that shall not be h offended in me.

24 And when the messengers of Iohn were departed, hee began to speake vnto the people, of Iohn, What went ye out into the wildernesse to see? A reed shaken with the winde?

25 But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and liue delicately, are in kings courts.

26 But what went ye forth to see? A Prophet? yea, I say vnto you, and greater then a Prophet.

27 This is he of whome it is written, * Behold, I send my i messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say vnto you, there is no greater Prophet then Iohn, among them that are begotten of women: notwithstanding, he that is the least in the kingdom of God, is greater then he.

29 Then all the people that heard, & the Publicanes, iustified God, being baptized with the k baptisme of Iohn.

Matth. 8. 5.

a It might be that this captaine did lie with his garison in Capernaum.

b In building them a Temple for their assemblies he shewed his zeale to wards the true seruice of God.

c The friendes speake to Iesus in the capeaines name.

d Or, command by a word onely that it so be.

e He commendeth this heathe captaine because he assureth himselfe vpo Christs word alone.

f Which was a towne of Galile in the tribe of Issachar, not far from Tiberias.

Or, liars.

g Christ calleth those things that are not, as if they were, and giueth life to them that be dead.

h That is, to establish and restore them.

i To wit, the Messias, and redeemer.

k He declareth by the vertues & power that were in him, that he was the Christ.

l Such as feele their owne miseries and wretchednesse.

l Or, the Gospell is preached to the poore.

m That shal persuere and not shrinke back for any things that can come vnto them.

n Read Matth. 11. 7.

Mal 3. 1.

o Or, Angel.

p Or, borne.

o They praysed him as iust, faithfull, good and mercifull, so that the fruit of their baptisme appeared in them.

p This word comprehendeth the whole doctrine that Iohn taught.

30 For the Pharisees and the lawyers of the law despised the counsell of God against themselues, and were not baptized of him.

31 And the Lord said, Whereunto shall I liken the men of this generation? & what thing are they like vnto?

32 They are like vnto children sitting in the market place, and crying one to another, and saying: We haue piped vnto you, and ye haue not danced: we haue mourned to you, and ye haue not wept.

33 For Iohn Baptist came, neither eating bread, nor drinking wine: and ye say, He hath the deuill.

34 The Sonne of man is come, and eateth and drinketh: and ye say, Behold, a man which is a glutton, and a drinker of wine, a friend of Publicanes and sinners.

35 But wisdome is iustified of all her children.

36 ¶ And one of the Pharises desired him that he would eate with him: & he went into the Pharises house, and sate downe at table.

37 And beholde, a woman in the citie, which was a sinner, when she knew that Iesus sate at table in the Pharises house, she brought a box of oyntment,

38 And she stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feete with teares, and did wipe them with the haires of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the oyntment.

39 Now when the Pharise which bade him, saw it, he spake within himselfe, saying, If this man were a prophet, he would surely haue knowen who, and what manner of woman this is which toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Iesus answered, and said vnto him, Simon, I haue somewhat to say vnto thee. And he said, Master, say on.

41 There was a certaine lender which had two debters: the one ought fiue hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 When they had nothing to pay, hee forgaue them both. Which of them therefore, tell me, will loue him most?

43 Simon answered, and sayde, I suppose that hee, to whome hee forgaue most. And he saide vnto him, Thou hast truly iudged.

44 Then he turned to the woman, and said vnto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entred into thine house, and thou gauest me no water to my feete: but she hath washed my feete with teares, and wiped them with the haires of her head.

45 Thou gauest me no kisse: but she since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kisse my feete.

46 Mine head with oyle thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed my feete with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say vnto thee, Many sinnes are forgiuen her: for she loued much. To whom a little is forgiuen, he doeth loue a little.

48 And he said vnto her, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee.

49 And they that sate at table with him, began to say within themselues, Who is this that euen forgiueth sinnes?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saued thee, go in peace.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Christ with his Apostles goes from towne to towne, and preacheth.* 3 *Their sustenance.* 4 *The parable of the seede.* 21 *He teacheth who are his mother and his brother.* 24 *He stilleth the raging of the Sea.* 27 *He deliuereth the possessed.* 33 *The deuils enter into the herde of swine.* 41 *He healeth the sicke woman, and Iairus daughter.*

AND it came to passe afterward, that he himselfe went through euery citie & towne, preaching, and publishing the kingdome of God, and the twelue were with him.

2 And certaine women which were healed of euill spirits, and infirmities, as Mary which was called Magdalene, out of whom went seuen deuils,

3 And Ioanna the wife of Chuza, Herods Steward, and Susanna, and many other which ministred vnto him of their substance.

4 ¶ Now when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of all cities, he spake by a parable.

5 A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and it was troden vnder foote, and the foules of heauen deuoured it vp.

6 And some fell on the stone, and when it was sprung vp, it withered away, because it lacked moysture.

7 And some fell among thornes, and the thornes sprang vp with it, and choked it.

8 And some fell on good ground, & sprang vp and bare fruite, an hundred fold. And as he said these things, he cryed, He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

9 Then his disciples asked him, demanding what parable that was.

10 And he said, Vnto you it is giuen to know the secrets of the kingdom of God: but to other in parables, that when they see, they should not see, and when they heare, they should not vnderstand.

11 ¶ The parable is this; The seed is the word of God.

12 And they that are beside the way, are they that heare: afterwarde commeth the deuill, and taketh away the woorde out of their hearts, lest they should beleeue, and be saued.

13 But they that are on the stones, are they which when they haue heard, receiue the word with ioy: but they haue no roots, which for a while d beleeue, but in the time of tentation go away.

14 And that which fell among thornes, are they which haue heard, and ‡ after their departure are choked with cares, and with riches, & voluptuous liuing, and bring foorth no fruite.

15 But that which fell in good ground, are they which with an honest and good heart heare

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q Meaning, to their owne condemnation, or as some read, with themselues because they durst not openly speak against Iohns doctrine: for they feared the people. Mat. 21.26. *Matth.* 11.16.

r The songs of little children are sufficient to condemne the Pharises & such like.

s Liueth according to the fashion of other men.

t He sheweth that the wicked although they turne from God, shal nothing hinder the elect to continue in the faith of the Gospel. *Mar.* 14.3. *Mar.* 15.40. *Iohn.* 11.2.

u This great loue is a signe that she felt her selfe much bound vnto Christ who had forgiuen her so many sinnes.

but amend. p The peace of conscience commeth onely of faith.

Gospel. Sat. 29 Iune Sunday 1 Pet. 5 1 Cor. 15

25 Feriae 2 Lesson Mornii

Mar. 16.9. 25 June 2 Leg. mor.

a Whereby they acknowledged the benefit which they had receiued of him, and also shewed their perseuerance, which procured their knowledge to be of God, ‖ Or, to them. *Matth.* 13.3. *Mar.* 4.1,2.

22 Octob. 2 Lesson Morn.

b That is, to vnderstand, and beleeue these things.

c Which word is here taken for an obscure or darke saying. *Isa* 8.9. *mat.* 13.14. *mar.* 4.12. *iohn* 12.40. *act.* 28.26 *rom.* 11.8. *Matth.* 13.18. *mar.* 4.13.

d That is, acknowledge, and consent to the word, and also reuerence it.

e When they returne home to their affaires.

Chap. 11.33. mat. 5.15. mar. 4.21.

e Christ warneth his to doe good with their light, which they haue receiued, and so set it forth before all mens faces.

‖Or bed.

Chap 12.2. mat. 10.26. mar. 4.22. Mat. 14 12. and 25.29. mar. 4.25. chap 19.24.26.

g Both to himselfe, and to others.

Matth. 12.46. mar. 3.31.

‖Or, kinsefolkes.

h The spirituall kinred is to bee preferred to the carnall and naturall, forasmuch as thereby of many, we are made one, confessing together one God, one faith, and one baptisme, louing God aboue all things, and our neighbours as our selues.

Mat. 8.23. mar. 4.36.

i The word signifieth a deepe or sound sleepe.

Mat. 8.28. mar. 5.1.

k Satan is tormented where Christ is present.

‖Or, many a day agone.

l The word signifieth to be inforced with violence, as an horse when he is spurred.

m A legion, as writeth Vegetius, contained 6000. footemen, and 732 horsemen: but here it is taken for an vncertaine & infinite number.

n That is, so to depart that they could doe no harme: and this word Chap. 16.23. is called hell, where the deuils are chained in the obscuritie of darkenesse, 2. Pet. 2.4.

heare the word, and keepe it, and bring fruit with patience.

16 ¶ No man when he hath lighted a candle, couereth it vnder a vessell, neither putteth it vnder the ſ table, but setteth it on a candlestick, that they that enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be euident: neither any thing hid, that shall not be knowen, and come to light.

18 Take heede therefore how ye heare: for whosoeuer hath, to him shall be geuen: and whosoeuer hath not, from him shall be taken euen that which h it seemeth that he hath.

19 ¶ Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come neere to him for the preasse.

20 And it was told him by certaine which sayd, Thy mother and thy i brethren stand without, and would see thee.

21 But he answered, and sayd vnto them, My mother, and my brethren are i these which heare the word of God, and doe it.

22 ¶ And it came to passe on a certaine day, that he went into a shippe with his disciples, and he sayd vnto them, Let vs goe ouer vnto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 And as they sailed, he fell a sleepe, and there came downe a storme of winde on the lake, and they were filled with water, and were in ieopardie.

24 Then they went to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, Master, we perish. And he arose, and rebuke the winde, and the waues of water: and they ceased, and it was calme.

25 Then he said vnto them, Where is your faith? and they feared, and wondred among themselues, saying, Who is this that commandeth both the windes & water, and they obey him?

26 ¶ So they sailed vnto the region of the Gadarenes, which is ouer against Galile.

27 And as hee went out to land, there mette him a certaine man out of the citie, which had a deuill long time, and he wore no clothes, neither abode in house, but in the graues.

28 And when he saw Jesus, he cryed out, and fell downe before him, and with a loude voyce sayd, What haue I to doe with thee, Jesus the sonne of God, the most high? I beseech thee ᵏ torment me not.

29 For he commanded the foule spirit to come out of the man: (for ‖ oft times he had caught him: therefore he was bound with chaines, and kept in fetters: but he brake the bandes, and was caried of the deuill into wildernesses.)

30 Then Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, ˡ Legion, because many deuils are entred into him.

31 And they besought him, that he would not command them to go out into the ᵐ deep.

32 And there was there by, an herde of many swine, feeding on an hill, and the deuils besought him, that he would suffer them to enter into them. So he suffered them.

33 Then went the deuils out of the man, and entred into the swine: and the herd was caried with violence from a steepe downe place into the lake, and was choked.

34 When the herdemen saw what was done, they fled: and when they were departed, they told it in the citie and in the countrey.

35 Then they came out to see what was done, and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the deuils were departed, sitting at the feete of Jesus, clothed, and in his right minde, and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw it, told them by what meanes he that was possessed with the deuill was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the countrey about the Gadarenes, besought him, that her would depart from them: for they were taken with a great feare: and he went into the ship, and returned.

38 Then the man, out of whom the deuils were departed, besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 ᵖ Returne into thine owne house, and shew what great things God hath done to thee. So he went his way, and preached throughout all the ᵖ citie, what great things Jesus had done vnto him.

40 ¶ And it came to passe when Jesus was come againe, that the people receiued him: for they all waited for him.

41 ¶ And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was the ruler of the ᵠ Synagogue, who fell downe at Jesus feete, and besought him that he would come into his house.

42 For he had but a daughter onely, about twelue yeeres of age, and she lay a dying. (And as he went the people thronged him.

43 And a woman hauing an issue of blood, twelue yeeres long, which had spent all her substance vpon physitians, and could not be healed of any:

44 Came behind him, and touched the ʳ hemme of his garment, and immediately her issue of blood stanched.

45 Then Jesus said, Who is it that hath touched me? ˢ When euery man denyed, Peter said and they that were with him, Master, the multitude thrust thee, and presse on thee, and sayest thou, Who hath touched me?

46 And Jesus sayd, Some one hath touched me: for I perceiue that vertue is gone out of me.

47 When the woman saw that she was not hidde, she came trembling, and fell downe before him, and told him before all the people, for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediatly.

48 And he sayd vnto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy ᵗ faith hath made thee whole: goe in peace.

49 While he yet spake, there came one from

o Christ knew that he should better serue him being absent, then with him.

p This was his owne city called Gadara, which was in the countrey of Decapolis, and therefore Luke differeth not from Marke, who writeth that he preached in Decapolis.

Matth. 9.18. mark. 5.22.

q Of the congregation of the Iewes.

r Being assured of the vertue and power of Iesus Christ, and not attributing any vertue to the garment.

s Christ doth not impute vnto vs the weaknesse of our faith, but doth accept it as though it were perfite.

from the ruler of the Synagogues house, which rayseth him. The daughter is dead: vse no further trouble.

50 Which when Iesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Feare not: beleeue onely, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when hee came into the house, he suffered no man to go in with him, saue Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and the father and mother of the maide.

52 And all wept, and sorowed for her: but he said, Weepe not; for she is not *dead, but sleepeth.

53 And they laughed him to scorne, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he *thrust them all out, tooke her by the hand, and cryed, saying, Maide, arise.

55 And her spirit came againe, and she rose straightway: and he commanded to giue her meate.

56 Then her parents were astonied: but he commanded them that they should tell no man what was done.

CHAP. IX.

*2 He sendeth out the twelue Apostles to preach. 7 Herod inquireth of him. 10 He feedeth fiue thousand men with fiue loaues and two fishes. 18 Diuers opinions of Christ. 28 Hee maketh glorious his shape in the mount. 43 His Doctrine is not receiued. 47 He teacheth his disciples to be lowly. 54 They desire vengeance, but he reproueth them.

THen *called he the twelue disciples together, and gaue them power and authoritie ouer all deuils, and to heale diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach *the kingdome of God, and to cure the sicke.

3 And he said to them, *Take nothing to your iourney, neither staues, nor scrippe, neither bread, nor siluer, neither haue two coates.

4 And whatsoeuer house yee enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoeuer will not receiue you, when ye goe out of that citie, *shake off the very dust from your feete for a testimonie against them.

6 And they went out, and went through euery towne preaching the Gospel, and healing euery where.

7 *Now Herod the Tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he doubted, because that it was said of some, that Iohn was risen againe from the dead:

8 And of some, that Elias had appeared: and of some, that one of the olde Prophets was risen again.

9 Then Herod said, Iohn haue I beheaded: who then is this of whom I heare such things? *and he desired to see him.

10 ¶ *And when the Apostles returned, they told him what great things they had done. *Then he tooke them, and went aside into a desart place, *neere to the citie called Bethsaida.

11 But when the people knew it, they followed him: and he receiued them, and spake vnto them of the kingdome of God, and healed them that had need to be healed.

12 *And when the day began to weare away, the twelue came, and said vnto him, Send the people away, that they may goe to the townes and villages round about, and lodge and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

13 Then he said vnto them, *Giue yee them to eate. And they said, We haue no more but fiue loaues and two fishes, except we should goe and buy meate for all this people.

14 For they were about fiue thousand men. Then he said to his Disciples, Cause them to sit downe by companies, fifty and fifty.

15 And they did so, and caused all to sit downe.

16 Then he tooke the fiue loaues, and the two fishes, & looked vp to heauen, and *blessed them, and brake, & gaue to the disciples, to set before the people.

17 *So they did all eate, and were satisfied: and there was taken vp of that remained to them, twelue baskets full of broken meate.

18 ¶ *And it came to passe as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him, and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19 They answered, and said, Iohn Baptist: and others say, Elias: and some say, that one of the olde Prophets is risen againe.

20 And hee said vnto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answered, and said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly *commanded them, that they should tell that to no man,

22 Saying, *The Sonne of man must suffer many things, and be reiected of the Elders, and of the hie Priests and Scribes, and be slaine, and the third day rise againe.

23 ¶ *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him denie himselfe, and take vp his crosse daily, and follow me.

24 *For whosoeuer will saue his life, shall lose it: and whosoeuer shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall saue it.

25 For what aduantageth it a man, if he win the whole world, and destroy himselfe, or lose himselfe?

26 *For whosoeuer shalbe ashamed of me, and of my words, of him shall the Sonne of man be ashamed when he shall come in his glory, and in the glory of the Father, and of the holy Angels.

27 *And I tell you of a trueth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they haue seene the *kingdome of God.

28 *And it came to passe about an eight dayes after these words, that he tooke Peter and Iohn, and Iames, and went vp into a mountaine to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was changed, and his garment was white and glittered.

30 And behold, two men talked with him, which were Moses and Elias,

31 Which appeared in glory, and tolde of his departure, which he should accomplish at Ierusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him,

t Meaning, the ruler of the Synagogue.

u Although she was verily dead: yet to Christ it was more ease to restore her to life, then it is for one man to wake another out of his sleepe.

x He meaneth those which he found in the house.

Matt. 10.1. mar. 3.13. and 6.7. Luke 10.7, 8. marke 6.7.

a To the ende they might doe their charge with greater diligence when they had nothing to let them. *Or, rule.*

b He willeth them not to carry long, but to preach & to come to the same. *Acts 13.51. chap 10.11.*

c Which was a signe of detestation, and of the vengeance which was prepared for such contemners of Gods benefits: which are vnworthy that one should receiue any thing at their hands.

Matth. 14.1. marke 6.14. Matth. 16.14. Matth. 14.13. marke 6.31. Matt. 14.15. mark 6.35. iohn 6.5.

d Christ sicklieth not them that follow him, but sendeth them sufficient reliefe.

e Iohn saith, he gaue thanks, Iohn 6.11.

Matth. 16.13. marke 8.27.

f For he knew best his conuenient time which was appointed for him to be manifested in.

Matth. 17.22. marke 8.31. Chap. 24.27. mat. 16.28. and 17.1. marke 8.34

g For as one day followeth another, so doth one crosse follow in the necke of an other.

Chap. 17.33. mat. 10.39. and 16.25 marke 8.35.

Matth. 10.33. chap. 12.9. marke 8.38. 2. tim. 2.12.

Matth. 16.28. marke 9.1.

h Established and enlarged by the preaching of the Gospel.

Matth. 17.2. marke 9.2.

i That is, what time he should end and how he should die.

bids, we be afraid: but when they awoke, they saw his glory, and the two men standing with him.

33 And it came to passe as they departed from him, Peter sayd vnto Iesus, Master, it is good for vs to be here: let vs therefore make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moyses, and one for Elias, and wist not what he sayd.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and ouershadowed them: & they feared when they entred into the cloud.

35 And there came a voyce out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloued Sonne, heare him.

36 And when the voyce was past, Iesus was found alone: and they kept it close, and told no man in those dayes any of those things which they had seene.

37 ¶ And it came to passe on the next day, as they came downe from the mountaine, much people met him.

38 And behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, behold my sonne; for he is all that I haue.

39 And loe, a spirite taketh him, & suddenly he crieth, and he teareth him, that he foameth, and with much paine departeth from him, when he hath bruised him.

40 And I haue besought thy disciples to cast him out, but they could not.

41 Then Iesus answered, and sayd, O generation faithlesse and crooked, how long now shall I be with you, and suffer you? bring thy sonne hither.

42 And whiles he was yet comming, the deuill rent him, and tare him: and Iesus rebuked the vncleane spirit, & healed the child, and deliuered him to his father.

43 ¶ And they were all amazed at the mightie power of God. And while they all wondered at all things, which Iesus did, he sayd vnto his disciples,

44 Let these sayings sincke into your eares: for it shall come to passe, that the Sonne of man shall be deliuered into the hands of men.

45 But they vnderstood not this word: for it was hid from them, so that they could not perceiue it: and they feared to aske him of that word.

46 ¶ Then there arose a disputation among them, which of them should be the greatest.

47 When Iesus saw the thoughts of their hearts, he tooke a little childe, and set him by him,

48 And sayd vnto them, Whosoeuer receiueth this little childe in my Name, receiueth me: and whosoeuer shall receiue me, receiueth him that sent me: for he that is least among you, he shalbe great.

49 ¶ And Iohn answered, and sayd, Master, we saw one casting out deuils in thy Name, and we forbad him, because he followeth thee not with vs.

50 Then Iesus sayd vnto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against vs, is with vs.

51 ¶ And it came to passe, when the dayes were accomplished, that he should be receiued vp, he setled himselfe fully to go to Ierusalem,

52 And sent messengers before him: and they went and entred into a towne of the Samaritanes, to prepare him lodging.

53 But they would not receiue him, because his prouision was, as though he would goe to Ierusalem.

54 And when his disciples, Iames and Iohn, saw it, they sayd, Lord, wilt thou that we command that fire come downe from heauen, and consume them, euen as Elias did?

55 But Iesus turned about, and rebuked them, and sayd, Ye know not of what spirite ye are.

56 For the Sonne of man is not come to destroy mens liues, but to saue them. Then they went to another towne.

57 ¶ And it came to passe that as they went in the way, a certaine man sayd vnto him, I will follow thee, Lord, whithersoeuer thou goest.

58 And Iesus said vnto him, The foxes haue holes, and the birds of the heauen haue nests, but the Sonne of man hath not wherein to lay his head.

59 Then he said vnto another, Follow me. And the same said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 And Iesus sayd vnto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but goe thou & preach the kingdome of God.

61 Then another said, I will follow thee, Lord: but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at mine house.

62 And Iesus sayd vnto him, No man that putteth his hand to the plough, and looketh backe, is apt to the kingdome of God.

CHAP. X.

1 *He sendeth the seuenty before him to preach, and giueth them a charge how to behaue themselues.* 13 *He threatneth the obstinate.* 21 *His giuing thanks to his heauenly Father.* 25 *He answereth the Scribe that tempted him.* 33 *And by the example of the Samaritane sheweth who is a mans neighbour.* 38 *Martha receiueth the Lord into her house.* 40 *Mary is feruent in hearing his word.*

AFter these things, the Lord appointed other seuentie also, and sent them, two and two before him into euery citie & place, whither he himselfe should come.

2 And he sayd vnto them, The harueſt is great, but the labourers are few: pray therefore the Lord of the harueſt to send forth labourers into his harueſt.

3 Goe your wayes: behold, I send you forth as lambes among wolues.

4 Beare no bag, neither scrip, nor shoes, and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoeuer house ye enter,

k For otherwayes they had not bene able to comprehend his great maiesty. *Matth.* 3. 17. *marke* 1. 11.

l They concealed it till Christs resurrection, as Marke writeth.

Matth. 17. 14. *marke* 9. 17.

m Vnder the colour that his disciples could not heale the sicke man, he reproueth them which would haue diminished his authoritie.

Greeke, put these words into your eares.

n They were so blinded with this opinion that Christ should haue a temporal kingdome, that they would not vnderstand when he spake of his death.

Matth. 17. 22. *marke* 9. 30, 31.

Marke 9. 38.

o Forasmuch as he letteth vs not, and God is glorified by his occasion.

p Of his death, whereby he was exalted.

q Or, sea, or apparel: for they know he was a Iew, and as touching the Samaritanes opinion of the Temple, reade Ioh. 4. 20. also they hated the Iewes, because they differed from them in religion.

2. *Kings* 1. 10.

r He reproueth their rash and carnall affection, which were not led with Elias spirit.

Matth. 8. 19.

s We must not follow Christ for riches and commodities, but prepare our selues to pouerty, and to the crosse, by his example.

t That is, till he be dead, and it haue done my duety to him in burying him.

u We may not follow what seemeth best to vs, but onely Gods calling: and here by *others*, he meaneth them that are vnprofitable to serue God.

x To be hindered, or mangled with respect of any worldly commodity, or lay ado goe for with for any paine or trouble.

c Not that they should hurt you, but that you shal be preserued by my prouidence. 2. *King.* 4. 29. d Her willeth that they should dispatch this iourney with diligence, not occupying themselues about other duetics. *Matth.* 10. 12. *marke* 6. 10.

first.

e It was their manner of fathership, whereby they wished health and felicitie.

f Which toucheth the doctrine of peace and the Gospel.

Matth.10.14.15. mark.6.10. 2.Tim.5.18.

g He would not that they should tary long in one towne, neither yet be carefull to change their lodging.

h He bade not to receive nourishments of them, for whom you travell.

Matth.10.8. 1.Cor.9.5.11. and 12.6.

i God did presently send himself into you by his messengers, and would have reigned over you.

Matth.11.21.

k Which were the signes of repentance.

l The two benefits that God bestoweth upon men people, the more doth their ingratitude deserve to be punished.

Matth.10.40. John 13.20.

m The power of Satan is beaten downe by the preaching of the Gospel.

n He attributeth it to the free election of God, that wise & worldlings know not the Gospel, & yet the poore base people understand it.

o Christ is our onely meane to receive Gods mercy by.

p Therefore we must esteeme him as the Fathers voyce hath sounded, and not according to mans judgement.

q In whom we see God, as in his lively image. Matth.13.16.

first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the sonne of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: if not, it shall turne to you again.

7 And in that house tary still, eating and drinking such things as by them shall be set before you: for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Goe not from house to house.

8 But into whatsoever citie ye shall enter, if they receive you, eate such things as are set before you.

9 And heale the sicke that are therein, & say unto them, The kingdome of God is come neere unto you.

10 But into whatsoever citie ye shal enter, & they will not receive you, goe your wayes out into the streetes of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dusty which cleaveth on us of your citie, we wipe off against you: notwithstanding know this, that the kingdome of God was come neere unto you.

12 For I say to you, that it shall be easier in that day for them of Sodome, then for that citie.

13 Woe be to thee, Chorazin: woe be to thee, Bethsaida: for if the miracles had been done in Tyrus and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while agone repented, sitting in sackecloth and ashes.

14 Therefore it shall be easier for Tyrus, and Sidon at the iudgement, then for you.

15 And thou Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust downe to hell.

16 ¶ He that heareth you, heareth me: and he that despiseth you, despiseth me: and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

17 ¶ And the seventy turned againe with ioy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subdued to us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I saw Satan like lightning fall downe from heaven.

19 Beholde, I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shal hurt you.

20 Neverthelesse, in this reioyce not, that the spirits are subdued unto you: but rather reioyce, because your names are written in heaven.

21 ¶ That same houre reioyced Jesus in the Spirit, and said, I confesse unto thee, Father, Lorde of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidde these things from the wise and learned, and hast revealed them to babes: even so, Father, because it is pleasant before thee.

22 Then he turned to his disciples, and said, All things are given me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Father is, saue the Sonne, and he to whom the Sonne will reveale him.

23 ¶ And he returned to his disciples, and said secretly, Blessed are the eyes which see that ye see.

24 For I tell you that many Prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seene them: and to heare those things which ye heare, and have not heard them.

25 ¶ Then behold, a certaine expounder of the Law stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternall life?

26 And he said unto him, What is written in the Law? how readest thou?

27 And he answered, saying, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, and with all thy strength, and with all thy thought, and thy neighbour as thy selfe.

28 Then he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this doe, and thou shalt live.

29 But hee willing to iustifie himselfe, sayde unto Jesus, Who is then my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answered and said, A certaine man went downe from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among theeves, and they robbed him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him halfe dead.

31 And by chance there came downe a certaine Priest that same way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise also a Levite, when he was come neere to the place, went and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 Then a certaine Samaritane, as he iourneyed, came neere to him, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, and powred in oyle and wine, and put him on his owne beast, and brought him to an Inne, and made provision for him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, hee tooke out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come againe, I will recompense thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the theeves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, & doe thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to passe as they went, that he entred into a certaine towne, and a certaine woman named Martha, received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Marie, which also sate at Jesus feete, and heard his preaching.

40 But Martha was cumbred about much serving, and came to him, and said, Master, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she helpe me.

41 And Jesus answered, and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou carest and art troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needfull, Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

CHAP.

Matth.22.35. marke 12.28.

Deut.6.5.

Levit.19.18.

r For, to approve himselfe as iust.

s For they counted no man their neighbour, but their friend.

t For so it seemed to mans iudgement, although this was so appointed by Gods counsell and providence.

u He priuily noteth the great cruelty, which was among this people, & chiefly the gouernours.

v This nation was odious to the Iewes.

w Which was about nine pence of sterling money.

x Helpe him that hath needs of thee, although thou know him not.

y For she forgat the principall, which was to heare Gods word.

z It was not meete that she should have bene drawen from so profitable a thing, whereunto she could not alwayes have opportunitie.

CHAP. XI.

1 He teacheth his disciples to pray. 14 He driueth out a deuill, 15 And rebuketh the blasphemous Pharises. 28 He preferreth the spirituall consinage. 29 They require signes and tokens. 37 He eateth with the Pharise, and reproueth the hypocrisie of the Pharises, Scribes and hypocrites.

AND so it was, that as hee was praying in a certaine place, when he ceased, one of his disciples sayde vnto him, Master, teach vs to pray, as Iohn also taught his disciples.

2 *And he said vnto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdome come: Let thy will be done euen in earth as it is in heauen:

3 Our dayly bread giue vs a for the day:

4 And ‖forgiue vs our sinnes: for euen we forgiue euery man that is indebted to vs: And leade vs not into temptation: but deliuer vs from euill.

5 ¶ Moreouer he said vnto them, b Which of you shal haue a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say vnto him, Friend, lend me three loaues?

6 For a friend of mine is come out of the way to me, and I haue nothing to set before him?

7 And he within should answere and say, Trouble me not: the doore is now shut, and my children are with mee in bed: I cannot rise and giue them to thee.

8 I say vnto you, Though he would not arise, and giue him, because he is his friend, yet doubtlesse because of his ‖importunitie, he would rise, and giue him as many as he needed.

9 *And I say vnto you, Aske, and it shall be giuen you: seeke, and ye shall find: knocke, and it shall be opened vnto you.

10 For euery one that asketh, receiueth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

11 *If a sonne shall aske bread of any of you that is a father, will he giue him a stone? or if he aske a fish, will he for a fish giue him a serpent?

12 Or if he aske an egge, will he giue him a scorpion?

13 If yee then which are euill, can giue good gifts vnto your children, how much more shall your heauenly Father giue c the holy Ghost to them that desire him?

14 ¶ Then he cast out a deuill which was dumbe: and when the deuill was gone out, the dumbe spake, and the people wondered.

15 But some of them sayde, Hee casteth out deuils through Beelzebub the chiefe of the deuils.

16 And others tempted him, seeking of him a signe from heauen.

17 But he knew their thoughts, and said vnto them, *Euery kingdome diuided against it selfe, shall be desolate, and an house deuided against an house, falleth.

18 So if Satan also be diuided against himselfe, how shall his kingdome stand, because yee say that I cast out deuils through Beelzebub?

19 If I through Beelzebub cast out deuils, by whome doe your d children cast them out? Therefore shall they bee your iudges.

20 But if I by the e finger of God cast out deuils, doubtlesse the kingdome of God is come vnto you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his f palace, the things that he possesseth are in ‖peace.

22 But when a stronger then he commeth vpon him, and ouercommeth him, hee taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and diuideth his spoiles.

23 Hee that is not g with mee, is against mee: and hee that gathereth not with me, scatttereth.

24 *When the vncleane spirit is gone out of a man, hee walketh through dry places, seeking h rest: and when he findeth none, he saith, I will returne vnto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he commeth, hee findeth it swept and i garnished.

26 Then k goeth hee, and taketh to him l seuen other spirits, worse then himselfe: and they enter in & dwell there: *so the last state of that man is worst then the first.

27 ¶ And it came to passe, as hee sayde these things, a certaine woman of the company lifted vp her voyce, and sayd vnto him, Blessed is the wombe that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he sayd, m Yea, rather blessed are they that heare the worde of God, and keepe it.

29 ¶ *And when the people were gathered thicke together, hee began to say, This is a wicked generation: they seeke a signe, and there shall no signe be giuen them, but the signe of *Ionas the Prophet.

30 For as Ionas was a signe to the Niniuites, so shall also the sonne of man be to this generation.

31 *The Queene of the South shall rise in iudgement with the men of this generation, and shall condemne them: for she came from the vttmost parts of the earth to heare the wisedome of Salomon, and behold, a greater then Salomon is here.

32 The men of Niniue shal rise in iudgement with this generation, and shall condemne it: for they *repented at the preaching of Ionas: and behold, a greater then Ionas is here.

33 ¶ *No man lighteth a candle, and putteth it in a priuie place, neither vnder a bushell: but on a candlesticke, that they which come in, may see the light.

34 *‖The light of the body is the *eye: therefore when thine eye is * single, then is the whole body light: but if thine eye bee euill, then thy body is darke.

35 Take heede therefore, that the light which is in thee, be not darkenesse.

36 If therefore the whole body shall bee light, hauing no part darke, then shall all be

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3 Grand Lent Wed 29 Verse - 2 Whitsun Tuesday Sermon Matth. 6.9. Luke 11.2. Matth. 7.7. and 21.22. marke 11. 24. ioh. 14. 13. & 16. 23. iam. 1. 5. Matth. 7.9. 256 Collect Lesson Morn

a Or, euery day, or as much as is sufficient for this day.

‖Or, pardon.

b By this similitude he teacheth vs that we ought not to be discouraged, if wee obtaine not incontinently that which wee demaund.

‖Or, in passing by the way.

‖Or, impudencie.

c The chiefest thing that we can desire of God, is his holy Spirit.

Matth. 12. 25. mar. 3. 24, 25.

Ionas 1. 17. 1 King. 10. 1. 2 chron. 9. 1. Ionas 3. 5. 5. 15 marke 4. 21. Matth. 6. 22. ‖Or, candle. n guide and leade the body. o Without spot or vice.

d That is to say, your countrey.

e The finger of God is taken for the vertue and power of God. And the vertue of the Father and the Sonne is the holy Ghost: for so Matthew doth interpret this place.

f The word signifieth an entry or porch before an house.

‖Or, safetie.

g They that do not wholy apply themselues to destroy the kingdome of Satan, cannot be counted to be on Christs side, but are his aduersaries: how much more is he against him, that maketh open warre with him as Satan doth?

Matth. 12. 43.

h To the intent that he might worke according to his malicious nature.

i More apt to receiue him then it was afore.

k If by infidelity we turne backe from God, Satan hath greater power ouer vs then he had before.

l Hee meaneth an infinite number.

Heb. 6. 4. 2. pet. 2. 20.

m Christ gaue her a priuy taunt for that she omitted the chiefe praise which was due vnto him: that was, that they are blessed indeed to whom he communicateth himselfe by his word.

Matt. 12. 38, 39. Chap 8. 16. matt. Because it should

Matth. 23. 25.
p Christ here requireth two things: first, that we come truely by our meat and drinke: and next that we distribute part to ‖ poore: for charity is the perfection of the Law.
‖ Or, of that that you have.
q He would not breake the very least commandement before all things were accomplished: but taught them to stick to the chiefest, and not preferre the inferiour ceremonies which must quickely be abolished.
Chap. 20 46. mat. 23. 6. mar. 12. 38.
r Whose stinke and infection appeare not suddenly.
Acts 15. 10.
s Whereby you keepe in remembrance the execrable deeds of your fathers.
t You shew your selues as great hypocrytes as were your fathers, making men beleeue ye honour God, when ye dishonour him.
u They were more curious to builde their graues then to follow their doctrine.
‖ Or, cruelly expell them.
Gene. 4 8.
2. Chron. 24. 21.
x Because they were culpable of the same fault that their ancesters were.
y They hid and tooke away the pure doctrine, and the true understanding of the Scriptures.

be light, euen as when a candle doth light thee with the brightnesse.

37 ¶ And as he spake, a certaine Pharise besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sate downe at table.

38 And when the Pharise sawe it, he marueiled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 * And the Lord said to him, Indeede yee Pharises make cleane the outside of the cup and of the platter: but the inward part is full of rauening and wickednesse.

40 Yee fooles, did not he that made that which is without, make that which is within also?

41 Therefore geue almes of those things which are within, and behold, all things shal be cleane to you.

42 But woe be to you Pharises: for yee tithe the mint and the rewe, and all maner herbes, and passe ouer ‖ iudgement and the loue of God: these ought yee to haue done, and q not to haue left the other vndone.

43 * Woe be to you Pharises: for ye loue the vppermost seates in the Synagogues, & greetings in the markets.

44 Woe be to you Scribes and Pharises hypocrites: for ye are as graues which appeare not, & the men that walke ouer them, perceiue not.

45 ¶ Then answered one of the expounders of the Law, and said vnto him, Master, Thus saying thou puttest vs to rebuke also.

45 And he said, Woe be to you also, ye interpreters of the Lawe: for yee * lade men with burdens grieuous to be borne, and yee your selues touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe be to you: for ye r build the sepulchres of the Prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 s Truely ye beare witnesse, and allow the deedes of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye * build the sepulchres.

49 Therefore said the wisedome of God, I will send them Prophets and Apostles, and of them they shall slay and ‖ persecute,

50 That the blood of all the Prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation,

51 From the blood of Abel vnto the blood of Zacharias, which was slaine betweene the Altar and the Temple: verily I say vnto you, it shall be required of x this generation.

52 Woe be to you, interpreters of the Law: for yee haue y taken away the key of knowledge: ye entred not in your selues, and them that came in, ye forbade.

53 And as he said these things vnto them, the Scribes and Pharises began to vrge him sore, and to prouoke him to speake of many things,

54 Laying waite for him, and seeking to catch some thing of his mouth, wherewith they might accuse him.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Christ commandeth to auoid hypocrisie.* 4 *That we should not feare man but God.* 5 *To confesse his Name.* 10 *Blasphemy against the Spirit.* 14 *Not to passe our vocation.* 15 *Not to giue our selues to couetous care of this life.* 32 *but to righteousnesse, almes, watching, patience, wisedome, and concord.*

IN * the meane time, there gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, so that they trode one another: and he began to say vnto his disciples first, Take heed to your selues of the leauen of the Pharises, which is hypocrisie.

2 * For there is nothing couered, that shal not be reuealed: neither hid, that shall not be knowen.

3 Wherefore whatsoeuer ye haue spoken in darkenesse, it shall be heard in the light: and that which ye haue spoken in the eare, in secret places, shall bee preached on the a houles.

4 * And I say vnto you, my friends, Be not afrayd of them that kill the body, and after that are not able to doe any more.

5 But I will forewarne you, whom yee shall feare: feare him which after hee hath killed, hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say vnto you, him feare.

6 Are not fiue sparowes bought for two farthings, and yet not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 Yea, and all the haires of your head are numbred: feare not therefore: ye are more of value then many sparowes.

8 * Also I say vnto you, Whosoeuer shall confesse me before men, him shall the sonne of man confesse also before the Angels of God.

9 But he that shal denie me before men, shall be denied before the Angels of God.

10 And whosoeuer shall speake a worde against the sonne of man, it shall bee forgiuen him: but vnto him, that b shall blaspheme the holy Ghost, it shall not bee forgiuen.

11 * And when they shall bring you vnto the Synagogues, & vnto the rulers & princes, take no c thought how, or what thing ye shall answere, or what ye shall speake.

12 For the holy Ghost shall teach you in the same ‖ houre, what ye ought to say.

13 And one of the company sayde vnto him, Master, bid my brother diuide the inheritance with me.

14 And hee sayd vnto him, Man, who made me a d iudge, or a diuider ouer you?

15 Wherefore hee sayd vnto them, Take heede and beware of couetousnesse: e for though a man haue abundance, yet his life standeth not in his riches.

16 And he put forth a parable vnto them, saying, The ‖ ground of a certaine rich man brought forth fruits plenteously.

17 Therefore he thought with himselfe, saying, What shall I doe, because I haue no roume where I may lay vp my fruits.

18 And he sayd, This will I doe, I will pull downe my barnes, and build greater, and therein will I gather all my fruits, and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soule, Soule, * thou hast much goods layed vp for many yeeres, liue at ease, eate, drinke, and take thy pastime.

20 But

30 Iune 2 Lesson morning

Matt. 16. 5, 6, marke 8. 14.
26 Octo. 1 Lesson morning
Matth. 10. 26. marke 4. 22.
a Openly that all men may heare. Matth. 10. 28.
Chap. 9. 26. matt. 10. 32. marke 8. 38. 2. tim. 1. 12.
b He that shall resist against the word of God purposely, and against his conscience. Matth. 10. 19. marke 13. 11.
c Bee not so doubtfull that you should bee discouraged or distrust.
‖ Or, moment.
d Christ chiefly came to be iudged, and not to iudge: notwithstanding he willeth the Christians to be iudges and decide controuersies betwixt their brethren, 1. Cor. 6. 1.
e Christ condemneth the arrogancy of the rich worldlings, who as though they had God locked vp in their cofers and barnes, set their whole felicitie in their goods, not considering that God gaue him life, and also can take it away when he will.
‖ Or, countrey. Eccles. 11. 19.

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20 But God sayd vnto him, O foole, this night will they fetch away thy soule from thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast prouided?

21 So is he that gathereth riches to himselfe, and is not rich in [f] God.

22 And he spake vnto his disciples, Therefore I say vnto you, * Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eate: neither for your body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more then meate: and the body more then the raiment.

24 [g] Consider the rauens: for they neither sowe nor reape: which neither haue storehouse nor barne, and yet God feedeth them: how much more are ye better then fowles?

25 And which of you [h] taking thought, can adde to his stature one cubite?

26 If yee then be not able to do the least thing, why take ye thought for the remnant?

27 [h] Consider the lilies how they grow: they labour not, neither spinne they: yet I say vnto you, that Salomon himselfe in all his royaltie was not clothed like one of these.

28 If then GOD so clothe the grasse which is to day in the fielde, and to morrow is cast into the ouen, how much more will he clothe you, O ye of litle faith?

29 Therefore aske not what ye shall eate, or what yee shall drinke, neither [i] stand in doubt.

30 For all such things the people of the world seeke for: and your Father knoweth that ye haue neede of these things.

31 But rather seeke yee after the kingdome of God, [i] and all these things shall be ministred vnto you.

32 Feare not, litle flocke: for it is your fathers pleasure, to giue you the [k] kingdome.

33 ¶ * Sell that ye haue, and giue almes: make you bagges, which waxe not olde, a treasure that can neuer faile in heauen, where no theefe commeth, neither mothe corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your hearts be also.

35 ¶ * Let your loynes be [l] girded about, and your lights burning,

36 And yee your selues like vnto men that waite for their master, when hee will returne from the wedding, that when hee commeth and knocketh, they may open vnto him immediatly.

37 Blessed are those seruants, whom the Lord when he commeth, shall finde waking: verely I say vnto you, hee will [m] girde himselfe about, and make them to sit downe at table, and will come forth, and serue them.

38 And if hee come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and shall finde them so, blessed are those seruants.

39 * Nowe vnderstand this, that if the good man of the house had knowen at what houre the theefe would haue come, he would haue watched, and would not haue suffered his house to be digged through.

40 Be ye also prepared therefore: for the Sonne of man will come at an houre when ye thinke not.

41 Then Peter sayd vnto him, Master, tellest thou this parable vnto vs, or euen to all?

42 And the Lord sayd, Who is a faithful stewarde and wise, whom the master shall make ruler ouer his houshold, to giue them their portion of meate in season?

43 Blessed is that seruant, whom his master when he commeth, shall finde so doing.

44 Of a trueth I say vnto you, that he will make him ruler ouer all that he hath.

45 But if that seruant say in his heart, My Master doeth defer his comming, and shall begin to smite the seruants, and maydens, and to eat and drinke, [n] to be drunken,

46 The master of that seruant will come in a day when hee thinketh not, and at an houre when he is not ware of, and will cut him off, and giue him his portion with the vnbelieuers.

47 ¶ And that seruant that knew his masters will, and prepared not himselfe neither did according to his will, shalbe beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew it not, and yet did commit things [o] worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes: for vnto whomsoeuer [p] much is giuen, of him shall hee much required, and to whom men much commit, the more of him will they aske.

49 ¶ I am come to put fire on the earth, and what is my desire, if it bee [q] already kindled?

50 Notwithstanding I must be [r] baptized with a baptisme, and how am I grieued, till it be ended?

51 * Thinke ye that I am come to giue peace on earth? I tell you, nay, but rather debate.

52 For from henceforth those shall be fiue in one house diuided, three against two, and two against three.

53 The father shall bee diuided against the sonne, and the sonne against the father: the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother: the mother in lawe against her daughter in lawe, and the daughter in lawe against her mother in lawe.

54 ¶ * Then said he to the people, When you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway yee say, A showre commeth: and so it is.

55 And when yee see the South winde blow, ye say, that it will be hote: and it commeth to passe.

56 Hypocrites, yee can discerne the face of the earth, and of the skie: but why discerne ye not this time?

57 Yea, and why iudge you not of your selues what is right?

58 ¶ * While thou goest with thine aduersary to the ruler, as thou art in the way, giue diligence in the way, that thou mayest bee [s] deliuered from him, least hee bring thee to the iudge, and the iudge deliuer thee to the layler, and the layler cast thee into prison.

59 I tel thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast payed the vtmost mite.

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[f] To depend only on his prouidence, knowing that hee hath ynough for all. *Matth.* 6. 25. 1 *Pet.* 5. 7. *Psal.* 55. 22.

[g] He exhorteth vs to cast our care on God, and to submit our selues to his prouidence.

[h] The liberalitie of God, which shineth in the herbs & flowres, surmounteth all that man can do by his riches or force.

[i] *Or, make discourse in the ayre.*

[i] Which are but accessaries, and are common as well to the wicked men as to the godly.

[k] Which is the chiefest thing that cā be giuen, and therfore you cannot want those things which are of lesse importance. *Matth.* 6 20. 1 *Pet.* 1. 13.

[l] Be in a readinesse to execute the charge which is committed vnto you.

[m] Because they did vse long garments, the maner was to girde or trusse them vp when they went about any businesse. *Matth.* 24. 43. *etc.* 16, 15.

[n] The portion of seruants euery moneth was foure pecks of corne, as Donatus writeth in Phormio.

[o] Therefore ignorance is excusable.

[p] To whom God hath giuen many graces.

[q] Thy Gospel is as a burning fire most vehement: which maketh a change of things through all the world.

[r] If there be great troubles and alterations vpon the earth, which things come not by the propertie of the Gospel, but through the wickednesse of man.

[s] He compareth his death to baptisme. *Matth.* 20. 34. *Matth.* 16. 21.

Matth. 5. 25.

[t] Though it be to thy losse and hindrance.

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CHAP. XIII.

1 The malice of Pilate. 2 We ought not to condemne all to bee wicked men which suffer. 3 Christ exhorteth to repentance. 11 Hee healeth the crooked woman, 15 answereth to the master of the Synagogue. 18 By diuers similitudes he declareth what the kingdome of God is, 23 also that the number of them which shalbe saued, is small. 33 Finally he sheweth that no worldly policie or force can let the worke and counsell of God.

THere were certaine men present at the same season, that shewed him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had [a] mingled with their owne sacrifices.

2 And Iesus answered, and sayde vnto them, Suppose yee, that these Galileans were [b] greater sinners then all the other Galileans, because they haue suffered such things?

3 I tell you, nay: but except [c] ye amend your liues, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or thinke you that those eighteene, vpon whom the towre in [d] Siloam fell, and slew them, were ‖ sinners aboue all men that dwell in Ierusalem?

5 I tell you, nay: but except ye amend your liues, ye all shall likewise perish.

6 ¶ He spake also this parable, A certaine man had a figge tree planted in his vineyard: and he came and sought fruite thereon, and found none.

7 Then sayd he to the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, [e] this three yeeres haue I come and sought fruite of this fig tree, and finde none: [f] cut it downe: why keepeth it ‖ the ground barren?

8 And he answered, and sayd vnto him, Lorde, let it alone this yeere also, till I dig round about it, and doung it.

9 And if it beare fruite, well: if not, then after thou shalt cut it downe.

10 ¶ And he taught in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath day.

11 And beholde, there was a woman which had a [h] spirite of infirmitie eighteene yeeres, and was [i] bowed together, and could not lift vp her selfe in any wise.

12 When Iesus saw her, he called her to him, and sayd to her, Woman, thou art ‖ loosed from thy disease.

13 And hee layde his handes on her, and immediately shee was made straight againe, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the Synagogue answered with indignation, because that Iesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and sayde vnto the people, There are sixe dayes in which men ought to worke: in them therefore come & be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

15 Then answered him the Lorde, and sayde, Hypocrite, doeth not eche one of you on the Sabbath day loose his ore or his asse from the stall, and leade him away to the water?

16 And ought not this daughter of Abraham whom Satan had bound, lo, eighteene yeeres, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?

17 And when he said these things, all his aduersaries were ashamed: but all the people reioyced at all the excellent things that were done by him.

18 ¶ Then said he, What is the [k] kingdome of God like? or whereto shall I compare it?

19 It is like a graine of mustard seede which a man tooke and sowed in his garden, and it grew, and waxed a great tree, and the foules of the heauen made nestes in the branches thereof.

20 ¶ And againe he saide, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdome of God?

21 It is like leauen, which a woman tooke and hid in three peckes of flour, till all was leauened.

22 ¶ And hee went through all cities and townes, teaching, and iourneying towards Ierusalem.

23 Then sayde one vnto him, Lorde, are there few that shall be saued? And he said vnto them,

24 [l] Striue to enter in at the straite gate: for many, I say vnto you, will seeke to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When the good man of the house is risen vp, and hath shut to the doore, and ye begin to stand without, and to knocke at the doore, saying, Lord, Lord, open to vs, and he shall answere and say vnto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 [m] Then shall ye begin to say, We haue eaten and dronken in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streetes.

27 But hee shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are: [n] depart from mee, all yee workers of iniquitie.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when yee shall see Abraham & Isaac and Iacob, and all the Prophets in the kingdome of God, and your selues thrust out at doores.

29 Then shal come many from the [o] East, and from the West, and from the North, & from the South, and shall sit at table in the kingdome of God.

30 [p] And beholde, [q] there are last, which shall be first: and there are first, which shall be last.

31 The same day there came certaine Pharises, and said vnto him, Depart and go hence: for Herode will kill thee.

32 Then sayd he vnto them, Go ye & tell that fox, Beholde, I [r] cast out deuils, and will heale still & to day, and to morrow, and the third day I shalbe ‖ perfected.

33 Neuertheless I must walke to day, & to morrow, and the day following: for it can not be, that a Prophet [s] should perish out of Ierusalem.

34 [t] O Ierusalem, Ierusalem, which killest the Prophets, and stonest them that are sent to thee, howe often would I haue gathered thy children together, as the hen gathereth her brood vnder her wings, and ye would not!

35 Beholde, your [u] house is left vnto you

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a He murthered them as they were sacrificing: & so their blood was mingled with ‖ blood of the beasts which were sacrificed.

b For the Iewes tooke occasion hereby to condemne them, as most wicked men.

c He warneth them, rather to consider their owne estate, then to reproue other mens.

d Which tower stood by the riuer Siloe or fish poole in Ierusalem.

‖ *Or, debtors.*

e By this similitude is declared the great patience that God vseth towards sinners in looking for their amendement: but this delay auayleth them nothing, when they still remaine in their corruption.

f We see our state, if we bring not forth fruite.

g For both it is vnfruitfull it selfe and doth hurt to ‖ ground where it groweth.

h Whom Satan had striken with a disease, as the spirit of couetousnesse is that spirite, that maketh a man couetous.

i As they are, whose sinewes are shrunke.

‖ *Or, set at liberty out of Satans bands.*

Matth.13.31. marke 4.31.

k By these similitudes he sheweth the increase whereby God augmenteth his kingdome contrary to all mens opinions.

Matth.9.35. marke 6.6. Matth.7.13.

l We must indeuour, and cut off all impediments which may let vs.

m He warneth the Iewes, that the y deprive not themselues by their own negligence, of that saluation, which was offered vnto them.

Psal.6.8. mat.7.23. and 25.41.

n The people which then were strangers.

Matth.19.30, & 20.16. marke.10.31.

o Christ cutteth off the vaine confidence of the Iewes, who gloried in that, that God had chosen them for his people: yet they obeyed him not according to his word.

p Neither the enuy of the Pharises, who would haue him put in feare of Herode, nor yet any policie of man could stay him from that office which God had enioyned him.

q Meaning, a little while.

r By Christes death we are made perfect for euer.

‖ *Or, make an end.*

s He noteth their malice, which by all meanes sought his death more then did the tyrant of whom they willed him to beware. *Matth 23.37.* t Christ forewarneth them of the destruction of the Temple, and of their whole policie.

u When your owne conscience shall reproove you, and cause you to confesse that which ye now denie, which shalbe when you shall see me in my maiestie.

desolate: 2 verily I tel you, ye shal not see me vntil the time come that ye shal say, a Blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Iesus eateth with the Pharisie, 4 Healeth the dropsie vpon the Sabbath, 8 Teacheth to bee lowly, and to bid the poore to our table. 15 Hee telleth of the great Supper. 28 He warneth them that will follow him, to lay their accounts before, what it will cost them. 34 The salt of the earth.

AND it came to passe, that when he was entred into the house of one of the chiefe Pharises on a Sabbath day, to eate bread, they watched him.

2 And behold, there was a certaine man before him, which had the dropsie.

3 Then Iesus answering, spake vnto the expounders of the Law, and Pharises, saying, Is it lawfull to heale on the Sabbath day?

4 And they held their peace. Then hee tooke him, and healed him, and let him goe,

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall haue an asse, or an oxe fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?

6 And they could not answere him againe to those things.

7 ¶ He spake also a parable to the ghests, when hee marked how they chose out the chiefe roomes, and sayd vnto them,

8 b When thou shalt bee bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not thy selfe downe in the chiefest place, lest a more honourable man then thou, be bidden of him,

9 And hee that bade both him and thee, come, and say to thee, Giue this man roome, and thou then begin with shame to take the lowest roome.

10 * But when thou art bidden, goe, and sit downe in the lowest roome, that when he that bade thee, commeth, hee may say vnto thee, Friend, sit vp higher: then shalt thou haue worship in the presence of them that sit at table with thee.

11 * For whosoeuer exalteth himselfe, shal be brought low, and he that humbleth himselfe, shall be exalted.

12 ¶ Then c said he also to him that had bidden him, * When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours, lest they also bid thee againe, and a recompense be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poore, the maimed, the lame, and the blind,

14 And thou shalt bee blessed, because they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt bee recompensed at the resurrection of the iust.

15 ¶ Now when one of them that sate at table, heard these things, hee sayd vnto him, Blessed is hee that eateth bread in the kingdome of God.

16 Then sayde he to him, * d A certaine man made a great supper, and bade many,

17 And sent his seruant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready.

18 * But they all with one minde began to make excuse: The first sayde vnto him, I haue bought a farme, and I must needes go out and see it: I pray thee haue mee excused.

19 And another sayd, I haue bought fiue yoke of oxen, and I goe to proue them: I pray thee haue mee excused.

20 And an other sayd, I haue married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that seruant returned, and shewed his master these things. Then was the good man of the house angry, and sayd to his seruant, * Goe out quickly into the places and streetes of the citie and bring in hither the poore, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blinde.

22 And the seruant sayd, Lord, it is done as thou hast commaunded, and yet there is roome.

23 Then the master sayde to the seruant, Goe out into the e hie wayes, and hedges, and f compell them to come in, that mine house may be filled.

24 For I say vnto you, that none of those men which were bidden, shall taste of my supper.

25 Now there went great multitudes with him, and hee turned and sayde vnto them,

26 * If any man come to mee, and g hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren and sisters, yea, and his owne life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 * And whosoeuer beareth not his crosse, and commeth after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you minding to build a tower, sitteth not downe before, and h counteth the cost, whether hee haue sufficient to perfourne it,

29 Lest that after he hath layed the foundation, and is not able to perfourne it, all that behold it, begin to mocke him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to make an end?

31 Or what king going to make warre against another king, sitteth not downe first and taketh counsell, whether he be able with tenne thousand, to meete him that commeth against him with twentie thousand?

32 Or else while he is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoeuer hee be of you that i forsaketh not all that he hath, hee can not be my disciple.

34 * Salt is good: k but if salt haue lost his sauour, wherewith shall it be i salted?

35 It is neither meete for the land, nor yet for the dunghill, but men cast it out. He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Pharises murmure because Christ receiueth sinners. 4 The louing mercy of God is opened in the first forth in the parable of the hundreth sheepe. 7 Ioy in heauen for one sinner. 12 Of the prodigall sonne.

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Prou. 25.7. Chap. 18.14. matth 23.12.

b Christ reprehendeth onely the blinde affection of man, which regardeth nothing but a worldly recompense.

Prou 3.9,27,28 & 6.4.7. Matth. 22.2. reuel. 19.9.

c He casteth the Iewes in the teeth with their ingratitude, whichwould not care of those holie meates of Gods worde which was prefixed vnto the, and whereunto they were bid a long time before

d Here is signified the calling of the Gentiles.

e God wil rather receiue al the rascall people of the world to his banquet, then them which are vnthankfull.

f This compulsion commeth of the sealing of the power of Gods word, after that his words hath bene preached. *Matth. 10.37. and 16.24.*

g That is, he that casteth not off all affections & desires which drawe vs from Christ. *Chap. 9.23. matt. 16.24. mar. 8.34.*

h He that will professe the Gospel, must diligently consider what his profession requireth, and not rashly take in hand to greate an enterprise, neither yet when he hath taken it in hand, in any case forsake it.

i He that is not perswaded to leaue all at euery houre to bestowe himselfe frankly in Gods service. *Matth. 3.13. marke 9.50.*

k If they that should season others, haue lost it themselues, where should a man recouer it?

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THen resorted vnto him all the Publicanes and sinners, to heare him.

2 Wherefore the Pharisies and Scribes murmured, saying, He receiued sinners, and eateth with them.

3 Then spake hee this parable to them, saying,

4 * What man of you hauing an hundreth sheepe, if he lose one of them, doeth not leaue ninetie and nine in the wildernesse, and goe after that which is lost, vntill hee finde it?

5 And when hee hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders with ioy.

6 And when he commeth home, hee calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying vnto them, Reioyce with mee: for I haue found my sheepe which was lost.

7 I say vnto you, that likewise ioy shall be in heauen for one sinner that conuerteth, more then for ninetie and nine * iust men, which needs none amendment of life.

8 Either what woman hauing tenne * peeces of siluer, if shee loose one peece, doeth not light a candle, and sweepe the house, and seeke diligently till she finde it?

9 And when she hath found it, shee calleth her friendes, and neighbours, saying, Reioyce with me: for I haue found the peece which I had lost.

10 Likewise I say vnto you, there is ioy in the presence of the Angels of God, for one sinner that conuerteth.

11 ¶ He sayd moreouer, A certaine man had two sonnes.

12 And the younger of them sayde to his father, Father, giue me the * portion of the goods that falleth to me. So he diuided vnto them his substance.

13 So not long after, when the younger sonne had gathered all together, hee tooke his iourney into a farre countrey, and there he wasted his goods with * riotous liuing.

14 Now when hee had spent all, there arose a great dearth throughout that land, and he began to be in necessitie.

15 Then he went and claue to a citizen of that countrey, and hee sent him to his farme, to feede swine.

16 And hee would faine haue filled his belly with the huskes, that the swine ate: * but no man gaue them him.

17 Then he came to himselfe, and sayd, Howe many hyred seruantes at my father's haue bread ynough, and I die for hunger?

18 I will rise and goe to my father, and say vnto him, Father, I haue sinned against * heauen, and before thee,

19 And I am no more worthy to be called thy sonne: make me as one of thy hyred seruants.

20 So hee arose, and came to his father and when he was yet * a great way off, his father sawe him, and had compassion, and ranne and fell on his necke, and kissed him.

21 And the sonne sayde vnto him, * Father, I haue sinned against heauen, and before thee, and am no more worthy to bee called thy sonne.

22 Then the father sayd to his seruants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feete,

23 And bring the fat calfe, and kill him, and let vs eate and be merry.

24 For this my sonne was dead, and is aliue againe: and hee was lost, but hee is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now the * elder brother was in the fielde, and when hee came and drew neere to the house, he heard melodie, and dauncing,

26 And called one of his seruants, and asked what those things meant.

27 And he sayd vnto him, Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed the fatted calfe, because he hath receiued him safe and sound.

28 Then he was angrie, and would not goe in: therefore came his father out and intreated him.

29 But he answered and sayde to his father, Loe, these many yeeres haue I done thee seruice, neither brake I at any time thy commandement, and yet thou neuer gauest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends.

30 But when this thy sonne was come, which hath deuoured thy goods with harlots, thou hast for his sake killed the fatte calfe.

31 And he sayd vnto him, * Sonne, thou art euer with mee, and all that I haue, is thine.

32 It was meete that wee should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is aliue againe; and he was lost, but he is found.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Christ exhorteth vs to wisedome and liberalitie by the example of the steward.* 13 *None can serue two masters.* 14 *He reproueth the couetousnes and hypocrisie of the Pharisies.* 16 *Of the end and force of the Law.* 18 *The holy state of marriage.* 19 *Of the rich man, and Lazarus.*

AND hee sayde also vnto his disciples, * There was a certaine rich man, which had a steward, and hee was accused vnto him, that he wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and sayd vnto him, How is it that I heare this of thee? Giue an accounts of thy stewardship: for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward sayde within himselfe, What shall I doe? for my master will take away from mee the stewardship. I can not dig, and to beg I am ashamed.

4 I know what I will doe, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receiue me into their houses.

5 Then called hee euery one of his masters debters, and sayd vnto the first, How much owest thou vnto my master?

6 And hee sayd, An hundreth measures of oyle. And he sayd to him, Take thy writing, and sit downe quickely, and write fiftie.

7 Then sayd he to another, How much owest thou? And hee sayde, An hundreth measures

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a Which iustifie themselues, and know not their owne faults

b The word is, *dipondius*, which is somewhat more in value then sixpence of old sterling money, and was equal with a Romane penie.

c This declareth that we ought not to desire to haue our portion separate from God, except we will loose all.

d The Greeke word signifieth so to waste all, that a man reserueth nothing to himselfe.

e For no man had pitie vpon him.

f That is, against God.

g God preuenteth vs and heareth our groninges before we cry to him.

h He was touched with the feeling of his sinne, and therefore was ashamed thereof, and heauie in heart.

i God reproueth the enuie of such as grudge when God receiueth sinners to mercy.

k Thy part which art a Iew, is nothing diminished by that, that Christ was also killed for the Gentiles: for he acceptethnot the person, but feedeth indifferently all them that beleeue in him, with his body and blood to life euerlasting.

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a Christ teacheth hereby, that likewise as he which is in authoritie, and hath riches, if he get friends in his prosperitie, may be relieued in his aduersitie: so our liberalitie towardes our neighbour shall stand vs in such stead at the day of Iudgement, that God will accept it as done vnto him.

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measures of wheate. Then he sayd to him, Take thy writing, and write fourescore.

8 And the Lord commended ᵖ the vniust stewarde, because hee had done wisely. Forasmuch the children of this world are in their generation wiser then the children of light.

9 And I say vnto you, Make you friends ᵠ with the riches of iniquitie, that when yee shall want, they may receiue you into euerlasting habitations.

10 ʳ He that is faithfull in the least, he is also faithfull in much: and he that is vniust in the least, is vniust also in much.

11 If then yee haue not been faithfull in ᵗ the wicked riches, who will trust you in the true treasure?

12 And if yee haue not been faithfull in ᵘ another mans goods, who shall giue you that which is ˣ yours?

13 ʸ No seruant can serue two masters: for either he shall hate the one, and loue the other; or els he shall leane to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serue God and riches.

14 All these things heard the Pharises also which were couetous, and they mocked him.

15 Then he sayd vnto them, Ye are they which ᶻ iustifie your selues before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men, is abomination in the sight of God.

16 ᵃ The Law and the Prophets endured vntil Iohn: and since that time the kingdome of God is preached, and euery man presseth into it.

17 ᵇ Now it is more easie that heauen and earth should passe away, then that one tittle of the Law should fall.

18 ᶜ Whosoeuer putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adulterie: and whosoeuer marrieth her that is put away from her husband, committeth adulterie.

19 ¶ There was a ᵈ certaine rich man, which was clothed in purple, and fine linnen, and fared well and diliciously euery day.

20 Also there was a certaine begger named Lazarus, which was layed at the gate full of sores,

21 And desired to bee refreshed with the crummes that fell from the rich mans table: yea, and the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it was so that the begger died, and was caried by the Angels into ᵉ Abrahams bosome. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 And being in hell in torments, he lift vp his eyes, and sawe Abraham afarre off, and Lazarus in his bosome.

24 Then he cried and said, Father Abraham, haue mercie on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his ᶠ finger in water, and coole my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, ᵍ Sonne, remember that thou in thy life time receiuedst thy pleasures, and likewise Lazarus paines: now therefore is he comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 Besides all this, betweene you and vs there is a great gulfe set, so that they which would go from hence to you, cannot, neither can they come from thence to vs.

27 Then he sayd, I pray thee therefore father, that thou wouldest send him to my fathers house,

28 (For I haue fiue brethren) that he may testifie vnto them, least they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham sayd vnto him, They haue Moses and the ʰ Prophets: let them heare them.

30 And he sayd, Nay, father Abraham: but if one come vnto them from the dead, they will amend their liues.

31 Then he sayd vnto him, If they heare not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be perswaded, though one rise from the dead agayne.

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ques tides male. ‖ Or, good things. ‖ Or, euill things. ‖ Or, small matter. q Which declareth that it is to late to bee instructed by the dead, if in their life time they cannot profite by the liuely word of God. r As saith commeth by Gods word, so it is maintained by the same. So that we neither ought to looke for Angels from heauen, or the dead to confirme vs therein, but onely the word of God is sufficient to life euerlasting.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Christ teacheth his disciples, to auoid occasions of offence, 3 one to forgiue another. 5 We ought to pray for the increase of faith. 6 He magnifieth the vertue of faith, 10 and sheweth the vnworthines of men, 11 healeth ten lepers, 20 speaketh of the latter daies, and of the end of the world.

THen sayd he to the disciples, ᵃ It cannot be auoyded, but that offences will come, but woe be to him by whom they come.

2 It were better for him that a great millstone were hanged about his necke, and that he were cast into the sea, then that hee should ᵇ offend one of these little ones.

3 ¶ Take heede to your selues: ᶜ If thy brother trespasse against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgiue him.

4 And though hee sinne against thee ᵈ seuentimes in a day, and seuen times in a day turne againe to thee, saying, I repent: thou shalt forgiue him.

5 ¶ And the Apostles said vnto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord sayd, ᵉ If ye had faith as much as is a graine of mustard seed, and should say vnto this mulberie tree, Plucke thy selfe vp by the roote, and plant thy selfe in the sea, it should euen obey you.

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b God who doth here represent the master of the house doeth rather commend the prodigall waste of his goods, and liberall giuing of the same to the poore, then the straite keeping and hoarding of them.

c That is, either wickedly gotten, or wickedly kept, or wickedly spent: and hereby we be warned to suspect riches, which for the most part are an occasion to the possessors of great wickednesse.

d They which cannot well bestow worldly goods, will bestow ill spirituall treasures: and therefore they ought not to bee committed vnto them.

e As the riches and such like things, which God hath giuen not for your selues onely, but to bestow vpon others.

f Christ calleth the gifts which he giueth vnto vs, ours.

Matth 6.24.

g Because they iudged no man happy, but those that were rich.

h Which loue outward appearance and vaine glory.

Matth 23.13.

i This zeale is so inflamed, that they follow the Gospel without respect of worldly things *Matth*. 5.18 *Matth* 5.32 *and* 19.9. 1 *Cor*. 7.11. k That is, which is not lawfully diuorced. l By this story is declared, what punishment they shall haue, which liue deliciously and neglect the poore. m As the fathers in the old lawe, were sayd to be gathered into the bosom of Abraham, because they receiued the fruite of the same with him: so in the newe Testament we say that the members of Christ are ingrafted to their head, or gathered vnto him. n Whereby is signified that most excellent life, which they that die in the faith of Abraham did, shall enioy after this world.

o Christ describeth spirituall things by such maner of speech, as is most proper to our vnderstanding: for our soules haue neither fingers nor eyes, neither are they thirstie, or speake: but the Lord, as it were in a table, painteth forth the state of the life to come, as our capacitie is able to comprehend it.

p In calling him sonne, he taunteth his vaine boasting, who in his life vanted himselfe to be the sonne of Abraham: warning vs also hereby how litle glorie

Matth. 18.7.

man 9.42.

a That is, to turne him backe from the knowledge of God, and his testament.

Matth. 18.21.

b That is, many times: for by a certaine number he meaneth an vncertaine.

Matth. 17.20.

c Declaring, that they had neuer so little of pure and perfite faith.

d Meaning, they should doe wonderfull, and incredible things.

7 ¶ Who is it also of you, that hauing a seruant plowing or feeding cattell, would say vnto him by and by, when he were come from the field, Goe, and sit downe at table?
8 And woulde not rather say to him, * Dresse wherewith I may sup, and gird thy selfe, and serue me, till I haue eaten and dronken, and afterward eate thou, and drinke thou?
9 Doeth he thanke that seruant, because hee did that which was commanded vnto him? I trow not.
10 So likewise ye, when ye haue done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are * vnprofitable seruants: wee haue done that which was our dutie to doe.
11 ¶ And so it was when he went to Ierusalem, that he passed thorow the midst of Samaria and Galile.
12 And as he entred into a certain towne, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood a farre off.
13 And they lift vp their voices and sayd, Iesus, Master, haue mercy on vs.
14 And when he saw them, he sayd vnto them, * Goe, shewe your selues vnto the * Priests, and it came to passe, that as they went, they were cleansed.
15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned backe, and with a loud voice praysed God,
16 And fell downe on his face at his feet, and gaue him thanks: and he was a Samaritane.
17 And Iesus answered, & said, Are there not ten cleansed: but where are the * nine?
18 There are none found that returned to giue God praise, saue this stranger.
19 And he sayd vnto him, Arise, Goe thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.
20 ¶ And when hee was demanded of the Pharises, when the kingdome of God should come, he answered them, and sayde, The kingdome of God commeth not * with obseruation.
21 Neither shall men say, Loe here, or loe there: for beholde, the kingdome of God is * within you.
22 And hee sayd vnto the disciples, The dayes will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the dayes of the Sonne of man, and ye shall not see it.
23 * Then they shall say to you, Behold here, or behold there: but goe not thither neither follow them.
24 For as the lightning that lightneth out of the one part vnder heauen, shineth vnto the other part vnder heauen, so shall the Sonne of man be in his * day.
25 But first must he suffer many things, and be reproued of this generation.
26 * And as it was in the * dayes of Noe, so shall it be in the dayes of the Sonne of man.
27 They ate, they dranke, they married wiues, & gaue in mariage vnto the day that Noe went into the Arke: & the floode came, and destroyed them all.
28 * Likewise also, as it was in the dayes of Lot: they ate, they dranke, they bought, they solde, they planted, they built,
29 But in the day that Lot went out of Sodome, it rained fire and brimstone from heauen, and destroyed them all.
30 After these examples shall it bee in the day when the Sonne of man shalbe reuealed.
31 At that day, he that is vpon the * house, and his stuffe in the house, let him not come downe to take it out: and hee that is in the field likewise, let him not turne backe to that he left behinde.
32 * Remember Lots wife.
33 * Whosoeuer will seeke to saue his soule, shall loose it: and whosoeuer shall loose it, * shall get it life.
34 * I tell you, in that night there shall be two in one * bed: the one shall bee receiued and the other shall be left.
35 Two women shall be grinding together: the one shalbe taken and the other shal be left.
36 Two shalbe in the field: one shalbe receiued, and another shalbe left.
37 And they answered, and sayd to him, Where, Lord? And hee saide vnto them, * * Whereseuer the body is, thither will also the Eagles resort.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 By the example of the widowe, and the Publicane, Christ teacheth how to pray. 15 By the example of children, he exhorteth to humilitie. 18 Of the way to be saued, and what things let. 29 The reward promised to his. 31 and of the crosse. 35 A blinde man receiueth sight.

AND * he spake also a parable vnto them, to this end, that they ought alwayes to pray and not to * waxe faint,
2 Saying, There was a iudge in a certaine citie, which feared not God, neither reuerenced man.
3 And there was a widowe in that citie, which came vnto him, saying, * Doe me iustice against mine * aduersarie.
4 And he would not for a time: but afterward hee sayd with himselfe, Though I feare not God, nor reuerence man
5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will do her right, least at the last she come and make me weary.
6 And the Lord sayde, Heare what the vnrighteous iudge sayeth.
7 Now shall not God auenge his elect, which crie day and night vnto him, yea, though * he suffer long for them?
8 I tell you he will auenge them quickly: but when the Sonne of man commeth, shall he find faith on the earth?
9 ¶ He spake also this parable vnto certaine which trusted in themselues that they were iust, and despised other.
10 Two men went vp into the Temple to pray: the one a Pharise, and the other a Publicane.
11 The Pharise * stood and prayed thus with himselfe, O God, I thanke thee that I am not as other men, extortioners, vniust, adulterers, or euen as this Publicane.
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o We must forget that which we haue left behind vs, to the end that we may the better follow our heauenly vocation. *Gen.19.26. Cha.9.24 & 14, 25 matth.10.39. marke 8.35. iohn 12.25.*

p This corporall death shall ingender life euerlasting. *Matt. 24.40,41.*

q He meaneth that no band or coniunction is so straight that should stay vs. *Matth.24.28.*

r Nothing can hinder the faithful shall gather vnto him, as the rauening birds about a carion.

s Hee noteth hereby their ingratitude, & that the greatest part neglect the benefits of God.

t It cannot be discerned by any outward shew, or curiositie, whereby it might the rather be knowen. *Or, among you.*

u Either by reason of the word of God, which is receiued by faith, or that the Messias whom they sought as absent, is now present, euen within their owne doores, & yet they know him not, Iohn 1.11.

v He speaketh of his first cōming into the world. *Matth.24.23. marke 13.21.*

w Meaning his second comming wherein he shall appeare in glory. *Gen.7.5. mat. 24. 38.1 pet.3.20.*

x When men contemned the iudgement of God wherewith they were before menaced. *Gen.19.24.*

y Or, auenge me.

z Who pleadeth against me.

a The Greeke word signifieth not to shrinke back, as cowards do in warre, or to giue place in afflictions or dangers.

b And seeme slow in reuenging their wrongs.

c Whereby he declareth his proud and disdainefull heart.

d Nothing can hinder the faithful shall gather vnto

12 I fast twise in the weeke: I giue tithe of all that euer I possesse.

13 But the Publicane standing a far off, would not lift vp so much as his eyes to heauen, but smote his breast, saying, God be mercifull to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man departed to his house iustified, ‖ rather then the other: * For euery man that exalteth himselfe, shall be brought low, and he that humbleth himselfe, shall be exalted.

15 ¶ * They brought vnto him also babes, that he should touch them. And when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Iesus called them vnto him, and said, Suffer the babes to come vnto me, and forbid them not: for ᵍ of such is the kingdome of God.

17 Verely I say vnto you, Whosoeuer receiueth not the kingdome of God, as a ʰ babe, he shall not enter therein.

18 * Then a certaine ruler asked him, saying, Good master, what ought I to do, to inherit eternall life?

19 And Iesus said vnto him, Why callest thou me ⁱ good? none is good, saue one, euen God.

20 Thou knowest the commandements, * Thou shalt not commit aduultery: Thou shalt not kill: Thou shalt not steale: Thou shalt not beare false witnesse: Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these haue I kept from my youth.

22 Now when Iesus heard that, he said vnto him, Yet lackest thou one thing, Sell all that euer thou hast, and distribute vnto the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come follow me.

23 But when he heard those things, he was very heauy: for he was marueilous rich.

24 And when Iesus saw him sorowfull, he said, With what difficultie shall they that haue riches enter into the kingdome of God?

25 Surely it is easier for a ‖ camell to go through a needles eye, then for a rich man to enter into the kingdome of God.

26 Then said they that heard it, And who then can be saued?

27 And he said, The things which are vnpossible with men, are ᵏ possible with God.

28 ¶ * Then Peter said, Loe, we haue left all, and haue followed thee.

29 And he said vnto them, Verely I say vnto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children for the kingdome of Gods sake,

30 Which shall not receiue ˡ much more in this worlde, and in the world to come life euerlasting.

31 ¶ * Then Iesus tooke vnto him the twelue, and said vnto them, Behold, we go vp to Ierusalem, and all things shall be fulfilled to the Sonne of man, that are written by the Prophets.

32 For he shalbe deliuered vnto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shall be spitefully intreated, and shall be spitted on.

33 And when they haue scourged him, they will put him to death: but the third day he shall rise againe.

34 But they vnderstoode none of these things, and this saying was hid from them, neither perceiued they the things, which were spoken.

35 ¶ * And it came to passe, that as he came neere vnto Iericho, a certaine blinde man sate by the way side begging.

36 And when he heard the people passe by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they said vnto him, that Iesus of Nazareth passed by.

38 Then he cryed, saying, Iesus the Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy on me.

39 And they which went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace, but he cryed much more, O ᵐ Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy on me.

40 And Iesus stood still, and commanded him to be brought vnto him. And when he was come neere, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I doe vnto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receiue my sight.

42 And Iesus said vnto him, Receiue thy sight: thy faith hath saued thee.

43 Then immediately he receiued his sight, and followed him, ⁿ praysing God: and all the people when they saw this, gaue praise to God.

CHAP. XIX.

2 Of Zaccheus. 12 *The seruants pieces of money.* 28 *Christ rideth to Ierusalem, and weepeth for it.* 45 *He chaseth out the marchants,* 47 *and his enemies seeke to destroy him.*

NOw when Iesus entred and passed through Iericho,

2 Behold, there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chiefe receiuer of the tribute, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Iesus, who he should be, and could not for the preasse, because he was of a low stature.

4 Wherefore he ran before, and climed vp into a wilde figge tree, that he might see him, for he should come that way.

5 And when Iesus came to the place, he looked vp and saw him, and said vnto him, Zaccheus, come downe at once: for to day I must abide at thine house.

6 Then he came downe hastily, and receiued him ioyfully.

7 And when all they saw it, they murmured, saying, that he was gone in to lodge with a ᵖ sinfull man.

8 And Zaccheus stood forth, and said vnto the Lord, Beholde, Lord, the halfe of my goods I giue to the poore: and if I haue taken from any man by ‖ forged cauillation, I restore him foure fold.

9 Then Iesus said vnto him, This day is saluation come vnto this ᵠ house, forasmuch as he is also become the ʳ sonne of Abraham.

10 For the Sonne of man is come to seeke, and to saue that which was lost.

Matth. 20.32. marke 10.46.

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n The people vsed to call the Messias by this name, because they knew he should come of the stocke of Dauid, Psal. 132. 11. act. 2. 30.

o He was mind-full of the benefit receiued, and also the people were moued thereby to glorifie God.

Or, a man of a wicked life.

‖ *Or, false accusation.*

p Zaccheus adiudged was a sinner, that the whole family was vsed to mercy. Notwithstanding this promise, God reserueth to himselfe free liberty either to chuse or forsake, as in Abrahams house.

q To be the sonne of Abraham is to be chosen freely, Rom. 9. 8. to walke in the steps of the faith of Abraham, Rom. 4. 12. to doe the workes of Abraham, Iohn 8. 39. by the which things we are most assured of life euerlasting, Rom. 8. 29. Matth. 8. 11.

11 And while they heard these things, he continued and spake a parable, because he was neere to Ierusalem, and because also they thought that the kingdome of GOD should shortly appeare.

12 He sayd therefore, * A certaine noble man went into c a farre country, to receiue for himselfe a kingdome, and so to come againe.

13 And he called his ten seruants, and deliuered them ten d pieces of money, and sayd vnto them, Occupie till I come.

14 Now his citizens hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We will not haue this man to reigne ouer vs.

15 And it came to passe when hee was come e againe, and had receiued his kingdome, that he commaunded the seruaunts to be called to him, to whome he gaue his money, that he might know what euery man had gained.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy piece hath increased ten pieces.

17 And he sayd vnto him, Well, good seruant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little thing, take thou authoritie ouer ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy piece hath increased fiue pieces.

19 And to the same he said, Be thou also ruler ouer fiue cities.

20 So the other came and sayd, Lord, behold thy piece, which I haue layd vp in a napkin.

21 For I feared thee, because thou art a straite man, thou takest vp that thou layedst not downe, and reapest that thou diddst not sowe.

22 Then he said vnto him, Of thine owne * mouth will I iudge thee, O euill seruant. Thou knewest that I am a straite man, taking vp that I layd not downe, and reaping that I did not sowe.

23 Wherefore then gauest not thou my money into the banke, that at my comming I might haue required it with vantage?

24 And he sayd to them that stoode by, Take from him that piece, and giue it him that hath ten pieces.

25 (And they said vnto him, Lord, he hath ten pieces.)

26 * For I say vnto you, that vnto all them that haue, it shall be h giuen: and from him that hath not, euen that he hath, shall be taken from him.

27 Moreouer, those mine enemies, which would not that I should reigne ouer them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

28 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, hee went foorth * before, ascending vp to Ierusalem.

29 * And it came to passe, when hee was come neere to Bethphage, and Bethania, besides the mount which is called the mount of Olives, hee sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Goe yee to the towne which is before you, wherein assoone as yee are come, ye shall finde a colt tyed, whereon neuer man sate: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man aske you, why ye loose him, thus shall ye say vnto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 So they that were sent, went their way, and found it as he had sayd vnto them.

33 And as they were looing the colt, the owners thereof sayd vnto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they sayd, The Lord hath need of him.

35 ¶ * Sothey brought him to Iesus, and they cast their garments on the colt, and set Iesus thereon.

36 And as hee went, they spred their clothes in the way.

37 And when hee was nowe come neere to the going downe of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples beganne to reioyce, and to praise God with a loude voyce, for all the great workes that they had seene,

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that commeth in the Name of the Lorde: i peace in heauen, and glory in the highest places.

39 Then some of the Pharises of the company sayd vnto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 But he answered and sayd vnto them, I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would cry.

41 ¶ * And when he was come neere, he beheld the city, and wept for it,

42 Saying, = O if thou haddest euen knowen at the least in this thy day * those things, which belong vnto thy peace! but now are they * hid from thine eyes.

43 For the dayes shal come vpon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench vpon thee, and compasse thee round, and keepe thee in on euery side,

44 And shall make thee euen with the ground, and thy children which are in thee, and they shall not leaue in thee a stone vpon a stone, because thou knewest not the time of thy * visitation.

45 ¶ * He went also into the Temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought,

46 Saying vnto them, It is written, * Mine house is the house of prayer, * but ye haue made it a den of theeues.

47 And he taught dayly in the Temple. And the hie Priests & the Scribes, and the chiefe of the people sought to destroy him.

48 But they could not finde what they might doe to him: for all the people hanged vpon him when they heard him.

CHAP. XX.

4 Christ stoppeth his aduersaries mouthes by an other question, 9 sheweth their destruction by a parable. 22 The authoritie of princes. 27 The resurrection, & his diuine power. 46 He reproueth the ambition of the Scribes.

AND it came to passe, that on one of those dayes, as he taught the people in the Temple, and preached the Gospell, the hie Priests and the Scribes came vpon him with the Elders,

2 And spake vnto him, saying, Tell vs by what

Matth. 25. 14.

c This was to declare to them, that he must yet take great paines before his kingdome should be established.

d This piece of money is called Mina, and the whole summe mounteth about the value of seuenteene pound, esteeming euery piece about fiue nobles and seuen pence.

e God will not that his graces remaine idle with vs.

f Whereby we learne that the second comming of our Sauiour Christ shall be more glorious and excellent then it doth now appeare.

g They that suppresse the gifts of God, and liue in idlenesse, are without all excuse.

Chap. 8. 18. mat. 13. 12. and 25. 29. mar. 4. 25.

h He that faithfully bestoweth the graces of God, shall haue them increased: but they shalbe taken away from him that is vnprofitable, and vseth them not to Gods glory.

i Herby we perceiue the excellent constancy of Christ, who notwithstanding he did now fight against the terrour of death, and Gods iudgement: yet went before his fearefull disciples, and led the way to death.

Matth. 21. 1. marke 11. 1.

k Christ preuenteth such difficulties as might haue troubled his disciples,

Matth. 21. 7. iohn 12. 14.

l They with that God may be appeased & reconciled with men: and so by this meanes be glorified,

Cha. 21. 9. mat. 24. 1. mar. 13. 1.

m Christ partly pitieth the citie which was so neere her destruction, and partly vpbraideth their malice which would not imbrace Christ their Sauiour, and therefore pronounceth greater punishment to Ierusalem, then to other cities which had not receiued like graces.

n Meaning, Christ, without whom there is no saluation, and with whom is all felicity.

o Through thine own malice thou art blinded.

p And receiuedst not the Redeemer which was sent thee.

Matth. 21. 13. mar. 11. 17. Isa. 56. 7. Iere 7. 11.

q That is, were most attent to heare.

Matth. 21. 23. marke 11. 27.

r Or, in the day time.

what authority thou doest these things, or who is hee that hath giuen thee this authoritie?

3 And he answered, and said vnto them, I also will aske you one thing: tell me therefore:

4 The a baptisme of Iohn, was it from heauen, or of men?

5 And they reasoned within themselues, saying, If we shall say, From heauen, hee will say, Why then beleeued ye him not?

6 But if we shall say, Of men, all the people will stone vs: for they be perswaded that Iohn was a Prophet.

7 Therefore they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.

8 Then Iesus sayd vnto them, b Neither tell I you by what authoritie I doe these things.

9 ¶ Then began he to speake to the people this parable, c A certaine man planted a vineyard, and d let it foorth to husbandmen: and went into a strange country, for a great season.

10 And at a time he sent a e seruant to the husbandmen, that they should giue him of the fruit of the vineyard, but the husbandmen did beat him, and sent him away emptie.

11 Againe he sent yet another seruant: and they did beat him, and foule intreated him, and sent him away emptie.

12 Moreouer, he sent the third, and him they wounded, and cast out.

13 Then sayd the Lord of the vineyard, What shall I doe? I will send my beloued Sonne: it may be that they will doe reuerence, when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned with themselues, saying, This is the heire: come, let vs kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What shall the Lord of the vineyard therefore do vnto them?

16 Hee will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will giue out his vineyard to others. But when they heard it, they sayd. God forbid.

17 ¶ And he beheld them, f said, What meaneth this then that is written, * The stone that the builders refused, that is made the head of the corner?

18 g Whosoeuer shall fall vpon that stone, shal be broken: and on whomsoeuer it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 Then the high Priests & the Scribes the same houre went about to lay handes on him: (but they feared the people) for they perceiued that hee had spoken this parable against them.

20 * And they h watched him, and sent foorth spies, which should faine themselues iust men, to take him in his talke, and to deliuer him vnto the power and authoritie of the gouernour.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest, & teachest right, neither dooest thou accept any mans person, but teachest the way of God truely.

22 Is it i lawfull for vs to giue Cesar tribute, or no?

23 But he perceiued their craftinesse, and sayd vnto them, k Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a peny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and sayd, Cesars.

25 Then he said vnto them * l Giue then vnto Cesar the things which are Cesars, and to God those which are Gods.

26 And they could not reproue his saying before the people: but they marueiled at his answere, and held their peace.

27 * Then came to him certaine of the Sadduces, (which deny that there is any resurrection) and they asked him,

28 Saying, Master, * Moses wrote vnto vs, If any mans brother die hauing a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise vp seede vnto his brother.

29 Now there were seuen brethren, and the first tooke a wife, and he died without children.

30 And the second tooke the wife, and he died childlesse.

31 Then the third tooke her: and so likewise the seuen died, and left no children.

32 And last of all, the woman died also.

33 Therefore at the resurrection, whose wife of them shall she bee? for seuen had her to wife.

34 Then Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, The l children of this world marrie wiues and are married:

35 But they which shall be counted worthy to enioy that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marrie wiues, neither are married.

36 = For they can die no more, for all much as they are equall vnto the Angels, and are the sonnes of God, * since they are the children of the resurrection.

37 And that the dead shall rise againe, euen * Moses shewed it beside the bush, when he sayd, The Lord is the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob.

38 For he is not the God of the o dead, but of them which liue: p for all liue vnto him.

39 Then certaine of the Pharises answered, and sayd, Master, thou hast well sayd.

40 And after that, durst not they aske him any thing at all.

41 ¶ * Then sayd he vnto them, How say they that Christ is Dauids sonne?

42 And Dauid himselfe saith in the booke of the Psalmes, * The Lord sayde vnto my Lord, sit at my right hand,

43 Till I shall make thine enemies thy footstoole.

44 Seeing Dauid called him Lord, how is he then his q sonne?

45 ¶ Then in the audience of al the people, he sayd vnto his disciples,

46 * Beware of the Scribes, which desire to go in long robes, and loue salutations in the markets, and the highest seats in the Synagogues, and the chiefe rooms at feasts:

a By Baptisme he comprehendeth all Iohns ministerie, who bare witnesse to Christ.

b By this meanes he made them a shamed and astonished. *Matt.* 21. 33. *mar.* 12. 1. *isa.* 5. 1. *ier.* 2. 21.

c The Iewes were as Gods plants, and his owne grafting.

d God committed his people to the gouernours and priests.

e He raised vp prophets.

Psal. 118. 22. *isa* 28. 16. *acts* 4. 11. *rom* 9. 33 1 *pet.* 2. 7.

f For by it the building is ioined together, and made strong.

g They that stumble & fall on Christ, thinking to oppresse him, shal be ouerthrowen themselues and destroyed. *Matt.* 22. 16. *mar.* 12. 13.

h They waited for a conuenient time and place.

i They thought it vnlawfull to pay to a prince being an infidel, that which they were wont to pay to God in his Temple.

Rom. 13. 17.

k The cause which we owe to Princes, letteth nothing that which is due vnto God. *Matth.* 22. 23. *mar.* 12. 18. *Deut.* 25. 5.

l In this place he calleth all them children of this world which remaine in the same: or els matrimony should not seeme to appertaine to the children of God, as that wicked monster Pope Cyricius taught, against the manifest Scriptures.

m Since mariage is ordeined to maintaine and increase mankind, when we shall be immortall, it shall not be in any vse.

n For although the wicked arise againe, yet that life is but death and an eternall destruction. *Exod.* 3. 6.

o Of them which are not, but of them which are.

p The immortalitie of the soule cannot be separated from the resurrection of the body, whereof here Christ properly speaketh. *Matth.* 22. 44. *mar.* 12. 35. *Psal.* 110. 1.

q For the sonne is not Lord of his father, and therefore it followeth that Christ is God. *Chap.* 11. 43. *matth.* 23. 6. *mar.* 12. 38.

47 Which deuoure widowes houles, e-uen vnder a colour of long praying: these shall receiue greater damnation.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Christ commendeth the poore widowe.* 6 *He forewarneth of the destruction of Ierusalem* 8 *Of false teachers.* 9 *Of the tokens and troubles to come.* 27 *Of the ende of the world,* 37 *and of his daylie exercise.*

AND* as hee beheld, he saw the rich men, which cast their gifts into the treasurie.

2 And hee saw also a certaine poore widow, which cast in thither two mites,

3 And hee sayd, Of a trueth I say vnto you, that this poore widow hath cast in more then they all.

4 * For they all haue of their superfluity cast into the offerings of God: but shee of her penury hath cast in all the liuing that she had.

5 * Now as some spake of the Temple, how it was garnished with goodly stones, and with ‖ consecrate things, he sayd,

6 Are these the things that ye looke vpon? the daies will come, wherein a stone shal not be left vpon a stone, that shall not bee throwen downe.

7 Then they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? & what signe shall there be when these things shall come to passe?

8 * And hee sayd, b Take heede that yee be not deceiued: for many will come in my Name, saying, I am Christ, and the time draweth neere: followe yee not them therefore.

9 And when yee heare of warres and seditions, be not afraid: for these things must first come, but the end followeth not by and by.

10 Then said he vnto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome.

11 * And great earthquakes shall be in diuers places, and hunger, and pestilence, and fearefull things, and great signes shall there be from heauen.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hand on you, and persecute you, deliuering you vp to the Synagogues, and into prisons, and bring you before kings and rulers for my Names sake.

13 And this shall turne to you, for a c testimoniall.

14 * Lay it vp therefore in your hearts, that yee premeditate not what yee shall answere.

15 For I will giue you a mouth, and wisedom, where against all your aduersaries shal not be able to speake, nor d resist.

16 Yea, yee shall be betrayed also of your parents, and of your brethren, and kinsmen, and friends, and some of you shall they put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my Names sake.

18 * Yet there shall not one haire of your heads perish.

19 By your patience e possesse your soules.

20 ¶ * And when ye see Ierusalem beseged with souldiers, then vnderstand that the desolation thereof is neere.

21 Then let them which are in Iudea, flee to the mountaines: and let them which are in the middes thereof, depart out: and let not them that are in the countrey, enter therein.

22 For these bee the dayes of vengeance, to fulfill all things that are written.

23 But woe be to them that bee with child, and to them that giue sucke in those dayes: for there shall be great distresse in this land, and f wrath ouer this people.

24 And they shall fall on the edge of the sworde, and shall be led captiue into all nations, and Ierusalem shall bee troden vnder foote of the Gentiles, vntill the g time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 * Then there shall bee signes in the Sunne & in the Moone, and in the Starres, and vpon the earth trouble among the nations, with perplexitie: the sea and the waters shall roare.

26 And mens hearts shall faile them for feare, & for looking after those things which shall come on the worlde: for the powers of heauen shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Sonne of man come in a cloud, with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to passe, then looke vp, & lift vp your heads: * for your h redemption draweth neere.

29 And he spake to them a parable, Behold the fig tree, and all trees,

30 When they now shoot forth, ye seeing them, know of your owne selues, that Sommer is then neere.

31 So likewise yee, when yee see these things come to passe, know ye that the kingdome of God is neere.

32 Verely I say vnto you, This age shall not i passe, til all these things be done.

33 Heauen and earth shall passe away, but my wordes shall not passe away.

34 Take heede to your selues, lest at any time your hearts bee oppressed with surfetting and drunkennes, and cares of this life, and lest that day come on you at vnwares.

35 For as a k snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch therefore, and pray continually, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to passe, and that yee may stand before the Sonne of man.

37 ¶ Now in the day time hee taught in the Temple, and at night he went out, and abode in the mount which is called the mount of Oliues.

38 And all the people came in the morning to him, to heare him in the Temple.

CHAP. XXII.

4 *Conspiracie against Christ.* 7 *They eate the Passouer.* 19 *The institution of the Lords Supper.* 24 *They striue who shalbe greatest, and he reproueth them.* 42 *He prayeth vpo the mount* 47 *Iudas treason.* 54 *They take him, & bring him to the high Priests*

Mar.12.41.

Chap.19.43,44. matt.24.1. mar.13.1.

‖ *Or, gifts.*

Ephes.5.6. 2. thes.2.3.

Matth.24.7. mar.13.8.

Matth.10.19. mar.13.11.

Matt.24.15. mar. 13.14. dan 9.27.

Rom 8.23.

Isa 13.10. ezek. 32.7. mat.24.29 mar. 13,24.

a God esteemeth not the gift or almes by the quantitie or value, but by the heart and affection.

b Christ then maketh answere of that which was more necessary for them and not to the question they demanded.

c This their sufferance shal both be a greater confirmation to the Gospel, & also by their constancie the tyranny of their enemies shall at length be manifest before God and man.

d For though they were so impudent to resist, yet trueth euer gaineth the victorie.

e That is, liue ioyfully & blessedly euen vnder the crosse.

f Gods wrath against his people shall appeare by the calamities & plagues wherewith he will punish them.

g He meaneth their iniquities to receiue likewise their punishment afterward.

h The effect of that redemption which Iesus Christ hath purchased shall then fully appeare.

i For all these things came within fiftie yeres after.

k To catch and intangle them, whersoeuer they be in the world.

‖ *Or, that ye may be made worthy.*

Priests house. 60 Peter denieth him thrise, and yet repenteth. 69 Christ is brought before the Councel, where he maketh ample confession.

Matth.26.1. mar.14.1.

a The feast was so called, because they could eat no leauened bread for the space of seuen dayes: for so long the feast of the Passeouer continued.

b Souls as were appointed to keep the Temple.

c For they were in doubt what way to take before this occasion was offered, *Matth.26 17. mar.14.13.*

d According to Gods cõmandement which was first to offer it, & after to eate it. *Matth.26,20. mar 14.17,18.*

e Which was in the euening about ‖ twilight, which time was appointed to eat the Passeouer.

f He meaneth that this is the last time ‖ he would be conuersant with them as he was before or so eate with them. *Matth.26,26. mar.14.22. 1.cor.11.24.*

g The bread is a true signe, and an assured testimony that the body of Iesus Christ is giuen for the nouriture of our soules: likewise the wine signifieth that his blood is our drinke to refresh and quicken vs euerlastingly.

h The signe of ‖ new couenant which is established & ratified by Christs blood. *Iohn.13.18. psal.41.9.*

i By the secret counsel of God *Acts.4.28.*

NOwe * the a feast of vnleauened bread drewe neere, which is called the Passeouer.

2 And the hie Priests & Scribes sought how they might kill him: for they feared the people.

3 Then entred Satan into Iudas, who was called Iscariot, and was of the number of the twelue.

4 And he went his way and communed with the hie Priestes and b captaines, howe he might betray him to them.

5 So they were c glad, and agreed to giue him money.

6 And he consented and sought opportunitie to betray him vnto them, when the people were away.

7 ¶ * Then came the day of vnleauened bread when the Passeouer d must be sacrificed.

8 And hee sent Peter and Iohn, saying, Goe, and prepare vs the Passeouer, that we may eat it.

9 And they said to him, Where wilt thou that we prepare it?

10 Then hee sayd vnto them, Beholde, when yee bee entred into the citie, there shall a man meete you, bearing a pitcher of water: folow him into the house that he entreth in,

11 And say vnto the goodman of the house, The master sayth vnto thee, Where is the lodging where I shall eate my Passeouer with my disciples?

12 Then hee shal shew you a great high chamber trimmed, there make it ready.

13 So they went, and found as hee had sayd vnto them, and made ready the Passeouer.

14 * And when the e houre was come, he sate downe, and the twelue Apostles with him.

15 Then hee sayd vnto them, I haue earnestly desired to eat this Passeouer with you before I suffer.

16 For I say vnto you, f Henceforth I will not eate of it any more, vntill it be fulfilled in the kingdome of God.

17 And hee tooke the cup, & gaue thanks, and sayd, Take this, and diuide it among you.

18 For I say vnto you, I will not drinke of the fruit of the vine, vntill the kingdome of God be come.

19 * And hee tooke bread, and when hee had giuen thankes, hee brake it, and gaue to them, saying, g This is my bodie, which is giuen for you: doe this in the remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also after Supper hee tooke the cup, saying, This cup is the newe h Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 * Yet behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me, is with me at the table.

22 And truely the Sonne of man goeth as it is i appointed: but woe be to that man by whom he is betrayed.

23 Then they began to enquire among themselues, which of them it should be, that should doe that.

24 ¶ * And there arose also a strife among them, which of them should seeme to be the greatest.

25 But he sayd vnto them, The kings of the Gentiles reigne ouer them, and they that beare rule ouer them, are called k Gracious lords.

26 But ye shall not be so: but let the greatest among you be as the ‖ least: and the chiefest as he that serueth.

27 For who is greater, hee that sitteth at table, or he that serueth? is not he that sitteth at table? And I am among you as hee that serueth.

28 And ye are they which haue continued with me in my tentations.

29 Therefore I ‖ appoint vnto you a kingdome, as my Father hath appointed to me,

30 * That ye may l eate and drinke at my table in my kingdome, and sit on seates, and iudge the twelue tribes of Israel.

31 ¶ And the Lord sayd, Simon, Simon, behold, * Satan hath desired you, m to winnow you as wheate.

32 But I haue prayed for thee, that thy faith n faile not: therefore when thou art conuerted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 * And hee sayd vnto him, Lord, I am ready to goe with thee into prison, and to death.

34 But hee sayde, I tell thee Peter, the cocke shall not crowe this day, before thou hast thrise denied that thou knewest me.

35 ¶ And hee sayd vnto them, * When I sent you without bag, and scrip, and shoes, lacked yee any thing? And they sayd, Nothing.

36 Then hee sayd to them, But now he that hath a bag, let him take it, and likewise a scrip: and he that hath none, let him sel his coate, and o buy a sword.

37 For I say vnto you, that yet the same which is written must be performed in me, * Euen with the wicked was hee numbred: for doubtlesse those things which are written of me, haue an end.

38 And they sayd, Lord, behold, here are p two swords. And hee sayd vnto them, It is enough.

39 ¶ * And he came out, and went (as he was wont) to the mount of Olives: and his disciples also followed him.

40 * And when hee came to the place, hee sayd to them, Pray, least ye enter into tentation.

41 And hee gate himselfe from them about a stones cast, and kneeled downe, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou wilt, take away this q cup from mee: neuertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

43 And there appeared an Angel vnto him from heauen, comforting him.

44 But being in an r agonie, hee prayed more earnestly: and his sweate was like drops of blood, trickling downe to the ground.

45 And

Matth.20.25. mar.10.42.

k Meaning that they haue vaine and flattering titles giuen them, whereas in deede such as these are nothing lesse then their names doe signifie.

‖ *Or, youngest.*

‖ *Or, leaue by bequest.*

Matth.19.28.

l By these similitudes he declareth that they shall be partakers of his glorie: for in heauen is neither eating nor drinking. *1.Pet 5.8.*

m Satan seeketh by all meanes to disquiet ‖ Church of Christ to disperse it, and to shake it from the true faith.

n It was sore shaken, but yet not ouerthrowen. *Matth.26.34,35 mar.14.29,31. iohn 13.38.*

Matth.10.9,10.

o By this hee sheweth them ‖ they must sustain great troubles & afflictions. *Isa.53.12.*

p They were yet so rude that they thought to haue resisted w materiall weapõs, whereas Christ warneth them of a spirituall fight, whereby as well their life as faith should be in danger. *Matth.26,36. marke 14.32. iohn 18.1. Matth.26.41. mar.14.38.*

q Meaning, the death & passion.

r The word signifieth that horror that Christ had conceiued, not onely for feare of death, but of his Fathers iudgement and wrath against sinne.

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45 And he rose vp from prayer, and came to his disciples, and found them sleeping for heauinesse.

46 And sayd vnto them, Why sleepe ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into tentation.

Matth.26.47. marke 14.43. iohn 18.3.

47 ¶ And while hee yet spake, behold, a company, and he that was called Judas one of the twelue, went before them, & came neere vnto Jesus to kisse him.

48 And Jesus sayde vnto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Sonne of man with a kisse?

49 Nowe when they which were about him, saw what would follow, they sayd vnto him, Lord, shall we smite with swoord?

50 And one of them smote a seruant of the hie Priest, and stroke off his right eare.

51 Then Jesus answered and sayd, Suffer them thus farre: and he touched his eare, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said vnto the hie Priests, and captaines of the Temple, & the Elders which were come to him, Be ye come out as vnto a theefe with swoords and staues?

53 When I was dayly with you in the Temple, ye stretched not forth the handes against me: but this is your very houre, and the [f] power of darkenesse.

f For now God gaue libertie to Satan, whose ministers they were, to execute his rage against him: which thing we see is gouerned by the prouidence of God.

54 ¶ Then tooke they him, and led him and brought him to the high Priestes houle. And Peter followed a farre off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, & were set downe together, Peter also sate downe among them.

56 And a certaine maid beheld him as he sate by the fire, and hauing well looked on him, said, This man was also with him.

57 But he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while, another man saw him, and sayd, Thou art also of them, But Peter sayd, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of an houre after, a certaine other affirmed, saying, Verily & euen this man was with him: for hee is also a Galilean.

60 And Peter sayd, Man, I knowe not what thou sayest. And immediatly while he yet spake, the cocke crew.

61 Then the Lord turned backe, and looked vpon Peter: and Peter remembred the word of the Lord, how he had sayd vnto him, [*] Before the cocke crow, thou shalt denie me thrise.

Matth.26.34. iohn.13.38.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

t They scoffed at him because the people thought he was a Prophet. Matth.27.1. marke 15.1. iohn 18.28.

63 ¶ And the men that held Jesus, mocked him, and strooke him.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they smote him on the face, and asked him, saying, [t] Prophesie who it is that smote thee.

65 And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

u They asked not to the end that the truth might be knowen (for the thing was too manifest) but for malice they bare towards Christ.

66 And assoone as it was day, the Elders of the people, and the hie Priestes and the Scribes came together and led him into their Councel,

67 Saying, [u] Art thou the Christ? tell vs. And he sayd vnto them, If I tell you, ye will not beleeue it.

68 And if also I aske you, ye will not answere me, nor let me goe.

69 [x] Hereafter shal the Sonne of man sit at the [y] right hand of the power of God.

x At his second comming.

y As in the second place of honour and dignity.

70 Then sayd they all, Art thou then the Sonne of God? And he said to them, Ye say that I am.

71 Then sayd they, What neede we any further witnes? for we our selues haue heard it of his owne mouth.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Iesus is brought before Pilate and Herode. 18 Of Barrabbas. 26 Of Simon the Cyrenian. 27 The women make lamentation. 33 Christ crucified. 34 He prayeth for his enemies. 40 He conuerteth the theefe and many others at his death. 53 And is buried.

THen [*] the whole multitude of them arose, and led him vnto [a] Pilate,

Matth.27.2. marke 15.1.

a Who was the chiefe gouernor, and had the examination of matters of life and death. Matth.27.11. marke 15.2. iohn 18.33.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, Wee haue found this man peruerting the people, and forbidding to pay tribute to Cesar, saying, That he is Christ a king.

3 [*] And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the king of the Jewes? And he answered him, and said, Thou sayest it.

4 Then sayd Pilate to the hie Priestes, & to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 But they were the more fierce, saying, He moueth the people, teaching throughout all Jurie, beginning at Galile, euen to this place.

6 Now when Pilate heard of Galile, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

7 And when he knew that he was of Herodes iurisdiction, hee [b] sent him to Herode, which was also at Jerusalem in those daies.

b To rid his hands, and to gratifie Herod.

‖Or, at that time,

c Of a certaine curiositie.

‖Or, Miracle.

8 And when Herod saw Jesus, hee was exceedingly glad: for he was [c] desirous to see him of a long season, because hee had heard many things of him, and trusted to haue seene some [‖] signe done by him.

d For Christ came not to defend himselfe, neither yet would please the vaine curiositie of this tyrant.

9 Then questioned he with him of many things: but he answered him [d] nothing.

‖Or, band of traine.

10 The hie Priests also & Scribes stood forth, and accused him vehemently.

11 And Herod with his [‖] men of warre despised him, and mocked him, and arayed him in [e] white, and sent him againe to Pilate.

e Commonly this was a robe of honour or excellencie: but it was giuen to Christ in mockage.

‖Or, in bright colour.

12 And the same day Pilate and Herode were made friends together: for before they were enemies one to another.

Matth.27.23. marke 15.14. Iohn 18.38. and 19.4.

13 ¶ Then Pilate called together the hie Priests, and the rulers, and the people,

14 [*] And said vnto them, Ye haue brought this man vnto me, as one that peruerteth the people: & behold, I haue examined him before you, & [f] haue found no fault in this man, of those things whereof ye accuse him:

‖Or, by him

f For the Romanes had giuen such franchise and liberties to the Iewes, which was but a tradition, and not according to the word of God.

15 No, nor yet Herode: for I sent you to him: and loe, nothing worthy of death is done [‖] to him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and let him loose.

17 (For of [f] necessitie hee must haue let one loose vnto them at the feast.)

18 Then all the multitude cried at once, saying, Away with him, and deliuer to

as Barabbas:
19 Which for a certaine insurrection made in the citie, and murther, was cast in prison.
20 Then Pilate spake againe to them, willing to let Iesus loose.
21 But they cried, saying, Crucifie, crucifie him.
22 And he said vnto them the third time, But what euill hath he done? I finde no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him loose.
23 But they were instant with loud voyces, and required that he might be crucified: and the voyces of them, & of the high Priests preuailed.
24 So Pilate gaue sentence that it should be as they required.
25 And he let loose vnto them him that for insurrection and murther was cast into prison, whom they desired, and deliuered Iesus to do with him what they would.
26 ¶ *And as they led him away, they caught one Simon of Cyrene, comming out of the field, and on him they layed the crosse, to beare it after Iesus.
27 And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, which women bewailed and lamented him.
28 But Iesus turned backe vnto them, and sayd, ‖Daughters of Ierusalem, weepe not for me, but weepe for your selues, and for your children.
29 For behold, the dayes will come, when men shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that neuer bare, and the paps which neuer gaue sucke.
30 Then shall they beginne to say to the mountaines, * Fall on vs: and to the hilles, Couer vs.
31 * For if they doe these things to a [h] greene tree, what shall be done to the drie?
32 *And there were two others, which were euill doers, led with him to be slaine.
33 And when they were come to the place which is called ‖Caluarie, there they crucified him, and the euill doers: one at the right hand, and the other at the left.
34 Then sayde Iesus, Father, forgiue them: for they know not what they do. And they parted his rayment, and cast lots.
35 And the people stood, and beheld: and the rulers mocked him with them, saying, He saued others: let him saue himselfe, if he be the Christ, the [i] Chosen of God.
36 The souldiers also mocked him, and came and offered him [k] vineger,
37 And sayd, If thou be the King of the Iewes, saue thy selfe.
38 And a superscription was also written ouer him, in [l] Greeke letters, and in Latine, and in Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE IEWES.
39 ¶ And one of the euil doers, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be the Christ, saue thy selfe and vs.
40 But the other answered, and rebuked him, saying, [m] Fearest thou not God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
41 Wee are indeed righteously here: for we receiue things worthy of that we haue done: but this man hath done nothing amisse.
42 And he sayd vnto Iesus, Lord, remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdome.
43 Then Iesus sayd vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.
44 ¶ And it was about the [n] first houre: and there was a darkenesse ouer all the land, vntill the ninth houre.
45 And the Sunne was darkened, and the vaile of the Temple rent thorow the middes.
46 And Iesus cryed with a loud voyce, and sayd, * Father, into thine hands I commend my spirit. And when he thus had said, he gaue vp the ghost.
47 ¶ Now when the ‖[o] Centurion sawe what was done, he glorified God, saying, Of a surety this man was iust.
48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their brests and returned.
49 And all his acquaintance stood afarre off, and the women that followed him from Galile, beholding these things.
50 ¶ *And beholde, there was a man named Ioseph, which was a Counseller, a good man and a iust.
51 He did not consent to the counsell and deed of them, which was of Arimathea, a citie of the Iewes: who also himselfe ‖ [p] waited for the kingdome of God.
52 Hee went vnto Pilate, and asked the body of Iesus,
53 And tooke it downe, and wrapped it in a linnen cloth, and laid it in a tombe hewen out of a rocke, wherein was neuer man yet layd.
54 And that day was the [q] Preparation, and the Sabbath [r] drew on.
55 And the women also that followed after, which came with him from Galile, beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.
56 And they returned, and prepared odours and ointments, and rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandement.

g The Iudge giueth sentence with Christ, before he condemneth him, whereby plainely appeareth Iesus innocencie.

Matth.27.32. mar.15.21.

‖Or, women of Ierusalem. Isa.2.19.hose.10. 8.reuel.6.16. 1.Pet.4.17.

h If the innocent be thus handled, what shall the wicked man be? Matt.27.38. mar.15.27.ioh. 19.18.

‖Or, the place of sculles.

i Whom God hath before all others appointed to be the Messias otherwise the Scriptures calleth them the elect of God, whom he hath chosen before all beginning to life euerlasting.

k Mat.with myrrhe and gall to hasten his death.

l That the thing might be knowe to all nations, because these 3 languages were most common.

m The condemnatiō which thou now suffrest, causeth it thee not to feare God?

n Which was midday.

Psal.31.5.

‖Or, captaine.

o The Romane captaine, who had charge ouer an hundred men.

Matth.7.7. marke 15.43. iohn 19.38.

‖Or, had imbraced.

p He looked for the redeemer by whom all should be restored.

q When men prepared all things ready for the feast.

r That is, began the same euening.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 *The women come to the graue.* 13 *Christ appeareth vnto the two disciples that go toward Emmaus.* 36 *He standeth in the mids of his disciples, & openeth their vnderstanding in the Scriptures.* 47 *He giueth them a charge.* 51 *His ascendeth vp to heauen.* 52 *His disciples worship him,* 53 *and of their daily exercise.*

NOw the [a] first day of the weeke early in the morning, they came vnto the sepulchre, and brought the odours, which they had prepared, and certaine women with them.
2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre,
3 And went in, but found not the body of the Lord Iesus.
4 And it came to passe, that as they were amazed thereat, beholde, [b] two men suddenly stood by them in shining vestures.
5 And as they were afraid, and bowed downe

Matth.28.1. mar.16.1. iohn 20.1.

a Which was the first day after the first Sabbath of the feast.

b Two Angels informe of men.

Tuesday 2 Lesson

Chap.9.22. matt. 27.23. mar.9.31.

Monday Easter Gospele Booke 3d Verse 1.3 Mond 2 Lesson Morni

Marke 16.12.

c Which is about fourte miles and an halfe.

d Hereby appeareth that they had faith, although it was weake.

e This declareth that we can neither see, nor vnderstand till God open our eyes.

f For the thing was so notorious, y all men might haue knowen it.

Wednesday 2 Lesson Morning

g They vnderstood not yet what was the deliuerance that Iesus Christ purchased for vs, but looked for some worldly prosperity.

h Infidelity is reproued.

downe their faces to the earth, they sayd to them, Why seeke ye him that liueth, among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake vnto you, when he was yet in Galile,

7 Saying, that the Sonne of man must be deliuered into the hands of sinfull men, and be crucified, & the third day rise againe.

8 And they remembred his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things vnto the eleuen, and to all the remnant.

10 Nowe it was Mary Magdalen, and Ioanna, and Mary the mother of Iames, and other women with them, which tolde these things vnto the Apostles.

11 But their words seemed vnto them, as a fained thing, neither beleeued they them.

12 Then arose Peter, and ranne vnto the sepulchre, and looked in, and saw the linnen clothes layed by themselues, and departed wondering in himselfe, at that which was come to passe.

13 ¶ * And beholde, two of them went that same day to a towne which was from Ierusalem about c threescore furlongs, called Emmans.

14 And they d talked together of all these things that were done.

15 And it came to passe, as they communed together, and reasoned, that Iesus himselfe drew neere, and went with them.

16 But their eyes e were holden, that they could not know him.

17 And he said vnto them, What manner of communications are these that yee haue one to another as ye walke, and are sad?

18 And the one (named Cleopas) answered, and sayd vnto him, Art thou only a f stranger in Ierusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to passe therein in these dayes?

19 And he sayde vnto them, What things? And they sayd vnto him, Of Iesus of Nazaret, which was a Prophet mighty in deed and in word before God, and all the people,

20 And how the ble Priests and our rulers deliuered him to be condemned to death, and haue crucified him.

21 But we g trusted that it had bene hee that should haue deliuered Israel, and as touching all these things, to day is the third day that they were done.

22 Yea, and certaine women among vs made vs astonied, which came early vnto the sepulchre,

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seene a vision of Angels, which sayd, that he was aliue.

24 Therefore certeine of them which were with vs, went to the sepulchre, and found it euen as the women had sayd, but him they saw not.

25 Then he sayd vnto them, h O fooles, and slowe of heart to beleeue all that the Prophets haue spoken,

26 Ought not Christ to haue suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And he began at i Moses, and at all the Prophets, and interpreted vnto them in all the Scriptures the things which were written of him.

28 And they drew neere vnto the towne which they went to, but he k made as though he would haue gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with vs: for it is towards night, and the day is farre spent. So he went in to tary with them.

30 And it came to passe, as he sate at table with them, he tooke the bread, l and gaue thanks, and brake it, and gaue it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him: but hee was taken out of their sight.

32 And they sayde betwene themselues, Did not our hearts burne within vs, while he talked with vs by the way, and when he opened to vs the Scriptures?

33 And they rose vp the same houre, and returned to Ierusalem, and found the eleuen gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Which sayd, The Lorde is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 Then they tolde what things were done in the way, and how hee was knowen of them in m breaking of bread.

36 ¶ * And as they spake these things, Iesus himselfe stoode in the middes of them, and sayd vnto them, Peace be to you.

37 But they were abashed and afrayd, supposing that they had seene a spirit.

38 Then he sayd vnto them, Why are ye troubled? and whereforе do doubts arise in your hearts?

39 Beholde mine handes and my feete: for it is I my selfe: handle mee, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me haue.

40 And when hee had thus spoken, hee shewed them his handes and feet.

41 And while they yet beleeued not for ioy, and wondred, he sayd vnto them, Haue ye here any meat?

42 And they gaue him a piece of a broyled fish, and of an hony combe.

43 And he tooke it, and did eate before them.

44 And he sayd vnto them, These are the words, which I spake vnto you while I was yet with you, That all must be fulfilled which are written of mee in the Lawe of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalmes.

45 Then opened he their vnderstanding, that they might vnderstand the scriptures,

46 And said vnto them, Thus is it written, and thus it behoueth Christ to suffer, & to rise againe from the dead the third day,

47 And that repentance and remission of sinnes should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Ierusalem.

48 Now ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And beholde, I will send the n promise of my Father vpon you: but tarie yee in the citie of Ierusalem, o vntill ye be indued with power from an high.

50 Afterward he led them out into Bethania,

i Christ only is the interpreter of the Scriptures: for both the beginning and end thereof direct vs to him, because he is the Sauiour that is promised.

k Because Christ did both shut their eyes and open them, he would keepe them in suspence till his time came to manifest himselfe vnto them.

l According to the custome: the which maner of praying before meales they vse to this day.

m So soone as he beganne to breake bread. *Marke 16.14. iohn.20.19.*

Iohn 15.26. acts. 4.1.

n Which was y'l Whitsuntide when the holy Ghost was sent from heauen.

Marke 16.19. acts 1.9.

nia, and lift vp his hands, and bleſſed them.
51 And it came to paſſe, that as he bleſſed them, he departed from them, and was caried vp into heauen.
52 And they worſhipped him, & returned to Ieruſalem with great ioy,
53 And were continually in the Temple, praiſing and lauding God. Amen.

The holy Goſpel of Ieſus Chriſt, according to Iohn.

CHAP. I.

v. 14. 17 The dignity, humanity, and office of Ieſus Chriſt. 15 The teſtimony of Iohn. 39 The calling of Andrew, Peter, &c.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with * God, and that Word was God.
2 The ſame was b in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by it, and c without it was made nothing that was made.
4 In it was d life, and the life was the e light of men.
5 And the light ſhineth f in the darkneſs, and the darkneſs comprehended it not.
6 ¶ * There was a man ſent from God, whoſe name was Iohn.
7 The ſame came for a witneſſe, to beare witneſſe of the light, that all men through him might beleeue.
8 He was not that light, but was ſent to beare witneſſe of the light.
9 That was the true light, which lighteth euery man that g commeth into the world.
10 Hee was in the world, and the world was* made by him: and the world h knew him not.
11 He came vnto his i owne, and his own receiued him not.
12 But as many as receiued him, to them hee gaue i power to bee the ſonnes of God, euen to them that beleeue in his Name,
13 Which are borne not of bloode, nor of the will of the fleſh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14 * And the Word was made k fleſh, and dwelt among vs, (& we ſaw the glory thereof, as the glory of the only begotten Sonne of the Father) * full of grace and trueth.
15 ¶ Iohn bare witneſſe of him, & cryed, ſaying, This was he of whom I ſpake, He that commeth after mee, is preferred before me: for he was l before me.
16 And of his fulneſſe haue all we receiued, and m grace for grace.
17 For the Lawe was giuen by Moſes, but grace and trueth came by Ieſus Chriſt.
18 * No man hath ſeene God at any time: the onely begotten Sonne, which is in the boſome of the Father, he hath * declared him.
19 ¶ Then this is the record of Iohn, when the Iewes ſent Prieſtes and Leuites from Ieruſalem, to aſke him, Who art thou?
20 And he confeſſed and denied not, and ſaid plainely, I * am not the Chriſt.
21 And they aſked him, What then? Art thou Elias? and he ſaid, I am not. Art thou that * Prophet? And he anſwered, No.
22 Then ſayd they vnto him, Who art thou, that wee may giue an anſwere to them that ſent vs? what ſayeſt thou of thy ſelfe?
23 He ſaid, I * am the voyce of him that crieth in the wildernes, Make ſtraight the way of p Lord, as ſaid the Prophet Eſaias.
24 Now they which were ſent, were of the Phariſes.
25 And they aſked him, & ſaid vnto him, Why baptizeſt thou then, if thou be not the Chriſt, neither Elias, nor that * Prophet?
26 Iohn anſwered them, ſaying, I baptize with water: but there is one among you, whom ye know not.
27 * He it is that cometh after me, which is preferred before me, whoſe ſhooe latchet I am not worthy to vnlooſe.
28 Theſe things were done in Bethabara beyond Iordan, where Iohn did baptize.
29 The next day Iohn ſeeth Ieſus coming vnto him, & ſaith, Behold the Lambe of God, which taketh away the r ſinne of the world.
30 This is he of whom I ſaid, After me commeth a man, which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
31 And I knew him not: but becauſe he ſhould be declared to Iſrael, therefore am I come, baptizing with water.
32 So Iohn bare record, ſaying, I ſaw * the Spirit come downe from heauen, like a doue, and it abode vpon him.
33 And I knew him not: but he that ſent me to baptize with water, he ſaid vnto me, Vpon whom thou ſhalt ſee the Spirit come down, and tary ſtill on him, that is he which baptizeth with the * holy Ghoſt.
34 And I ſaw, and bare record, that this is the Sonne of God.
35 ¶ The next day, Iohn ſtood againe, and two of his diſciples:
36 And he beheld Ieſus walking by, and ſaid, Behold the t Lambe of God.
37 And y two diſciples heard him ſpeake, and followed Ieſus.
38 Then Ieſus turned about, and ſawe them followe, and ſaid vnto them, What ſeeke yee? And they ſaid vnto him, Rabbi, (which is to ſay by interpretation, Maiſter) u where dwelleſt thou?
39 He ſaid vnto them, Come & ſee. They came and ſaw where hee dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the * tenth houre.
40 Andrew, Simons Peters brother, was one of the two which had heard it of Iohn, and that followed him.
41 And the

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Or, before the beginning.
a Chriſt is God before all time.
b The Sonne is of the ſame ſubſtance with the Father.
c No creature was made without Chriſt.
d Whereby all things are quickned & preſerued.
e The life of man is more excellent then of any other creature, becauſe it is ioyned with light and vnderſtanding.
f Mans minde is full of darknes becauſe of the corruption thereof. *Matt. 3.1. marke 1.4. luke 3.2.*
g Or, is borne. *Hebr. 11.3.*
h Becauſe they did not worſhip him as their God. Rom. 1.21. acts 14.15.
i To the Iſraelites, who were his peculiar people.
k Meaning, a priuiledge or dignitie. *Matth. 1.16. luke 2.7.11.*
l He was formed and made man by the operation of the holy Ghoſt without the operatiõ of man. *Matth. 17 1. 2 pet. 1.12.*
m Or, proceeding from the Father. *Col. 1.19 & 2.9.* n Or, more excellent then I. 1 More abundant grace then by Moſes 1. *Tim. 6.16. 1. ioh. 4.12.* m Meaning, he is moſt deare, & ſtraightly ioyned to his Father, not only in loue, but alſo in nature and vnion n And ſo God that before was inuiſible, was made, as it were, viſible in Chriſt.

o Whom they looked for to be ſuch one as Moſes was, Deut. 18. 15. *Iſa. 40.3. matth 3.3. luke 3.4.*

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Matth. 3.11. marke 1.7. luke 3.16. acts 1.5. and 11. 16. and 19 4.

p Signifying the originall ſinne, which is y fountain of all ſinnes, & therewith all other ſinnes.
q That is, by ſight, but onely by y reuelation of God. *Matth. 3.16. marke 1.10. luke 3.22.*
r Who giueth the vertue and effect to baptiſme accomplishing that thing, which is thereby repreſented.
s He alludeth to y Paſchall lambe which was a figure of Chriſt.
t Or, where is thy lodging? or whither goeſt thou? for hee dwelled in Nazaret, and was there as a ſtranger.
u This was two houres before night.
x How Iohn ſaid that Ieſus was y lambe of God.

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41 The same found his brother Simon first, and sayd vnto him, We haue found the Messias, which is by interpretation, the Christ.

42 And hee brought him to Iesus. And Iesus beheld him, and sayd, Thou art Simon the sonne of Iona: thou shalt bee called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

43 ¶ The day following, Iesus would goe into Galile, and found Philip, and said vnto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the citie of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael, and sayd vnto him, We haue found him, of whom *Moyses did write in the Lawe, and the *Prophets, Iesus of Nazaret the sonne of Ioseph.

46 Then Nathanael said vnto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazaret? Philip said to him, Come and see.

47 Iesus saw Nathanael coming to him, & sayd of him, Behold indeed an Israelite, in whom is no guile.

48 Nathanael sayd vnto him, Whence knowest thou me? Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast vnder the figge tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered, and said vnto him, Rabbi, thou art the Sonne of God: thou art the King of Israel.

50 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, Because I sayd vnto thee, I saw thee vnder the fig tree, ‖ beleevest thou? thou shalt see greater things then these.

51 And he sayd vnto him, Verely, verely I say vnto you, hereafter shall you see heaven * open, and the Angels of God * ascending and descending vpon the Sonne of man.

CHAP. II.

1 *Christ turneth the water into wine.* 14 *He driveth the buyers and sellers out of the Temple.* 19 *He forewarneth his death and resurrection.* 23 *He converteth many, and distrusteth man.*

AND the third day was there a marriage in Cana a towne of Galile, and the mother of Iesus was there.

2 And Iesus was called also, and his disciples vnto the marriage.

3 Now when the wine failed, the mother of Iesus sayd vnto him, They haue no wine.

4 Iesus sayd vnto her, ‖Woman, what haue I to doe with thee? mine houre is not yet come.

5 His mother sayd vnto the seruants, Whatsoeuer he sayeth vnto you, doe it.

6 And there were set there five waterpots of stone after the manner of the purifying of the Iewes, containing two or three * firkins a piece.

7 And Iesus sayd vnto them, Fil the waterpots with water. Then they filled them vp to the brimme.

8 Then he sayd vnto them, Draw out now, and beare vnto the ‖ gouernour of the feast. So they bare it.

9 Now when the gouernour of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, (for he knewe not whence it was: but the seruants, which drewe the water, knewe) the gouernour of the feast called the bridegroome,

10 And sayd vnto him, All men at the beginning set forth good wine, and when men haue well dronke, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept backe the good wine vntil now.

11 This beginning of ‖ miracles did Iesus in Cana a towne of Galile, and shewed forth his glory: and his disciples beleeued on him.

12 After that hee went downe into Capernaum, he and his mother, and his ‖ brethren, and his disciples: but they continued not many dayes there.

13 For the Iewes ‖ Passeouer was at hand. Therefore Iesus went vp to Ierusalem.

14 * And hee found in the Temple those that sold oxen, and sheepe, and doues, & chaungers of money, sitting there.

15 Then he made a scourge of small cords, and draue them all out of the Temple with the sheepe & oxen, and powred out the chaungers money, and ouerthrew the tables,

16 And sayd vnto them that sold doues, Take these things hence: make not my Fathers house an house of marchandise.

17 And his disciples remembred, that it was written, * The ‖ zeale of thine house hath eaten me vp.

18 Then answered the Iewes, and sayd vnto him, What ‖ signe hewest thou vnto vs, that thou doest these things?

19 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, * Destroy this Temple, and in three dayes I will raise it vp againe.

20 Then sayd the Iewes, Fourty and sixe yeeres was this Temple a building, and wilt thou reare it vp in three dayes?

21 But hee spake of the Temple of his ‖ body.

22 Assoone therefore as he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembred that he thus sayd vnto them: and they beleeued the Scripture, and the word which Iesus had sayd.

23 Now when hee was at Ierusalem at the Passeouer in the feast, many beleeued in his Name, when they sawe his miracles which he did.

24 And Iesus * did not commit himselfe vnto them, because he knew them all,

25 And had no need that any should testifie of man: for he knew what was in man.

CHAP. III.

3 *Christ instructeth Nicodemus in the regeneration.* 15 *Of faith.* 16 *Of the loue of God towards the world.* 23 *The doctrine and baptisme of Iohn,* 28 *and the witnesse that he beareth of Christ.*

THere was now a man of the Phatises, named Nicodemus, a ruler of ‖ Iewes.

2 He came to Iesus by night, and sayd vnto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man could doe these miracles that thou doest, except God were with him.

‖ Or, the anointed.

‖ Or, Peter.

Gen. 49. 10. deut. 18. 18 Psa. 2 & 40. 7 & 45. 8. 9 Ier. 23. 5 & 33. 14 Ezek. 34. 23, 24 & 37. 24, 25 Dan. 9. 24 25.

y Those things which are contemptible to the world, are esteemed and preferred of God: and those things which the world preferreth, God abhorreth.

‖ Or, shou beleevest

z Christ openeth the heauens, that we may haue accesse to God, and maketh vs fellowes to the Angels.

Gen. 28. 12.

‖ Or, Woman.

‖ Or, miracles.

a This affection was so burning in him, that it surmounted and swallowed vp all the others.

‖ Or, miracle. Matt. 26. 61. & 27. 40 Mar. 14. 58 & 15. 29.

b Christes body might iustly be called the Temple, because the fulnesse of the Godhead dwelleth in it corporally, Col. 2. 9.

c For he tooke not them for true disciples, as he knewe by their inward thoughts, what religion soeuer they did pretend outwardly.

‖ Or, Rabbi.

‖ Or, ruler of the Iewes.

‖ Or, signes.

‖ Or, conuersation.

Matth. 23. 12. Mar. 11. 15. Luke 19. 45.

Psal. 69. 9.

3 Iesus answered, and sayde vnto him, Verily, verily I say vnto thee, except a man be borne againe, hee cannot [a] see the [b] kingdome of God.

4 Nicodemus sayd vnto him, How can a man be borne which is old? can hee enter into his mothers wombe againe, and be borne?

5 Iesus answered, Verily, verily I say vnto thee, except that a man be borne of [c] water and of the Spirite, he cannot enter into the kingdome of God.

6 That which is borne of the flesh, is flesh: and that that is borne of the Spirit, is Spirit.

7 Marueile not that I sayd to thee, Ye must be borne againe.

8 The [d] winde bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it commeth, and whither it goeth: so is euery man that is borne of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered, and sayd vnto him, How can these things be?

10 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, Art thou a teacher of Israel, and [e] knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily I say vnto thee, wee speake that we [f] know, and testifie that we haue seene: but ye [g] receiue not our witnesse.

12 If when I tell you [h] earthly things, yee beleeue not, how should yee beleeue, if I shall tell you of heauenly things?

13 For no man ascendeth vp to heauen, but he that hath descended from heauen, the Sonne of man which is in [i] heauen.

14 * And as Moses lift vp the serpent in the wildernesse, so must the Sonne of man be [k] lift vp,

15 That whosoeuer beleeueth in him, should not perish, but haue eternall life.

16 * For God so loued the world, that hee hath giuen his onely begotten Sonne, that whosoeuer beleeueth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life.

17 * For God sent not his Sonne into the world, that hee should [l] condemne the world, but that the [m] world through him might be saued.

18 Hee that beleeueth in him, shall not be condemned: but hee that beleeueth not, is condemned already, because he beleeueth not in the Name of the onely begotten Sonne of God.

19 * And this is the [n] condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loued darkenesse rather then light, because their deedes were euill.

20 For euery man that euil doeth, hateth the light, neither commeth to light, least his deedes should be reproued.

21 But hee that doeth [o] truely, commeth to the light, that his deedes might be made manifest, that they are wrought according to God.

22 ¶ After these things came Iesus and his disciples into the [p] lande of Iudea, and there taried with them, and baptized.

23 And Iohn also baptized in Enon, beside Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For Iohn was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question betweene Iohns disciples and the Iewes, about [q] purifying.

26 And they came vnto Iohn, and sayde vnto him, Rabbi, [r] hee that was with thee beyond Iordan, to whom * thou bearest witnesse, behold, he baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 Iohn answered, and sayde, A man can receiue no thing, except it be giuen him from heauen.

28 Yee your selues are my witnesses, that * I sayde, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 Hee that hath the bride, is the bridegrome: but the friende of the bridegrome which standeth and heareth him, reioyceth greatly, because of the bridegromes voyce. This my ioy therefore is fulfilled.

30 Hee must [s] increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that is come from on high, is aboue all: he that is of the * earth, is of the earth, and speaketh of the earth: hee that is come from heauen, is aboue all,

32 And what he hath seene and heard, that he testifieth: but no man receiueth his testimonie.

33 Hee that hath receiued his testimony, hath sealed that [t] God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: for God giueth him not the Spirit by * measure.

35 The Father loueth the Sonne, and hath [u] giuen all things into his hand.

36 * He that beleeueth in the Sonne, hath euerlasting life, and he that obeyeth not the Sonne, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

CHAP. IIII.

7 The communication of Christ with the woman of Samaria. 34 His zeale toward the Father, and his harueste. 39 The conuersion of the Samaritans, 45 And Galileans. 47 How hee healeth the rulers sonne.

NOw when the Lord knew, how [x] Pharises had heard, that Iesus made and baptized moe disciples then Iohn,

2 (Though Iesus himselfe baptized not: but his disciples.)

3 He left Iudea, and departed againe into Galile.

4 And he must needes goe through Samaria.

5 Then came he to a citie of Samaria called [y] Sychar, neere vnto the possession that * Iacob gaue to his sonne Ioseph.

6 And there was Iacobs well. Iesus then wearied in the iourney, sate [z] thus on the well: it was about [a] the sixt houre.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Iesus said vnto her, Giue me drinke.

8 For:

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a To enter therein.
b Which thing is to be assembled and incorporate into the Church of God
c Which is the spirituall water where the holy Ghost doth wash vs into newnesse of life.
d As the power of God is manifest by the mooning of the ayre, so is it in changing & renuing vs, although the maner bee hid from vs.
e Although he was excellently learned, yet knew he not those things which the very babes in Christs schoole ought to know.
f We may not teach our owne inuentions.
g He reproueth him, for that hee doe teach things which they vnderstand not, and yet others beleeue them: but Christ teacheth things most certain, & knowen, and men wil not receiue his doctrine.
h Which was after a common & grosse maner.
i By reason of the vnion of his Godhead with his manhood.
Num. 21. 9.
k His power must be manifest which is not yet knowen.
1 Iohn 4. 9.
Chap. 9. 39.
and 12. 47.
l The contempt of Christ, & the sinnes of the wicked condemne them: yet Christ as a iust iudge giueth sentence against [f] reprobate.
m Not onely the Iewes, but whosoeuer should beleeue in him.
Chap. 1. 9.
n The cause and matter of condemnation.
o In walking roundly and sincerely.
p As they doe which set God onely before their eyes, and follow the rule of his word.

[Or, in God.]

[Or, territorie. Chap. 4. 1, 2.]

q That is, how they might be made cleane before God, which the washings vnder the Law did represent.
r They were led with ambition, fearing least their master should haue lost his fame.
Chap. 1. 34.
Chap. 1. 20.
s No man ought to vsurpe any thing further then God giueth him.
t And be exalted, and I esteemed as his seruant.
u The minister compared to Christ, is but earth.
Rom. 5. 4.
x For vnto Christ was giuen the full abundance of all grace, that we might receiue of him as of the onely fountaine.
Matth. 11. 27.
Heb. 2. 9.
1 Iohn 5. 10.
[To Sunday after Christs birth]
[Because]
[2 Sab. after]
a To giue place to their rage.
[To March]
[2 Sab. after]
[Or Sychem. Gene. 33. 19. and 48. 22. Iosh. 24. 32.]
b Euen weary as he was.
c. Which was about midday.
[10 Trinity]
[1 Sab. after]
[10 Trinity]

8 For his disciples were gone away into the citie to buy meate.

9 Then sayd the woman of Samaria vnto him, How is it, that thou being a Iew askest drinke of me, which am a woman of d Samaria? For the Iewes medle not with the Samaritanes.

10 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto her, If thou knewest the e gift of God, and who it is that sayth to thee, Giue mee drinke, thou wouldest haue asked of him, and hee would haue giuen thee f water of life.

11 The woman said vnto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deepe: from whence then hast thou that water of life?

12 Art thou greater then our father Iacob, which gaue vs the well, and he himselfe dranke therof, and his children, and his cattell?

13 Iesus answered, and sayde vnto her, Whosoeuer drinketh of this water, shall thirst againe:

14 But whosoeuer drinketh of the g water that I shall giue him, shall neuer be more h athirst: but the water that I shall giue him shalbe in him a well of water, springing vp into euerlasting life.

15 The woman said vnto him, Sir, giue me of that water, that I may not thirst, neither come hither to draw.

16 Iesus said vnto her, Go, call thine husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered, and sayde, I haue no husband. Iesus said vnto her, Thou hast well sayd, I haue no husband.

18 For thou hast had fiue husbands, and hee whom thou now hast, is not thine husband: that saydest thou truely.

19 The woman sayd vnto him, Sir, I i see that thou art a Prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountaine, and yet say that in k Ierusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Iesus sayd vnto her, Woman, beleeue mee, the houre commeth, when yee shall neither in this mountaine, nor at Ierusalem, worship the Father.

22 Yee worship that which ye l know not: we worship that which we know: for saluation is of the Iewes.

23 But the houre commeth, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit, and truth: for the Father requireth euen such to worship him.

24 m God is a n Spirite, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and truth.

25 The woman sayde vnto him, I know well that Messias shall come, which is called Christ: when hee is come, he will tell vs all things.

26 Iesus sayd vnto her, I am her that speake vnto thee.

27 ¶ And vpon that came his disciples, and marueiled that hee talked with a woman: yet no man said vnto him, What askest thou? or why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the citie, and sayd to the men,

29 Come, see a man which hath tolde me all things that euer I did: is not hee the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the citie, and came vnto him.

31 ¶ In the meane while, the disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eate.

32 But he said vnto them, I haue meate to eate, and ye know not of.

33 Then said the disciples betweene themselues, Hath any man brought him meate?

34 Iesus sayde vnto them, o My meat is that I may doe the will of him that sent me, and finish his worke.

35 Say not yee, There are yet foure moneths, and then commeth harueste? Behold, I say vnto you, lift vp your eyes, and looke on the regions: for they are white already vnto harueste.

36 And he that reapeth receiueth wages, and gathereth fruite vnto life eternall, that both hee that soweth, and hee that reapeth, might p reioyce together.

37 For herein is the saying true, that one soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reape that, whereon ye bestowed no labour: q other men laboured, and ye are entred into their labours.

39 Now many of the Samaritanes of that citie r beleeued in him, for the saying of the woman which testified, He hath told me all things that euer I did.

40 Then when the Samaritanes were come vnto him, they besought him, that hee would tary with them: and hee abode there two dayes.

41 And many moe s beleeued because of his owne word.

42 And they said vnto the woman, Now we beleeue, not because of thy saying: for we haue heard him our selues, and knowe that this is in deede the Christ the Sauiour of the world.

43 ¶ So two dayes after, hee departed thence, and went into Galile.

44 For Iesus himselfe had t testified that a Prophet hath none honour in his u owne country.

45 Then when hee was come into Galile, the Galileans receiued him, which had seene all the things that he did at Ierusalem at the feast: for they went also vnto the feast.

46 And Iesus came againe into x Cana a towne of Galile, where he had made of water wine. And there was a certaine y ruler, whose sonne was sicke at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Iesus was come out of Iudea into Galile, he went vnto him, and besought him that he would ‖ go downe, and heale his sonne: for hee was euen ready to die.

48 Then said Iesus vnto him, Except ye see signes and wonders, ye will not beleeue.

49 The ruler sayde vnto him, Sir, goe downe before my sonne die.

50 Iesus said vnto him, Goe thy way, thy sonne liueth: and the man beleeued the word that Iesus had spoken vnto him, and went his way.

51 And as he was now ‖ going downe, his seruants

d For the Iewes esteemed the Samaritanes as wicked and prophane.

e Meaning, of himselfe, whom his Father had sent to conuert this woman.

f Which is the loue of God in his Sonne powred into our hearts by the holy Ghost, vnto euerlasting life, Rom. 5. 5.

1 Iohn 3 5.

‖ Or, the liuely water.

g Of the spirituall grace.

h He shall neuer be dried vp, or destitute.

i Till shee was liuely touched with her faults, she mocked and would not heare Christ.

Deut. 12. 6.

2 King 17. 29.

2 Cor. 3. 17.

k God being of a spirituall nature, requireth a spirituall seruice, and agreeable to his nature.

l There is nothing that I hunger for more, or wherein I take greater pleasure.

Matth. 9. 37.

Luke 10. 2.

m Without grudging the one at the others labour.

‖ Or, prouerbe.

n Meaning the Prophets.

o The Samaritans shewed themselues willing to receiue his doctrine who being but strangers, and scarcely knowing Christ, are a condemnation to ? Iewes, and all others, which neglect Gods word when it is offered.

p That is, had the right and true faith.

Matth. 13. 57.

marke 6. 4.

luke 4. 24.

q Here by his owne country he meaneth Ierusalem, and the country about (Chap. 2. 1.

r The word signifieth royall, or one of the kings court: and it seemeth, that he was one of Herods court, who was in great estimation with Herod, whom the people called King, Marke 6. 14.

‖ Or, come.

‖ Or, returning.

seruants met him, saying, Thy sonne liueth.

52 Then enquired hee of them the houre when he began to amend. And they sayd vnto him, Yesterday the seuenth houre the feuer left him.

53 Then the father knew, that it was the same houre in the which Iesus had said vnto him, Thy sonne liueth. And he beleeued, and all his houshold.

54 This second miracle did Iesus againe, after hee was come out of Iudea into Galile.

CHAP. V.

8 He healeth the man that was sicke eight and thirtie yeres. 10 The Iewes accuse him. 19 Christ answereth for himselfe, and reproueth them, 32 Shewing by the testimonie of his Father, 33 Of Iohn, 36 Of his works, 39 And of the Scriptures, who hee is.

AFter *a* that, there was a feast of *b* Iewes, and Iesus went vp to Ierusalem.

2 And there is at Ierusalem *c* by the place of the sheep, a *d* poole called in Ebrew *e* Bethesda, hauing fiue porches:

3 In the which lay a great multitude of sicke folke, of blind, halt, and withered, waiting for the mouing of the water.

4 For an Angell went downe at a certaine season into the poole, and troubled the water: whosoeuer then first, after *f* stirring of the water, stepped in, was made whole of whatsoeuer disease he had.

5 And a certaine man was there, which had bene diseased eighe and thirtie yeeres:

6 When Iesus saw him lie, and knewe that he now long time had bene diseased, he saide vnto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The sicke man answered him, Sir, I haue no man, when the water is troubled, to put mee into the poole: but while I am comming, another steppeth downe before mee.

8 Iesus sayd vnto him, Rise: *g* take vp thy bed, and walke.

9 And immediatly, the man was made whole, and tooke vp his bed, and walked: and the same day was the Sabbath.

10 The Iewes therefore said to him that was made whole, It is the Sabbath day: *h* it is not lawfull for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, he sayd vnto mee, Take vp thy bed, and walke.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which sayd vnto thee, Take vp thy bed, and walke?

13 And hee that was healed, knewe not who it was: for Iesus had conueyed himselfe away from the multitude that was in that place.

14 And after that, Iesus found him in the Temple, and sayde vnto him, Beholde, thou art made whole: *i* sinne no more, lest a worse thing come vnto thee.

15 ¶ The man departed, and tolde the Iewes that it was Iesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore the Iewes did persecute Iesus, and sought to slay him, because hee had done these things on the Sabbath day.

17 But Iesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I worke.

18 Therefore the Iewes sought the more to kill him: not onely because he had broken the Sabbath, but sayd also that God was *k* his Father, and made himselfe equall with God.

19 Then answered Iesus, and sayd vnto them, Verily, verily I say vnto you, The sonne can do nothing of himselfe, saue that hee seeth the Father doe: for whatsoeuer things hee doeth, the same things doeth the Sonne also.

20 For the Father loueth the Sonne, and *l* sheweth him all things, whatsoeuer hee himselfe doeth, and hee will shew him greater workes then these, that yee should marueile.

21 For likewise as the Father rayseth vp the dead, and quickeneth them, so the Sonne quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father iudgeth no man, but hath committed all *m* iudgment vnto the Sonne,

23 Because that all men should honour the Sonne, as they honour the Father: hee that honoureth not the Sonne, the same honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily I say vnto you, He that heareth my word, and beleeueth in him that sent mee, hath euerlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but hath passed from death vnto life.

25 Verily, verily I say vnto you, The houre shal come, and now is, when the dead shall heare the *n* voyce of the Sonne of God: and they that *o* heare it, shall liue.

26 For as the Father hath life in *p* himselfe, so likewise hath he giuen to the Sonne to haue life in himselfe,

27 And hath giuen him power also to execute *q* iudgement, in that he *r* is the sonne of man.

28 Marueile not at this: for the houre shall come in the which all that are in the graues, shall heare his voyce.

29 And they shall come forth, *s* that haue done good, vnto the resurrection of life: but they that haue done euill, vnto the resurrection of condemnation.

30 I can doe nothing of mine owne selfe: as I heare, I iudge: and my iudgement is iust, because I seeke not mine owne will, but the will of the Father who hath sent mee.

31 If *t* I should beare witnesse of my selfe, my witnesse were not *u* true.

32 There is an other that beareth witnesse of mee, and I know that the witnesse, which he beareth of me, is true.

33 *x* Ye sent vnto Iohn, and he bare witnesse vnto the trueth.

34 But I receiue not the record of man: nevertheless, these things I say, that ye might be saued.

35 He was a burning *y* and a shining *z* candle: and yee would for a *a* season haue reioyced in his light.

Matth. 23. 3. *deut.* 16. 1.
‖ *Or, the sheepe market.*
a Where the sheepe were washed, that should be sacrificed.
b Which signifieth the house of powring out, because the water ranne out by conduits.
c This was to the end that the miracle might be so euident, that no man could speak against it.
Iosua. 17. 22.
d The afflictions that we endure, are chastisements for our sinnes.
e That is, proper and peculiar to him alone.
f It was lawfull for all Israel to call God their Father, Exod. 4. 22. but because Christ did attribute to himselfe that he had power ouer al things, and wrought as his Father did, they gathered that Christ did not onely make himselfe the Sonne of God, but also equall with him.
g That is, he doeth commande cure with lyke hauing the same power and the same will.
h In giuing him power and rule ouer all.
i They that receiue it by faith.
k To communicate it with vs.
l That is, so gouerne and rule all things.
Matth. 25. 46.
Chap. 8. 14. *matth* 3. 17.
m Christ had respect to their weakenesse that heard him, and therefore sayd that his owne witnesse should not be sufficient.
Chap. 1. 27.
‖ *Or, lampe.*
n But yee left him quickly, and did not persiste

Matth. 3. 17. *and* 17. 5.

o In the law and Prophets. *Deut.* 4. 12. *Acts.* 17. 11.

p The people are more ready to receiue false prophets, then Iesus Christ.

q Vaine glory is a great let for a man to come to God.

Chap. 12. 43.

r As Moses shall accuse them that trust in him: so they shall haue no greater enemies at the day of iudgement, then the virgine Mary, and the Saints, vpon whom now they call: but whosoeuer doeth accuse the godly, Christ and their owne conscience shall condemne them.

Gen. 3. 15. & 22. 18. *and* 49. 10. *deut.* 18. 15.

36 But I haue greater witnesse then the witnesse of Iohn: for the workes which the Father hath giuen mee to finish, the same workes that I do, beare witnesse of me, that the Father sent me.

37 And the *Father himselfe, which hath sent me, o beareth witnes of me. Ye haue not heard his voyce at any time, * neither haue ye seene his shape.

38 And his word haue yee not abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him yee beleeue not.

39 * Search the Scriptures: for in them yee thinke to haue eternall life, and they are they which testifie of mee.

40 But yee will not come to mee, that yee might haue life.

41 I receiue not praise of men.

42 But I know you, that ye haue not the loue of God in you.

43 I am come in my Fathers name, and ye receiue me not: p if another shall come in his owne name, him will ye receiue.

44 How can yee beleeue, which q receiue honour one of another, and seeke not the honour that commeth of God alone?

45 Doe not thinke that I will accuse you to my Father: there is one that * accuseth you, euen Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye beleeued Moses, ye would haue beleeued me: * for he wrote of me.

47 But if yee beleeue not his writings, how shall ye beleeue my words?

CHAP. VI.

Iesus feedeth fiue thousand men with fiue loaues and two fishes. 15 He departed away, that they should not make him King. 26 He reproueth the fleshly hearers of his word. 51 The carnall are offended at him. 63 The flesh profiteth not.

AFter these things, Iesus went his way ouer the * sea of Galile, or of b Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles, which he did on them that were diseased.

3 Then Iesus went vp into a mountaine, and there he sate with his disciples.

4 Now the Passouer, a * feast of the Iewes, was neere.

5 * Then Iesus lift vp his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude came vnto him, hee sayd vnto Philip, c Whence shall we buy bread, that these might eate?

6 (And this he sayd to proue him: for he himselfe knew what he would doe.)

7 Philip answered him, * Two hundreth pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that euery one of them may take a little.

8 Then sayde vnto him one of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peters brother.

9 There is a little boy heere, which hath fiue barley loaues, and two fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Iesus sayd, Make the people sit down. (Now there was much grasse in that place.) Then the men sate downe in number about fiue thousand.

11 And Iesus tooke the bread, and * gaue thankes, and gaue to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set downe: and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 And when they were satisfied, he sayd vnto his disciples, Gather vp the broken meate which remayneth, that * nothing bee lost.

13 Then they gathered it together, and filled twelue baskets with the broken meate of the fiue barley loaues, which remayned vnto them that had eaten.

14 Then the men when they had seene the miracle that Iesus did, sayd, This is of a trueth, the Prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Iesus therefore perceiued that they would come, and take him to make him a * King, hee departed againe into a mountaine himselfe alone.

16 ¶ When euen was now come, his disciples went downe vnto the sea,

17 * And entred into a shippe, and went * ouer the sea towardes Capernaum: and now it was darke, and Iesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose with a great winde that blew.

19 And when they had rowed about fiue and twentie, or thirtie * furlongs, they saw Iesus walking on the sea, * drawing neere vnto the ship: so they were afraid.

20 But he sayd vnto them, It is I: be not afraid.

21 Then willingly they receiued him into the ship: and the ship was by and by at the land, whither they went.

22 ¶ The day following, the people which stoode on the other side of the sea, saw that there was none other shippe there, saue that one, whereinto his disciples were entred, and that Iesus went not with his disciples in the ship, but that his disciples were gone * alone,

23 And that there came other ships from Tiberias nere vnto the place where they ate the bread, after the Lord had giuen thanks.

24 Now when the people saw that Iesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also tooke shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Iesus.

25 And when they had found him on the * other side of the sea, they sayde vnto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Iesus answered them, and sayd, Verily, verily I say vnto you, yee seeke me not, because ye saw the miracles, but because yee ate of the loaues, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meate which perisheth, but for the meate that * endureth vnto euerlasting life, which the Sonne of man shall giue vnto you: for him hath * God the Father * sealed.

28 Then sayd they vnto him, ¶ What shall we doe, that we might worke the * workes of God?

29 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto them, * This is the worke of God, that ye beleeue in him, whom he sent.

30 They sayd therefore vnto him, ¶ What signe shewest thou then, that wee may see it, and beleeue thee? what doest thou worke?

31 * Our Fathers did eate Manna in the desert,

a Called the lake of Genneareth. b Tiberias, Bethsaida, and Capernaum were on this side the lake in respect of Galile: but it is here said that he went ouer, because there were diuers creekes and turnings, ouer the which men ferried.

Leuit 23. 5. *deut.* 16. 1. *Mat.* 24. 16. *marc.* 6. 37. *luke* 9. 13.

c The summe amounteth to about fiue pound sterling.

d Prayer and thanksgiuing doe sanctifie our meates, where-with we are nourished.

e The abundant store of Gods gifts ought not to make vs prodigall to waste them.

f They imagined an earthly kingdome without the testimonie of Gods word, so that by this meanes his spirituall kingdome should haue beene abolished. *Matth.* 14. 25. *marke* 6. 47.

g Ouer a corner of the lake.

h Whereof eight make a mile.

i Wherefore it must needes follow that Christ passed miraculously.

k This was not straight ouer the lake from side to side, but ouer a creek or arme of the lake, which saueth much labour to them that should haue gone about by land.

l Which nourisheth and augmenteth our faith.

Chap. 1. 32. *mat.* 3. 17. *and* 17. 5.

m For when he appointed him to be the Mediator, he set his marke and seale in him to be the onely one to reconcile God and man together.

n Such as be acceptable vnto God. *1. Iohn* 3. 23. *Exod.* 16. 14, 15. *num.* 11. 7.

Psal.78.24.25. wisd.16.20.

o He compareth Moses with the Father, & Manna with Christ, who feedeth vs into euerlasting life, 1.Cor.10.3.

desert, as it is *written, he gaue them bread from heauen to eate.

32 Then Iesus sayd vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, *Moses gaue you not bread from heauen, but my Father giueth you the true bread from heauen.

33 For the bread of God is he which commeth downe from heauen, and giueth life vnto the world.

34 Then they sayd vnto him, Lord, euermore giue vs this bread.

35 And Iesus sayd vnto them, I am the bread of life: hee that commeth to me, shall not hunger, and *he that beleeueth in me, shall p neuer thirst.

36 But I said vnto you, that ye also haue seene me, and beleeue not.

37 All q that the Father giueth me, shall come to me: and him that commeth to me, I cast not away.

38 For I came downe from heauen, not to do mine own will, but his will which hath sent me.

39 And this is the Fathers will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath giuen me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it vp againe at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that euery man which seeth the Sonne, and beleeueth in him, should haue euerlasting life: and I will raise him vp at the last day.

41 The Iewes then murmured at him, because he sayd, I am the bread, which is come downe from heauen.

Matth.13.55.

42 And they sayd, *Is not this Iesus the sonne of Ioseph, whose father and mother we know: how then saieth he, I came downe from heauen?

43 Iesus then answered, and sayd vnto them, Murmure not among your selues.

r That is, or beleeue in me.

44 No man can r come to me, except the Father which hath sent me, s draw him, and I will raise him vp at the last day.

s By lightening his heart with his holy Spirit. *Isa.54.13 iere. 31.33. Matth.11.27.*

45 It is written in the *Prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Euery man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, commeth vnto me,

46 *Not that any man hath seene the Father, saue he which is of God, hee hath seene the Father.

47 Verely, verely I say vnto you, he that beleeueth in me, hath euerlasting life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 *Your fathers did eate Manna in the wildernesse, t and are dead.

Exod.16.15.

t Then there is no food that can nourish our soules but Iesus Christ.

50 This is the bread, which commeth downe from heauen, that he which eateth of it should not die.

51 I am the *liuing bread, which came downe from heauen: if any man eate of this bread, he shall liue for euer: and the bread that I will giue, is my flesh, which I will giue for the life of the world.

u Which giue life to the world.

52 Then the Iewes stroue among themselues, saying, How can this man giue vs his flesh to eate?

53 Then Iesus sayd vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, Except ye eate the flesh of the Sonne of man, and drinke his blood, ye haue x no life in you.

x Where Christ is not there death reigneth.

54 Whosoeuer * eateth my flesh, & drinketh my blood, hath eternall life, and I will raise him vp at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meate in deed, and my blood is drinke in deede.

56 He y that eateth my flesh, & drinketh my blood, * dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the liuing Father hath sent me, so liue I by the Father, and he that eateth me, euen he shall liue by me.

58 This is the bread which came downe from heauen: not as your Fathers haue eaten Manna, and are dead. He that eateth of this bread, shall liue for euer.

59 These things spake he in the Synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples (when they heard this) sayd, This is an hard saying: who can * heare it?

61 But Iesus knowing in himselfe, that his disciples murmured at this, sayd vnto them, Doeth this offend you?

62 What then if ye should see the Sonne of man * ascend vp * where he was before?

63 It is the Spirit that quickneth: the flesh * profiteth nothing: the wordes that I speake vnto you are spirit and life.

64 But there are some of you that beleeue not: for Iesus knewe from the beginning, which they were that beleeued not, and who should betray him.

65 And hee sayd, Therefore sayd I vnto you, that no man can come vnto me, except it be giuen vnto him of my Father.

66 From that time, many of his disciples went backe, and walked no more with him.

67 Then sayd Iesus to the twelue, Will ye also goe away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Master, to whom shall we goe? Thou hast the wordes of * eternall life:

69 And we beleeue, and know that thou art * the Christ, the sonne of the liuing God.

70 Iesus answered them, Haue not I * chosen you twelue, and one * of you is a deuill?

71 Nowe hee spake it of Iudas Mariot the sonne of Simon: for hee it was that should betray him, though he was one of the twelue.

1 Cor.11.27.

y As our bodies are sustained with meate and drinke: so are our soules nourished with the body & blood of Iesus Christ.

z To eat the flesh of Christ & drink his blood, is to dwell in Christ & to haue Christ dwelling in vs, a That is, vnderstand it.

b He meaneth not that his humanitie descended frō heauen: but he speaketh touching † vnion of both natures, attributing to the one, that which appertaineth to the other *Chap.3.13.*

c To wit, if it be separated from the Spirit, whereof it hath † force: for it commeth of the power of the Spirit, that the flesh of Christ giueth vs life.

d Then without Christ there is but death: for his word onely leadeth vs to life. *Matth.16.16. Matth.26.14.*

e Although your number be small, yet shall ye be diminished.

CHAP. VII.

6 Iesus reproueth the ambition of his cousins. 12 There are diuers opinions of him among the people. 17 He sheweth how to know the truth. 20 The iniurie they do vnto him. 47 The Pharisies rebuke the officers because they haue not taken him. 52 and chode with Nicodemus for taking his part.

AFter these things, Iesus walked in Galile, and would not walke in Iurea: for the Iewes sought to kill him.

2 Now the Iewes * feast of the Tabernacles was at hand.

Leuit.23.34.

a At this feast they dwelled seuen dayes in the tents, which put them in remembrance, that they had no stay here permanent, but † they must seeke one to come.

3 His brethren therefore sayd vnto him, Depart hence, and goe into Iudea, that thy disciples may see thy workes that thou doest.

4 For there is no man that doeth any thing secretly, and he himselfe seeketh to

be ‖ famous. If thou doest these things, shew thy selfe to the world.

5 For as yet his brethren beleeued not in him.

6 Then Iesus said vnto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.

7 The world cannot hate you: but me it hateth, [b] because I testifie of it, that the workes thereof are euill.

8 Goe ye vp vnto this feast: I will [c] not goe vp yet vnto this feast: for my time is not yet fulfilled.

9 ¶ These things hee sayd vnto them and abode still in Galile.

10 But assoone as his brethren were gone vp, then went he also vp vnto the feast, not openly, but as it were priuily.

11 Then the Iewes sought him at the feast, and sayd, [d] Where is he?

12 And much murmuring was there of him among the people. Some sayd, He is a good man: other said, Nay, but he deceiueth the people.

13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for feare of the [e] Iewes.

14 Now when halfe the feast was done, Iesus went vp into the Temple & taught.

15 And the Iewes marueiled, saying, Howe knoweth this man the ‖ Scriptures, seeing that he neuer learned?

16 Iesus answered them, and sayd, My doctrine is not [e] mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will doe his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speake of my selfe.

18 He [f] that speaketh of himselfe, seeketh his owne glory: but he that seeketh his glorie that sent him, the same is true, and no [g] vnrighteousnesse is in him.

19 * Did not Moses giue you a Law, and yet none of you keepeth the Law? [h] Why go ye about to kill me?

20 The [i] people answered, and sayde, Thou hast a deuill: who goeth about to kill thee?

21 Iesus answered, and sayde to them, I haue done one worke, and yet all [i] marueile.

22 * Moses therefore gaue vnto you circumcision, (not because it is of Moses, but of the [k] fathers) and ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the Sabbath receiue circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken, be ye angry with me, because I haue made a man euery whit whole on the Sabbath day?

24 * Iudge not according to the appearance, but iudge righteous iudgement.

25 ¶ Then said some of them of Ierusalem, Is not this he, whom they goe about to kill?

26 And beholde, hee speaketh ‖ openly, and they say nothing to him: doe the rulers knowe in deede that this is the very Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ commeth, no man shall know whence he is.

28 ¶ Then cryed Iesus in the Temple as he taught, saying, Yee [l] both know me, and know whence I am: yet am I not come of my selfe, but he that sent me, is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am of him, and he hath sent me.

30 Then they sought to take him, but no man layd handes on him, because his houre was not yet come.

31 Now many of the people [l] beleeued in him, and sayd, [m] When the Christ commeth, will he do moe miracles then this man hath done?

32 The Pharises heard that the people murmured these things of him, & the Pharises and high Priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then sayd Iesus vnto them, Yet am I [n] a little while with you, and then goe I vnto him that sent me.

34 * Ye shall seeke me, and shall not find me, and where I am, can ye not come.

35 Then sayde the Iewes among themselues, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go vnto them that are dispersed among the [o] Grecians, and teach the Grecians?

36 What saying is this that he sayd, Ye shall seeke me, and shall not find me? & where I am, can ye not come?

37 Now in the last and [p] great day of the feast, Iesus stood and cryed, saying, If any man thirst, let him come vnto mee, and drinke.

38 He that [q] beleeueth in mee, * as saieth the Scripture, out of his belly shall flow riuers of water [r] of life.

39 (* This spake he of the Spirit, which they that beleeued in him, should receiue: for the [q] holy Ghost was not yet giuen, because that Iesus was not yet glorified.)

40 So many of the people, when they heard this saying, sayd, Of a trueth this is the [r] Prophet.

41 Other said, This is the Christ: & some sayd, But shall Christ come out of Galile?

42 * Sayeth not the Scripture that the Christ shall come of the seede of Dauid, and out of the towne of Bethlehem, where Dauid was?

43 So was there dissension among the people for him.

44 And some of them would haue taken him, but no man layd hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the high Priestes and Pharises, and they sayd vnto them, Why haue ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, [s] Neuer man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Pharises, Are ye also deceiued?

48 Doth any of the [t] rulers, or of the Pharises beleeue in him?

49 But this people which knowe not the Law, are cursed.

50 Nicodemus sayd vnto them, (* hee that came to Iesus by night, and was one of them.)

51 Doth our Lawe iudge a man before it heare him, * and knowe what he hath done?

52 They

Or, manifest.

b Why the world hateth Christ.

c Christ doeth not vtterly deny that he would go to the feast, but signifieth that as yet he was not fully determined.

d These were the heads of the people, who did enuy Christ.

‖ Or, letters.

e In that, that he is man onely

f By this marke we may know whether the doctrine be of God or of man.

g Nothing counterfeit or vntrue. Exod. 34. 3. Deut. 5. 18.

h Who did not know the fetch of the Scribes.

i Because I did it on the Sabbath day. Leuit. 12. 3. Gen. 17. 10.

Deut. 1. 16, 17.

‖ Or, freely.

k He speaketh this, as it were scornefully.

l They were well minded to heare him, which preparation is here called (although improperly) faith.

m He sheweth vnto them that they haue no power ouer him till the time come that his Father hath ordained. Chap. 13. 33.

‖ Or, shalbe.

n Among the Iewes which were scattered here and there among the Gentiles. Luke 13. 34.

o The true way to come to Christ, is by faith. Deut. 18. 15.

p Which shall neuer drie vp. Ioel 2. 28. Act. 2. 17.

q These were the visible graces which were giuen to the Apostles after his ascension.

r They looked for some notable Prophet besides the Messias, Chap. 1. 21. Micah. 5. 2. Matth. 2. 5.

s Wherin appeareth the mighty power of Christs word against his enemies.

t They alledge the authoritie of man against Gods authority. Chap. 3. 1, 2.

Deut. 17. 8 and 19. 15.

52 They answered and saide vnto him, Art thou also of Galilee? search and looke: for out of Galilee ariseth no Prophet.

53 And euery man went vnto his owne house.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Christ disalloweth her that was taken in adultery. 12 He is the light of the world. 14 He sheweth from whence he is come, wherefore, and whither he goeth. 32 Who are free and who are bond. 34 Of freemen and slaues, and their reward. 46 How he seeth his enemies. 59 And being persecuted, withdraweth himselfe.

1 AND Iesus went vnto the mount of Oliues.

2 And early in the morning came againe into the Temple, & all the people came vnto him, and he sate downe, and taught them.

3 Then the Scribes and the Pharises brought vnto him a woman, taken in adulterie, and set her in the midst,

4 And said vnto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the Law commanded vs, that such should be stoned: what sayest thou therefore?

6 And this they sayd to tempt him, that they might haue wherof to accuse him. But Iesus stouped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

7 And while they continued asking him, he lift himselfe vp, and said vnto them, Let him that is among you without sinne, cast the first stone at her.

8 And againe he stouped downe, and wrote on the ground.

9 And when they heard it, being accused by their owne conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the eldest euen to the last: so Iesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Iesus had lift vp himselfe againe, & saw no man, but the woman, he said vnto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She sayd, No man, Lord. And Iesus sayd, Neither do I condemne thee: go and sinne no more.

12 Then spake Iesus againe vnto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me, shall not walke in darkenesse, but shall haue the light of life.

13 The Pharises therefore said vnto him, Thou bearest record of thy selfe: thy record is not true.

14 Iesus answered, and said vnto them, Though I beare record of my selfe, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, & whither I go: but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye iudge after the flesh: I iudge no man.

16 And if I also iudge, my iudgement is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father, that sent me.

17 And it is also written in your Lawe, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that beare witnesse of my selfe, and the Father that sent me, beareth witnesse of me.

19 Then saide they vnto him, Where is thy Father? Iesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father. If ye had known me, ye should haue known my Father also.

20 These words spake Iesus in the treasurie, as he taught in the Temple, and no man layd hands on him: for his houre was not yet come.

21 Then sayde Iesus againe vnto them, I goe my way, and ye shall seeke me, and shall die in your sinnes. Whither I goe, can ye not come.

22 Then sayd the Iewes, Will he kill himselfe, because he saith, Whither I goe, can ye not come?

23 And he said vnto them, Ye are from beneath, I am from aboue: ye are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 I sayd therefore vnto you, That ye shall die in your sinnes: for except ye beleeue, that I am he, ye shall die in your sinnes.

25 Then sayd they vnto him, Who art thou? And Iesus sayde vnto them, Euen the same thing that I sayd vnto you from the beginning.

26 I haue many things to say, and to iudge of you: but he that sent me, is true, and the things that I haue heard of him, those speake I to the world.

27 They vnderstood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then sayd Iesus vnto them, When ye haue lift vp the Sonne of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of my selfe, but as my Father hath taught me, so I speake these things.

29 For he that sent me, is with me: the Father hath not left me alone, because I do alwayes those things that please him.

30 As he spake these things, many beleeued in him.

31 Then said Iesus to the Iewes which beleeued in him, If ye continue in my word, yee are verely my disciples.

32 And shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abrahams seed, and were neuer bond to any man: why sayest thou then, Ye shall be made free?

34 Iesus answered them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, that whosoeuer committeth sinne, is the seruant of sinne.

35 And the seruaunt abideth not in the house for euer: but the Sonne abideth for euer.

36 If the Sonne therefore shall make you free, ye shalbe free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abrahams seed, but ye seeke to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speake that which I haue seene with my Father: and ye doe that which ye haue seene with your father.

39 They answered and saide vnto him, Abraham is our father. Iesus saide vnto them,

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Lawe. 20. 10.

a Either for breaking the Daw, if he did deliuer her, and of lightnesse and inconstancie, if he did condemne her. Deut. 17. 6, 7.

b Iesus would not meddle, but with that which did appertaine to his office, to wit, to bring sinners to repentance: and therefore did not abolish the Law against adultery.

Chap. 1. 5. & 9. 5.

‖ Or, lawfully layd hee.

‖ Or, iust.

Chap 5. 31.

c That which Christ denied, Chap. 5. 31. here he granteth, to declare vnto the their stubburnnesse, and saith that being God, he beareth witnesse to his humanitie: likewise doeth God the Father witnesse the same, which are two distinct persons, though but one God, chap. 5. 37.

d In that he came from his father, he sheweth that he is not onely man, but God also.

e How lawfully, as they did, Deut. 17. 6. & 19. 15. Mat. 18. 16. 2. Cor. 13. 1. Heb. 10. 28.

f Which place proueth Christ to be very God and man.

g That is, the place where the vessel and other things belonging to the temple, were kept.

h Because of their rebellion wherein they did persuere.

i He sheweth the difference betweene the Gospel, and the subtill wit of man.

‖ Or, From the beginning, I am that I said vnto you.

k That is, who he was, whence he was, and why he came into this world.

l Their endeuours and practises, whereby they thinke to destroy him, shall serue to exalt and magnifie his glory.

m Not to beleeue in him, but to be conuicted.

n To wit, the Messias.

o For they were slaues to sinne.

p These were not the beleeuing Iewes, but the mockers that answered thus. Rom. 6. 20. 2. Pet. 2. 19.

q He granteth their saying in such sort, that he sheweth vnto them that their owne deedes proue them liars.

r Which were his obedience, charitie and such good works which proceeded of faith.

them, If ye were Abrahams children, ye would do the r works of Abraham.

40 But now ye go about to kill me, a man that haue told you the truth, which I haue heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye doe the workes of your father. Then sayd they to him, We are not borne of fornication: we haue one father, which is God.

42 Therefore Jesus sayd vnto them, If God were your Father, then would ye loue me: for I proceeded forth, and came from God, neither came I of my selfe, but he sent me.

s For you are carnall, and cannot vnderstand spirituall things. 1 Iohn 3. 8.

t Since the first creation of man.

u If followeth then that he was once in y truth, for he was not created euil.

43 Why do ye not vnderstand my talke? because ye cannot heare my word.

44 s Ye are of your father the deuill, and the lusts of your father ye will doe: hee hath beene a murtherer t from the beginning, and u abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, then he speaketh he of his x own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.

x According to his wont and custome. 1. Iohn 4. 6.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye beleeue me not.

46 Which of you can rebuke me of sinne? and if I say the truth, why do ye not beleeue me?

47 y Hee that is of God, heareth Gods words: ye therefore heare them not, because ye are not of God.

y Who will reuenge the iniurie that ye doe against him, or rather against him.

48 Then answered the Iewes, and sayd vnto him, Say we not well, that thou art a Samaritane, and hast a deuill?

49 Jesus answered, I haue not a deuill, but I honour my Father, and ye haue dishonoured me.

50 And I seeke not mine owne praise: there is one that seeketh it, and z iudgeth.

z For the faithful euen in death see life.

51 Verily, verily I say vnto you, If a man keepe my word, he shall neuer a see death.

52 Then sayd the Iewes to him, Now we know we that thou hast a deuill. Abraham is dead, and the Prophets, and thou sayest, If a man keepe my word, he shall neuer taste of death.

53 Art thou greater then our father Abraham which is dead? And the Prophets are dead: whom makest thou thy selfe?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour my selfe, mine honour is nothing worth: it is my Father that honoureth me, whom ye say, that he is your God.

a Which was to see the comming of Christ in the flesh, which thing Abraham saw far off with the eyes of faith. Heb 11 10.

55 Yet yee haue not knowen him: but I know him, and if I would say I know him not, I should be a liar like vnto you: but I know him, and keepe his word.

56 Your father Abraham reioyced to see my a day, and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Iewes vnto him, Thou art not yet fifty yere old, and hast thou seene Abraham?

b Not only God, but the mediatour betweene God & man, appointed before all eternitie. Ebr 10 31.

58 Jesus said vnto them, Verily, verily I say vnto you, before Abraham was, b I am.

59 Then tooke they vp stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himselfe, and went out of the Temple.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Of him that was borne blinde.* 11 *The confession of him that was borne blind.* 39 *To what ende was Christ giuen light.*

AND as Jesus passed by, hee saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sinne, this man or his parents, that he was borne blinde?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the workes of God should be shewed on him.

4 I must worke the workes of him that sent me, while it is a day: the night commeth, when no man can worke.

5 As long as I am in the world, b I am the light of the world.

6 Assoone as he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spettle, and anointed the eyes of the blinde with the clay.

7 And sayd vnto him, Goe wash in the poole of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent) He went his way therefore and washed, and came againe seeing.

8 Now the neighbours and they that had seene him before, when he was blinde, said, Is not this he that sate and begged?

9 Some sayd, This is hee: and others sayd, He is like him: but he himselfe sayd, I am he.

10 Therefore they sayd vnto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered, and said, The man that is called Jesus, made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and sayd vnto me, Go to the poole of Siloam, and wash. So I went and washed, and receiued sight.

12 Then they sayd vnto him, Where is he? He sayd, I cannot tell.

13 c They brought to the Pharises him that was once blinde.

14 And it was the Sabbath day, when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then againe the Pharises also asked him, how he had receiued sight. And he said vnto them, He laid clay vpon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Then said some of the Pharises, This man is not of God, because hee keepeth not the Sabbath day. Others sayde, How can a man that is a sinner, doe such miracles? and there was a diuision among them.

17 Then spake they vnto the blinde againe, What sayest thou of him, because he hath opened thine eyes? And he said, He is a Prophet.

18 Then the Iewes did not beleeue him (that hee had beene blinde, and receiued his sight) vntill they had called the parents of him that had receiued sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your sonne, whom ye say was borne blinde? How doth he now see then?

20 His parents answered them, and said, We know that this is our sonne, and that he was borne blind:

21 But by what meanes hee now seeth, wee know not: or who hath opened his eyes, we can not tell: hee is old enough: aske him: he shall answere for himselfe.

22 These words spake his parents, because

c This was not for any vertue that was in the earth, in the spettle, or in the clay, to make one see, but it onely pleased him to vse these signes and meanes.

d Hereby was prefigured the Messias, who should be sent vnto them.

e They durst not speake the truth for feare they should be excommunicate.

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f That is, consider that nothing is hid from God: therefore tell vs the truth, that God may be glorified thereby, Iosh. 7. 19. 1. Sam. 6. 5.

g He spake this in mockerie.

h They thought either to driue him from the truth, or to make him ware by their oft times examining him: which practise some members euer doe obserue in examining the Christians.

i He derideth their wilfull malice & ignorance.

k They doubted not of his country or parents, but of his office and authoritie.

l Or, wicked men contemners of God, and such as delight in sinne.

*Or, excommunicate him.

m As all astonished he fell downe and worshipped him.

n Meaning, with rule & authority, to make the poore blinde to see, & the proud seers blinde. Chap. 3. 17, 18. and 12. 46, 47.

o You should not be so much in fault.

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consult they feared the Iewes: for the Iewes had ordained alreadie, that if any man did confesse that he was the Christ, he should be excommunicated out of the Synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is old ynough: aske him.

24 Then againe called they the man that had bene blinde, and said vnto him, *Giue glory vnto God: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 Then he answered, and said, Whether hee bee a sinner or no, *I cannot tell: one thing I know, that I was blinde, and now I see.

26 Then said they to him againe, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I haue told you already, and yee haue not heard it: wherefore would ye heare it againe? *will yee also be his disciples?

28 Then checked they him, and said, Be thou his disciple: *we be Moses disciples.

29 We know that God spake vnto Moses: but this man we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered, and sayde vnto them, Doubtlesse this is a marueilous thing, that ye *know not whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him heareth he.

32 Since the worlde began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was borne blinde.

33 If this man were not of God, he could haue done nothing.

34 They answered, and said vnto him, Thou art altogether borne in sinnes, and doest thou teach vs? so they cast him out.

35 Iesus heard that they had cast him out: and when he had found him, he said vnto him, Doest thou beleeue in the Sonne of God?

36 He answered, and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might beleeue in him?

37 And Iesus said vnto him, Both thou hast seene him, and he it is that talketh with thee.

38 Then hee said, Lord, I beleeue, and *worshipped him.

39 And Iesus saide, I am come vnto *iudgement into this worlde, that they which see not, might see: and that they *which see, might be made blinde.

40 And some of the Pharises which were with him heard these things, and said vnto him, Are we blinde also?

41 Iesus sayd vnto them, If yee were blinde, *ye should not haue sinne: but now ye say, We see: therefore your sinne remaineth.

CHAP. X.

1 Christ is the true shepheard, and the doore. 19 Diuers opinions of Christ. 24 He is assaulted by the Iewes. 31 His workes declare that he is God. 34 The Prophets called gods.

VErelie, verelie I say vnto you, *He that entereth not in by the doore into the sheepefolde, but climeth vp another way, he is a theefe, and a robber.

2 But he that goeth in by the doore, is the shepeheard of the sheepe.

3 To him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and he *calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he hath sent forth his own sheepe, he goeth before them, and the sheepe follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And they will not follow a stranger, but they flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Iesus vnto them: but they vnderstood not what things they were which he spake vnto them.

7 Then said Iesus vnto them againe, Verely, verely I say vnto you, I am the doore of the sheepe.

8 All, *that euer came before me, are theeues and robbers: but the sheepe did not heare them.

9 I am the doore: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saued, and shall *goe in and go out, and finde pasture.

10 The theefe commeth not, but for to steale, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might haue life, and haue it in abundance.

11 *I am the good shepheard: the good shepheard giueth his life for his sheepe.

12 But an hireling, and hee which is not the shepheard, neither the sheepe are his owne, seeth the woefe comming, and hee leaueth the sheepe, and fleeth, and the woefe catcheth them, and scatereth the sheepe.

13 So the hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheepe.

14 I am the good shepheard, and *know mine, and am knowen of mine.

15 *As the father *knoweth me, so know I the Father: and I lay downe my life for my sheepe.

16 *Other sheepe I haue also, which are not of this folde: them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voyce: and *there shall be one sheepefolde, and one shepheard.

17 *Therefore doth my Father loue me, because *I lay downe my life, that I might take it againe.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it downe of my selfe: I haue power to lay it downe, and haue power to take it againe: this *commandement haue I receiued of my Father.

19 ¶ Then there was a diuision againe among the Iewes for these sayings.

20 And many of them sayd, Hee hath a deuil, and is madde: why heare ye him?

21 Other said, These are not the words of him that hath a deuil: can the deuil open the eyes of the blinde?

22 And it was at Ierusalem the *feast of the *Dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Iesus walked in the Temple, in *Salomons porch.

24 Then came the Iewes round about him, and said vnto him, Howe long doest thou *make vs doubt? If thou bee the

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2 That is, there is mutuall agreement & consent of faith betweene the pastour and the sheepe.

b He meaneth all the false prophets, who led not me to Christ but from him

c He shal be sure of his safe. Isa 40. 11. Ezek 34. 23.

d Christ knoweth his because he loueth them, careth and prouideth for them.

e As the Father can not forget him, no more can he forget vs.

f In that he loueth and approueth me.

g To wit, among the Gentiles, which then were strangers frō the Church of God. Ezek. 13. 23. Ioh. 11. 52.

h Christ euen in that that he is man, hath desered his Fathers loue and euerlasting life, not to his flesh only, but to vs also, which by his obedience & perfect iustice are imputed righteous. Rom. 5. 19 Phil. 2. 7. Isa 53. 7. Act 2. 24.

i Which was institute, that the people might giue thanks to God for their deliuerance and restoring of their religion & Temple, which Antiochus had corrupted & polluted.

1. Mat 4. 19.

k Which was builded againe after the returne of 5 which before was builded.

*Or, holden of vs.

Christ tell vs plainely.

25 Iesus answered them, I told you, and ye beleeue not: the workes that I doe in my Fathers name, they beare witnesse of me.

26 But ye beleeue not: for ye are not of my sheepe, as I said vnto you.

27 My sheep heare my voyce, and I know them, and they follow me.

28 And I giue vnto them eternall life, and they shall neuer perish, neither shall any plucke them out of mine hand.

29 My Father which gaue them me, is greater then all, and none is able to take them out of my Fathers hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Iewes againe tooke vp stones, to stone him.

32 Iesus answered them, Many good workes haue I shewed you from my Father: for which of these workes doe ye stone me?

33 The Iewes answered him, saying, For the good worke we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, and that thou being a man, makest thy selfe God.

34 Iesus answered them, Is it not written in your Law, I said, ye are gods?

35 If hee called them gods, vnto whom the word of God was giuen, and the Scripture cannot be broken,

36 Say ye of him, whome the Father hath sanctified, & sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Sonne of God?

37 If I do not the workes of my Father, beleeue me not.

38 But if I doe, then though yee beleeue not me, yet beleeue the workes, that yee may know and beleeue, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 Againe they went about to take him: but he escaped out of their hands,

40 And went againe beyond Iordan, into the place where Iohn first baptized, and there abode.

41 And many resorted vnto him, and said, Iohn did no miracle: but all things that Iohn spake of this man were true.

42 And many beleeued in him there.

CHAP. XI.

Christ raiseth Lazarus from death. 47 The hie Priests and Pharisees gather a counsell against him. 50 Caiaphas prophesieth. 54 Christ goeth him out of the way.

AND a certaine man was sick, named Lazarus of Bethania, the towne of Mary, and her sister Martha.

2 (And it was that Mary which anoynted the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her haire, whose brother Lazarus was sicke)

3 Therefore his sisters sent vnto him, saying, Lord behold, he whom thou louest, is sicke.

4 When Iesus heard it, he said, This sickenes is not vnto death, but for the glory of God, that the Sonne of God might bee glorified thereby.

5 Now Iesus loued Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 And after hee had heard that he was sicke, yet abode he two dayes still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that, said he to his disciples, Let vs goe into Iudea againe.

8 The disciples said vnto him, Master, the Iewes lately sought to stone thee, and doest thou go thither againe?

9 Iesus answered, Are there not twelue houres in the day? if a man walke in the day he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walke in the night, hee stumbleth because there is no light in him.

11 These things spake he, and after hee said vnto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth: but I go to wake him vp.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, hee shall be safe.

13 Howbeit, Iesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of the naturall sleepe.

14 Then said Iesus vnto them plainely, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes, that I was not there, that ye may beleeue: but let vs go vnto him.

16 Then said Thomas (which is called Didymus) vnto his fellowe disciple, Let vs also go, that we may die with him.

17 ¶ Then came Iesus, and found that he had lyen in the graue foure dayes already.

18 (Now Bethania was neere vnto Ierusalem, about fifteene furlongs off)

19 And many of the Iewes were come to Martha and Marie to comfort them for their brother.

20 Then Martha, when she heard that Iesus was comming, went to meete him: but Mary sate still in the house.

21 Then said Martha vnto Iesus, Lord, if thou hadst bene here, my brother had not bene dead.

22 But now I know also, that whatsoeuer thou askest of God, God will giue it thee.

23 Iesus said vnto her, Thy brother shall rise againe.

24 Martha said vnto him, I know that he shall rise againe in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Iesus said vnto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that beleeueth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he liue.

26 And whosoeuer liueth and beleeueth in me, shall neuer die. Beleeuest thou this?

27 She said vnto him, Yea, Lord, I beleeue that thou art the Christ the Sonne of God, which should come into the world.

28 ¶ And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 And when shee heard it, shee arose quickly and came vnto him.

30 For Iesus was not yet come into the towne, but was in the place where Martha met him.

31 The Iewes then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw

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1 The cause wherefore the reprobate can not beleeue.

m Whereby we learne how safely we are preserued against all dangers. *Chap. 8 59.*

Psal. 82. 6. n Meaning of princes & rulers who for their office sake are called gods, and are made the in earth as his Lieutenants: wherefore if this noble title be giuen to man, much more it appertaineth to him that is the Sonne of God equall with his Father.

o Whereby they gathered that Christ was more excellent then Iohn.

a For although he died, yet being restored so soone to life, it was almost no death in comparison.

23 July 2 Sab. mor.

Chap. 7. 30 & 8. 59 and 10 31. b He that walketh in his vocation, & hath the light of God for his guide, needeth to feare no dangers. The day also both summer and winter was with the Iewes deuided into xii. houres.

c They laboured to stay Christ from going into Iudea, as though there had bene no perill.

Or, slumbering sleepe.

d Which signifieth in our tongue, a twin in birth.

e Which were almost two miles.

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f She sheweth some faith, which notwithding was almost ouercome by her affections.

g Christ restoreth vs from death to giue vs euerlasting life.

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Wednes. 2 Sabboth mor.

h Wherein ſhe declared her affection and reuerence that ſhe bare to Chriſt.

i For compaſſion: for he felt our miſeries as though he ſuffered the like.

k We reade not that his affections were ſo expreſſiue that he kept no meaſure, as we doe in our ſorowes, ioyes, and other affections.

l That is, a miracle whereby Gods Name ſhould be glorified.

m They reſiſt God, thinking to hinder his worke by their owne policies.

n Or, for that preſent time.

o God made him to ſpeake, neither could his impietie let Gods purpoſe, who cauſed this wicked man euen as he did Balaam, to be an inſtrument of the holy Ghoſt.

ſiew Marie, that ſhee roſe vp h haſtily, and went out, followed her, ſaying, She goeth vnto the graue, to weepe there.

32 Then when Marie was come where Ieſus was, and ſaw him, ſhee fell downe at his feete, ſaying vnto him, Lord, if thou haddeſt bene here, my brother had not bene dead.

33 When Ieſus therefore ſaw her weepe, and the Iewes alſo weepe which came with her, he i groned in the ſpirit, and was troubled in himſelfe,

34 And ſaid, Where haue ye layd him? They ſayd vnto him, Lord, come and ſee.

35 And Ieſus k wept.

36 Then ſayd the Iewes, Behold, how he loued him.

37 And ſome of them ſayd, Could not he, which opened the eyes of the blinde, haue made alſo that this man ſhould not haue dyed?

38 Ieſus therefore againe groned in himſelfe, and came to the graue. And it was a caue, and a ſtone was layd vpon it.

39 Ieſus ſayd, Take ye away the ſtone. Martha the ſiſter of him that was dead, ſayd vnto him, Lord, he ſtinketh already: for he hath bene dead foure dayes.

40 Ieſus ſayde vnto her, Sayde I not vnto thee, that if thou beleeueſt, thou ſhouldeſt ſee the l glory of God?

41 Then they tooke away the ſtone from the place where the dead was layd. And Ieſus lift vp his eyes, and ſayde, Father, I thanke thee, becauſe thou haſt heard me.

42 I knowe that thou heareſt mee alwayes, but becauſe of the people that ſtand by, I ſayd it, that they may beleeue, that thou haſt ſent me.

43 As he had ſpoken theſe things, hee cryed with a loude voyce, Lazarus, come forth.

44 Then he that was dead, came forth, bound hand and foote with bandes, and his face was bound with a napkin. Ieſus ſayd vnto them, Looſe him, and let him goe.

45 ¶ Then many of the Iewes which came to Mary, and had ſeene the things, which Ieſus did, beleeued in him.

46 But ſome of them went their way to the Phariſes, and tolde them what things Ieſus had done.

47 Then gathered the hie Prieſtes, and the Phariſes a councell, and ſayd, What ſhall we doe? For this man doeth many miracles.

48 If m wee let him thus alone, all men will beleeue in him, and the Romanes will come and take away both our place, and the nation.

49 Then one of them named Caiaphas, which was the high Prieſt n that ſame yeere, ſayd vnto them, Ye perceiue nothing at all,

50 Nor yet doe you conſider that it is expedient for vs, that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation perith not.

51 This ſpake he not of himſelfe: but being hie Prieſt that ſame yeere, he o prophecied that Ieſus ſhould die for the nation:

52 And not for the nation onely, but that he ſhould gather together in one the children of God, which were ſcattered.

53 Then from that day forth they conſulted together, to put him to death.

54 Ieſus therefore walked no more openly among the Iewes, but went thence vnto a countrey neere to the wildernes, into a citie called Ephraim, and there continued with his diſciples.

55 ¶ And the Iewes Paſſouer was at hand, and many went out of the countrey vp to Ieruſalem before the Paſſouer, to p purifie themſelues.

56 Then ſought they for Ieſus, & ſpake among themſelues, as they ſtoode in the Temple, What thinke ye, that he commeth not to the feaſt?

57 Now both the high Prieſtes and the Phariſes had giuen a commandement, that if any man knew where he were, he ſhould ſhew it, that they might take him.

p Becauſe they thought hereby to make themſelues more holy againſt they ſhould eate the Paſſeouer: but they were not commanded by God to vſe this ceremonie.

CHAP. XII.

7 Chriſt excuſith Maries fact. 13 The affection of ſome towards him, and the rage of others againſt him and Lazarus. 25 The commoditie of the croſſe. 27 His prayer. 28 The anſwere of the Father. 32 His death, and the fruite thereof. 36 He exhorteth to faith. 40 The blindneſſe of ſome, and the infirmities of others.

Then a Ieſus ſixe dayes before the Paſſeouer, came to Bethania, where Lazarus was, which was dead, whom he had rayſed from the dead.

2 There they made him a ſupper, and Martha ſerued: but Lazarus was one of them that ſate at the table with him.

3 Then tooke Marie a pound of ointment of ſpikenard very coſtly, and anointed Ieſus a feete, and wiped his feete with her haire, and the houſe was filled with the ſauour of the ointment.

4 Then ſayde one of his diſciples, euen Iudas Iſcariot Simons ſonne, which ſhould betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment ſold for b three hundreth pence, and giuen to the poore?

6 Now he ſayd this, not that hee cared for the poore, but becauſe hee was a theefe, and * had the bagge, and bare that which was giuen.

7 Then ſayd Ieſus, Let her alone: againſt the day of my burying ſhe kept it.

8 For the poore alwayes yee haue with you, but me ye ſhall not haue alwayes.

9 Then much people of the Iewes knewe that he was there: and they came, not for Ieſus ſake onely, but that they might ſee Lazarus alſo, whom hee had rayſed from the dead.

10 The hie Prieſts therefore conſulted, that they might put Lazarus to death alſo,

11 Becauſe that for his ſake many of the Iewes went away, and beleeued in Ieſus.

12 ¶ On the morowe a great multitude that were come to the feaſt, when they heard that Ieſus ſhould come to Ieruſalem,

13 Tooke

25 March 2 Lepon Morne

1 July 2 Sept. inborn

Matth. 21.6.7. marke 14.3.

29 Nouem 2 Sept. morne

a Euen from the head to the feete.

b Reade Marke 14.5.

Chap. 13.29.

Matth. 21.8. marke 11.8. Luke 19.35.

13 Tooke branches of palme trees, and went forth to meete him, and cried, a Hosanna, Blessed is the King of Israel that commeth in the Name of the Lord.

14 And Iesus found a d young asse, and sate thereon, as it is written,

15 *Feare not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King commeth sitting on an asses colt.

16 But his disciples understood not these things at the first: but when Iesus was glorified, then remembred they, that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things vnto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him, bare witnesse that hee called Lazarus out of the graue, and raysed him from the dead.

18 Therefore mette him the people also, because they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 And the Pharises sayd among themselues, Perceiue ye how ye preuaile nothing? Behold, ‖ the world goeth after him.

20 ¶ Now there were certaine *Greekes among them that came vp to worship at the feast.

21 And they came to Philip, which was of Bethsaida in Galile, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Iesus.

22 Philip came and tolde Andrew: and againe Andrew and Philip told Iesus.

23 And Iesus answered them, saying, The houre is come, that the Sonne of man must be ! glorified.

24 Verily, verily I say vnto you, except the wheate corne fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 *He that ᵃ loueth his life, shall lose it, and hee that ᵇ hateth his life in this world, shall keepe it vnto life eternall.

26 *If any man serue me, let him follow me: for where I am, there shall also my seruant be: and if any man serue me, him will my Father honour.

27 Nowe is my soule troubled: and what shall I say? Father, saue mee from this houre: but therefore came I vnto this houre.

28 Father, glorifie thy Name. Then came there a voyce from heauen, saying, I both haue glorified it, and will glorifie it againe.

29 Then sayd the people that stood by and heard, that it was a thunder: others sayd, An Angel spake to him.

30 Iesus answered, and sayde, This voyce came not because of mee, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the iudgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world bee cast out.

32 *And ᵏ I, if I were lift vp from the earth, will draw ˡ all men vnto me.

33 Now this sayde hee, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him, We haue heard out of the *Law, that the Christ liueth for euer: and how sayest thou, that the Sonne of man must be lift vp? who is that Sonne of man?

35 Then Iesus said vnto them, Put a little while is ᵐ the light with you: walke while ye haue light, lest the darkenesse come vpon you: for he that walketh in the darke, knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While yee haue light, beleeue in the light, that yee may bee the children of the light. These things spake Iesus, and departed, and hid himselfe from them.

37 ¶ And though hee had done so many miracles before them, yet beleeued they not on him:

38 That the saying of Esaias the Prophet might be fulfilled, that he sayd, *Lord, who beleeued our report? and to whom is the ⁿ arme of the Lord reuealed?

39 Therefore could they not beleeue, because that Esaias saith againe,

40 *He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart, that they should not see with their eyes, nor vnderstand with their heart, and should be conuerted, and I should ᵒ heale them.

41 These things sayd Esaias when hee saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 Neuertheless euen among the chiefe rulers many beleeued in him: but because of the Pharises, they did not confesse him, lest they should be cast out of ᵖ Synagogue.

43 *For they loued the *praise of men, more then the praise of God.

44 And Iesus cryed, and sayd, He that beleeueth in me, beleeueth not in me, but in him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth mee, seeth him that sent me.

46 I *am come a light into the world, that whosoeuer beleeueth in me, should not abide in darkenesse.

47 *And if any man heare my words, and beleeue not, I ‖ iudge him not: for I came not to ‖ iudge the world, but to saue the world.

48 He that refuseth me, and receiueth not my words, hath one that ‖ iudgeth him: *the word that I haue spoken, it shall iudge him in the ʳ last day.

49 For I haue not spoken of mine owne selfe: but the Father, which sent me, he gaue me a commandement what I should say, and what I should speake.

50 And I knowe that his commandement is life euerlasting: the things therefore that I speake, I speake them so as the Father sayd vnto me.

CHAP. XIII.

5 Christ washeth the disciples feete. 14 Exhorting them to humblenesse and charitie. 21 Telleth them of Iudas the traitour. 34 And commandeth them earnestly to loue one another. 38 Her forewarneth of Peters denial.

NOw *before the feast of the Passeouer, when Iesus knew that his houre was come, that hee should depart out of this world vnto the Father, for as much as he loued his owne which were in the world, vnto the end he ˢ loued them.

And toward supper, therefore he tooke the greater care

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a That is, saue I beseech thee.

d This doeth well declare that his kingdome stood not in outward things. *Zech. 9. 9.*

‖ *Or, the preasse.*

e They were of the race of the Iewes, and came out of Asia and Grecia: for elle the Iewes would not haue permitmitted that they should worship with them in the Temple.

f Which is that the knowledge of him should be manifest thorow all the world. *Mat 10 39. and 16, 25. mar. 8. 35. luke 9. 24. and 17. 33.*

g If the loue thereof let him from comming to Christ.

h And so loseth it for Christs sake. *Chap. 17. 14.*

i The reformation and restoring of those things, which were out of order. *Chap 3 14.*

k The crosse is the meane to gather the Church of God together, and to draw men to heauen.

l Not onely the Iewes but also the Gentiles. *Psal 89. 36 and 110, 4. and 117. 2. esay. 37. 25.*

Chap. 12. 9.

m That is, the Gospel, which is the power of God to saluation to euery one that doeth beleeue. *Isa 6 9. mat. 13. 14. mar. 4 12. luk 8. 10. acts 28. 26 rom 11. 8.*

n By deliuering them from their miseries, and giuing them true felicitie.

‖ *Or, accommunicate.*

Chap. 5. 44.

o To be esteemed of men.

Chap. 3. 19. and 9. 39.

Chap. 3 17.

‖ *Or, condemne.*

‖ *Or, condemneth. Marke 16. 16.*

p For that day shall be the approbation of the Gospel.

Isa. 53. 1. rom. 10. 16

Mat. 26. 2. marke 14. 1. luke 22. 1.

q Because hee saw the danger great which was for them.

2 And when b supper was done, (e the deuill had now put in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simons sonne, to betray him,)

3 Iesus knowing that the Father had giuen all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God,

4 Vvee riseth from supper, and layeth aside his vpper garments, and tooke a towell, and girded himselfe.

5 After that, he powred water into a basen, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towell wherewith he was girded.

6 Then came he to Simon Peter, who said to him, Lord, doest thou wash my feet?

7 Iesus answered and said vnto him, What I doe, thou knowest not nowe: but thou shalt know it hereafter.

8 Peter said vnto him, Thou shalt neuer wash my feet. Iesus answered him, If I c wash thee not, thou shalt haue no part with me.

9 Simon Peter said vnto him, Lorde, not my feete onely, but also the handes, and the head.

10 Iesus said to him, Vvee that is washed, needeth not, saue to d wash his feete, but is cleane euery whit: and ye are c cleane, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him: therefore said he, Ye are not all cleane.

12 ¶ So after he had washed their feete, and had taken his garments, and was set downe againe, hee said vnto them, Know ye what I haue done to you?

13 Ye call mee Master, and Lord, and ye say well: for so am I.

14 If I then your Lord, and Master, haue washed your feete, ye also ought to wash one anothers feet.

15 For I haue giuen you an example, that ye should doe, euen as I haue done to you.

16 Verely, verely I say vnto you, * The seruant is not greater then his master, neither the ambassadour greater then hee that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, blessed are ye, if ye do them.

18 ¶ I speake not of you all: I knowe whom I haue chosen: but it is that the scripture might bee fulfilled, * Vvee that eateth bread with me, hath lift vp his heele against me.

19 From henceforth tell I you before it come, that when it is come to passe, ye might believe that I am *he.

20 * Verely, verely I say vnto you, If I send any, hee that receiueth him, receiueth me, and he that receiueth me, receiueth him that sent me.

21 ¶ When Iesus had said these things, he was h troubled in the spirit, and i testified, and sayde, Verely, verely I say vnto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 * Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was one of his disciples, which leaned on Iesus * bosome, whom Iesus loued.

24 To him beckened therefore Simon Peter, that hee should aske who it was of whom he spake.

25 Vvee then, as he leaned on Iesus brest, said vnto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Iesus answered, He it is, to whom I shal giue a lop, when I haue dipped it: and he wet a sop, and gaue it to Iudas Iscariot, Simons sonne.

27 And after the sop, k Satan entred into him. Then said Iesus vnto him, That thou doest, doe quickly.

28 But none of them that were at table, knew for what cause he spake it vnto him.

29 For some of them thought because Iudas had the bagge, that Iesus had said vnto him, Buy those things that we haue need of against the feast: or that hee should giue some thing to the poore.

30 Assoone then as hee had receiued the lop, hee went immediately out, and it was night.

31 ¶ When he was gone out, Iesus said, l Now is the Sonne of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorifie him in himselfe, e shall straightway glorifie him.

33 Little children, yet a little while am I with you: yee shall seeke me, but as I said vnto the * Iewes, Whither I goe, can ye not come: also to you say I now.

34 * n A new commandement giue I vnto you, that ye loue one another: as I haue loued you, that ye also loue one another.

35 By this shal all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye haue loue one to another.

36 Simon Peter said vnto him, Lorde, whither goest thou? Iesus answered him, Whither I goe, thou canst not follow me now: but thou o shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Peter said vnto him, Lord, why can I not follow thee now? * I will lay downe my life for thy sake.

38 Iesus answered him, Wilt thou lay downe thy life for my sake? Verely, verely I say vnto thee, The cocke shall not crow, till thou haue denied me thrise.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 *He armeth his disciples with consolation against trouble.* 2 *Hee ascendeth into heauen to prepare vs a place.* 6 *The Way, the Truth and the Life.* 10 *The Father and Christ one.* 13 *How we should pray.* 23 *The promise vnto them that keepe his word.*

LEt not your heart be troubled: yee believe in God, a believe also in me.

2 In my Fathers house are many b dwelling places: if it were not so, I would haue told you: I goe to prepare a place for you.

3 And though I goe to prepare a place for you, I will c come againe, and receiue you vnto my selfe, that where I am, there may ye be also.

4 And whither I goe, ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas sayde vnto him, Lord, we d know not whither thou goest: how can we then know the way?

6 Iesus said vnto him, I am * the e Way,

b Which was the eating of the Passeouer.

25 Taylor 2 Leffmore

W. Noob Leffmore

c And make thee cleane from thy sinnes.

d That is, to be continually purged of the corrupt affections, and worldly cares which remaine dayly in vs. *Chap.15.3.*

e To serue one another. *Chap 15.20 mat. 10 24. luke 6.40. Psal 41 9.*

f Vnder pretence of friendship seeketh his destruction.

g To wit, the Christ and redeemer of the world. *Matth.10.40. luke 10 16.*

h For very horror and indignation of such an abominable act, as Iudas should commit.

i He did openly affirme. *Matth.26.21. marke 14.18, luke 22.21.*

k Their fashion was not to sit at table, but hauing their shooes off, & cushions vnder their elbowes, leaned on their sides, as it were halfe lying.

l Satan tooke full possession of him.

m Meaning that his crosse shal ingender a marueilous glory, and that in it shall shine the infinite bountie of God. *Chap.7.34. Leuit.19.18. mat. 22.39 chap. 15.12. 1.ioh.4.21.*

n Whereof we ought to haue continuall remembrance, as though it were euen newly giuen.

o When thou shalt be more stronge. *Matth 26.33. marke 14.29.*

White Lion Pooble 45 verse to end

Goldarch Moore Lobson

a For in so beleeuing, no troubles shall ouercome them.

b So that there is not only place for him, but for all his.

c At the latter day, Act. 1.11.

d He was not altogether ignorant, but his knowledge was weake and imperfect.

e Therefore we must begin in him, continue in him, & end in him.

22 Noob 2 Leffmore

and the Trueth, and the Life. No man commeth vnto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had knowen me, ye should haue knowen my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him and haue seene him.

8 Philip sayd vnto him, Lord, shewe vs thy Father, and it sufficeth vs.

9 Iesus sayd vnto him, I haue bene so long time with you, & hast thou not knowen me, Philip? he that hath seene me, hath seene my Father: how then sayest thou, Shew vs thy Father?

10 Beleeuest thou not, that I am in the Father, & the Father is in me? the words that I speake vnto you, I speake not of my selfe: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he [b] doth the works.

11 Beleeue me, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: at the least, beleeue me for the very works sake.

12 Verely, verely I say vnto you, he that beleeueth in me, the works that I do, he shal do also, and greater then these shal he do: for I go vnto my Father.

13 [*] And whatsoeuer ye aske in my Name, that will I doe, that the Father may be glorified in the Sonne.

14 If ye shal aske any thing in my Name, I will do it.

15 If ye loue me, keepe my commaundements.

16 And I wil pray the Father, and he shal giue you another [k] Comforter, that he may abide with you for euer,

17 Euen the Spirit of [l] trueth, whom the world cannot receiue, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye knowe him: for he dwelleth with you, and shalbe in you.

18 I will not leaue you comfortelesse: but I will [m] come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world shall see me no more, but yee shall see me: because I liue, ye shall liue also.

20 At that day shall ye know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commaundements, and keepeth them, is he that loueth me: and he that loueth me, [n] shall be loued of my Father: and I will loue him, and will shewe mine owne selfe to him.

22 Iudas sayd vnto him (not [o] Iscariot) Lord, what is the cause that thou wilt shew thy selfe vnto vs, and not vnto the world?

23 Iesus answered, and sayd vnto him, If any man loue me, hee will keepe my word, and my Father will loue him, and wee will come vnto him, and will dwell with him.

24 He that loueth mee not, keepeth not my wordes, and the word which yee heare, is not [q] mine, but the Fathers which sent me.

25 These things haue I spoken vnto you, being present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, whome the Father will send in my Name, hee shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, which I haue told you.

27 [*] Peace I leaue with you: my peace I giue vnto you: not as the world giueth, giue I vnto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither feare.

28 Ye haue heard how I sayd vnto you, I goe away, and will come vnto you. If ye loued me, ye would verely reioyce, because I sayd, I goe vnto the Father: [r] for my Father is [s] greater then I.

29 And now I haue spoken vnto you before it come, that when it is come to passe, ye might beleeue.

30 Hereafter will I not speake many things vnto you: for the [t] prince of this world commeth, and hath [u] nought in me.

31 But it is that the world may know that I loue my Father: and as the Father hath commanded me, so I doe. Arise, let vs goe hence.

CHAP. XV.

6 The sweete consolation, and mutuall loue betweene Christ and his members vnder the parable of the vine. 18 Of their common affliction and persecutions. 26 The office of the holy Ghost and the Apostles.

I Am the true Vine, and my Father is an husbandman.

2 [*] Euery branch that beareth not fruit in me, he taketh away: and euery one that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 [*] Now are ye cleane through the word which I haue spoken vnto you.

4 Abide in mee, and I in you: as the branch cannot beare fruit of it selfe, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, [a] except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me can ye doe nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and withereth: and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they burne.

7 If ye abide in me, and my [b] wordes abide in you, aske [c] what ye will, and it shall be done to you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye beare much fruit, and be made my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loued me, so haue I loued you: continue in [d] my loue.

10 If yee shall keepe my commaundements, ye shall abide in my loue, as I haue kept my Fathers commaundements, and abide in his loue.

11 These things haue I spoken vnto you, that my ioy might remaine in you, and that your ioy might be [e] full.

12 [*] This is my commaundement, that ye loue one another, as I haue loued you.

13 Greater loue then this hath no man, when any man bestoweth his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoeuer I command you.

15 Henceforth call I you not seruants: for the seruant knoweth not what his Master doeth: but I haue called you friendes: for [f] all things that I haue heard of my Father, haue I made knowen to you.

16 Ye haue not chosen mee, but I haue chosen

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f For the very fulnes of the diuinity remaineth in Christ.

g In that, that he is man.

h Who declareth his maiesty and vertue by his doctrine and miracles.

i This is referred to the whole body of the Church, in whom this vertue of Christ doth shine and remaine for euer.

Chap. 16 23. mat. 7.7. mar. 11.24. Iames 1.5.

k I haue comforted you whiles I was with you, but henceforth the holy Ghost shall comfort you, and preserue you.

l So called, because he worketh in vs the trueth.

m Which thing he doeth by the vertue of his Spirit.

n He shall sensibly feele that the grace of God abideth in him.

o But the brother of Iames.

p Whereby he admonisheth them not to haue respect to the world, lest they should be drawen backe by euill example.

q That is, not his alone: for he had nothing separate from his Father.

r All comfort, & prosperitie.

s In that, that Christ is become man, to be Mediatour betweene God and vs.

t Satan executeth his rage and tyranny by the permission of God.

u Satan shall assaile me with all his force, but he shal not find that in me which he looketh for: for I am that innocent Lambe without spot.

a We can bring foorth no fruit, except we be ingrafted in Christ.

b We must be rooted in Iesus Christ by faith, which commeth of the word of God.

c So that ye follow Gods word which ye comprehend by faith.

d Wherewith I loue you.

e Perfect and entire.

Chap 13.34. 1.Thes.4.9. 1.Iohn 3.11. and 4.21.

f So that there is nothing omitted that is necessarie for vs, and concerning our saluation.

chosen you and ordained you, * that ye goe and bring foorth fruite, and that your fruite remaine, that whatsoeuer ye shall aske of the Father in my Name, hee may giue it you.

17 These things commaund I you, that ye loue one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before you.

19 If yee were of the world, the worlde would loue his owne: but because yee are not of the world, but I haue chosen you out of the worlde, therefore the worlde hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I sayd vnto you, * The seruant is not greater then his master. * If they haue persecuted mee, they will persecute you also: if they haue a kept my worde, they will also keepe b yours.

21 But all these things will they do vnto you for my Names sake, because they haue not knowen him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken vnto them, they should not haue had sinne: but now haue they no c cloke for their sinne.

23 He that hateth mee, hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done workes among them which none other man did, they had not had sinne: but nowe haue they both seene, and haue hated both mee and my Father.

25 But it is that the worde might bee fulfilled, that it is written in their Law, * They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter shall come, * whom I will send vnto you from the Father, euen the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth of the Father, he shall testifie of me.

27 And ye shall witnesse also, because yee haue bene with me from the beginning.

CHAP. XVI.

1 He putteth them in remembrance of the crosse, and of their owne infirmity to come, 7 And therfore doth comfort them with the promise of the holy Ghost. 16 Of the comming again of Christ. 17 Of his ascension. 23 To aske in the Name of Christ. 33 Peace in Christ, and in the world affliction.

THese things haue I sayd vnto you, that ye should not be a offended.

2 They shall excommunicate you: yea, the time shall come, that whosoeuer killeth you, will thinke that he doeth Gods seruice.

3 And these things will they doe vnto you, because they haue not knowen the Father, nor me.

4 But these things haue I told you, that when the houre shall come, ye might remember, that I told you them. And these things b sayde I not vnto you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I goe my way to him, that sent me, and none of you asketh me, * Whither goest thou?

6 But because I haue sayd these things vnto you, your hearts are full of sorow.

7 Yet I tell you the trueth, it is expedient for you that I goe away: for if I goe not away, the Comforter will not come vnto you: but if I depart, I will send him vnto you.

8 And when he is come, he will c reproue the world of sinne, and of righteousnesse, and of iudgement:

9 Of * sinne, because they beleeue not in me:

10 Of * righteousnesse, because I goe to my Father, and ye shall see me no more.

11 Of * iudgement, because the prince of this world is iudged.

12 I haue yet * many things to say vnto you, but ye cannot beare them now.

13 Howbeit, when hee is come which is the Spirite of trueth, he will lead you into all trueth: for hee shall not speake of himselfe, but whatsoeuer he shall heare, shall hee speake, and he will shew you the things to come.

14 He shall glorifie me: for he shall receiue of mine, and shall shew it vnto you.

15 All things that the Father hath, are mine: therefore sayd I, that he shall take of mine, and shew it vnto you.

16 * A little while, and ye shal not see me: and againe a little while, and ye shall see me: for I goe to my Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselues, What is this that he saith vnto vs, A little while, and ye shall not see me, and againe, A little while, and ye shal see me, and, For I goe to my Father?

18 They sayd therefore, What is this that he sayth, A little while? wee know not what he saith.

19 Now Iesus knewe that they would aske him, and said vnto them, Do ye enquire among your selues of that I sayd, A little while, and yee shall not see me: and againe a little while, and ye shall see me?

20 Verely, verely I say vnto you, that ye shall weepe and lament, and the world shall reioyce: and ye shall sorow, but your sorow shall be turned to ioy.

21 A woman when she trauaileth, hath sorow, because her houre is come: but assoone as she is deliuered of the childe, she remembreth no more the anguish, for ioy that a man is borne into the world.

22 And ye now therefore are in sorow: but I will see you * againe, and your hearts shall reioyce, and your ioy shall * no man take from you.

23 And in that day shall ye aske me * nothing. * Verely, verely I say vnto you, whatsoeuer ye shall aske the Father in my Name, he will giue it you.

24 Hitherto haue yee asked * nothing in my Name: aske, & ye shall receiue, that your ioy may be full.

25 These

Acts 21. 19.
Saint Iames and Saint Peters Epistle ouer to the end.

Chap. 13. 16. matth. 10 24. Mark. 14 9.
a The word also signifieth to be diligent to espie faults to trip one in.
b Which is the selfe same word, but called theirs because they preach it.
1 But should haue seemed to be innocent, if I had not discouered their malice.
c In that they refused Christ, ie taketh frō them all excuse wherewith they would haue iustified themselues, as if they had bene very holy, and without all sinne
1 That is, in the holy Scriptures. Psal 35. 19. Chap. 14 26. Luke 24. 49.
3 Sequel of Easter Gospel to 2 Verse

a And so shrinke from me.
3 Greeke. put you out of the Synagogues.
2 Wednesday 2 Iohn Moon
b He bare with them because they were but weakelings.
c For if you did consider, ye would reioyce.
1 Friend 2 Easter Gospel to 2 Verse

2 Friday 2 Iohn Moon
d Or, conuince. This is to be vnderstood of the comming of the holy Ghost when his vertue and strength shall shine in the Church.
e His enemies which contemned him, and put him to death, shall be conuicted by their owne conscience, for that they did not beleeue in him. Acts 2 37. and shall know that without Iesus Christ there is nothing but sinne.
f Wherefore the wicked must needes confesse that he was iust, and beloued of his Father, and not condemned by him as a blasphemer or transgressor.
g When they shall know that I (whom they called the carpenters sonne, and willed to come downe from the crosse) am the very Sonne of God which haue ouercome all the powers of hell, and reigne ouer all. Ephes. 1. 19. 20.
h These things are come, and so the doctrine of the Apostles which onely is sufficient.
i As touching the spirituall liuing come of Christ: for the Apostles knew not that till after the resurrection.
k Mine absence shall not be long: for I will send you the holy Ghost, who shall remaine with you for euer.
l From death I passe to glory, and so I will endue you with mine heauenly vertue.
m By the power and vertue of the holy Ghost. n For it shall be grounded vpon my resurrection and the grace of the holy Ghost. o For ye shall haue perfect knowledge, and shall no more doubt as yee haue done. 1 Iohn 1. 5. matth. 7. 7. & 21. 22. mar. 11. 24. luk. 11. 9 iames 1. 5. p In respect of that, that you shall obtaine, if you aske in faith.

25 Christ

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25 These things haue I spoken vnto you in parables: but the time will come, when I shall no more speake to you in parables: but I shall shewe you plainely of the Father.

26 At that day shall ye aske in my Name, and I say not vnto you, that I will q pray vnto the Father for you.

27 For the Father himselfe loueth you, because ye haue loued mee, * and haue beleeued that I came out from God.

28 I am come out from the Father, and came into the worlde: againe I leaue the world, and goe to the Father.

29 His disciples said vnto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainely, and thou speakest no parable.

30 Now know we that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should aske thee. By this we beleeue, that thou art come out from God.

31 Iesus answered them, Do you beleeue now?

32 * Beholde, the houre commeth, and is already come, that ye shall be scattered euery man into his owne, and shal leaue me alone: but I am not r alone: for the Father is with me.

33 These things haue I spoken vnto you, that t in mee yee might haue peace: in the world ye shall haue affliction, but be of good comfort: I haue ouercome the world.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The prayer of Christ vnto his Father both for himselfe and his Apostles, and also for all such as receiue the truth.*

THese things spake Iesus, and lift vp his eyes to heauen, and said, Father, the houre is come: glorifie thy Sonne, that thy Sonne also may glorifie thee,

2 * As thou hast giuen him u power ouer all flesh, that hee should giue eternall life to all v them that thou hast giuen him.

3 And this is life eternall, that they know thee to be the onely very God, & whom thou hast sent, Iesus w Christ.

4 I haue d glorified thee on the earth: I haue finished the worke which thou gauest me to doe.

5 And nowe glorifie mee, thou Father, with thine owne selfe, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I haue declared thy Name vnto the men which thou gauest me out of the world: x thine they were, and thou gauest them me, and they haue kept thy word.

7 Now they know that all things whatsoeuer thou hast giuen me, are of thee.

8 For I haue giuen vnto them the words which thou gauest me, and they haue receiued them, * and haue knowen surely that I came out from thee, and haue beleeued that thou hast sent me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for y the world, but for them which thou hast giuen me: for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 And now am I no more in the world, but these are in the world, & I come to thee. Holy Father, keepe them in thy Name, euen them whom thou hast giuen mee, that they may be z one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gauest me, haue I kept, and none of them is lost, but the a childe of perdition, that the * Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee, & these things speake I in the world, that they might haue my ioy fulfilled in themselues.

14 I haue giuen them thy word, and the worlde hath hated them, because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou keepe them from euill.

16 They are not of the world, as I am not of the world.

17 b Sanctifie them with the truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, so haue I sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes sanctifie I my selfe, that they also may be c sanctified through the truth.

20 I pray not for these alone, but for them also which shall beleeue in me through their word,

21 That they all may be one, as thou, O Father, art in mee, and I in thee: euen that they may be also one in vs, that the d world may beleeue that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory that thou gauest mee, I e haue giuen them, that they may be one, as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in mee, that they may be made perfect in one, f that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loued them, as thou hast loued me.

24 * Father, I will that they which thou hast giuen me, bee g with me euen where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast giuen me: for thou louedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world also hath not knowen thee, but I haue knowen thee, and these haue knowen that thou hast sent me.

26 And I haue declared vnto them thy Name, and will declare it, that the loue wherewith thou hast loued mee, may bee in them, and I in h them.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 *Christ is betrayed.* 6 *The words of his mouth smite the officers to the ground.* 10 *Peter smiteth off Malchus eare.* 13 *Iesus is brought before Annas and Caiaphas.* 25 *Where Peter denieth him.* 36 *He telleth Pilate what his kingdome is.*

WHen Iesus had spoken these things, hee went forth with his disciples ouer the i brooke * Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entred, and his disciples.

2 And Iudas which betrayed him, knewe also the place: for Iesus oft times resorted thither with his disciples.

2 * Iudas

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q Christ denieth not that he is the Mediatour, but sheweth that they shall obtaine their request without difficulty or any paine. *Chap. 17.8.*

Matth. 26.31. marke 14.27.

r Although men forsake Christ, yet is he no whit diminished: for he and his father are one.

s We haue rest & comfort when we are truly grafted in Christ.

Matth. 28.18.

a Christ hath all rule and dominion ouer men.

b Which are the elect.

c That is, that they acknowledge both the Father and the Sonne to be very God.

d As well by doctrine as miracles

e Our election standeth in the good pleasure of God, which is the only foundation, and cause of our saluation, and is declared to vs in Christ, through whom we are iustified by faith, and sanctified. Rom. 8.29, 30. Ephes. 1.4, 5. *Chap. 16.27.*

f That is, the reprobate.

g That they may be ioyned in vnitie of faith and spirit.

h He was so called, not only for that he perished, but because God had appointed & ordained him to this ende, Acts 1. 16. 18. and 4. 27. 28. *Psal. 109.7.*

i But are separated by the spirit of regeneration, ‖ *Or, consecrate them to thy selfe.*

k Renewe them with thine heauenly grace, that they onely may seeke thy will.

l Which thing declareth that Christs holinesse is ours.

m That the infidels may by experience be conuicted to confesse my glory.

n I haue shewed them the example and patterne of perfit felicity. *Chap. 12.26.*

o That they may profit and grow vp in such sort, that in the end they may inioy the eternal glory with me.

p For without him we cannot comprehend the loue wherewith God loueth vs.

a Which was a deepe valley through y which a streame ran after a great raine. 1. *Kang. 15.13. mat. 26 36. mar. 14.32. luk. 22.39.*

3 *Iudas then after he had receiued a band of men & officers of the high Priests, and of the Pharisees, came thither with lanternes, and torches, and weapons.

4 Then Iesus knowing all things that should come vnto him, went forth and sayd vnto them, ‖Whom seeke ye?

5 They answered him, Iesus of Nazaret. Iesus sayd vnto them, I am he. Now Iudas also which betrayed him, stood with them.

6 Assoone then as he had sayd vnto them, I am hee, they went backwards, and fell to the ground.

7 Then he asked them againe, Whom seeke ye? And they sayd, Iesus of Nazaret.

8 Iesus answered, I sayd vnto you, that I am he: therefore if ye seeke me, let these goe their way.

9 This was that the word might be fulfilled which hee spake, *Of them which thou gauest me, haue I lost none.

10 Then Simon Peter hauing a sword, drew it, & smote the high Priests seruant, and cut off his right eare. Now the seruants name was Malchus.

11 Then sayd Iesus vnto Peter, Put vp thy sword into the sheath: shall I not drinke of the cup which my Father hath giuen me?

12 Then the band and the captaine, and the officers of the Iewes tooke Iesus, and bound him,

13 And ledde him away to *a Annas first (for hee was father in lawe to Caiaphas, which was the hie Priest * the same yeere)

14 *And Caiaphas was hee that gaue counsell to the Iewes, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 ¶ *Now Simon Peter followed Iesus and an other disciple, and that disciple was knowen of the hie Priest: therefore hee went in with Iesus into the hall of the high Priest.

16 But Peter stoode at the doore without. Then went out the other disciple, which was knowen vnto the hie Priest, and spake to her that kept the doore, and brought in Peter.

17 Then saide the maide that kept the doore vnto Peter, Art not thou also one of this mans disciples? he said, I am not.

18 And the seruants and officers stoode there, which had made a fire of coales, (for it was colde, and they warmed themselues. And Peter also stoode among them, & warmed himselfe.

19 ¶ The high Priest then asked Iesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20 Iesus answered him, I spake *openly to the world: I euer taught in the Synagogue and in the Temple, whither the Iewes resort continually, and in secret haue I said nothing.

21 *Why askest thou me? aske them which heard me what I said vnto them: beholde, they know what I said.

22 When he had spoken these things, one of the officers which stood by, smote Iesus with his rod, saying, Answerest thou the hie Priest so?

23 Iesus answered him, If I haue euill spoken, beare witnesse of the euill: but if I haue well spoken, why smitest thou me?

24 ¶ *Now Annas had sent him bound vnto Caiaphas the hie Priest.)

25 *And Simon Peter stoode and warmed himselfe, and they said vnto him. Art not thou also of his disciples? hee denied it and said, I am not.

26 One of the seruants of the hie Priest, his cousin, whose eare Peter smote off, saide, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied againe, and immediatly the cocke crew.

28 ¶ *Then led they Iesus from Caiaphas into the common hall. Nowe it was morning, and they themselues went not into the common hall, lest they should bee *defiled, but that they might eate the Passeouer.

29 Pilate then went out vnto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered, and said vnto him, If he were not an euil doer, we would not haue deliuered him vnto thee.

31 Then saide Pilate vnto them, Take *ye him, and iudge him after your owne Law. Then the Iewes said vnto him, It is not ‖ lawfull for vs to put any man to death.

32 It was that the word of Iesus * might be fulfilled which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 *So Pilate entred into the common hall againe, and called Iesus, and said vnto him, Art thou the king of the Iewes?

34 Iesus answered him, Sayest thou that of thy selfe, or did other tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Iew? Thine owne nation, and the high Priests haue deliuered thee vnto me. What hast thou done?

36 Iesus answered, *My kingdome is not of this ‖ worlde: if my kingdome were of this worlde, my seruants would surely fight, that I should not be deliuered to the Iewes: but now is my kingdome not from hence.

37 Pilate then sayde vnto him, Art thou a king then? Iesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king: for this cause am I borne and for this cause came I into the worlde, that I should beare witnesse vnto the truth: euery one that is of the truth, heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saide vnto him, ‖ What is truth? and when he had said that, he went out againe vnto the Iewes, and said vnto them, I finde in him no cause at all.

39 *But ye haue a ‖ custome, that I should deliuer you one loose at the Passeouer: will you then that I loose vnto you the King of the Iewes?

40 *Then cried they all againe, saying, Not him, but Barabbas: now this Barabbas was a murtherer.

Mat. 26.47. mark. 14.43. luke 22.47
b The which he had obteined of the gouernour of the Temple.

Chap. 17. 12.
c He both spareth their bodies and also saueth their soules,

Luke 3. 2.
d Who sent Christ vnto Caiaphas the high Priest bound.
e Although this office was for time of life by Gods ordinance, yet the ambition and disfention of the Iewes caused the Romanes fro time to time to change it, either for bribery or fauour.

Chap. 11. 50.
Matth. 26. 58. mar. 14. 54. luke 22. 54.

f That is, frankly and plainly.

Matth. 26. 57. marke 14. 53. luke 22. 54.
g After that Caiaphas had first sent him to him.
Mat. 26. 69, 70. mark. 14. 67. luke 22. 55, 56, 57.

Mat. 27. 2. mark. 15. 1. luke 23. 1.

Act. 10. 28. and 11. 3.

h He spake this disdainefully, because they were so bent against all right and equitie.
i As if they should say, Thou wilt not suffer vs to doe it: for he knew that it was not permitted to them by the Romans to punish with death. Matth. 20. 19. marke 15. 2. luke 23. 2.
k In humilitie not in strength of men nor in worldly defence.

l This was a mocking and disdainefull question.
Matth. 27. 19. marke 15. 6. luke 23. 17.
m This was one of their blinde abuses: for the Lawe of God gaue no liberte to quit a wicked transgressor, Acts 3. 14.

CHAP. XIX.

1 When Pilate could not assuage the rage of the Priests against Christ, hee deliuereth him vp vnto

his superscription to bee hanged between two theeues. 23 They cast lots for his garments. 26 He commendeth his mother vnto Iohn. 28 Calleth for drinke. 33 dieth, and his side is pierced, and taken downe from the crosse. 38 He is buried.

THen Pilate tooke Iesus and [a] scourged him.

2 And the souldiers platted a crowne of thornes, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple garment.

3 And sayde, Haile, King of the Iewes. And they smote him with their rods.

4 Then Pilate went foorth againe, and sayd vnto them, Behold, I bring him foorth to you, that yee may knowe, that I finde no fault in him at all.

5 Then came Iesus foorth wearing a crowne of thornes, and a purple garment. And Pilate sayd vnto them, [b] Beholde the man.

6 Then when the high Priests and officers saw him, they cryed, saying, Crucifie, crucifie him. Pilate sayde vnto them, Take ye him, and crucifie him: for I finde no fault in him.

7 The Iewes answered him, We haue a lawe, and by our lawe hee ought to dye, because he made himselfe the [c] Sonne of God.

8 ¶ When Pilate then heard that word, he was the more afrayd,

9 And went againe into the common hall, and said vnto Iesus, Whence art thou? But Iesus gaue him none answere.

10 Then sayde Pilate vnto him, Speakest thou not vnto mee? Knowest thou not that I haue power to crucifie thee, and haue power to loose thee?

11 Iesus answered, Thou couldest haue no [d] power at all against mee, except it were giuen thee from aboue: therefore hee that deliuered me vnto thee, hath the greater sinne.

12 From thenceforth Pilate sought to loose him, but the Iewes cryed, saying, If thou deliuer him, thou art not Cesars friend: for whosoeuer maketh himselfe a King, speaketh against Cesar.

13 ¶ When Pilate heard that worde, hee brought Iesus foorth, and sate downe in the iudgement seate in a place called the [e] Pauement, and in Hebrewe, Gabbatha.

14 And it was the preparation of the Passeouer, and about the [f] first houre: and hee sayde vnto the Iewes, Beholde your King.

15 But they cryed, Away with him, away with him, crucifie him. Pilate sayde vnto them, Shall I crucifie your King? The high Priests answered, We haue no King but Cesar.

16 Then deliuered he him vnto them to be crucified. [g] And they tooke Iesus and led him away.

17 And he bare his crosse, and came into a place named of dead mens [h] skulles, which is called in Hebrew, [i] Golgotha:

18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Iesus in the midst.

19 ¶ And Pilate wrote also a title, and put it on the crosse, and it was written, IESVS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE IEWES.

20 This title then read many of the Iewes: for the place where Iesus was crucified was nere to the city: and it was written in [k] Hebrew, Greeke, and Latine.

21 Then saide the high Priestes of the Iewes to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Iewes, but that he said, I am King of the Iewes.

22 Pilate answered, What I haue written, I haue written.

23 ¶ Then the [l] souldiers, when they had crucified Iesus, tooke his garments, and made foure parts, to euery souldier a part, and his coate: and the coat was without seame, wouen from the toppe throughout.

24 Therefore they saide one to another, Let vs not diuide it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be. This was that the [m] Scripture might be fulfilled, which sayeth, [n] They parted my garments among them, and on my coat did cast lots. So the souldiers did these things indeed.

25 ¶ Then stoode by the crosse of Iesus his mother, and his mothers sister, Marie the wife of [o] Cleopas, and Marie Magdalene.

26 And when Iesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom hee loued, he said vnto his mother, Woman, beholde thy sonne.

27 Then said he to the disciple, Beholde thy mother: and from that houre the disciple tooke her home vnto him.

28 ¶ After, when Iesus knewe that all things were performed, that the [p] Scripture might be fulfilled, he sayde, I thirst.

29 And there was set a vessell full of vineger: and they filled a spunge with vineger, and [q] put it about an hyssope stalke, and put it to his mouth.

30 Now when Iesus had receiued of the vineger, he sayd, [r] It is finished, and bowed his head, and gaue vp the ghost.

31 The Iewes then (because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remaine vpon the crosse on the Sabbath day: for that Sabbath was an high day) desired Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken downe.

32 Then came the souldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other, which was crucified with Iesus.

33 But when they came to Iesus, and saw that hee was dead already, they brake not his legs.

34 But one of the souldiers with a speare [s] pierced his side, and foorthwith came there out blood and water.

35 And hee that saw it, bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might beleeue it.

36 For these things were done, that the [t] Scripture should be fulfilled, Not a bone of him shall be broken.

37 And againe an other Scripture saith, [u] They shall see him whome they haue thrust

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Matth. 27. 27. *mar.* 15. 16, 17.

a He thought to haue pacified the fury of the Iewes by some indifferent correction.

Iohn 2

b He spake in mockerie, because Christ called himselfe King.

c Christ was in deede the Sonne of God, & therefore might iustly call himselfe so without breach of the Lawe: wherefore their coloured accusation was falsly applied.

d Hereby hee sheweth him, that he ought not to abuse his office and authoritie.

e A place some what high and raised vp.

f Which was mid-day.

Matth 27. 32. *marke* 15. 21. *luke.* 23. 26.

g Which was the place of execution.

h Because all nations might vnderstand it.

Matth. 27. 33. *marke* 15. 22. *luke* 23. 33.

i That which was prefigured in Dauid, was accomplished in Iesus Christ. *Psal.* 22 18.

k Or, *Clopas.*

Psal. 69. 22.

l Or, fastened it vpon an hyssope stalke.

l It may appeare that the crosse was not hie, seeing a man might reach Christes mouth with an hyssope stalke, which as appeareth, 1. Kings 4. 33. was the lowest among herbs, as the cedar was highest among trees.

m Mans saluation is perfected by the onely sacrifice of Christ, and all the ceremonies of the Law are ended.

n Because the day of the Passeouer fell on the Sabbath day.

o Which declareth that he was dead indeed as he rose againe from death to life.

Exod 12. 46. *numb.* 9. 12. *Zech.* 12. 10.

thrust through.

38 * And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, (who was a Disciple of Iesus, but p secretly for feare of the Iewes) besought Pilate that he might take downe the body of Iesus. And Pilate gaue him licence. He came then and tooke Iesus body.

39 And there came * also Nicodemus (which first came to Iesus by night) and brought of myrrhe and aloes mingled together about an hundreth pound.

40 q Then tooke they the body of Iesus, and wrapped it in linnen clothes with the odours, as the maner of the Iewes is to burie.

41 And in that place where Iesus was crucified, was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was neuer man yet layd.

42 There then layde they Iesus, because of the Iewes Preparation day, for the sepulchre was neere.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Maria Magdalene commeth to the sepulchre.* 3 *So do Peter and Iohn.* 12 *The two Angels appeare.* 17 *Christ appeareth to Mary Magdalene,* 19 *And to all his disciples.* 25 *The incredulitie of Thomas.* 28 *His confession.*

NOw * the first day of the weeke came Marie Magdalene, early when it was yet * darke, vnto the sepulchre, and sawe the stone taken away from the tombe.

2 Then shee ranne, and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Iesus loued, and sayde vnto them, They haue taken away the Lorde out of the sepulchre, and wee knowe not where they haue layde him.

3 Peter therefore went foorth, and the other Disciple, and they came vnto the sepulchre.

4 So they ran both together, but the other Disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And her stouped downe, and sawe the linnen clothes lying: yet went he not in.

6 Then came Simon Peter following him, and went into the Sepulchre, and saw the linnen clothes lie,

7 And the ‖ kerchiefe that was vpon his head, not lying with the linnen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by it selfe.

8 Then went in also the * other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw it, and ‖ beleeued.

9 For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise againe from the dead.

10 And the Disciples went away againe vnto their ‖ owne home.

11 ¶ * But Mary stoode without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, shee bowed herselfe into the sepulchre,

12 And saw two angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Iesus had layen.

13 And they sayd vnto her, ¶Woman, why weepest thou? She sayd vnto them, They haue taken away my Lord, and I know not where they haue layd him.

14 When shee had thus sayd, she turned herselfe backe, and saw Iesus standing, and knew not that it was Iesus.

15 Iesus sayth vnto her, ¶Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She supposing that hee had bene the gardiner, sayd vnto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast layd him, and I will take him away.

16 Iesus sayd vnto her, Mary. She turned her selfe, and sayde vnto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master.

17 Iesus saith vnto her, Touch me not, for I am not yet * ascended to my Father, but go to my * brethren, ‖ and say vnto them, I ascend vnto my Father, and to your Father, and to my God, and your ‖ God.

18 Marie Magdalene came and told the Disciples, that shee had seene the Lord, and that he had spoken these things vnto her.

19 ¶ * The same day then at night, which was the first day of the weeke, and when the ‖ doores were shut where the Disciples were assembled for feare of the Iewes, came Iesus and stood in the midst, ‖ and sayd to them, ‖ Peace be vnto you.

20 And when hee had so said, he shewed vnto them his hands, and his side. Then were the Disciples glad, when they had seene the Lord.

21 Then sayde Iesus vnto them againe, Peace be vnto you: as my Father sent mee, so send I you.

22 And when he had sayd that, he ‖ breathed on them, and sayd vnto them, Receiue the holy Ghost.

23 * Whosoeuers sinnes yee remit, they are remitted vnto them: and whosoeuers sinnes ye retaine they are retained.

24 ¶ But Thomas one of the twelue, called Didymus, was not with them when Iesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said vnto him, ¶We haue seene the Lord: but he said vnto them, Except I see in his hands the print of the nayles, and put my finger into the ‖ print of the nayles, and put mine hand into his side, I will not beleeue it.

26 ¶ And eight dayes after, againe his Disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Then came Iesus whe the doores were shut, and stood in the mids, and sayd, Peace be vnto you.

27 After, sayd hee to Thomas, Put thy finger here, and see my hands, and put forth thine hand and put it into my side, and bee not faithlesse but faithfull.

28 Then Thomas answered, and sayde vnto him, Thou art my Lord, and my God.

29 Iesus said vnto him, Thomas, because thou hast seene mee, thou beleeuest: blessed are they that haue * not seene, and haue beleeued.

30 ¶ * And many other signes also did Iesus in the presence of his Disciples, which are not written in this booke.

31 But these things are written, that yee might beleeue, that Iesus is the Christ the Sonne of GOD, and that in beleeuing yee might haue life through his Name.

CHAP.

a Heb. 27. 57. marke. 15. 42. 43 luke 23. 50. 51.

p That is so say, before Christes death, but now he declareth him selfe manifestly. Chap. 3. 2.

q This honourable buriall was as a preparation and entrie vnto the resurrection.

Easter day Verse 1 1 Rose

2 April 2 Last Moon

Marke 16. 1. luke 24. 1.

a She departed from home before day, and came thither about the sunne rising, Mar. 16. 2

East Sund Gosp 19 to 24 verse Sunday Easter

May 2 Last moon

‖ Or, napkin.

b That is, Iohn which wrote this Gospel.

c He beleeued that Christes body was taken away, according as Mary reported.

‖ Or, to their company. Matth. 28. 1. mark. 16. 2.

Thomas Gospel Ascend

28 Nov 9 Sonn Morn

d Because shee was too much addicted to the corporall presence, Christ teacheth her to lift vp her mind by faith into heauen, where onely after his Ascension hee remaineth, and where we sit with him at the right hand of the Father.

e That is, the disciples. for he was the first borne among many brethren, Psal. 22. 22, 23. rom. 8. 29. coloss. 1. 18.

f He is our father and our God, because Iesus Christ is our brother. Mar. 16, 14 luke 24. 36. 1 cor. 15. 5

g So that no man opened him the doores, but by his diuine power he caused them to open of their owne accord, as of Peter is read, Acts 5. 19. and 12. 10.

h Or, all prosperitie: which maner of greeting the Iewes vsed.

i To giue them great power and vertue to execute that weighty charge that he would commit vnto them. Matth. 18. 18.

‖ Or, place.

k Which depend vpon the simplicitie of Gods word, & ground not themselues vpon mans sense and reason. Chap. 22. 25.

CHAP. XXI.

Christ appeareth to his disciples againe. 15 He commandeth Peter earnestly to feed his sheepe. 18 He forewarneth him of his death. 25 Of Christs manifold miracles.

AFter these things, Iesus shewed himselfe againe to his disciples at the sea of Tiberias: and thus shewed he himselfe.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas which is called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galile, and the [a] sonnes of Zebedeus, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter sayd vnto them, I go a fishing. They sayd vnto him, We also will go with thee. They went their way, and entred into a ship straightway, and that night caught they nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Iesus stoode on the shore: neuertheles the disciples knew not that it was Iesus.

5 Iesus then said vnto them, Sirs, haue ye any meate? They answered him, No.

6 Then he saide vnto them, Cast out the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall finde. So they [b] cast out, and they were not able at all to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore said the disciple whom Iesus loued vnto Peter, It is the Lord. When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girded his [c] coate to him (for he was naked) and cast himselfe into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came by shippe (for they were not far from land, but about two hundreth cubites) & they drew the net with fishes.

9 As soone then as they were come to land, they saw hot coales, and fish laid theron, and bread.

10 Iesus said vnto them, Bring of the fishes, which ye haue now caught.

11 Simon Peter stepped forth and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundreth fiftie and three: and albeit there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Iesus said vnto them, Come, and dine. And none of the disciples durst aske him, Who art thou, seeing they knew that he was the Lord.

13 Iesus then came, and tooke bread, and gaue them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Iesus shewed himselfe to his disciples, after that he was risen againe from the dead.

15 ¶ So when they had dined, Iesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon the sonne of Iona, louest thou me more then these? He saith vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee. He sayde vnto him, Feede my lambes.

16 He said to him againe the second time, Simon the sonne of Iona, louest thou me? He sayd vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee. He sayd vnto him, Feede my sheepe.

17 He said vnto him the [d] third time, Simon the sonne of Iona, louest thou me? Peter was sory because he said to him the third time, Louest thou me? and sayd vnto him, Lord, thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I loue thee. Iesus sayde vnto him, Feede my sheepe.

18 Verily, verily I say vnto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thy selfe and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt bee olde, thou shalt stretch forth thine hands, and another shall [e] gird thee, and leade thee whither thou wouldest not.

19 And thus spake he, signifying by what death he should glorifie God. And when he had said this, he said to him, Follow me.

20 Then Peter turned about, and sawe the disciple whom Iesus loued, following, which had also [f] leaned on his breast at supper, and had said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 When Peter therefore saw him, he sayd to Iesus, Lorde, what shall this man doe?

22 Iesus said vnto him, If I will that he tarie till I come, what is it to thee? follow thou me.

23 Then went this word abroad among the brethren, that this Disciple should not die. Yet Iesus said not to him, He shall not die: but, If I will that he tarie till I come, what is it to thee?

24 This is that disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimonie is true.

25 [g] Howe there are also many other things which Iesus did, the which if they should bee written euery one, I suppose the world could not containe the bookes that should be written, Amen.

a Or, Iake of Zebedeus.

b Albeit they knew him not yet they followed his counsell, because they had all night taken paines in vaine.

c It was some linnen garment, which fishers vsed to weare, which being trussed vnto him, couered his nether parts, and also letted not his swimming.

d Because Peter should be established in his office of an Apostle, Christ causeth him by these three times confessing, to wipe away the shame of his three times denying.

e In stead of a girdle, thou shalt bee tied with bands & cords: and whereas now thou goest at liberte, then thou shalt be drawen to punishment, when thy flesh shall after a sort resist.

Chap. 13. 23.

f The Minister cannot wel teach his congregation, except hee loue Christ effectually, which loue is not in them that feede not the flocke.

Chap. 20. 30.

g But God would not charge vs with so great an heape: seeing therfore that we haue so much as is necessary, we ought to content our selues and praise his mercy.

The Acts of the holy Apostles, written by Luke the Euangelist.

THE ARGVMENT.

CHrist after his ascension performed his promise to his Apostles, and sent them the holy Ghost, declaring thereby, that he was not onely mindefull of his Church, but would be the head and maintainer thereof for euer. Wherein also his mightie power appeareth, who notwithstanding that Satan and the world resisted neuer so much against this noble worke, yet by a few simple men of no reputation, replenished all the worlde with the sound of his Gospel. And heere in the beginning of the Church, and in the increase thereof, we may plainely perceiue the practise and malice which Satan continually vseth to suppresse and ouerthrowe the Gospel: hee rayseth conspiracies, tumults, commotions, persecutions, slanders, and all kinds of cruelrie. Againe we shall here behold the prouidence of God, who ouerthroweth his enemies enterprises, deliuereth his Church from the rage of tyrants, strengtheneth and encourageth his most faithfull and constantly

to folow their captaine Christ, leauing as it were by this history a perpetual memory to the Church, that the crosse is so ioyned with the Gospel, that they are fellowes inseparable, and that the end of one affliction, is but the beginning of another. Yet nevertheless God turneth the troubles, persecutions, imprisonings and temptations of his to a good issue, giuing them as it were, in sorow, ioy: in bonds freedome: in prison, deliuerance: in trouble, quietnesse: in death, life. Finally, this booke containeth many excellent Sermons of the Apostles and disciples, as touching the death, resurrection, & ascension of Christ. The mercy of God. Of the grace and remission of sinne through Iesus Christ. Of the blessed immortalitie. An exhortation to the ministers of Christs flocke. Of repentance, and feare of God, with other principall points of our faith: so that this only historie in a maner may be sufficient to instruct a man in all true doctrine and Religion.

CHAP. I.

7 The wordes of Christ and his Angels to the Apostles. 9 His ascension. 14 Wherein the Apostles are occupied till the holy Ghost bee sent. 26 And of the election of Matthias.

THe former treatise, O Theophilus, of all that Iesus began to a do, and teach,

2 Until the day, that hee was taken vp, after that he through the holy Ghost, had giuen b commandements vnto the c Apostles, whom hee had chosen:

3 To whom also hee presented himselfe aliue after that he had suffered, by many infallible tokens, being seene of them by the space of fourtie dayes, and speaking of those things which appertaine to the d kingdome of God.

4 And when he had e gathered them together, hee commanded them f they should not depart from Ierusalem, but to waite for the promise of the father, g which, said he, yee haue heard of me.

5 h For Iohn in deed baptized with water, but yee shall bee baptized with the i holy Ghost within these few dayes.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lorde, wilt thou k at this time restore the kingdome to Israel?

7 And he said vnto them, It is not for you to know the l times, or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his owne power,

8 But ye shall receiue power of the holy Ghost, when he shall come on you: and ye shall bee m witnesses vnto mee both in Ierusalem, and in all Iudea, and in Samaria, and vnto the n vttermost part of the earth.

9 o And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, hee was p taken vp: for a cloud tooke him vp out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heauen, as hee went, beholde, q two men stood by them in white apparell,

11 Which also sayde, Yee men of Galile, why stand yee r gazing into heauen? This Iesus which is taken vp from you into heauen, shall s so come, as ye haue seene him goe into heauen.

12 t Then returned they vnto Ierusalem from the mount that is called the mount of Olives, which is neere to Ierusalem, containing a u Sabbath dayes iourney.

13 And when they were come in, they went vp into an vpper chamber, where abode both Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartlemew and Matthewe, Iames the sonne of Alphæus, and Simon Zelotes, and Iudas Iames brother.

14 These all continued with one x accord in y prayer and supplication with the z women, and Mary the mother of Iesus, and with his brethren.

15 a And in those dayes Peter stoode vp in the middes of the disciples, and sayd, (nowe the number of b names that were in one place, were about an hundreth and twentie)

16 Ye men and brethren, this c Scripture must needes haue beene fulfilled, which the d holy Ghost by the mouth of Dauid spake before of Iudas, which was e guide to them that tooke Iesus.

17 For hee was numbred with vs, and had obtained b fellowship in this ministration.

18 Hee therefore hath purchased a fielde with the f reward of iniquitie: and when he g had thrown downe himselfe headlong, he brast asunder in the mids, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it is knowen vnto all the inhabitants of Ierusalem, insomuch that that fielde is called in their owne language, Aceldama, that is, The fielde of blood.

20 For it is written in the booke of Psalmes, h Let his habitation be voide, and let no man dwell therein: i also let another take his charge.

21 Wherefore, of these men which haue companied with vs, all the time that the Lord Iesus was k conuersant among vs,

22 Beginning from the Baptisme of Iohn, vnto the day that hee was taken vp from vs, must one of them be made a witnes with vs of his l resurrection.

23 And they presented two, Ioseph called Barsabas, whose surname was Iustus, and m Matthias.

24 And they prayed, saying, Thou Lord which knowest the hearts of all men, shewe whether of these two n thou hast chosen,

25 That

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a Whereby is meant Christes doctrine and his miracles declared for the confirmation of the same.
b To preach the Gospel.
c Who as they were called by God, so had they their consciences assured by his holy Spirit.
d Whereby God reigneth in vs.
e Because they should be all witnesses of his ascension.
Luke 24.49. *Iohn* 14.26. *and* 15.26. *and* 16.7. *Matth.* 3.11. *marke* 1.8. *Luke* 3.16. *Iohn* 1.26. *chap.* 2.3. *and* 11.16. *and* 19.4.
f That is, with those spirituall graces, which Iesus onely giueth by his Spirit.
g This declareth mans impatiencie, who cannot abide quietly till Gods appointed time come, but would haue all things accomplished according to their affections, Reade Zachar. 6.12.
h For this passeth our capacity, and God refuseth it to himselfe.
i To stand in the face of the whole world, which signifieth that they must enter into heauen by afflictions, & therefore must fight before they get the victorie.
k Hereby they might learne that the Messias was not onely for the Iewes, but also for the Gentiles. *Luke* 24.51.
l Whereby they knewe certainely whither he went.
m Which were Angels in mens forme.
n And seeking him with carnall eyes.
o As the true redeemer to gather vs vnto him.
p Which was two mile, according to the Iewes tradition, albeit it was not so appointed by the Scriptures.
q A liuely patern to learne how to dispose our selues to receiue the gifts of the holy Ghost.
r Partly to obtaine the holy Ghost, and partly to be deliuered from the present dangers.
s Or, wrote.
t The offence which might haue come by Iudas fal, is here by taken away because the Scripture had so forewarned. *Psal.* 41.9. *Iohn* 13.27. *and* 18.2.3.
u Or, portion.
x Perpetuall infamie is the reward of all such as by vnlawfully gotten goods buy any thing. *Matth.* 27.5. *Psal.* 69.25. *Psal.* 109.8.
y Or, ministery.
z Greeke, went out and went out.
a In that he mentioneth the principall article of our faith, he comprehendeth also the rest.
b To the intent the office of an Apostle

Saint Matthias. Anno 15 to the end. Gospel Matthew 25 to end

1 April 2 Lesson Morn. Ascension day Epist 1 Ioh. 2 ver. Gospel Mar. 16 to the end

1 Iacob 2 Lesson morn. 1 Iacob 2 Lesson morn. Luke 2 Chapter

25 That her may take the roome of this ministration and Apostleship, from which Judas hath gone astray, to goe to his owne place.

26 Then they gaue forth their lots: and the lot fell on Matthias, and hee was by a common consent counted with the eleuen Apostles.

CHAP. II.

3 The Apostles hauing receiued the holy Ghost, make their hearers astonished. 14 When Peter had stopped the mouthes of the mockers, he sheweth by the visible graces of the holy Spirit, that Christ is come. 41 Hee baptiseth a great number that were conuerted. 42 The godly exercise, charity, and diuers vertues of the faithfull.

AND when the a day of Pentecost was come, they were b all with one accord in one place.

2 And c suddenly there came a sound from heauen, and of a rushing and mightie d wind, and it filled all the house where they sate.

3 And there appeared vnto them clouen e tongues, like e fire, and it sate vpon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the holy Ghost, and beganne to speake with other tongues, as the spirit gaue them f vtterance.

5 And there were g dwelling at Jerusalem Iewes, men that feared God, of euery nation vnder heauen.

6 Now when this was h noised, the multitude came together, and were astonied, because that euery man heard them speake his owne language.

7 And they wondered all, and maruelled, saying among themselues, Behold, are not all these which speake, of Galile?

8 How then heare wee euery man our owne language, wherein we were borne?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, and of Cappadocia, of Pontus, and Asia,

10 And of Phrygia, and Pamphylia, of Egypt, and of the parts of Libya, which is beside Cyrene, and ‖ strangers of Rome, and i Iewes, and k Proselytes,

11 Cretes, and Arabians: we heard them speake in our owne tongues the wonderfull workes of God.

12 They were all then amazed, and doubted, saying one to another, What may this be?

13 And others l mocked, and said, They are full of ‖ newe wine.

14 ¶ But Peter standing with the eleuen, lift vp his voice, and said vnto them, Ye men of Judea, and ye all that inhabite Jerusalem, bee this knowen vnto you, and hearken vnto my words.

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, since it is but the third houre of the day.

16 But this is that, which was spoken by the m Prophet n Joel,

17 And it shall be in the last dayes, saieth God, I will powre out of my Spirit vpon all o flesh, and your sonnes, and your daughters shall prophesie, and your yong men shall see visions, and your p olde men shall dreame dreames.

18 And on my seruants, and on mine handmaides I will q powre out of my Spirit in those dayes, and they shall prophesie.

19 And I will shew wonders in heauen aboue, and tokens in the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and the vapour of smoke.

20 r The Sunne shall bee turned into darkenesse, and the Moone into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

21 And it shall be s that whosoeuer shall call on the t Name of the Lord shall bee saued.

22 Ye men of Israel, heare these words, Jesus of Nazaret, a man approued of God among you with great workes, and wonders, and signes, which God did by him in the middes of you, as yee your selues also know:

23 Him, I say, haue ye taken by the hands of u the wicked, being deliuered by the x determinate counsell, and ‖ foreknowledge of God, and haue crucified and slaine:

24 (Whom God hath raised vp, and loosed the y sorowes of death, because it was vnpossible that he should be holden of it.

25 For Dauid sayeth concerning him, I beheld the Lord alwayes before me: for hee is at my z right hand, that I should not be moued.

26 Therefore did mine heart reioyce, and my tongue was glad, and moreouer also my flesh shall rest in a hope,

27 Because thou wilt not leaue my soule in graue, neither wilt suffer thine holy one to ‖ see corruption.

28 Thou hast shewed me the b ways of life, and shalt make me full of ioy with thy countenance.

29 Men & brethren, I may boldly speake vnto you of the Patriarke Dauid, c that hee is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre remaineth with vs vnto this day.

30 Therefore seeing he was d a Prophet, and knewe that God had e sworne with an othe to him, that of the fruite of his loynes hee would raise vp Christ concerning the flesh to set him vpon his throne,

31 He knowing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that f his soule should not be left in graue, neither his flesh should ‖ see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised vp, whereof we all are witnesses.

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a The holy Ghost was sent when much people was assembled in Ierusalem, at the feast, Exo. 23.16. Leuit. 23.16. Deut. 16.9. because the thing might not onely be knowen there but also through the world.

b That is, the Apostles. *Chap. 1.5 and 11.15. and 19.6. matth. 3.11. marke 1.8. luke 3.16.*

c Whereby is signified the holy Ghost.

d This signe agreeth with the thing which is signified thereby.

e To declare the vertue and force that should be in them.

‖ *Or, to speake.*

f How the Apostles spake diuers languages.

g For they could speake all languages, so that they were able to speake to euery man in his owne language.

‖ *Or, those that dwelt at Rome.*

h Whose ancestors were not of the Iewish nation, but were conuerted to the Iewes religion, which their children did professe.

i That is, such as were conuerted to the Iewish religion, which were before Paynims & idolaters.

k There is no worke of God so excellent, which wicked spirits do not deride.

l Or, *sweet.*

m Or man: meaning yong and olde, man and woman.

n Meaning, that God will shew himselfe very familiarly, and plainely, both to olde and yong.

o Euen in great abundance. *Ioel 2.31.*

p God will shew such signes of his wrath through all the world, that men shalbe no lesse amased, then if the whole order of nature were changed. *Ioel 2.32. rom. 10.13.*

q He teacheth this remedie to auoyd the wrath and threatnings of God, and to obtaine saluation.

r God caused their wickednesse to set foorth his glory contrary to their minds.

s As Judas treason & the Iewes cruelty towards Christ were most detestable, so were they not onely knowen to the eternall wisedome of God, but also directed by his immutable counsell to a most blessed ende.

‖ *Or, prouidence.*

t Both as touching the paine, and also the horrour of Gods wrath and curse.

Psal. 16 8,9. u To signifie that nothing can comfort vs in our afflictions, except we know that God is present with vs. x Our hope standeth in Gods defence. ‖ *Or, life, or person.* ‖ *Or, stele.* y In restoring me from death to life. *1. King. 2 10. chap. 13.36* z And so knew by reuelation and speciall promise that which els he could not haue knowen. *Psal. 132.11. Psal. 16.10. chap. 13.17.* ‖ *Or, person.* a The word signifieth a place where one can see nothing. ‖ *Or, stele.*

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b By the vertue and power.
c He obtained of his Father power to accomplish the promise which he made to his Apostles, as touching the holy Ghost to be sent vnto them.
Psal. 110.1.
d And therefore Christ doeth far excell Dauid.
e Christ is the onely redeemer vnto whom all powers are subiect and must obey.
f That is, hath appointed as king and ruler: and note, that in all this Sermon Peter speaketh of Christs manhood, as he was dead, buried, risen, and ascended to heauen.
g He speaketh not here of the forme of Baptisme, but teacheth that the whole effect therof consisteth in Iesus Christ.
h The visible signes.
i Christ is promised both to the Iewes, and Gentiles, but the Iewes haue the first place.
‖ *Or, protested before God.*
Or, our sons.
k Which standeth in brotherly loue & liberality. Rom. 15.26. 2. Cor. 9 13. Heb. 13.16. l Which was the ministration of the Lords Supper. *Chap.* 4.32. m Not that their goods were mingled all together: but such order was obserued that euery man frankly relieued anothers necessitie. *Chap.* 20.7. n They did eate together, and at these feasts did vse to minister the Lords Supper, 1. Cor. 11.21, Inde 12. ‖ *Or, From house to house.* o Whereby we see that the Apostles prouailed not in vaine.

33 Since then that he by the h right hand of God hath bene exalted, and hath i receiued of his Father the promise of the holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and heare.
34 For Dauid is not ascended into heauen, but he sayeth, * The Lord sayd to my Lord, k Sit at my right hand,
35 Vntill I * make thine enemies thy foote stoole.
36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for a surety, that God hath l made him both Lord & Christ, this Iesus, I say, whom ye haue crucified.
37 Nowe when they heard it, they were pricked in their hearts, and said vnto Peter and the other Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we doe?
38 Then Peter sayd vnto them, Amend your liues, and be baptized euery one of you in the Name of Iesus Christ for the remission of sinnes: and ye shall receiue the m gift of the holy Ghost.
39 For the promise ‖ is made vnto you, and to your children, and to all that are afarre off, euen as many as the Lord our God shall call.
40 And with many other words he ‖ besought, & exhorted them, saying, Saue your selues from this frouard generation.
41 Then they that gladly receiued his word, were baptized: & the same day, there were added vnto the Church about three thousand ‖ soules.
42 And they continued in the Apostles doctrine and k fellowship, and n breaking of bread, and prayers.
43 ¶ And feare came vpon euery soule: and many wonders and signes were done by the Apostles.
44 And all that beleeued were in one place, and had all things o common.
45 And they solde their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as euery one had need.
46 And they continued daily with one accord in the Temple, and breaking bread ‖ at home, did eate their meat together with gladnesse and singlenesse of heart,
47 Praysing God, and had fauour with all the people: and the Lord added to the Church from day to day, such as should be saued.

CHAP. III.

The lame is restored to his feete. 12 *Peter preacheth Christ vnto the people.*

NOw Peter and John went vp together into the Temple, at the a ninth houre of prayer.

a Which is with vs three a clocke after noone, which was their euening sacrifice, at which the Apostles were present to teach that the shadowes of the Law were abolished by that Lambe that tooke away the sinnes of the world.

2 And a certaine man which was a cripple from his mothers wombe was caried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple called Beautifull, to aske almes of them that entred into the Temple,
3 Who seeing Peter and John, that they would enter into the Temple, desired to receiue an almes.
4 And Peter earnestly beholding him with Iohn, sayd, Looke on vs.
5 And he gaue heed vnto them, trusting to receiue some thing of them.
6 Then sayd Peter, Siluer and gold haue I none, but such as I haue, that giue I thee: In the p Name of Iesus Christ of Nazaret, rise vp, and walke.
7 And he tooke him by the right hand, and lift him vp, and immediately his feet and ankle bones receiued strength.
8 And he leaped vp, stood, and walked, and entred with them into the Temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walke, and praising God,
10 And they knewe him that it was he which sate for the almes at the Beautifull gate of the Temple, and they were amazed, and sore astonied at that which was come vnto him.
11 ¶ And as the cripple which was healed, held Peter and John, all the people ran amaine vnto them in the porch which is called Salomons.
12 So when Peter saw it, he answered vnto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marueile ye at this? or why looke ye so stedfastly on vs, as though by our owne q power or godlinesse, we had made this man goe?
13 The God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob, * the God of our Fathers hath glorified his Sonne Iesus, whom yee betrayed, and denyed in the presence of Pilate, when he had set him to be deliuered.
14 * But ye denyed the holy one and the Just, and desired a r murtherer to be giuen you,
15 And killed the Lord of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, whereof we are witnesses.
16 * And his s Name hath made this man sound, whom yee see, and knowe, through faith in * his s Name: and the faith which is by him, hath giuen to him this disposition of his whole body in the presence of you all.
17 And now, brethren, I know t though u ignorance yee did it, as did also your u gouernours.
18 But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his Prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath thus fulfilled.
19 Amend your liues therefore and turne, that your sinnes may be put away, when the time of refreshing x shall come from the presence of the Lord.
20 And he that send Iesus Christ, which before was preached vnto you,
21 Whom the heauen must y contain vn-

b Because his disease was incurable, he gaue himselfe to liue of almes.
c He had the gift of healing sicknesses.
d In the vertue of Iesus: for Christ was the authour of this miracle, & Peter was the minister.
e He correcteth the abuse of men, who attribute that to mans holinesse, which onely appertaineth to God. *Chap.* 5.30 *Matt.* 17.20 *Mar.* 11.22 *Luke* 23.18 *Iohn* 18.40
f To wit, Barabbas.
g To wit, Gods name, whereby it appeareth that they did striue against God. 1. *Pet.* 1.21
‖ *Or, in Christ.*
h He doeth not excuse their malice, but because that ignorance and a blind zeale led many, he putteth them in hope of saluation.
i He meaneth some, and not all.
k When Iesus shall come to iudge the world, ye shall know & he will be your redeemer, and not your iudge.
l We therefore beleeue, that he is in none other place.

m Which is begun and continueth: but the full accomplishment and perfection is deferred to the last day. *Deut.18.15. chap 7.37.*

n Of the stocke of Abraham.

o Because they came of the same nation, and therfore were heires of the same promise which appertained to the whole body of the people. *Gen.12.3 galat 3.8.*

p Both Iew and Gentile.

q None are blessed but in Christ.

till the time that all things be restored, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses sayd vnto the Fathers, The Lord your God shall raise vp vnto you a Prophet, euen of your brethren like vnto me: ye shall heare him in all things whatsoeuer he shall say vnto you.

23 For it shal be, that euery person which shall not heare that Prophet, shalbe destroyed out of the people.

24 Also all the Prophets from Samuel, and thencefoorth as many as haue spoken, haue likewise foretold of these dayes.

25 Ye are the children of the Prophets, and of the couenant which God hath made vnto our fathers, saying to Abraham, Euen in thy seed shall all the kinreds of the earth be blessed.

26 First vnto you hath God raised vp his Sonne Iesus, and him he hath sent to bless you, in turning euery one of you from your iniquities.

r So that our regeneration and saluation is included vnder this blessing.

CHAP. IIII.

3 Peter and Iohn deliuered out of prison preach the Gospel boldly. 10 They confesse plainely the Name of Christ. 16 They are comanded to preach no more in that Name. 24 They pray for the good successe of the Gospel. 32 The increase, vnity, and charity of the Church.

AND as they spake vnto the people, the Priests and the captaine of the Temple, and the Sadducees came vpon them,

2 Taking it grieuously that they taught the people, and preached in Iesus Name the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold vntill the next day: for it was now euentide.

4 Howbeit, many of them which heard the word, beleeued: and the number of the men was about fiue thousand.

5 And it came to passe on the morow, that their rulers and Elders, and Scribes were gathered together at Ierusalem,

6 And Annas the chiefe Priest, and Caiaphas, and Iohn, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kinred of the hie Priests.

7 And when they had set them before them, they asked, By what power, or in what Name haue ye done this?

8 Then Peter full of the holy Ghost, said vnto them, Ye rulers of the people, and Elders of Israel,

9 Forasmuch as we this day are examined of the good deede done to the impotent man, to wit, by what meanes he is made whole,

10 Be it knowen vnto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the Name of Iesus Christ of Nazaret, whom ye haue crucified, whom God raised againe from the dead, euen by him doeth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone cast aside of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there saluation in any other: for among men there is giuen none other name vnder heauen, whereby we must be saued.

13 Now when they saw the boldnesse of Peter and Iohn, and vnderstood that they were vnlearned men, and without knowledge, they marueiled, and knew them, that they had bene with Iesus:

14 And beholding also the man which was healed standing with them, they had nothing to say against it.

15 Then they commanded them to go aside out of the Councill, and conferred among themselues,

16 Saying, What shall we doe to these men? For surely a manifest signe is done by them, and it is openly knowen to all them that dwel in Ierusalem: and we cannot denie it.

17 But that it bee noysed no further among the people, let vs threaten and charge them, that they speake henceforth to no man in this Name.

18 So they called them, and commanded them, that in no wise they should speake or teach in the Name of Iesus.

19 But Peter and Iohn answered vnto them, and said, Whether it bee right in the sight of God, to obey you rather then God, iudge yee.

20 For we cannot but speake the things which we haue seene and heard.

21 So they threatned them, & let them go, and found nothing how to punish them, because of the people: for all men praised God for that which was done.

22 For the man was about fourtie yeere olde, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 Then assoone as they were let go, they came to their fellowes, and shewed all that the hie Priests and Elders had said vnto them.

24 And when they heard it, they lift vp their voyces to God with one accord, & said, O Lord, thou art the God which hast made the heauen and the earth, the sea & all things that are in them.

25 Which by the mouth of thy seruant Dauid hast sayde, Why did the Gentiles rage, and the people imagine vaine things?

26 The kings of the earth assembled, and the rulers came together against the Lorde, and against his Christ.

27 For doubtles against thine holy sonne Iesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herode and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel gathered themselues together,

28 To doe whatsoeuer thine hand and thy counsell had determined before to bee done.

29 And now, O Lord, behold their threatnings, and y grant vnto thy seruaunts with all boldnesse to speake thy word,

30 So that thou stretch forth thine hand, that healing, and signes, and wonders may bee done by the Name of thine holy Sonne Iesus.

31 And when as they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled

a It is to bee thought that this was the captaine of the Romanes garison.

b The Sadduces were great enemies to this doctrine.

c The whole Church was increased to this number.

d By whose authority or commandement?

e For he could not haue so spoken of himselfe.

f Iudges ought not to condemne, but approue and commend that which is well done. *Psal.118.22.isa. 28.16 mat.21. 42.mar.12.10 luke 20.17.rom. 9.33.1.pet.2.7*

g Meaning, Priests, Elders, and gouernours.

h For to vphold the weight and force of the building.

i That is, none other cause or meane.

k The wicked still rage against Christ, though their owne conscience do condemne them.

l They gaue commandement to preach Christ no more.

m They prefer their authoritie to the ordinance of God.

n To the intent that we should beare witnes, and preach them.

o God hath put a ring thorow the wickeds noses, so that he stayeth them from their mischieuous purposes.

q To encourage one another, and to glorifie God.

q They ground their prayers vpon Gods promise who had assured that he would enlarge the kingdom of Christ. *Psal.2.1.*

r This is the verifying of the prophecie.

s And appointed to be king.

t Power, and iustice.

u All things are done by the force of Gods purpose, according to the decree of his wil, Ephes. 1.11.

x Assuage their rage and malice which they enterprise against thee.

y They seeke not how to liue at ease, but wherby they may most glorifie God.

assembled together, and they were all filled with the holy Ghost, & they spake the worde of God boldly.

32 And the multitude of them that beleeued, were of one heart, & of one soule: neither any of them said, that any thing of that which he possessed, was his owne, but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gaue the Apostles witnesse of the resurrection of the Lord Iesus: and great grace was vpon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessours of lands or houses, solde them, & brought the price of the things that were solde,

35 And laid it downe at the Apostles feet, and it was distributed vnto euery man, according as he had need.

36 And Ioses, which was called of the Apostles, Barnabas (that is by interpretation, the son of consolation) being a Leuite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Whereas hee had lande, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it downe at the Apostles feete.

CHAP. V.

The hypocrisie of Ananias & Sapphira is punished. 12 Miracles are done by the Apostles. 17 They are taken, but the Angel of God bringeth them out of prison. 29 Their bolde confession before the Councill. 34 The counsel of Gamaliel. 40 The Apostles are beat, and reuyce in trouble.

BVt a certaine man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, solde a possession,

2 And kept away part of the price, his wife also being of counsel, and brought a certaine part, and laid it downe at the Apostles feete.

3 Then said Peter, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart, that thou shouldest lie vnto the holy Ghost, & keepe away part of the price of the possession?

4 Whiles it remained, appertained it not vnto thee? and after it was solde, was it not in thine owne power? howe is it that thou hast conceiued this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied vnto men, but vnto God.

5 Nowe when Ananias heard these words, he fell downe, and gaue vp the Ghost. Then great feare came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the yong men rose vp, and tooke him vp, and caried him out, and buried him.

7 And it came to passe about the space of three houres after, that his wife came in, ignorant of that which was done.

8 And Peter said vnto her, Tell me, solde ye the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said vnto her, Why haue ye agreed together, to tempt the Spirite of the Lord? beholde, the feete of them which haue buried thine husband, are at the doore, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell downe straightway at his feete, & yeelded vp the Ghost: & the yong men came in, and found her dead, and caried her out, and buried her by her husband.

11 And great feare came on all the Church, and on as many as heard these things.

12 Thus by the handes of the Apostles, were many signes and wonders shewed among the people (and they were all with one accord in Solomons porch.

13 And of the other durst no man ioyne himselfe to them: neuertheless the people magnified them.

14 Also the number of them that beleeued in the Lord, both of men and women, grewe more and more.)

15 In somuch that they brought the sicke into the streets, and laide them on beds, and couches, that at the least way the shadowe of Peter, when he came by, might shadowe some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities rounde about vnto Ierusalem, bringing sicke folkes, and them which were vexed with vncleane spirits, who were all healed.

17 Then the chiefe Priest rose vp, and all they that were with him (which was the sect of the Sadducets) and were full of indignation,

18 And layd handes on the Apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the Angel of the Lorde by night opened the prison doores, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Goe your way and stand in the Temple, and speake to the people all the wordes of this life.

21 So when they heard it, they entred into the Temple early in the morning, and taught. And the chiefe Priest came, and they that were with him, and called the Councill together, and all the Elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison, to cause them to be brought.

22 But when the officers came, & founde them not in the prison, they returned and tolde it,

23 Saying, Certainely wee found the prison shut as sure as was possible, and the keepers standing without before the doores: but when we had opened, wee found no man within.

24 Then when the chiefe Priest, and the captaine of the Temple, and the hie Priests heard these things, they doubted of them, whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and shewed them, saying, Beholde, the men that yee put in prison, are standing in the Temple, and teach the people.

26 Then went the captaine with the officers, and brought them without violence (for they feared the people, least they should haue bene stoned.)

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the Councill, and the chiefe Priest asked them,

a This was a signe of Gods presence and the performance of his promise.

a This boldnesse and constancie declared that their prayer tooke effect.

b Of one minde, will, consent, and affection.

c Their hearts were ioyned in God, that being all members of one body, they could not suffer their fellow members to be destitute.

Chap. 2. 44.

d As the Apostles suffred none to lack, so S. Paul commaunded that no idle loyterers bee maintained, 2 Thessa. 3. 10.

e The goods were not alike diuided among al, but as euery man had want, so was his necessity moderately relieued.

a Which signified their sacriledge, distrust, and hypocrisie.

b Who mooued thy heart to sell thy possession? whereas thou keptest part to another vse, as if God did not see thy dissimulation.

c His sinne therfore was so much greater in that he committed it wilfingly.

d Then no man was compelled to sell his possessions, nor to put his money to the common vse.

e Because God so disposed it.

f And to mocke him as if he should not haue knowen your crafty fetch, which declareth that when men do any thing of an euill conscience, they do not only pronounce the sentence of damnation vpon themselues, but also prouoke the wrath of God, because they doe proue, as it were purposely, whether God be righteous and Almightie.

g Because of their owne euil consciences, which made them to tremble: for they that were not assured of Gods mercies in Christ, were astonished at these his strange iudgements.

h That is, they gaue them great praise.

i Which then were the chiefe among them.

k They were full of blinde zeale, emulation and ielousie, in defence of their superstition.

l That is, of the liuely doctrine, whereby the way to life is declared.

m So that there was no fraud nor deceite, nor negligence: but it liuely setteth forth the power of God and his prouidence for his.

28 Saying, Did not we straightly command you, that ye should not teach in this Name? and beholde, ye haue filled n Ierusalem with your doctrine, and ye would bring this mans o blood vpon vs.

29 Then Peter and the Apostles answered, and said, We ought rather to obey God, then p men.

30 The q God of our fathers hath raysed vp Iesus, whom ye slew, and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God lift vp with his right hand, to be a prince and a r Sauiour, to giue repentance to Israel, and forgiuenesse of sinnes.

32 And we are his witnesses concerning these things which we say: yea, and the holy Ghost, whom God hath giuen to them that obey t him.

33 Now when they heard it, they were [illegible] for anger, and consulted to slay them.

34 Then stood there vp in the Councel a certaine Pharise named Gamaliel, a doctor of the lawe, honoured of all the people, and commanded to put the Apostles forth a little space,

35 And said vnto them, Men of Israel, take heede to your selues, what ye intend to do touching these men.

36 For before these times, rose vp f Theudas boasting himselfe, to whom resorted a number of men, about foure hundreth, who was slaine: and they all which obeyed him, were scattered and brought to nought.

37 After this man, rose vp g Iudas of Galile, in the dayes of the tribute, and drew away much people after him: hee also perished, and all that obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say vnto you, Withdraw your selues from these men, & let them alone: for if this counsell, or this worke be of man, it will come to nought:

39 But if it bee of h God, ye cannot destroy it, lest yee bee found euen fighters against God.

40 And to him they agreed, and called the Apostles: and when they had beaten them, they commanded that they should not speake in the name of Iesus, and let them goe.

41 So they departed from the Councell, reioycing that they were counted worthy to suffer rebuke for his Name.

42 And daily in the Temple, and from house to house they ceased not to teach, and preach Iesus Christ.

CHAP. VI.

1 Seuen Deacons are ordained in the Church. 8 The graces and miracles of Steuen whom they accused falsely.

AND in those dayes, as the number of the i disciples grew, there arose a murmuring of the k Grecians towards the Hebrewes, because their widowes were l neglected in the daily ministring.

2 Then the twelue called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not meete that we should leaue the word of God to serue the m tables.

3 Wherefore brethren, looke ye out among you seuen men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost, and of wisedome, which we may appoint to this businesse.

4 And we will giue our selues continually to prayer, and to the ministration of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Steuen a man full of n faith and of the holy Ghost, and o Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a p Proselyte of Antiochia,

6 Which they set before the Apostles, and they prayed, and q laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased, & the number of the disciples was multiplied in Ierusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient to the r faith.

8 Now Steuen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certaine of the s Synagogue, which are called Libertines, and Cyrenians, and of Alexandria, and of them of Cilicia, and of Asia, and disputed with Steuen.

10 But they were not able to resist the wisedome, and the Spirit by the which hee spake.

11 Then they t suborned men, which said, Wee haue heard him speake blasphemous words against Moses, and God.

12 Thus they mooued the people and the Elders, and the Scribes: and running vpon him, caught him, and brought him to the Councell,

13 And set foorth false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speake blasphemous words against this holy place, and the Law.

14 For we haue heard him say, that u this Iesus of Nazaret shall destroy this place, and shal change the ordinances, which Moses gaue vs.

15 And as all that sate in the Councell, looked stedfastly on him, they saw his face as it had bene the x face of an Angel.

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n He accuseth them of rebellion and sedition.
o And so make vs guilty of Christes death.
p When they command or forbid vs any thing contrary to the word of God. *Chap. 3. 13.*
q Meaning, that he is the Mediatour and onely meane betweene God and man.
r That is, Christ.
s This Theudas was about thirty yeres before this, of whom Iosephus mentioneth lib. 20. de Antiq. chap 4 that was after the death of Herod the great, when Archelaus his sonne was Rome, at what time Iudea was full of insurrections: so that it is not sure to giue credit to Eusebius in this point.
t Of him maketh mention Iosephus, li 18. where he speaketh of y taxing, Luke 2. 1.
u He groundeth vpon good principles, but he doubteth of the qualitie of the cause, neither dareaffirme whether it begood or bad: wherein appeareth he was but a worldling.
x Whose ancesters were Iewes, and dwelled in Grecia: therefore these spake Greeke and not Hebrew. b They were not looked vnto in the distribution of the almes.
c That is, to make prouision for the maintenance of the poore, forasmuch as they were not able to satisfie both the offices.
d He ioyneth faith with the other gifts of the holy Ghost. *Chap. 21 8.*
e Meaning one that was turned to the Iewes religion.
f This ceremony the Iewes obserued in solemne sacrifices, Leuit. 3. 2. and also in prayer and priuate blessing, Gen. 48. 14 likewise in the primitiue Church it was vsed, either when they made ministers, or gaue the gifts of the holy Ghost: which gifts being now taken away, the ceremony must cease.
g That is, to the Gospel, which is receiued by faith.
h Or, colledge: diuers nations had colledges at Ierusalem, wherein their youth was instructed, as we see in vniuersities.
i That is, instructed & set forth when trueth faileth her. k They speake this in contempt confidence, but also great maiesty appearing in him.
l Not onely a certaine

CHAP. VII.

1 Steuen maketh answere by the Scriptures to his accusers. 51 He rebuketh the hardnecked Iewes, 57 And is stoned to death. 58 Saul keepeth the tormenters clothes.

THen saide the chiefe Priest, Are these things so?

2 And he saide, Ye men, brethren, and fathers, hearken. The God of y glory appeared vnto our father Abraham, while hee was in z Mesopotamia, before hee dwelt in Charran,

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b Hereby he is discerned from the false gods. c Of Mesopotamia, as it containeth Babylon and Chaldea in it.

3 And

Gene. 12. 1.

3 * And said vnto him, Come out of thy countrey, and from thy kinred, and come into the land, which I shall shew thee.

4 Then came hee out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran. And after that his father was dead, God brought him from thence into this land, wherein yee now dwell.

5 And he gaue him none inheritance in it, no, not the breadth of a foote: yet hee promised that he would giue it to him for a possession, and to his seede after him, when as yet he had no childe.

6 But God spake thus, that his * seede should be a sojourner in a strange land, and that they should keepe it in bondage, and entreate it euill * fours hundreth yeeres.

7 But the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I * iudge, sayth God: and after that, they shall come forth and serue me in this place.

8 * He gaue him also the couenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begate * Isaac, and circumcised him the eight day: and Isaac begate * Iacob, and Iacob the twelue * Patriarkes.

9 And the Patriarks moued with enuie, sold * Ioseph into Egypt: but God was * with him,

10 And deliuered him out of all his afflictions, and * gaue him fauour and wisedome in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, who made him gouernour ouer Egypt, and ouer his whole house.

11 ¶ Then came there a famine ouer all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, that our fathers found no sustinance.

12 But when * Iacob heard that there was corne in Egypt, hee sent our fathers first.

13 * And at the second time, Ioseph was knowen of his brethren, and Josephs kinred was made knowen vnto Pharao.

14 Then sent Ioseph and caused his father to be brought, and all his kinred, euen * threescore and fiftеene soules.

15 So * Iacob went downe into Egypt, and he * died, and our fathers,

16 And were remoued into * Sychem, and were put in the sepulchre, that * Abraham had bought * for money of the sonnes of Emor, sonne of Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drewe neere, which God had sworne to Abraham, the people * grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another King arose, which knew not Ioseph.

19 The same dealt ‖ subtilly with our kinred, and euill entreated our fathers, and made them to cast out their yong children, that ‖ they should not remaine aliue.

20 * The same time was Moses borne, and was acceptable vnto God, which was nourished vp in his fathers house three moneths.

21 And when hee was cast out, Pharaos daughter tooke him vp, and nourished him for her owne sonne.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisedome of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deedes.

23 Now when he was full forty yere old, it came into his heart to visite his brethren the children of Israel.

24 * And when he saw one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and auenged his quarel that had the harme done to him, and smote the Egyptian.

25 For he supposed his brethren would haue vnderstoode that God by his hand should giue them deliuerance: but they vnderstood it not.

26 * And the next day he shewed himselfe vnto them as they strone, and would haue set them at one againe, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren: why doe ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong, thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a prince, and a Iudge ouer vs?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at that saying, and was a stranger in y land of Madian, where he begate two sonnes.

30 And when fortie yeeres were expired, there appeared to him in the * wildernesse of mount Sina, an Angel of the Lord in a flame * of fire, in a bush.

31 And when Moses saw it, he wondred at the sight: and as he drew neere to consider it, the voyce of the Lord came vnto him, saying,

32 I am the * God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold it.

33 Then the Lord said to him, * Put off thy shoes from thy feete: for the place where thou standest, is holy ground.

34 I haue seene, I haue seene the affliction of my people, which is in Egypt, and I haue heard their grouning, & am come downe to deliuer them: and now come, and I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they forsooke, saying, Who made thee a prince, and a Iudge? the same God sent for a prince, and a deliuerer by the hand of the Angel, which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He * brought them out, doing wonders and miracles in the land of Egypt, and in the red Sea, and in the wildernesse * fourtie yeeres.

37 This is that Moses which sayd vnto the children of Israel, * A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise vp vnto you, euen of your brethren like vnto me: him shall ye heare.

38 * This is he that was in the Congregation, in the wildernesse with the * Angel which spake to him in mount Sina, and with our fathers, who receiued the liuely oracles to giue vnto vs.

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but refused, and in their hearts turned backe againe into Egypt,

40 Saying vnto Aaron, * Make vs gods that may go before vs: for * we know not what is become of this Moses that brought

Gene. 15. 13.
d Beginning to reckon the yeeres from the time that Isaac was borne.
e Take vengeance of them and deliuer my people.
Gen. 17. 9, 10.
Gene. 21. 3.
Gene. 25. 24, 26.
Gen. 29. 31, 33. & 30. 5. and 35. 22.
Gene. 37. 28.
f That is, preferred. and brought all things to a good issue.
Ge. 41. 37, 39, 40
Gen. 42. 1, 2.
Gene. 45. 4.
g After the Hebrew, threescore and ten.
Gene. 46. 5, 6.
Gen. 49. 33.
Gen. 50. 7.
Iosh. 24. 32.
h It is probable that some writer through negligence put in Abraham in this place in stead of Iacob, who bought this field, Gen 33. 19. or by Abraham he meaneth the posteritie of Abraham.
Gene. 23. 16.
Exod. 1. 7.
i He inuented craftie wayes both to destroy the Israelites with ouermuch labour, and also to get great profite by them, Exod. 1. 10.
‖ Or, that their race should faile, Exod. 2. 2. Iob. 11. 23.

Exod. 2. 11.

Exod. 3. 2.
k This fire represented the furnace of affliction, wherein the people of God were.
l Seeing this Angel called himselfe God, it declareth that he was Christ the Mediator, who is the eternall God.
m In signe of reuerence, reade Exod 3. 5.
Exod. 7. 3, 9, 10, 11, 14 chapters.
Exod. 16. 1.
Deut. 18. 15.
Iohn. 5. 22.
n He proueth that Christ is the end of the Law & the Prophets.
Exod. 19. 2.
o Moses was the Angels or Christs minister, and a guide to the fathers.
p By oracles is meant the sayings that God spake to Moses.
Exod. 32. 1. &c.
q Figures, or testimonies of the presence of God.
r Yet they knew he was absent for their commoditie, and so would shortly returne and bring them the law.

brought vs out of the land of Egypt.

41 And they made a calfe in those dayes, and offered sacrifice vnto the idole, and reioyced in the works of their owne handes.

42 Then God turned himselfe away, and * gaue them vp to serue the t host of heauen, as it is written in the booke of the Prophets, * O house of Israel, haue ye offered to me slaine beasts and sacrifices by the space of fortie yeeres in the wildernesse?

43 And yee u tooke vp the tabernacle of * Moloch, and the starre of your god Rempham, figures, which yee made to worship them: therefore I wil carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the Tabernacle of x witnesse in the wildernesse, as hee had appointed, speaking vnto * Moses, that hee should make it according to the fashion that he had seene.

45 Which Tabernacle also our fathers receiued, and brought in with * Iesus into the possession of the Gentiles, which God draue out before our fathers, vnto the dayes of Dauid:

46 * Who found fauour before God, and desired that he might * finde a Tabernacle for the God of Iacob.

47 † But Salomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most high y dwelleth not in † temples made with hands, as saith the * Prophet,

49 Heauen is my throne, and earth is my footestoole: what z house will yee build for mee, saith the Lord? or what place is it that I should rest in?

50 Hath not mine hand made all these things?

51 * Ye stifnecked and of vncircumcised a hearts and eares, ye haue alwayes resisted the holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so doe yee.

52 Which of the Prophets haue not your fathers persecuted? and they haue slaine them, which shewed before of the comming of that b Iust, of whom yee are now the betrayers and murtherers,

53 * Which haue receiued the Law by the c ordinance of Angels, and haue not kept it.

54 But when they heard these things, their hearts brast for anger, d they gnashed at him with their teeth.

55 But hee being full of the holy Ghost, looked stedfastly into heauen, and saw the glorie of God, and Iesus standing at the * right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heauens open, and the Sonne of man standing at the right hand of God.

57 Then they gaue a shoute with a loud voyce, and stopped their eares, and e ran vpon him all at once,

58 And cast him out of the citie, and stoned him: and the * witnesses layde downe their clothes at a young mans feete, named Saul.

59 And they stoned Steuen, who called on God, and sayde, Lord Iesus receiue my spirit.

60 And hee kneeled downe, and cryed with a loud voyce, * Lord, lay not this sinne to their charge. And when he had thus spoken, he slept.

Rom. 1 24.
f As the Sunne, moone, & other starres, Deu. 17. 3
Amos 5 25.
g Your fathers began in wildernes to contemne mine ordinances, and you now far passe them in impietie.
u And caried it vpon your shoulders.
Leuit 20. 2.
x They ought to haue bene content with this couenant onely, and not to haue gone after their lewd fantasies.
Exod. 25. 40.
hebr. 8. 5.
Iosh. 3. 14.
1. Sam 13. 14.
psal. 89. 21.
2. Sam. 7. 2.
psal. 132 5.
1. Chron. 17. 12.
1. king 6. 1.
Chap. 17. 24.
y He reproueth the grosse dulnes of the people, which abused the power of God, in that they would haue contained it within the Temple.
Isa 66. 1.
z God cannot be contained in any space of place.
Ioro. 7 22.
Ezek. 20. 25.
a Which neither forsake your old wickednesse, nor so much as heare when God speaketh to you, but still rebell.
b Which is Iesus Christ, who is not onely iust for his innocencie, but because all true iustice commeth of him.
Exod. 19. 16 psal. 3. 19.
c By their ministery or office. d And reigning in his flesh, wherein he had suffered. e This was done of furious violence, and by no forme of iustice. Chap. 22. 20.
Matth 5. 44. Luke 23. 34. 1. Cor. 4. 13.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Stuen is lamented and buried. 3 The rage of the Iewes & of Saul against them. 4 The faithfull scattered, preach here and there. 9 Samaria is seduced by Simon the sorcerer, but was conuerted by Philip and confirmed by the Apostles. 19 The contemptuous suite and hypocrisie of Simon. 26 And conuersion of the Eunuch.

AND Saul consented to his death, and at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Ierusalem, and they were all scattered abroade through the regions of Iudea, and of Samaria, except the Apostles.

2 Then certaine men feating God, a caried Steuen among them, to be buried, and made great b lamentation for him.

3 But Saul made hauock of the Church, and entred into euery house, and drew out both men and women, and put them into prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad, went to and fro preaching the word.

5 ¶ Then came Philip into the citie c of Samaria, and preached Christ vnto them.

6 And the people gaue heede vnto those things which Philip spake, with one accord, hearing, and seeing the miracles which hee did.

7 For vncleane spirites crying with a loud voyce, came out of many that were possessed of them: and many taken with palsies, and that halted, were healed.

8 And there was great ioy in that city.

9 And there was before in the city a certaine man called Simon, which vsed witchcraft, and bewitched the people of Samaria, saying, That hee himselfe was some great man.

10 To whom they d gaue heede from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great e power of God.

11 And they gaue heed vnto him, because that of long time hee had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But assoone as they beleeued Philip, which preached the things that concerned the kingdome of God, and the Name of Iesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.

13 Then Simon himselfe f beleeued also and was baptized, and continued with Philip, and wondred, when hee saw the signes and great miracles which were done.

14 ¶ Now when the Apostles which were at Ierusalem, heard say, that Samaria had receiued the word of God, they sent vnto them Peter and John.

15 Which when they were come downe, prayed for them, that they might receiue the g holy Ghost.

16 (For as yet he was come downe on none of them, but they were baptized h onely in the Name of the Lord Iesus)

17 Then

a From the place where he was stoned.
b When the Church is depriued of any worthy member, there is iust cause of sorrow: & note that here is no mention of any reliques or prayers for the dead, or worshipping.
c The conuersion of Samaria was as it were the first fruits of the calling of the Gentiles.
d This declareth how much more we are inclined to folow the illusions of Satan, then the trueth of God.
e This is the craft of Satan, to couer all his illusions vnder the Name of God.
f The maiestie of Gods word forced him to confesse the trueth: but yet was he not regenerate therefore.
g Meaning the particular gifts of the holy Spirit.
h They had onely receiued the common grace of adoption and regeneration, which are offred to all the faithful in baptisme, & as yet had not receiued the gift to speake in diuers languages and to doe miracles.

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17 Then laide they their hands on them, and they receiued the holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon sawe that through layeng on of the Apostles handes, y holy ghost was giuen, he offred them money,

19 Saying, Giue me also this power, that on whomsoeuer I lay the hands, he may receiue the holy Ghost.

20 Then said Peter vnto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou thinkest that the gift of God may bee obtained with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor [l] felowship in this businesse: for thine heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 [k] Repent therefore of this thy wickednesse, and pray God, that if it bee [l] possible, the thought of thine heart may bee forgiuen thee.

23 For I see that thou art [m] in the gall of [n] bitternesse, and in the bond of iniquitie.

24 Then answered Simon, & said, Pray yee to the Lord for mee, that none of these things which ye haue spoken, come vpon me.

25 ¶ So they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Ierusalem, and preached the Gospel in many townes of the Samaritanes.

26 Then the Angel of the Lorde spake vnto Philip, saying, Arise and goe toward the South vnto the way that goeth downe from Ierusalem vnto Gaza, which is [o] waste.

27 And he arose, & went out: and behold, a certaine [o] Eunuch of Ethiopia, Candaces the Queene of the Ethiopians chiefe gouernour, who had the rule of al her treasure, and came to Ierusalem to worship:

28 And as he returned sitting in his charet, he read Elias the Prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said vnto Philip, Go neere, and ioyne thy selfe to yonder charet.

30 And Philip ran thither, & heard him reade the Prophet Elias, and said, But vnderstandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except I had a guide? and he desired Philip that he would come vp and sit with him.

32 Now the place of the Scripture which he read, was this, [p] He was led as a sheepe to the slaughter: and like a lambe dumbe before his shearer, so opened hee not his mouth.

33 [p] In his humilitie his [q] iudgement hath bene exalted: but who shall declare [r] his generation? for his life is taken from the [r] earth.

34 Then the Eunuch answered Philip, and sayd, I pray thee of whom speaketh the Prophet this? of himselfe, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip [s] opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached vnto him Iesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came vnto a certain water, and the Eunuch said, See, here is water: what doeth let mee to be baptized?

37 And Philip sayde vnto him, If thou beleeuest with [t] all thine heart, thou mayest. Then he answered and said, I beleeue that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God.

38 Then hee commanded the charet to stand still: and they went downe both into the water, both Philip, and the Eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And assoone as they were come vp out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch [u] saw him no more: so he went on his way reioycing.

40 But Philip [x] was found at [y] Azotus, and hee walked to and fro preaching in all the cities, till he came to Cesarea.

CHAP. IX.

3 The conuersion of Saul. 15 His vocation to the Apostleship. 23 His zeale to execute the same. 25 How he escapeth the Iewes conspiracy. 26 His accesse to the Apostles. 31 The prosperitie of the Church. 34 Peter healeth Aeneas, 40 Raiseth Tabitha. 42 He conuerteth many to Christ, 43 And lodgeth in a Tanners house.

A Nd [a] Saul yet [a] breathing out threatnings & slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went vnto the hie Priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the Synagogues, that if he found any that were of that [b] way (either men or women) hee might bring them bound vnto Ierusalem.

3 Now as he iourneyed, it came to passe, that as hee was come neere to Damascus, [c] suddenly there shined round about him a light from heauen.

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voyce, saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Iesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kicke against [c] pricks.

6 He then both trembling and astonied, said, Lord, what wilt thou that I doe? And the Lord said vnto him, Arise, and goe into the citie, and it shall be tolde thee what thou shalt doe.

7 The men also which iourneyed with him, stood amazed, hearing [d] his voyce, but [e] seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the ground, and opened his eyes, but [f] saw no man. Then led they him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus,

9 Where hee was three dayes without sight, and neither [g] ate nor dranke.

10 And there was a certaine disciple at Damascus named Ananias, and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 Then the Lord said vnto him, Arise, and goe into the streete which is called Streight, and seeke in the house of Iudas after one called Saul of Tarsus: for be-

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k Thou art not worthy to be of the number of the faithfull.

l That is, turne away from thy wickednesse.

l Hereby he would make him to feele his sinne, and not that he doubted of Gods mercies, if he could repent.

m Or thine heart is full of despitefull malice, & deuilish poyson of impietie, so that now Satan hath thee tied as captiue in his bands.

Deut 29. 18.

n After that Alexander had destroied it, it was not much peopled as it was afore, and therefore in respect was as waste

o Eunuch signifieth him that is gelded: but because in the East parts great affaires were committed to such, it came in vse that noble men were called Eunuches, although they were not gelded: also all maner officers and seruants that were put in credit or necessary affaires, were called by this name, as Ie. 39 7. *Isa 53 7.*

p Albeit Christ was in graue and in deaths bands, feeling also his Fathers anger against sinne, yet he brake the bands of death and was exalted *Acts 2.24.*

q The punishment which he suffred, was the beginning of his glory.

r That is, how long his age shal endure: for being risen frō death, death shall no more reigne, neither shall his kingdom euer haue end: or els we may take generation, for his Church which neuer shall haue end: for now they sit in the heauenly places with Christ their head, as Ephes 2.6.

s And now he reigneth in heauen.

t He declared at length this matter of so great importance.

u With a pure & perfect heart.

x This was, to the intent that he might know so much the better that Philip was sent to him by God.

y Or, *perceiued himself to be.*

y Some thinke this city was also called Asdod, Ios. 15.47.

Compare Saul's conuersion with Paul's owne Epistle to the Galat. 1. & Act. 22. & 26.

Chap. 22. 4, 5.

Gal. 1, 13.

a He persecuted with a great rage and cruelty the innocent blood which he thirsted for: which declareth whereunto man is led by his rash zeale, before he hath the true knowledge of God.

b That is, of that sect or sort.

Chap. 22, 4. 1. Cor. 15 9.

c That is, to resist God when hee pricketh and solliciteth our consciences.

d Meaning Sauls voyce, as Chap. 22. 9.

e For onely Saul knew that Iesus spake vnto him.

f For he was blind.

g He was so troubled with the vision, that he did meditate nothing but heauenly things, till there with was satisfied.

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prayeth,

12 (And he saw in a vision a man named Ananias comming in to him, and putting his hands on him, that he might receiue his sight.)

13 Then Ananias answered, Lorde, I haue heard by many of this man, how much euill hee hath done to thy Saints at Ierusalem.

14 Moreouer here hee hath authoritie of the high Priests, to binde all that call on thy Name.

15 Then the Lord sayd vnto him, Go thy way: for hee is a [h] chosen vessell vnto me, to beare my Name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

16 For I will shew him how many things he must suffer for my Names sake.

17 Then Ananias went his way, and entred into the houle, and put his handes on him, and sayd, Brother Saul, the Lord hath sent me (euen Iesus that appeared vnto thee in the way as thou camest) that thou mightest receiue thy light and bee filled with the holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had bene scales, and suddenly he receiued light, and arose, and was baptized,

19 And receiued meate, and was strengthened. So was Saul certaine dayes with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the Synagogues, that he was the Sonne of God.

21 So that all that heard him, were amazed, and sayd, Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this Name in Ierusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he should bring them bound vnto the high Priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Iewes which dwelt at Damascus, [k] confirming that this was the Christ.

23 And after [l] that many dayes were fulfilled, the Iewes tooke counsell together to kill him,

24 But their laying awaite was knowen of Saul: now they [m] watched the gates day and night, that they might kill him.

25 Then the disciples tooke him by night, and put him through the wall, and let him downe in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Ierusalem, hee assayed to ioyne himselfe with the disciples: but they were all afrayde of him, and beleeued not that hee was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas tooke him, [n] brought him to the Apostles, and declared to them, how hee had seene the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken vnto him, and how he had spoken boldely at Damascus in the Name of Iesus.

28 And he [o] was conuersant with them at Ierusalem,

29 And spake boldly [p] in the Name of the Lorde Iesus, and spake and disputed with the [q] Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 But when the brethren knew it, they brought him to Cesarea, and sent him forth to [r] Tarsus.

31 Then had the Churches rest thorow all Iudea, and Galile, and Samaria, & were edified, and walked in the feare of the Lord, and were multiplyed by the comfort of the holy Ghost.

32 And it came to passe, as Peter walked throughout all quarters, hee came also to the Saints which dwelt at Lydda,

33 And there he found a certaine man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight yeeres, and was sicke of the palsie.

34 Then sayd Peter vnto him, Aeneas, Iesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise and [‖] make vp thy bed. And hee arose immediately.

35 And [s] all that dwelt at Lydda, and [t] Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 There was also at Ioppa, a certaine woman a disciple named Tabitha (which by interpretation is called [u] Dorcas) she was [‖] full of good workes and almes which shee did.

37 And it came to passe in those dayes, that she was sicke and died: and when they had [x] washed her, they layd her in an vpper chamber.

38 Now forasmuch as Lydda was neere to Ioppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent vnto him two men, desiring that hee would not delay to come vnto them.

39 Then Peter arose & came with them: and when hee was come, they brought him into the vpper chamber, where all the widowes stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats & garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all foorth, and kneeled downe, and prayed, and turned him to the body, and sayd, Tabitha, Arise. And shee opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, sate vp.

41 Then he gaue her the hand and lift her vp, and called the [y] Saints and widowes, and restored her aliue.

42 And it was knowen throughout all Ioppa, and many beleeued in the Lord.

43 And it came to passe that hee taried many dayes in Ioppa with one Simon a tanner.

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CHAP. X.

3 Cornelius admonished by the Angel, 7 He sendeth to Ioppa. 11 The vision that Peter saw. 17 How he was sent to Cornelius. 44 The Gentiles also receiue the Spirit, and are baptized.

THerefore there was a certaine man in Cesarea called Cornelius, a captaine of the band called the Italian band,

2 A deuout man, and one that feared God with all his houshold, which gaue much almes to the people, and prayed God continually.

3 He saw in a vision euidently (about the ninth houre of the day) an Angel of God comming in to him, and saying vnto him, Cornelius.

4 But when he looked on him, he was afraid,

h A worthy seruant of God, and endued with excellent graces aboue others.
i To beare me witnesse, and set forth my glory.

k Proving by the conference of the Scriptures.
l That was after three yeeres, that he had remained at Damascus, and in the country about, Gal. 1. 18. 2. Cor. 11. 32.
m The gouernor at their request appointed a watch, as he declareth to the Corinthians, 2. Cor. 11. 32.
n Gr. *ioyned in and out.*
o With Peter & Iames, Gal. 1. 18, 19.
p Making open profession of the Gospel.
q Which were Iewes, but so called, because they were dispersed through Grecia and other countreys.

q Because it was his owne countrey, and there he might haue some authority.

‖ *Or, trusse thy couch together.*
r Meaning, the greatest part.
s A place so called, and not a citie.
t That is, a deere, or, roe bucke.
‖ *Or, rich.*
u To the intent they might bury her afterward: for this was their custome.
x For she was restored to life, rather that other might haue occasion to beleeue and glorifie God, then for her owne sake.
‖ *Or, sorrier.*
y Who had forsaken all superstitions, and gaue himselfe to the true seruice of God.

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feath, and sayth, Arise Peter, kill and eate.

14 And Peter sayd, Not so, Lord: for I haue neuer eaten any thing that is polluted or vncleane.

15 And the voice spake vnto him againe the second time, The things that God hath purified, pollute thou not.

16 This was so done thrise: and the vessell was drawen vp againe into heauen.

17 ¶ Now while Peter doubted in himselfe what this vision which he had seene, meant, beholde, the men which were sent from Cornelius, had enquired for Simons house, and stood at the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 And while Peter thought on the vision, the spirit sayd vnto him, Beholde, three men seeke thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee downe, and goe with them, and e doubt nothing: for I haue sent them.

21 ¶ Then Peter went down to the men, which were sent vnto him from Cornelius, and sayd, Beholde, I am he whom ye seeke: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the captain, a iust man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Iewes, was warned from heauen by an holy Angel, to send for thee into his house, and to heare thy words.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And the next day Peter went forth with them, and certaine brethren from Ioppa accompanied him.

24 ¶ And the day after, they entred into Cesarea. Now Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen, and speciall friends.

25 And it came to passe, as Peter came in, that Cornelius met him, and fell downe at his feete, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter tooke him vp, saying, Stand vp: for euen I my selfe am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he came in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he sayd vnto them, Ye know that it is an vnlawfull thing for a man that is a Iewe, to company or come vnto one of an other nation: but God hath shewed me, that I should not call any man i polluted, or vncleane.

29 Therefore came I vnto you without saying nay, when I was sent for. I aske therefore, for what intente haue ye sent for me?

30 Then Cornelius sayd, Foure dayes agoe, about this houre, I fasted, and at the ninth houre I prayed in mine house, and beholde, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And sayde, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine almes are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Ioppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter (he is lodged in the house of Simon a tanner by the sea side) who when he commeth, shall speake vnto thee.

33 Then sent I for thee immediately, and thou hast well done to come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to heare all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and sayd, Of a truth I perceiue, that k God is no accepter of persons.

35 But in euery nation hee that l feareth him and worketh m righteousnesse, is accepted with him.

36 Yee knowe the worde which GOD hath sent to the children of Israel, preaching l peace by Iesus Christ, which is Lord of all.

37 Euen the word which came through all Iudea, beginning in Galile, after the baptisme which Iohn preached,

38 To wit, how God anointed Iesus of Nazaret, with the holy Ghost, and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the deuill: for God was with him.

39 And wee are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Iewes, and in Ierusalem: whom they slewe, hanging him on a tree.

40 Him God raised vp the third day, and caused that he was shewed openly:

41 Not to all the people, but vnto o witnesses chosen before of God, euen to vs which did eate and drinke with him, after he arose from the dead.

42 And he commanded vs to preach vnto the people, and to testifie, that it is he that is ordeined of God a iudge of quicke and dead.

43 To him also giue all the p Prophets witnesse, that through his Name, all that beleeue

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b That is, God did accept of them whereof it followeth that he had faith: for else it is impossible to please God.

† Or, shall

c Which was midday.

d As camels, horses, dogs, oxen, sheepe, swine, and such like, which man nourisheth for his vse.

‖ Or, common.

e In taking away the difference betwixt vncleane beasts and cleane, he sheweth there is no difference betwixt the Iewes and Gentiles.

f Take it not for polluted, and impure.

g Then true obedience which proceedeth of faith ought to be without doubt or questioning.

‖ Or, Peter.

h Shewed too much reuerence and farre passing decent order, as though Peter had been God.

‖ Or, common.

Deut. 10.17. 2.chro. 19.7. iob 34.19. act. 9.ecclus 35.16. rom. 2.11. gal. 2.6. ephe. 6.9. col. 3.25. 1.pet. 1.17.

i By this speach the Hebrewes meane the whole religion of God, which without faith profiteth vs nothing.

k That is, he that is vpright and doth hurt to no man, but doeth good to all.

l Meaning the reconciliatiõ betweene God and man through Christ Iesus. *Luke 2.14. Luke 4.14.*

m That is, endued him with graces and gifts aboue all others. *Ierem 31.34. micah 7.11,18. chap. 15.9.*

beleeue in him, shall receiue remission of sinnes.

44 Whilst Peter yet spake these wordes, the holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 So they of the circumcision which beleeued, were astonied, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was powred out the gift of the holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speake with tongues, and magnifie God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man [a] forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which haue receiued the holy Ghost, as well as we?

48 So he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. ¶ Then prayed they him to tary certaine dayes.

a We ought not to debarre them of baptisme whom God testifieth to be his: for seeing they haue the principall, that is Iesse ought not to be denied them.

¶ Iesus Christ.

CHAP. XI.

4 Peter sheweth the cause wherefore he went to the Gentiles. 18 The Church approueth it. 21 The Church increaseth. 22 Barnabas and Paul preach at Antiochia. 28 Agabus prophesieth dearth to come, 29 and the remedie.

NOw the Apostles and the brethren that were in Iudea, heard that the Gentiles had also receiued the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come vp to Ierusalem, they of the circumcision contended against him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men vncircumcised, and hast eaten with them.

4 Then Peter began, and expounded the thing in order vnto them, saying,

5 I was in the citie of Ioppa, praying, and in a trance I saw this vision, A certaine vessel comming downe as it had bene a great sheete, let downe from heauen by the foure corners, and it came to me.

6 Toward the which, when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and sawe foure footed beastes of the earth, and wilde beastes, and creeping things, and foules of the heauen.

7 Also I heard a voyce saying vnto me, Arise, Peter: slay and eat.

8 And I said, God forbid, Lord: for nothing polluted or vncleane hath at any time entred into my mouth.

9 But the voyce answered me the second time from heauen, The things that God hath purified, pollute thou not.

10 And this was done three times, and all were taken vp againe into heauen.

11 Then behold, immediatly there were three men already come vnto the house where I was, sent from Cesarea vnto me.

12 And the Spirit said vnto me, that I should goe with them without doubting: moreouer these fiue brethren came with me, and we entred into the mans house.

13 And he shewed vs how he had seene an Angel in his house, which stood and said to him, Send men to Ioppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter.

14 Hee shall speake wordes vnto thee, whereby both thou and all thine house shalbe saued.

15 And as I began to speake, the holy Ghost fell on them, [b] euen as vpon vs at the beginning.

16 Then I remembred the worde of the Lorde, how he said, [c] Iohn baptized with water, but ye shalbe [d] baptized with the holy Ghost.

17 For as much then as God gaue them a like gift, as he did vnto vs, when we beleeued in the Lord Iesus Christ, who was I, that I could let God?

18 When they heard these things, [e] they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles graunted [f] repentance vnto life.

19 ¶ And they which were [g] scattered abroad because of the [h] affliction that rose about Stephen, walked throughout till they came vnto Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antiochia, preaching the word to no man, but vnto the Iewes onely.

20 Now some of them were men of Cyprus and of Cyrene, which when they were come into Antiochia, spake vnto the Grecians, and preached the Lord Iesus.

21 And the [i] hand of the Lord was with them, so that a great number beleeued and turned vnto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came vnto the eares of the Church, which was in Ierusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas that he should goe vnto [k] Antiochia.

23 Who when he was come, and had seene the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted all, that with purpose of heart they would [l] cleaue vnto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the holy Ghost, and faith, and much people ioyned themselues vnto the Lord.

25 ¶ Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus to seeke Saul:

26 And when he had founde him, he brought him vnto Antiochia, and it came to passe, that a whole yeere they were conuersant with the Church, and taught much people, in so much, that the Disciples were first called [m] Christians in Antiochia.

27 In those dayes also came Prophets from Ierusalem vnto Antiochia.

28 And there stood vp one of them named Agabus, and signified by the [n] spirite, that there should be great famine throughout all the worlde, which also came to passe vnder Claudius Cesar.

29 Then the disciples euery man according to his ability, [o] purposed to sende succour vnto the brethren which dwelt in Iudea.

30 Which thing they also did, and sent it to the Elders, by the handes of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAP. XII.

1 Herod persecuteth the Christians. 2 He killeth Iames, 4 And putteth Peter in prison, 7 Whom the Lord deliuereth by an Angel. 23 The horrible death of Herod. 24 The Gospel flourisheth. 25 Barnabas and Saul returning to Antiochia, take Iohn Marke with them.

NOw about that time, [a] Herod the King stretched forth his handes to vexe certaine of the Church,

c That is, indued with graces of the holy Ghost.

d Not to giue them the holy Ghost.

e Their modestie declareth, that they were not ashamed to vnsay that wherof they had vniustly blamed Peter.

f He meaneth not the Iewes which being scattered abroad in diuers countries were called by this name, but the Grecians which were Gentiles.

g The power and vertue.

h This was the most famous citie of Syria, and bordered vpon Cilicia.

i Or, continue with the Lord.

k Whereas before they were called disciples, now they are named Christians.

l This prophesie was an occasion to the Antiochians to relieue the necessitie of their brethren in Ierusalem.

m To signifie that it came of a charitable mind towards them.

a Who was called Agrippa the sonne of Aristobulus, he was nephew vnto Herode the great, and brother of Herodias.

Saint Michael

2 And her killed Iames the [b] brother of Iohn with the sword.

3 And when he sawe that it [c] pleased the Iewes, he proceeded further to take Peter also (then were the dayes of vnleauened bread.)

4 And when he had caught him, he put him in prison, and deliuered him to [d] foure quaternions of souldiers to be kept, intending after the Passouer to bring him forth to the people.

5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer was made of the Church vnto God for him.

6 And when Herod would haue brought him out vnto the people, the same night slept Peter betweene two souldiers, bound with two chaines, & the keepers before the doore, kept the prison.

7 [e] And beholde, the Angell of the Lord came vpon them, and a light shined in the house, and hee smote Peter on the side, and raised him vp, saying, Arise quickly. And his chaines fell off from his hands.

8 And the Angel sayde vnto him, Gird thy selfe, and binde on thy [e] sandales. And so he did. Then hee sayde vnto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and followe mee.

9 So Peter came out and followed him, and knew not that it was true, which was done by the Angel, but thought he had seene a vision.

10 Now when they were past the first and the second watch, they came vnto the yron gate that leadeth vnto the citie, which opened to them by it owne accord, and they went out, and passed through one streete, and by and by the Angel departed from him.

11 ¶ And when Peter was come to himselfe, hee sayd, Now I knowe for a truth that the Lord hath sent his Angel, and hath deliuered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the [f] waiting for of the people of the Iewes.

12 And as he considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of Iohn, whose surname was Marke, where many were gathered together, and prayed.

13 And when Peter knocked at the entrie doore, a maide came forth to hearken, named Rhode.

14 But when she knew Peters voyce, she opened not the entrie doore for gladnesse, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the entrie.

15 But they sayde vnto her, Thou art madde. Yet she affirmed it constantly, that it was so. Then sayde they, It is his [g] Angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened it, and saw him, they were astonied.

17 And he beckened vnto them with the hand to holde their peace, and told them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And hee sayd, Goe shewe these things vnto Iames and to the brethren: and he departed and went into [h] another place.

18 ¶ Now assoone as it was day, there was no small trouble among the souldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded them to be led to be punished. And he went down from Iudea to Cesarea, and there abode.

20 Then Herod intended to make warre against them of Tyrus and Sidon, but they came all with one accord vnto him, and perswaded Blastus the kings chamberlain, and they desired peace, because their country was nourished by the kings land.

21 And vpon a day appointed, Herode arayed himselfe in royall apparrell, & sate on the iudgement seat, & made an oration vnto them.

22 And the people gaue a shoute, saying, The voice of God and not of man.

23 But immediately [i] Angel of the Lord smote him, because hee [k] gaue not glory vnto God, so that he was eaten [l] of wormes, and gaue vp the Ghost.

24 And the word of God [m] grew, and multiplied.

25 So Barnabas & Saul returned from Ierusalem, when they had fulfilled their office, and tooke with them Iohn, whose surname was Marke.

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b There was another so named which was the sonne of Alpheus.

c It came then of no zeale nor religion, but onely to flatter the people.

d The number being sixteene was diuided by foures to keepe diuers wardes.

15 April 2 Sab. mor

Chap. 5. 19. Viliers 2 Sab. mor

e Reade Marke 6. 9.

Epist. Dion. Epistle Vo. 2 vers Gospel Wh. Sall 13 2 Dec 1 Sab. mor 2 Sab. mor

f For they thought that Herod would haue put him to death, as he had purposed.

g For they did know by Gods word, that Angels were appointed to defend the faithful, and also in those dayes they were accustomed to vse such sights.

h Which was lesse suspect, by reason of the brethren.

i Both by flattering words, and also by bribery.

k Which he should haue done if he had punished the flatterers, of whose tyranny he complained when he was a dying, as Iosephus writeth.

l The vilenesse of the punishment declareth how God detesteth pride and tyranny: his grandfather also was eaten of lice.

m Gods worde, the more that tyrants goe about to suppresse it, the more doeth it increase.

n Which was to distribute the almes sent from Antiochia, Chap. 11. 29.

Iuesday in Easter Epis 2 Ver 12 vers Gospel 24 Luke 36 to 49 —

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Paul and Barnabas are called to preach among the Gentiles.* 7 *Of Sergius Paulus and Elymas the sorcerer.* 15 *The departure of Marke.* 14 *Paul preached at Antiochia.* 42 *The fruit of the Gentiles.* 46 *The Iewes reiected.* 48 *They that are ordained to life, beleeue.* 52 *The fruits of ioy.*

THere were also in the Church that was at Antiochia, certaine prophets and teachers, as Barnabas, and Simeon called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and [a] Manahen, (which had bene brought vp with Herode the Tetrarch) and Saul.

2 Now as they [b] ministred to the Lord, and fasted, the holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the worke whereunto I haue called them.

3 Then fasted they, and prayed, and laid their hands on them, and let them goe.

4 And they, after they were sent forth of the holy Ghost, came downe vnto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the Synagogues of the Iewes: and they had also Iohn to their minister.

6 So when they had gone throughout the yle vnto Paphos, they found a certaine sorcerer, a false prophet, being a Iew, named Bariesus,

7 Which was with the Deputy Sergius Paulus, a prudent man. Hee called vnto him Barnabas & Saul, and desired to heare the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name

a This declareth that God calleth of all sorts both high and low.

b The word signifieth to execute a publique charge, as the Apostleship was: so that here is shewed that they preached, and prophesied.

Chap. 14. 26.

16 April 2 Sab. mor

15 May 2 Sab. mor

1 Decemb 2 Sab.

1 Nouem

name by interpretation) withstoode them, and sought to turne away the Deputie from the faith.

9 Then Saul (which also is called Paul) being full of the holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O ful of all subtiltie and all mischiefe, the childe of the deuill, and enemie of all righteousnesse, wilt thou not cease to peruert the straight c wayes of the Lord?

c Which are the doctrine of the Apostles, that onely leadeth vs to God.

11 Now therefore beholde, the hand of the Lord is vpon thee, and thou shalt bee blind, and not see the sunne for a season. And immediatly there fell on him a myste and a darkenesse, and he went about, seeking some to leade him by the hand.

12 Then the Deputie when he saw what was done, beleeued, and was astonied at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and they that were with him, were departed by ship from Paphus, they came to Perga, a citie of Pamphylia: & then Iohn departed from them, and returned to Ierusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to d Antiochia a citie of Pisidia, and went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sate downe.

d This was another Antiochia, then that which was in Syria.

15 And after the lecture of the Law and Prophets, the rulers of the Synagogue sent vnto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if yee haue any worde of e exhortation for the people, say on.

e This declareth that the Scripture is giuen to teache and exhort vs, and that they refused none that had gifts to set forth Gods glory, and to edifie his people, *Exod.* 1.9. *Exod.* 13.14. *Exod.* 16.1.

16 Then Paul stoode vp and beckened with the hand, and sayd, Men of Israel, and ye that feare God, hearken.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt in the lande of f Egypt, and with an * high arme brought them out thereof.

f Here is declared the great patience and long suffering of God before he punisheth. *Iosh.* 14.1. *Iudg.* 3.9.

18 And about the time * of fourty yeeres, suffered hee their f maners in the wildernesse.

g For these 450 yeeres were not fully accomplished, but there lacked 3. yeres, counting from the birth of Isaac, to § diffribution of the land of Chanaan.

19 And he destroyed seuen nations in the land of Chanaan, and * diuided their lande to them by lot.

20 Then afterward he gaue vnto them * Iudges g about foure hundreth and fifte yeeres, vnto the time of Samuel the Prophet.

21 So after that they desired a * King, and God gaue vnto them * Saul the sonne of Cis, a man of the tribe of Beniamin, by the space of fourty yeeres.

22 And after he had taken him away, he raised vp * Dauid to be their king, of whom hee witnessed, saying, I haue found Dauid the sonne of Iesse, a man after mine owne heart, which will doe all things that I will.

23 Of this mans seede hath God * according to his promise raised vp to Israel the Sauiour Iesus:

24 When * Iohn had first preached before his comming the baptisme of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And when Iohn had fulfilled his h course, he sayd, * Whom yee thinke that I am, I am not hee: but beholde, there commeth one after mee, whose shoe of his feete I am not worthy to loose.

26 Ye men and brethren, children of the generation of Abraham, and whosoeuer among you feareth God: to you is the worde of this saluation sent.

27 For the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and their rulers, because they * knew him not, nor yet the wordes of his Prophets, which are i read euery Sabbath day, they haue fulfilled them in condemning him.

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, * yet desired they Pilate to kill him.

29 And when they had * fulfilled all things that were written of him, they tooke him downe from the tree, and put him in a sepulchre.

30 But God * raised him vp from the dead.

31 And hee was seene many dayes of them, which came vp with him from Galile to Ierusalem, which are his witnesses vnto the people.

32 And we declare vnto you that touching the promise made vnto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled it vnto vs their children, in that hee * raised vp Iesus, euen as it is written in the second Psalme, * Thou art my Sonne: this day haue I begotten thee.

34 Nowe as concerning that hee raised him vp from the dead, no more to returne to the graue, he hath sayd thus, * I will giue you the * holy things of Dauid which are faithfull.

35 Wherefore hee saith also in another place, * Thou wilt not suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

36 Howbeit Dauid after hee had serued his time by the counsell of God, hee * slept, and was layd with his fathers, and saw corruption.

37 But hee whom God raised vp, saw no corruption.

38 Bee it knowen vnto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached vnto you the forgiuenesse of sinnes.

39 And from all things from which yee could not bee iustified by the Law of Moses, by him euery one that beleeueth, is iustified.

40 Beware therefore, least that come vpon you, which is spoken of in the Prophets,

41 * Behold, ye k despisers, and wonder, and vanish away: for I worke a l worke in your dayes, a worke which yee shall not beleeue, if a man would declare it you.

42 ¶ And when they were come out of the Synagogue of the Iewes, the Gentiles besought, that they would preach these words to them the next Sabbath day.

43 Now when the Congregation was dissolued, many of the Iewes, and Proselytes that feared God, followed Paul and Barnabas, which spake to them, and exhorted them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And

i That is, this message and tidings of saluation.

k He rebuketh them for their ignorance.

l Although they read the lawes, yet their hearts are couered that they cannot vnderstand, 2. Cor. 3.14.

Matt. 27.22. *mar.* 15.13. *luke* 23.23. *iohn* 19.6.

m In Christ all the promises are Yea, and Amen, 2. Cor. 1.20. *Matth.* 28.2.6. *marke* 16.6. *Luke* 24.6. *iohn* 20.13.

n In that he was borne and incarnate.

Psal. 2.7. *Hebr.* 1.5. & 5.5.

Isai. 55.3.

o Meaning, that he would faithfully accomplish the promises, which he made of his free mercy with the fathers: and he sheweth that as the grace, which God hath giuen to his sonne, is permanent for euer, so likewise the life of the sonne is eternall. *Psal.* 16.10. *chap.* 2.31. 1 *King.* 2.10. *chap.* 2.29. *Habak* 1.5.

p He reproueth them sharply, because softnesse would not preuaile.

q Which is, vengeance vnspeakable, for the contempt of Gods word.

† They disdained that the Gentiles should be made equal with them.
Marck. 10. 6.
‡ Which is, to know one onely God, and whom he hath sent, Iesus Christ.
Isai. 49. 6.
Luke. 2. 32.
§ None can be Iesus, but they whom God doth appoynt before all beginnings to be saued.
a He meaneth superstitious women, and such as were led with a blind zeale, albeit the common people esteemed them godly, and therefore Luke speaketh as the world esteemed them.
Mark. 10. 14.
Marke. 6. 11.
Luke. 9. 5.
chap. 18. 6.

a Which would not obey the doctrine, neither suffer themselues to be perswaded to beleeue the trueth and to imbrace Christ.

† In so much that all the people were mooued at the doctrine. So both Paul and Barnabas remaineth at Lystra.

44 And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole citie together, to heare the word of God.

45 But when the Iewes saw the people, they were full of † enuie, and spake against those things, which were spoken of Paul, contrarying them, and railing on them.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas spake boldly, and said, * It was necessary that the worde of God should first haue bene spoken vnto you: but seeing ye put it from you, and iudge your selues vnworthy of ‡ euerlasting life, loe, we turne to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded vs, saying, § I haue made thee a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be the salvation vnto the end of the world.

48 And when the Gentiles heard it, they were glad, & glorified the worde of the Lord: and as many as were † ordeined vnto eternall life, beleeued.

49 Thus the worde of the Lord was published throughout the whole country.

50 But the Iewes stirred certaine * deuout and honourable women, and the chiefe men of the citie, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coastes.

51 But they * shooke off the dust of their feete against them, and came vnto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with ioy, and with the holy Ghost.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 God giueth successe to his word, 6 Paul and Barnabas preach at Iconium and are persecuted. 13 At Lystra they would doe sacrifice to Barnabas and Paul which refuse it, and exhort the people to worship the true God. 19 Paul is stoned. 22 They confirme the disciples in faith and patience, 23 Appoint ministers, 26 And passing through many places, make report of their diligence at Antiochia.

AND it came to passe in Iconium, that they went both together into the Synagogue of the Iewes, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Iewes and of the Grecians beleeued.

2 But the * vnbeleeuing Iewes stirred vp, and corrupted the mindes of the Gentiles against the brethren.

3 Go therefore they abode there a long time, and spake boldly in the Lord, which gaue testimonie vnto the word of his grace, and caused signes and wonders to be done by their handes.

4 But the people of the citie were diuided: and some were with the Iewes, and some with the Apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and of the Iewes with their rulers, to doe them violence, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled vnto Lystra, and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and vnto the region round about,

7 And there were preaching the Gospel †

8 ¶ Now there sate a certaine man at Lystra, impotent in his feete, which was a cripple from his mothers wombe, who had neuer walked.

9 The same heard Paul speake: who beholding him, and perceiuing that he had faith to be healed,

10 Sayde with a loude voyce, † Stand vpright on thy feete. And he leaped vp, and walked.

11 Then when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted vp their voyces, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, Gods are come downe to vs in the likenesse of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Iupiter, and Paul, Mercurius, because hee was the chiefe speaker.

13 Then Iupiters Priest, which was before their citie, brought bulls with † garlands vnto the * gates, and would haue sacrificed with the people.

14 But when the Apostles Barnabas & Paul heard it, they ‡ rent their clothes, and came in among the people, crying,

15 And saying, O men, why doe ye these things? § wee are euen men * subiect to the like passions that ye be, & preach vnto you, that ye should turne from these ‖ vaine idoles vnto the liuing God, * which made heauen and earth, and the sea, and all things that in them are.

16 Who in times past * suffered all the Gentiles to walke in their owne † waies.

17 Neuertheless, hee left not himselfe without a witnesse, in that hee did good, and gaue vs raine from heauen, and fruitfull seasons, filling our hearts with food and ‖ gladnesse.

18 And speaking these things, scarce restrained they the people, that they had not sacrificed vnto them †.

19 Then there came certaine Iewes from Antiochia and Iconium, which when they had perswaded the people, ‖ * stoned Paul, and drew him out of the citie, supposing he had bene dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he arose vp, and came into the citie, and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And after they had preached to that citie, and had taught many, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antiochia,

22 Confirming the disciples hearts, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, affirming that we must through many afflictions enter into the kingdome of God.

23 And when they had ordeined them Elders by † election in euery Church, & prayed, and fasted, they commended them to the Lord in whom they beleeued.

24 Thus they went throughout Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they came downe to Attalia,

26 And thence sailed to Antiochia, * from whence they had bene commended vnto the grace of God, to the worke which they had fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the Church together, they rehearsed all the things that God had done * by them, and how hee had opened the doore of faith vnto the Gentiles.

28 So

† I say to thee in the Name of the Lord Iesus Christ.
b That is, trimmed with flowres and garlands.
c He meaneth before the gates of the house where the Apostles lodged: for the Temple was without † towne, and therefore the Priest brought the sacrifice (as he thought) to the gods themselues.
d In signe of detesting and abhorring it.
e That is, not without our infirmities and sinnes, and also subiect to death. *Gen. 1, 2. Psalm. 146. 6. verse. 147. Psal. 81. 12, 13 verse. 2. 14.*
f To like after their owne fantasies, not prescribing vnto them any religion.
g To take from men all excuse.
h That being satisfied they might rejoyce.
† But that they should not goe euery man home. And whiles they taried and taught, there came, &c.
† And diligently, boldly, perswading the people to the like: for, sayd they, they say nothing true, but lie in all things.
2 Cor. 11. 25.
i The word signifieth to elect by putting vp the hands, which declareth that ministers were not made without the consent of the people. *Chap. 13. 14.*
k By their ministerie.

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23 So there they abode a long time with the disciples.

CHAP. XV.

1 Variance about circumcision. 22 The Apostles sende their determination to the Churches. 35 Paul and Barnabas preach at Antiochia. 39 And separate company because of Iohn Marke.

THen came down certaine from Iudea, and taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised after the maner of Moses, ye cannot be saued.

2 And when there was great dissension and disputation by Paul and Barnabas against them, they ordened that Paul and Barnabas, & certaine other of them should goe vp to Ierusalem vnto the Apostles and Elders about this question.

3 Thus being sent forth by the Church, they passed through Phenice, and Samaria, declaring the conuersion of the Gentiles: and they brought great ioy vnto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Ierusalem, they were receiued of the Church, and of the Apostles and Elders, and they declared what things God had done by them.

5 But sayd they, certaine of the sect of the b Pharises, which did beleeue, rose vp, saying, that it was needful to circumcise them, and to commaund them to keepe the Law of Moses.

6 Then the Apostles and Elders came together to looke to this matter.

7 And whenthere had bene great disputation, Peter rose vp, and sayde vnto them, c Ye men and brethren, ye know, that a good while agoe, among vs God chose out me, that the Gentiles by my mouth should heare the worde of the Gospell, and beleeue.

8 And God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witnesse, in giuing vnto them the holy Ghost, euen as he did vnto vs,

9 And put no d difference betweene vs, and them, after that by faith hee had e purified their hearts,

10 Now therefore, why e tempt ye God, to f lay a yoke on the disciples neck, which neither our fathers, nor wee were able to beare?

11 But we beleeue, through the g grace of the Lord Iesus Christ to be saued, euen as they doe.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and heard Barnabas and Paul, which told what signes and wonders God had done among the Gentiles by them.

13 And when they held their peace, Iames answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken vnto me.

14 h Simeon hath declared how God first did visite the Gentiles, to take of them a people vnto his Name.

15 And to this agree the wordes of the Prophets, as it is written,

16 i After this I will returne, and will build againe the k Tabernacle of Dauid, which is fallen downe, and the ruines thereof will I build againe, and I will set it vp,

17 That the residue of men might seeke after the Lord, and all the Gentiles vpon whom my Name is called, sayeth the Lord which doeth all these things.

18 From the beginning of the world God knoweth all his workes.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that wee trouble not them of the Gentiles that are turned to God,

20 But that we write vnto them, that they abstaine themselues from l filthinesse of Idoles, and m fornication, and that that is strangled, and from blood.

21 For n Moses of old time hath in euery citie them that preach him, seeing he is read in the Synagogues euery Sabbath day.

22 Then it seemed good to the Apostles and Elders with the whole Church, to send chosen men of their owne company to Antiochia with Paul and Barnabas: to wit, Iudas whole surname was Barsabas, and Silas, which were chiefe men among the brethren,

23 And wrote letters by them after this maner, THE APOSTLES, and the Elders, and the brethren, vnto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antiochia, and in Syria, and in Cilicia, sende greeting.

24 For as much as we haue heard, that certaine which departed fro vs, haue troubled you with wordes, and cumbred your mindes, saying, Ye must be circumcised and keepe the Law, to whom we gaue no such commandement:

25 It seemed therefore good to vs, when wee were come together with one accord, to send chosen men vnto you, with our beloued Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that haue giuen vp their liues for the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ.

27 Wee haue therefore sent Iudas and Silas, which shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the holy Ghost, and o to vs, to lay no more burthen vpon you, then these necessary things,

29 That is, that ye abstaine from things offered to Idoles, and blood, and that that is strangled, & from fornication: p from which if ye keepe your selues, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 Now when they were departed, they came to Antiochia, and after that they had assembled the multitude, they deliuered the Epistle.

31 And when they had read it, they reioyced for the consolation.

32 And Iudas & Silas being Prophets q exhorted the brethren with many wordes and strengthened them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space they were let goe in r peace of the brethren vnto the Apostles.

34 Notwithstanding s Silas thought good to abide there still.

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a As Corinthus and others: so writeth Epiphanius against the Cerinthians: also the same of the place whence they came, did much preuaile to perswade abroad *Gal.* 5. 1, 2.

b Which were factious and giuen to dissention

Chap. 10. 20. *and* 11. 13.

c As touching adoption and eternall life.

d By faith God purifieth the heare.

1 *Cor.* 1. 2. *chap.* 10. 43.

e They purposely tempt God, which lay greater charge on mens consciences, then they are able to beare. *Matth.* 23. 4.

f And not by the Law: for it is a clog to the conscience, and we cannot be deliuered thereby.

2 *Pet.* 1. 1. *Amos* 9. 11.

g That is, the Church, whereof the Temple was a figure.

h Which are gathered into one family with the Iewes, to the intent they should acknowledge all one God, & one Sauiour Christ Iesus.

i For som thought it none offence to be present in the idoles temples, and there to banket: which S. Paul saith, is to drinke the cup of the deuils, 1 Cor. 10. 21.

k The heathen thought this no vice, but made it a common custome. As touching a strangled thing and blood, they were not vnlawfull of themselues, and therefore were obserued but for a time

l And whatsoeuer they would not should be done to themselues, that they should not doe it to others.

m Therefore the ceremonies commanded by God, could not so soone be abolished, till the liberty of the Gospel were better knowen.

n Whom the holy Ghost hath moued and directed to ordeine, and write these things, not as the authors of this doctrine, but as the ministers of Gods ordinance, Exod. 14. 31 iudge. 7 20. hag. 1. 12.

o And what soeuer ye would not that men should doe vnto you doe not to others.

p Or, *consented.*

q Some of the Church, brethren prayed God to prosper their iourney. r Who for iust causes, changed his minde.

s And only Iudas went.

25 Paul

35 Paul alſo and Barnabas continued in Antiochia, teaching and preaching with many other the word of the Lord.

36 ¶ But after certaine dayes, Paul ſaid vnto Barnabas, Let vs returne, and viſite our brethren in every citie, where wee haue preached the word of the Lord, and ſee how they doe.

37 And Barnabas † counſelled to take with them Iohn called Marke.

38 But Paul thought it not meet to take him vnto their companie, which departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the worke.

39 Then were they ſo ſtirred, that they P departed aſunder one from another, ſo that Barnabas tooke Marke, and ſayled vnto Cyprus.

40 And Paul choſe Silas and departed, being commended of the brethren vnto the grace of God.

41 And he went thorow Syria and Cilicia, ſtabliſhing the Churches.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *When Paul had circumciſed Timothie, hee tooke him with him.* 7 *The Spirit calleth them from one country to another.* 14 *Lydia is converted.* 28 *Paul and Silas impriſoned, conuert the Taylor,* 37 *and are deliuered as Romanes.*

THen came hee to Derbe and to Lyſtra: and beholde, a certaine diſciple was there, named * Timotheus, a womans ſonne, which was a Ieweſſe and beleeued, but his father was a Grecian.

2 Of whom the brethren which were at Lyſtra and Iconium, reported well.

3 Therefore Paul would that he ſhould go forth with him, and tooke and a circumciſed him, becauſe of the Iewes which were in thoſe quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Grecian.

4 And as they went thorow the cities, they deliuered them the decrees to keepe, ordained of the Apoſtles and Elders, which were at Ieruſalem.

5 And ſo were the Churches ſtabliſhed in the faith, and increaſed in number dayly.

6 ¶ Now when they had gone thorow out Phrygia, and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden b of the holy Ghoſt, to preach the word in c Aſia.

7 Then came they to Myſia, and ſought to goe into Bithinia: but the Spirit † ſuffered them not.

8 Therefore they paſſed thorow Myſia, and came downe to d Troas,

9 (Where a viſion appeared to Paul in the night. There ſtoode a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, ſaying, Come into Macedonia, and helpe vs.

10 And after he had ſeene the viſion, immediatly we prepared to goe into Macedonia, being e aſſured that the Lord had called vs to preach the Goſpel vnto them.

11 Then went we forth from Troas, and with a ſtreight courſe came to Samothracia, and the next day to f Neapolis,

12 (And from thence to Philippi, which is the chiefe citie in the parts of Macedonia, and g whoſe inhabitants came from Rome to dwell there, and we were in that citie abiding certaine dayes.

13 And on the Sabbath day, wee went out of the citie, beſides a riuer where they were woont to h pray: and we ſate downe, and ſpake vnto the women, which were come together.

14 And a certaine woman named Lydia, a ſeller of purple, of the citie of the Thyatirians, which worſhipped God, heard vs: whoſe heart the Lord opened, that ſhe attended vnto the things which Paul ſpake.

15 And when ſhee was baptized and her houſhold, ſhee beſought vs, ſaying, If yee haue iudged mee to be faithfull to the Lord, come into mine houſe and abide there: and ſhe conſtrained vs.

16 And it came to paſſe, that as we went to prayer, a certaine mayde hauing * a ſpirit i of diuination, met vs, which gate her maſters much vantage with diuining.

17 She followed Paul and vs, and cried, ſaying, Theſe men are the ſeruants of the moſt high God, which ſhewe vnto vs the k way of ſaluation.

18 And this did ſhe many dayes: but Paul being grieued, † turned about, and ſaid to the ſpirit, I command thee in the name of Ieſus Chriſt, that thou come out of her. And hee came out the ſame houre.

19 Now when her maſters ſaw that the hope of their gaine was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place vnto the Magiſtrates,

20 And brought them to the Gouernours, ſaying, Theſe men which are Iewes, trouble our citie,

21 And preach ordinances, which are not lawfull for vs to receiue, neither to obſerue, being we are Romanes.

22 The people alſo roſe vp together againſt them, and the Gouernors rent l their clothes, and * commanded them to be beaten with roddes.

23 And when they had beaten them ſore, they caſt them into priſon, commaunding the Iayler to keepe them ſurely.

24 (Who hauing receiued ſuch commandement, caſt them into the † inner priſon, and made their feete faſt in the ſtocks.

25 Now at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and ſung a Pſalme vnto God: and the priſoners heard them.

26 And ſuddenly there was a great earthquake, ſo that the foundation of the priſon was ſhaken: and by and by all the doores opened, and every mans bands were looſed.

27 Then the keeper of the priſon waked out of his ſleepe, and when he ſaw the priſon doores open, he drew out his ſword, and would haue killed himſelfe, ſuppoſing the priſoners had bene fled.

28 But Paul cryed with a loude voyce, ſaying, Doe thy ſelfe no harme: for wee are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and leaped in, and came trembling, and fell downe before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and ſaid, Sirs, what muſt I doe to be ſaued?

31 And they ſaid, Beleeue in the Lord Ie-

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a Leſt the Iewes ſhould diſdaine him as one that were prophane & without God.

b God chuſeth not only men, but alſo appointeth countries where his word ſhalbe preached, and onely as he wil.

c Meaning, Aſia the leſſe.

† Of Ieſus.

d Called alſo Antigonia, and Alexandria.

e We ought not to credit viſions, except we be aſſured thereof by the ſpirit of God.

f Which is in the borders of Thracia and Macedonia.

g In Greeke and Latine the word is called Colonia, which cannot otherwiſe be well expreſſed, but by ſuch circumſtance of words.

* Would take Iohn, &c.

P God ſuffereth the moſt perfit to fall, and yet turneth their infirmities to the ſetting forth of his glory, as this breach of company cauſed the word to be preached in moe places.

* Timotheus, 1. Cor. 4. 17. 1. Tim. 1. 2. 2. Tim. 1. 2.

a Circumciſion, Gen. 17. 10. Act. 15. 1.

b Act. 13. 4. 4. 28. 31. 8. 29. 10. 19. 20. 1. Sam. 3. 21.

† Or, ſuffered them not.

c Act. 2. 9. 1. Pet. 1. 1.

d Act. 20. 5. 2. Cor. 2. 12. 2. Tim. 4. 13.

e Act. 9. 15. 22. 21. 26. 17. Gal. 1. 15. 16. 2. Pet. 1. 16. 1. Ioh. 1. 1. 2. 3.

f Act. 20. 6.

† Or, turned about.

g Act. 25. 16. 28. 17.

h Where the Chriſtians accuſtomed to aſſemble their Church, when the infidels perſecuted them.

* Leui. 20. 27. deu. 18. 10, 11. 1. ſam. 28. 7.

i Which could geſſe, and foredeeme of things paſt, preſent, and to come: which knowledge in many things God permitteth to the deuils.

k Satan, although hee ſpake the truth, yet was his malicious purpoſe to cauſe † Apoſtles to be troubled as ſeditious perſons, and teachers of ſtrange religion.

† For Satans ſubtiltie increaſed, and alſo it might ſeeme that Satan and the Spirit of God taught both one doctrine.

Reade Mar. 1. 34.

l To wit, the clothes of Paul and Silas.

* 2. Cor. 11. 25. 1. the ſſ. 2. 2.

† Or, in the bottome of the priſon, or, in a dungeon.

i Eſa. 8. 21.

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ius Christ, and thou shalt be saued, and thine houshold.

32 And they preached vnto him the word of the Lorde, and to all that were in his house.

33 Afterward he tooke them the same houre of the night, and washed their ‖stripes, & was baptized with all that belonged vnto him straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he ‡set meate before them, and reioyced that he with all his houshold beleeued in God.

35 And when it was day † the Gouernours sent the serieants, saying, Let those men goe.

36 Then the keeper of the prison tolde these words vnto Paul, saying, The Gouernours haue sent to loose you: now therefore get you hence and goe in peace.

37 Then said Paul vnto them, After that they haue beaten vs openly vncondemned, which are *Romanes, they haue cast vs into prison, and now would they put vs out priuily? nay verily: but let them come and bring vs out.

38 And the serieants told these words vnto the Gouernours, who* feared when they heard that they were Romanes.

39 Then came they and prayed them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the citie.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entred into the house of Lydia: & when they had seene the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

‖Or, wounds, or hurts.

‡Greeke, he set the table.

† The Gouernours assembled together in the market, & remembring the earthquake that was, they feared and sent, &c.

n No man had authoritie to beat, or to put to death a citizen Romane, but the Romanes themselues by the consent of the people.

o For the punishment was great against them that did iniurie to a citizen Romane.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Paul commeth to Thessalonica. 4 Some come receiue him, and others persecute him. 11 To search the Scriptures. 17 He disputeth at Athens, and the fruit of his doctrine.

NOw as they passed thorow Amphipolis, and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a Synagogue of the Iewes.

2 And Paul, as his maner was, went in vnto them, and three Sabbathdaies disputed with them by the Scriptures,

3 Opening & alledging that Christ must haue suffred, and risen againe from the dead: and this is Iesus Christ, whom, sayd he, I preach to you.

4 And some of them beleeued, and ioyned in company with Paul and Silas: also of the Grecians that feared God, a great multitude, and of the chiefe women not a fewe.

5 But the Iewes which beleeued not, moued with enuy, tooke vnto them certaine vagabonds and wicked fellowes, and when they had assembled the multitude, they made a tumult in the citie, & made assault against the house of Iason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 But when they found them not, they drew Iason and certaine brethren vnto the heads of the citie, crying, These are they which haue subuerted the state of the world, and here they are,

7 Whom Iason hath receiued, and these all doe against the decrees of Cesar, saying, that there is another a King, one Iesus.

8 Then they troubled the people, and the heades of the citie, when they heard these things.

9 Notwithstanding when they had receiued ‖sufficient assurance of Iason and of the other, they let them goe.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night vnto Berea, which when they were come thither, entred into the Synagogue of the Iewes.

11 These were also more noble men then they which were at Thessalonica, which receiued the word with all readines, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them beleeued, and of honest women, which were Grecians, and men not a few.

13 ¶ But when the Iewes of Thessalonica knewe, that the word of God was also preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also and moued the people.

14 But by and by the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the Sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15 And they that ‖ did conduct Paul, brought him vnto Athens: and when they had receiued a commandement vnto Silas and Timotheus that they should come to him at once, they departed.

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the citie b subiect to idolatrie.

17 Therefore he disputed in the Synagogue with the Iewes, and with them that were religious, and in the market daily, * with whomsoeuer he met.

18 Then certaine Philosophers of the ‖ Epicures, and of the ‖ Stoikes, disputed with him, and some sayd, What will this ‖ babbler say? Others sayd, He seemeth to be a setter foorth of strange gods (because he preached vnto them Iesus, and the resurrection.)

19 And they tooke him, and brought him into ‖ Mars streete, saying, May wee not know, what this new doctrine whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certaine strange things vnto our eares: wee would knowe therefore, what these things meane.

21 For all the Athenians and strangers which dwelt there, ‖ gaue themselues to nothing els, but either to tell or to heare some newes.

22 Then Paul stoode in the mids of ‖ Mars street, and sayd, Ye men of Athens, I perceiue that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your deuotions, I founde an altar wherein

a Like quarrell picking they vsed against Christ: and these be the weapons wherewith the world continually fighteth against ‖ members of Christ, treason and sedition.

‖Or, a sufficient answere.

b Not more excellent of birth, but more prompt & courageous in receiuing ‖ word of God: for he compareth them of Berea with the of Thessalonica, who persecuted the Apostles in Berea. Iohn 5 39.

c This was not onely to trie if these things which they had heard, were true, but also to confirme themselues in the same, and to increase their faith.

‖Or, had the charge to conduct him safely.

d That citie which was the fountaine of all knowledge, was now the tuicke of most horrible idolatry.

e Such was his feruent zeale towards Gods glory, that he laboured to amplifie the same both in season, and out of season, as he taught afterward to Timothie.

f Who held, that pleasure was mans whole felicitie.

g Who taught that vertue was onely mans felicitie, which notwithstanding they neuer attained vnto. ‖Or, vaine all, or trifler. h Where iudgement was giuen of weighty matters, but chiefly of impiety against their gods, whereof Paul was accused: or els was led thither because of the resort of the people, whose eares euen tickled to heare newes. ‖Or, had leasure. i Which was also called Areopagus.

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was written, ¹VNTO THE VNKNOWEN GOD. Whom ye then ignorantly worship, him shew I vnto you.

24 God that made the world, and all things that are therein, seeing that hee is Lord of heauen and earth, * dwelleth not in temples made with hands,

29 * Neither is worshipped with mens hands, as though hee needed any thing, seeing he giueth to all, life and breath and all things,

26 And hath made of one blood all mankind, to dwel on all the face of the earth, and hath ¹ assigned the times which were ordeined before, and the bounds of their ᵐ habitation,

27 That they should seeke the Lord, if so be they might haue groped after him, and found ⁿ him, though doubtlesse he be not far from euery one of vs.

28 For in him wee liue, and moue, and haue our being, as also certaine of your own ᵒ Poets haue said, For wee are also his generation.

29 * Forasmuch then as we are the generation of God, we ought not to thinke that the Godhead is like vnto ᵖ golde, or siluer, or stone grauen by art and the inuention of man.

30 And the time of this ignorance God ᵠ regarded not: but now he ʳcommandeth all men euery where to repent,

31 Because hee hath appointed a day in the which he will iudge the world in righteousnes, by that man who he hath appointed, whereof he hath giuen an assurance to al men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Nowe when they heard of the resurrection from the dead, some mocked, and other sayd, We will heare thee againe of this thing.

33 And so Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certaine men claue vnto Paul, and beleeued: among whom was also Denis ‖ Areopagita, and a woman named Damaris, and other with them.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 Paul laboureth with his hands, and preacheth at Corinthus. 6 He is detested of the Iewes, 8 Yet receiued of many. 9 And comforted of the Lord. 14 Gallio refuseth to meddle with religion. 18 Pauls vowe. 21 His faith in the prouidence of God, 22 And care for the brethren. 24 The praise of Apollos.

AFter these things, Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinthus,

2 And found a certaine Iew named * Aquila, borne in Pontus, lately come from Italy, and his wife Priscilla (because that ᵃ Claudius had commaunded all Iewes to depart from Rome) and he came vnto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them and ᵇ wrought (for their craft was to make ᶜ tents.)

4 And he disputed in the Synagogue euery Sabbath day, and exhorted the Iewes and the Grecians.

5 Nowe when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul ᵈ burnedh in spirit, testifying to the Iewes that Iesus was the Christ.

6 And when they resisted and blasphemed, he * shooke his raiment, and sayd vnto them, * Your blood be vpon your own head: I am cleane: from henceforth will I goe vnto the Gentiles.

7 So he departed thence, and entred into a certaine mans house, named Iustus, a worshipper of God, whose house ioyned hard to the Synagogue.

8 And * Crispus the chiefe ruler of the Synagogue, beleeued in the Lord with all his household: and many of the Corinthians hearing it, beleeued and were baptized.

9 Then sayd the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Feare not, but speake, and hold not thy peace.

10 For ᵉ I am with thee, and no man shall lay handes on thee to hurt thee: for I haue much people in this citie.

11 So he continued there a yeere and sixe moneths, ᶠ taught the word of God among them.

12 ¶ Nowe when Gallio was deputie of Achaia, the Iewes arose with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the iudgement seat,

13 Saying, This fellow perswadeth men to worship God contrary to the ᵍ Law.

14 And as Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio sayd vnto the Iewes, If it were a matter of wrong, or an euill deed, O yee Iewes, I would according to reason maintaine you.

15 But if it be a question of words, and names, and of your Lawe, looke yee to it your selues: for I will bee no iudge of those things.

16 And hee draue them from the iudgement seat.

17 Then tooke all the Grecians ʰ Sosthenes, the chiefe ruler of the Synagogue, and beat him before the iudgement seat: but Gallio cared nothing for those things.

18 But when Paul had taried there yet a good while, he tooke leaue of the brethren, and sayled into Syria (and with him Priscilla and Aquila) after that he had ⁱ shorne his head in Cenchrea: for he had a * vow.

19 Then hee came to Ephesus, and left them there: but hee entred into the Synagogue and disputed with the Iewes,

20 Who desired him to tarie a longer time with them: but hee would not consent,

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must needes keepe this feast that commeth, in Ierusalem: but I wil returne againe vnto you, * if God will. So he sayled from Ephesus.

22 ¶ And when he came downe to ᵏ Cesarea, he went vp to Ierusalem: and when he had saluted the Church, he went downe vnto Antiochia.

23 Now when he had taried there a while, he departed, and went through the country of Galatia and Phrygia by order, strengthening all the disciples.

24 And a certaine Iew named * Apollos, borne at Alexandria, came to Ephesus,

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k Hereby Paul taketh an occasion to bring them to the true God. *Deu.* 7.18. *Psal* 50.8.

l Before man was created, God had appointed his state and condition.

m This is meant as touching the sundry changes of the world, as when some people depart out of a countrey, and others come to dwell therein.

n Men grope in darkenesse, till Christ the true light shine in their hearts.

o As Aratus, and others. *Isa* 40 19.

p He condemneth the matter and the forme wherewith God is counterfeited.

q But pardoned it, and did not punish it as it deserued.

r This is meant of the vniuersall world, and not of euery particular man: for whosoeuer sinneth without the law, shall die without the law.

¶ Or, a iudge of Mars streete.

Rom. 16.3.

a This was Claudius Cesar, who then was Emperour.

b Thus he vsed where euer he came: but principally at Corinthus, because of the false apostles, which preached without wages to win the peoples fauour.

c Or, pauilions, which then were made of skinnes.

d And boyled with a certaine zeale.

Chap. 13.51. *matth.* 10.14.

e Because they haue none excuse, he denounceth the vengeance of God against them through their owne fault.

¹ *Cor.* 2.14.

f God promiseth him a special protection, whereby he would defend him from the violent rage of his enemies.

¶ Or, Greece.

g They accused him, because he transgressed the seruice of God appointed by the Law.

h Of whom is spoken, 1. Cor. 1.1.

i Paul did thus beare with the Iewes infirmities which as yet were not sufficiently instructed. *Num.* 6.18. *chap.* 21.24.

1. *Cor.* 4.19. *iames* 4.15.

k Called Cesarea Stratonis.

1. *Cor.* 1.12.

an eloquent man, and ‖mighty in the Scriptures.

25 The same was [l] instructed in the way of the Lord, and hee spake feruently in the spirit, and taught diligently the things of the Lord, and knew but the [m] baptisme of Iohn onely.

26 And he began to speake boldly in the Synagogue. Whom when Aquila & Priscilla had heard, they tooke him vnto them, and [n] expounded vnto him the [o] way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was minded to goe into Achaia, the brethren exhorting him, wrote to the disciples to receiue him: and after he was come thither, hee holpe them much which had beleeued through grace.

28 For mightily hee conuicted publikely the Iewes with great vehemencie, shewing by the Scriptures, that Iesus was the Christ.

CHAP. XIX.

a The holy Ghost is giuen by Pauls hands. 9 The Iewes blaspheme his doctrine, which was confirmed by miracles. 13 The rashnes, and punishment of the Coniurers, and the fruit that came thereof. 24 Demetrius rayseth sedition vnder pretence of Diana. 41 Yet God deliuereth his, and appeaseth it by the Towne clerke.

AND it came to passe, while Apollos was at Corinthus, that Paul when he passed through the vpper coastes, came to Ephesus, and found certaine disciples,

2 And sayd vnto them, Haue ye receiued the [a] holy Ghost since ye beleeued? And they sayd vnto him, Wee haue not so much as heard whether there be an holy Ghost.

3 And he sayd vnto them, [b] Vnto what were ye then baptised? And they sayd, Vnto Iohns baptisme.

4 Then sayd Paul, [a] Iohn verily baptized with the Baptisme of repentance, saying vnto the people, that they should beleeue in him, which should come after him, that is, in Christ Iesus.

5 So when they heard it, they were [c] baptized in the Name of the Lord Iesus.

6 And Paul layd his hands vpon them, and the holy Ghost came on them, and they spake the tongues and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelue.

8 ¶ Moreouer, he went into the Synagogue, and spake boldly [d] the space of three moneths, disputing and exhorting to the things that appertaine to the kingdom of God.

9 But when certaine were hardened, and disobeyed, speaking euill of the way of God before the multitude, hee departed from them, and separated the disciples, and disputed daily in the schoole of one [e] Tyrannus. †

10 And this was done by the space of two yeeres, so that all they which dwelt in Asia, heard the Word of the Lorde Iesus, both Iewes and Grecians.

11 And God wrought no small miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 So that from his body were brought vnto the sicke, [f] kercheefs or handkercheefs, and the diseases departed from them, and the euill spirits went out of them.

13 Then certaine of [g] vagabond Iewes, [f] exorcists, tooke in hand to name ouer them which had euill spirits, the Name of the Lord Iesus, saying, Wee [h] adiure you by Iesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 (And there were certaine sonnes of Sceua a Iew, the [i] chiefe, about seuen which did this)

15 And the euill spirit answered, and said, Iesus I acknowledge, and Paul I knowe: but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the euill spirite was, ranne on them, and ouercame them, and preuailed against them, so that they fledde out of that house, naked and wounded.

17 And this was knowen to all the Iewes and Grecians also, which dwelt at Ephesus, and feare came on them all, and the Name of the Lorde Iesus was magnified.

18 And many that beleeued, came and confessed, and [k] shewed their works.

19 Many also of them which vsed curious arts, brought their bookes, and burned them before all men, and they counted the price of them, and found it [l] fiftie thousand pieces of siluer.

20 So the Word of God grew mightily, and preuailed.

21 ¶ Now when these things were accomplished, Paul purposed [m] by the Spirit to passe through Macedonia and Achaia, and to go to Ierusalem, saying, After I haue bene there, I must also see Rome.

22 So sent hee into Macedonia two of them that ministred vnto him, Timotheus and Erastus, but hee remained in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small trouble about that [n] way.

24 For a certaine man named Demetrius, a siluersmith, which made siluer ‖ temples of Diana, [o] brought great gaines vnto the craftsmen:

25 Whom hee called together, with the workemen of like things, and sayde, Sirs, yee know that by this craft [p] wee haue our goods.

26 Moreouer, yee see and heare, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia this Paul hath perswaded, and turned away much people, saying, That they bee not gods which are made with hands:

27 So that not onely this thing is [q] dangerous vnto vs, [r] that the late shoulde bee reprooued, but also that the [s] temple of the great goddesse Diana should bee nothing esteemed, and that it woulde come to passe, that her magnificence, which

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Or, well instructed.

l That is, was somewhat entred.

m He had but as yet the first principles of Christs religion: and by baptisme is here meant the doctrine.

n This great learned and eloquent man disdained not to be taught of a poore crafts man.

o The way to saluation.

a That is, the particular gifts of the Spirit: for as yet they knewe not the visible gifts.

b Meaning, what doctrine they did professe by their baptisme: for to be baptized in Iohns baptisme, signifieth to professe the doctrine, which he taught, and sealed with the signe of baptisme: to be baptized in ỹ Name of the Father, &c. is to be dedicate and consecrate vnto him: to be baptized in the death of Christ, or for the dead, or into one body vnto remission of sinnes, is, that sinne by Christs death may be abolished & die in vs, and that we may grow in Christ our head, and that our sinnes may be washed away by the blood of Christ. *Mat. 3. 11. mark. 1. 8. luke 3. 16. iohn 1. 27. chap. 1. 5. and 2. 2. and 11. 16.*

c Indued with the visible graces of the holy Ghost.

d That is, of a certaine man so called.

† From fiue a clocke vnto ten.

Or, shewed.

e This was to authorize the Gospel, and to confirme Pauls ministery, not to cause men to worship him or his napkins.

Or, conuerters.

f They abuse Pauls authority, and without any vocation of God vsurp that which is not in mans power.

g That is, declared by confession of their sinnes & by their good works, that they were faithfull.

h This mounteth to of our money about 2000. marks.

i By the motion of the holy ghost he vndertooke this iourney.

k That is, about the state of the Christians: for they contemned the Christians, because they left the old religion, and brought in another trade of doctrine.

Or, shrines.

l What impietie doth not conetousnesse driue a man vnto?

m He was moued with his profit, and the others for their bellies, so that they would rather lose both their liues & religion, then their filthy gaine.

n Meaning their art and occupation.

o Religion is his second argument which he lesse esteemeth then his profit, and therefore putteth it last, which thing is contrary to the doings of the faithfull: for they preferre Religion aboue all

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all Asia, and the p world worshipped, should be destroyed.

28 Now when they heard it, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole citie was full of confusion, and they rushed into the common place with one assent, & caught Gaius, and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, & Pauls companions of his iourney.

30 And when Paul would haue entred in vnto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 Certaine also of the chiefe of Asia which were his friends, sent vnto him, desiring him that hee would not present himselfe in the common place.

32 Some therefore cryed one thing, and some another: for the assembly was out of order, and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And some of the company q drewe foorth Alexander, the Iewes thrusting him forwardes. Alexander then beckened with the hand, and would haue excused the matter to the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Iew, there arose a shout almost for the space of two houres, of all men, crying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 Then the towne Clerke, when he had staied the people, said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is it that knoweth not, how that the citie of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddesse Diana, and of the image which came downe from r Iupiter?

36 Seeing then that no man can speake against these things, yee ought to be appeased, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye haue brought hither these men, which haue neither committed sacrilege, neither do blaspheme your goddesse.

38 Wherefore, if Demetrius & the craftsmen which are with him, haue a matter against any man, the lawe is open, and there are Deputies: let them accuse one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it may be determined in a lawfull assembly.

40 For we are euen in ieopardy to be accused of this dayes sedition, forasmuch as there is no cause, whereby wee may giue a reason of this concourse of people.

41 And when he had thus spoken, hee let the assembly depart.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Paul goeth into Macedonia and into Grecia* 7 *He celebrateth the Lords Supper, and preacheth.* 9 *At Troas hee raiseth vp Eutychus* 17 *At Ephesus hee calleth the Elders of the Church together, committeth the keeping of Gods flocke vnto them, warneth them of false teachers, maketh his prayer with them, and departeth by shippe towards Ierusalem.*

NOw after the tumult was ceased, Paul called the Disciples vnto him, and embraced them, and departed to goe into Macedonia.

2 And when hee had gone through those partes, and had exhorted them with many wordes, he came into Grecia.

3 And hauing taried there three moneths because the Iewes layd waite for him, as he was about to saile into Syria, he purposed to returne through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia, Sopater of Berea, and of them of Thessalonica, Aristarchus, and Secundus, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus, and of them of Asia, Tychicus, and Trophimus.

5 These went before, and taried vs at Troas.

6 And we sayled foorth from t Philippi after the dayes of vnleauened bread, and came vnto them to Troas in fiue dayes, where we abode seuen dayes.

7 And the u first day of the weeke, the disciples being come together to x breake bread, Paul preached vnto them, ready to depart on the morow, and continued the preaching vnto midnight.

8 And there were many lights in an vpper chamber, where ‖ they were gathered together.

9 And there sate in a window a certaine yoong ‖ man named Eutychus, fallen into a deepe sleepe: and as Paul was long preaching, he ouercome with sleepe, fell downe from the third loft, and was taken vp dead.

10 But Paul went downe, and layed himselfe vpon him, and imbraced him, saying, Trouble not your selues: for his life is in him.

11 So when Paul was come vp againe, and had broken bread, and eaten, he communed a long while till the dawning of the day, and so he departed.

12 And they brought the boy aliue, and they were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ Then we went foorth to ship, and sailed vnto the citie y Assos, that wee might receiue Paul there: for so had he appointed, and would him selfe go afoot.

14 Now when he was come vnto vs to Assos, and we had receiued him, we came to Mitylenes.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day ouer against Chios, and the next day we arriued at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium: the next day we came to Miletum.

16 For Paul had determined to saile by Ephesus, because he would not spende the time in Asia: for he hasted to be, if he could possibly, at Ierusalem, at the day of ‖ Pentecost.

17 ¶ Wherefore from Miletum he sent to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Church.

18 Who when they were come to him, he said vnto them, Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I haue bene with you at all seasons,

19 a Seruing the Lord with all z modestie, and with many teares, and tentations, which came vnto me by the layings await of the Iewes,

20 And howe I kept a backe nothing that was profitable, but haue shewed you, and taught you openly, and throughout

p He groundeth his religion vpon the multitude and authority of the world, as doe the Papists.

Rom. 16. 23. 1. Cor. 1. 14. Col. 4. 10.

q And let him in an high place where the people could not come neere him, but whence they might well heare his voyce.

r Antiquity and the couetousnes of the Priests brought in this superstition: for it is written that the temple being repaired seuen times, this Idole was neuer changed. Plin. lib. 16. 40. by such delusions the world is most easily abused.

s He pacified the people by worldly wisedome, and hath no respect to religion.

23 April
2 Lesson
Morn
27 May
2 Lesson
Morn
2 Decemb
2 Lesson

t He remained there these daies, because he had better opportunity to teach: also the abolishing of the Law was not yet knowen.

u Which we call Sunday. Of this place, and also of the 1. Cor. 16. 2. we gather that the Christians vsed to haue their solemne assemblies this day, laying aside the ceremonie of the Iewish Sabbath.

x To celebrate the Lords Supper, Chap. 2. 46.

‖ Or, we.

‖ Or, boy.

y Which was a citie of Mysia, called otherwise Apollonia, Plin. lib. 5 cap. 30.

‖ Or, Whitsuntide

a In my vocation & ministery.

z This vertue is contrary to boasting & hie minded: which vices are detestable in the seruants of Iesus Christ.

a I neither hold my tongue for feare, nor dissembled for gaine.

every house,
21 Witnessing both to the Iewes, and to the Grecians the h repentance toward God, and i faith toward our Lord Iesus Christ.
22 And now behold, I goe k bound in the spirit vnto Ierusalem, and know not what things shall come vnto me there,
23 Saue that the holy Ghost l witnesseth in euery citie, saying, that bands and afflictions abide me †.
24 But I passe not at all, neither is my life deere vnto my selfe, so that I may fulfill my course with ioy, and the ministration which I haue receiued of the Lord Iesus, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God.
25 And now, behold, I know that henceforth ye all, through whom I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God, shal see my face no more.
26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the m blood of all men.
27 For I haue kept nothing backe, but haue shewed you n all the counsell of God.
28 Take heede therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flocke, whereof the holy Ghost hath made you ouerseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his o owne blood.
29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grieuous wolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke.
30 Moreouer of your owne selues shal men arise, speaking p peruerse things, to draw disciples after them.
31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three yeeres I ceased not to warne euery one, both night and day with teares.
32 And nowe, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which q is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance, among all them which are sanctified.
33 I haue coueted no mans siluer, nor gold, nor apparell.
34 Yea, yee know, that these hands haue ministred vnto my * necessities, and to them that were with me.
35 I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring, ye ought to support the weake, and to remember the words of our Lord Iesus, how that he said, ‘It is a blessed thing to giue, rather then to receiue.’
36 And when hee had thus spoken, hee kneeled downe, and prayed with them all.
37 Then they wept all abundantly, and fell on Pauls necke, and kissed him,
38 Being chiefly sory for the words which he spake, That they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him vnto the ship.

h Which is the turning to God by newnesse of life.
i Which is the receiuing of the grace, which Christ doeth offer vs.
k That is, by the impulsiō & commandement of the holy Ghost, who draweth me as with a band.
l By the Prophets
† In Ierusalē.
m I am not the occasion of any of your destructions.
n Which concerneth your saluation.
o That which appertaineth to the humanitie of Christ, is here attributed to his diuinitie because of the communion of the proprieties and vnion of the two natures in one person.
p Through their ambition, which is mother of all heresie and wickednesse.
q To increase you with further graces, and to finish his worke in you
r He promiseth to the faithfull continuall increase of grace, till they enter into the possession of that inheritāce which is prepared for them.
1. Cor. 4. 12.
1. Thes. 2. 9.
2. Thes. 3. 8.
* Although this be not orderly so written in any one place, yet it is gathered of diuers places of the Scripture in effect.

CHAP. XXI.

5 The common prayers of the faithfull. 9 Philips foure daughters prophetesses. 13 Pauls constancie to beare the crosse, as Agabus & other forspake, although he were otherwise counselled by the brethren. 28 The great danger that he was in, and how he escaped.

AND as we launched forth, and were departed from them, wee came with a straight course vnto Coos, and the day following vnto the Rhodes, and from thence vnto Patara.
2 And wee found a ship that went ouer vnto Phenice, & went aboard, and set forth.
3 And when we had discouered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sayled toward Syria, and arriued at Tyrus: for there the ship vnladed the burden.
4 And when we had found disciples, we taried there seuen daies. And they told Paul a through the b Spirit, that he should not goe vp to Ierusalem.
5 But when the dayes were ended, wee departed and went our way, and they all accompanied vs with their wiues & children, euen out of the citie: and we kneeling down on the shore, prayed.
6 Then when we had imbraced one another, we tooke shippe, and they returned home.
7 And when we had ended the course from Tyrus, we arriued at Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.
8 And the next day Paul and they that were with him, departed, & came vnto Cesarea: and we entred into the house of Philip the Euangelist, which was one of the seuen c Deacons, and abode with him.
9 Now he had foure daughters, virgins, which did prophesie.
10 And as we taried there many dayes, there came a certaine Prophet from Iudea, named Agabus.
11 And when hee was come vnto vs, hee tooke Pauls girdle, and bound his owne hands and feete, and said, d Thus saith the holy Ghost, So shall the Iewes at Ierusalem e bind the man that oweth this girdle, and shall deliuer him into the hands of the Gentiles.
12 And when we had heard these things, both we & other of the same place besought him that he would not go vp to Ierusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, and said, What doe yee weeping and breaking mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound onely, but also to die at Ierusalem for the name of the Lord Iesus.
14 So when he would not be perswaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord bee done.
15 And after those dayes wee trussed vp our fardels, and went vp to Ierusalem.
16 There went with vs also certaine of the disciples of Cesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an olde disciple, with whom we should lodge.
17 And when wee were come to Ierusalem, the brethren receiued vs gladly.
18 And the next day Paul went in with vs vnto f James: and all the Elders were there assembled.
19 And when hee had imbraced them, he told by order of all things, that GOD had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministration.
20 So when they heard it, they glorified

a By the reuelation of Gods Spirit.
b The holy Spirit reueiled vnto them the persecutiōs that Paul should haue made against him, & the same spirit also strengthened Paul to susteine them.
Chap. 6. 5.
c This office of Deaconship was but for a time according as the congregation had need, or otherwise.
d God would haue his seruants bands knowen, to the intent that no man should thinke that he cast himselfe into wilfull danger.
e This was not to make Paul afrayd, but to encourage him against the brunt.
f Who was the chiefe or superintendent of the Church of Ierusalem.

23 Augu
2 Sab
Noon
21 Pace
2 Lapon
Euen

ken the Lord, may say vnto him, Thou seest brother, how many thousand Iewes there are which beleeue, and they are all zealous of the law.

21 Now they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Iewes which are among the Gentiles, to forsake Moses, and sayest, that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to liue after the customes.

22 What is then to be done? the multitude must needes come together: for they shall heare that thou art come.

23 Doe therefore this that we say to thee. We haue foure men, which haue made a vow.

24 Them take, and purifie thy selfe with them, and contribute with them, that they may shaue their heads: and all shall know, that those things, whereof they haue bene informed concerning thee, are nothing, but that thou thy selfe also walkest and keepest the Law.

25 For as touching the Gentiles, which beleeue, wee haue written, and determined that they obserue no such thing, but that they keepe themselues from things offered to idoles, and from blood, and from that that is strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul tooke the men, and the next day was purified with them, and entred into the Temple, declaring the accomplishment of the dayes of the purification, vntill that an offering should be offered for euery one of them.

27 And when the seuen dayes were almost ended, the Iewes which were of Asia (when they saw him in the Temple) mooued all the people, and layde hands on him,

28 Crying, Men of Israel, helpe: this is the man that teacheth all men euery where against the people, and the law, and this place: moreouer he hath brought Grecians into the Temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 For they had seene before Trophimus an Ephesian with him in the citie, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the Temple.

30 Then all the citie was mooued, & the people ran together: and they tooke Paul, and drew him out of the Temple, and forthwith the doores were shut.

31 But as they went about to kill him, tidings came vnto the chiefe Captaine of the band, that all Ierusalem was on an vproare.

32 Who immediatly tooke souldiers, and Centurions, and ranne downe vnto them: and when they saw the chiefe Captaine and the souldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chiefe Captaine came neere and tooke him, and commaunded him to be bound with two chaines, and demaunded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And one cryed this, another that, among the people. So when hee could not know the certaintie for the tumult, hee commanded him to be led into the castle.

35 And when hee came vnto the grieces, it was so that he was borne of the souldiers, for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul should haue bene led into the castle, hee sayd vnto the chiefe captaine, May I speake vnto thee? to who sayd, Canst thou speake Greeke?

38 Art not thou the Egyptian, who before these dayes caused a sedition, & led out into the wildernesse foure thousand men that were murderers?

39 Then Paul sayd, Doubtlesse I am a man which am a Iew, and citizen of Tarsus a famous citie in Cilicia, and I beseech thee, suffer me to speake vnto the people.

40 And when he had giuen him licence, Paul stood on the grieces, & beckened with the hand vnto the people: and when there was made great silence, he spake vnto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying.

CHAP. XXII.

3 Paul rendreth an account of his life, and calling. 25 He escapeth the whip by reason he was a citizen of Rome.

YE men, brethren, and fathers, heare my defence now toward you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence, and he sayd)

3 I am verily a man, which am a Iewe, borne in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought vp in this citie at the feete of Gamaliel, and instructed according to the perfect maner of the Law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 And I persecuted this way vnto the death, binding & delinering into prison both men and women.

5 As also the chiefe Priest doth beare me witnesse, and all the state of the Elders: of whom also I receiued letters vnto the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring them which were there, bound vnto Ierusalem, that they might be punished.

6 And so it was, as I iourneyed and was come neere vnto Damascus about noone, that suddenly there shone from heauen a great light round about me.

7 So I fell vnto the earth, and heard a voyce, saying vnto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 Then I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And hee sayd to mee, I am Iesus of Nazaret, whom thou persecutest.

9 Moreouer, they that were with me, saw in deede a light, and were afrayd, but they heard not the voyce of him that spake vnto me.

10 Then I said, What shall I doe, Lord? And the Lord sayd vnto mee, Arise, and goe into Damascus: and there it shall be told thee of all things, which are appointed for thee to doe.

11 So when I could not see for the glory of that light, I was led by the hand of them that were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 And

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g That is, according to the maners that our fathers obserued, which were commanded by God.

h Who as yet were not well instructed in Christ.

i The end of this ceremony was thankesgiuing, and was instituted by God, and partly of ignorance, and infirmitie retained; therefore S. Paul supported therein the weakenesse of others, and made himselfe all to all men, not hindering his conscience.

Num. 6. 18. chap. 18. 18. Chap. 15 20. Num. 6. 13. chap. 24. 18.

k In thinking to appease the faithfull, and to support the infirme, he falleth into the hands of his enemies.

l By bringing in such as were not circumcised.

m Which were vnder captaines, and had charge ouer an hundred souldiers.

n A notable example of Gods prouidence for the defence of his.

Chap. 5. 36.

o Ioseph. li. An. 20. cap 11. & de bello Iud. lib. 2. cap. 12. *Chap. 22. 3.*

p Stairs

Power Paul's Epis. E. Morn. Lo 22

[Or, reason, or excuse.

Chap. 22. 29.

a Whereby he declareth his modestie, diligence, and docilitie. *Chap. 8. 3.*

[Or, the profession of the Christians.

Chap. 9. 1, 2.

b To the Iewes to whom the letters were directed.

25 April. 2 Epistoll Morn

24 Aug. 2 Kings Morn

22 Barn 2 Epistoll Euening

12 And one Ananias, a godly man, as pertaining to the Law, having good report of all the Iewes which dwelt there,

13 Came vnto me, and stood, and said vnto me, Brother Saul, receiue thy sight: and that same houre I looked vpon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath * appointed thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and shouldest see that * Iust one, and shouldest heare the voyce of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witnesse vnto all men, of the things which thou hast seene and heard.

16 Now therefore why tarriest thou? Arise, & be baptized, & wash away thy sinnes, in calling on the * Name of the Lord.

17 ¶ And it came to passe, that when I was come againe to Ierusalem, and prayed in the Temple, I was in a trance,

18 And saw him saying vnto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Ierusalem: for they will not receiue thy witnesse concerning me.

19 Then I said, Lord, they know that I * pursued, and beat in euery Synagogue them that beleeued in thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Steuen was shed, I also * stood by, and consented vnto his death, and kept the clothes of them that slew him.

21 Then he said vnto me, Depart: for I will send thee farre hence vnto the Gentiles.

22 ¶ And they heard him vnto this word, but then they lift vp their voyce, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not meete that he should liue.

23 And as they cryed and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the ayre,

24 The chiefe Captaine commanded him to be led into the Castle, and bade that he should bee scourged and examined, that hee might know wherefore they cryed so on him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said vnto the Centurion that stoode by, Is it lawfull for you to scourge one that is * a Romane, and not condemned?

26 Now when the Centurion heard it, he went and told the chiefe Captaine, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Romane.

27 Then the chiefe captaine came, & said to him, Tell me, Art thou a Romane? And he said, Yea.

28 And the chiefe Captaine answered, With a great summe obtained I this burgesship. Then Paul said, But I was * so borne.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should haue examined him: and the chiefe captaine also was afraid, after he knew that hee was a Romane, and that he had bound him.

30 On the next day, because hee would haue knowen the certaintie wherefore he was accused of the Iewes, hee loosed him from his bonds, and commanded the hie Priests and all their Councell to come together: and he brought Paul, and set him before them.

c This may be referred to the eternall counsel of God, or els to the execution & declaration of the same, which seemeth here to be more proper.

d Which is Christ, 1. Iohn 2. 1.

e He sheweth that sinnes cannot be washed away, but by Christ who is the substance of Baptisme: in whom also is comprehended the Father and the holy Ghost.

Chap. 8. 3.
Chap 7 58.

f Not because he was borne at Rome, but by reason of his citie: for Tarsus was inhabited by the Romans, and was their Colonia, wherof reade chap. 16. 12.

g This priuiledge was oft times given in recompence of seruice so them that were farre off Rome, and to their children, though they were not borne in the citie.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The answere of Paul vnto Ananias, and the ouerthrow of his enemies. 12 The Lord encourageth him. 23 And because the Iewes laid wait for him, he is sent to Cesarea.

AND Paul beholding earnestly the Councell, said, Men and brethren, I haue in all good conscience serued God vnto this day.

2 Then the high Priest Ananias commanded them that stood by, to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul to him, God * will smite thee thou whited wall: for thou sittest to iudge me according to the Law, and commandest thou me to be smitten contrary to the Law?

4 And they that stood by, said, Reuilest thou Gods hie Priest?

5 Then said Paul, I * knew not, brethren, that hee was the hie Priest: for it is written, * Thou shalt not speake euill of the ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceiued that the one part were of the Sadducees, and the other of the Pharises, he cried in the Councell, Men and brethren, * I am a Pharise, the sonne of a Pharise: I am accused of the hope and * resurrection of the dead.

7 And when he had said this, there was a dissention betweene the Pharises and the Sadducees, so that the multitude was diuided.

8 * For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither Angel nor spirit: but the Pharises confesse * both.

9 Then there was a great cry: and the Scribes of the Pharises part rose vp, and stroue, saying, We finde none euill in this man: but if a spirit or an Angel hath spoken to him, let vs not fight against God.

10 And when there was a great dissention, the chiefe Captaine, fearing lest Paul should haue bene pulled in peeces of them, commanded the souldiers to go downe, and to take him from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 ¶ Now the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good courage, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Ierusalem, so must thou beare witnesse also at Rome.

12 And when the day was come, certaine of the Iewes made an assembly, and bound themselues with an * othe, saying, that they would neither eate nor drinke, till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were moe then fortie, which had made this conspiracie.

14 And they came to the chiefe Priestes and Elders, and said, We haue bound our selues with a solemne othe, that we will eate nothing vntill we haue slaine Paul.

15 Now therefore, yee and the Councell, signifie to the chiefe captaine, that hee bring him forth vnto you to morrow, as though yee would know some thing more perfectly of him, and we or euer he come neere, will bee ready to kill him.

16 But when Paulis sisters * sonne heard of

a Paul doeth not curse the hie Priest, but denounceth sharply the punishment of God which should light vpon him, who vnder pretence of maintaining the Law, doth trasgresse it.

b He made this excuse as it were in mockery, as if he would say, I know nothing in this man worthy the office of the high Priest. *Exod. 22. 28. Phil. 3. 5. chap. 24. 22.*

c He denieth not but there were other points, but he expresseth that for the which the Sadducees & we're the chiefe gouernours hated him most. *Matth. 22. 23.*

d Vnderstanding both kindes, the Angels, and the spirits, which he concluded vnder one, & the resurrection which is the other part.

e The word signifieth cursing, as when a man either sweareth, voweth, or wisheth himselfe to die, or to be giue to the deuil, except he bring his purpose to passe.

f This declareth that God hath so many meanes to deliuer his children out of danger, as there are creatures in the world, so that the aduersaries cannot conspire so craftily against them, but he hath infinite meanes to defeat their wicked practises.

25 Aug 22 Sebon Morni

23 Decem 2 Sebon Cornin

of their laying awaite, he went, and entred into the castle, and told Paul.

17 And Paul called one of the Centurions vnto him, and sayd, Bring this young man vnto the chiefe captaine: for he hath a certaine thing to shew him.

18 So hee tooke him, and brought him to the chiefe captaine and sayd, Paul the prisoner called me vnto him, and prayed me to bring this yong man vnto thee, which hath some thing to say vnto thee.

19 Then the chiefe captaine tooke him by the hand, and went apart with him aside, and asked him, What hast thou to shew me?

20 And he sayd, The Iewes haue conspired to desire thee, that thou wouldest bring foorth Paul to morrow into the Councill, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But let them not perswade thee: for there lie in waite for him of them more then fourty men, which haue bound themselues with an oth, that they will neither eat nor drinke, till they haue killed him: and now are they ready, and wait for thy promise.

22 The chiefe captaine then let the yong man depart, and charged him to speake it to no man, that hee had † shewed him these things.

† Greeke, that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And hee called vnto him two certaine Centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred souldiers, that they may go to Cesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and two hundreth with darts, at the third houre of the night,

24 And let them make ready an horse, that Paul being set on, may be brought safe vnto Felix the Gouernour.

25 And he wrote an ‖ Epistle in this maner:

g This letter was written partly in the fauour of Paul, that his aduersaries might not oppresse him.

26 Claudius Lysias vnto the most noble Gouernour Felix, sendeth greeting.

27 As this man was taken of the Iewes, and should haue bene killed of them, I came vpon them with the garison, & rescued him, ‖ perceiuing that he was a Romane.

h The Captaine dissembleth to commend his owne diligence: for he did not know that Paul was a Romane, before he had rescued him, and giuen him to bee straightly examined.

28 And when I would haue knowen the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their Councill.

29 There I perceiued that he was accused of questions of their Lawe, but had no crime worthy of death, or of bonds.

30 And when it was shewed me how that the Iewes layd wait for the man, I sent him straightway to thee, and commanded his accusers to speake before thee the things that they had against him. Farewell.

31 Then the souldiers, as it was commanded them, tooke Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 And the next day they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned vnto the castle.

33 Howbeit when they came to Cesarea, they deliuered the Epistle to the gouernour, and presented Paul also vnto him.

34 So when the gouernour had read it, he asked of what ‖ prouince hee was, and when he vnderstood that he was of Cilicia,

i By this name the Romans called euery country which they had subdued.

35 I will heare thee, sayd he, when thy accusers also are come, and commanded him to be kept in Herods iudgement hall.

Chapter. XXIIII.

10 Paul being accused, answereth for his life and doctrine against his accusers. 25 Felix gro-peth him, thinking to haue a bribe, 28 And af-ter leaueth him in prison.

NOw after fiue dayes, Ananias the hie Priest came down with the Elders, and with Tertullus a certaine Oratour, which appeared before the Gouernour against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that wee haue obtained great quietnesse through thee, and that many worthy things are done vnto this nation through thy prouidence,

3 We acknowledge it wholly, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thanks.

4 But that I bee not tedious vnto thee, I pray thee, that thou wouldest heare vs of thy courtesie a few words.

5 Certainely we haue found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mouer of sedition among all the Iewes throughout the world, and a chiefe maintainer of the ‖ sect of the ‖ Nazarites:

a For Felix by his diligence had taken Eleazarus the captaine of the murtherers, and put the Egyptian to flight which raysed vp tumults in Iudea: for these the orator prayseth him: otherwise he was both cruell and couetous, reade Iosephus lib. 20. Antiq cap. 1. & 11. & lib. 2. de bello Iudaico cap. 12.

b Or, heresie: for so the wicked termed the true Christian Religion.

6 And hath gone about to pollute the Temple: therefore we tooke him, and would haue iudged him according to our law:

c Which taught the people to maintaine their libertie against the Romanes: and though the accusers approued both this sect, and their doctrine, yet to get Paul punished, they seeme to condemne it.

7 But the † chiefe captaine Lysias came vpon vs, and with great violence tooke him out of our hands,

8 Commanding his accusers to come to thee: of whom thou mayest (if thou wilt inquire) know all these things whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Iewes likewise affirmed, saying that it was so.

10 Then Paul, after that the gouernour had beckned vnto him that he should speake, answered, I doe the more gladly answer for my selfe, forasmuch as I know that thou hast bene of many yeeres a ‖ iudge vnto this ‖ nation,

d Or, gouernour: for before this, he ruled Trachonitis, Batanea, and Gaulanites.

11 Seeing thou mayest know, that there are but twelue dayes since I came vp ‖ to worship in Ierusalem.

e So that thou are not ignorant of their fashions.

12 And they neither found mee in the Temple disputing with any man, neither making vproare among the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the citie.

13 Neither can they proue the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confesse vnto thee, that after the way which they call a heresie, so worship I the God of my fathers, beleeuing all things which are written in the Law and the Prophets,

15 And haue hope towards God, that the resurrection of the dead which they themselues looke for also, shall be both of iust and vniust.

16 And herein I endeuor my selfe to haue

f Not that his purpose was to worship there, but him by the counsell of others: for he thought to haue wonne the simple brethren, and to stop the enemies mouthes, and Phaises turned the Christians doctrine.

§ Iewes so found

g As the Scribes

alway

27 Aug 2 Sebon Morning

26 Aug 2 Sebon Morne

24 Decem 2 Sebon Corn

alway a cleare conscience toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after [h] many yeeres I came and brought [a]almes to my nation and offerings.

18 [*] At what time certaine Iewes of Asia found me purified in the Temple,

19 Neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

20 Who [i] ought to haue bene present before thee, and accuse me, if they had ought against me.

21 Or let these themselues say, if they haue found any vniust thing in me, while I stood in the Councell,

22 Except it be for this one voyce that I cryed standing among them, [*] Of the resurrection of the dead am I accused of you this day.

23 Now when Felix heard these things, he deferred them, and sayd, [‖] When I shall more perfectly know the things which concerne this way, by the comming of Lysias the chiefe Captaine, I will decide your matter.

24 Then he commanded a Centurion to keepe Paul, and that hee should haue ease, and that hee should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister vnto him, or to come vnto him.

25 ¶ And after certaine dayes came Felix with his wife Drusilla, which was a [k] Iewesse, and hee called for the Paul, and heard him of the faith in Christ.

26 And as he disputed of righteousnesse, and temperance, and of the iudgement to come, Felix [l] trembled, and answered, Goe thy way for this time, and when I haue conuenient time, I will call for thee.

27 He hoped also that money should haue bene giuen him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore hee sent for him the oftner, and communed with him.

28 When two yeeres were expired, Portius Festus came into Felix roome: and Felix willing to get fauour of the Iewes, left Paul bound.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The Iewes accuse Paul before Festus.* 8 *He answereth for himselfe,* 11 *And appealeth vnto the Emperour.* 14 *His matter is rehearsed before Agrippa.* 23 *And he is brought forth.*

WHen Festus was then come into the prouince, after three dayes hee went vp from Cesarea vnto Jerusalem.

2 Then the high Priest, and the chiefest [*] Iewes appeared before him against Paul: and they besought him,

3 And [a] desired fauour against him, that hee would send for him to Jerusalem: and they layd wait to kill him by the way.

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cesarea, and that he himselfe would shortly depart thither.

5 Let them therefore, sayd he, which among you are [b] able, come downe with vs: and if there bee any wickednesse in the man, let them accuse him.

6 ¶ Now when hee had taried among them no more then tenne dayes, hee went downe to Cesarea, and the next day sate in the iudgement seat, and commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Iewes which were come from Jerusalem stood about him, and layd many and grieuous complaints against Paul, which they could not prooue,

8 Forasmuch as he answered [c] that hee had neither offended any thing against the law of the Iewes, neither against the Temple, nor against Cesar.

9 But Festus willing [*] to get fauour of the Iewes, answered Paul, and sayd, Wilt thou goe vp to Jerusalem, and there be iudged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at [d] Cesars iudgement seate, where I ought to be [e] iudged: to the Iewes I haue done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I haue done wrong, or committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there bee none of these things whereof they accuse me, no man can deliuer me to them: I appeale vnto Cesar.

12 Then when Festus had spoken with the Councell, he answered, Hast thou appealed vnto Cesar? vnto Cesar shalt thou goe.

13 ¶ And after certaine dayes, King Agrippa and [g] Bernice came downe to Cesarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had remayned there many dayes, Festus propoled Pauls cause vnto the King, saying, There is a certaine man left in prison by Felix.

15 Of whom when I came to Jerusalem, the hie Priestes and Elders of the Iewes informed me, and desired to haue iudgement against him.

16 To whom I answered, that it is not the manet of the Romanes for fauour to deliuer any man to death, before that hee which is accused, haue the accusers before him, and haue place to defend himselfe concerning the crime.

17 Therefore when they were come hither, without delay, the day following, I sate on the iudgement seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood vp, they brought no crime of such things as I suppoled:

19 But had certaine questions against him of their owne [h] superstition, and of one Jesus which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be aliue.

20 And because I doubted of such maner of question, I asked him, whether he would goe to Jerusalem, and there bee iudged of these things.

21 But because hee appealed to bee reserued to the examination of Augustus, I commaunded him to bee kept, till I might send him to Cesar.

22 Then Agrippa sayd vnto Festus, I would also heare the man my selfe. To morrow, sayd he, thou shalt heare him.

23 And on the morrowe when Agrippa was come and Bernice with great pompe, and were entred into the [‖] Common hall with the chiefe Captaines and chiefe men of the citie, at Festus commandement

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h Meaning, that it was a long time since he had bene at Ierusalem, which was when he brought almes.
Chap. 11.29.
rom. 15.26.
2.*cor.* 9.2.
Chap. 21.27.

i For his accusers spake but vpon a false report, which these bellows of Satan had blowen abroad, and durst not themselues appeare.
Chap. 23.7.

‖ *Or, sell.*

k By whose counsell Felix cal'ed for Paul.

l The word of God maketh the very wicked astonished, and therfore to them it is the sauour of death vnto death.

‖ *Or, to doe a pleasure.*

a The enuious hate of the Priests against Paul.

b Which may most commodiously.

c Paul defendeth himselfe in iudgement.

‖ *Or, to doe pleasure.*

d Seeing himselfe betrayed by the ambition of the iudge, he desireth that in consideration of his freedome, he may be sent to Rome.

e It is lawfull to require the defence of the Magistrate to maintaine our right.

f Without whose consent he could doe nothing.

g This was his owne sister whom he entertained.

h This worde doth also signifie religion: but he speaketh in contempt of the true doctrine.

‖ *Or, audiory.*

amendment Paul was vnto the faith.

24 And Festus sayd with a loud voyce, Paul, thou art beside thy selfe: much learning doeth make thee mad.

25 But he sayd, I am not mad, O most noble Festus, but I speake the wordes of truth and soberneſſe.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speake boldly: for I am perswaded that f none of these thinges are hid from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 O King Agrippa, beleeuest thou the Prophets? I know that thou beleeuest.

28 Then Agrippa sayd vnto Paul, Almost thou perswadest me to become a Christian.

29 Then Paul sayde, I would to God, that not onely thou, but also all that heare me to day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when hee had thus spoken, the King rose vp, and the gouernour, and Bernice, and they that sate with them.

31 And when they were gone apart, they talked betweene themselues, saying, This man doth nothing worthy of death, nor of the ſimme, ſhine round about me, and them which went with me.

14 So when wee were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voyce speaking vnto me, and saying in the Hebrewe tongue, * Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kicke against pricks.

15 Then I sayd, Who art thou Lord? And he sayd, I am Iesus, whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise and stand vp on thy feete: for I haue appeared vnto thee for this purpoſe, to appoint thee a minister and a witnesse, both of the things which thou haſt ſeene, and of the things in the which I will appeare vnto thee,

17 Deliuering thee from the d people, and from the Gentiles, vnto whom now I send thee,

18 To e open their eyes, that they may turne from darkenelle to light, and from the power of Satan vnto God, that they may receiue forgiuenelle of ſinnes, and inheritance among them, which are ſanctified by faith in me.

19 Wherefore King Agrippa, I was not disobedient vnto the heauenly vision,

20 * But shewed first vnto them of Damascus, and at Ierusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Iudea, and then to the Gentiles, that they ſhould repent, and turne to God, and do workes worthy amendment of life.

21 For this cause the Iewes caught mee in the * Temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Neuertheleſſe, I obtained helpe of God, and continue vnto this day, witnelling both to ſmall and to great, saying none other things, then those which the Prophets and Moſes did say should come,

23 To wit, that Chriſt should ſuffer, and that hee ſhould bee the first that ſhould riſe from the dead, and ſhould ſhew light vnto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus answered for himselfe, Festus sayd with a loud voyce, Paul, thou art beſides thy selfe: much learning doeth make thee mad.

25 But he sayd, I am not mad, O noble Festus, but I speake the wordes of truth and soberneſſe.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speake boldly: for I am perſwaded that f none of these thinges are hid from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 O King Agrippa, beleeuest thou the Prophets? I know that thou beleeuest.

28 Then Agrippa sayd vnto Paul, Almoſt thou perſwadeſt me to become a Chriſtian.

29 Then Paul sayde, I would to God, that not onely thou, but also all that heare me to day, were both almoſt, and altogether ſuch as I am, except theſe bonds.

30 And when hee had thus ſpoken, the King roſe vp, and the gouernour, and Bernice, and they that ſate with them.

31 And when they were gone apart, they talked betweene themſelues, saying, This man doth nothing worthy of death, nor

manduement Paul was vnworthy death.

24 And Festus sayd, King Agrippa, and all men which are present with vs, yee ſee this man, about whom all the multitude of the Iewes haue called vpon me, both at Ieruſalem, and here, crying, that hee ought not to liue any longer.

25 Yet haue I found nothing worthy of death, that he hath committed: neuertheleſſe, seeing that hee hath appealed to Auſtus, I haue determined to ſend him.

26 Of whom I haue no certaine thing to write vnto my lord: wherefore I haue brought him forth vnto you, and ſpecially vnto thee, King Agrippa, that after examination had, I might haue ſomewhat to write.

27 For mee thinketh it vnreaſonable to ſend a priſoner, and not to ſhew the cauſes which are layd against him.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The innocency of Paul is approued by rehearſing his conuerſation.* 25 *His modeſt anſwere againſt the iniurie of Feſtus.*

Then Agrippa ſaid vnto Paul, Thou art permitted to ſpeake for thy ſelfe. So Paul ſtretched forth the hand, and answered for himſelfe,

2 I thinke my ſelfe happie, King Agrippa, becauſe I ſhall answere this day before thee of all the things wherof I am accuſed of the Iewes:

3 Chiefly, becauſe thou haſt knowledge of all cuſtomes, and queſtions which are among the Iewes: wherefore, I beſeech thee to heare me patiently.

4 As touching my life from my childehood, and what it was from the beginning among mine owne nation at Ieruſalem, know all the Iewes,

5 Which knew mee heretofore (if they would teſtifie) that after the moſt ſtraite ᵇ ſect of our religion, I liued a Phariſee.

6 And now I ſtand and am accuſed for the hope of the promiſe made of God vnto our fathers.

7 Whereunto our twelue tribes inſtantly ſeruing God day and night, hope to come: for the which hopes ſake, O king Agrippa, I am accuſed of the Iewes.

8 Why ſhould it bee thought a thing incredible vnto you, that God ſhould raiſe againe the dead?

9 I alſo verely thought in my ſelfe, that I ought to do many contrary things againſt the name of Ieſus of Nazaret.

10 * Which thing I alſo did in Ieruſalem: for many of the Saintes I ſhut vp in priſon, hauing receiued authoritie of the hie Prieſts, and when they were put to death, I ᶜ gaue my ſentence.

11 And I puniſhed them throughout all the Synagogues, and compelled them to blaſpheme, and being more madde againſt them, I perſecuted them, euen vnto ſtrange cities.

12 At which time, euen as I went to * Damaſcus with authoritie, and commiſſion from the hie Prieſts,

13 At midday, O King, I ſaw in the way a light from heauen, paſſing the brightneſſe

i Flatterers firſt vſed to call Tyrants by this name, and after it ſo grewe into vſe, that vertuous Princes refuſed it not, as appeareth by Plinies epiſtle to Traiane.

a Foraſmuch as he beſt vnderſtood the religion, he ought to be more attentiue.

b Paul ſpeaketh of this ſect according to the peoples eſtimation, who preferred it as moſt holy aboue all others: for their doctrine was leaſt corrupt.

Chap. 8.3.

c That is, I approued their cruelty which they vſed againſt them.

Chap. 9.1,2.

Chap. 9.4. and 22.7.

d Of the Iewes

e Although this properly appertaineth vnto God, yet he applieth this vnto his miniſters vnto whom he giueth his holy Spirit.

Chap. 9.22,26. and 13.14,16.

Chap. 21.30.

f He knew that the Law and the Prophets were of God, but he did not vnderſtand the true applying of the ſame.

30 Sermon
2 Lesson
Even

30 Morn
2 Lesson
Morn

2. Cor. 11. 25.

29 Acts
2 Lesson

nor of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa vnto Festus, This man might haue bene loosed, if he had not appealed vnto Cesar.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Pauls dangerous voyage, and his companie toward Rome. 44 How, and where they arriue.

NOwe when it was concluded, that we should saile into Italie, they deliuered both Paul, and certaine other prisoners vnto a Centurion named Julius, of the band of Augustus.

2 And a wee entred into a ship of Adramyttium, purposing to saile by the coastes of Asia, and launched forth, and had Aristarchus of Macedonia, a Thessalonian, with vs.

3 And the next day we arriued at Sidon: and Julius courteously intreated Paul, and gaue him libertie to goe vnto his friends, that they might refresh him.

4 And from thence we launched, & sailed hard by b Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 Then sailed we ouer the sea by Cilicia, and Pamphylia, and came to Myra, a citie in Lycia.

6 And there the Centurion found a ship of Alexandria sayling into Italy, and put vs therein.

7 And when we had sayled slowly many dayes, and scarce were come against Gnidum, because the winde suffered vs not, we sayled hard by ‖ Candie, neere to c Salmone,

8 And with much adoe sayled beyond it, and came vnto a certaine place called the Faire hauens, neere vnto the which was the citie Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and sayling was now ieopardous, because alsi the d Fast was now passed, Paul exhorted them,

10 And sayde vnto them, Sirs, I see that this voyage will be with hurt and much domage, not of the lading and ship onely, but also of our liues.

11 Nouertheless the Centurion beleeued rather the gouernour and the master of the ship, then those things which were spoken of Paul.

12 And because the hauen was not commodious to winter in, many tooke counsell to depart thence, if by any meanes they might attaine to Phenice, there to winter, which is an hauen of Candie, and lyeth towarde the Southwest and by West, and Northwest and by West.

13 And when the Southerne wind blew softly, they supposing to obtaine their purpose, loosed neerer, and sayled by Candie.

14 But anon after, there arose by it a stormie winde called e Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not resist the wind, we let her go, and were carried away.

16 And wee ranne vnder a little Ile named f Clauda, and had much adoe to get the boate.

17 Which they tooke vp and vsed all helpe, vnder-girding the shippe, fearing lest they should haue fallen into Syrtes, and they let downe the ‖ vessell, and so were carryed.

18 The next day when wee were tossed with an exceeding tempest, they ‖ lightened the ship.

19 And the third day wee cast out with our owne handes the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sunne nor starres in many dayes appeared, and no small tempest lay vpon vs, all hope that we should be saued, was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the middes of them, and said, Sirs, ye should haue hearkened to mee, and not haue loosed from Candie: so should ye haue ‖ gained this hurt and losse.

22 But now I exhort you to bee of good courage: for there shall be no losse of any mans life among you, saue of the shippe onely.

23 For there stood by me this night the Angel of g God, whose I am, and whom I serue,

24 Saying, Feare not, Paul: for thou must be brought before Cesar: and lo, God hath giuen vnto h thee all that sayle with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, bee of good courage: for I i beleeue God, that it shall be so as it hath bene told me.

26 Howbeit, we must be cast into a certaine Iland.

27 And when the fourteenth night was come, as we were caried to and fro in the k Adriaticall sea about midnight, the shipmen deemed that some countrey approched vnto them,

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded againe, and found fifteene fathoms.

29 Then fearing least they should haue fallen into some rough places, they cast foure ancres out of the sterne, and wished that the day were come.

30 Now as the mariners were about to flee out of the ship, and had let downe the boate into the sea vnder a colour as though they would haue cast ancres out of the foreship,

31 Paul said vnto the Centurion and the souldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be safe.

32 Then the souldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let it fall away.

33 And when it began to be day, Paul exhorted them all to take meate, saying, This is the fourteenth day that yee haue tarryed, and continued l fasting, receiuing nothing.

34 Wherefore I exhort you to take meat: for this is for your safegard: for there shall not m an haire fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when hee had thus spoken, hee tooke bread, and gaue thankes to God, in presence of them all, and brake it, and began to eat.

36 Then

a From Sidon to Myra they should haue sayled North, and by West: but the winds caused them to sayle to Cyprus plaine North: thence to Cilicia North & by East, and so to Pamphilia and Myra plaine West.

‖ Or, Crete.

b Which was an high hill of Candie bowing to the seaward.

c This fast the Iewes obserued about the moneth of October in the feast of their expiation, Leuit. 23. 27. So that Paul thought it better to winter there, then to saile in the deepe of winter which was at hand.

d That is, the Northeast wind or euery East wind that is furious and stormy.

e This Ile was West and by South from Candie streight toward the gulfe Syrtes, which were certaine boyling sandes that swallowed vp all that they caught.

‖ Or, boate.

‖ Or, cast out the wares.

f That is, yee should haue saued the losse by auoyding the danger.

g They could not then reproue him of rashnesse, seeing that this was the ordinance of God.

h The graces and blessings which God giueth to his children, prosite many times the enemies, which are vnworthy to receiue the fruit thereof.

i Faith is grounded vpon the word of God.

k This sea in Strabos time was taken for all that part, which was about the mountaines called Ceraunij, and so diuideth Italy frō Dalmatia, and goeth vp to Venice.

l Paul would vse such meanes as God had ordeined, lest he should seeme to haue tempted him.

m He meaneth an extraordinary abstinence, which came of the feare of death, and so tooke away their appetite.

n By this Hebrew phrase is meant that they should be in all points safe and sound, 1. Sam. 14. 45. 1. King. 1. 52. Matth. 10. 30.

36 Then were they all of good courage, and they also tooke meate.

37 Now we were in the ship in all two hundreth threescore and sixteene soules.

38 And when they had eaten inough, they lightened the shippe, and cast out the wheate into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the countrey, but they spied a certaine creeke with a banke, into the which they were minded (if it were possible) to thrust in the ship.

40 So when they had taken up the anters, they committed the shippe vnto the sea, and loosed the rudder bonds, and hoysted vp the maine saile to the wind, and drew to the shore.

41 And when they fell into a place where two seas met, they thrust in the shippe: and the fore-part stucke fast, and could not be moued, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waues.

42 Then the souldiers counsell was a to kill the prisoners: lest any of them, when hee had swomme out, should flee away.

43 But the Centurion willing to saue Paul, stayed them from this counsell, and commaunded that they that could swimme, should cast themselues first into the sea, and goe out to land:

44 And the other, some on boards, and some on certaine peeces of the shippe: and so it came to passe, that they came all safe to land.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Paul with his company are gently intreated of the barbarous people. 5 The viper heareth him not. 8 He healeth Publius father and others, and being furnished by them of things necessarie, he fareth toward Rome. 15 Where being received of the brethren, he declareth his busines. 30 And there preacheth two yeeres.

AND when they were come safe, then they knew that the ile was called b Melita.

2 And the Barbarians shewed vs no little kindnesse: for they kindled a fire, and receiued vs euery one, because of the present showre, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a number of sticks, and layed them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heate, and leapt on his hand.

4 Now when the Barbarians saw the worme hang on his hand, they sayd among themselues, This man surely is a c murtherer, whome, though hee hath escaped the sea, yet d Vengeance hath not suffered to liue.

5 But he shooke off the worme into the fire, and felt no harme.

6 Howbeit they waited when he should haue swollen, or fallen downe dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no inconuenience come to him, they changed their minds, and said, That he was a e God.

7 In the same quarters, the chiefe man of the Ile (whose name was Publius) had possessions: the same receiued vs, & lodged vs three dayes courteously.

8 And so it was, that a father of Publius lay sicke of the feuer, and of a bloody flixe: to whom Paul entred in, and when he prayed, he layd his hands on him, and healed him.

9 When this then was done, other also in the Ile, which had diseases, came to him and were healed.

10 Which also did vs great honour: and when we departed, they laded vs with things necessary.

11 Now after three moneths we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintred in the Ile, whole badge was f Castor and Pollux.

12 And when we arriued at Syracuse, we taried there three dayes.

13 And from thence wee fet a compasse, and came to Rhegium: and after one day, the South winde blew, and we came the second day to Puteoli,

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tary with them seuen dayes, and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of vs, they came to meete vs at the Market of Appius, and at the g Three tauernes, whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and waxed bold.

16 So when we came to Rome, the Centurion deliuered the prisoners to the generall Captaine: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himselfe with a souldier that kept him.

17 And the third day after, Paul called the chiefe of the Iewes together: and when they were come, he said vnto them, Men and brethren, though I haue committed nothing against the people or Lawes of the fathers, yet was I deliuered prisoner from Ierusalem into the hands of the Romanes.

18 Who when they had examined me, would haue let me goe, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Iewes spake contrary, I was constrained to appeale vnto Cesar, not because I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore haue I called for you, to see you, and to speake with you: for the hope of h Israels sake, I am bound with this chaine.

21 Then they said vnto him, We neither receiued letters out of Iudea concerning thee, neither came any of the brethren that shewed or spake any euill of thee.

22 But we will heare of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we knowe that euery where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many vnto him into his lodging, to whom he expounded and testified the kingdome of God, and preached vnto them concerning Iesus, both out of the Lawes of Moses, and out of the Prophets, from morning to night.

24 And some were perswaded with the things which were spoken, and some beleeued not.

25 Therefore when they agreed not among themselues

a This declareth the great & barbarous ingratitude of the wicked, which can not be wonne by any benefits.

b Now called Malta.

c Whom they made a goddesse and called her Dice, or Nemesis.

d Beholde the extremitie of these infidels, & how much they are bent to superstition: for after one rage and errour they fall into another.

e These the Painims fained to be Iupiters children and gods of the sea.

f These places were distant fro Rome a dayes iourney, or there about.

g No doubt the captaine vnderstood both by Publius letters, and also by the report of the vnder captaines, that Paul had committed no fault.

h That is, for Israels Christs cause whom they had long looked for as he that should be the redeemer of the world.

i That this kingdome, which was spoken of by the Prophets was offred vnto them by the comming of Christ.

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themselues, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, to wit, Well spake the holy Ghost by Esaias the Prophet vnto our fathers,

26 Saying, k Go vnto this people, and say, By hearing ye shall heare, and shall not vnderstand, and seeing yee shall see, and not perceiue.

27 For the heart of this people is waxed fatte, and their eares are dul of hearing, and with their eyes haue they winked, lest they should see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and vnderstande with their heartes, and should returne that I might heale them.

28 Be it knowen therefore vnto you, that this saluation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they shall heare it.

29 And when hee had sayd these things, the Iewes departed, and had great reasoning among themselues.

30 And Paul remayned two yeeres full in an house hired for himselfe, and receiued all that came in vnto him,

31 Preaching the kingdome of God, and teaching those things, which concerne the Lorde Iesus Christ, with all boldnesse of speech, without let.

I Isa.6.9 mat.13.14. mar.4.12. luke.8.10 ioh.12.40. rom 11.8.

k Hereby the hearts of the infidels ought to be mollified, and the weakelings confirmed, that they be not offended by the stubburnnes of the wicked.

l The Worde of God healeth when the vertue of the Spirit is ioyned with it: & it is preached generally, that all men might be inexcusable.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Romanes.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe great mercie of God is declared toward man in Christ Iesus, whose righteousnes is made ours through faith. For when man by reason of his own corruptiō could not fulfil the law, yea, committed most abhominably, both against the law of God, & nature, the infinite bountie of God, mindfull of his promise made to his seruant Abraham, the father of all beleeuers, ordeined that mans saluation should only stand in the perfit obedience of his Sonne Iesus Christ: so that not only the circumcised Iewes, but also the vncircumcised Gentiles should be saued by faith in him: euen as Abraham before he was circumcised, was counted iust only through faith, & yet afterward receiued circumcision, as a seale or badge of the same righteousnesse by faith. And to the intent that none should thinke that the couenant which God made to him, and his posteritie was not performed: either because the Iewes receiued not Christ, (which was the blessed seede) or els beleeued not that he was the true redeemer, because he did not onely, or at least more notably preferue the Iewes: the examples of Ismael and Esau declare, that all are not Abrahams posteritie, which come of Abraham according to the flesh: but also the very strangers and Gentiles grafted in by faith, are made heires of the promise. The cause wherof is the only will of God: forasmuch as of his free mercie he electeth some to be saued, and of his iust iudgement reiecteth others to be damned, as appeareth by the testimonies of the Scriptures. Yet to the intent that the Iewes should not be too much beaten downe, nor the Gentiles too much puffed vp, the example of Elias proueth, that God hath yet his elect euen of that naturall posteritie of Abraham, though it appeareth not so to mans eye: & for that preferment that the Gentiles haue, it proceedeth of the liberall mercie of God, which he at length will stretch toward the Iewes againe, and so gather the whole Israel (which is his Church) of them both. This ground-worke of faith and doctrine laied, instructions of Christian maners follow: teaching euery man to walke in roundnesse of conscience in his vocation, with all patience and humblenesse, renouncing and obeying the magistratee, exercising charity, putting off the old man, and putting on Christ, bearing with the weake, and louing one another according to Christes example. Finally, S. Paul after his commendations to the brethren, exhorteth them to vnitie, and to flee false preachers and flatterers, and so concludeth with a prayer.

CHAP. I.

1 Paul sheweth by whom, and to what purpose he is called. 13 His ready will. 16 What the Gospel is. 20 The vse of creatures, and wherefore they were made. 21.24 The ingratitude, peruersitie and punishment of all mankinde.

a Or seruant.

1 PAVL a seruant of Iesus Christ, a called to be an Apostle, b put apart to preach the Gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his c Prophets in the c holy Scriptures)

3 Concerning his Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord (which was made of the d seed of Dauid according to the flesh,

4 And declared mightily to be the Sonne of God, touching the Spirit of e sanctification by the resurrection from the dead)

5 By whom wee haue receiued f grace and Apostleship (that obedience might be giuen vnto the faith) in his Name among all the Gentiles,

6 Among whom yee bee also the g called of Iesus Christ,

7 To all you that be at Rome beloued of God, called to be Saints: h Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

8 First I thanke my God through IESVS Christ for you all, because your faith is published throughout i the whole world.

9 For God is my witnes (whom I serue in my k spirit in the l Gospell of his Sonne) that without ceasing I make mention of you

10 Alwayes

a Through Gods mercie, and also appointed by commandement to this Apostleship.

b Or chosen by the eternal counsell of God, or by the declaration of the same counsell. *Acts 13.2. Deut.18.15.* *Acts 3.22.* c The Scriptures onely set foorth the great benefite of God promised and performed to the world in Iesus Christ. d Meaning of the posteritie, and of the flesh of the virgine Marie.

e By the Spirit he declareth that Christ is God, whose power did so sanctifie his humanitie, that it could not feele corruption, nor yet remaine in death.

f Which was that most liberal benefit to preach the vnsearchable riches of Christ.

g That is, by the mercy of God are adopted in Iesus Christ.

1 Cor.1.3. gal.1.4. 2. Tim.1.2. h The free mercie of God, and prosperous successe in all things. i That is, Through all Christian Churches. k Earnestly, and from the heart. l In preaching the Sonne of God, that is, reconciliation and peace through Christ.

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10 Always in my prayers, beseeching that by some meanes one time or other I might have a prosperous iourney by the will of God to come vnto you.

11 * For I long to see you, that I might bestowe among you some spirituall gift, to strengthen you,

12 That is, that I might bee comforted together with you, through our mutual faith, both yours and mine.

13 Now my brethren, I would that ye should not bee ignorant, how that I have oftentimes purposed to come vnto you (but have bene = let hitherto) that I might have some *fruit also among you, as I have among the other Gentiles.

14 I am debter both to the Grecians, and to the Barbarians, both to the wise men, and to the vnwise.

15 Therefore as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are at Rome.

16 For I am not * ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the * power of God vnto saluation to euery one that beleeueth, to the Iew first, and also to the ‖ Grecian.

17 For by it the * righteousnesse of * God is reuealed, from faith to faith: as it is written, * The iust shall liue by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is reuealed from heauen against all * vngodlinesse, and vnrighteousnesse of men, which withholde the trueth * in vnrighteousnesse,

19 Forasmuch as that, which may bee knowen of God, is manifest in them: for God hath shewed it vnto them.

20 For the inuisible things of him, that is, his eternall power and Godhead, are seene by the creation of the world, being considered in his works, to the intent that they should be without excuse:

21 * Because that when they knew God, they * glorified him not as God, neither were thankefull, but became vaine in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was full of darknesse.

22 When they professed themselues to be wise, they became fooles.

23 For they turned the glory of the incorruptible GOD to the similitude of the image of a corruptible man, and of birdes, and foure footed beastes, and of creeping things.

24 Wherefore also God * gaue them vp to their hearts lustes, vnto vncleannesse, to defile their owne bodies betweene themselues:

25 Which turned the trueth of God vnto a lie, and worshipped and serued the creature, ‖ forsaking the Creator, which is blessed for euer, Amen.

26 For this cause God gaue them vp vnto vile affections: for euen their women did

Chap. 13 23.
m Either by Satan, 1. Thes. 2. 18 or by the holy Ghost, Acts 16. 6 or called to some other place to preach the Gospel, Chap. 15. 20.
n Whereof is spoken, Iohn 15 16.
o He passeth not for the mocking of the wicked.
1. Cor. 1. 18.
p Or, effectuall instrument.
‖ Or, Gentile.
q The perfection, & integritie, which whosoeuer hath, appeareth before God holy, blamelesse, and can be accused of no fault: and this iustice is cōtrary to mans iustice, or the iustice of works, and onely is apprehended by faith which dayly increaseth, Psal 84 7.
r Which God approoueth.
Habak 2. 4. galat. 3. 11. hebr. 10. 38.
s He diuided the Law of nature corrupt, into vngodlinesse, and vnrighteousnesse. Vngodlinesse conteineth false worshipping of God: vnrighteousnesse, breach of loue toward man.
t In that they neither worship God, as nature partly teacheth them, nor loue one another.
Ephes. 4. 18.
u They worshipped him not as hee prescribed, but after their good intentions. x Or deliuered them as a iust Iudge. y Seeing men would not according to the knowledge that God gaue them, worship him aright, he smote their hearts with blindnesse, that they should not know themselues, but do iniurie one to another, and commit such horrible villenie. ‖ Or, whom the Creator.

change the naturall vse into that which is against nature.

27 And likewise also the men left the naturall vse of the woman, and burned in their ‖ lust one towarde another, and man with man wroughe filthinesse, and receiued in themselues such recompence of their errour, as was meet.

28 For as they regarded not to knowe God, euen so God deliuered them vp vnto a * reprobate minde, to do those things which are not conuenient,

29 Being ful of all vnrighteousnesse, fornication, wickednesse, couetousnesse, maliciousnesse, full of enuie, of murther, of debate, of deceite, taking all things in the euill part, whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, doers of wrong, proud, boasters, inuenters of euill things, disobedient to parents, without vnderstanding, couenant breakers, without naturall affection, such as can neuer be appeased, mercilesse.

31 Which men, though they knewe * the ‖ Lawe of God, how that they which commit such things, are worthy of death, yet not onely doe the same, but also b fauour them that doe them.

‖ Or, appetite.

z That is, such one as was destitute of all iudgement.

a Which Law God writ in their consciences, and the Philosophers called it the law of nature: the lawyers, the law of nations, whereof Moses law is a plain exposition.
* Or, righteousnes.
b Or, consent to them: which is the full measure of all iniquitie.

CHAP II.

1 Hee feareth the hypocrites with Gods iudgement, 7 And comforteth the faithful. 13 To beate downe all vaine presence of ignorance, holinesse, and of alliance with God, he proueth all men to be sinners, 15 The Gentiles by their conscience, 17 The Iewes by the Law written.

THerefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoeuer thou art that ‖ iudgest: * for in that that thou iudgest another, thou condemnest b thy selfe: for thou that iudgest, doest the same things.

2 But wee know that the iudgement of God is according to c trueth, against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O thou man, that iudgest them which doe such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the iudgement of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his bountifulnes, and * patience, and long sufferance, not knowing that the bountifulnesse of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But thou after thine hardnesse, and heart that cannot repent, heapest vnto thy selfe wrath against the day of d wrath, and of the declaration of the iust iudgement of God,

6 * Who will reward euery man according to his * workes:

7 That is, to them which by continuance in well doing seeke glory, and honour, and immortalitie, eternall life:

8 But vnto them that are contentious and disobey the trueth, and obey vnrighteousnesse, shalbe indignation and wrath,

‖ Or, blamest.

a Neither they which doe approue euil doers, nor they which reproue them, are excusable before God. Matth 7. 1, 2. 1. cor. 4. 5.
b For either thou art guiltie of the same fault, or the like.

c For he iudgeth the heart, and regardeth not the outward person. 1. Pet. 1. 17. Iames 5. 3.
d The wicked shalbe condemned, & the faithfull deliuered. Psal 62. 12. matth. 16. 27. reuel. 22. 12.

e The common sort of men are most vnable to father of beleeuers

be iustified by their works: seeing Abraham the hath nothing to glory of before God, and therefore all mens works shal condemne them, and they onely shalbe saued, which apprehend Iesus Christ by faith to be their onely iustice and sanctification.

f By the Grecian he vnderstandeth the Gentile, and euery one that is not a Iew. *Deut.* 10.17. 2. *chron.* 19.7. *iob.* 34.19. *actes* 10.34.

g As touching any outward qualitie, but as the potter before he make his vessels, he doeth appoynt some to glory, and others to ignominie.

h That is, without ỹ knowledge of the law written, which was giuen by Moses. *Matth.* 7.22. *&* *actes* 1.22.

i For mans conscience sheweth him whe be doth good or euill.

k He awaketh the Iewes, which were asleepe through a certaine securitie and confidence in the Law.

Chap. 9.4.

‖ *Or, taste of the things that do saue from it.*

l The way to teach others in the knowledge of the trueth. *Isa.* 52.5. *ezek* 36.20.

m The end of circumcision was the keeping of ỹ Law, and the Sacrament separated from his end, is of none effect.

‖ *Or, condemne.*

n When the Law is called the Letter, or that it pronoketh death in vs, or that it killeth, or is the ministery of death, or that it is the strength of sinne, it is meant as we consider the Law of itself without Christ. *Colos.* 2.13.

o In the inward man and heart.

9 Tribulation and anguish shalbe vpon the soule of euery man that doeth euill: of the Iew first, and also of the f Grecian.

10 But to euery man that doeth good, shall be glory, and honour, and peace, to the Iew first, and also to the Grecian.

11 For there is no * respect of ỹ persons with God.

12 For as many as haue sinned without the Law, shal perish also ỹ without the Law: and as many as haue sinned in the Law, shal be iudged by the Law,

13 (* For the hearers of the Law are not righteous before God: but the doers of the Law shalbe iustified.

14 For when the Gentiles which haue not the Law, doe by nature the things conteined in the Law, they hauing not the Law, are a Law vnto themselues,

15 Which shew the effect of the Lawe written in their ỹ hearts, their conscience also bearing witnesse, and their thoughts accusing one another, or excusing,)

16 At the day when God shall iudge the secrets of men by Iesus Christ, according to my Gospel.

17 (* Beholde, thou art called a Iew, and restest in the Law, and * gloriest in God,

18 And knowest his will, and ‖ allowest the things that are excellent, in that thou art instructed by the Law:

19 And perswadest thy selfe that thou art a guide of the blinde, a light of them which are in darkenesse,

20 An instructer of them which lacke discretion, a teacher of the vnlearned, which hast the ! forme of knowledge, and of the trueth in the Law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thy selfe? thou that preachest, A man should not steale, doest thou steale?

22 Thou that sayest, A man should not commit aduulterie, doest thou commit aduulterie? thou that abhorrest idoles, committest thou sacrilege?

23 Thou that glorifiest in the Lawe, through breaking the Lawe, dishonourest thou God?

24 For the Name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, * as it is written.

25 For circumcision verely is profitable, if thou doe the Law: but if thou be a transgressour of the Law, thy ⁿ circumcision is made vncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the vncircumcision keepe the ordinances of the Lawe, shall not his vncircumcision bee counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not vncircumcision which is by nature (if it keepe the Law) ‖ iudge thee, which by the * letter and circumcision art a transgressour of the Law?

28 For he is not a Iew which is one outward: neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Iew which is one within, and the * circumcision is of the heart, in the ỹ spirit, not in the letter, whose prayse is not of men, but of God.

CHAP. III.

Hauing graunted some prerogatiue to the Iewes, because of Gods free and stable promise, 10 he prooueth by the Scriptures, both Iewes and Gentiles to bee sinners, 21. 24 and to be iustified by grace through faith, and not by works, 31 and so the Law to be established.

WHat is then the preferment of the Iewe? or what is the profit of circumcision?

2 Much euery maner of way: for chiefly, because vnto them were committed the ‖ oracles of God.

3 For what though some did not beleeue? shall their * vnbeliefe make the ‖ faith of God without effect?

4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, and * euery man a lyar, as it is written, * That thou mightest bee ỹ iustified in thy wordes, and ouercome when thou art iudged.

5 Now if ỹ vnrighteousnesse commend the righteousnesse of God, what shall we say? Is God vnrighteous which punisheth? (I speake ỹ as a man)

6 God forbid: els how shall God iudge the world?

7 For if the veritie of God hath more aboundred, through my lie, vnto his glory, why am I yet condemned as a sinner?

8 And (as wee are blamed, and as some affirme that wee say) why doe wee not euill, that good may come thereof? whose damnation is iust.

9 What then? ỹ are we more excellent? No, in no wise: for we haue already proued, that all, both Iewes and Gentiles are * vnder sinne,

10 As it is written, * There is none righteous, no not one.

11 There is none, that vnderstandeth: there is none that seeketh God.

12 They haue all gone out of ỹ way: they haue bene made altogether vnprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

13 * Their throate is an open sepulchre: they haue vsed their tongues to deceit: * the poyson of aspes is vnder their lips.

14 * Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitternesse.

15 * Their feet are swift to shed blood.

16 Destruction and calamitie are in their wayes.

17 And the * way of peace they haue not knowen.

18 * The feare of God is not before their eyes.

19 Now wee know that whatsoeuer the ! Law sayeth, it sayeth to them which are vnder the Law, that euery mouth may bee stopped, and all the world bee ỹ culpable before God.

20 * Therefore by the workes of the ỹ Law shall no flesh be iustified in his sight: for by the Law commeth the knowledge of sinne.

21 But

a Iames 2 Lesson Euening

Or, words.

Isa. 46.13. *chap.* 9.6. 2. *tim.* 2.13.

‖ *Or, promise.*

Iohn 3.33. *Psal.* 116.11.

Psal 51.4.

a That thou mayest be declared iust, and thy goodnesse and trueth in performing thy promises may appeare, when man either of curiositie or arrogancy would iudge thy works.

b He sheweth how the wicked do reason against God.

c Whose carnall wisedom will not obey the will of God.

d Lest the Iewes should be puffed vp in that he preferred them to the Gentiles, he sheweth that this their preferment standeth onely in the mercy of God, forasmuch as both Iew and Gentile through sinne are subiect to Gods wrath, that they might both be made equall in Christ. *Galat.* 3.22. *Psal.* 14.1,3. *and* 53.1,3. *Psal.* 5.9. *Psal.* 140.3. *Psal.* 10.7. *Isa.* 59.7. *prou.* 1.16.

e A peace: bla 8 innocent life. *Psal.* 36.1.

f That is, the old Testament. g The Law doth not make vs guilty, but doth declare that wee are guiltie before God, and deserue condemnation. *Galat.* 2.16. h He meaneth the Law either written or vnwritten, which commandeth or forbiddeth any thing, whose works cannot iustifie, because we cannot perform them.

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Chap 1.17.
i The word signifieth them which are left behind in the race, and are not able to runne to the marke, that is to euerlasting life, which here is called the glory of God.
k Or fidelity in performing his promise.
l The law of faith is the Gospel which offereth saluation with conditiō (if thou beleeuest) which condition also Christ freely giueth to vs, So the condition of the Law is (if thou doest all these things) the which only Christ hath fulfilled for vs.
m Meaning, that they are all iustified by one meanes, and if they will haue any difference, it onely standeth in wordes: for in effect there is none. n The doctrine of faith is the ornament of the Law: for it embraceth Christ, who by his death hath satisfied the Law. so that † Law which could not bring vs to saluation by reason of our owne corruption, is now made effectuall to vs by Christ Iesus.

21 But now is the righteousnesse of God made manifest without the Lawe, hauing witnesse of the Law and of the Prophets.
22 To wit, the righteousnesse of God by the faith of Iesus Christ, vnto all, and vpon all that beleeue.
23 For there is no difference: for all haue sinned, and are i depriued of the glory of God,
24 And are iustified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Iesus,
25 Whom God hath set forth to be a reconciliation through faith in his blood, to declare his k righteousnesse, by the forgiuenesse of the sinnes that are passed, through the patience of God,
26 To shewe at this time his righteousnesse, that hee might be iust, and a iustifier of him which is of the faith of Iesus.
27 Where is then the reioycing? It is excluded. By what Law? of workes? Nay: but by the l Law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude, that a man is iustified by faith without the workes of the Law.
29 God, is he the God of the Iewes only, and not of the Gentiles also? Yes, euen of the Gentiles also.
30 For it is one God who shall iustifie circumcision m of faith and vncircumcision through faith.
31 Doe wee then make the Law of none effect through faith? God forbid: yea, n we establish the Law.

CHAP. IIII. Epistle

1. 17 He declareth that iustification is a free gift, euen by themselues of whom the Iewes most boasted, as of Abraham and of Dauid, 15 And also by the office of the Law and faith.

WHat shall we say then, that Abraham our father hath found a concerning the flesh?
2 For if Abraham were iustified by workes, he hath wherein to b reioyce, but not with God.
3 For what saith the Scripture? Abraham beleeued God, and it was counted to him for righteousnesse.
4 Now to him that c worketh, the wages is not counted by fauour, but by debt:
5 But to him that d worketh not, but beleeueth in him that e iustifieth the vngodly, his faith is counted for righteousnesse.
6 Euen as Dauid declareth the blessednesse of the man, vnto whom God imputeth righteousnesse without works, saying,
7 f Blessed are they, whose iniquities are forgiuen, and whose sinnes are couered.
8 Blessed is the man, to whom the Lord imputeth not sinne.
9 Came this blessednesse then vpon the circumcision onely, or vpon the vncircumcision also? For we say, that faith was imputed vnto Abraham for righteousnesse.
10 How was it then imputed? when hee was circumcised, or vncircumcised? not when he was circumcised, but when he was vncircumcised.
11 g After he receiued the signe of circumcision, as the seale of the righteousnesse of the faith which he had, when he was vncircumcised, that he should be the father of all them that beleeue, not being circumcised, h righteousnesse might be imputed to them also,
12 And the father of circumcision, not vnto them onely which are of the circumcision, but vnto them also that walke in the i steps of the faith of our father Abraham, which he had when he was vncircumcised.
13 For the promise that he should be the heire of the worlde was not giuen to Abraham, or to his seed, through the k Lawe but through the righteousnesse of faith.
14 For if they which l are of the Law, bee heires, faith is made voyd, and the promise is made of none effect.
15 For the Lawe causeth m wrath: for where no Law is, there is no n transgression.
16 Therefore it is by faith, that it might come by grace, and the promise might bee sure to o all the seede, not to that onely which is of the Lawe: but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of vs all,
17 (As it is written, p I haue made thee a father of many nations) euen q before God whom hee beleeued, who quickeneth the r dead, and calleth those things which bee not, as though they were.
18 Which Abraham aboue hope beleeued vnder hope, that he should bee the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken to him, s So shall thy seed be.
19 And he not weake in the faith, considered not his owne body, which was now dead, being almost an hundred yere old, neither t the deadnesse of Saras wombe.
20 Neither did hee doubt of the promise of God through vnbeliefe, but was strengthened in the faith, and gaue u glory to God,
21 Being fully assured that he which had promised, was also able to doe it.
22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousnesse.
23 Now it is not written for him onely, that it was imputed vnto him for righteousnesse,
24 But also x for vs, to whome it shall be imputed for righteousnesse, which beleeue in him that raised vp Iesus our Lord from the dead.
25 Who was deliuered to death for our sinnes, and y is risen againe for our iustification.

CHAP. V.

1 He declareth the fruites of faith, 7 And by comparison setteth forth the loue of God and obedience of Christ, which is the foundation & ground of the same.

i Gen. 17.11.

g This may not be vnderstood of the fruits of faith (for thereof the Apostle doeth hereafter expressly intreat) but of the faith it selfe.
h In fulfilling † works thereof.
i And thinke to performe the same by works.
k If it be requisite to fulfill the law for him that shalbe of Abrahams inheritāce, then it is in vaine to beleeue the promise: for it serueth to no vse.
l Through our default, and not of it selfe.
m That is, no breach of commandement.
n Which beleeue
Gen. 17.4.
o By a spirituall kindred, which God chiefly accepteth.
p Abraham begate the circumcised, euen by the vertue of faith, and not by the power of nature, which was extinguished: so the Gentiles which were nothing are called by the power of God to be of the number of the faithfull.
Gen. 15.5.

q But most strong and constant. r In that shee was past child bearing. s For his mercy and trueth. t For our instruction: for wee shall be iustified by the same meanes. u To accomplish, and make perfect our iustification.

THen being iustified by faith, wee haue a peace toward God through our Lorde Iesus Christ.

2 By whome also wee haue accesse through faith vnto this grace, wherein wee stand, and reioyce vnder the hope of the glory of God.

3 Neither doe we so only, but also we reioyce in tribulations, knowing that tribulation bringeth forth patience.

4 And patience experience, and experience hope.

5 And hope maketh not b ashamed, because the c loue of God is shed abroade in our hearts by the holy Ghost, which is giuen vnto vs.

6 For Christ, when wee were yet of no strength, at his time, died for the d vngodly.

7 Doubtlesse one will scarce die for a e righteous man: but yet for a e good man it may be that one dare die.

8 But God setteth out his loue towarde vs, seeing that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for vs.

9 Much more then, being now iustified by his blood, we shall be saued from wrath through him.

10 For if when we were f enemies wee were reconciled to God by the death of his Sonne, much more being reconciled, wee shall be saued by his life.

11 And not onely so, but wee also reioyce in God through our Lorde Iesus Christ, by whom wee haue nowe receiued the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sinne entred into the world, and death by sinne, and so death went ouer all men: for all men haue sinned.

13 For vnto the g time of the Law was sinne in the world, but sinne is not imputed, while there is no Law.

14 But death raigned from Adam to Moses, euen ouer them also that sinned not h after the like maner of the transgression of i Adam, which was the figure of h him that was to come.

15 But yet the gift is not so, as is the offence: for if through the offence of one, many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man Iesus Christ, hath abounded vnto many.

16 Neither is the gift so, as that which entred in by one that sinned: for the fault came of one offence vnto condemnation: but the gift is of many offences to iustification.

17 For if by the offence of one death raigned through one, much more they which receiue the aboundance of grace, and of the gift of k righteousnes, raigne in life through one, that is, Iesus Christ.

18 Likewise then, as by the offence of one the fault came on all men to condemnation, so by the iustifying of one, the benefite abounded towarde l all men to the iustification of life.

19 For as by one mans disobedience, many were made sinners: so by the obedience of one, shall many also be made righteous.

20 Moreouer the Law entred thereupon, that the offence should o abound: nevertheles, where sinne abounded, there grace aboundeth much more:

21 That as sinne had raigned vnto death, so might grace also raigne by righteousnesse vnto eternall life, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VI.

Because no man should glory in the flesh, but rather seeke to subdue it to the spirit, 3 He sheweth by the vertue and end of Baptisme, 5 That regeneration is ioyned with iustification and therefore exhorteth to godly life, 12 Setting before mens eies the reward of sinne and righteousnesse.

WHat shall we say then? Shall we continue still in sinne, that grace may abound? God forbid.

2 How shall we that are a dead to sinne, liue yet therein?

3 Know ye not, that b all we which haue bene baptized into Iesus Christ, haue bene baptized into his death?

4 c Wee are buryed then with him by baptisme into his death, that like as Christ was raised vp from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walke in newnesse of life.

5 d For if we be e graffed with him f to the similitude of his death, euen so shall wee be to the similitude of his resurrection,

6 Knowing this, that our olde man is crucified with him, that the g body of sinne might bee destroyed, that henceforth wee should not serue sinne.

7 For hee that is dead is h freed from sinne.

8 Wherefore, if we be dead with Christ, we beleeue that we shall liue also with him,

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion ouer him.

10 For in that he died, he died once i to sinne: but in that he liueth, he liueth to God.

11 Likewise thinke ye also, that yee are k dead to sinne, but are aliue l to God in Iesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sinne reigne therefore in your mortall body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither giue ye your members as weapons of vnrighteousnesse vnto sinne: but giue your selues vnto God, as they that are aliue from the dead, and giue your members as weapons of righteousnesse vnto God.

14 For

a By peace here is meant that incredible & most constant ioy of minde when we are deliuered frō all terrour of conscience and fully perswaded of the fauour of God: and this peace is the fruite of faith. *Ephes.* 2. 18. *Iames* 1. 3.

b For it hath euer good successe.

c He meaneth that loue wherewith God loueth vs. *Hebr.* 9 15. 1 *pet.* 1. 18.

d By this comparison he amplifieth the death of Christ.

e That is: for such one of whom he hath receiued good.

f Because of sinne: yet friends by the grace of Christ.

g From Adam to Moses

h He meaneth yong babes, which neither had the knowledge of the law of nature, nor any motion of concupiscence, much lesse committed any actuall sinne: and this may also comprehend the Gentiles.

i Yet all mankinde, as it were, sinned, when they were as yet inclosed in Adams loynes.

k Which was Christ.

l For by Christ we are not onely deliuered from the sinnes of Adam, but also from all which as we haue added thereunto.

m The iustice of Iesus Christ which is imputed to the faithfull.

n Which beleeue to be saued in Iesus Christ.

o The Law of Moses

p That it might be more manifestly knowen, and set before all mens eyes.

a He dieth to sinne, in whom the strength of sinne, is broken by the vertue of Christ, & so now liueth to God. *Galat.* 3. 27.

b Which is, that growing together with him, we might receiue vertue to kill sinne, and raise vp our new man. *Colos.* 2. 12. *Ephes.* 2. 23, 24. *col.* 3. 8. *heb.* 12. 1 2. *pet.* 2. 1. 1. *Cor.* 6. 14. 2. *cor.* 2 11.

c The Greeke word meaneth that we grow vp together with Christ, as we see mosse, yuie, misseltow, or such like grow vp by a tree, & are nourished with the iuyce thereof.

d If we by his vertue die to sinne.

e The flesh wherein sinne sticketh fast.

f Because that being dead we cannot sinne.

g That he might destroy sinne in our flesh.

h And sitteth at the right hand of the Father.

i Wee may gather that we are dead to sinne, when sinne beginneth to die in vs, which is by the participatiō of Christes death, by whom also being quickned, we liue to God, that is, to righteousnesse.

k In that yee are led with the Spirit of God.

l The minde first ministreth euill motions, whereby mans will is enuyed: hence burst foorth the lusts, by whom the body is prouoked, and the body by his actions doth follow the minde: therefore he commandeth, at the least, that we rule our bodies.

‖ Or, instruments, or armour.

m Which is the declaration of sinne.
n Indued with the spirit of Christ. *Iohn* 8.34. 2.*pet*.2.19.
o Shewing that none can be iust, which doth not obey God.
p To conforme your selues vnto it.
q It is a most vile thing for him that is deliuered from the slauerie of sinne, to returne againe to the same.
r Leauing to speake of heauenly things, according to your capacitie, I vse these similitudes of seruitude and freedome, that ye might the better vnderstand.
s Or, the reward and recompence.
t Sinne is compared to a tyrant which reigneth by force, who giueth death as an allowance to them that were preferred by the Law.

14 For sinne shall not haue dominion ouer you, for ye are not vnder the [m] Law, but vnder [n] grace.

15 What then? shall we sinne, because we are not vnder the Law, but vnder grace? God forbid.

16 [o] Know ye not that to whom ye giue your selues as seruants to obey, his seruants ye are to whom ye obey, whether it be of sinne vnto death, or of [p] obedience vnto righteousnesse?

17 But God be thanked, that ye haue bene the seruants of sinne, but yee haue obeyed frō the heart vnto the forme of the doctrine, whereunto ye were [p] deliuered.

18 Being then made [q] free from sinne, ye are made the seruants of righteousnesse.

19 I speake [r] after the maner of men, because of the infirmitie of your flesh: for as ye haue giuen your members seruants to vncleannesse and to iniquitie, to commit iniquitie, so now giue your members seruants vnto righteousnesse in holinesse.

20 For when yee were the seruaunts of sinne, ye were freed from righteousnesse.

21 What fruite had yee then in those things, whereof ye are now ashamed? For the [s] ende of those things is death.

22 But nowe being freed from sinne, and made seruants vnto God, ye haue your fruit in holinesse, and the ende, euerlasting life.

23 For the [t] wages of sinne is death: but the gift of God is eternall life through Iesus Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VII.

1. 7. 12 *The vse of the Law.* 6. 24 *And how Christ hath deliuered vs from it.* 16 *The infirmities of the faithfull.* 23 *The dangerous fight betweene the flesh and the spirit.*

KNow ye not, brethren, (for I speake to them that knowe the Lawe) that the [a] Law hath dominion ouer a man as long as he liueth?

2 [b] For the woman which is in subiection to a man, is bound by the Lawe to the man, while hee liueth: but if the man bee dead, shee is deliuered from the lawe of the man.

3 So then, if while the man liueth, shee take another man, she shall be called an adulteresse: but if the man be dead, shee is free from the Lawe, so that she is not an adulteresse, though she take another man.

4 So ye, my brethren, are dead also to the Lawe by the body of Christ, that yee should be vnto another, euen vnto [c] him that is raysed vp from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit vnto God.

5 For when we were [d] in the flesh, the ‖ motions of sinnes, which were by the Lawe, had force in our members, to bring forth fruit vnto death.

6 But now wee are deliuered from the Lawe, being dead [e] vnto it, wherein wee were holden, that wee should serue in newnesse of spirit, and not in the oldnesse of the letter.

7 [f] What shall we say then? Is the Law sinne? God forbid. Nay, I knew not sinne, but by the Law: for I had not knowen lust, except the Law had sayd, [g] Thou shalt not lust.

8 But sinne tooke an occasion by the commandement, and wrought in mee all maner of concupiscence: for without the law sinne is dead.

9 For I once [h] was aliue, without the lawe: but when the commandement came, sinne reuiued.

10 But I died: and the same commaundement which was ordeined vnto life, was found to be vnto me vnto death.

11 For sinne tooke occasion by the commandement, and deceiued me, and thereby slew me.

12 Wherefore the Law is [i] holy, and the commaundement is holy, and iust, and good.

13 Was that then which is good, made death vnto mee? God forbid: but sinne, that it might appeare sinne, wrought death in me by that which is good, that sinne might bee out of measure sinfull by the commandement.

14 For we know that the Law [k] is spirituall, but I am carnall, sold vnder sinne.

15 For I allow not that which I doe: for what I [l] would, that doe I not: but what I hate, that doe I.

16 If I do then that which I would not, I consent to the Law, that it is good.

17 Now then, it is no more I, that doe [m] it, but the sinne that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me, that is, in my ‖ flesh dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with mee: but I finde no meanes to performe that which is good.

19 For I doe not the good thing, which I would, [n] but the euill, which I would not, that doe I.

20 Now if I doe that I would not, it is no more I that doe it, but the sinne that dwelleth in me.

21 I finde then by the Law, that when I would doe good, euill is present with me.

22 For I delight in the Law of God, concerning the [o] inner man:

23 But I see another ‖ Lawe in my [p] members, rebelling against the Lawe of my minde, and leading mee captiue vnto the law of sinne, which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am, who shall deliuer mee from the [q] bodie of this death?

25 I thanke God through Iesus Christ our Lord. Then I my selfe in my [r] minde serue the Law of God, but in my [s] flesh the law of sinne.

a Meaning, the morall law. 1.*Cor*.7.39.
b Both in this first marriage and in the second, the husband and the wife must bee considered within our selues: the first husband was Sinne, and our flesh was the wife: their children were the fruits of the flesh, Galat. 5.19. In the second marriage the Spirit is the husband, the new creature is the wife, and their children are the fruits of the Spirit, Galat. 5.22. Mat. 5.32.
c Which is the Spirit of the second husband.
d When we were destitute of the Spirit of God, ‖ *Or, affections.*
e Meaning, to sinne our first husband.
f There is nothing more enemie to sinne, then the Law: if so be therefore that sinne rage more by reason thereof, then before, why should it be imputed to the law which discloseth the slights of sinne her enemie?
g Which is an inward vice not openly knowen. *Exod*.20.17. *Deut*.5.21.
h He thought himselfe to be aliue, when he knew not the law. 1.*Tim*.1.8.
i Sinne being disclosed by the law, is so much more detestable, because it turneth the goodnesse of the Law to our destruction.
k So that it can iudge the affections of the heart.
l He is not able to do that which hee desireth in deed, and therefore is farre from the true perfection.
m He doeth not excuse himselfe, but sheweth that he is not able to accomplish that good desire, which is in him. ‖ *Or, is in my nature.*
n The flesh hateth euen the most perfect to runne forward in the spirit wisheth.
o That is, in my spirit. ‖ *Or, conscience.*
p Euen the corruption which yet remaineth.
q This fleshly lumpe of sinne and death.
r In that part which is regenerate.
s Which is the part corrupted.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The assurance of the faithfull, and of the fruits of the holy Ghost in them.* 3 *The weakenes of the Lawe, and who accomplished it.* 4 *And wherefore.* 5 *Of what sort the faithfull ought to be.* 6 *The fruit of the spirit in them.* 17 *Of hope.* 18 *Of patience vnder the crosse.* 28 *Of the mutuall loue betwixt God and his children.* 29 *Of his foreknowledge.*

NOwe then there is no [a] condemnation to them that are in Christ Iesus, which walke not [b] after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the [c] Lawe of the Spirit of life, which is in [d] Christ Iesus, hath freed me from the Lawe of sinne and of death.

3 For (that that was impossible to the Lawe, in as much as it was [‖] weake, because of the flesh) God sending his owne Sonne, in the [e] similitude of sinfull flesh, and [‖] for sinne, condemned sinne in the flesh,

4 That the [f] righteousnesse of the Lawe might be fulfilled in vs, which walke not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh, minde the [g] things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For the wildome of the flesh is death: but the wildome of the Spirit is life and peace,

7 Because the wildome of the flesh is enmity against God: for it is not subiect to the Law of God, neither in deed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh, cannot please God.

9 Now ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, [h] because the Spirit of God dwelleth in you: but if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, the same is not his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead, because of sinne: but the [i] Spirit is life for righteousnesse sake.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raysed vp Iesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised vp Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortall bodies, because that his Spirit dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore brethren, we are debters not to the flesh, to liue after the flesh:

13 For if ye liue after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye mortifie the deedes of the body by the Spirit, ye shall liue.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

15 For ye haue not receiued the spirit of bondage to feare againe: but ye haue receiued the spirit of [k] adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The same Spirit [l] beareth witnesse with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

17 If we be children, we are also [m] heires, euen the heires of God, and heires annexed with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that wee may also be glorified with him.

18 For I count that the afflictions of this present time, are not [‖] worthy of the glory, which shall be shewed vnto vs.

19 For the feruent desire of the creature waiteth when the sonnes of God shall be reuelled.

20 Because the [n] creature is subiect to [o] vanity, not of it owne will, but by reason of him which hath subdued it vnder hope,

21 Because the creature also shall bee deliuered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious libertie of the sonnes of God.

22 For wee know that euery [p] creature groneth with vs also, and trauaileth in paine together vnto this present.

23 And not onely the creature, but we also which haue the [q] first fruits of the Spirite, euen we doe sigh in our selues, waiting for the adoption, euen the [r] redemption of our [r] body.

24 For we are saued by hope: but [s] hope that is seene, is not hope: for how can a man hope for that which he seeth?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, we do with patience abide for it.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what to pray as we ought: but the Spirit it selfe maketh request for vs with sighes, which cannot be expressed.

27 But hee that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the meaning of the Spirit: for hee [t] maketh request for the Saints, according to the will of God.

28 Also we know that all things worke together for the best vnto them that loue God, euen to them that are called of his purpose.

29 For those which he [u] knew before, he also predestinated to bee made like to the image of his Sonne, that he might be the first borne among many brethren.

30 Moreouer, whom he predestinated, them also he called, and whom hee called, them also he iustified, and whom he iustified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be on our side, who can bee against vs?

32 Who spared not his owne sonne, but gaue him for vs all to death, how shall he not with him giue vs all things also?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods chosen? It is God that [x] iustifieth.

34 Who shall condemne? It is Christ, which is dead, yea or rather, which is risen againe, who is also at the right hand of God, and maketh request also for vs.

35 Who shall separate vs from the loue of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakednesse, or perill, or sword?

36 As it is written, [y] For thy sake are we killed

a Though sinne be in vs, yet it is not imputed vnto vs through Christ Iesus.

b He annexeth the condition, lest we should abuse the libertie.

c The power and authoritie of the Spirit, that is, the grace of regeneration.

d Whose sanctification is made ours.

‖ Or, of no strength.

e Christ did take flesh, which of nature was subiect to sinne, which notwithstanding hee sanctified euen in the very instant of his conception, and so did appropriate it vnto him that hee might destroy sinne in it, 2. Cor. 5. 21.

‖ Or, by sinne.

f That which the law requireth.

g The word comprehendeth all that which is most excellent in man, as well, vnderstanding, reason, wit, &c.

‖ Or, of sobrietie.

‖ Or, flesh.

h The spirit of regeneration, which abolisheth sinne in our flesh, not all at once but by degrees: wherefore wee must in the meane time call to God through patience.

i But so liue after the Spirit.

k So hee nameth the holy Ghost of the effect, which he causeth in vs, when hee proposeth vs saluation by the Law with an impossible condition, who also doth seale our saluation in our hearts by Christs free adoption, that we consider not God now as a rigorous Lord, but as a most mercifull Father. Galat. 4. 5, 6.

l So that we haue two witnesses, Gods Spirit, and ours, who is certified by the Spirit of God.

m Freely made partakers of the fathers treasures.

‖ Or, of like value.

n The creatures shal not be restored before that Gods children be brought to their perfection: in the meane season they waite.

o That is, to destruction, because of mans sinne.

p He meaneth not the Angels, neither deuils, nor men.

q And yet are farre from the perfection. Luke 21. 28.

r Which shalbe in the resurrection, when we shal be made conformable to our head Christ.

s By hope is meant that thing which we hope for.

t In that he stirreth their hearts to pray, & shewth both whom to aske, and how

u He sheweth by the order of our election, that afflictions are meanes to make vs like the Sonne of God.

Isa. 50. 8.

x Who pronounceth his iust in his Sonne Christ,

y Wherewith he loued vs, or God in Christ: which loue is grounded vpon his determinate purpose: and Christ is the pledge thereof. Psal. 44. 22.

g Which is to signifie the condition of Christs Church.

a Paul setteth foorth by these words the wonderfull nature of the spirits, as wel the good, Ephes. 1,21. Col. 1.16. as the euil spirits, Ephes. 6.12. Col. 2.15.

h That is, wherewith God loued vs in his Sonne Christ Iesus.

killed all day long: wee are counted as sheepe for the slaughter.

37 Neuertheless, in all these things we are more then conquerors through him that loued vs.

38 For I am perswaded that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall bee able to separate vs from the b loue of God, which is in Christ Iesus our Lord.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Having testified his great loue towards his nation, and the signes thereof,* 11 *He entreateth of the election and reprobation.* 24 *Of the vocation of the Gentiles,* 30 *And reiection of the Iewes.*

I Say the truth a in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing me witnesse in the holy Ghost,

2 That I haue great heauinesse, and continuall sorow in mine heart.

3 For I would wish my selfe to be b separated from Christ, for my brethren that are my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4 Which are the Israelites, to whome pertaineth the adoption, and the c glory, & the d Couenants, and the giuing of the Lawe, and the seruice of God, and the promises,

5 Of whom are the fathers, and of whom concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is e God ouer all blessed for euer, Amen.

6 f Notwithstanding it cannot bee that the word of God should take none effect: for all they are not Israel which are of Israel.

7 Neither are they all children, because they are the seede of Abraham: but, In g Isaac shall thy seed be called:

8 That is, they which are the children of the h flesh, are not the children of God: but the i children of the promise are counted for the seede.

9 For this is a word of promise, k In this same time will I come, and Sara shall haue a sonne.

10 Neither he only: but also l Rebecca when she had conceiued by one, euen by our father Isaac.

11 For yet the children were borne, and when they had done neither good nor euil (that the purpose of God might remaine according to election, not by workes, but by him that calleth)

12 It was sayd vnto her, m The elder shall serue the yonger:

13 As it is written, n I haue loued Iacob, and haue hated Esau.

14 What shall we say then? Is there vnrighteousnesse with God? God forbid.

15 For he sayth to Moses, o I will haue mercie on him to whom I will shew mercie: and will haue compassion on him, on whom I will haue compassion.

16 So then it is not in him that willeth, nor in him that runneth, but in God that sheweth mercy.

17 For the p Scripture sayth vnto Pharao, q For this same purpose haue I stirred thee vp, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore he hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will, he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then vnto me, Why doeth he yet complaine? for who hath resisted his will?

20 But, O man, who art thou which pleadest against God? shall the r thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power of the clay to make of the same lumpe one vessel to s honour, and another to dishonour?

22 What and if God willing, to shew his wrath, and to make his power knowen, suffer with long patience the vessels of wrath prepared to destruction?

23 And that hee might declare the riches of his glory vpon the vessels of mercy, which he hath prepared vnto glory?

24 Euen vs, whom he hath called, not of the Iewes onely, but also of the Gentiles,

25 As he sayeth also in Oze, t I will call them, My people, which were not my people: and her, Beloued, which was not beloued.

26 And it shall bee, in the place where it was sayd vnto them, u Ye are not my people, that there they shall be called, The children of the liuing God.

27 Also Esaias crieth concerning Israel, x Though the number of the children of Israel were as the sand of the sea, yet shall but a remnant be saued.

28 y For hee will make his account, and gather it into a short summe with righteousnesse: for the Lord will make a short count in the earth.

29 z And as Esaias sayd before, Except the Lord of hostes had left vs a seede, we had beene made as a Sodome, and had beene like to Gomorrha.

30 What shall wee say then? That the Gentiles which followed not righteousnes, haue attained vnto righteousnesse, euen the righteousnesse which is of faith.

31 But Israel which followed the Law of righteousnesse, could not attaine vnto the Law of righteousnesse.

32 Wherefore so? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the workes of the Law: for they haue stumbled at the stumbling stone,

33 As it is written, a Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone, and a rocke to make men fall: and euery one that beleeueth in him, shall not be ashamed.

CHAP. X.

1 *After that he had declared his zeale towards them,* 3 *He sheweth the cause of the ruine of the Iewes.* 4 *The end of the Law.* 5 *The difference betweene the iustice of the Lawe, and of faith.* 17 *Wherof faith commeth, and to whom it belongeth.* 19 *The reiection of the Iewes, and calling of the Gentiles.*

BRethren,

g The Israelites must not be esteemed by their kinred, but by the secret election of God, which is aboue the externall vocation.

h As Ismael.

i As the only will & purpose of God is the chiefe cause of election, & reprobation: so his free mercy in Christ is an inferior cause of saluation, & the hardening of the heart an inferior cause of damnation.

k That is, God in the Scripture, Exod. 9.16.

l Or, speak of against. Isa. 45.9. iere. 18.6. wisd. 15.7.

m Or, Two bearing vses.

n Hosh. 2.23. 1. pet. 2.10.

o Hosh. 1.10.

p Isa. 10.22, 23.

q God will make such waste of that people, that the few which shall remaine, shall be a worke of his iustice, and shall set forth his glory in his Church. Isa. 1.9.

r That is, vtterly lost.

s Isa. 8.14. and 28 16. 1. pet. 2.6. psal. 118.22.

t Iesus Christ is to the infidels destruction, and to the faithfull life and resurrection.

Gal 4 28. Gen. 28. 10. Gen 25. 21. Gen. 25. 23. Mal. 1. 2. 3. Exo. 33 19.

9 Sepr
2 Lesson
Euen

BRethren, mine hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saued.

2 For I beare them recorde, that they haue a the zeale of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they, being ignorant of the righteousnesse of God, and going about to stablish their owne righteousnesse, haue not submitted themselues to the righteousnesse of God.

4 *For Christ is the b ende of the Law for righteousnesse vnto euery one that beleeueth.

5 For Moses thus describeth the righteousnesse which is of the Law, * That the man which doeth these things, shall liue thereby.

6 But the righteousnesse which is of faith, speaketh on this wise, c * Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heauen? (that is to bring Christ from aboue)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deepe? (that is to bring Christ againe from the dead)

8 But what sayeth it? * The worde is neere thee, euen in thy mouth, and in thine heart. This is the d word of faith which wee preach.

9 For if thou shalt confesse with thy mouth the Lord Iesus, and shalt beleeue in thine heart, that God raised him vp from the dead, thou shalt be saued.

10 For with the heart man beleeueth vnto righteousnesse, and with e the mouth man confesseth to saluation.

11 For the Scripture saith, * Whosoeuer beleeueth in him, shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference betweene the Iewe and the Grecian: for hee that is Lord ouer all is rich vnto all, that call on him.

13 * For whosoeuer shall call vpon the Name of the Lord, shall be saued.

14 But how shall they call on him, in whom they haue not beleeued? and how shall they beleeue in him, of whom they haue not heard? and how shall they heare without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, * How beautifull are the f feete of them which bring glad tidings of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they haue not all obeyed the Gospell. For Esaias saith, * Lord, who hath beleeued our g report?

17 Then faith is by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I demaund, Haue h they not heard? * No doubt their sound went out through all the earth, and their words into the ende of the i world.

19 But I demaund, did not Israel know God? First * Moses saith, * I will prouoke you to enuie by a nation that is not my nation, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 * And Esaias is bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not, and haue bene made manifest to them that asked not after me.

21 And vnto Israel he saith, * All the day long haue I stretched forth mine hand vnto a ‖ disobedient and gainesaying people.

CHAP. XI.

4 God hath his Church, although it be not seene to mans eye. 5 The grace shewed to the elect. 7 The iudgement of the reprobate. 8 God hath blinded the Iewes for a time, and reuealed himselfe to the Gentiles: 18 Whom he warneth to humble themselues. 29 The gifts of God without repentance. 33 The depth of Gods iudgements.

I Demaund then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid: for I also am an Israelite, of the seede of Abraham, of the tribe of Beniamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people which hee * knewe before. Knowe yee not what the Scripture saith of Elias, how he maketh request vnto God * against Israel, saying,

3 * Lord, they haue killed thy Prophets, and digged downe thine altars: and I am left alone, and they seeke my life.

4 But what saith the answere of God to him? * I haue reserued vnto my selfe seuen thousand men, which haue not bowed the knee to Baal.

5 Euen so then at this present time is there a remnant through the ‖ election of grace.

6 And if it bee of grace, it is no more of workes: or else grace were no more grace: but if it be of workes, it is no more grace: or else were worke no more worke.

7 What then? Israel hath not obteined that hee sought: but the election hath obteined it, and the rest haue bene hardened.

8 According as it is written, * God hath giuen them the spirit of ‖ slumber: eyes that they should not see, & eares that they should not heare vnto this day.

9 And Dauid saith, * Let their k table be made a snare, and a net, and a stumbling blocke, euen for a recompence vnto them.

10 Let their eyes be darkened that they see not, & * bow downe their backe alwayes.

11 I demaund then, Haue they stumbled, that they * should fall? God forbid: but through their fall saluation commeth vnto the Gentiles, to l prouoke them to followe them.

12 Wherefore if the fall of them bee the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the * riches of the Gentiles, how much more shall their aboundance bee?

13 For in that I speake to you Gentiles, in as much as I am the Apostle of the Gentiles, I magnifie mine office,

a That is a certaine affection, but not a true knowledge.
b The end of the law is to iustifie them which obserue it: therfore Christ hauing fulfilled it for vs, is made our iustice, sanctification, &c.
Leuit. 18.5.
Ezek. 20.11.
Gal. 3.12.
c Because we can not performe the law, it maketh vs to doubt, who shall goe to heauen, and to say, Who shall goe downe to the deepe to deliuer vs thence? but faith teacheth vs that Christ is ascended vp to take vs with him, and hath descended into ‖ depth of death to destroy death, and deliuer vs.
Deut. 30.12.
Deut. 30.14.
d That is, the promise and the Gospel which is preached with the mouth.
e That is, the way to be saued is to beleeue with heart, that we are saued onely by Christ, and to confesse the same before the world.
Esa. 28.16.
Ioel 2.32.
Acts 2.21.
Esa. 52.7.
Nahum 1.15.
‖ Or, the comming.
Esaiah 53.1
Iohn 12.38.
f Meaning the Gospel and the good tidings of saluation, which they preached.
g That is by Gods commandement, of whom they are sent that preach the Gospel. It may be also taken for the very preaching it selfe.
h Both the Iewes and Gentiles.
Psal. 19.4.
i The Hebrew word signifieth the line or proportion of the heauens, whose most excellent frame, besides the rest of Gods creatures, preacheth vnto the whole world, and setteth forth the worthinesse of the Creator.
k Then seeing all the world knew God by his creatures, the Iewes could not be ignorant, and so sinned of malice.
Deut. 32.21
Isaiah 65.1.
Isaiah 65.2
‖ Or, rebelling.
13. Iames
2 Lesson
Euen
12. May
2 Lesson
Euen
10 Sept.
2 Lesson
a And elected before all beginning.
b He talked with God, not that he should punish Israel, but yet lamented their falshood, and so his words made against them.
1. Kings 19.10
1. Kings 19.18.
c Meaning an infinite number.
‖ Or, free election.
Isa. 6.9. mat. 13
14. iohn 12.40.
acts 28.26.
‖ Or, pricking.
Psal. 69.22.
d Christ by the mouth of the Prophet wisheth that which came vpon the Iewes, that is, that as birds store taken whereas they thinke to finde food, so the Law which the Iewes of a blinde zeale preferred to the Gospel, thinking to haue saluation by it, should turne to their destruction.
e Take from them thy grace and strength.
f Without hope
to be restored.
g The Iewes to follow the Gentiles haue the knowledge of the Gospel.
h In that

i That they might be iealous ouer Christ against the Gentiles, and so to be more feruent in loue toward Christ then the Gentiles.

k The Iewes now remaine, as it were in death, for lacke of the Gospel: but when both they and the Gentiles shall imbrace Christ, the world shall be restored to a new life.

l Abraham was not onely sanctified, but his seede also which neglected not the promise.

m Meaning Abraham.

‖Or, in them.

n That is, the Church of the Israelites.

o Be carefull: worship God, and trust in his promise.

p He speaketh of the Iewes and Gentiles in generall.

q Meaning stubbornesse and induration against Gods word.

r He sheweth that the time shall come that the whole nation of the Iewes, though not euery one particularly, shalbe ioyned to the Church of Christ.

Isa 59 20.

Isa. 27.9. *here* 31 33 34. *heb* 8.8. *and* 10.16,17.

s To whom God giueth his Spirit of adoption, and whom he calleth effectually hee cannot perish: for Gods eternal counsell neuer changeth.

‖Or, *that by your mercie.*

t That is, both Iewes and Gentiles. *Isa* 40.13. *rom.* 9.13 1.cor.1.26, u He reproueth the rashnesse of men which murmure against the iudgements of God.

14 To the if by any meanes I might prouoke them of my flesh to follow them, and might saue some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiuing be, but life from the dead?

16 For if the first fruits be holy, so is the whole lumpe: and if the roote bee holy, so are the branches.

17 And though some of the branches bee broken off, and thou being a wilde Olive tree, wast graft in for them, and made partaker of the roote, and fatnesse of the Olive tree,

18 Boast not thy selfe against the branches: and if thou boast thy selfe, thou bearest not the roote, but the roote thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches are broken off, that I might be graft in.

20 Well: through vnbeliefe they are broken off, and thou standest by faith: bee not high minded, but feare.

21 For if God spared not the naturall branches, take heed, lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the bountifulnesse, and seueritie of God: toward them which haue fallen, seueritie: but toward thee, bountifulnesse, if thou continue in his bountifulnesse: or else thou shalt also be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in vnbeliefe, shalbe graffed in: for God is able to graffe them in againe.

24 For if thou wast cut out of the Olive tree, which was wilde by nature, and wast graffed contrary to nature in a right Olive tree, how much more shall they that are by nature, be graffed in their owne Olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this secret, (lest ye should be arrogant in your selues) that partly obstinacie is come vnto Israel, vntill the fulnesse of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saued, as it is written, There shall come out of Sion him that shall turne away the vngodlinesse from Iacob.

27 And this is my couenant vnto them, when I shall take away their sinnes.

28 As concerning the Gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloued for the fathers sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For euen as ye in time past haue not beleeued God, yet haue now obtained mercy through their vnbeliefe,

31 Euen so now haue they not beleeued ‖ by the mercy shewed vnto you, that they also may obtaine mercy.

32 For God hath shut vp all in vnbeliefe, that he might haue mercy on all.

33 O the deepenesse of the riches, both of the wisedome and knowledge of God! how vnsearchable are his iudgements, and his wayes past finding out!

34 For who hath knowen the minde of the Lord? or who was his counseller?

35 Or who hath first giuen vnto him, and it shall be recompensed?

36 For of y him, and through him, and for him are all things: to him be glory for euer. Amen.

CHAP. XII.

The conuersation, loue and workes of such as be louers in Christ. 19 *Not to take reuenge.* &c.

I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye giue vp your bodies a liuing sacrifice, holy, acceptable vnto God, which is your reasonable seruing of God.

2 And fashion not your selues like vnto this world, but be ye changed by the renuing of your minde, that yee may proue what is the good will of God, and acceptable, and perfect:

3 For I say through the grace that is giuen vnto me, to euery one that is among you, that no man presume to vnderstand, aboue that which is meete to vnderstand, but that hee vnderstand according to sobrietie, as God hath dealt to euery man the measure of faith.

4 For as wee haue many members in one body, and all members haue not one office,

5 So wee being many are one body in Christ, and euery one, one anothers members.

6 Seeing then that we haue gifts that differ, according to the grace that is giuen vnto vs, whether wee haue prophesie, let vs prophesie according to the proportion of faith:

7 Or an office, let vs wait on the office: or he that teacheth, on teaching:

8 Or hee that exhorteth, ouer exhortation: hee that distributeth, let him doe it with simplicitie: hee that ruleth, with diligence: hee that sheweth mercie, with cheerefulnesse.

9 Let loue be without dissimulation. Abhorre that which is euill, & cleaue vnto that which is good.

10 Be affectioned to loue one another with brotherly loue. In giuing honour, goe one before another.

11 Not slouthfull to doe seruice: feruent in spirit: seruing the Lord.

12 Reioycing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing in prayer,

13 Distributing vnto the necessities of the Saints: giuing your selues to hospitalitie.

14 Blesse them which persecute you: blesse, I say, and curse not.

15 Reioyce with them that reioyce, and weepe with them that weepe.

x That is, prouoked him by his good workes?

y All things are created & preserued of God to serue for his glory.

a In stead of dead beasts, liuely sacrifices: in stead of the blood of beasts, which was but a shadow, and pleased not God of it selfe, the acceptable sacrifice of the spirituall man, framed by faith to godlines and charitie.

b That is true, lawfull and spirituall. 1.Pet.2.5. *Ephes* 5.19. 1.*Thes* 4.1,2.

c Whatsoeuer is not agreeable to Gods will, is euill, displeasures and vnperfect.

d Two things are required if we will iudge soberly of Gods gifts in vs: the one, that we do not arrogate to our selues that which wee haue not: neere, that we boast not of the gifts, but reuerently vse them to Gods honour.

e That is, soberly, not neglecting Gods gifts, but vsing them to his glory. 1.*Cor.* 12.11. *Ephes* 4.7. 1.*Pet.* 4.10.

f By prophesying here, he meaneth preaching & teaching, & by offices and ministery, all such offices, as appertaine to the Church, as Elders, Deacons, &c.

g By faith he meaneth the knowledge of God in Christ, with the gifts of the holy Ghost.

h Of these officers some are Deacons, some gouernours, some keepe the poore. *Math.* 6.1.

i He meaneth them which were appointed to looke vnto the poore, as for the most part were the widowes, Act. 6.1.1.tim. 5.9. 2.*Cor.* 9. *Amos* 3.15. *Ephes* 4.2. 1.*Pet.* 2.17. *Hebr.* 13.1. ‖Or, *the vse.* *Luke* 18.1. 1.*Cor.* 16.1. *Heb.* 13.2. 1.*Pet.* 4.9. *Matth.* 5.44.

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13 May 9 Lesson even

Prou. 3. 7.
isa 5. 21.
k That is, in your owne conceit.
Prou. 20. 22.
matt. 5. 39.
1 pet. 3. 9.
1. cor. 6. 7.
I liue so honestly and godly, that no man can finde fault with you.
Heb. 12. 14.
Eccles. 28. 1
matth. 5. 30
Deut 32. 35
hebr. 10. 30
Prou. 25. 21, 22.
m For thou shalt either winne him with thy benefite, or else his conscience shall beare him witnesse that Gods burning wrath hangeth ouer him.

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16 Be of like affection one towards another: bee not hie minded: but make your selues equall to them of the lower sort: * bee not wise in k your selues.

17 * Recompense to no man euill for euill: l procure things honest in the sight of all men.

18 * If it be possible, as much as in you is, haue peace with all men.

19 Dearely beloued, * auenge not your selues, but giue place vnto wrath: for it is written, * Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 * Therefore, if thine enemie hunger, feede him: if he thirst, giue him drinke: for in so doing, thou shalt heape m coales of fire on his head.

21 Bee not ouercome of euill, but ouercome euill with goodnesse.

James 15 CHAP. XIII. 2 Lesson

1 The obedience to the Rulers. 4 Why they beare the swords. 8 Charitie ought to measure all our doings. 11 An exhortation to innocencie and puritie of life.

Wisd. 6. 3. 20. 3. 1 pet. 2. 13, 14.
Gape 21. Matth. 22. 14

LEt * euery soule be subiect vnto the higher powers: for there is no power but of God: and the powers that be, are ordained of God.

2 Whosoeuer therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receiue to themselues a iudgement.

3 For Princes are not to bee feared for good workes, but for euill. Wilt thou then be without feare of the power? doe well: so shalt thou haue praise of the same.

4 For hee is the minister of God for thy wealth: but if thou do euill, feare: for he beareth not the sword for nought: for hee is the minister of God's to take vengeance on him that doeth euill.

5 Wherefore ye must be subiect, not because of wrath onely, but also for b conscience sake.

6 For, for this cause ye pay also tribute: for they are Gods ministers, applying themselues for the same c thing.

7 * Giue to all men therefore their duety: tribute, to whom ye owe tribute: custome, to whom custome: feare, to whome feare: honour, to whom ye owe honour.

8 Owe nothing to any man, but to loue one another: for he that loueth another, hath fulfilled the d Law.

9 For this, * Thou shalt not commit adulterie, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steale, Thou shalt not beare false witnesse, Thou shalt not couet: and if there be any other commaundement, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, euen in this, * Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe.

10 Loue doeth not euill to his neighbour: therefore is loue the * fulfilling of the Law.

11 And that, considering the season, that it is now time that wee should arise from

a Not onely the punishment of the iudges, but also the vengeance of God.
2 Greeke, a reuenger with wrath.
b For no priuate man can contemne that gouernement which God hath appointed, without the breach of his conscience: and here he speaketh of ciuill magistrates: so that Antichrist & his cannot wrest this place to establish their tyranny ouer the conscience.
c That is, to defend the good, and to punish the euill.
Matth. 22. 21
d He meaneth onely the second table.
Exod. 20. 14. deut. 5. 18. Leuit. 19. 18. matth. 22. 39. gal. 5. 14. 1 Tim. 1. 5.

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2 Lesson Ephes.
1 Tim. 5. 1 Lesse end

sleepe: for now is our saluation * nearer then when we beleeued it.

12 The night is past, and the day is at hand: let vs therefore cast away the workes of darkenesse, and let vs put on the e armour of light.

13 So that we walke honestly, as in the day: not in * f gluttonie and drunkennesse, neither in chambering and wantonnesse, not in strife and enuying:

14 * But put yee on the Lorde IESVS Christ, and take no thought for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts of it.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The weake ought not to be despised. 10 No man should offend anothers conscience, 15 But one to support another in charitie and faith.

HIm that is weake in the a faith, receiue vnto you, but not b for controuersies of disputations.

2 One beleeueth that he may eate of all things: and another, which is weake, eateth herbes.

3 Let not him that eateth, despise him that eateth not: and let not him, which eateth not, iudge him that eateth: for God hath receiued him.

4 * Who art thou that condemnest another mans seruant? her standeth or falleth to his owne c master: yea, hee shall be established: for God is able to make him stand.

5 This man esteemeth one day aboue another day, and another man esteemeth euery day alike: let euery man bee d fully perswaded in his mind.

6 He that e obserueth the day, obserueth it to the f Lord: and hee that obserueth not the day, obserueth it not to the Lord. Hee that eateth, eateth to the Lord: for hee giueth God thankes: and he that eateth not, eateth not to the Lord, and giueth God thankes.

7 For none of vs liueth g to himselfe, neither doth any die to himselfe.

8 For whether we liue, we liue vnto the Lord: or whether wee die, wee die vnto the Lord: whether we liue therefore, or die, wee are the Lords.

9 For Christ therefore died, and rose againe, and reuiued, that hee might be Lord both of the dead and of the quicke.

10 But why doest thou iudge thy brother? or why doest thou despise thy brother? * for wee shall all appeare before the iudgement seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, * As I liue, saith the Lord, and euery knee shall bowe to mee, and all tongues shall h confesse vnto God.

e Before we beleeued, it had bin in vaine to tell vs these things: but now seeing our saluation is nere, let vs take heede that we neglect not this occasiō.
f That is, honest maners & godly.
Luke 21. 34.
g Or, riot.
Gal. 5. 16.
1 pet. 2. 11.

We Iames 2 Lesson Euen

a That is, the doctrine of the Gospel.
b Lest he should depart either more ignorant then he came, or els with a greater scruple of conscience.
Iames 4. 12.
c It is the Lords matter, and not thine.
d We must be assured in our conscience by Gods word in all things that wee do: that if we be strong, we may know what is our libertie: and if we be weake, we may learne to profit dayly.
e That counteth one day more holy then another.
f Who iudgeth whether he doe well or no.
g Because hee thinketh the meats vncleane by the Law.
h Here we must note three things: first, that he speaketh of things which of themselues are indifferent, albeit in the law they were not: next, that he reproueth not the condemning of the act, but of the persons: thirdly, that he meaneth not the stubborne & malicious, whom he calleth dogs & concision, but the weake and infirme, to whom God as yet had not reuealed the perfite libertie. i Both our life and death ought to profite our brother. 1. Cor. 5. 10. Isa. 45. 23 phil. 2. 10.
k This oth particularly appertaineth to God, who is the true life of himselfe, and giueth it to all others. l And acknowledge me for their God.

12 Sept 2 Lesson even
15 May. 2 Lesson even

m He preuenteth the obiection which the Christians might vse. 1. Cor. 8. 11.

n Which is the benefit of Christian libertie, by abusing whereof ye cause the weaklings to blaspheme the Gospel, which might seeme to them contrarie to Gods will, and the doctrine of the law.

o God will not reigne ouer his by such obseruations.

p In peace and righteousnesse, Tsaw 1. 15. 1. Cor. 8. 13.

q Faith here is taken for a full perswasion of the Christian liberty in things indifferent, as the Apostle interpreteth it in the 14. verse.

r Which hath none euil remorse of conscience in his doing.

s Meaning of a right conscience.

12 So then euery one of vs shall giue accounts of himselfe to God.

13 Let vs not therefore iudge one another any more: but vse your iudgement rather in this, that no man put an occasion to fall, or a stumbling blocke before his brother.

14 [m] I know, and am perswaded through the Lord Iesus, that there is nothing vncleane of it selfe: but vnto him that iudgeth any thing to bee vncleane, to him it is vncleane.

15 But if thy brother bee grieued for thy meate, now walkest thou not charitably: [n] destroy not him with thy meate, for whom Christ died.

16 Cause not your [o] commodity to be euill spoken of.

17 For the [p] kingdome of God is not meate nor drinke, but righteousnesse, and peace, and ioy in the holy Ghost.

18 For whosoeuer [q] in these things serueth Christ, is acceptable vnto God, and is approued of men.

19 Let vs then follow those things which concerne peace, and wherewith one may edifie another.

20 Destroy not the worke of God for meates sake: [r] all things indeed are pure: but it is euill for the man which eateth with offence.

21 [s] It is good neither to eate flesh, nor to drinke wine, nor any thing, whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or made weake.

22 Hast thou [t] faith? haue it with thy selfe before God: blessed is he that [u] condemneth not himselfe in that thing which he alloweth.

23 For he that doubteth, is condemned if he eate, because hee eateth not of faith: and whatsoeuer is not of [x] faith, is sinne.

CHAP. XV.

1 Paul exhorteth them to support and loue one another by the example of Christ, 9 & by the only mercy of God, which is the cause of saluation both of the one and the other. 14 He sheweth his zeale toward them and the Church, 30 and requireth the same of them.

WE which are strong, ought to beare the infirmities of the weake, and not to please our selues.

2 Therefore let euery man please his neighbour in that that is good to [a] edification.

3 For Christ also would not please himselfe, but as it is written, [b] The rebukes of them which rebuke thee, fell [c] on me.

4 For whatsoeuer things are written aforetime, are written for our learning, that wee through patience, and comfort of the Scriptures, might haue hope.

5 Nowe the God of [d] patience and consolation giue you that ye be like minded one towards another, according to Christ Iesus,

6 That ye with one minde, and with one mouth may praise God, euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ.

7 Wherefore, receiue yee one another, as Christ also receiued vs to the [e] glorie of God.

8 Now I say, that Iesus Christ was a [f] minister of the circumcision, for the [g] truth of God, to confirme the promises made vnto the fathers,

9 And let the Gentiles praise God for his mercy, as it is written, [h] For this cause I will confesse thee among the Gentiles, and sing vnto thy Name.

10 And againe he sayeth, [i] Reioyce, yee Gentiles, with his people.

11 And againe, [k] Praise the Lord all yee Gentiles, and laud yee him all people together.

12 And againe Esaias saith, [l] There shal be a roote of Iesse, and he that shall rise to reigne ouer the [m] Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all ioy, and peace in beleeuing, that yee may abound in hope, through the power of the holy Ghost.

14 And I my selfe also am perswaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodnesse, and filled with all knowledge, and are able to admonish one another.

15 Neuertheles brethren, I haue somewhat boldly also written vnto you, as one that putteth you in remembrance, through the grace that is giuen mee of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Iesus Christ toward the Gentiles, ministring the Gospel of God, that the offering vp of the Gentiles might bee acceptable, being sanctified by the holy Ghost.

17 I haue therefore whereof I may reioyce in Christ Iesus in those things which pertaine to God.

18 For I dare not [n] speake of any thing which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient in word and deede,

19 Both the power of signes and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God: so that from Ierusalem, and round about vnto Illyricum, I haue caused to abound the Gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so I enforced my selfe to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should haue built on another mans foundation.

21 But as it is written, [o] To whom hee was not spoken of, they shall see him, and they that heard not, shall vnderstand him.

22 Therefore also I haue ben [p] oft let to come vnto you.

23 But nowe seeing I haue no more place in these quarters, and also haue [q] bene desirous many yeeres agone to come vnto you,

24 When I shall take my iourney into Spaine, I will come to you: for I trust to

1. Cor. 1. 10. Phil. 3. 16. & 4. 2.

d To make vs partakers of Gods glorie.

e First to gather the Iewes, and then the Gentiles, that both might be made one flocke.

f That God might be knowen true.

Psal. 18. 49. 2. Sam. 22. 50. Deut. 32. 43. Psal. 117. 1. Isa. 11. 11.

g Which is Christ, who did spring as a yong bud out of the drie and dead roote.

h Then seeing he tooke both the Iewes and Gentiles to his Fathers glory, they ought by his example to loue together.

i The minister offereth vp the people to God by the Gospel.

k God gaue him such simple occasions to set forth his excellent workes that he had done by him, that the Apostle need not to seeke any other thing to boast vpon.

Isa. 52. 15.

Chap. 1. 13. 1. Thes. 2. 17, 18.

Chap. 1. 10.

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4 Feb. 14 Feb.
Gospel S. Luke 21
16 Ianua 2 Lect. Euening
14 Sept. 2 Lect. euen.

to see you in my iourney, and to bee brought on my way thitherward by you, after that I haue bene somewhat filled with your companie.

25 But now goe I to Ierusalem, to l ministre vnto the Saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia, to make a certaine distribution vnto the poore Saints which are at Ierusalem.

27 For it hath pleased them, and their debters are they: * for if the Gentiles bee made partakers of their spirituall things, their duetie is also to minister vnto them in carnall things.

28 When I haue therefore performed this, and haue m sealed them this * fruit, I will passe by you into Spaine.

29 * And I know when I come, that I shall come to you with * abundance of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

30 Also brethren, I beseech you for our Lord Iesus Christs sake, and for the loue of the spirit, that yee * would striue with me by prayers to God for me,

31 That I may bee deliuered from them which are disobedient in Iudea, and that my seruice which I haue to doe at Ierusalem, may bee accepted of the Saints,

32 That I may come vnto you with ioy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

33 Thus the * God of peace bee with you all, Amen.

CHAP. XVI.

Paul many recommendations, by he admonisheth them to beware of false brethren, and to be wise vnto godlinesse. 20 He prayeth for them, and giueth thanks to God.

I Commend vnto you Phebe our sister, a which is a seruant of the Church of Cenchrea,

2 That ye receiue her in the Lord, as it becommeth Saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoeuer businesse he needeth of you: for she hath giuen helpe to many, and to me also.

3 Greete * Priscilla and Aquila my fellow helpers in Christ Iesus:

4 (Which haue for my life layed downe their owne necke. Vnto whom not I onely giue thanks, but also all the Churches of the Gentiles.)

5 Likewise greete the Church that is in their house. Salute my beloued Epenetus, which is the a first fruites of b Achaia in Christ.

6 Greete Marie, which bestowed much labour on vs.

7 Salute Andronicus, and Iunia, my cousins and fellow prisoners, which are notable among the Apostles, and b were in Christ before me.

8 Greete Amplias my beloued in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbanus our fellow helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloued.

10 Salute Apelles approued in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus friends.

11 Salute Herodian my kinsman. Greete them which are of the friends of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, which women labour in the Lord. Salute the beloued Persis, which woman hath laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Greete Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Mercurius, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philologus and Iulias, Nereas and his sister, and Olympas, and all the Saints which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an * holy * kisse. The Churches of Christ salute you.

17 ¶ Nowe I beseeche you brethren, marke them diligently which cause diuision and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye haue learned, and * auoid them.

18 For they that are such, serue not the Lord Iesus Christ, but their owne * bellies, and with faire speech and flattering deceiue the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad among all: I am glad therefore of you: but yet I would haue you wise vnto that which is good, and simple concerning euill.

20 The God of peace shall tread Satan vnder your feete shortly. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you.

21 * Timotheus my companion, and Lucius, and Iason, and Sosipater my kinsmen, salute you.

22 I Tertius, which wrote out this Epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23 * Gaius mine host, and of the whole Church, saluteth you. Erastus the ‖ Chamberlaine of the citie saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

25 * To him nowe that is of power to establish you according to my Gospel, and preaching of Iesus Christ, * by the reuelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began:

26 (But now is opened, and published among all nations by the Scriptures of the Prophets, at the commandement of the euerliuing God for the obedience of faith)

27 To God, I say, onely wise, be praise through Iesus Christ for euer. Amen.

¶ Written to the Romans from Corinthus, & sent by Phebe, seruant of the Church, which is at Cenchrea.

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l Which was, to carie the almes, 1. Cor. 9. 11.

m I shall faithfully leaue it with them, and as it were seale it most surely.

n Almes is the fruit of faith and charitie. Chap. 1. 11.

o His comming shalbe profitable vnto them: for God will giue him abundant knowledge of diuine mysteries to communicate vnto them. 2. Cor. 1. 11.

p Hee feared lest slanderous tongues would haue made his message either odious, or lesse acceptable. Isa. 9. 6.

a The first which was consecrated to the Lord by imbracing the Gospel.

b They were grafted in Christ by faith afore I was called, and were well esteemed of the Apostles, and of the Churches.

1. Cor. 16. 20. 2. Cor. 13. 12. 1 pet 5. 14.

c This was a signe of amity among the Iewes, which he willeth to be holy, that is, that it come from a mindfull of godly charity. 2. Iohn 10.

d These bee markes to know the false apostles by.

e The word signifieth him that promiseth much and performeth nothing, who seemeth also to speake for thy profit, but doth nothing lesse. Acts 16. 1. Phil. 2. 19. 1. Cor. 1. 14.

f Or, receiuer. f Corinthus. Ephes. 3. 9. col. 1. 26. 2. tim. 1. 9. tit. 1. 2. 1. pet. 1. 20.

g Both as touching the doctrine of the Gospel, and also the calling of the Gentiles.

The first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

THE ARGVMENT.

AFter that Saint Paul had preached at Corinthus a yeare and an halfe, hee was compelled by the wickednesse of the Iewes to saile into Syria. In whose absence false apostles entred into the Church, who being puffed vp with vaine glory, and affectate eloquence, sought to bring into contempt the simplicity which Paul vsed in preaching the Gospel By whose ambition such factions and schismes sprang vp in the Church, that from opinions & policies in ceremonies, they fell to false doctrine and heresies, calling into doubt the resurrection from the dead, one of the chiefest points of Christian Religion. Against these euils the Apostle proceedeth, preparing the Corinthians hearts, and eares with gentle salutations: but soone after he reproueth their contentions and debates, their arrogancy and pride, and exhorteth them to concord and humility, setting before their eyes the spirituall vertue, and heauenly wisdome of the Gospel, which cannot be perswaded by worldly wit and eloquent reasons, but is reueiled by Gods spirit, and so sealed in mens hearts Therefore this salutation may not be attributed to the ministers, but only to God, whose seruants they are, and haue receiued charge to edifie his Church: wherein Saint Paul behaued himselfe skilfully, building according to the foundation (which is Christ) and exhorteth others to make the ende proportionable to the beginning, taking diligent heede that they be not polluted with vaine doctrine, seeing they are the Temple of God. And as for those which doubted of his Apostleship, he sheweth them that he dependeth not on mans iudgement, albeit he had declared by manifest signes, that he neuer sought his own glory, neither yet how he might liue, but only the glory of Christ: which thing at his comming he would declare more amply, to the shame of those vaineglorious braggers, who sought themselues onely, and therefore suffered most horrible vices vnreproued and vnpunished, as incest, contentions, pleadings before infidels, fornication, and such like to the great slander of the Gospel. This done, he answereth to certaine points of the Corinthians letter, as touching single life, duety of marriage, of discorde and dissention among the married, of virginitie, and second marriage And because some thought it nothing to be present at idole seruice, seeing in their heart they worshipped the true God, he warneth them to haue respect to their weake brethren, whose faith by that dissembling was hindered, and their consciences wounded, which thing, rather then he would doe, hee would neuer vse that liberty, which God had giuen him. But forasmuch as pride, & selfe will was the cause of those great euils, he admonisheth them by the example of the Iewes not to glory in these outward gifts, whose horrible punishment for the abuse of Gods creatures, ought to bee a warning to all men to follow Christ vprightly, without all pollution and offence of others. Then he correcteth diuers abuses in their Church, as touching the behauiour of men, and women in the assemblies: of the Lords Supper, the abuse of the spirituall giftes, which God hath giuen to maintaine loue and edifie the Church: as concerning the resurrection from the dead, without the which the Gospel serueth to no vse. Last of all, he exhorteth the Corinthians to relieue the poore brethren at Ierusalem, to perseuere in the loue of Christ, and well doing, sending his commendations, and wishing them peace.

CHAP. I.

1 *Hee praiseth the great graces of God shewed toward them,* 10 *Exhorting them to concord and humilitie.* 19 *Hee beateth downe all pride, and wisedom which is not grounded on God,* 26 *Shewing whom God hath chosen to confound the wisedome of the world.*

PAVL called to be an Apostle of IESVS CHRIST, through the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 Vnto the Church of God, which is at Corinthus, to them that are * a sanctified in Christ Iesus, * b Saints by calling, * with all that c call on the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ in euery place, both their Lorde and ours:

3 Grace bee with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

4 I thanke my God alwayes on your behalfe for the d grace of God, which is giuen you in Iesus Christ,

5 * That in all things yee are made rich e in him, in f all kinde of speach, and in all knowledge:

6 As the testimony of Iesus Christ hath bene confirmed in you:

7 So that yee are not destitute of any gift: * waiting for the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ.

8 * Who shall also confirme you vnto the ende, that ye may be g blamelesse in the day of the Lord Iesus Christ.

9 * God is faithfull, by whom ye are called vnto the fellowship of his Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ, * that ye all h speake one thing, and that there bee no dissentions among you: but bee yee

Acts 15.9. 1 *Thess.* 4.7. a Whom God hath separated from the rest of the world, purified, and giuen to his Sonne, that he might be in them, and they in him. *Rom.* 1.7. *ephes.* 1.1. *colos.* 1.22. 2. *tim.* 1.9. *tit.* 2.3. b Made holy by the free mercy & calling of God. 2 *Tim.* 2.22. c Which is to acknowledge him to be very God, to worship him, and seeke vnto him for helpe.

d For all the benefites which ye haue receiued by the Gospel. *Colos.* 1.10. *and* 2.7. e As members of the same body which communicate with their head f He commendeth those gifts in them whose abuse after hee doeth reprooue, as eloquence, philosophie, and their knowledge of Gods word. *Phil.* 3.20. *tit.* 2.13. 1 *Thess.* 3.13. *and* 5.23. g For there is no condemnation to them that are grafted in Christ Iesus. *Psal.* 1.5. 32.1. 1 *Thess.* 5.24. *Rom.* 15.5. *phil.* 3.16. h Disagreeing in words ingendreth dissention of mind, whereof proceedeth repugnancy of iudgement, which is the mother of schisme and heresie.

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knit together in one mind, and in one iudgement.

11 For it hath bene declared vnto me, my brethren, of you, by them that are of the houſe of i Cloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I ſay, that euery one of you ſayeth, I am Pauls, and I am *Apollos, and I am Cephas, and I am Chriſts.

13 Is Chriſt diuided? was Paul crucified for you? either were ye baptized k into the name of Paul?

14 I thanke God, that I baptized none of you, but *Crispus, and l Gaius,

15 Leſt any ſhould ſay, that I had baptized into mine owne name.

16 I baptized alſo the houſhold of Stephanas: furthermore know I not whether I baptized any other.

17 For Chriſt ſent mee not to m baptize, but to preach the Goſpel, not with * wiſedome of wordes, o leſt the croſſe of Chriſt ſhould be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the croſſe is to them that periſh, fooliſhneſſe: but vnto vs which are ſaued, it is the * power of God.

19 For it is written, * I will deſtroy the wiſedome of the wiſe, and will caſt away the vnderſtanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wiſe? where is the p Scribe? where is the q Diſputer of the worlde? hath not God made the wiſedome of this world fooliſhneſſe?

21 For ſeeing the world by wiſedom knew not God in the wiſedome of God, it pleaſed God by the fooliſhneſſe of preaching to ſaue them that beleeue:

22 Seeing alſo that the Iewes require a * ſigne, and the Grecians ſeeke after wiſedome.

23 But we preach Chriſt crucified: vnto the Iewes, euen a ſtumbling blocke, and vnto the Grecians, fooliſhneſſe:

24 But vnto them which are called, both of the Iewes and Grecians, we preach Chriſt, the power of God, and the wiſedome of God.

25 For the r fooliſhneſſe of God is wiſer then men, & the weakeneſſe of God is ſtronger then men.

26 For brethren, you ſee your calling, how that not many wiſe men ſ after the fleſh, not many mighty, not many noble are called.

27 But God hath choſen t fooliſh things of the world, to confound the wiſe, and God hath choſen the weake things of the world, to confound the mighty things.

28 And vile things of the world, & things which are deſpiſed, hath God choſen, and things u which are not, to bring to nought things * that are,

29 That no * fleſh ſhould reioyce in his preſence.

30 But yet are of him in Chriſt Ieſus, who of God is made vnto vs * wiſedome, and righteouſneſſe, and ſanctification, and redemption,

31 That according as it is written, * He that reioyceth, y let him reioyce in the Lord.

CHAP. II.

1 *Her paineth for example his maner of preaching, which was according to the tenour of the Goſpel,* 8 *Wonderfull Goſpel was contemptible and hid to the carnall,* 10 *And againe honourable and manifeſt to the ſpirituall.*

AND I brethren, when I came to you, came not with * excellencie of wordes, or of wiſedome, ſhewing vnto you the ‖ a teſtimony of God.

2 For I eſteemed not to ‖ knowe any thing among you, ſaue Ieſus Chriſt, and him crucified.

3 * And I was among you in b weakeneſſe, and in feare, and in much trembling,

4 Neither ſtood my worde, and my preaching in the * inticing ſpeach of mans wiſedome, but in plaine euidence of c the Spirit and of power,

5 That your faith ſhould not bee in the wiſedome of men, but in the power of God.

6 And we ſpeake wiſedom among them that are * perfite: not the wiſedome of this world, neither of the d princes of this world, which come to nought.

7 But wee ſpeake the wiſedome of God in a myſterie, euen the hid wiſedome, which God had determined before the world, vnto our glory.

8 Which * none of the Princes of this world hath knowen: for had they knowen it, they would not haue crucified the e Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, * The things which eye hath not ſeene, neither eare hath heard, neither came into mans heart, are, which God hath prepared for them that loue him.

10 But God hath reuealed them vnto vs by his Spirite: for the Spirite * ſearcheth all things, yea, the deepe things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, ſaue the ſpirit of a man, which is in him? euen ſo the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now wee haue * receiued not the Spirite of the world, but the Spirite, which is of GOD, that wee might knowe the f things that are giuen to vs of God.

Ier.23.5,6. Ier.9.24. 2.Cor.10.17.

y That is, attribute all things to God with thankeſgiuing.

Chap.1.17.

‖ *Or, myſterie.*

a That is, the Goſpel, whereby God doeth manifeſt himſelfe to the world, or whereof God is the authour and witneſſe.

‖ *Or, I thought nothing worthy to be knowen. Acts 18.1.*

b Herein appeareth his great modeſtie, who was not glorious but abiect and humble, not full of vaine boaſtings and arrogancie, but with feare and trembling ſet foorth the mighty power of God.

Chap.1.17. 2.pet.1.16.

‖ *Or, heauenly, or, diuine.*

c They whoſe vnderſtandings are illuminate by faith, acknowledge this wiſedome, which the world calleth folly.

d The word is here taken for them, whom either for wiſedome, riches, or power, men

Iſai.29.14.

q That is, the interpreter of the Law.

q He that is ſo ſubtill in diſcuſſing queſtions? and herein Paul reprocheth euen the beſt learned, as though not one of them could perceiue by his own wiſedome this myſterie of Chriſt reuealed in the Goſpel.

Matth.11.28.

r He ſpeaketh in the perſon of the wicked, who contrary to their conſcience rather attribute theſe things to God, then acknowledge their owne follie and weakeneſſe.

t According as the worlde eſteemeth wiſe men.

t Which are in mans iudgement almoſt nothing, but taken for abiects and caſtawayes.

u Eſteemed and in reputation.

x Thus he calleth man in contempt, and to beate downe his arrogancy,

most eſteeme. e That is, very few. f He calleth Ieſus the mighty God, full of true glory and maieſty, whom Dauid alſo calleth the King of glory, Pſal 24.7. and Steuen nameth him the God of glory, Acts 7.2. and hereby appeareth the diuinitie of Chriſt, and coniunction of two natures, in one perſon. *Iſa.64.4.*

g Man is not able to thinke Gods prouidence toward his.

h For hee is one God with the Father and the Sonne.

i Mans minde which vnderſtandeth and iudgeth.

k Wee are not moued with that Spirit, which teacheth things wherewith the world is delighted, and which men vnderſtand by nature.

l All the benefites of God in Ieſus Chriſt.

23 Which things also wee speake, not in the * words which mans wisedom teacheth, but which the holy Ghost teacheth, comparing = spirituall things with spirituall things.

14 But the a natural man perceiueth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishnesse vnto him: neither can hee knowe them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But hee that is * spirituall, discerneth all things: yet hee himselfe is * iudged of no man.

16 * For who hath knowen the mind of the Lord, that hee might instruct him? but we haue the p minde of Christ.

Chap. 2. 13.
2. Pet. 1. 16.
m As that which we teach is spirituall, so our kind of teaching must be spirituall, that the words may agree with the matter.
n Whose knowledge and iudgement is not cleared by Gods Spirit.
Prou. 27. 19.
o For the trueth of God is not subiect to the iudgement of man. Isa. 40. 13. wisd. 9. 13. rom. 11. 34.
p That is, Christs Spirit, Ioh. 16. 13. rom. 8. 9.

CHAP. III.

1 Paul rebuketh the sects and authors thereof. 7 No man ought to attribute his saluation to the minister, but to God. 10 That they beware erroneous doctrines. 11 Christ is the foundation of his Church. 16 The dignitie and office both of the ministers, and also of all the faithfull.

AND I could not speake vnto you, brethren, as vnto spirituall men, but as vnto carnall, euen as vnto a babes in Christ.

2 I gaue you milke to drinke, and not meate: for yee were not yet able to beare it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For yee are yet carnall: for whereas there is among you enuying, and strife, and diuisions, are yee not carnall, and walke as men?

4 For when one saith, I am Pauls, and another, I am Apollos, are ye not carnall?

5 Who is Paul then? and who is Apollos, but the ministers by whom yee beleeued, and as the Lord gaue to euery man?

6 I haue planted, Apollos watered, but God gaue the increase.

7 So then, neither is hee that planteth any thing, neither hee that watereth, but God that giueth the increase.

8 And he that planteth, and he that watereth are b one, * and euery man shall receiue his wages, according to his labour.

9 For wee together are Gods c labourers: yee are Gods husbandrie, and Gods building.

10 According to the grace of God giuen to me, as a skilfull master builder, I haue layde the foundation, and another buildeth thereon: but let euery man d take heed how he buildeth vpon it.

11 For other foundation can no man lay, then that which is layd, which is Iesus Christ.

12 And if any man build on this foundation gold, siluer, precious stones, timber, hay, or stubble,

13 Euery mans worke shall be made manifest: for the e day shall declare it, because it shall bee reuealed by the f fire: and the fire shall trie euery mans worke of what sort it is.

14 If any mans worke, that hee hath built vpon, abide, he shall receiue wages.

15 If any mans worke burne, hee shall s lose, but he h shall be i safe himself: yet neuertheless yet as it were by the fire.

16 * Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man destroy the Temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the Temple of God is holy, which ye are.

18 Let no man deceiue himselfe. If any man among you seeme to bee wise in this world, let him bee a foole, that hee may bee wise.

19 For the wisedome of this world is foolishnesse with God: for it is written, * Hee catcheth the wise k in their owne craftinesse.

20 * And againe, The Lord knoweth that the thoughts of the wise be vaine.

21 Therefore let no man l reioyce in men: for all things are yours.

22 Whether it bee Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death: whether they bee things present, or things to come, euen all are yours,

23 And ye Christs, and Christ Gods.

a Being ingrafted in Christ by faith wee begin to moue by his Spirit, & as we profit in faith, we grow vp to a ripe age. And here let him take heede that teacheth, lest for milke he giue poison: for milke and strong meat in effect are one, but onely differ in maner and forme
b He chargeth them with two faults: the one, that they attributed too much to the ministers, and the other, that they preferred one minister to another.
Psal. 62. 12. galat. 6. 5
c So made by his grace.
d He reproueth the ministers of Corinth, as teachers of curious doctrines and questions.
e Or, the time: which is, when the light of the trueth shall expel the darknesse of ignorance, then the curious ostentation of mans wisedome shall be brought to nought.
f By the triall of Gods Spirit.
g Both his labor and reward.
h He reproueth them not as false apostles, but as curious teachers of humane sciences, as they which lothing at the simplicitie of Gods word, preach philosophicall speculations.
i As touching his life, if he hold fast the foundation.
Chap. 6. 19. 2. cor. 5. 10.
Iob 5. 13.
k When they themselues are entangled in the same snares, in God who worketh by his ministers to his owne glory & the comfort of his Church.
which they laid for others. Psal 94. 11. l But keth by his ministers to his owne glory & the cō

CHAP. IIII.

1 After that he had described the office of a true Apostle, 3 Seeing they did not acknowledge him such one, 4 He appeareth to Gods iudgement. 7 Beating downe their glory which hindred them to praise that, which they dispraysed in him. 19 He sheweth what he requireth on their part, and what they ought to looke for of him at his returne.

LEt a man so thinke of vs, as of the a ministers of Christ, and disposers of the secrets of God.

2 And as for the rest, it is required of the disposers, that euery man be found faithfull.

3 * As touching me, I passe very little to bee iudged b of you, or * mans iudgement: no, I iudge not * mine owne selfe.

4 For I * know nothing by d my selfe, yet am I not thereby iustified: but hee that iudgeth me, is the Lord.

5 Therefore * iudge nothing before the time, vntill the Lord come, who will lighten things that are hid in darkenesse, and make the counsels of the heart manifest: and then shall euery man haue prayse of God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I haue figuratiuely applyed vnto mine owne selfe and Apollos for your sakes, that ye might learne e by vs, that no man presume aboue that which is written, that one swell not against another for any mans cause.

7 For who f separateth thee? and what hast thou, that thou hast not receiued? if thou hast receiued it, why reioycest thou, as though thou hadst not receiued it?

a Ioshua 2 Lesson Euening
b May 2 Lesson Euening
19 Sept. 2 Les Euen
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b As it is a thing intollerable to contemne the true ministers of God, so it is greatly reprehensible to attribute more vnto them than is meete.
Matth. 7. 1, 2.
c Greeke, mans day.
b Whether I haue great gifts or little, few or many.
c For as I doe not know wherby I should take occasion of glory: so I am certaine that before God another maner of iudge is required.
d Concerning mine office.
e Out, from other men, and preferreth them.
f By our example.

8 Now ye are full: now ye are made rich: ye reigne as kings without vs, and would to God ye did reigne, that we also might reigne with you.

9 For I thinke that God hath set forth vs the z last Apostles, as men appointed to death: for we are made a gasing stocke vnto the world, and to the Angels, and to men.

10 We are a fooles for Christes sake, and ye are wise in Christ: wee are weake, and ye strong: yee are honourable, and wee are despised.

11 Vnto this houre we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and haue no certaine dwelling place,

12 * And labour, working with our owne hands: we are reuiled, and yee we bleese: we are persecuted, and suffer it.

13 * We are euil spoken of, and we pray: we are made as the filth of the world, the offscowring of all things vnto this time.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloued children I admonish you.

15 For though ye haue ten thousand ‖ instructers in Christ, yet haue ye not many fathers: for in Christ Iesus I haue begotten you through the Gospel.

16 Wherefore, I pray you, be yee followers of me.

17 For this cause haue I sent vnto you Timotheus, which is my beloued sonne, and faithfull in the Lord, which shall put you in b remembrance of my wayes in Christ, as I teach euery where in euery Church.

18 Some are puffed vp as though I would not come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, * if the Lord will, and will know, not the speach of them which are puffed vp, but the power.

20 For the c kingdome of God is not in word, but in d power.

21 What will ye? shall I come vnto you with a rodde, or in loue, and in the spirit of meekenesse?

CHAP. V.

1 He reproueth sharply their negligence in punishing him that had committed incest, 3 Willing them to excommunicate him, 7 To embrace purenesse, 9 And flee wickednesse.

IT is heard certainely, that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not once named among the e Gentiles, * that one should haue his fathers wife.

2 And ye are puffed vp, and haue not rather sorowed, that he which hath done this deed, might be put from among you.

3 * For I verely as absent in body, but present in spirit, haue determined already, as though I were present, that hee that hath f thus done this thing,

4 (When ye are gathered together, and my g spirit, h in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ, that such one, I say, by the power of our Lord Iesus Christ,

5 * Be deliuered vnto i Satan, for the * destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saued in the day of the Lord Iesus.

6 Your reioycing is not good: * know ye not that a little leauen leaueneth the whole lumpe?

7 Purge out therefore the olde leauen, that ye may be a new lumpe, k as ye are vnleauened: for Christ our Passeouer is sacrificed for vs.

8 Therefore let vs keepe the feast, not with old leauen, neither in the leauen of maliciousnesse and wickednesse: but with the vnleauened bread of sincerite and truth.

9 I wrote vnto you in an Epistle, * that yee should not company together with fornicators,

10 And l not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the couetous, or with extortioners, or with idolaters: for then ye must goe out of the world.

11 But now I haue written vnto you, that yee company not together: if any that is called a brother, be a fornicator, or couetous, or m a idolater, or a rayler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such one eate not.

12 For what haue I to doe to iudge them also, which are n without? doe yee not iudge them that are o within?

13 But God iudgeth them that are without. Put away therefore from among your selues that wicked man.

CHAP. VI.

1 How rebuketh them for going to law together before the heathen. 7 Christians ought rather to suffer. 12 He reproueth the abusing of Christian libertie, 15 And sheweth that we ought to serue God purely both in body and soule.

DAre any of you, hauing businesse against another, be iudged vnder ‖ the * vniust, and not vnder the Saints?

2 * Doe yee not know, that the Saints shall iudge the worlde? If the worlde then shall be iudged by you, are yee vnworthy to iudge the smallest matters?

3 Know yee not that wee shall iudge the p Angels? how much more things that pertaine to this life?

4 If then ye haue iudgements of things pertaining to this life, q set vp them which are r least esteemed in the Church.

5 I speake it to your shame. Is it so that there is not a wise man among you? no not one, that can iudge betweene his brethren?

6 But a brother goeth to law with a brother, and that vnder the infidels.

7 Now therefore there is vtterly ‖ a fault among

z To diminish his authoritie they obiected, that he was not made an Apostle by Christ, but afterwards.
h By this bitter taunting in abiecting himselfe, and exalting the Corinthians, he maketh them ashamed of their vaine glory.
Acts 20.34. 1.*thess*.2.9. 2.*thess*.3.8. *Matt*.5.44. *Luke* 23.34. *Acts* 7.60.
‖ *Or, vse gentle words.*
‖ *Or, pedagogues, & schoolemasters.*
i Forasmuch as they had soone forgotten. *Acts* 18.21. *and* 19.21. *Iames* 4.15.
k That is, whatsoeuer gifts we haue receiued of God, to this end that hee may reigne among vs.
l Of the holy Ghost.

23 *Ianua.* 1 *Lesson* *Euening*
22 *May* 2 *Sep.* *Seuen*

a Who would thinke that you would suffer that misschiefe vnpunished which the most barbarous nations abhorre to speake of? *Leuit*.18.8.
b Hauing now receiued the Gospel.
c My will and consent. d With inuocation of Gods Name, as becommeth them which procure the Lords businesse, and not their owne.

1.*Tim*.1.20.
e Which is to be as an heathen man and Publicane.
f For being wounded with shame and sorow, his flesh or old man shall die: and the Spirit or new man shall remaine aliue and enioy the victory in that day when the Lord shall iudge the quicke and dead, 2.*Cor*. 4.18. 1.*Pet*.4.6.
g Seeing you suffer such monstrous vices among you. *Gal*.5.9.
h As euery man particularly is pure, so ‖ whole Church in generall may be pure. *Matth* 18.17. 2.*thess*.3.14.
i But he meant of those that be by disciplineto haue corrected: for as touching strangers they ought by all meanes godly to win them to Christ. k Who to please bee present at idole seruice, and yet professe the Gospel. l Vnto whom the ecclesiasticall discipline doeth not stretch. m Which are subiect to Gods word, and to the discipline of the Church.

24 *Ianua.* 2 *Lesson* *Euening*
23 *May* 2 *Sep.* *Seuen*

‖ *Or, iudges of magistrates which are infidels.*
a He calleth the vniust, whosoeuer are not sanctified in Christ. *Wisd* 3.8.
b Who are now apostates, and deuils, Mat. 25.41.
c That is, make them iudges.
d If ye so burne with desire to pleade, keepe account among your selues, and make the least esteemed your iudges: for it is most easie to iudge betweene brethren. ‖ *Or, impotencie of minde.*

24 *Ianua.* 2 *Lesson* *Euening*
24 *May* 2 *Sep.* *Seuen*

among you, because ye goe to law one with another: * why rather suffer ye not wrong? why rather suffeine ye not harme?

8 *Nay, ye your selues * doe wrong, and do harme, and that to your brethren.

9 Know yee not that the vnrighteous shall not inherite the kingdome of God? Be not deceiued: * neither fornicatours, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor wantons, nor buggerers,

10 Nor theeues, nor couetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extortioners shall inherite the kingdome of God.

11 And such were * some of you: but yee are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are iustified in the Name of the Lord Iesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 ¶ * All [e] things are lawfull vnto mee: but all things are not profitable. I may doe all things, but I will not be brought vnder the power of any thing.

13 Meates are ordeined for the belly, and the belly for the meates: but God shall destroy both it, and them. Now the body is not for [h] fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath also raysed vp the Lord, * and shall raise vs vp by his power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, & make them the members of an [h] harlot? God forbid.

16 Do ye not know, that he which coupleth himselfe with an harlot, is one body? * for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is ioyned vnto the Lord, is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication: euery sinne that a man doeth, is without the body: but he that committeth fornication, sinneth against his owne body.

19 Know ye not, that * your body is the temple of the holy Ghost, which is in you, whom ye haue of God? and ye are not your owne.

20 * For ye are bought for a price: therefore glorifie God in your body, and in your spirit: for they are Gods.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The Apostle answereth to certaine questions, which the Corinthians desired to know,* 2 *As of single life,* 3 *Of the duety of mariage,* 12 *Of discords and dissention in mariage,* 13 *Of mariage betweene the faithfull and vnfaithfull,* 18 *Of vncircumcising the circumcised.* 21 *Of seruitude,* 25 *Of virginity,* 39 *And second mariage.*

NOw concerning the things whereof ye wrote vnto me, It were [a] good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Neuerthelesse, to auoyd fornication, let [b] euery man haue his wife, and let euery woman haue her owne husband.

3 *Let the husband giue vnto the wife * due beneuolence, and likewise also the wife vnto the husband.

4 The wife hath not the power of her owne body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not the power of his owne body, but the wife.

5 Defraud not one another, except it be with consent for a time, that yee may giue your selues to fasting and prayer, and againe come together, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinencie.

6 But I speake this by permission, [d] not by commandement.

7 For I would that all men were euen as I my selfe am: but euery man hath his proper gift of God, one after this maner, and another after that.

8 Therefore I say vnto the vnmaried, and vnto the widowes, It is good for them if they abide euen as I doe.

9 But if they cannot abstaine, let them marrie: for it is better to marrie then to * burne.

10 And vnto the married I command, not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife * depart from her husband.

11 But and if she [e] depart, let her remaine vnmarried, or bee reconciled vnto her husband, and let not the husband put away his wife.

12 But to the remnant I speake, and not [b] the Lord, If any brother haue a wife, that beleeueth not, if she be content to dwell with him, let him not forsake her.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that beleeueth not, if he be content to dwell with her, let her not forsake him.

14 For the vnbeleeuing husbande is [f] sanctified by the wife, and the vnbeleeuing wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children vncleane: but now are they * holy.

15 But if the vnbeleeuing depart, let him depart: a brother or a sister is not in subiection in [f] such things: but God hath called vs in peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt saue thine husband? Or what knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt saue thy wife?

17 But as God hath distributed to euery man, as the Lorde hath * called euery one, so let him walke: and so ordaine I in all Churches.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not * gather his vncircumcision: is any called vncircumcised? let him not be circumcised.

19 [o] Circumcision is nothing, and vncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandements of God.

20 *Let euery man abide in the same vo-

Matth.5.39. Luke 6.29. rom.12.19. 1.Thes.5.6.

c He doeth not reproue the godly, which with a good conscience vseth the magistrate to defend his right, but condemneth hatred, grudges, & desires of reuengeance.

Ephes.5.3,5. 1.tim.1.9,10. Ephes.2.12. titus 3.3. 1.pet 4.3. Chap.10.23. eccles 37.27.

f Here he speaketh of things indifferent of their nature, and first as touching carnall liberty.

g For we are subiect to those things which we cannot want.

h They abused meates, both in that they offended others thereby, and also prouoked their owne lustes to vncleanneſſe.

i God will be Lord both of the soule and body.

Rom.6.5.

k Whereby he signifieth, that both we shall see the glory of the resurrection of the iust, and also that dignity and priuiledge whereby wee bee made the members of Christ. *Gen.2.24. Matth.19.5. mar.10.8. Ephes.5.31.* l That is, he more polluteth his owne body, then he that committeth any other sinne. *Chap.3.16. 2.cor.6.16. Chap.7.23. 1.pet.1.15,19.*

1 Or, expedient: because mariage, through mans corruption, and not by Gods institution, bringeth cares & troubles. b Speaking to all men in generall.

1.Pet.3.7.

c Which conteineth all dueties pertaining to mariage.

d He sheweth that he commandeth not precisely al men to marry, but that God hath granted this remedy vnto them which cannot liue chaste.

e With the fire of concupiscence, that is, when mans will so giueth place to the lust that tempteth, that he can not call vpon God with a quiet conscience.

Matth.5.32. and 19.9. mar.10.11. luke 16.18.

f For hatred, dissention, anger, &c.

g Saue for whordome, as Matth. 5.32.

h In as much as there was nothing expreslie spoken hereof in the Law, or Prophets: or els he spake this moued by the Spirit of God as he testifieth in the 25. verse.

i Meaning, that the faith of the beleeuer hath more power to sanctifie marriage, then the wickednesse of the other to pollute it.

k They that are borne of either of the parents faithfull, are also counted members of Christs Church, because of the promise, Actes 2.39.

l When such things come to passe, that the faithfull and vnfaithfull bee married together, and the one forsake the other without cause.

m The lawfull vocation in outward things must not lightly be neglected.

n Which is, when the Surgeon by arte draweth out the skinne to couer the part circumcised, Celsus lib.7. Cap. 25. Epiphan. lib. de ponderibus & mensuris. 1. Mac. 1.16.

o It is a Bone whether thou be Iew or Gentile. *Ephes.5.4.1.1.cor.6.1.*

cation wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called being a seruant? p care not for it: but if yet thou mayest be free, vse it rather.

22 For he that is called in the q Lord being a seruant, is the Lords free man: likewise also hee that is called being free, is Christs seruant.

23 * Yee are bought ‖ with a price: be not the seruants of men.

24 Brethren, let euery man, wherein hee was called, therein abide r with God.

25 Now concerning ‖ virgins. I haue no s commandement of the Lord: but I giue mine aduice, as one that hath obtained mercie of the Lord to be ‖ faithfull.

26 I suppose then t this to be good for the present u necessitie: I meane, that it is good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound vnto a wife? seeke not to bee loosed: art thou loosed from a wife? seeke not a wife.

28 But if thou takest a wife, thou sinnest not: and if a virgine marrie, she sinneth not: neuertheless, such shall haue x trouble in the flesh: but I x spare you.

29 And this I say, brethren, because the time is short, ‖ hereafter that both they which haue wiues, bee as though they had none:

30 And they that * weepe, as though they wept not: and they that b reioyce, as though they reioyced not: and they that buy, as though they possessed not:

31 And they that vse this world as though they vsed it not: for the c fashion of this world goeth away.

32 And I would haue you without care. The vnmarried careth for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.

33 But he that is married, careth for the things of the d world, how he may please his wife ‡.

34 There is difference also betweene a virgine and a wife: the vnmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that shee may bee e holy, both in body and in spirite: but shee that is married, careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I speake for your owne commoditie, not to f tangle you in a snare, but that ye follow that, which is honest, and that yee may cleaue fast vnto the Lord without separation.

36 But if any man thinke that it is vncomely for his virgine, if shee passe the flowre of her age, and g needs so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them be married.

37 Neuertheless, he h that standeth firme in his heart, that he hath no neede, but hath

p Although God hath called thee to serue in this life, yet thinke not thy condition vnworthy for a Christian: but reioyce that thou art deliuered by Christ, from the miserable slauery of sinne & death.

q Being seruant by condition is made partaker of Christ. *Chap.6 20. 1.pet.1.19.*

‖ *Or dearely.*

r Sincerely as in the presence of God.

‖ *Or, the state of virginitie.*

s He bindeth no man to that which God hath left free: but sheweth what is most agreeable to Gods will, according to the circumstance of the time, place, and persons.

‖ *Or beleeued.*

t To be single.

u In these afflictions and persecutions.

x As worldly cares of their children and familie.

y He doth not preferre singlenesse as a thing more holy then marriage, but by reason of incommodities, which the one hath more then the other.

z In wishing that you could liue without wiues.

‖ *Or, it remaineth that.*

a Which be in aduersitie.

b Which bee in prosperitie. c In this world there is nothing but meere vanitie. d Which onely appertaine to this present life. ‡ *And he is diuided*, meaning into diuers cares. e Shee may attaine vnto it sooner then the other, because shee is without cares. f Seeing S. Paul could binde no mans conscience to single life, what presumption is it, that any other should doe it? g That is, that shee should marrie to auoide fornication. h Meaning, hee that is fully perswaded that he hath no neede.

i power ouer his owne will, and hath so decreed in his heart, that he will keepe his virgine, he doth well.

38 So then he that giueth her to marriage, doeth well, but he that giueth her not to marriage, doeth k better.

39 The wife is bound by the l law, as long as her husband * liueth: but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to marry with whom she will, onely in the Lord.

40 But shee is more blessed, if shee so abide, in my iudgement: * and I thinke that I haue also the spirit of God.

k And more commodious for his children in respect of cares, 1 Of matrimonie. *Rom.7.2. 1.Thess 4.8.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Hee rebuketh them that vse their libertie to the slander of other, in going to the idolatrous sacrifices, 9 And sheweth how men ought to behaue themselues toward such as be weake.*

AND as touching things sacrificed vnto idols, we know that we al haue * knowledge: knowledge puffeth vp, but loue edifieth.

2 Now, if any man thinke that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man loue God, the same is ‖ knowen of him.

4 Concerning therefore meate sacrificed vnto idoles, wee know that an idole is b nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there bee that are called gods, whether in heauen, or in earth, (as there be many gods, and many c lords)

6 Yet vnto vs there is but one God, which is the Father, of whom are all things, and wee in him: and * one Lord Iesus Christ, by whom are all things, and wee by him.

7 But euery man hath not knowledge: for some hauing d conscience of the idole, vntill this houre, eate as a thing sacrificed vnto the idole, and so their conscience being weake, is defiled.

8 But meate maketh vs not acceptable to God: for neither if we eate, haue wee the e more: neither if we eate not, haue wee the lesse.

9 But take heede lest by any meanes this ‖ power of yours be an occasion of falling to them that are weake.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge, sit at table in the idoles temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weake, bee ‡ boldened to eate those things which are sacrificed to idoles?

11 And through thy knowledge shall the * f weake brother perish, for whom Christ died.

12 Now when ye sinne so against the brethren, and wound their weake conscience, ye sinne against Christ.

13 * Wherefore if meate offend my brother, I wil eat no flesh while the world standeth, that I may not offend my brother.

i For the fathers will dependeth on his childrens in this point: in so much as he is bound to haue respect to their infirmitie, neither can he iustly require of them singlenesse, if they haue not that gift of God so to liue, preferring them

a Of the libertie that God hath giuen vs touching outward things.

‖ *Or, taught.*

b This he speaketh in their person, which bragged so much of their libertie, saying that an image among all things that are made, is of no force.

c Which being idoles, yet are esteemed of men as Lords and Seigniours. *John 13.13 chap. 12 3.*

d In that they thought the meate offered vp to the image, not to be pure, and therefore could not eate it with a good conscience.

e This abundance and want is referred to spiritual things, Rom. 14.17.

‖ *Or, libertie in things indifferent.*

f *Greeke, builded vp.*

g By thine example without any ground of doctrine. *Rom.14.15.*

h *Rom.14.21.*

g Which eateth against his conscience, or in doubt.

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CHAP. IX.

He exhorteth them by his example to vse their liberties to the edification of other. 24 To runne on forth in the course that they haue begunne.

A M I not an Apostle? am I not free? haue I not seene Iesus Christ our Lord? are ye not my worke in the Lord?
2 If I be not an Apostle vnto other, yet doubtlesse I am vnto you: for yee are the a seale of mine Apostleship in the Lord.
3 My defence to them b that examine me, is this,
4 Haue wee not power to eate, c and to drinke?
5 Haue we not power to d lead about a wife being a e sister, as well as the rest of the Apostles, and as the ‖ brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Haue I onely and Barnabas, haue not we power f not to worke?
7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his owne cost? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flocke, and eateth not of the milke of the flocke?
8 Say I these things according to man? saith not the Law the same also?
9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, * Thou shalt not muzzel the mouth of the ore that treadeth out the corne: doeth God take g care for oxen?
10 Either saith hee it not altogether for our sakes? For our sakes no doubt it is written, that hee which eareth, should eare in hope: and that hee that thresheth in hope, should be partaker of his hope.
11 * If we haue sowen vnto you spirituall things, is it a great thing if wee reape your carnall things?
12 If others with you bee partakers of this h power, are not we rather? neuertheless, we haue not vsed this power: but ‖ suffer all things, that we should not hinder the Gospel of Christ.
13 Do ye not know, that they which minister about the * holy things, eat of the things of the Temple? and they which wait at the altar, are partakers i with the altar?
14 So also hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel, should liue of the Gospel.
15 But I haue vsed none of these things: neither wrote I these things, that it should be so done vnto me: for it were better for me to die, then that any man should make my * reioycing vaine.
16 For though I preach the Gospel, I haue nothing to reioyce of: for necessitie is layed vpon mee, and woe is vnto mee, if I preach not the Gospel.
17 For if I doe it willingly, I haue a reward: but if I doe it against my will, notwithstanding the dispensation is committed vnto me.
18 What is my reward then? verely that when I preach the Gospel, I make the Gospel of Christ k free, that I abuse not mine authority in the Gospel.
19 For though I bee free from all men, yet haue I made my selfe seruant vnto all men, that I might winne the more.
20 * And vnto the Iewes I become as a Iew, that I may winne the Iewes: to them that are vnder the Lawe, as though I were vnder the * Lawe, that I may winne them that are vnder the Law:
21 To them that are without Lawe, as though I were without Law (when I am not without Law as pertaining to God, but am in the Lawe through Christ) that I may winne them that are without Law.
22 To the weake I become as weake, that I may winne the weake: I am made * all things to all men, that I might by all meanes saue some.
23 And this I doe for the Gospels sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.
24 Know ye not, that they which runne in a race, runne all, yet one receiueth the prize? so runne that ye may obtaine.
25 And euery man that proouveth masteries, l abstaineth from all things: and they doe it to obtaine a corruptible crowne: but we for an vncorruptible.
26 I therefore so runne, not as vncertainely: so fight I, not as one that beateth the aire.
27 But I beate downe my m body, and bring it into subiection, lest by any meanes after that I haue preached to other, I my selfe should be n reproued.

CHAP. X.

He feareth them with the examples of the Iewes, that they put not their trust carnally in the graces of God, 14 Exhorting them to flee all idolatrie, 23 and offence of their neighbour.

MOreouer, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant that all our fathers were vnder the * cloude, and all passed thorow the * sea,
2 And were all baptized vnto a Moses, in the cloud, and in the sea,
3 * And did all eate the same b spirituall meate,
4 * And did all drinke the same spirituall drinke (for they dranke of the spirituall Rocke that followed them: and the Rocke c was Christ)
5 But with many of them God was not pleased: for they were * ouerthrowen in the wildernesse.
6 Now these are ensamples to vs, to the intent that wee should not lust after euill things * as they also lusted.
7 Neither be yee idolaters, as were some of them, as it is written, * The people sate downe * to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play.
8 Neither let vs commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and fell in one * day three and twenty thousand.

a 1 I neede no further declaration, but the workes † I haue wrought among you.
b And call into doubt mine office.
c On the Church charges.
d The Apostles led their wiues about with them.
e A faithfull and Christian wife. ‖ Or, cousins.
f Whether they might not as lawfully liue vpon labouring for their liuing with their owne hands, as other Apostles. Deut. 25.4. 1. Tim. 5.18.
g Had God respect properly to the oxen themselues when he made this lawe, and not rather vnto men? Rom. 15.27.
h To liue on other mans charges? ‖ or, take in worth Deut. 18.1.
i For that part that was burnt, was deuoured of the altar, and the other was due vnto the priests by the law.
k For now you haue no iust cause against me, seeing that I preached the Gospel freely vnto you.
l Seeing hee is charged to preach he must willingly and earnestly follow it: for if he doe it by constraint, he doth not his duety.
m That I be not chargeable to them to whom I preach, seeing that they thinke that I preach for gaines.

Acts 16.3. Gal. 2.3.
* As touching the ceremonies.
o In things indifferent, as eating of meats, obseruation of feasts & dayes, & such like he fashioned himself to men in such sort as hee might best gaine them to Christ.
p That is, keepeth a strait diet, and refraineth from such things as might distemper his body.
q Or, old man, which rebelleth against the spirit.
r Lest he should bee reproued of men when they should see him do contrary, or contemne that thing which he taught others to doe.

Exod. 13.21, num. 9.18.
Exod. 14.16, 22.
a Moses being * their guide or minister, or as some reade, they were baptized vnto Moses law, others, by Moses. Exod 16.15.
b That is, Manna, which was the outward signe or Sacrament of the Spiritual grace.
c They ate the same meat that we doe, because the substance of theirs and our Sacraments is all one.
Exod. 17.6. num. 20.10, 11.
d That is, signified Christ as all Sacraments doe. Numb. 26 65. Numb. 11.4. and 26, 64. psal. 106.14. Exod. 32.6.
e Because hereby occasion was taken to forget God, and commit idolatry, therefore these indifferent things are counted idolatrie. Num. 25.9.
f Moses readeth foure and twenty thousand, which declareth an infinite number.

g Who was their leader, and was called the Angel of God. *Num.* 21.6, *psal.* 106 14. *Num.* 14.37.

h Meaning, either the good or euil angel, whose ministerie God vseth to execute his iudgement to the vtter destruction of the wicked.

i How God will plague vs, if we be subiect to the like vices.

k Or, latter dayes of Christs coming.

l Hee that led you into this tentation, which commeth vnto you either in prosperitie or aduersitie, or for your sinnes past, will turne it to your commoditie, and deliuer you.

‖ Or, thanksgiuing.

m Or, prepare to this holy vse with prayse and thanksgiuing.

n The effectuall badge of our coniunction and incorporation with Christ?

o If we that are many in number, are but one body in effect ioyned with our head Christ, as many cornes make but one loafe, let vs renounce idolatry which doeth separate our vnitie.

p Which is gouerned according to the ceremonies of the Law.

q Which is to assemble in that company where idoles are called vpon. *Chap.* 6.12. *ecclus.* 37.27.

9 Neither let vs tempt a Christ, as some of them also tempted him, and were * destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmure ye, as some of them * also murmured, and were destroyed of the b destroyer.

11 Now all these things came vnto them for ensamples, and were written to admonish vs, vpon whom the k ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore, let him that thinketh hee standeth, take heede lest he fall.

13 There hath no tentation taken you, but such as appertaineth to man, and God is faithfull, which will not suffer you to bee tempted aboue that you be able, but l will euen giue the issue with the tentation, that ye may be able to beare it.

14 Wherefore my beloued, flee from idolatry.

15 I speake as vnto them which haue vnderstanding: iudge ye what I say.

16 The cuppe of ‖ blessing which wee * blesse, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which wee breake, is it not the * communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we that are many, are o one bread and one body, because wee all are partakers of one bread.

18 Behold Israel which is after the p flesh: are not they which eate of the sacrifices, partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? that the idole is any thing? or that that which is sacrificed to idoles, is any thing?

20 Nay. but that these things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to deuils, and not vnto God: and I would not that ye should haue q fellowship with the deuils.

21 Ye cannot drinke the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the deuils. Ye cannot be partakers of the Lords table, and of the table of deuils.

22 Doe wee prouoke the Lord to anger? are we stronger then he?

23 * All things are lawfull for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawfull for me, but all things edifie not.

24 Let no man seeke his owne, but euery man anothers wealth.

25 Whatsoeuer is sold in the r shambles, eate ye, and ſ aske no question for conscience sake.

26 * For the earth is the Lords, and all that therein is.

27 If any of them which beleeue not, call you to a feast: and if ye will go, whatsoeuer is set before you, eate, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say vnto you, This is sacrificed vnto idoles, eate it not, because of him that shewed it, and for the conscience (for the earth is the Lords, and all that therein is)

29 And the conscience I say, not thine, but of that other: for why should my t libertie be condemned of anothers mans conscience?

30 For u if I through Gods benefite bee partaker, why am I euill spoken of, for that wherefore I giue thankes?

31 * Whether therefore ye eate or drinke, or whatsoeuer ye doe, doe all to the glory of God.

32 Giue none offence, neither to ϸ Iewes, nor to the Grecians, nor to the Church of God:

33 Euen as I please x all men y in all things, not seeking mine owne profite, but the profite of many, that they might bee saued.

r For in those dayes they were accustomed to sell certaine of the flesh of beasts sacrificed in the shambles, & turned the money to the Priests profite. ſ Or, doubt not. *Psal* 24 1.

t We must take heede that thorow our abuse, our libertie bee not condemned.

u If by the benefit of God I may eate any kinde of meat, why should I by my default cause this benefite to be euill spoken of? *Col.* 3.17.

x That is, the infirme.

y Which are indifferent.

CHAP. XI.

Hee rebuketh the abuses which were crept into their Church, 4 As touching prayer, prophesying, 18 And ministring the Lords Supper, 23 Bringing thē againe to the first institution thereof.

BE * ye the followers of me, euen as I am of Christ.

2 Now, brethren, I commend you, that ye remember ‖ all my things, and keepe the ordinances, as I deliuered them to you.

3 But I will that ye know, that Christ is the * head of euery man: and the man is the womans head: and God is Christs head.

4 Euery man * praying, or ‖ prophesying hauing any thing on his head, b dishonoureth his head.

5 But euery woman that prayeth or c prophesieth bare headed, dishonoureth her head: for it is euen one very thing, as though she were shauen.

6 Therefore if the woman be not couered, let her also be shorne: and if it be shame for a woman to be ϳ shorne or shauen, let her be couered.

7 For a man ought not to couer his head: forasmuch as hee is the * d image and glory of God: but the woman is the * glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man.

9 * For the man was not created for the womans sake: but the woman for the mans sake.

10 Therefore ought the woman to haue e power on her head, because of the ζ Angels.

11 Neuertheles, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man in the η Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman: but all things are of God.

13 Iudge in your selues, Is it comely that a woman pray vnto God vncouered?

14 Doeth not nature it selfe teach you, that if a man haue long θ haire, it is a shame vnto him?

15 But if a woman haue long haire, it is

z Or, prepare.

a 2. *Thess.* 3.9. ‖ Or, *in all things remember me.* *Ephes.* 5.23.

a This is referred to cōmon prayer and preaching: for although one speake, yet the action is common, so that the whole Church may be sayd to pray or preach.

‖ Or, preaching.

b This tradition was obserued according to the time and place that all things might be done in comelinesse and to edification.

c Reade Chap. 14.34.

d Or, polled. *Gen* 1.26 & 5.1 and 9 6 col. 3.10.

d The image of Gods glory in whom his maiestie and power shine concerning his authority.

e Or, receiueth her glory, in commendation of man, & therefore is subiect. *Gen.* 2.18,22.

ϳ Some thing to couer her head in signe of subiection. g To whom they also shew their dissolution, and not only to Christ. h Who is author and maintainer of their mutuall coniunction. i For as God made the woman of man, so now is man multiplied by the woman. k As women vse to weare.

1 For God hath given to woman longer haire then vnto man, to the ende she should cruse it vp about her head, whereby she declareth that she must couer her head.

m Not that all were so, but the most part.

n Gods Church is not onely subiect to dissention as touching orders and maners, but also to heresies as touching doctrine.

o Who ought onely to beare authoritie in the Church.

Matth. 26.26. *marke* 14.22. *luke* 22.19.

p Signifying the maner of his death, when his body should, as it were, be torne and broken with most grieuous torments (albeit not as the thighs of the theeues were) which thing the breaking of the bread, as a figure, doth most liuely represent.

q By peruerting the true and pure vse of the same. 2. *Cor.* 13.5.

r But as though these holy mysteries of the Lords body and blood were common meate, so without reuerence he commeth vnto them.

s Or, die. Let them looke to themselues, which either addle or take away from the Lords institution.

a praist vnto her for her haire is t giuen her for a couering.

16 But if any man list to be contentious, we haue no such custom, neither the Churches of God.

17 ¶ Now in this that I declare, I praise you not, that ye come together, not with profit, but with hurt.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the Church, I heare that there are dissentions among you: and I beleeue it to be true u in some part.

19 For there must be v heresies euen among you, that they which are approoued among you, might be knowen.

20 ¶When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eate the Lordes supper.

21 For euery man when they should eate, taketh his own supper afore, and one is hungrie, and another is drunken.

22 Haue ye not houses to eate and to drinke in? despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that haue not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I haue receiued of the w Lord that which I also haue deliuered vnto you, to wit, that the Lorde Iesus in the night that he was betrayed, tooke bread:

24 x And when he had giuen thankes, he brake it, and sayd, Take, eat: this is my body, which is y broken for you: this doe ye in remembrance of me.

25 After the same maner also he tooke the cup when he had supped, saying, This cup is the newe Testament in my blood: this doe as oft as ye drinke it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye shall eat this bread, and drinke this cup, ye shew the Lords death till he come.

27 Wherefore, whosoeuer shall eate this bread, and drinke the cup of the Lord vnworthily, shall be guiltie of the bodye & blood of the Lord.

28 z Let a man therefore examine himselfe, and so let him eate of this bread, and drinke of this cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh vnworthily, eateth and drinketh his own damnation, because he discerneth not a the Lords body.

30 For this cause many are weake, and sicke among you, and many b sleepe.

31 For if we would iudge our selues, we should not be iudged.

32 But when we are iudged, we are chastened of the Lord, because we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eate, tary one for another.

34 And if any man be hungry, let him eat at home, that ye come not together vnto condemnation. Other things will I set in order when I come.

CHAP. XII.

The diuersitie of the gifts of the holy Ghost ought to be vsed to the edifying of Christs Church. 12 All the members of mans body serue to the vse one of another.

NOw concerning spirituall gifts, brethren, I would not haue you ignorant.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, and were caried away vnto the c dumbe idoles, as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I declare vnto you, that no man speaking by the d Spirit of God, calleth Iesus execrable: also no man can say that Iesus is the Lord, but by the holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diuersities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are diuersities of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diuersities of operations, but God is the same, which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is giuen to euery man, to e profit withall.

8 For to one is giuen by the Spirit the word of wisedome, and to another the word of f knowledge by the same Spirit:

9 And to another is giuen g faith, by the same Spirit: and to another the giftes of healing, by the same Spirit:

10 And to another h the operations of great workes: and to another, i prophecie: and to another, k the discerning of spirites: and to another, diuersities of tongues: and to another, the interpretation of tongues.

11 * And all these things worketh euen the selfe same Spirit, distributing to euery man seuerally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, which is one, though they be many, yet are but one body: euen so is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into l one body, whether we be Iewes or Grecians, whether we be bond or free, and haue bene all made to drinke into one Spirit.

14 For the body also is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot would say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the eare would say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God disposed the members euery one of them in the body at his owne pleasure.

19 For if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are there many members, yet but m one body.

21 And the eye cannot say vnto the hand, I haue no need of thee: nor the head againe to the feete, I haue no need of you.

22 Yea, much rather those members of the body, which seeme to be n more feeble,

a The Corinthians hauing notable gifts, seemed to haue forgotten, of whom, and for what ende they had receiued them.

b Which could not heare your prayers.

c By Satans suggestion. *Marke* 9.39.

d As no man that hath the Spirit of God, can blaspheme Christ, and worship idoles: so none can acknowledge Christ for Lord and God without the same Spirit. *Iohn* 13.13. *chap.* 8.6. *phil.* 2.11.

e To wit, the Church, which is the whole bodie.

f That is, the vnderstanding of the Scriptures.

g To do onely miracles by.

h To worke by miracles against Satan and hypocrites, as was done against Ananias, Elymas, &c.

i Meaning the declaration of Gods mysteries.

k To try both the doctrine and the persons. *Rom.* 12.3. *ephe.* 4.7.

l That we must be one body with Christ, and the whole Church one Christ: of the which communion, Baptisme and the Lords Supper are effectuall figures: for by Baptisme we are ingrafted into one spirit, and by the Lords Supper, we are incorporate into Christs body, to be gouerned by that same Spirit.

m And therefore whatsoeuer the diuersitie is, yet the publike ought to be common, and serue to the edification of the Church.

n Whose vse seemeth to be more vile.

1 Sunday Trin. Gal. 5. vers. 16 to 25 — 27 Sept. 2 Sept. Ephes. Gospell of Luke 11 to 47 vers.

are necessarie,

23 And vpon those members of the body, which we think most vnhonest, put we more honestie on: and our vncomely parts haue more comelinesse on.

24 For our comely parts neede it not: but God hath tempered the body together, and hath giuen the more honor to that part which lacked,

25 Least there should bee any diuision in the body: but that the members should haue the same care one for another.

26 Therefore if one member suffer, all suffer with it: if one member bee had in honour, all the members reioyce with it.

27 Now yee are the body of Christ, and members ‖ for your part.

28 And God hath ordeined some in the Church: as first Apostles, secondly Prophets, thirdly teachers, then them that doe miracles: after that, the gifts of healing, helpers, gouernors, diuersitie of tongues.

29 Are all Apostles? Are all Prophets? are all teachers?

30 Are all doers of miracles? haue all the gifts of healing? do all speake with tongues? do all interprete?

31 But ‖ desire you the best gifts, and I will shew you a more excellent way.

CHAP. XIII.

Because loue is the fountaine and rule of edifying the Church, he setteth forth the nature, office, and praise thereof.

THough I speake with the tongues of men and Angels, and haue not loue, I am as sounding braſſe, or a tinckling cymball.

2 And though I had the gift of prophecie, and knew all secrets, and all knowledge, yea, if I had all faith, so that I could remoue mountaines, and had not loue, I were nothing.

3 And though I feede the poore with all my goods, and though I giue my body, that I be burned, and haue not loue, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Loue suffereth long, and is kinde: loue enuieth not: loue doth not boaste it selfe: is not puffed vp:

5 Doth not disdainefully: seeketh not her owne things: is not prouoked to anger: it thinketh not euill:

6 It reioyceth not in iniquitie, but reioyceth in the truth:

7 It suffereth all things: it beleeueth all things: it hopeth all things: it endureth all things.

8 Loue doeth neuer fall away: though that prophesyings be abolished, or the tongues cease, or knowledge vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesie in part.

10 But when that which is perfect, is come, then that which is in part, shall be abolished.

11 When I was a childe, I spake as a childe, I vnderstood as a childe, I thought as a childe: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now wee see through a glasse darkly, but then shal we see face to face. Now I know in part: but then shall I know euen as I am ‖ known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope and loue, euen these three: but the b chiefest of these is loue.

CHAP. XIIII.

He exhorteth to loue, commendeth the gift of tongues, and other spirituall gifts, 5 But chiefly prophesying. 34 He commandeth women to keepe silence in the Church, 40 And sheweth what good order ought to be obserued in the Church.

FOllow after loue, and couet spirituall gifts, and rather that ye may a prophesie.

2 For hee that speaketh a strange tongue, speaketh not vnto men, but vnto God: for no man b heareth him: howbeit in the c spirit he speaketh secret things.

3 But he that prophesieth, speaketh vnto men to edifying, and to exhortation, and to comfort.

4 He that speaketh strange language, edifieth d himselfe: but he that prophesieth, edifieth the Church.

5 I would that yee all spake strange languages, but rather that yee prophesied: for greater is hee that prophesieth, then hee that speaketh diuers tongues, except hee expound it, that the Church may receiue edification.

6 And now, brethren, if I come vnto you speaking diuers tongues, what shall I profite you, except I speake to you, either by e reuelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

7 Moreouer, things without life, which giue a sound, whether it bee a ‖ pipe, or an harpe, except they make a difference in the sounds, how shall it be knowen what is piped or harped?

8 And also if the trumpet giue an vncertaine sound, who shall prepare himselfe to battell?

9 So likewise you, by the tongue, except ye vtter words that haue signification, how shall it be vnderstood what is spoken? for ye shall speake in the aire.

10 There are so many kindes of voyces (as I suppose) in the world, and none of them is without signification.

11 Except I know then the power of the voyce, I shall be vnto him that speaketh, a Barbarian, and he that speaketh, shall be a Barbarian vnto me.

12 Euen so you, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spirituall gifts, seeke that ye may excell vnto the edifying of the Church.

13 Wherefore, let him that speaketh a strange tongue, pray, that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a strange tongue, my spirit prayeth, but mine vnderstanding is without f fruit.

15 What

o We are more carefull to couer them.

p Euery one in his office for the preseruation of the body.

q For all Churches dispersed throughout the world are diuers members of one body.

‖ *Or, euery one for his part.* Ephes. 4. 11.

r As Deacons.

s As Elders.

‖ *Or, do you then desire the best gifts.*

a That is, to expound the word of God to the edification of the Church.

b Vnderstandeth him.

c By the spirituall gift, which he hath receiued.

d For he profiteth none saue himselfe.

e The prophecie expoundeth that which God hath reuealed: and the doctrine teacheth that which hee hath giuen vs to vnderstand.

Or, Gods.

f Your words shall be lost: for ye shall neither glorifie God thereby, nor profit man.

‖ *Or, as the thing requireth.*

g That is, they may be able to be vnderstood.

h He condemneth the Corinthians of barbarousnesse in that thing, whereby they thought to haue attained to the greatest praise of eloquence.

i And doeth his part.

k Not in respect of him that praieth, but in respect of the Church, which is nothing edified thereby.

g The mysteries of God.

‖ *Or, taught of God.*

h Because it serueth both here and in the life to come: but faith and hope appertaine onely to this life.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the understanding also: I will l sing with the spirit, but I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else, when thou blessest with the spirit, howe shall he that occupieth the roome of the unlearned, say, m Amen, at thy giuing of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verely giuest thankes well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thanke my God, I speake languages more then ye all.

19 Yet had I rather in the Church to speake n fiue wordes with mine understanding that I might also instruct others, then tenne thouland wordes in a strange tongue.

20 Brethren, be not o children in understanding, but as concerning maliciousnesse be children, but in understanding bee of a ripe age.

21 In the Law it is written, p By men of other tongues, and by other languages will I speake vnto this people: yet so shall they not heare me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore strange tongues are for a q signe, not to them that beleeue, but to them that beleeue not: but prophesying serueth not for them that beleeue not, but for them which beleeue.

23 If therefore when the whole Church is come together in one, and al speak strange tongues, there come in they that are vnlearned, or they which beleeue not, will they not say, that ye are out of your wittes?

24 But if all prophesie, and there come in one that beleeueth not, or one vnlearned, r hee is rebuked of all men, and is iudged of all.

25 And so are the secrets of his heart made manifest, and so he will fall downe on his face and worship God, and say plainely that God is in you indede.

26 What is to be done then, brethren? when yee come together, according as euery one of you hath a Psalme, or hath doctrine, or hath a tongue, or hath reuelation, or hath interpretation, let all things bee done vnto edifying.

27 If any man speake a strange tongue, let it be by two, or at the s most by three, and that by course, and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keepe silence in the Church, which speaketh languages, and let him speake to himselfe, and to God.

29 Let the Prophets speake, two, or three, and let the other iudge.

30 And if any thing bee reuealed to another that sitteth by, let the first holde his peace.

31 For yee may all prophesie one by one, that all may learne, and all may haue comfort.

32 And the t spirits of the Prophets are t subiect to the Prophets.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as we see in all the Churches of the Saints.

34 u Let your women keepe x silence in the Churches: for it is not permitted vnto them to speake: but they ought to be subiect, as also the y Law sayeth.

35 And if they will learne any thing, let them aske their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speake in the Church.

36 z Came the worde of God out from you? either came it vnto you onely?

37 If any man thinke himselfe to bee a Prophet, or spirituall, let him acknowledge, that the things that I write vnto you, are the commandements of the Lord.

38 a And if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore brethren, couet to prophesie, and forbid not to speake languages.

40 Let all things bee done honestly and by order.

CHAP. XV.

He proueth the resurrection of the dead, 3. And first that Christ is risen: 22 Then that we shall rise, 52 And the maner how.

MOreouer, b brethren, I declare vnto you the Gospel, which I preached vnto you, which ye haue also receiued, and wherein ye continue,

2 And whereby ye are saued, if ye keepe in memory, after what maner I preached it vnto you, c except yee haue beleeued in vaine.

3 For first of all, I deliuered vnto you that which d I receiued, howe that Christ died for our sinnes, according to the e Scriptures,

4 And that he was buried, and that hee arose the third day, according to the e Scriptures,

5 e And that hee was seene of Cephas, then of the twelue.

6 After that, hee was seene of moe then fiue hundreth brethren at once, whereof many remaine vnto this present, and some also are a sleepe.

7 After that, hee was seene of Iames: then of all the Apostles.

8 e And last of all, hee was seene also of me, as of one borne out of due time.

9 For I am e the least of the Apostles, which am not meete to bee called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.

10 e But by the f grace of God, I am that

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l Or, giue thanks by singing.

m One onely made the prayers, and the rest of the people followed in heart his words, and when he had prayed, they all said, Amen, signifying that they beleeued assuredly that God would graunt their requests.

n That is, most fewe.

Matth. 18.3. *Isa.* 28.11. *deut.* 28.49. *iere.* 5.15. *ezek.* 3.6.

o He threateneth them most sharply, that God will punish the contempt of his word and their counterfeit ignorance, for as much as to speake with vnknowen tongues is a signe of Gods curse toward the wicked.

p Of Gods curse when they are not vnderstood.

q By hearing his secret faults ripe vp, and his sinnes reprooued by Gods word, he is compelled by his owne conscience to praise God.

r Which expound the word of God.

s Paul beareth us yet with their weakenesse, because also these were the gifts of God: but yet he sheweth that they should not passe this measure, that first one, after another, and at the vtmost the third should reade in a strange language, which was to declare Gods miracle in y gift of tongues: but chiefly he commandeth that nothing be done without interpretation. t Or, learning, which Gods spirit moueth them to vtter.

u To the intent that others may iudge of him that hath spoken, if he haue passed the cõpasse of Gods word, wherefore Saint Iohn commandeth to try the spirits whether they be of God 1. *Tim.* 2.11.

x Because this disorder was in the Church that women vsurped that which was peculiar to men, the Apostle here sheweth what is meet to be done, and what is not: and albeit hee mentioned this abuse before, yet he referred it to this place to be reproued, because there he brought it in for another purpose. *Gen.* 3.16.

y Are ye the first or the last Christians, that yee neither submit your selues to the Churches of whom ye haue receiued the Gospel? nor haue respect to the others, to whom the Gospel doth likewise appertaine?

z To haue vnderstanding of spiritual things.

a If any man haue iudgement, let him acknowledge that I speake of the Spirit of God, and so let him obey: and if he haue no iudgement, let him acknowledge his ignorance, & trouble not the Church, but credit them that are learned.

Gal 1.11.

a If you beleeue to be saued by the Gospel, ye must beleeue also the resurrection of the dead, which is one of the principall points the reof, or els your beliefe is but vaine.

b He sheweth y nothing ought to be taught, which we haue not learned by Gods word. *Isa* 55.3. 1. *pet.* 2.24. *Ionas.* 2.1, 10. *John* 20.19.

c Although Iudas wanted, yet they were so called still. *Acts* 9.4. *rom* 6.3.8. *Ephes* 3.8. *Ephes* 3.7.

d For he was but glory to God.

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I am: and his grace which is in me, was not in vaine: but I laboured more abundantly then they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

11 Wherefore whether it were I, or they, so we preach, and so haue ye beleeued.

12 ¶ Now if it be preached, that Christ is risen from the dead, how say some among you, that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 For if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching *vaine, and your faith is also vaine.

15 And we are found also false witnesses of God: for we haue testified of God, that he hath raised vp Christ: whom he hath not raised vp, if so be the dead be not raised.

16 For if the dead be not raised, then is Christ not raised.

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vaine: ye are yet in your sinnes.

18 And so they which are asleep in Christ, are perished.

19 If in this life | only we haue hope in Christ, we are of all men the most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, & was made the *first-fruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, euen so in Christ shall | all be made aliue,

23 But euery man in his *owne order: the first fruits is Christ, afterward, they that are of Christ, at his comming shal rise againe.

24 Then shall be the ende, when he hath deliuered vp the kingdome to God, euen the Father, when he hath put downe al rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reigne *till hee hath put all his enemies vnder his feete.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed, is death.

27 *For hee hath put downe all things vnder his feete. (And when he saith that al things are subdued to him, it is manifest that hee is excepted, which did put downe all things vnder him.)

28 And when all things shall be subdued vnto him, then shall the Sonne also himself be subiect vnto him, that did subdue all things vnder him, that God may be *all in all.

29 Else, what shall they doe which are baptized o for dead? if the dead rise not at all, why are they then baptized for dead?

30 Why are wee also in ieopardie euery houre?

31 q By our reioycing which I haue in Christ Iesus our Lord, I die dayly.

32 If I haue fought with beastes at Ephesus after the *maner of men, what aduantageth it me, if the dead be not raised vp? *let vs eate and drinke: for to morrow wee shall die.

33 Bee not deceiued: *euill speakings corrupt good maners.

34 Awake to iust righteously, and sinne not: for some haue not the knowledge of God: I speake this to your shame.

35 But some man will say, Howe are the dead raised vp? and with what body come they forth?

36 D foole, that which thou sowest, is not quickened, except it die.

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall bee, but bare corne, as it falleth, of wheate, or of some other.

38 But God giueth it a body at his pleasure, euen to euery seede his owne body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one *flesh of men, and another flesh of beastes, and another of fishes, and another of birdes.

40 There are also heauenly bodies, and earthly bodies: but the glory of the heauenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

41 There is another glory of the *sunne, and another glory of the moone, and another glory of the starres: for one starre differeth from another starre in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sowen in corruption, and is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sowen in *dishonour, and is raised in glory: it is sowen in weakenesse, and is raised in power.

44 It is sowen a naturall body, and is raised a spirituall body: there is a naturall body, and there is a spirituall body.

45 As it is also written, The first man *Adam was made a liuing soule: and the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first made which is spirituall: but that which is naturall, and afterward that which is spirituall.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthly: the second man is the Lord from heauen.

48 As is the earthly, such are they that are earthly: and as is the heauenly, such are they also that are heauenly.

49 And as we haue borne the *image of the earthly: so shall wee beare the image of the heauenly.

50 This say I, brethren, that *flesh and blood cannot inherite the kingdome of God, neither doeth corruption inherite incorruption.

51 Beholde, I shew you a secret thing, We shall not all sleepe, but we shall all bee *changed,

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e Christs death not effectuall, except he rise from death.

f For if Christ be swallowed vp of death, there remaineth no hope of life any more.

g As mortification and remission of sinnes depend on Christs death: so our quickening and restoring to life stand in his resurrection.

h You are not forgiuen nor sanctified.

‖ Or, onely for this life's sake.

Col. 1.18 reu. 1.5

i As by the offering of the first fruit the whole fruit is sanctified, so by Christ which is the first that is raysed, all haue assurance of the resurrection.

k Who rose first from the dead to take possession in our flesh for vs his members.

l To wit, the faithfull.

1. Thes. 4.15.

m Christ as he is man and head of the Church, is said to be subiect to God: but in respect of the world, is king of heauen & earth. This kingdom standeth in gouerning the faithful, & ouercomming the aduersaries, euē death the chiefest: which done, Christ being perfected with all his members, shall as he is man, & head of the Church, with his fellow heires deliuer his kingdom, & be subiect to God, with whom & the holy Ghost in Godhead he is equal. Psal. 110. 1. Act 2. 34, 35. heb. 1 13 & 10 13 Psal. 8. 6. heb. 2. 8

n We shalbe perfectly fulfilled with his glory and felicity.

o That is, as dead, and because they were but newly come to Christ, would be baptized before they died.

p Except these things be true of Christs kingdom, & his subiection, what shall become of them whom the Church daily baptizeth, for to destroy death in the, which is the end of Baptisme, & so they to rise againe?

q I take to witnesse all my sorowes wherein I may iustly reioyce in the Lord, that I haue sustained them among you.

r That is, hauing regard to this present life, and not to Gods glory, and life eternal lasting. Isa 22. 13. wisd. 2. 6. *Menander in Thaide.

s There is one substance as touching the flesh both of man and beast, but the difference is as touching the qualitie.

t Euen as the Sunne and the Moone, being of one substance, differ in dignity: so in the resurrection our bodies shall haue more excellencies then they haue now.

u For what is more vile to looke vnto, then the dead carkeis?

x Not changing the substance, but made partaker of the diuine nature. Gene. 1. 7.

y Christ bringeth vs from heauen the Spirit of life.

z This is attributed to Christ as concerning his diuinity, not in respect of his humanitie, whose flesh hath this glory by y power of God who dwelleth in it.

a Both in substance and forme we are earthly.

b This naturall body as it is now, til it be made new by the Spirit of Christ.

c When the Lord commeth to iudgement, some of the Saints shall bee aliue, whom he will change euen as if they were dead, so that this change is in stead of death to them.

Matth.24.31. 1.Thes.4.16. Isa.25.8. Reuel.7.17.

52 In a moment, in the twinckling of an eye at the last *trumpet: for the trumpet shall blow, and the dead shall bee raised vp incorruptible, and we shalbe changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption: and this mortall must put on immortalitie.

54 So when this corruptible hath put on incorruption, and this mortall hath put on immortalitie, then shall be brought to passe the saying that is written, *Death is swalowed vp into victory.

55 †O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sinne: and the [d] strength of sinne is the Law.

57 *But thankes bee vnto God, which hath giuen vs victory through our Lord Iesus Christ.

58 Therefore my beloued brethren, be ye stedfast, vnmoueable, abundant alwayes in the worke of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in [e] vaine in the Lord.

1.Iohn 5.5. [e] The hope of resurrection causeth the faithfull to surmount all difficulties.

CHAP. XVI.

He putteth them in remembrance of the gathering for the poore brethren at Ierusalem. 13 We must persevere in faith, in the loue of Christ and our neighbour. 15 After his commendations he wisheth to them all prosperitie.

Acts 11.29. and 23.25. rom.15.25. Act. 18.23.

CNcerning *the gathering for the Saints, as I haue ordained in the Churches of Galatia, so doe ye also.

2 [a] Euery first day of the weeke, let euery one of you put aside by himselfe, and lay vp as God hath prospered him, that then there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I am come, whomsoeuer ye shall allow [b] by letters, them will I send to bring your liberality vnto Ierusalem.

4 And if it be meete that I goe also, they shall goe with me.

5 Now I will come vnto you, after I haue gone through Macedonia (for I will passe through Macedonia)

6 And it may bee that I will abide, yea, or winter with you, that ye may bring me on my way whithersoeuer I goe.

7 For I will not see you now in my passage: but I trust to abide a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 And I will tary at Ephesus vntill Pentecost.

9 For a great doore and *effectuall is opened vnto me: but there are many aduersaries.

10 CNow if Timotheus come, see that he bee *without feare with you, for he worketh the worke of the Lord, euen as I doe.

11 Let no man therefore *despise him: but conney him forth [c] in peace, that he may come vnto mee: for I looke for him with the brethren.

12 As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come vnto you with the brethren: but his minde was not at all to come at this time: howbeit he will come when he shall haue conuenient time.

13 CWatch ye: stand fast in the faith: quite you like men, and be strong.

14 Let all your things be done in [h] loue.

15 Now, brethren, I beseech you (yee knowe the house of Stephanas, that it is the [i] first fruites of Achaia, and that they haue giuen themselues to minister vnto the Saints)

16 That ye be [k] obedient euen vnto such, and to all that helpe with vs and labour.

17 I am glad of the comming of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus: for they haue [l] supplied the want of you.

18 For they haue comforted my ‖spirite and yours: acknowledge therefore such men.

19 The Churches of Asia salute you: Aquila and Priscilla with the Church that is in their house, salute you greatly in the Lord.

20 All the brethren greete you. Greete ye one another with an *holy *kisse.

21 The salutation of me Paul with mine owne hand.

22 If any man loue not the Lord Iesus Christ, let him bee had in execration, ‖ yea excommunicate to death.

23 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you.

24 My loue be with you all in Christ Iesus. Amen.

The first Epistle to the Corinthians, written from [m] Philippi, and sent by Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, and Timotheus.

[a] Vpon the first day of y weeke, which the Scripture calleth the Lords day, others, Sunday, they accustomed not only in the Church, but at home also according vnto euery mans zeale, to lay vp some piece of money toward the relieffe of the poore brethren.

[b] Which ye shall send by the that carie the money.

[c] Because God blessed his labour.

[d] Willing that they should defend him against the aduerlaries of Christ, because it is the Churches duetie to be carefull for the preseruation of their ministers.

[e] As though he were too yong to be a minister.

[f] That is, safe and sound.

[g] Lest Satan steale vpon you at vnawares.

[h] For they had euery man respect to himselfe contrary to loue.

[i] That is, the first which embraced the Gospel.

[k] And reuerence them.

[l] The griefe that I tooke for your absence, was greatly assuaged by their presence.

‖*Or, minde.*

Rom.16.16. 2.cor.13.12. 1 pet.5.14.

[m] In token of mutuall loue, which thing was obserued in the primitiue Church when the Lords Supper was ministred.

‖*Or, Maranatha.*

[n] Or, as it is more probable, from Ephesus.

The second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

THE ARGVMENT.

AS nothing can be written either so perfectly, or with so great affection & zeale, which is not vnprofitable to many, and resisted by some: so the first Epistle written by S. Paul to the Corinthians, besides the purity and perfection of the doctrine, sheweth a loue toward them far passing all naturall affections: which did not onely not profit all, but hardened the hearts of many to remaine in the first stubbornesse, and contemne the Apostles authority. By reason whereof S. Paul, being let with iust occasions to come vnto them, wrote this Epistle from Macedonia, minding to accomplish the worke which he had begun among them. First therfore he wisheth them wel in the Lord, declaring that

that albeit certaine wicked persons abused his afflictions to condemne thereby his authority, yet they were necessary schoolings, and sent to him by God for their bettering. And whereas they blame his long absence, it came of no inconstancy, but to beare with their inability and imperfection, lest contrary to his fatherly affection, he should haue bene compelled to vse rigour and severity. And as touching his sharpe writing in the former Epistle, it came through their fault as is now evident both in that, that he pardoneth the trespasser, seeing he doeth repent: and also in that he was vnquiet in his minde, till he was certified by Titus of their estate. But forasmuch as the false apostles went about to vndermine his authority, he confuteth their arrogant braggs, and commendeth his office, and the diligent executing of the same: for that Satan must haue greatly blinded their eyes, which see not the brightnesse of the Gospel in his preaching: the effect whereof is newnesse of life, forsaking of our selues, cleauing to God, fleeing from idolatry, embracing the true doctrine, and that sorrow which engendreth true repentance: to the which is ioyned mercy and compassion toward our brethren: also wisedome to put difference betwixt the simplicity of the Gospel, and the arrogancie of the false preachers, who vnder pretence of preaching the trueth, ought onely to fill their bellies, whereas he contrariwise sought them, and not their goods, as those ambitious persons slandered him, wherefore at his comming hee menaceth such as rebell against his authority, that hee will declare by liuely example that he is the faithfull ambassadour of Iesus Christ.

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CHAP. I.

4 *He declareth the great profite that commeth to the faithfull by their afflictions.* 15. 17 *And because they should not impute to lightnesse, that he deferred his coming contrary to his promise, he proueth his constancy, both by the sincerity of his preaching, and also by the immutable trueth of the Gospel.* 21 *Which trueth is grounded on Christ, and sealed in our hearts by the holy Ghost.*

PAVL an Apostle of Iesus Christ, by the will of God, and our brother Timothens, to the Church of God, which is at Corinthus with all the Saints which are in all a Achaia:

2 Grace bee with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 *b Blessed be God, euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort,

4 Which comforteth vs in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any affliction by the comfort wherewith wee our selues are comforted of God.

5 For as the c sufferings of Christ abound in vs, so our consolation aboundeth through Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation, and d saluation, which e is wrought in the enduring of the same sufferings, which we also suffer: or whether wee be comforted, it is for your consolation and saluation.

7 And our hope is stedfast concerning you, in as much as we know that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 For brethren, wee would not haue you ignorant of our affliction, which came vnto vs in Asia, how wee were pressed f out of measure passing strength, so that we altogether doubted, euen of life.

9 Yea, we receiued the sentence of death in our selues, because wee should not trust in our selues, but in God, which raiseth the dead.

10 Who deliuered vs from so g great a death, and doeth deliuer vs: in whom we trust, that yet hereafter he will deliuer vs,

11 *So that ye labour together in prayer for vs, that for the gift bestowed vpon vs for many, thankes may bee giuen by many persons for vs.

12 i For our reioycing is this, the testimonie of our conscience, that in simplicitie and godly pureneſſe and not in fleshly wisedome, k but by the grace of God wee haue had our conuersation in the world, and most of all to youwards.

13 For wee l write none other things vnto you, then that ye read, or els that ye acknowledge, and I trust ye shall acknowledge vnto the end.

14 Euen as ye haue acknowledged vs partly, that wee are your m reioycing, euen as ye are * ours, in the * day of our Lord Iesus.

15 And in this confidence was I minded first to come vnto you, that ye might haue had a double grace,

16 And to passe by you into Macedonia, and to come againe out of Macedonia vnto you, and to bee led forth toward Iudea of you.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I vse lightnesse? or mind I those things which I minde, * according to the flesh, that with mee should bee q Yea, yea, and Nay, nay?

18 Yea, * God is faithfull, that our word toward you, was not Yea, and Nay.

19 For the Sonne of God Iesus Christ, who was preached among you by vs, that is, by mee, and Siluanus, and Timotheus, was not Yea, and Nay: but in him it was r Yea.

20 For all the promises of God in him are * Yea, and are in him Amen, vnto the glorie of God through vs.

21 And it is God which establisheth vs with you in Christ, and hath anointed vs.

22 Who hath also * sealed vs, and hath giuen the * earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

a Meaning the countrey, where of Corinthus was the chiefe citie. *Ephes.* 1 3.

b Or, praise and glory be giuen.

c Which I suffer for Christ, or which Christ suffereth in me, Rom. 7 5 and 8 5. col. 1. 24.

d For seeing him endure so much, they had occasion to be confirmed in the Gospel.

e As God onely worketh all things in vs, so doth he also our saluation by his free mercy, and by such meanes as he hath here left in this life for vs to be exercised in.

f Hereby hee sheweth his own infirmitie, that it might appeare how wonderfully Gods graces wrought in him.

g I was vtterly resolued in my selfe to die.

h So many dangers of death.

Rom. 15. 30.

i He rendreth a reason why they ought to pray vnto God for his recouery.

k Vsing that wisdome which God gaue me from heauen.

l Ye know partly my constancie both by my dwelling with you, and also by my writing vnto you: and I trust ye shall know me to bee the same to the very ende.

m In that we haue taught you the Gospel so sincerely.

n Because wee haue wonne you to Christ

o Which shal abolish all worldly glory.

p Which is rashly to promise and not to performe.

q Now to affirme one thing, and then to denie it, which is a signe of inconstancy.

r He taketh God to witnesse, that he preached the trueth.

s He preacheth nothing vnto them but onely Iesus Christ, who is the most constant and infallible trueth of the Father.

t They are made and performed, and wee are partakers onely by him, who is our Amen, in that hee hath fulfilled them for vs. *Ephes.* 1. 13. *and* 4. 30. *Ephes.* 1. 14. *chap.* 5. 5.

23 Now

a In that I say I came not because I would spare you, I meane not that I have authoritie to alter true religion, or to binde your consciences, but that I am Gods minister to cõfirme and comfort you.

23 Now I call God for a record vnto my soule, that to spare you, I came not as yet vnto Corinthus.

24 Not that wee a haue dominion ouer your faith, but wee are helpers of your ioye: for b by x faith ye stand.

x And faith is not in subiection to man.

CHAP. II.

He sheweth his loue towards them, 7 requiring likewise that they would bee fauourable to the incestuous adulterer, seeing he did repent. 14 He also rendereth his God for the efficacies of his doctrine, 17 confuting thereby such craftie pickers, as vnder pretence of speaking against his person, sought nothing but the ouerthrow of his doctrine.

BVt I determined thus in my selfe, that I would not come againe to you in heauinesse.

2 For if I make you sory, who is he then that should make me glad, but a same which is made b sory by me?

3 And I wrote b this same thing vnto you, lest when I came, I should take heauinesse of them, of whom I ought to reioyce: this confidence haue I in you all, that my ioy is the ioy of you all.

4 For in great affliction, and anguish of heart I wrote vnto you with many teares: not that ye should bee made sory, but that ye might perceiue the loue which I haue, specially vnto you.

5 And if any haue caused sorow, the same hath not c made mee sory, but partly (lest I should d more charge him) you all.

6 It is sufficient vnto the same man, that he was rebuked of many.

7 So that now contrariwise yee ought rather to forgiue him, and comfort him, lest the same e should bee swallowed vp with ouermuch heauinesse.

8 Wherefore I pray you, that you would f confirme your loue towards him.

9 For this cause also did I write, that I might know the proofe of you, whether yee would be obedient in all things.

10 To whom ye forgiue any thing, I forgiue also: for verely if I forgaue any thing, to whom I forgaue it, for your sakes forgaue I it in the g sight of Christ,

11 Lest Satan should h circumuent vs: for we are not ignorant of his enterprises.

12 C Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christes Gospel, and a dore was opened vnto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in mine spirit, because I found not Titus my brother, but tooke my leaue of them, and went away into Macedonia.

14 i Now thanke be vnto God, which alwaies causeth vs to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the fauour of his knowledge by vs in euery place.

15 For we are vnto God the k swet sauour of Christ, in them that are saued, & in them that perish.

16 To the one we are the l sauour of death vnto death, & to the other the sauour of life, vnto life, and who is sufficient for these things?

17 For wee are not as many, m which make merchandise of the word of God: but as of sinceritie, but as of God in the sight of God speake we i in Christ.

b From this place vnto the 6. chap. he intreateth onely of the ministerie of the Gospel, and of the excellencie thereof, and of the power which it hath in the hearts of the faithfull, aboue the ministerie of the Law, as in the 3. chap. 7. and 8. verses: and not onely to the minister, but also how the holy ghost mightily by vs, he worketh vpon the hearts of the children of God.

c The preaching of the crosse bringeth death to them which only consider Christs death as a common death, and be therat offended, or els thinke this death behold in That is, which preach for gaine & corrupt it to serue mens affections. ‖ Or, through Christ, or of Christ.

CHAP. III.

He taketh for example the faith of the Corinthians for a probation of the trueth which he preached. 6 And to exalt his Apostleship against the brags of the false apostles, 7, 13 he maketh comparison betwixt the Law and the Gospel.

DO a we begin to praise our selues againe? or need we as some other, Epistles of recommendation vnto you, or letters of recommendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, which is vnderstood and read of all men,

3 In that ye are manifest, to be the epistle of Christ b ministred by vs, and written, not with yncke, but with the Spirit of the liuing God, not in c tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

4 And such trust haue we through Christ to God:

5 Not that we are sufficient of our selues, to thinke any thing as of our selues: but our sufficiencie is of God,

6 Who also hath made vs able ministers of the new Testament, not of the d letter but of the e Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the f Spirit giueth life.

7 If then the ministration g of death written with letters and ingraued in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance (which glory is done away)

8 How shall not the ministration of the Spirit be more glorious?

9 For if the ministery of h condemnation was glorious, much more doeth the ministration of i righteousnesse exceede in glory.

10 For euen that which was glorified, was not glorified in this point, that is, as touching the exceeding glory.

11 For if that which should be abolished, was glorious, much more shall that which remaineth, be glorious.

12 Seeing then that we haue such trust, we vse k great boldnesse of speech.

13 And we are not as Moses, which put a vaile vpon his face, that the children of Israel should not looke vnto the ende of that which should be abolished.

a Meaning himselfe, Timotheus, and Siluanus.

b Who were Gods pen-

c The hardnesse of mans heart, before he be regenerate, is as a stonie table, Ezek. 11. 19. and 36. 26. but being regenerate by the spirit of God, it is as soft as flesh, that the grace of the Gospel may be written in it, as in new tables, Jerem. 31, 31, 33.

d Whose minister Moses was.

e Which Christ gaue.

f Meaning, the spirituall doctrine, which is in our hearts.

g Thus he nameth the Law, in comparison of the Gospel.

h After that God had spoken with him, and giuen him the Law.

i For the Law declareth all men guiltie, but the Gospel, which declareth that Christ is made our righteousnesse.

k Meaning, that Moses shewed the Law as it was couered with a vaile, but he the Iewes eyes were not lightned, but blinded, and so could not come to Christ, who was the end thereof; and that we, the Gospel setteth forth the glory of God cleerely, not casting our eyes, but driuing the darknesse away from them.

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of that which should be abolished.

14 Therefore their mindes are hardened: for vntill this day remaineth the same couering vntaken away in the reading of the old Testament, which vaile in Christ is put away.

15 But euen vnto this day, when Moses is read, the vaile is layd ouer their hearts.

16 Neuertheless, when their heart shall be turned to the Lord, the vaile shalbe taken away.

17 Now the n Lord is the * Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is libertie.

18 But wee all behold as in a o mirrour the glory of the Lord with open face, and are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He declareth his diligence and roundnesse in his office. 8 And that which his enemies tooke for his disaduantage, to wit, the crosse and afflictions which he endured, he turneth to his great aduantage. 11. 17 shewing what profit commeth thereby.

THerefore, seeing that we haue this ministery, as we haue receiued mercie, * we faint not:

2 But haue cast from vs the b cloakes of shame, and *walke not in craftinesse, neither handle we the word of God deceitfully: but in declaration of the trueth we approoue our selues to euery mans conscience in the sight of God.

3 If our Gospel be then hid, it is hid to them that are lost.

4 In whom the c god of this world hath blinded the mindes, that is, of the infidels, that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, which is the *image of God, should not shine vnto them.

5 For wee preach not our c selues, but Christ Iesus the Lord, and our selues your seruants for Iesus sake.

6 For God that *commanded the light to shine out of darkenesse, is hee which hath shined in f our hearts, to giue the g light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Iesus Christ.

7 But we haue this h treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellencie of that power might be of God and not of vs.

8 Wee are afflicted on euery side, yet are we not in distresse: in powertie, but not ouercome of powertie.

9 Wee are persecuted, but not forsaken: cast downe, but we perish not.

10 Euery where wee beare about in our body the i dying of the Lord Iesus, that the life of Iesus might also be made manifest in our bodies.

11 For we which liue, are alwayes deliuered vnto death for Iesus sake, that the life also of Iesus might be made manifest in our mortall flesh.

12 So then k death worketh in vs, and life in you.

13 And because we haue the same l spirit of faith, according as it is written, * I beleeued, and therefore haue I spoken, we also beleeue, and therefore speake,

14 Knowing that he which hath raised vp the Lord Iesus, shall m raise vs vp also by Iesus, and set vs with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that most plenteous grace by the thanksgiuing of * many, may redound to the praise of God.

16 Therefore we faint not, but though our outward man n perish, yet the inward man is * renewed dayly.

17 For our p light affliction which is but for a moment, causeth vnto vs a farre most excellent and eternall weight of glory:

18 While wee looke not on the things which are seene, but on the things which are not seene: for the things which are seene, are temporall: but the things which are not seene, are eternall.

a Christ is our mediatour, and authour of the new Testament whose doctrine is spirituall, and giueth life to the Law.
Iohn 4.24.
o In Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, we see God the Father as in a most cleare glasse.
Saint Matthew Euen to Good tide Matthew Lord Mr V.
3 For any troubles or afflictions.
b Meaning such shifts and pretences as become not them that haue such a great office in hand.
Chap. 2. 17.
c To wit, Satan, Iohn 12. 31. and 14. 30. eph. 6. 12.
d In whom God doeth shew himselfe to be seene: and here Christ is called so in respect of his office.
e As they which preach for gaine, or els which rather seeke to be seene & knowen, then to edifie.
Gene. 1. 3.
f Which are your seruants.
g That we hauing receiued light, should communicate the same with others, and therefore Christ calleth them the light of the world, Matth. 5. 14.
h Albeit the ministers of the Gospel be contemptible as touching their person, yet the treasure which they carie is nothing worse or inferiour.
i All the faithfull, and chiefly the Ministers must drinke of this cup, because the world hateth Christ: and also that the members should be conformable to Christ their head, yet by the mightie power of Christ, who ouercame death, they are made conquerours.
k By our death you haue life: so that the fruit of our afflictions commeth to you.
l The same faith by the inspiration of the holy Ghost.
Psal. 116. 10.
m In deliuering vs from these dangers, which is as it were a restoring from death to life.
n That I being deliuered and restored to you againe, may not onely my selfe giue God thanks for his infinite benefit of deliuerance, but also
Saint Matthew Euen to Good tide Matthew Lord Mr V.
you all, which are both partakers of mine affliction & comfort, may abundantly see forth his glory.
‖ *Or, be corrupted.*
o Groweth stronger.
p Which is so called in respect of the euerlasting life.

CHAP. V.

1 Paul proceedeth to declare the vtilitie that commeth by the crosse. 4 How we ought to prepare our selues vnto it, 5 by whom, 9 and for what end. 14. 19 He setteth forth the grace of Christ, 20 and the office of ministers, and all the faithfull.

FOr we know that if * our earthly house of this tabernacle be destroyed, we haue a building giuen of God, that is, an house not made with hands, but eternall in the heauens.

2 For therefore we sigh, desiring to be clothed with our house, which is from heauen.

3 ‖ Because that if we be clothed, we shall not be found * naked.

4 For in deed we that are in this tabernacle, sigh and are burdened, ‖ because we would not be vnclothed, but would be clothed vpon, that mortalitie might be swallowed vp of life.

5 And he that hath created vs for this thing, is God, who hath also giuen vnto vs the * earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore we are alway * bold, though we know that whiles we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.

7 (For we * walke by faith, and not by sight)

8 Neuertheless, we are bold, and loue rather to remoue out of the body, and to dwell with the Lord.

9 Wherefore also we endeuour, that both dwelling * at home, and remouing * from home, we may be acceptable to him.

10 * For we must all appeare before the iudgement seate of Christ, that euery man may receiue the things which are done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be * good or euill.

11 Knowing therefore the t terrour of

a After this body shal be dissolued, it shall be made incorruptible and immortall.
‖ *Or, if so be we shalbe found clothed, and not naked.*
Reuel. 16. 15.
‖ *Or, wherein, Chap. 1. 22.*
b Not onely quiet in minde, but also ready to suffer in all dangers: being assured of the good successe thereof.
Or, strangers in the body.
c For here onely we beleeue in God, and see him not.
d In this body.
e Out of this body, to heauen.
Rom. 14. 10.
f That is, either glory or shame.
g The seat of all iudgement.
h By faith.
i Out of this body, to heauen.
k Or, *strangers in the body.*
l Or, *wherein, Chap. 1. 22.*
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h He proueth the dignitie of his ministery by the fruit and effect thereof, which is to bring men to Christ.
i By imbracing the same faith which wee teach to others.
k As they, which more esteemed the outward shew of wisedom and eloquence, then true godlinesse.
l As the aduersaries sayd, which could not abide to heare them praised.
m Our follie scrueth to Gods glory.
n Therefore whoso euer giueth place to ambition or vaine glory, is yet dead, and liueth not in Christ.
o As the onely faithfull doe in Christ.
p According to the estimation of the world: but as he is guided by the Spirit of God.
q We doe not esteeme, nor commend Christ himselfe nowe, as he was an excellent man: but as hee was the Sonne of God partaker of his glory, and in whom God dwelled corporally: and do you thinke that I will flatter my selfe or any man in setting forth his gifts? Yea, when I praise my ministery, I commend the power of God: when I commend his worthy factes, I praise the mighty power of God set foorth by vs wormes and wretches. r Let him be regenerate, and renounce himselfe, els all the rest is nothing. *Isa.43.19. verse 17.5.* I Therefore without Christ wee cannot enioy the life euerlasting; nor come to God. t That is, a sacrifice for sinne. u By imputation, which wee shall be clad with Christs iustice.

the Lord, we k perswade men, and wee l are made manifest vnto God, and I trust also that wee are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For wee praise not our selues againe vnto you, but giue you an occasion to reioyce of vs, that ye may haue to answere against them, which reioyce in the k face, and not in the heart.

13 For whether we be l out of our wit, we are it m to God: or whether we be in our right mind, we are it vnto you.

14 For the loue of Christ constraineth vs: because we thus iudge, that if one bee dead for all, then were n all dead.

15 And he died for all, that they o which liue, should not henceforth liue vnto themselues, but vnto him which died for them, and rose againe.

16 Wherefore, henceforth know wee no man p after the flesh, yea, though wee had known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth q know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, let him be a r new creature. * Olde things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, which hath reconciled vs vnto himselfe by Iesus Christ, and hath giuen vnto vs the ministery of reconciliation.

19 For God was s in Christ, and reconciled the world to himselfe, not imputing their sinnes vnto them, and hath committed to vs the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then are wee ambassadors for Christ: as though God did beseech you through vs, we pray you in Christs stead, that ye be reconciled to God.

21 For hee hath made him to bee t sinne for vs, which knewe no sinne, that wee should bee u made the righteousnesse of God in him.

h By the infidels if they saw no fruit come thereof. *1.Cor.4.1.*
i *Iohn 2 Iohn verse*
k He declareth with what weapons he resisted his aduersaries.
l Who is the efficient cause.
m Which is the finall cause.
n By the Gospel and the power of God and his own integritie, he ouerthrew Satan, and the world, as with weapons on euery side most ready.
o Signifying his most vehement affection.
p Their iudgement was so corrupted, that they were not likewise affectioned towards him, as he was towardes them.
q I liue like a new & other man towards me.
r *Gala.6.15.*
s *Iohn 1.1.*
t *Leuit.4.3.*
u *Rom.3.22.*

CHAP. VI.

1 *An exhortation to Christian life,* 11 *And to beare him like affection, as hee doeth them.* 14 *Also to keepe themselues from all pollution of idolatrie both in body and soule, and to haue none acquaintance with idolaters.*

WE wee therefore as workers together beseech you, that ye receiue not the grace of God in vaine.

2 For he sayth, * I haue heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of saluation haue I succoured thee: beholde nowe the a accepted time, beholde nowe the day of saluation.

3 We giue no occasion of offence in any

Isa.49.8.
a Or, wil, Gods free mercie, wherein he hath powred forth his infinite loue.

thing, that our ministery should not bee b reprehended.

4 But in all things wee approoue our selues as * the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in prisons, in tumults, in labours,

6 By c watchings, by fastings, by puritie, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindnesse, by the d holy Ghost, by e loue vnfained,

7 By the word of trueth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousnesse on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by euill report, and good report, as deceiuers, and yet true:

9 As vnknowen, and yet knowen: as dying, and behold, wee liue: as chastened, and yet not killed:

10 As sorowing, and yet alway reioycing: as poore, and yet make many rich: as hauing nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O Corinthians, our f mouth is open vnto you: our heart is made large.

12 Ye are not kept strait in vs, but ye are kept strait in your owne g bowels.

13 Nowe for the same recompense, I speake as to my children, h Bee you also enlarged.

14 * Be not vnequally yoked with the infidels: for i what fellowship hath righteousnesse with vnrighteousnesse? and what communion hath light with darknesse?

15 And what concord hath Christ with k Belial? or what part hath the beleeuer with the infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the Temple of God with idols? l for ye are the Temple of the m liuing God: as God hath sayde, * I will dwell among them, and walke there: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 n Wherefore, come out from among them, and separate your selues, sayeth the Lord: and touch none vncleane thing, and I will receiue you,

18 * And I will be a Father vnto you, and ye shall be my sonnes and daughters, sayeth the Lord Almighty.

b Or, be slaine.
c Or, the diuill. *1.Cor.11.26. & 6.5.*
d So called, yet not for that he onely liueth in vs, but giueth it also to all liuing creatures. *Leuit.26.11,12. Isa.52.11.*

CHAP. VII.

1 *He exhorteth them by the promises of God to keepe themselues pure.* 3. 7 *assuring them of his loue.* 8.13 *and doth not excuse his sharpenesse toward them, but reioyceth thereat, considering what profit came thereby.* 10 *Of two sorts of sorow.*

SEeing then we haue these promises, deare ly beloued, let vs a cleanse our selues from all filthinesse of the b flesh and spirit, and grow vp vnto full holinesse in the feare of God.

a Consider this well, yee that serue idoles with your bodies, and yet thinke your selues
b By the flesh and spirit, he meaneth the whole man.

consciences pure toward God: God will one day
halting. b Of body and soule.

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2 Receiue vs: we haue done wrong to no man: wee haue consumed no man: wee haue defrauded no man.

3 I speake it not to your condemnation: for I haue sayd before, that yee are in our hearts to die and liue together.

4 I vse great boldnesse of speach toward you: I reioice greatly in you: I am filled with comfort, and am exceeding ioyous in all our tribulation.

5 For when wee were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but wee were troubled on euery side, fightings * without, and terrors within.

6 But God, that comforteth the abiect, comforted vs at the comming of Titus:

7 And not by his comming onely, but also by the consolation wherewith hee was comforted of you, when hee tolde vs your great desire, your mourning, your feruent minde to me ward, so that I reioyced [i] much more.

8 For though I made you sory with a letter, I repent not, though I did repent: for I perceiue that the same Epistle made you sory, though it were but for a season.

9 I now reioice, not that yee were sory, but that ye sorowed to repentance: for ye sorowed godly, so that in nothing ye were hurt by vs.

10 * For godly sorow causeth repentance vnto saluation, not to be repented of: but the worldly sorow causeth death.

11 For beholde, this thing that yee haue been [z] godly sorie, what great care it hath wrought in you: yea, what [h] clearing of your selues: yea, what indignation: yea, what feare: yea, how great desire: yea, what a [z] zeale: yea, what [i] punishment: in all things ye haue shewed your selues that yee are pure in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote vnto you, I did not it for his cause that had done the wrong, neither for his cause that had the iniurie, but that our care toward you in the sight of God might appeare vnto you.

13 Therefore wee were comforted, because yee were comforted: but rather wee reioyced much more for the ioy of Titus, because his [l] spirite was refreshed by you all.

14 For if that I haue boasted any thing to him of you, I haue not beene ashamed: but as I haue spoken vnto you all things in truth, euen so our boasting vnto Titus was true.

15 And his [k] inward affection is more abundant toward you, when he remembreth the obedience of you all, and how with feare and trembling ye receiued him.

16 I reioyce therefore that I may [l] put my confidence in you in all things.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *By the example of the Macedonians, 9 and Christ, he exhorteth them to continue in releeuing the poore Saints, commending their good beginning.* 23 *After he commendeth Titus and his fellowes vnto them.*

WE doe you also to wit, brethren, of the [a] grace of God bestowed vpon the Churches of Macedonia,

2 Because in great triall of affliction their ioy abounded, and their most extreme pouertie [b] abounded vnto their rich liberalitie.

3 For to their power (I beare recorde) yea, and beyond their power, they were willing,

4 And prayed vs with great instance that we would receiue the [c] grace and fellowship * of the ministring which is toward the Saints.

5 And this they did, not as we looked for: but gaue their owne selues, first to the Lord, and after vnto vs by the will of God,

6 That we should exhort Titus, that as he had begun, so hee would also accomplish the same grace among you also.

7 Therefore, as yee abound in euery thing, in faith, and word, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your loue towards vs, euen so see that yee abound in this grace also.

8 This say I not by commaundement, but because of the diligence of others: therefore proue I the naturalnesse of your loue.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, that he being rich, for your sakes became poore, that yee through his pouerty might be made rich.

10 And I shewe my minde herein: for this is expedient for you which haue begun not to doe onely, but also to [d] will, a yeere agoe.

11 Now therefore performe to doe it also, that as there was a readinesse to will, euen so yee may performe it of that which yee haue.

12 For if there be first a willing minde, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 Neither is it that other men should be eased and you grieued,

14 But vpon like condition, at this time your [e] abundance supplieth their lacke, that also their abundance may bee for your lacke, that there may be [f] equalitie:

15 As it is written, * Hee that gathered much, had nothing ouer, and he that gathered little, had not the lesse.

16 And thankes bee vnto God, which hath put in the heart of Titus the same care for you,

17 Because he accepted the [g] exhortation, yea, he was so carefull, that of his owne accord he went vnto you.

18 And wee haue sent also with him the brother, whose praise is [h] in the Gospel throughout all the Churches,

19 (And not so onely, but is also chosen of the Churches to bee a fellow in our iourney concerning this grace that is ministred by vs vnto the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your prompt mind)

20 Auoiding this, that no man should blame vs in this abundance that is ministred by vs,

21 * Prouiding for [i] honest things, not onely before the Lord, but also before men.

22 And

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c That we may teach you.
d By greedy couetousnes.

e He had neither rest in body nor spirit: and it seemeth that he alludeth to that which is written, Deut. 32.25. For the crosse to mans eye is common both to the godly and to the wicked, although to contrary ends.
f This ioy ouercame all my sorowes.
1. Pet 2.19.
g Whose heart Gods spirit doth touch, he is sory for his sinnes committed against so mercifull a Father, and these are the fruits of his repentance, as witnesse Dauids and Peters teares: others which are sory for their sinnes onely for feare of punishment and Gods vengeance, fall into desperation, as Cain, Saul, Achitophel, and Iudas.
h In asking God forgiuenesse.
i For in iudging and chastising your selues, you preuented Gods anger.
k Or, heart.
k The Greeke word signifieth his bowels, whereby is meant most great loue & tender affections.
l Both in thinking and reporting well of you.

a This benefit of God appeared in two things, first, that the Macedonians being in so great afflictions were so prompt to helpe others: and next, that being in great pouerty were very liberal towards others.
b So that a most abundant riuer of riches flowed out of their pouertie.
c So he calleth their liberality, either because they were the bestowers of Gods graces, or because they receiued them of God freely, and so they desired Paul to see to the distribution thereof.
Chap. 9.12.
d Euery man may doe good that hath abilitie thereunto: but to will, and haue a mind to doe good, commeth of perfect charitie.
e That as you helpe others in their need, so others shal relieue your want.
f That both you and others, as occasion shal serue, may relieue the godly according to their necessities.
Exod. 16.18.
g And willingly offered himselfe to gather your almes.
h In preaching the Gospel. Some vnderstand this to be spoken of Luke, others of Barnabas.
Rom. 12.17.
i His well doing is approoued before God and man.

22 And we haue sent with them our brother whom wee haue oft time prooued to bee diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, for the great confidence, which I haue in you.

23 Whether any doe enquire of Titus, he is my fellow and helper to youward: or of our brethren, they are messengers of the Churches, and the k glorie of Christ.

24 Wherefore shew toward them, and before the Churches the proofe of your loue, and of the reioycing that we haue of you.

CHAP. IX.

3 The cause of Titus and his companions comming to them. 6 He exhorteth to giue almes cheerfully, 7 Shewing what fruit will come thereof.

FOR as touching the ministring to the Saints, it is superfluous for me to write vnto you.

2 For I know your readinesse of mind, whereof I boast my selfe of you vnto them of Macedonia, and say, that Achaia was prepared a yeere agoe, and your zeale hath prouoked many.

3 Now haue I sent the brethren, lest our reioycing ouer you should bee in vaine in this behalfe, that yee (as I haue said) be ready:

4 Lest if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you vnprepared, wee (I meane not to say, you) should be ashamed in this my confident boasting.

5 Therefore, I thought it necessarie to exhort the brethren to come before vnto you, and to finish your beneuolence afore promised, that it might bee ready, and come as of beneuolence, and not as of charing.

6 This yet remember, that he which soweth sparingly, shall reape also sparingly, and hee that soweth liberally, shall reape also liberally.

7 As euery man wisheth in his heart, so let him giue, not * grudgingly or of necessitie: * For God loueth a cheerefull giuer.

8 And God is able to make all grace to abound toward you, that ye alwayes hauing a all sufficiencie in all things, may abound in euery * good worke,

9 * As it is written, c He hath sparsed abroad, and hath giuen to the poore: his beneuolence remaineth for euer.

10 Also he that findeth seede to the sower, will minister likewise bread for food, and multiplie your seede, and increase the fruits of your beneuolence,

11 That on all parts ye may be made rich vnto all liberalitie, which causeth through vs thanksgiuing vnto God.

12 For the ministration of this seruice not only supplieth the necessities of the Saints, but also is abundant by the thankesgiuing of many vnto God:

13 (Which by the experiment of this ministration prayse God for your voluntarie submission to the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberall distribution to them, and to all men)

14 And by d their praier for you, desiring after you greatly for the abundant grace of God in you.

15 Thankes therefore bee vnto God for his vnspeakeable gift.

CHAP. X.

He toucheth the false apostles and defendeth his authoritie, exhorting them to obedience, 11 And sheweth what his power is, 13 And how hee vseth it.

NOw I Paul my selfe beseech you by the meekenesse, and gentlenesse of Christ, which when I am present among you, am * base, but am bolde toward you being absent.

2 And this I require you, that I neede not to bee bolde when I am present, with that same confidence, wherewith I thinke to bee bolde against some, which esteeme vs as though wee walked b according to the flesh.

3 For though we walke in the flesh, yet we doe not warre after the flesh,

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mightie through God, to cast downe holds)

5 Casting downe the imaginations, and euery high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captiuitie euery thought to the obedience of Christ,

6 And hauing ready the vengeance against all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Looke yee on things after the appearance? If any man trust in himselfe that hee is Christes, let him consider this againe of himselfe, that as he is Christs, euen so are we Christs.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authoritie, which the Lord hath giuen vs for edification, and not for your destruction, I should haue no shame.

9 This I say, that I may not seeme as if wee would feare you with letters.

10 For the letters, (saith he, are sore and strong, but his bodily presence is weake, and his speech is of no value.

11 Let such one thinke this, that such as we are in word by letters when wee are absent, such will we be also indeed, when we are present.

12 For we dare not make our selues of the number, or to compare our selues to them, which prayse themselues: but they vnderstand not that they e measure themselues with themselues, and compare themselues with themselues.

13 But wee will not reioyce of things, which are not within our measure, * but according to the * measure of the line, whereof God hath distributed vnto vs a measure to attaine euen vnto you.

14 For we stretch not our selues beyond our measure, as though wee had not attained vnto you: for euen to you also haue wee come in preaching the Gospel of Christ,

15 Not boasting of things which are without our measure: that is, of other mens labours: and we hope, when your faith shall increase, to bee magnified by you, according our line abundantly,

16 And

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k That is, by whom Christs glory is greatly aduanced.

Prou. 11. 25, rom. 12. 8. Eccles. 35. 10.

a Lest they should giue but litle, distrusting to impouerish themselues thereby, he sheweth that God will so blesse their liberall hearts, that both they shall haue enough for themselues, and also to helpe others withall.

b That ye may doe good and helpe others at all times.

Psal. 112. 9.

c Dauid speaketh of that man which feareth God, and loueth his neighbour.

d Besides that by their liberalitie God shall be praised, they also shalbe commended to God by their prayers whom they haue holpen, yea, and al men shal reuerence them, as being endued with an excellent gift of God.

* Or, greatly affectioned toward you.

a These words his backbiters vsed, thinking thereby to diminish his authoritie, as verse 10.

b As though we boasted of our selues by a carnall affection.

c Meaning a certaine man among them, which thus spake of Paul.

d He that measureth any thing must haue some line or measure to mete by, and not or measure a thing by it selfe: so these boasters must measure themselues by their worthy acts: and if they will compare with others, let them shew what countries, what cities, and people they haue wonne to the Lord: for who will praise that souldier, which onely at the table can finely talk of the warres, and when he commeth to the brunt, is neither valiant nor expert?

Ephes. 4. 7.

e That is, the gifts and vocation, which God had giuen him to winne others by.

14 Febru. 2 Lesson Euening

13 June 2 Lesson Euen

14 Octob. 1 Lesson

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f God gaue the whole world to the Apostles to preach in, so that Paul here meaneth by the line, his portion of the countreys where he preached, *Iere.9.24. 1.Cor.1.31.*

a He calleth the praysing of himselfe dotage, to the which thing the arrogancie of the false Apostles compelled him, who sought nothing else but to ouerthrow the Church by diminishing the authoritie of his ministerie.

b To speake in mine owne commendation.

c The minister marrieth Christ and his Church as husband and wife by the preaching of the Gospel. *Gene.3.4.*

d That is, more perfect doctrine concerning Christ Iesus.

e More excellent gifts of the Spirit by other means preaching.

f They did not preach Christ more purely then I did: for in this behalfe I was nothing inferiour to the chiefest Apostles.

g That is, vse no worldly eloquence.

h Other Churches relieued me.

i Hee did not onely labour with his handes for his liuing, but in his extreame pouertie preached diligently without burdening any man, or els waxing slouthfull to do his duetie to euery man. *Chap.12.13. actes 20.34.*

k Let not the trueth of Christ be thought to be in me, if I suffer my ioy to bee shut vp, which I haue conceiued of Grecia.

To slander my ministery, if I should receiue wages.

16 And to preach the Gospel in those regions which are beyond you: not to reioyce in another mans line, that is, in the things that are prepared already.

17 But let him that reioyceth, reioyce in the Lord.

18 For he that praiseth himselfe, is not allowed, but he whom the Lord praiseth.

CHAP. XI.

Hee declareth his affection toward them. 5 The excellencie of his ministerie. 9 And his diligence in the same. 13 The sutches of the false Apostles. 16 The peruerse iudgement of the Corinthians. 32 And his owne prayses.

WOuld to God yee could suffer a little my foolishnesse, and indeed yee suffer me.

2 For I am iealous ouer you, with godly iealousie: for I haue prepared you for one husband, to present you as a pure virgine to Christ:

3 But I feare lest as the serpent beguiled Eue through his subtilty, so your mindes should be corrupt from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if hee that commeth preacheth an other Iesus then him whom we haue preached: or if yee receiue another spirite then that which ye haue receiued: either another Gospel, then that ye haue receiued, ye might well haue suffered him.

5 Verely I suppose that I was not inferiour to the very chiefe Apostles.

6 And though I bee rude in speaking, yet I am not so in knowledge, but among you we haue bene made manifest to the vtmost, in all things.

7 Haue I committed an offence, because I abased my selfe, that ye might be exalted, and because I preached to you the Gospel of God freely?

8 I robbed other Churches, and tooke wages of them to doe you seruice.

9 And when I was present with you and had neede, I was not slouthfull to the hinderance of any man: for that which was lacking vnto mee, the brethren which came from Macedonia supplyed, and in all things I kept and will keepe my selfe, that I should not bee grieuous to you.

10 The trueth of Christ is in mee, that this reioycing shal not be shut vp against me in the regions of Achaia.

11 Wherefore? because I loue you not? God knoweth.

12 But what I doe, that will I doe: that I may cut away occasion from them which desire occasion, that they might bee found like vnto vs in that wherein they reioyce.

13 For such false Apostles are deceitfull workers, and transforme themselues into the Apostles of Christ.

14 And no marueile: for Satan himselfe is transformed into an Angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing, though his ministers transforme themselues, as though they were the ministers of righteousnesse, whose ende shall bee according to their workes.

16 I say againe, let no man thinke, that I am foolish: or else take me euen as a foole, that I may also boast my selfe a litle.

17 That I speake, I speake it not after the Lord: but as it were foolishly, in this my great boasting.

18 Seeing that many reioyce after the flesh, I will reioyce also.

19 For yee suffer fooles gladly, because that ye are wise.

20 For yee suffer euen if a man bring you into bondage, if a man deuoure you, if a man take your goods, if a man exalt himselfe, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speake as concerning the reproch: as though that wee had bene weake: but wherein any man is bolde (I speake foolishly) I am bold also.

22 They are Ebrewes, so am I: they are Israelites, so am I: they are the seede of Abraham, so am I:

23 They are the ministers of Christ, (I speake as a foole) I am more: in labours more abundant: in stripes aboue measure: in prison more plenteously: in death oft.

24 Of the Iewes fiue times receiued I fourtie stripes saue one.

25 Thrise was I beaten with rodders: I was once stoned: I suffered thrise shipwracke: night and day haue I bene in the deepe sea.

26 In iourneying I was often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine owne nation, in perils among the Gentiles, in perils in the citie, in perils in wildernes, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren,

27 In wearinesse and painefulnesse, in watching often, in hunger, and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakednes.

28 Beside the things which are outward, I am cumbred dayly, and haue the care of all the Churches.

29 Who is weake, and I am not weake? who is offended, and I burne not?

30 If I must needs reioyce, I will reioyce of mine infirmities.

31 The God, euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which is blessed for euermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the gouernour of the people vnder King Aretas, layed watch in the citie of the Damascens, and would haue caught me.

33 But at a windowe was I let downe in a basket through the wall, and escaped his hands.

CHAP. XII.

1 He reioyceth in his preferment. 5. 7 But chiefly in his humblenesse, 11 And layeth the cause of his

m By false apostles here is not meant such as teach false doctrine (which doubtlesse, they would haue growen vnto) but such as were vaine glorious, and did not their duety sincerely.

n In his heart he had respect to the Lord: but this fashion of boasting seemed according to man, whereunto they compelled him.

o In outward things.

p I note this dishonour, which they doe vnto you.

q That is, abiect, vile, miserable, a craftesman, an idiot, and subiect to a thousand calamities, which things the false apostles obiected against him as most certaine testimonies of his vnworthinesse. *Phil.3.5.*

r Put case ye terme it so, yet it is true.

s In the present danger of death.

t At fiue seuerall times, euery time thirty and nine. *Deut.25.3.*

Acts 16.22, 23.

u Of the Romane Magistrates. *Acts 14.19. Acts 27.14.*

x As imprisonments, heating, hunger, thirst, cold, nakednes, and such like: which things the aduersaries condemne as infirme in me. *Acts 9.24.*

his boasting vpon the Corinthians: 14 He sheweth what good will he beareth them, 20 and feareth to come vnto them.

1 IT is not expedient for me no doubt, to reioyce: for I will come to visions and reuelations of the Lord.

2 * I knowe a man a in Christ, aboue fourteene yeeres agone, (whether bee were in the body, I cannot tell, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth) which was taken vp from the heauen.

3 And I know such a man (whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth)

4 How that he was taken vp into Paradise, & heard * words which cannot be spoken, which are not possible for man to vtter.

5 Of such a man will I reioyce: of my selfe will I not reioyce, except it be of mine infirmities.

6 For though I would reioyce, I should not be a foole: for I will say the truth, but I refraine lest any man should thinke of me aboue that he seeth in me, or that he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should bee exalted out of measure, through the abundance of reuelations, there was given vnto mee d a pricke in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, because I should not be exalted out of measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lorde * thrise, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said vnto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect through weakenesse. Very gladly therefore will I reioyce rather in mine infirmities that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore e I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproches, in necessitie, in persecutions, in anguish for Christes sake: for when I am weake, then am I strong.

11 I was a foole to boast my selfe, yee haue compelled mee: for I ought to haue bene commended of you, for in nothing was I inferiour vnto the very chiefe Apostles, though I be nothing.

12 The signes of an Apostle were wrought among you with all patience, with signes, and wonders, and great workes.

13 For what is it wherein yee were inferiours vnto other Churches, * except that I haue not bene f chargeable to you? forgiue me this wrong.

14 Beholde, the * third time I am readie to come vnto you, and yet will I not be chargeable to you: for I seeke not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay vp for the fathers, but the fathers for the children.

15 And I will most gladly bestowe, and will bee bestowed for your soules: though the more I loue you, the lesse I am loued.

16 But bee it that I charged you not: yet forasmuch as I was craftie, I tooke you with guile.

17 Did I pill you by any of them whom I sent vnto you?

18 I haue desired Titus, and with him I haue sent a brother: did Titus pill you of any thing? walked we not in the like same spirite? walked we not in the like steps?

19 Againe, thinke ye that we excuse our selues vnto you? wee speake before God in Christ. But we doe all things, dearely beloued, for your edifying.

20 For I feare, lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would: and that I shall be found vnto you * such as ye would not, and lest there be strife, enuying, wrath, contentions, backbiting, whisperings, swellings, and discord.

21 I feare lest when I come againe, and God * abase me among you, and I shall bewaile many of them which haue sinned alreadie, and haue not repented of the vncleannesse, and fornication, and wantonnes, which they haue committed.

CHAP. XIII.

1 He threatneth the obstinate, 5 And declareth what his power is by their owne confession. 10 Also he sheweth what is the effect of this Epistle. 11 After hauing exhorted them to their duetie, he wisheth them all prosperitie.

THis is the * third time that I come vnto you. * In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall euery word stand.

2 * I tolde you before, and tell you before: as though I had bene present the second time, so write I now being absent, to them which heretofore haue sinned, and to all others, that if I come againe, I will not spare,

3 Seeing that yee seeke experience of Christ, that speaketh in mee, which toward you, is not weake, but is mighty in you.

4 For though hee was crucified concerning his * infirmitie, yet liueth hee through the power of God. And wee no doubt are weake in him: d but wee shall liue with him, through the power of God towarde you.

5 * Proue your selues whether yee are in the faith: examine your selues: know yee not your owne selues, how that Iesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray vnto God, that yee doe none euill, not that we should seeme approoued, but that ye should doe that which is honest: though we be as e reprobates.

8 For wee cannot doe any thing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad when we are weake, and that yee are strong: this also wee wish for, euen your perfection.

a That is, a Christian: or I speake it in Christ.
b That is to say, into the highest heauen.
c Mans infirmitie was not able to declare them, neither werethey shewed vnto him for that ende.
*Or, lawfull.
d The Greeke worde signifieth a sharpe piece of wood, as a pale, or stake, and also a like spilde or sharpe thing which pricketh one as he goeth through bushie & thicke places, and entring into the flesh cannot bee taken out without cutting of the flesh: and this was the rebelling of the flesh against the Spirit, and warned him that Satan was at hand.
e That is to say, oftentimes.
f Is knowen and euidently seene.
g He doeth not onely patiently beare his afflictions, but also ioyfully, and as one that taketh pleasure therein for Christes say.
*Chap. 11. 9.
*Or, chargeable.
h For first, he was minded to depart from Ephesus into Macedonia, and so to Corinthus, 1 Cor. 16. 5. Then when the Lord letted his purpose, hee appointed to goe straight from Ephesus to Corinthus Chap. 1, 15. Which intent being changed hee went to Macedonia, from whence now hee appointeth the third time to come vnto them.
i Which declareth his fatherly affection.
*Or, your cause or person.
k Thus said his aduersaries, that though he tooke it not by himselfe, yet he did it by the meanes of others.
l To goe to you, as meaning, sharp & seuere.
m There was nothing whereat he so much reioyced, as when his preaching profited: and therefore he calleth the Thessalonians his glory & ioy: as also nothing did so much cast downe his heart, as when his labour did no good.
a His first comming was his dwelling among them: his second was his first epistle, and now he is ready to come the third time: which three commings hee calleth his three witnesses. *Deut. 19. 15. matt. 18. 16. 1 tim 5 19. hebr. 10 28.
b In my first epistle, Chap. 4. 20.
c In that he humbled himselfe, and tooke vpon him the forme of a seruant.
d Christ as touching the flesh, in mans iudgement was vile and abiect: therfore we that are his members, can not be otherwise esteemed: but being crucified, he shewed himselfe very

God: so thinke, that we whom ye contemne as dead men and castaways, haue through God such power to execute against you, that ye may feele sensibly that wee liue in Christ. 1 Cor 11 28.
e In mans iudgement, who for the most part reiecteth the best, and approoueth the worst.
f Hauing abundance of the grace of God.

10 Therefore witte I these things being absent, lest when I am present, I should vse sharpenesse, according to the power which the Lord hath given me, to edification, & not to destruction.

11 Finally brethren, fare ye well: be perfect: be of good comfort: be of one minde: liue in peace, and the God of loue and peace shall be with you.

12 Greete one another with an * holy kisse. All the Saints salute you.

13 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the loue of God, and the communion of the holy Ghost be with you all, Amen.

The second Epistle to the Corinthians, written from Philippi, a citie in Macedonia, and sent by Titus and Lucas.

Rom. 16.16. 1 Cor. 16.20 1 Pet. 5.14

h Which was according to those countreyes in those dayes both of the Iewes and of other nations.

I Commit not by your negligence, that that which is ordeined to saluation turne to your destruction,

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Galatians, after they had bene instructed by Saint Paul in the trueth of the Gospel, gaue place to false Apostles, who entring in, in his absence corrupted the pure doctrine of Christ, & taught that the ceremonies of the Law must bee necessarily obserued, which thing the Apostle so earnestly reasoneth against, that hee proueth that the graunting thereof, is the ouerthrow of mans saluation purchased by Christ: for thereby the light of the Gospel is obscured: the conscience burned: the testaments confounded: mans iustice established. And because the false preachers did pretend, as though they had bene sent of the chiefe Apostles, & that Paul had no authoritie, but spake of himselfe, hee prooueth both that he is an Apostle ordeined by God, and also that he is not inferious to the rest of the Apostles. Which thing established, hee proceedeth to his purpose, prouing that we are freely iustified before God without any workes or ceremonies: which notwithstanding in their time had their vse and commoditie: but now they are not onely vnprofitable figures, but also pernicious, because Christ the trueth and the end thereof is come: Wherefore men ought now to imbrace that libertie, which Christ hath purchased by his blood, and not to haue their consciences snared in the greines of mans traditions: finally he sheweth wherein this libertie standeth: and what exercises appertaine thereunto.

15 Octo 1 Lesson euening

CHAP. I.

1 Paul rebuketh their inconstancie which suffered themselues to bee seduced by the false Apostles, who preached that the obseruation of the ceremonies of the law were necessary to saluation, 8 And detesteth them that preach any otherwise then Christ purely. 13 He sheweth his owne conuersation, magnifieth his office and Apostleship, and declareth himselfe to be equal with the chiefe Apostles.

PAul an Apostle (not of men neither by a man, but by Iesus Christ, and God the Father, which hath raised him from the dead)

2 And all the brethren which are with mee, vnto the Churches of Galatia:

3 Grace bee with you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lorde Iesus Christ,

4 Which gaue himselfe for our sinnes, that hee might deliuer vs * from this c present euil world, according to the wil of God, euen our Father,

5 To whom bee glory for euer and euer, Amen.

6 I marueile that yee are so soone remooued away vnto another d Gospell from him that had called you in the e grace of Christ,

7 Which is not another Gospel, saue that there be some which trouble you, and intend to f peruert the Gospel of Christ.

8 But though that wee, or an g Angell from heauen preach vnto you otherwise then that which wee haue preached vnto you, let him be accursed.

9 As wee sayde before, so say I now againe, If any man preach vnto you otherwise then that yee haue receiued, let him bee accursed.

10 For h now preach I mans doctrine, or Gods? or goe I about to please men? for if I should yet please men, I were not the seruant of Christ.

11 * Now I certifie you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me, was not after a man.

12 For neither receiued I it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the i reuelation of Iesus Christ.

13 For ye haue heard of my conuersation in time past, in the Iewish religion, how that * I persecuted the Church of God extremely, and wasted it,

14 And profited in the Iewish religion aboue many of myne companions of mine owne nation, and was much more zealous of the b traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God (which had separated me from my mothers woombe, and called me by his grace)

16 To reueale his sonne in me, that I should preach him among the Gentiles, immediatly I communicated not with k flesh and blood:

17 Neither

Titus 1.3. a For God is the authour of all ministerie. b This prerogatiue was peculiar to the Apostles. Luke 1.74. c Which is, the corrupt life of man without Christ. ‖Or, doctrine. d That is, to be partakers of the saluation offered freely by Christ. e For what is more contrary to our free iustification by faith, then the iustification by the Law, or our workes? therefore to ioyne these two together is to ioyne light with darkenesse, death with life, and doeth vtterly ouerthrow the Gospel.

f If it were possible, that an Angel should so doe: whereby Paul declareth the certaintie of his preaching. ‖Or, abominable. g Since that of a Pharise I was made an Apostle 1 Cor. 15.1. h That is, doctrine inuented by man, neither by mans authoritie do I preach it. i By an extraordinarie reuelation. Acts 9.1 ‖Or, age. k That is of the Law of God, which was giuen to the ancient fathers. l Hee maketh three degrees in Gods eternall predestination: first his eternall counsell, then thirdly his calling. ‖Or, so me. Ephe 3.8. m That is, with any man, as though I had needs of his counsell to approoue my doctrine.

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17 Neither came I againe to Ierusalem, to them which were Apostles before me, but I went into Arabia, and turned againe vnto Damascus.

18 Then after three yeres I came againe to Ierusalem to visite Peter, & abode with him fiftene dayes.

19 And none of the other Apostles sawe I, saue Iames the Lords brother.

20 Now the things which I write vnto you, beholde, I witnesse before God, that I lie not.

21 After that, I went into the coasts of Syria and Cilicia: for I was vnknowen by face vnto the Churches of Iudea, which were in Christ.

22 But they had heard onely some say, He which persecuted vs in time past, now preacheth the * faith which before he destroyed.

23 And they glorified God for me.

CHAP. II.

Confirming his Apostleship to be of God, 3 He forweth why Titus was not circumcised, 6 And that he is nothing inferiour to other Apostles: 11 Yea, and that he hath reproued Peter the Apostle of the Iewes. 16 After he commeth to the principall scope, which is to proue that iustification only commeth of the grace of God by faith in Iesus Christ, and not by the workes of the Law.

THen fourteene yeres after, I went vp againe to Ierusalem with Barnabas, and tooke with me Titus also.

2 And I went vp by reuelation, and * communicated with them of the Gospell which I preach among the Gentiles, * but particularly with them that were the chiefe, least by any meanes I should runne, or had runne ‡ in vaine.

3 But neither yet Titus which was with me, though he were a Grecian, was ᵇ compelled to bee circumcised,

4 For all the false brethren that crept in: who came in priuily to spie out our libertie, which we haue in Christ Iesus, that they might bring vs into bondage,

5 To whom we * gaue not place by subiection for an houre, that the trueth of the Gospel might continue with you.

6 And of them which seemed to be great, (I was not taught (what they ᵈ were in time passed, it maketh no matter to me: * God accepteth no mans person) neuertheless, they that are the chiefe, * did communicate nothing with me.

7 But contrariwise when they saw that the Gospel ouer the vncircumcision, was committed vnto me, as the Gospel ouer the circumcision was vnto Peter:

8 (For he that was mightie by Peter in the Apostleship ouer the Circumcision, was also mightie by mee toward the Gentiles)

9 And when Iames, and Cephas, and Iohn knew of the grace that was giuen vnto me, which are counted to be pillars, they gaue to mee and to Barnabas the † right handes of fellowship, that we should preach vnto the Gentiles, and they vnto the Circumcision,

10 * Warning only that we should remember the poore: which thing also I was diligent to doe.

11 ¶ And when Peter was come to Antiochia, I withstood him * to his face: for he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certaine came from Iames, he ate with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himselfe, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Iewes dissembled likewise with him, in so much that Barnabas was brought into their dissimulation also.

14 But when I saw that they went not the † right way to the trueth of the Gospel, I sayd vnto Peter before all men, If thou being a Iew, liuest as the Gentiles, and not like the Iewes, why * constrainest thou the Gentiles to doe like the Iewes?

15 We which are Iewes by nature, and not * sinners of the Gentiles,

16 Know that a man is not iustified by the workes of the Lawe, but by the faith of Iesus Christ: euen wee I say, haue beleeued in Iesus Christ, that wee might bee iustified by the faith of Christ, and not by the workes of the Lawe, because that by the workes of the Lawe, no ‖ flesh shall be iustified.

17 * If then while we seeke to be made righteous by Christ, we our selues are found ᵇ sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sinne? God ᶜ forbid.

18 For if I build againe the things that I haue destroyed, * I make my selfe a trespasser.

19 For I through the Lawe am dead to the Lawe, and that I might liue vnto God, I am * crucified with Christ.

20 Thus I liue, yet * not I nowe, but Christ liueth in me: and in that that I now liue in the ᵖ flesh, I liue by the faith in the Sonne of God, who hath loued me, and giuen himselfe for me.

21 I do not abrogate the ᵍ grace of God: for if righteousnesse be by the Lawe, then Christ died ‖ without a cause.

a That is, the Gospel which is the doctrine of faith.

a Paul nothing doubted of his doctrine: but because many reported that he taught contrary doctrine to the other Apostles, (which rumours hindered the course of ‡ Gospel) he endeuoured to remedy it, and to procure that they consented with him. *Actes* 15.2. ‡ *Greeke without profite.*

b Which declareth that the other Apostles agreed with him.

c Lest we should haue betrayed the Christian libertie.

d Albeit they had beene couersant with Christ afore time. *Deut.* 10 17. 2 *chro.* 19 7 *iob.* 34. 19. *wisd.* 6 7. *eccles* 35 12. *act.* 10. 34. *rom* 2 11 *ephe.* 6. 9 *col* 3 25. 1 *pet.* 1. 17.

e But approued my doctrine perfit in all points. ‡ In token ‡ we all agreed in doctrine

Actes 11. 30. 2 *cor* 9 5.

g Meaning, before all men. † *Greeke, with a right foote.*

h In bringing their consciences into doubt by thine example and authoritie? and here the Apostle commeth to his chiefe point.

i For so ‡ Iewes called the Gentiles in reproch. ‖ *Or, mas.* *Rom* 3. 19, 20. *psal* 3 9.

k Except our fruits be agreeable to our faith, we declare that we haue not Christ.

l For he caused them not to sinne, but disclosed it, neither tooke he away the righteousnes of the Law, but shewed their hypocrisie, which were not able to performe that whereof they boasted.

m For my doctrine is to destroy sinne by faith in Christ, and not to establish sinne.

n And feele his strength in me which killeth sinne. o Not as I was once, but regenerate, and changed into a new creature, in qualitie, and not in substance. p In this mortall body. q As did the false apostles which preached not the faith in Christ. ‖ *Or, for nothing.*

CHAP. III.

He rebuketh them sharpely, 2 And proueth by diuers reasons that iustification is by faith, 6 As appeareth by the example of Abraham, 10. 19. 24. And by the office and the end, both of the Lawe, 11. 25. And of faith.

O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that yee should not obey the trueth, to whom Iesus Christ before * was described in your sight, and among you crucified?

2 This onely would I learne of you, Receiued yee the ᵇ Spirit by the workes

Actes 2 38 *verse.*

a To who Christ was so liuely preached, as if his liuely image were set before your eyes, or els

b Meaning the gifts of the Spirit,

had beene crucified among you.

c That is, the doctrine of salvation through faith in Iesus Christ, as Chap. 1.23.

d The false apostles taught that Christ profited nothing, except they were circumcised, & that the Lawe was the perfection, and Christes doctrine onely the rudiments thereunto.

e And ceremonies of the Law?

Gen. 15.6.
rom. 4 3.
iames 2.23.
Gen. 12.3. *ecclus.* 44.20,21.
acts 3.25.

f Which thinke to be iustified by them.

Deut. 27.26.
Habak. 2.4.
rom. 1.17.
hebr. 10 38.

g The Law pronounceth not them just, which beleeue, but which worke, and so condemneth all them which in all points doe not fulfill it.

Leuit. 18.5.
Deut 21.23.

h Which is the Gospel.

i I will vse a common example, that you may be ashamed to attribute lesse vnto God, then to such couenants, which one man maketh to another.

Hebr. 9.17.

k No more is the promise or couenant of God abrogated by the Law, nor yet is the Law added to the promise to take any thing away that was superfluous, or to supply any thing that wanted.

l Which declareth that the Iewes and Gentiles are both partakers of the promise, because they are ioyned in Christ, which is the blessed seed.

m That sinne might appeare and be made more abundant, and so all to be shut vnder sinne.

of the Law, or by the hearing of faith preached?

3 Are ye so foolish, that after ye haue begun in the Spirit, yee would now be made perfect by the flesh?

4 Haue yee suffered so many things in vaine? if it be it be euen in vaine.

5 He therefore that ministreth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it through the workes of the Law, or by the hearing of faith preached?

6 Yea rather as Abraham beleeued God, and it was imputed to him for righteousnesse.

7 Know ye therefore, that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 For the Scripture foreseeing that God would iustifie the Gentiles through faith, preached before the Gospel vnto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all the Gentiles bee blessed.

9 So then they which bee of faith, are blessed with faithfull Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the workes of the Lawe, are vnder the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every man that continueth not in all things, which are written in the booke of the Lawe, to doe them.

11 And that no man is iustified by the Law in the sight of God, it is euident: for the iust shall liue by faith.

12 And the Law is not of faith: but the man that shall doe those things, shall liue in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed vs from the curse of the Lawe, when he was made a curse for vs (for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on tree)

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ Iesus, that we might receiue the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speake as men doe. Though it be but a mans couenant, when it is confirmed, yet no man doeth abrogate it, or adde any thing thereto.

16 Nowe to Abraham and his seede were the promises made. Hee sayth not, And to the seedes, as speaking of many: but, And to thy seede, as of one, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the Lawe which was foure hundreth and thirtie yeeres after, cannot disanull the couenant that was confirmed afore of God in respect of Christ, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance bee of the Law, it is no more by the promise, but God gaue it vnto Abraham by promise.

19 Wherefore then serueth the Lawe? It was added because of the transgressions, till the seede came vnto the which the promise was made: and it was ordained by Angels in the hande of a Mediatour.

20 Now a Mediatour is not a Mediatour of one: but God is one.

21 Is the Law then against the promise of God? God forbid: for if there had beene a Lawe giuen which could haue giuen life, surely righteousnesse should haue bene by the Law.

22 But the Scripture hath concluded all vnder sinne, that the promise by the faith of Iesus Christ should be giuen to them that beleeue.

23 But before faith came, we were kept vnder the Lawe, and shut vp vnto the faith which should afterward be reuealed.

24 Wherefore the Law was our schoolemaster to bring vs to Christ, that wee might be made righteous by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer vnder a schoolemaster.

26 For yee are all the sonnes of God by faith, in Christ Iesus.

27 For all yee that are baptized into Christ, haue put on Christ.

28 There is neither Iewe nor Grecian: there is neither bond nor free: there is neither male nor female: for yee are all one in Christ Iesus.

29 And if ye be Christes, then are ye Abrahams seede, and heires by promise.

n Who as ministers gaue it to Moses by the authoritie of Christ.

o But serueth both for the Iewes and Gentiles to ioyne them to God.

p Constant, and alwayes like himselfe.

Rom. 3.9.

q Both men and all their workes.

r The full reuelation of things which were hid vnder the shadowes of the Law.

Rom. 10.4.

s Not that the doctrine of the Law is abolished, but the condemnation thereof is taken away by faith.

Rom. 6.3.

t So that baptisme succeedeth circumcision, and so thorow Christ both Iewe and Gentile is saued.

u As all one man.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He sheweth wherefore the ceremonies were ordained. 3 Which being shadowes, must ende when Christ the truth commeth. 9 He moueth them by certaine exhortations. 22 And confirmeth his argument with a strong example, or allegorie.

NOw I say, that the heire as long as he is a childe, differeth nothing from a seruant, though he be lord of all,

2 But is vnder tutors and gouernours, vntill the time appointed of the father.

3 Euen so, we when we were children, were in bondage vnder the rudiments of the world.

4 But when the fulnesse of time was come, God sent forth his Sonne made of a woman, and made vnder the Law,

5 That hee might redeeme them which were vnder the Law, that we might receiue the adoption of the sonnes.

6 And because ye are sonnes, God hath sent forth the Spirite of his Sonne into your hearts, which cryeth, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore, thou art no more a seruant, but a sonne: nowe if thou bee a sonne, then art also the heire of God through Christ.

a The Church of Israel was vnder the Law as the pupil subiect to his tutor, euen vnto the time of Christ, when she waxed strong, & then her tutelship ended.

b That is, the Law, which before he called a schoolemaster, Chap. 3.25.

c That is, vnder the Law, which was but an a.b.c. in respect of the Gospel.

d That is, who was subiect vnto the Law.

Rom. 8.14,15

e For our adoption vnto Christ is sealed by him.

f He instructeth both Iewes and Gentiles to call God their father in every language, so that none are excepted.

g Which may testifie thy libertie.

8 But

8 But euen then when yee [b] knew not God, ye did seruice vnto them, which by nature are not Gods.

9 But now seeing ye know God, yea, rather are knowen of God, how turne [h] yee againe vnto impotent & beggerly rudiments, wherevnto as from the beginning ye will be in bondage againe?

10 Ye obserue [i] dayes, and moneths, and times, and yeeres.

11 I am in feare of you, lest I haue bestowed on you labour in vaine.

12 Bee yee as [m] I: for I am euen as you: brethren, I beseech you: yee haue not hurt [n] me at all.

13 And ye know, how through [o] infirmitie of the flesh, I preached the Gospel vnto you at the first.

14 [p] And the triall of mee which was in my flesh, yee despised not, neither abhorred: but yee receiued mee as an [q] Angel of God, yea, as Christ Iesus.

15 What was then your felicitie? for I beare you record, that if it had bene possible, ye would haue plucked out your owne eyes, and haue giuen them to mee.

16 Am I therefore become your enemie, because I tell you the trueth?

17 They are ielous ouer you [r] amisse: yea, they would exclude [s] you, that ye should altogether loue them.

18 But it is a good thing to loue earnestly alwayes in a good thing, and not onely when I am present with you,

19 My little children, of whom I trauile in birth againe, vntill Christ be [t] formed in you.

20 And I would I were with you now, that I might change my voice: for I am in doubt of you.

21 Tell mee, ye that will bee vnder the Law, do ye not heare the Law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sonnes, [u] one by a seruant, [x] and one by a free woman.

23 But he which was of the seruant, was borne after the flesh: and hee which was of the free woman, was borne by promise.

24 By the which things another thing is meant: for these mothers [a] are the two Testaments, the one which is [x] Agar of mount Sina, which gendreth vnto bondage,

25 (For Agar or Sina is a mountaine in [y] Arabia, and it answereth to Ierusalem which now is) and shee is in bondage with her children.

26 But Ierusalem, which is [z] aboue, is free: which is the mother of all.

27 For it is written, [*] Reioice thou barren that bearest no children: breake foorth, and crie thou that trauailest not: for the desolate hath many mo children then she which hath an husband.

28 [*] Therefore, brethren, we are after the maner of Isaac, children of the promise.

29 But as then hee that was borne after the flesh, persecuted him that was borne after the spirit, euen so it is now.

30 But what saith the Scripture? [*] Put out the seruant and her sonne: for the sonne of the seruant shall not be heire with the sonne of the free woman.

31 Then brethren, we are not children of the seruant, but of the [a] free woman.†

CHAP. V.

1 *Hee laboureth to draw them away from circumcision, 19 And sheweth them the battell betwixt the spirite and the flesh, and the fruits of them both.*

STand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made vs free, and bee not intangled againe with the yoke of bondage.

2 [*] Beholde, I Paul say vnto you, that if ye be [a] circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testifie again to euery man, which is circumcised, that he is bound to keepe the whole Law.

4 Ye are [b] abolished from Christ, whosoeuer are iustified by the Law, yee are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit [b] waite for the hope of righteousnesse through faith.

6 For in Iesus Christ neither circumcision auaileth any thing, neither vncircumcision, but faith which worketh by loue.

7 Yee did runne well: who did let you, that ye did not obey the [c] trueth?

8 It is not the perswasion of him that [d] calleth you.

9 [*] A little [e] leauen doeth leauen the whole lumpe.

10 I haue trust in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise [f] minded: but he that troubleth you, shall beare his condemnation, whosoeuer he be.

11 And brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why doe I yet suffer persecution? Then is the [g] slaunder of the Crosse abolished.

12 Would to God they were euen cut off, which doe disquiet you.

13 For brethren, yee haue bene called vnto libertie: onely vse not your libertie as an occasion vnto the flesh, but by loue serue one another.

14 For [h] all the Lawe is fulfilled in one word, which is this, [*] Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe.

15 If yee bite and deuoure one another, take heed lest yee be consumed one of another.

16 Then I say, [*] Walke in the [i] Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

17 For the [k] flesh lusteth against the Spi-

h When ye receiued the Gospel, ye were idolaters: therefore it is shame for you to refuse libertie, and become seruants, yea, and seeing the Iewes desire to be out of their nuteship.

i Not in deede, but in opinion.

k The Galatians of Panims beganne to be Christians, but by false apostles were turned backward to beginne anew the Iewish ceremonies, and so in stead of going forward toward Christ, they ran backward from him.

l Ye obserue dayes, as Sabbathes, new moones, &c. ye obserue moneths as the first and seuenth moneth: ye obserue times, as Easter, Whitsuntide, the feast of Tabernacles: ye obserue yeares, as the Iubile, or yeere of forgiuenesse, which beggerly ceremonies are most pernicious to them which haue receiued the sweet libertie of the Gospel, and thrust them backe into superstitious slauerie.

m So friendfull to me, as I am affectioned toward you.

n For I pardon you, if you repent

o Being in great dangers and afflictions, or without pompe and ostentation.

p That is, the troubles and vexations which God sent to trie me while I was among you.

q For my ministeries sake.

r For they are but ambitious.

s They would turne you from mee, that you might follow them.

t And imprinted so in your hearts, that you loue none other.

Gene. 16.15. *Gen.* 21.2.

u That is, signifie.

x Agar and Sina represent the Law: Sara and Ierusalem the Gospel, Ismael the Iewish Synagogue, & Isaac the Church of Christ.

y That is, out of the lande of promile.

z Or, *high and heauenly.*

Isa. 54.1.

a Meaning Sara.

Rom. 9.8.

Gen. 21.10.

a For we are in the Church of Christ which is our mother, and not of the Synagogue, which is a seruant vnder the Law.

f By the libertie wherewith Christ hath made vs free.

Acts 15.1.

a If you ioyne circumcision to the Gospel, as a thing necessary to saluation.

1. *Cor.* 1.17.

b We liue in hope through that Spirit, which causeth faith, and which is giuen to the faithfull, that we should by faith and not by the Lawe obtaine the crowne of glory, which Christ giueth freely.

c Then whatsoeuer is not the word of God, which here he calleth trueth, is very lies.

d Which is God.

1. *Cor.* 5.6.

e A little corruption doth destroy the whole doctrine.

f That ye will embrace the word of God purely.

g That is, the doctrine of the Gospel, which the world abhorred, as a slanderous thing, and therewith were offended.

h Meaning, the second table.

Leuit. 19.18. *Mat.* 22.39. *Mar.* 12.31. *Rom.* 13.8. 14. 1. *Pet.* 2.11.

i In the man regenerate.

k That is, the naturall man striueth against the Spirit of regeneration.

pit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary one to the other, so that ye cannot doe the same things that ye would.

18 And if ye be led by the [i] Spirit, ye are not under the Law.

19 Moreover the workes of the flesh are manifest, which are adulterie, fornication, uncleannesse, wantonnesse,

20 Idolatrie, witchcraft, hatred, debate, emulations, wrath, contentions, seditions, heresies,

21 Enuie, murther, drunkennesse, gluttonie, and such like, whereof I tell you before, as I haue also told you before, that they which doe such things, shall not inherit the kingdome of God.

22 But the fruite of the Spirit is loue, ioy, peace, long suffering, gentlenesse, goodnesse, faith,

23 Meeknesse, temperancie: against such there is [n] no law.

24 For they that are Christs, [n] haue crucified the flesh with the affections and the lustes.

25 If we liue in the Spirit, let vs also walke in the [o] Spirit.

26 Let vs not be desirous of vaine glory, prouoking one another, enuying one another.

CHAP. VI.

1 He exhorteth them to vse gentlenesse toward the weake, 2 And to shewe their brotherly loue and modestie: 6 Also to prouide for their ministers, 9 To persuere, 14 To reioyce in the crosse of Christ, 15 To newnesse of life, 16 And last of all, wisheth to them with the rest of the faithfull all prosperitie.

BRethren, if a man be [a] fallen by occasion into any fault, yee which are spirituall, restore such one with the spirite of meekenesse, considering thy selfe, lest thou also bee tempted.

2 Beare ye one anothers burden, and so [b] fulfill the Law of Christ.

3 For if any man seeme to himselfe, that he is somewhat, when hee is [c] nothing, hee deceiueth himselfe in his imagination.

4 But let euery man proue his owne worke, and then shall he haue [d] reioycing in himselfe onely and not in another.

5 [e] For euery man shall beare his owne burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word, make him that hath taught him partaker of all his [f] goods.

7 Be not deceiued: God is not mocked: for whatsoeuer a man soweth, that shall hee also reape.

8 For he that [g] soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reape corruption: but hee that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reape life euerlasting.

9 [h] Let vs not therefore be weary of well doing: for in due season wee shall reape, if we faint not.

10 While we haue therefore time, let vs doe good vnto all men, but specially vnto them which are of the houshold of faith.

11 ¶ See how large a letter I haue written vnto you with mine owne hand.

12 As many as desire to make a faire shewe [i] in the flesh, they constraine you to bee circumcised, onely because they would not suffer persecution for the [k] crosse of Christ.

13 For they themselues which are circumcised, keepe not the Lawe, but desire to haue you circumcised, that they might reioyce [l] in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should reioyce, but in the crosse of our Lorde Iesus Christ, whereby the [l] world is crucified vnto mee, and I vnto the world.

15 For in Christ Iesus neither circumcision auaileth any thing, nor vncircumcision, but a new [m] creature.

16 And as many as walke according to this rule, peace shall be vpon them, and mercie, and [n] vpon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man [o] put me to businesse: for I beare in my bodie the [p] markes of the Lord Iesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with your spirit, Amen.

¶ Vnto the Galatians written from Rome.

a Either by reason of his flesh, or Satan.
b Christ exhorteth in sundry places to mutuall loue, and therefore brotherly loue is here called the Law of Christ, and his commandement, Iohn 13. 34. and 15. 12.
c He sheweth that man hath nothing of himselfe whereof he should reioyce.
d For his reioycing is a testimonie of a good conscience, 2 Cor. 1. 12. wherein he may reioice before men, but not before God.
e For it were a shame not to prouide for their corporall necessities, which feed our soules with the heauenly dainties. 1. Cor. 9. 7.
f He prooueth that the ministers must be nourished: for if men onely prouide for worldly things without respect of the life euerlasting, then they procure to themselues death, and mocke God, who hath giuen them his ministers to teach them heauenly things. 2. Thes. 3. 13.
g The fruit which God hath promised.
h By the outward ceremonies.
i That is, for preaching Christ crucified.
k That they haue made you Iewes.
l By the world he meaneth all outward pompe, ceremonies and things which please mens fantasies.
m Which is regenerate by faith.
n That is, vpon the Iewes, as Rom. 10. 19.
o Let no man trouble me preaching from henceforth: for my marks are witnesses how valiantly I haue fought.
p Which are odious to the world, but glorious before God.

The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians.

THE ARGVMENT.

WHile Paul was Prisoner at Rome, there entred in among the Ephesians false teachers, who corrupted the true doctrine which hee had taught them, by reason whereof hee wrote this Epistle to confirme them in that thing, which they had learned of him. And first after his salutation, hee assureth them of saluation, because they were thereunto predestinate by the free election of God, before they were borne, and sealed vp to his eternall life by the holy Ghost, giuen vnto them by the Gospel, the knowledge of which mysterie hee prayeth God to confirme towards them. And to the intent they should not glorie in themselues, hee sheweth them their extreme miserie,

misery wherin they were plunged before they knew Christ, as people without God, Gentiles to whō the promises were not made, and yet, by the free mercie of God in Christ Iesus, they were saued, & he appointed to be their Apostle, as of all other Gentiles: therefore he desireth God to lighten ỹ Ephesians hearts with the perfect vnderstanding of his Sonne, and exhorteth him likewise to be mindfull of so great benefits, neither to be moued with the false apostles, which seeke to ouerthrow their faith, and tread vnder foote the Gospel, which was not preached to them, as by chance or fortune, but according to the eternall counsell of God: who by this meanes only preserueth his Church. Therfore the Apostle commendeth his ministery, for asmuch as God thereby reigneth among men, & causeth it to bring foorth most plentifull fruites, as innocencie, holinesse, with all such offices, appertaining to godlinesse. Last of all he declareth not onely in generall, what ought to be the life of the Christians, but also sheweth particularly, what things concerne euery mans vocation.

CHAP. I.

After his salutation, 4 He sheweth that the chiefe cause of their saluation standeth in the free election of God through Christ. 16 He declareth his good will toward them giuing thanks & praying God for their faith. 21 The maiestie of Christ.

PAVL an Apostle of Iesus Christ, by the will of God, to the *Saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithfull in Christ Iesus:

2 Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 *Blessed bee God euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which hath blessed vs with all *spirituall blessing in heauenly things in Christ,

4 *As he hath *chosen vs in him, before the foundation of the world, that we *should be holy, & without blame before him in loue:

5 Who hath predestinate vs, to bee *adopted through Iesus Christ vnto himselfe, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the *praise of the glory of his grace, wherewith hee hath made vs accepted in his beloued.

7 By whom we haue redemption through his blood, euen the forgiuenesse of sinnes, according to his rich grace:

8 Wherein he hath beene aboundant toward vs in al wisdom and vnderstanding,

9 And hath opened vnto vs the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he had purposed *in him,

10 That in the dispensation of the fulnes of the times, hee might gather together in one all things, both which are in heauen and which are in earth, euen in Christ:

11 In whom also we are chosen, when we were predestinate according to the purpose of him, which worketh all things after the counsell of his owne will,

12 That *we which first trusted in Christ, should be vnto the praise of his glory:

13 In whom also ye haue trusted after that ye heard the word of trueth, euen the Gospel of your saluation, wherein also after that yee beleeued, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is *the earnest of our inheritance, *vntill the redemption of the possession, purchased vnto the praise of his glory.

15 Therefore also, after that I heard of the faith, which ye haue in the Lord Iesus, and loue toward all the Saints,

16 I cease not to giue thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers,

17 That the GOD of our Lord Iesus Christ the Father of glory, might giue vnto you the Spirit of wisdome, and reuelation through the knowledge of *him,

18 That the eyes of your vnderstanding may be lightned, that yee may know what the hope is of his calling, and what the riches of his glorious inheritance is in the Saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatnesse of his power toward vs, which beleeue, *according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and *set him at his right hand in the heauenly places,

21 Farre aboue all principality, & power and might, and domination, & euery name that is named, not in this world onely, but also in that that is to come.

22 *And hath made all things subiect vnder his feete, and hath appointed him ouer all things to be the head to the Church,

23 Which is his body, euen the *fulnesse of him that filleth all in all things.

himselfe perfect without vs which are his members the Church is also called Christ, as 1. Cor. 12. 12.

CHAP. II.

5 To magnifie the grace of Christ, which is the onely cause of saluation, 11 He sheweth the what manner of people they were before their conuersion, 18 And what they are now in Christ.

AND *you hath he quickened, that were dead in trespasses and sinnes,

2 Wherein in time past yee walked according to the course of this world, and after the *prince that ruleth in the ayre, euen the spirit, that now worketh in the children of disobedience,

3 Among whom we also had our conuersation in time past, in the lustes of our flesh, in fulfilling the will of the flesh, and of the minde, and were by *nature the children of wrath as well as others.

4 But GOD which is rich in mercie, through his great loue wherewith he loued vs,

5 Euen when we were dead by sinnes, hath quickened vs *together ‖ in Christ, by whose grace yee are saued.

k Of Christ. *Col.* 2. 12. *chap.* 1. 7.

l Made him gouernour of all things both in heauen and in earth: so that Christs body is now onely there, or els it should not be a true body, and his affection should be but a fantasticall thing, and onely imagined. *Psal.* 8. 6. *heb.* 2. 8.

m This is the great loue of Christ toward his Church, that he counteth not himself perfect: and therefore

n Of Christ. *Col.* 2. 13.

o Not by creation, but Adams trasgression, and so by birth.

p Both Iew and Gentile

Or, with Christ.

6 And hath [a] raised vs vp together, and made vs sit together in the heauenly places in Christ Iesus,

7 That he might shewe in the ages to come, the exceeding riches of his grace, through his kindnesse toward vs in Christ Iesus.

8 For by grace are ye saued through faith, and that not of your selues: it is the gift of God,

9 Not of workes, lest any man should boast himselfe.

10 For we are his workemanship created in Christ Iesus vnto good workes, which God hath ordained that we should walke in them.

11 Wherefore [f] remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, and called [*] vncircumcision of them, which are called circumcision in the flesh, made with hands,

12 That ye were, I say, at that time without Christ, and were aliants from the common wealth of Israel, and were [*] strangers from the [g] conenants of promise, and had no hope, and were without God in the world.

13 But nowe in Christ Iesus, ye which once were farre off, are made neere by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, which hath made of both one, and hath broken the [i] stop of the partition wall,

15 In abrogating through his [k] flesh the hatred, that is, the Law of commandements which standeth in ordinances, for to make of twaine one new man in himselfe, so making peace,

16 And that he might reconcile both vnto God in one [l] body by his [m] crosse, and slay hatred thereby,

17 And came, and preached peace to you which were afarre off, and to them that were neere.

18 For through him we both haue an entrance vnto the Father by one Spirit.

19 Now therefore yee are no more strangers and forreiners: but citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God,

20 And are built vpon the foundation of the Apostles & Prophets, Iesus Christ himselfe being the chiefe corner stone,

21 In whom all the building coupled together, groweth vnto an holy Temple in the Lord.

22 In whom ye also are built together to be the habitation of God by the Spirit.

CHAP. III.

1 *He sheweth the cause of his imprisonment,* 13 *Desireth them not to faint because of his trouble.* 14 *And prayeth God to make them stedfast in his spirit.*

FOr this cause, I Paul [a] the prisoner of Iesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye haue heard of the [b] dispensation of the grace of God, which is giuen me to youward,

3 That is, that God by reuelation hath shewed this mystery vnto me (as I wrote [c] aboue in few words,

4 Whereby when ye reade, yee may know mine vnderstanding in the mystery of Christ.)

5 Which in other ages was [d] not opened vnto the sons of men, as it is now reuealed vnto his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit,

6 That the Gentiles should be inheritors also, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel,

7 Whereof I am made a minister by the gift of the grace of God giuen vnto me [*] through the working of his power.

8 [*] Vnto me the least of all Saints is this grace giuen, that I should preach among the Gentiles the vnsearchable riches of Christ,

9 And to make cleare vnto all men what the fellowship of the mystery is, which from the beginning of the world hath bene hid in God, who hath created all things by Iesus Christ,

10 To the intent that now vnto [*] principalities & powers in heauenly places might be knowen [f] by the Church the manifolde wisedome of God,

11 According to the eternall purpose, which he wrought in Christ Iesus our Lord,

12 By whom we haue boldnesse and entrance with confidence by faith in him.

13 Wherefore I desire that yee faint not at my tribulations for your sakes, which is your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees vnto the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ,

15 (Of whome is named the whole [i] familie in [k] heauen and earth.)

16 That he might graunt you according to the riches of his glory, that yee may bee strengthened by his Spirit in the inner man,

17 That Christ may dwel in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in loue,

18 May be able to comprehend with all Saints, what is the [l] breadth, and length, and depth, and height:

19 And to know the loue of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that yee may bee filled with all [l] fulnesse of God.

20 [*] Vnto him therefore that is able to doe exceeding abundantly aboue all that we aske or thinke, according to the power that worketh in vs,

21 Vnto him be the glory in the Church by Christ Iesus, throughout all generations for euer, Amen.

l That all the graces of God may abound in you, that we seeke Christ in vs.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *He exhorteth both the ministers, and people, to suffering, vnto loue and peace,* 3 *Euery one to serue & edifie one another with the gift that God hath giuen him.* 14 *To beware of strange doctrine* 22 *To lay aside the old conuersation of greedy lusts, and to walke in a new life.*

I Therefore, being prisoner in the [a] Lord I pray you that ye walke worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

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p We that are the members, are raised vp from death, and reigne with our head Christ in heauen by faith.

e Here he meaneth as concerning grace, & not by nature.

f He sheweth here that the further the Gentiles were off from the grace of God, the greater debters they are now to the same. 1. Sam. 17. 26. Psal. 44. 7. Rom. 9. 4.

g It was but one couenant, but because it was diuers times confirmed and established, therfore here he calleth them couenants.

h Where no promise is, there is no hope.

Or, Atheists.

i That is, the cause of the diuision that was betweene the Iewes and the Gentiles.

k For in Christ all things were accomplished, which were prefigured in the Law.

l For of the Iewes and the Gentiles he made one flocke.

Or, death.

Rom. 5. 2.

a He reioyceth in that he suffred imprisonment for the maintenance of Christs glory.

b Which was his vocation to preach vnto Gentiles.

c That is, in the first chap of this Epistle, verse. 9.

d Although the fathers and the Prophets had reuelations certaine, yet it was not in comparison of that abundance which was shewed when the Gentiles were called, neither yet was the time nor the maner knowen. *Chap. 1. 19. 1 Cor. 15. 9, 10. Gal. 1. 16. Rom. 16. 25. col. 1. 26. 2. tim. 1. 10. tit. 1. 2, 1. pet. 1. 20.*

e The Angels.

f The Church being gathered of so many kinds of people, is an example or a glasse for the Angels to behold the wisedome of God in, whohath turned their particular discords, into an vniuersall concord, and of the synagogue of bondage, hath made the Church of freedome.

g He that is not of the body of Christ, is in death

h The faithfull which died before Christ came, were adopted by him, and make one family with the Saints which yet remaine aline

i For we confesse that which we beleeue.

k All perfection on euery side is in him.

l That is, the greatnesse.

m In him.

2 With all humblenesse of minde, and meekenesse, with long sufferinge, supportinge one another through loue,
3 Endeuouring to keepe the vnitie of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 There is one body, and one Spirit, euen as ye are called in one hope of your vocation.
5 There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptisme,
6 One God and Father of all, which is above all, & through all, and in you all.
7 But vnto euery one of vs is giuen grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended vp on high, he led captiuitie captiue, and gaue gifts vnto men.
9 (Now in that he ascended, what is it but that he had also descended first into the lowest parts of the earth?
10 He that descended, is euen the same that ascended, farre aboue all heauens, that he might fill all things.)
11 He therefore gaue some to be Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Euangelists, and some Pastours and Teachers,
12 For the gathering together of the Saints, for the worke of the ministery, and for the edification of the body of Christ,
13 Till we all meet together (in the vnitie of faith and knowledge of the Sonne of God) vnto a perfect man, & vnto the measure of the age of the fulnesse of Christ,
14 That we henceforth be no more children, wauering and caried about with euery winde of doctrine, by the deceit of men, and with craftinesse, whereby they lay in wait to deceiue.
15 But let vs follow the trueth in loue, and in all things grow vp into him, which is the head, that is, Christ,
16 By whom all the body being coupled and knit together by euery ioynt, for the furniture thereof (according to the effectuall power, which is in the measure of euery part) receiueth increase of the body, vnto the edifying of it selfe in loue.
17 This I say therefore and testifie in the Lord, that ye henceforth walke not as other Gentiles walke, in vanitie of their minde,
18 Hauing their conuersation darkened, and being strangers from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardnesse of their heart:
19 Which being past feeling, haue giuen themselues vnto wantonnesse, to worke all vncleannesse, euen with greedinesse.
20 But ye haue not so learned Christ,
21 If so be ye haue heard him, and haue been taught by him, as the trueth is in Iesus,
22 That is, that ye cast off, concerning the conuersation in time past, the old man, which is corrupt through the deceitable lusts,
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 And put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousnesse, and true holinesse.
25 Wherefore cast off lying, and speake euery man trueth vnto his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be angry, but sinne not: let not the sunne goe downe vpon your wrath.
27 Neither giue place to the deuil.
28 Let him that stole, steale no more: but let him rather labour, and worke with his hands the thing which is good, that he may haue to giue vnto him that needeth.
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouthes: but that which is good to the vse of edifying, that it may minister grace vnto the hearers.
30 And grieue not the holy Spirit of God, by whom ye are sealed vnto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitternes, and anger, & wrath, crying, and euill speaking be put away from you, with all malicious nesse.
32 Be ye courteous one to another, and tender hearted, forgiuing one another, euen as God for Christs sake forgaue you.

him no occasion to depart for sorow by your abusing of Gods graces. 2. Cor. 1. 22. Colos. 3. 12. 19.

CHAP. V.

1 He exhorteth the vnto loue, 3 Warneth them to beware of vncleannes, couetousnes, foolish talking & false doctrine, 17 Takes exception, 18 To auoid drunkennes, 19 To reioice & to be thankfull toward God, 21 To submit themselues one to another. 22 He intreateth of carpe all marriage, & of the mutuall bonde betweene Christ and his Church.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as deare children,
2 And walke in loue, euen as Christ hath loued vs, and hath giuen himselfe for vs, to be an offering and a sacrifice of a sweete smelling sauour to God.
3 But fornication, and all vncleannesse, or couetousnesse, let it not be once named among you, as it becommeth saints,
4 Neither filthinesse, neither foolish talking, neither iesting, which are things not conuenient, but rather giuing of thanks.
5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, neither vncleane person, nor couetous person, which is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdome of Christ, and of God.
6 Let no man deceiue you with vaine words: for, for such things commeth the wrath of God vpon the children of disobedience.
7 Be not therefore companions of them.
8 For ye were once darkenesse, but are now light in the Lord: walke as children of light.

r That is, all the naturall corruption that is in vs. Rom. 6. 4. col. 3. 10 Heb. 12. 1. 1. pet. 2. 1. and 4. 2.
s Which is created according to the image of God. Zach. 8. 16. Psal. 4. 5.
t If so be that ye be angry, so moderate your affection, that it burst not out into any euill worke, but be soone appeased. Iames 4. 7.
Chap. 5. 3. col. 4. 6.
u And cause vs to profit in godlinesse.
x So behaue your selues that the holy Ghost may willingly dwell in you, and giue

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a Alluding to the perfumes and incensing in the Iewes Mar. 7. 21. 1. Cor. 6. 9. 10. 4. 23. col. 3. 5. 1. Thes. 4. 3. 5.
b Which is either vaine, or els by example and euill speaking, may hurt your neighbour: for otherwise there be diuers examples in the Scriptures of pleasant talke, which is also godly, as 1. King. 18. 27.
c Because here thinketh that his life standeth in

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f And make them knowen by your honest and godly life.

g The word of God discouereth the vices which were hid before.

h God thus speaketh by his seruants to draw the infidels from their blindnesse. *Colos.* 4.5.

i Selling all worldly pleasures to buy time.

k In these perilous dayes and craft of the aduersaries, take heed how to buy againe the occasions of godlines, which the world hath taken from you. *Rom.* 12.2. *1.thes.* 4.3.

‖ *Or, songs of praise & thanksgiuing.*

l And not only with tongue.

m Except our friendship be ioyned and knit in God, it is not to be esteemed. *Col.* 3.18. *tit.* 2.5. *1.pet.* 3.1. *1.cor* 11.3.

n The Church: So the husband ought to nourish, gouerne, and defend his wife from perils. *Col.* 3.19.

o Baptisme is a token that God hath consecrated the Church to himselfe, & made it holy by his word: that is, his promise of free iustification and sanctification in Christ.

p Because it is couered and clad with Christs iustice & holinesse.

q This our coniunction & Christ must be considered as Christ is the husband, and we the wife, which are not only ioyned to him by nature, but also by the communion of substance, through the holy Ghost and by faith: the seale and sacrament whereof is the supper of the Lord. *Gen.* 2.24. *mat.* 19.5. *mar.* 10.7. *1.cor.* 6.16.

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodnesse, and righteousnesse, and trueth)

10 Approouing that which is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And haue no fellowship with the vnfruitfull works of darknes, but euen reprooue them rather.

12 For it is shame euen to speake of the things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things when they are reprooued of the light, are manifest: for it is light that maketh all things manifest.

14 Wherefore he saith, [b] Awake thou that sleepest, and stand vp from the dead, and Christ shall giue thee light.

15 Take heed therefore that ye walke circumspectly, not as fooles, but as [c] wise,

16 [i] Redeeming the time: for the [d] dayes are euill.

17 [*] Wherefore be ye not vnwise, but vnderstand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunke with wine, wherein is excesse: but be fulfilled with the Spirit,

19 Speaking vnto your selues in psalmes, and ‖ hymnes, and spirituall songs, singing, and making melodie to the Lord in your [k] hearts,

20 Giuing thankes alwayes for all things vnto God euen the Father, in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ,

21 Submitting your selues one to another in the [l] feare of God.

22 [*] Wiues, submit your selues vnto your husbands, as vnto the Lord.

23 [*] For the husband is the wiues head, euen as Christ is the head of the Church, and the same is the sauiour of his [m] body.

24 Therefore, as the Church is in subiection to Christ, euen so let the wiues be to their husbands in euery thing.

25 [*] Husbands, loue your wiues, euen as Christ loued the Church, and gaue himselfe for it,

26 That he might sanctifie it, & cleanse it by the [n] washing of water through the word,

27 That he might make it vnto himselfe a glorious Church, not hauing [o] spot or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy, and without blame.

28 So ought men to loue their wiues, as their owne bodies: he that loueth his wife, loueth himselfe.

29 For no man euer yet hated his owne flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, euen as the Lord doeth the Church.

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 [*] For this cause shall a man leaue father and mother, and shall cleaue to his wife, and they twaine shalbe one flesh.

32 This is a great [p] secret, but I speake concerning Christ, & concerning [q] Church.

33 Therefore euery one of you, doe ye so let euery one loue his wife, euen as himselfe, and let [r] wife see that she feare her husband.

CHAP. VI.

1 *How children should behaue themselues toward their fathers and mothers,* 4 *Likewise parents toward their children,* 5 *Seruants toward their masters,* 9 *Masters toward their seruants.* 13 *An exhortation to the spirituall battell, and what weapons the Christians should fight withall.*

Children, [*] obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 [*] Honour thy father and mother, (which is the first commaundement with [*] promise)

3 That it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest liue long on earth.

4 And ye, fathers, prouoke not your children to [s] wrath: but bring them vp in [t] instruction and information of the Lord.

5 [*] Seruants, bee obedient vnto them that are your masters, [u] according to the flesh, with feare and trembling, in singlenesse of your hearts as vnto Christ,

6 Not with seruice to the eye, as men pleasers, but as the seruants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 [x] With good will seruing the Lord, and not men,

8 And know yee that whatsoeuer good thing any man doeth, that same shall hee receiue of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And ye masters, doe the same things vnto them, putting away the threatning: and know that euen ‖ your master also is in heauen, neither is there [*] respect of persons with him.

10 [*] Finally, my brethren, bee strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the ‖ whole armour of God, that ye may bee able to stand against the assaults of the deuil.

12 For we wrestle not against [y] flesh and blood, but against [*] principalities, against powers, and against the worldly gouernors, the princes of the darknesse of this world, against spirituall wickednesse, which are in the [z] high places.

13 For this cause take vnto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to resist in the euil day, & hauing finished all things, stand fast.

14 Stand therefore, and your loines gird about with [a] veritie, and hauing on the [b] brestplate of [c] righteousnesse,

15 And your feete shod with the [d] preparation of the Gospel of peace.

16 Aboue all, take the [e] shielde of faith, wherewith ye may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 [*] And take the helmet of [f] saluation, and the [g] sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray alwayes with all maner [h] prayer and supplication in the Spirit: and [*] watch thereunto with all perseuerance and supplication for all Saints,

19 [*] And for me, that vtterance may bee giuen vnto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to publish the secret of the Gospel,

20 Wherefore I am the ambassadour in

21 Sunday. Com. Epist. 18 to 28 verse. Gosp. 5 to 16 verse.

Col. 3.20. *Exod.* 20.12. *deut.* 5.16. *eccl.* 3.9. *mat.* 15.4. *mar.* 7.10.

a This is the first commandement of the second table, and hath the promise with condition.

b By austerity.

c That they be not brought vp in wantonnesse, but in the feare of the Lord. *Col.* 3.21. *tit.* 2.9. *1.pet.* 2.18.

d Which haue dominion ouer your bodies, but not our ‖ soules. ‖ *Or, both yours & their master.* *Deut.* 10.17. *2.chr* 19.7. *iob* 34.19. *wisd.* 6.7. *eccl.* 35.12, 16. *act.* 10.34. *rom.* 2.11. *gal.* 2.6. *col* 3.25. *1.pet.* 1.17.

e Whether he be seruant or master

‖ *Or, complete harnesse.*

f The faithfull haue not only to striue against mē and themselues, but against Satan the spiritual enemie, who is most dangerous: for he is ouer our heads, so that we cānot reach him, but he must be resisted by Gods grace. *Chap.* 2.2.

g Innocencie and godly life.

h That ye may be ready to suffer all things for the Gospel. *Isa.* 59.17. *1.thes.* 5.8.

i The saluation purchased by Iesus Christ. *Colos.* 4.2. *Colos.* 4.3. *2.thes.* 3.1.

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bonds, that therein I may speake boldly, as I ought to speake.

21 ¶ But that yee may also know mine affaires, and what I do, Tychicus my deare brother and faithfull minister in the Lorde, shall shew you of all things.

22 Whome I haue sent vnto you for the same purpose, that yee might know mine affaires, and that hee might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be with the brethren, and loue with faith from God the Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

24 Grace bee with all them which loue our Lord Iesus Christ, to their k immortalitie. Amen.

Written from Rome vnto the Ephesians, and sent by Tychicus.

k Or, to be without corruption, that is, to haue life euerlasting, which is the end of this grace.

The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians.

THE ARGVMENT.

PAul being warned by the holy Ghost to go to Macedonia, planted first a Church at Philippi a citie of the same countrey: but because his charge was to preach the Gospel vniuersally to all the Gentiles, he trauailed from place to place, til at the length he was taken prisoner at Rome, whereof the Philippians being aduertised, sent their minister Epaphroditus with reliefe vnto him: who declaring him the estate of the Church, caused him to write this Epistle, wherein he commended them that they stood manfully against the false apostles, putting them in mind of his good will toward them, and exhorteth them that his imprisonment make them not to shrinke: for the Gospel thereby was confirmed and not diminished: especially he desireth them to flee ambition, & to imbrace modestie, promising to send Timotheus vnto them, who should instruct them in matters more amply: yea, and that he himselfe would also come vnto them, adding likewise the cause of their ministers so long abode. And because there were no greater enemies to the crosse then the false apostles, here confuteth their false doctrine, by prouing onely Christ to be the end of all true religion, with whom we haue all things, and without whom we haue nothing, so that his death is our life, and his resurrection our iustification. After this follow certaine admonitions both particular and general, with testification of his affection toward them, and thankefull accepting of their benevolence.

CHAP. I.

1 *Saint Paul discouereth his heart toward them,* 3 *By his thanksgiuing,* 4 *Prayers,* 8 *And wishes for their faith & saluation.* 7. 12. 20 *He sheweth the fruite of his crosse,* 15. 27 *And exhorteth them to vnitie,* 28 *And patience.*

PAul and Timotheus the seruants of Iesus Christ, to all the Saints in Christ Iesus which are at Philippi, with the a Bishops, and Deacons:

2 Grace be with you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 I thanke my God, hauing you in perfect memorie,

4 (Alwayes in all my prayers for all you, praying with gladnesse)

5 Because of the b fellowship which yee haue in the Gospel, from the c first day vnto now.

6 And I am perswaded of this same thing, that hee that hath begunne this good worke in you, will performe it vntill the d day of Iesus Christ.

7 As it becommeth mee so to iudge of you all, because I haue you in remembrance, e that both in my bonds, and in my defence and confirmation of the Gospel, you all were partakers of my f grace.

8 For God is my record, how I long after you all from the very heart roote in Iesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your loue may abound, yet more and more in knowledge, and in all iudgement,

10 That yee may discerne things that differ one from another, that ye may be pure, and g without offence, vntill the day of Christ.

11 Filled with the fruits of h righteousnesse, which are by Iesus Christ vnto the glory and praise of God.

12 ¶ I would ye vnderstood, brethren, that the things which haue come vnto mee, are turned rather to the furthering of the Gospel,

13 So that my bonds in i Christ are famous throughout all the k iudgement hall, and in all other places,

14 And so much that many of the brethren in the Lord are boldened through my bonds, and dare more frankely speake the l word.

15 Some preach Christ, euen through enuie and strife, and some also of good will.

16 The one part preach Christ of contention and not m purely, supposing to adde more affliction to my bands:

17 But the others of loue, knowing that I am set for the defence of the Gospel.

18 What then? yet Christ is preached all manner wayes, whether it bee n vnder a pretence, or sincerely: and I therein ioy: yea, and will ioy.

19 For I know that this shall turne to my saluation, through your prayer, and by the helpe of the Spirit of Iesus Christ.

20 As I heartily looke for, and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all confidence, as alwayes, so now Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death.

21 For Christ is to me both in life, and in death aduantage.

22 And

a By Bishops here he meaneth them that had charge of the word, and gouerning, as pastors, doctors, elders: by deacons, such as had charge of the distribution, & of the poore & sick. 1. Tim. 3. 1. 2.

b With other Churches.

c That ye receiued the Gospel.

d When you shall receiue the crowne of glory.

e It was a sure token of their loue, they did helpe him by al meanes possible when he was absent, & in prison, euen as if they had bin prisoners with him.

f Of this peculiar benefit to suffer for Christs sake.

g That you so increase in godlines, that not only ye can put difference betweene good & euil: but also that ye profit more and more without slipping backe, or standing in a stay.

h Righteousnes is the tree, good works the fruit.

i Which I sustain for Christs cause.

k That is, in the court or palace of the Emperour Nero.

l Or, professe the Gospel considering my constancie.

m But with a corrupt minde.

n Or, for an occasion.

n Their pretence was to preach Christ, and therefore their doctrin was true: but they were full of ambition and enuie, thinking to deface Paul and preferre themselues.

22 And whether to [a] liue in the flesh, were profitable for me, and what to choose, I know not.

23 For I am greatly in doubt of both sides, desiring to bee loosed, and to bee with Christ, which is best of all.

24 Neuertheless, to abide in the ‖ flesh, is more needfull for you.

25 And this am I sure of, that I shall abide, and with you all continue, for your furtherance and ioy of your faith,

26 That your reioice in Iesus Christ for me, by my comming to you againe.

27 [b] Onely let your conuersation bee, as it becommeth the Gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or else bee absent, I may heare of your matters, that ye ‖ continue in one spirit, and in one minde fighting together through the faith of the Gospel.

28 And in nothing feare your aduersaries, which is to them a token of perdition, and to you of saluation, and that of God.

29 For vnto you it is giuen for Christ, that not onely yee should beleeue in him, but also suffer for his sake,

30 Hauing the same fight which yee saw in me, and now heare to be in me.

[a] To liue in the flesh, is to liue in this brittle body, till we be called to liue euerlastingly: but to liue according to the flesh, or to be in the flesh, signifie, to be destitute of the Spirit, and to be plunged in the filthie concupiscences of the flesh.
‖ *Or, body.*
Ephes. 4. 1.
coloss 1. 10.
1. *thess* 2 12.
‖ *Or, stand.*

[b] The more that tyrants rage against the Gospel, the more manifestly they declare that they runne to their owne destruction, and againe, constant perseuerance for Christes sake, is an euident signe of saluation.

[q] God sheweth by this meanes of bearing the crosse, who are his, and who are not.
‖ *Or, Christs cause.*

CHAP. II.

1 *He exhorteth them about all things to humilitie, whereby pure doctrine is chiefly maintained,* 19 *Promising that he and Timotheus will speedily come vnto them,* 27 *And excuseth the long tarrying of Epaphroditus.*

IF there bee therefore any [a] consolation in Christ, if any comfort of loue, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any compassion and mercie,

2 Fulfill my ioy, that yee be like minded, hauing the same loue, being of one accord, and of [b] one iudgement.

3 That nothing be done through contention or vaine glory, but that in meekenesse of minde [c] euery man esteeme other better then himselfe.

4 Looke not euery man on his owne things, but euery man also on the things of other men.

5 Let the same minde be in you that was euen in Christ Iesus,

6 Who [c] being in the forme of GOD, thought it no [d] robbery to be equall to God:

7 [e] But he made himselfe of no reputation, and tooke on him the forme of a seruant, and was made like vnto men, and was found in [f] shape as a man.

8 [g] He humbled himselfe, and became obedient vnto the death, euen the death of the crosse.

9 Wherefore God hath also highly exalted him, and giuen him a Name aboue euery Name,

10 [h] That at the Name of Iesus should euery knee [i] bow, both of things in heauen, and things in earth, and things vnder the earth,

11 [k] And that euery tongue should confesse that Iesus Christ is the Lord, vnto the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore my beloued, as yee haue alwayes obeyed me, not as in my presence only, but now much more in mine absence, [l] make an end of your owne saluation with feare and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you, both the will and the deed, euen of his [k] good pleasure.

14 Doe all things without [m] murmuring and reasonings,

15 That ye may be blamelesse, and pure, and the sonnes of God without rebuke in the middes of a naughtie and crooked nation, among whom yee shine, as [n] lights in the world,

16 [o] Holding forth the [p] word of life, that I may reioyce in the day of Christ, that I haue not runne in vaine, neither haue laboured in vaine.

17 Yea, and though I be [q] offered vp vpon the sacrifice, and seruice [r] of your faith, I am glad, and reioyce with you all.

18 For the same cause also be ye glad, and reioyce with me.

19 And I trust in the Lord Iesus to send [s] Timotheus shortly vnto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20 For I haue no man like minded, who will faithfully care for your matters.

21 [t] For all [u] seeke their owne, and not that which is Iesus Christs.

22 But ye know the proofe of him, that as a sonne with the father, hee hath serued with me in the Gospel.

23 Him therefore I hope to send alloone as I know how it will goe with me.

24 And trust in the Lord, that I also my selfe shall come shortly.

25 But I supposed it necessary to send my brother Epaphroditus vnto you, my companion in labour, and fellow souldier, euen your [x] messenger, and he that ministred vnto me such things as I wanted.

26 For he longed after all you, and was full of heauinesse, because ye had heard, that he had bene sicke.

27 And no doubt he was sicke, very neere vnto death: but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should haue sorow vpon sorow.

28 I sent him therefore the more diligently, that when ye should see him againe, ye might reioyce, and I might be the lesse sorowfull.

29 Receiue him therefore in the Lord with all gladnesse, and make much of such:

30 Because that for the [y] worke of Christ he [z] was neere vnto death, and regarded not his life, to fulfill that seruice which was lacking on your part toward me.

[b] From the consent of wils and mindes he proceedeth to the agreement in doctrine, that there might be full and perfect concord.
Rom. 12. 10.

[c] If Christ being very God equall with the Father, layde aside his glory, and being Lord, became a seruant, and willingly submitted himselfe to most shameful death, shall we which are nothing but vile slaues, through arrogancie treade downe our brethren, and preferre our selues?

[d] For hee that was God, should haue done none iniurie to the Godhead.
Matth. 20. 18.

[e] The poore and weake nature of man.

[f] He was seene and heard of men, so that his person and behauiour declared that he was a miserable man.
Hebr. 2. 9.

[g] Worship and be subiect to him.
Iob 13. 13. 1. *cor.* 8. 6. *and* 12, 3.

[h] Runne forward in that race of righteousnesse wherein God hath freely placed you through Iesus Christ, and conducteth you his children by his Spirit to walke in good works, and so to make your vocation sure.

[i] Which may make you carefull and diligent.

[k] Which is his free grace.
1 *Pet.* 4. 9.
Matth. 5. 16.

[l] As they which in the night set forth a candle to giue light to others.

[m] The Gospel.

[n] The word signifieth to powre out as the drinke offering was powred on the sacrifice.

[o] To confirme you in your faith
Acts 16. 1.
1. *Cor.* 10. 14.

[p] They rather sought profite by their preaching then Gods glory.

[q] He calleth it here the worke of Christ, to visite Christ, who was bound in the person of Paul, and was in neede of necessaries.

[r] He approueth them which hazard their life to relieue the prisoners of Christ.

CHAP.

CHAP. III.

1 He warneth them to beware of false teachers, 2 against whom he setteth Christ, 4 likewise himselfe, 9 and his doctrine, 12 and reproueth many owne righteousnesse.

MOreouer, my brethren, reioyce in the Lord. It grieueth me not to write the same things vnto you, and for you it is a sure thing.

2 Beware of [b] dogs: beware of euill workers: beware of the [c] concision.

3 For wee are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and reioyce in Christ Iesus, and haue no confidence [d] in the flesh:

4 Though I might also haue confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, much more I:

5 Circumcised the eight day, of the kinred of Israel, of the tribe of Beniamin, [e] an Ebrewe of the Ebrewes, [f] by the [g] law a Pharisie.

6 Concerning zeale, I persecuted the Church: touching the righteousnesse which is in the Law, I was vnreprouable.

7 But the things that were vantage vnto mee, the same I counted losse for Christs sake.

8 Yea, doubtlesse I thinke all things but losse for the excellent knowledge sake of Christ Iesus my Lorde, for whom I haue counted all things losse, and doe iudge them to bee dongue, that I might winne Christ,

9 And might bee [h] found in him, that is not hauing mine owne righteousnes, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, euen the righteousnesse which is of God through faith,

10 That I may know him, and the vertue of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his afflictions, and bemade conformable vnto his death,

11 If by any meanes I might attaine vnto the [i] resurrection of the dead.

12 [k] Not as though I had already attained to it, either were already perfect: but I follow, if that I may comprehend that for whose sake also I am [l] comprehended of Christ Iesus.

13 Brethren, I count not my selfe, that I haue attained to it, but one thing I doe: I forget that which is behind, and endeuour my selfe vnto that which is before,

14 And follow hard toward the [m] marke, for the price of the high calling of God in Christ Iesus.

15 Let vs therefore as many as [n] be perfect, be thus minded: and if ye be otherwise minded, God shall reueale euen this [o] same vnto you.

16 Neuertheless in that whereunto wee are come, let vs procede by one rule, [p] that we may minde one thing.

17 Brethren, be followers of me, and looke on them, which walke so, as yee haue vs for an ensample.

18 [q] For many walke, of whom I haue told you often, and now tel you weeping, that they are the enemies of the [r] crosse of Christ,

19 Whose [s] end is damnation, whose God is their belly, & whose [t] glory is to their shame, which minde earthly things.

20 But our [u] conuersation is in heauen, from whence also wee looke for the [x] Sauiour, euen the Lord Iesus Christ,

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may bee fashioned like vnto his glorious body, according to the working, whereby he is able euen to subdue all things vnto himselfe.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth them to be of honest conuersation, 5 and thanketh them, because of the prouision that they made for him being in prison, 21 and so concludeth with salutations.

THerefore, my brethren, beloued and longed for, my ioy and my crowne, so continue in the Lord, ye beloued.

2 I pray Euodias, and beseech Syntiche, that they be of one accord in the Lord.

3 Yea, and I beseech thee, faithfull yoke-fellow, helpe those women, which laboured with me in the Gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the [y] booke of life.

4 Reioyce in the Lord alway, againe I say, reioyce.

5 Let your patient mind be knowen vnto all men. The Lord is [z] at hand.

6 [a] Be nothing carefull, but in all things let your requests bee shewed vnto God in prayer, and supplication, with giuing of thankes.

7 And the peace of God which passeth all vnderstanding, shall [b] preserue your hearts and minds in Christ Iesus.

8 Furthermore, brethren, whatsoeuer things are true, whatsoeuer things are honest, whatsoeuer things are iust, whatsoeuer things are pure, whatsoeuer things pertaine to loue, whatsoeuer things are of good report, if there be any vertue, or if there be any prayse, thinke on these things,

9 Which ye haue both learned and receiued, and heard, and seene in me: those things doe, and the God of peace shall bee with you.

10 Now I reioyce also in the Lord greatly, that now at the last yee are [c] reuiued againe to care for me, wherein notwithstanding ye were carefull, but ye lacked opportunitie.

11 I speake not because of [d] want: for I haue learned in whatsoeuer state I am, therewith to be content.

12 And I can bee abased, and I can abound: euery where in all things I am instructed both to be full, & to be hungry, and to abound, and to haue want.

13 I am able to doe all things through the helpe of [e] Christ, which strengtheneth me.

14 Notwithstanding yee haue well done, that ye did communicate to mine affliction.

15 And ye Philippians know also that in the [f] beginning of the Gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no Church communicated with me concerning the [g] matter of giuing and receiuing, but ye onely.

16 For

[a] Or, reward.
[b] The vaine glory which they seek after in this world, shall turn to their confusion and shame.
[c] In mind and affection.

1 Cor. 1.7. 19 Sept. 1 Sept. Tit. 2.11.13. 2 Sept. Ephesians

Epistle
4 Sund. Advent
Ad. 8 verse
Gospel
Wednesday

Psal. 69.28. Luke 10.20. rom. 3.3. and 20.12. and 21.27.

[a] This booke Ezekiel calleth the writing of the house of Israel, and the secret of the Lord, chap. 13.9.
[b] To succour you. Matth. 6.25.
[c] From Satan, who seeketh to take from vs this peace of conscience.

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[d] That is, begin anew to help me.
[e] That I was not able to endure my poverty.
[f] Not of his own vertue or free will.
[g] When I first preached the Gospel vnto you.
[h] He had giuen of his part in communicating with them spirituall things, but he receiued nothing of them, which I suppose at least to haue relieued him in his necessitie.

4 July Evening

1 Epist. 17 to the end Prou. 22 Matth. 15 & 23 verse 2 Kings 2 Lessons March

3 July 3 July

16 For euen when I was in Thessalonica, yet sent once, and afterward againe for my necessitie,

17 Not that I desire a gift: but I desire the fruite which may ‖ further your reckoning.

18 Now I haue receiued all, and haue plenty: I was euen filled, after that I had receiued of Epaphroditus that which came from you, an odour that smelleth sweete, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasant to God.

19 And my God shall fulfill all your necessities through his riches with glory in Iesus Christ.

20 Vnto God euen our Father be praise for euermore, Amen.

21 Salute all the Saints in Christ Iesus. The brethren, which are with me, greet you.

22 All the Saints salute you, and most of all they which are of i Cesars houshold.

23 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Written to the Philippians from Rome, and sent by Epaphroditus.

‖ Or, abound toward your count.

i Of such as did belong to the Emperour Nero.

The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this Epistle S. Paul putteth difference betweene the liuely, effectuall and true Christ, and the falned, counterfait, and imagined Christ, whom the false apostles taught. And first, he confirmeth the doctrine, which Epaphras had preached, wishing the the increase of faith, to esteeme the excellency of Gods benefit toward them, teaching them also that saluation, and whatsoeuer good thing can be desired, standeth only in Christ, whom onely we embrace by the Gospel. But forasmuch as the false brethren would haue mixed the Law with the Gospel, he toucheth those flatterers vehemently, and exhorteth the Colossians to stay onely on Christ, without whom all things are but meere vanitie. And as for circumcision, abstinence frō meats, externall holinesse, worshipping of Angels as means whereby to come to Christ, he vtterly condemneth, shewing what was the office and nature of ceremonies, which by Christ are abrogate: so that now the exercises of the Christians stand in mortification of the flesh, newnesse of life, with other like offices appertaining both generally and particularly to all the faithfull.

CHAP. I.

1 He giueth thanks vnto God for their faith, 7 Confirmeth the doctrine of Epaphras, 9 Prayeth for the increase of their faith. 13 He sheweth vnto them the true Christ, and discouereth the counterfeit Christ of the false apostles. 25 He approueth his authoritie and charge, 28 And of his faithfull executing of the same.

PAul an Apostle of IESVS Christ, by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

2 To all them which are at a Colosse, Saints and faithfull brethren in Christ: Grace bee with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 We giue thankes to God euen the Father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, alwayes praying for you:

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Iesus, and of your loue toward all Saints,

5 For the hopes sake which is laid vp for you in heauen, whereof ye haue heard before by the word of trueth, which is the Gospel,

6 Which is come vnto you, euen as it is vnto all the world, and is fruitfull, as it is also among you, from the day that ye heard and truely knew the grace of God,

7 As yee also learned of Epaphras our deare fellow seruant, which is for you a faithfull minister of Christ:

8 Who hath also declared vnto vs your loue, which ye haue c by the spirit.

9 For this cause wee also, since the day we heard of it, cease not to pray for you, and to desire that yee might be fulfilled with knowledge of his will, in all wisedome, and spirituall vnderstanding,

10 d That ye might walke worthy of the Lord, & please him in all things, being fruitfull in all good works, and increasing in the knowledge of God,

11 Strengthened with all might through his glorious power, vnto all patience, and long suffering with ioyfulnesse,

12 Giuing thanks vnto the Father, which hath made vs meete to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light,

13 Who hath deliuered vs from e the power of darkenes, and hath translated vs into the kingdome of his deare Sonne,

14 In whome wee haue redemption through his blood, that is, the forgiuenesse of sinnes,

15 Who is the f image of the inuisible God, the g first borne of euery creature.

16 * For by him were all things created, which are in heauen, and which are in earth, things visible and inuisible: whether they be Thrones, or Dominions, or Principalities, or Powers, all things were created by him and for him,

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things consist.

18 And hee is the head of the body of the Church: he is the beginning, and g the first borne of the dead, that in all things he might haue the preeminence.

19 * For it pleased the Father, that in him should all h fulnesse dwell,

20 And by him to reconcile i all things vnto himselfe, and to set at peace through the blood of his crosse, both the things in earth, and the things in heauen.

21 And you which were in times past strangers and enemies, because your minds were set in euill workes, hath he now also reconciled,

22 In

a Which was a citie of Phrygia.

b For without Christ there is no faith to be saued by, but only a vaine opinion.

c Which commeth of the holy Ghost.

d That is, Gods. *Ephes.4.1. Phil.1.27. 1.Thes.2.12.*

1.*Cor.*1.5.

Matth.3.17 and 17.5.2.pet 1.17. Hebr.1.3.

e For God is made visible in the flesh of Christ, and the diuinitie dwelleth in him corporally.

f Borne before any thing was created. *Iohn 1.3. 1.Cor 15.20. reuel.1.5.*

g He that rose first againe from the dead, to take possession of life euerlasting: whichrising may be called a new birth. *Iohn 1.14. chap.2.9.*

h That the Church, which is his body, might receiue of his abundance.

i That is, the whole Church.

Luke 1. 75. 1 Cor. 1. 2. Eph. 1. 4 Tit. 2. 11, 12. John 15. 6

k Or, your commoditie.

l As Christ hath once suffered in himselfe to redeeme his church & to sanctifie it: so doeth he dayly suffer in his members, as partaker of their infirmities, and therefore a reuenger of their iniuries.

m Which is the promises of Christ, and of the calling of the Gentiles. Rom. 16. 25. Eph. 3. 9. 2 Tim. 1. 10 Tit. 1. 2. 1 Pet. 1. 20.

n Whom he hath elected and consecrated to him by Christ. 1 Tim. 11.

Circumcision of Satan

Heauen

‖Or, pain or care.

a Me present in body.

1. Cor. 1. 5

b In body.

c In minde. 1. Cor. 5. 3.

d Teaching you vaine speculations, as worshipping of Angels, of blind ceremonies & beggerly traditions: for now they haue none vse, seing Christ is come. Chap. 1. 19. John 1. 14.

e In saying that the Godhead is really in Christ, he sheweth ‖ he is very God: also saying, so hum he declareth two distinct natures, and by this word dwelleth, he proueth that it is there for euer

‖Or, essentially. Rom. 2. 29.

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to make you * holy, and vnblameable, and without fault in his sight,

23 * If ye continue grounded and stablished in the faith, & be not mooued away from the hope of the Gospell, whereof ye haue heard, and which hath beene preached to euery creature which is vnder heauen whereof I Paul am a minister.

24 Now reioyce I in my sufferings for k you, and fulfill the rest of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for his bodies sake, which is the Church,

25 Whereof I am a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is giuen me vnto you ward, to fulfill the = worde of God,

26 * Which is the mysterie hid since the world began, and from all ages, but now is made manifest to his * Saints,

27 To whom God would make knowen what is the riches of this glorious mysterie among the Gentiles, which riches is Christ in you, * the hope of glory,

28 Whom we preach, admonishing euery man, and teaching euery man in all wisedome, that wee may present euery man perfect in Christ Iesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour and strue, according to his working which worketh in me mightily.

CHAP. II.

1 *Hauing protested his good will toward them,* 4 *Hee admonisheth them not to turne backe from Christ,* 8 *to the seruice of Angels or any other inuention, or els ceremonies of the Law,* 17 *Which haue finished their office, and are ended in Christ.*

FOr I would yee knewe what great fighting I haue for your sakes, and for them of Laodicea, and for as many as haue not seene my * person in the flesh,

2 That their hearts might be comforted and they knit together in loue, and in all riches of the full assurance of vnderstanding, to know the mystery of God euen the Father, and of Christ:

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdome and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with inticing words:

5 * For though I be absent in the * flesh, yet am I with you in the * spirit reioycing, and beholding your order, and your stedfast faith in Christ.

6 As yee haue therefore receiued Christ Iesus the Lord, so walke in him,

7 Rooted & built in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye haue * bene taught, abounding therein with thanksgiuing.

8 Beware least there bee any man that spoyle you through * philosophie, and vaine deceit, through the traditions of men, according to the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 * For in him dwelleth all the fulnesse of the * Godhead ‖ bodily.

10 And yee are compleete in him, which the head of all Principalitie and power:

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with * circumcision made without handes, by putting off the sinnefull body of the flesh, through the circumcision of Christ,

12 In that yee are * buried with him through baptisme, in whom ye are also raysed vp together through * the faith of the operation of God which raised him from the dead.

13 * And yee which were dead in sinnes, and in the vncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, forgiuing ‖ you all your trespasses,

14 And putting out the ‖ hand writing of ordinances that was against vs, which was contrary to vs, he euen tooke it out of the way, and fastened it vpon the crosse,

15 And hath ‖ spoyled the Principalities, and powers, and hath made a shew of them openly, and hath triumphed ouer them in the same crosse.

16 Let no man therefore condemne you in meate and drinke, or in respect of an * holy day, or of the new moone, or of the Sabbath dayes,

17 Which are but a shadow of things to come: but the body is in Christ.

18 * Let no man ‖ at his pleasure ‖ beare rule ouer you by humblenesse of minde and worshipping of Angels, aduancing himselfe in those things which hee neuer sawe, rashly puft vp with his fleshly minde,

19 And holdeth not the head, wherof all the body furnished and knit together by ioynts and bandes, increaseth with the increasing of God.

20 Wherefore if ye bee dead with Christ from the ordinances of the world, why, as though yee liued in the world, are yee burdened with traditions?

21 As, Touch not, Taste not, Handle not:

22 Which all perish with the vsing, and are after the commandements and doctrines of men:

23 Which things haue indeede a shew of wilfulnesse, in = voluntary religion and humblenesse of minde, and in not sparing the body: ‖ neither haue they it in any estimation to satisfie the flesh.

led them at their pleasure into all superstition, and

Or, defraud you of your price. m And appertaine nothing of God. n Such as men haue chosen according to their own fantasie. ‖ *Or, but they are of no value, sauo for the filling of the flesh.* o They pinch and defraud their body to shewe themselues greater hypocrites

CHAP. III.

1 *He sheweth where we should seeke Christ.* 3 *He exhorteth to mortification,* 10 *To put off the olde man and to put on Christ.* 12 *To the which he addeth exhortations, both generall and particular, to charity and humblenesse.*

IF yee then bee * risen with Christ, seeke those things which are aboue where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things which are aboue, and not on things which * are on the earth.

3 For yee are * dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, which is our life, shall appeare, then shall ye also appeare with him in glorie.

Made by the Spirit of Christ. Rom. 6. 4. Ephes. 2. 1. 5.

g In beleeuing that God by his power raised vp Christ wherof we haue a sure token in our baptisme. Ephes. 2. 1.

‖Or, vs all our, Ephes. 2. 15.

‖Or, obligation.

h The ceremonies and rites were as it were a publike profession, and handwriting of ‖ miserable estate of mankinde: for circumcision did declare our naturall pollution: the purifyings, and washing signified the filth of sinne: the sacrifices testified that we were guilty of death, which were all taken away by Christs death.

i As Satan and his angels from whom he hath taken all power.

k Or, disfunction, as to make difference betwixt dayes. Matth. 24. 4.

‖ Meaning, that the hypocrites

‖Or, defraud you of your price. to the kingdom

a After that ye haue bene dead to beggerly ceremonies.

b Which either serue but for a time, or els are inuented by men.

c With Christ.

Ephe.5.3.
d Extinguish all the strength of the corrupt nature which resisteth against the Spirit, that yee may liue in the Spirit, and not in the flesh.
Rom.6.4. eph.4.25. hebr.12.1. 1 pet.2.1. and 4.1,3. Gen.1.26. and 5.1. and 9.6. Ephe.4.32. and 6.11.
e He sheweth what fruites are in them that are dead to the world and are risen again with Christ.
Or the bowels of mercies.
f Let it guide all your doings.
Or, gracious, or thankefull.
g The doctrine of the Gospell.
h Psalmes properly, songs containing prayses to God, narrations and expositions: hymnes only thankesgiuing, songs conteine prayses, & thanksgiuing, but not so largely and amply as hymnes doe.
Ephe.4.29.
Or, thankesgiuing.
1 Cor.10.31. Ephes.5.22. 1 Pet.3.7. ephes.5.25. Ephes 6.1.
i Which are in the Lord.
k By too much rigour.
Ephes.6.5. tytus 2.9. 2 pet.2.18.
l The cruell master.
Deut.10.17. wisd.6.7. Ecclus.35.13. rom.2.11. gala.2.6. ephes.6.9.
m Whether he be master or seruant.

5 Mortifie therefore your members which are on the earth, fornication, uncleannesse, the inordinate affection, euill concupiscence, and couetousnesse which is idolatry.
6 For the which things sakes the wrath of God commeth on the children of disobedience,
7 Wherein ye also walked once, when ye liued in them.
8 But now put yee away euen all these things, wrath, anger, malicionsnesse, cursed speaking, filthie speaking out of your mouth.
9 Lie not one to another, seeing that yee haue put off the olde man with his workes,
10 And haue put on the new, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him,
11 Where is neither Grecian, nor Iewe, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond, free: but Christ is all in all things.
12 Now therefore, as the elect of God holy and beloued, put on tender mercie, kindnesse, humblenesse of mind, meekenesse, long suffering:
13 Forbearing one another, and forgiuing one another, if any man haue a quarell to another: euen as Christ forgaue you, euen so doe ye.
14 And aboue all these things, put on loue, which is the bond of perfectnesse.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are called in one body, and be ye ‖ amiable.
16 Let the worde of Christ dwell in you plentifully in all wisedome, teaching and admonishing your owne selues, in Psalmes, and hymnes, & spirituall songs, singing with a grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoeuer ye shall doe in word or deed, doe all in the name of the Lord Iesus, giuing thankes to God euen the Father by him.
18 Wiues, submit your selues vnto your husbandes, as it is comely in the Lord.
19 Husbands loue your wiues, and bee not bitter vnto them.
20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for that is well pleasing vnto the Lord.
21 Fathers, prouoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
22 Seruants, be obedient vnto them that are your masters according to the flesh in all things, not with eye seruice as men pleasers, but in singlenesse of heart, fearing God.
23 And whatsoeuer ye doe, doe it hartily, as to the Lord, and not vnto men,
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receiue the reward of the inheritance: for yee serue the Lord Christ.
25 But hee that doeth wrong, shall receiue for the wrong that hee hath done, and there is no respect of persons.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth them to be feruent in prayer.
5 To walke wisely toward them that are not yet come to the true knowledge of Christ. He saluteth them, and wisheth them all prosperitie.

YE masters, doe vnto your seruants, that which is iust and equall, knowing that ye also haue a master in heauen.
2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thankesgiuing.
3 Praying also for vs, that God may open vnto vs the doore of vtterance, to speake the mystery of Christ: wherefore I am also in bonds,
4 That I may vtter it, as it becommeth me to speake.
5 Walke wisely toward them that are without, and redeeme the time.
6 Let your speech bee gracious alwayes, and powdred with salt, that yee may know how to answere euery man.
7 Tychicus our beloued brother, and faithfull minister, and fellow seruant in the Lord, shall declare vnto you my whole state,
8 Whome I haue sent vnto you for the same purpose that he might know your state, and might comfort your hearts,
9 With Onesimus a faithfull and a beloued brother, who is one of you. They shall shew you of all things here.
10 Aristarchus my prison fellowe saluteth you, and Marcus, Barnabas sisters sonne (touching whome yee receiued commandements: If he come vnto you, receiue him)
11 And Iesus which is called Iustus, which are of the circumcision. These onely are my worke fellowes vnto the kingdome of God, which haue bene vnto my consolation.
12 Epaphras the seruant of Christ, which is one of you, saluteth you, and alwayes striueth for you in prayers, that yee may stande perfect, and full in all the will of God.
13 For I beare him recorde, that he hath a great zeale for you, and for them of Laodicea, and them of Hierapolis.
14 Luke the beloued physician greeteth you, and Demas.
15 Salute the brethren which are of Laodicea, and Nymphas, & the Church which is in his house.
16 And when this Epistle is read of you, cause that it be reade in the Church of the Laodiceans also, and that yee likewise read the Epistle written from Laodicea.
17 And say to Archippus, Take heede to the ministery, that thou hast receiued in the Lord, that thou fulfill it.
18 The salutation by the hande of mee Paul. Remember my bondes. Grace bee with you, Amen.

Written from Rome to the Colossians, and sent by Tichichus and Onesimus.

TH

9 Mar. 2 Sess. Even

Luke 18.1. 1 thes.5.17. Ephes 6.18. 2.thes.3.1.
a That I may freely preach the Gospell.

Ephes.5.15.
b To the commoditie of your neighbours.
c Bestow the time well, which the malice of men euery where plucketh from you, and causeth you to abuse it.
d Perteining to edification and mixt with no vanity.
Philem.10.

10 Nouemb. 2 Sess. even

e If they onely did helpe him to preach the Gospel at Rome where was Peter? or those fiue and twenty yeeres that they faine he abode at Rome?
f In preaching the Gospel
2.Tim. 4.10,11.

g Either to Paul, or els which they would write as an answere to this Epistle sent to the Colossians.

7 Iuly 2 Sess Even
8 Nouemb 2 Sess even

The first Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians.

THE ARGVMENT.

After that the Thessalonians had bene well instructed in the faith, persecution (which perpetually followeth the preaching of the Gospell) arose, against the which although they did constantly stand, yet S. Paul (as most carefull for them) sent Timothie to strengthen them, who soone after admonishing him of their estate, gaue occasion to ℣ Apostle to confirme them by diuers arguments to bee constant in faith, and to suffer whatsoeuer God calleth them vnto for the testimonie of the Gospel, exhorting them to declare by their godly liuing the puritie of their religion. And as the Church can neuer be so purged, that some cockle remaine not among the wheate, so there were among them wicked men, which by mouuing vaine and curious questions to ouerthrow their faith, taught falsely, as touching the poynt of the resurrection frō the dead: whereof he briefly instructeth them what to thinke, earnestly forbidding them to seeke curiously to know the times, willing them rather to watch, lest the sudden comming of Christ come vpon them at vnawars: and so after certaine exhortations, and his commendations to the brethren, he endeth.

CHAP. I.

1 *He thanketh God for them, that they are so stedfast in faith and good workes, 6 And receiue the Gospel with such earnestnes, 7 That they are an example to all others.*

PAul and Siluanus, and Timotheus, vnto the Church of the Thessalonians, which is in a God the Father, and in the Lord Iesus Christ: Grace be with you, ℣ peace from God our father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

2 We giue God thankes alwayes for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.

3 Without ceasing, remembring your b effectual faith, and c diligent loue, and the patience of your hope in our Lorde Iesus Christ, in the sight of God euen our Father,

4 Knowing, beloued brethren, that yee are elect of God.

5 For our d Gospel was not vnto you in worde onely, but also in power, and in the holy Ghost, and in much assurance, as yee knowe after what maner wee were among you for your sakes.

6 And yee became followers of vs, and of the Lord, and receiued the word in much affliction, with e ioy of the holy Ghost,

7 So that ye were as f ensamples to all that beleeue in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the worde of the Lorde, not in Macedonia and in Achaia onely: but your faith also which is towarde God, spread abroad in all quarters, that wee neede not to speake any thing.

9 For g they themselues shewe of you what maner of entring in wee had vnto you, and howe yee turned to God from idoles, to serue the h liuing and true God,

10 And to looke for his Sonne from heauen, whome he raysed from the dead, euen Iesus which deliuereth vs from ℣ i wrath to come.

CHAP. II.

1 *To the intent they should not faint vnder the crosse,* 2 *Hee commendeth his diligence in preaching,* 13 *And their in obeying.* 18 *Hee excuseth his absence, that he could not come and open his hart to them.*

FOr ye your selues knowe, brethren, that our entrance in vnto you was not in a vaine,

2 But euen after that wee had suffered before, and were shamefully intreated at *Philippi (as yee know) wee were bold b in our God, to speake vnto you the Gospell of God with much striuing.

3 For our exhortation was not by deceit, nor by vncleanesse, nor by guile.

4 But as wee were allowed of God, that the Gospel should bee committed vnto vs, so wee speake not, as they that c please men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 Neyther yet did we euer vse flattering wordes, as yee know, nor coloured couetousnesse, God is record.

6 Neyther sought we praise of men, neyther of you, nor of others,

7 When wee might haue bene ‖ chargeable, as the Apostles of Christ: but wee were gentle among you, euen as a d nource cherisheth her children.

8 Thus being affectioned toward you, our good will was to haue dealt vnto you, not the Gospell of God onely, but also our owne soules, because yee were deare vnto vs.

9 For yee remember, brethren, * our labour and trauaile: for we laboured day and night, because wee would not be chargeable vnto any of you, and preached vnto you the Gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily, and iustly, ℣ vnblameably wee behaued our selues among e you that beleeue.

11 As yee knowe how that wee exhorted you, and comforted, and besought euery one of you (as a father his children)

12 That yee * would walke worthy of God, who hath called you vnto his kingdome and glory.

13 For this cause also thanke wee God without ceasing, that when yee receiued of vs the worde of the preaching of God, yee receiued it not as the worde of men, but as it is in verde the worde of God, which also worketh in you that beleeue.

14 For brethren, yee are become followers of the Churches of God, which in Iudea are in f Christ Iesus, because yee haue also suffered the same things of your owne

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a For there is no Church which is not ioyned together in God. 2 *Thess.* 1.3. *Philip.* 1.3.4.

b Which declareth it selfe by most liuely fruites.

c Whereby you declared your selues most ready and painefull to helpe the poore.

d The effectuall preaching of the Gospel is an euident token of our election.

e To beleeue and to be fully perswaded to haue the gifts of the holy Ghost, and ioyfully to suffer for Christs sake, are most certaine signes of our election.

‖ Or, paternes.

† To wit, all the faithfull.

‡ For idoles are dead things and onely fained fantasies.

i Which he shall execute vpon the wicked.

a Not in outward shewe and in pompe, but in trauell and in the feare of God. *Act.* 16.12,13.

b By his helpe and grace.

c Which declareth a naughtie conscience.

‖ Or, in authority

d He humbled himselfe to support all things without all respect of lucre: euen as the tender mother which nourceth her children, and thinketh no office too vile for her childrens sake. *Act.* 20.34. 1 *cor.* 4.12. 2 *thes.* 3.8.

e For it is not possible to auoyd the reproches of the wicked, which euer hate good doings. *Ephes.* 4.1. *phil.* 1.27. *colos.* 1.10.

f In his Name and vnder his protection.

countrey men, euen as they haue of the Iewes,
15 Which both killed the Lorde Iesus and their owne Prophets, and haue persecuted vs, and God they please not, and are contrary to all men,
16 And forbid vs to preach vnto the Gentiles, that they might be saued, to [h] fulfill their sinnes alwayes: for the wrath of God is [i] come on them, to the vtmost.
17 Forasmuch, brethren, as wee were kept from you for a season, concerning sight, but not in the heart, wee [k] enforced the more to see your face with great desire.
18 Therefore we would haue come vnto you (I Paul, at least once or twise) but Satan hindred vs.
19 For what is our hope or ioy, or crowne of reioycing? are [l] not euen you it in the presence of our Lorde Iesus Christ at his comming?
20 Yes, ye are our glory and ioy.

you, except I would forget my selfe.

CHAP. III.

2 *He sheweth how greatly hee was affectioned towarde them, both in that hee sent Timotheus to them, 10. And also prayed for them.*

WHerefore since wee could no longer forbeare, wee thought it good to remaine at Athens [a] alone,
2 * And haue sent Timotheus our brother and minister of God, & our labour fellow in the Gospel of Christ, to stablish you, and to comfort you touching your faith,
3 That no man should be mooued with these afflictions: for ye your selues knowe, that we are appointed thereunto.
4 For verily when wee were with you, we tolde you before that wee should suffer tribulations, euen as it came to passe, and ye know it.
5 Euen for this cause, when [b] I could no longer forbeare, I sent him that I might knowe of your faith, least the [c] tempter had tempted you in any sort, and that our labour had bene in vaine.
6 But nowe lately when Timotheus came from you vnto vs, and brought vs good tidings of your faith & loue, and that ye haue good remembrance of vs alwayes, desiring to see vs, as we also doe you,
7 Therefore, brethren, we had consolation in you, in all our affliction, and necessitie through your faith.
8 For nowe are wee [d] aliue, if ye [e] stand fast in the Lord.
9 For what thankes can we recompense to GOD againe for you, for all the ioy wherewith wee reioyce for your sakes before our God,
10 Night and day * praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might [f] accomplish that which is lacking in your faith?
11 Nowe God himselfe, euen our Father, and our Lord Iesus Christ, guide our iourney vnto you,
12 And the Lord increase you, and make you abound in loue one towarde an other, and towarde all men, euen as wee doe towarde you:
13 * To make your hearts stable, and vnblameable in holinesse before God euen our Father, at the comming of our Lorde Iesus Christ with all his Saints.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *He exhorteth them to holinesse, 6 Innocencie, 9 Loue, 11 Labour, 13 And moderation in lamenting for the dead, 17 Describing the end of the resurrection.*

AND furthermore wee beseech you, brethren, and exhort you in the Lorde Iesus, that [a] yee increase more and more, as yee haue receiued of vs, how yee ought to walke, and to please God.
2 For yee knowe what [b] commaundements wee gaue you by the Lord Iesus.
3 * For this is the will of God euen your sanctification, [c] and that ye should abstaine from fornication,
4 That euery one of you shoulde knowe, how to possesse his [d] vessell in holinesse and honour,
5 And not in the lust of concupiscence, euen as the Gentiles which know not God:
6 * That no man oppresse or defraude his brother in any matter: for the Lorde is auenger of all such things, as wee also haue tolde you before time, and testified.
7 * For God hath not called vs vnto vncleannesse, but vnto holinesse.
8 He therefore that despiseth [e] these things, despiseth not man, but God who hath euen giuen [f] you his holy Spirit.
9 But as touching brotherly loue, yee neede not that I write vnto you: [g] for yee are taught of God to loue one another.
10 Yea, and that thing verily yee doe vnto all the brethren, which are throughout all Macedonia: but wee beseech you brethren that ye increase more and more,
11 * And that yee studie to be quiet, and to meddle with your owne businesse, and to worke with your [h] owne handes, as wee commanded you,
12 That yee may behaue your selues honestly towarde them that [i] are without, and that nothing be [k] lacking vnto you.
13 [l] I would not brethren, haue you ignorant concerning them which are asleepe, that yee [m] sorowe not, euen as other which haue no hope.
14 For if wee beleeue that Iesus is dead, and is risen, euen so them which sleepe in [n] Iesus, will God bring with him.
15 For this say wee vnto you by the [o] worde of the Lorde, that wee which liue, and are remayning in the comming of the Lord, shall not preuent them which sleepe.
16 For the Lorde himselfe shall descende from heauen with a showte, and with the voyce of the Archangell, * and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.
17 Then shal * we which liue & remaine, bee [p] caught vp with them also in the

bodies out of the graue [m] Which is in the name of the Lord, and as he should speake himselfe. 1 Cor. 15. 22. Mat. 24. 31. 1 cor. 15. 52.
n Meaning them which shalbe found aliue. o In this sudden taking vp there shall be a kinde of mutation of the qualities of our bodies, which shalbe as a kind of death.

clouds,

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a Rather seeking your commodity then mine owne, in sending of Timotheus to you. Acts. 16. 1.

b His great affection toward the small flocke.

c Meaning Satan.

d If ye remaine constant in faith & true doctrine, I shall thinke that all mine afflictions be so many pleasures, & shall be restored from death to life.

e If you persuere in faith. Rom. 1. 10. and 15 23.

f We must daily grow from faith to faith.

Chap. 5. 23. 1 cor. 1. 8.

g Rather, I doe not condemne all kinde of sorow, but that which proceedeth of infidelitie.

h Or, haue continued constantly in the faith of Christ.

i By saying their bodies.

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11 Iuly Wisdom 2 Lessons

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12 Iuly 2 Lessons 2 Lessons

cloudes, to meete the Lord in the ayre: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore, comfort your selues one another with these wordes.

CHAP. V.

1 *He informeth them of the day of iudgement and comming of the Lorde,* 6 *Exhorting them to watch,* 12 *And to regard such as preach Gods word among them.*

BUt of the [a] times and seasons, brethren, ye haue no nede that I write vnto you.

2 For yer your selues knowe perfectly, that the [b] day of the Lord shall come as a theefe in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace, & safetie, then shall come vpon them sudden destruction, as the [c] trauaile vpon a woman with childe, and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkenes, that that day should come on you, as it were a theefe.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, neither of darkenesse.

6 Therefore let vs not [d] sleepe as doe other, but let vs [e] watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleepe, sleepe in the night, and they that be dronken, are dronken in the night.

8 But let vs which are of the [f] day, be sober, [g] putting on the brestplate of faith and loue, & the hope of saluation for an helmet.

9 For God hath not appointed vs vnto wrath, but to obteine saluation by the meanes of our Lord Iesus Christ,

10 Which died for vs, that whether we wake or [h] sleepe, wee should liue together with him.

11 Wherefore exhort one another, and edifie one another, euen as ye doe.

12 Now we beseech you, brethren, that yee know them, which labour among you, and are ouer you in the Lorde, and [i] admonish you,

13 That yee haue them in singular loue for [k] their workes sake. Be at peace among your selues.

14 Wee desire you brethren, admonish them that are vnruly: comfort the feeble minded, beare with the weake: be patient toward all men.

15 [l] See that none recompence euill for euill vnto any man: but euer followe that which is good, both toward your selues, and toward all men.

16 [m] Reioyce euermore.

17 [n] Pray continually.

18 In all things giue thankes: for this is the will of God in Christ Iesus towarde you.

19 Quench not the [o] Spirite.

20 Despise not [p] prophecying.

21 Trie all things, and keepe that which is good.

22 Abstaine from all appearance of euill.

23 Now the very God [q] of peace sanctifie you throughout: and I pray God that your [r] whole spirit and soule and body, may be kepe blamelesse vnto the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ.

24 [s] Faithfull is hee which calleth you, which will also doe it.

25 Brethren, pray for vs.

26 Greete all the brethren with an holy kisse.

27 I charge you in the Lorde, that this Epistle bee read vnto all the brethren the Saintes.

28 The grace of our Lorde Iesus Christ be with you, Amen.

a So much the more we ought to beware of all dreames & fantasies of men, which weare themselues and others in searching out curiously the time that the Lord shall appeare, alledging for themselues a vaine prophesie, and most falsly ascribed to Elias, that 2000. yeres before the Law, 2000 vnder the Law, & 2000. after the Law, the world shall endure. *Matth.* 24.44. 2. *pet.* 3. 10. *reuel.* 3. 3 & 16. 15.

b That is, suddenly & vnlooked for.

c Here sleepe is taken for contempt of Gluation, when men continue in sinnes, and will not awake to godlinesse.

d And not be ouercome with the cares of the world.

e That is, lightned by the Gospel. *Isa* 59. 17 *ephe* 6. 17.

f Here it is taken onely to die, and is meant of the faithfull.

g As the flocke is bound to loue the shepheard, so is it his duetie to teach them and exhort them in true religion.

h Where this cause ceaseth, that they worke not, the honour also ceaseth, and they must be expelled as wolues out of the flocke. *Pro.* 17. 13 & 20. 22. *mat.* 5. 39. *rom* 12. 17. 1. *pet.* 3. 9.

i Haue a quiet minde and conscience in Christ, which shal make you reioyce in the middes of sorowes. Rom. 5. 3. 2. cor. 6. 10. *Luke* 18. 1. *eccles* 28. 22. *col.* 4. 2.

k God that hath giuen his Spirit to his elect, will neuer suffer it to be quenched, but hath reuiled by what meanes it may be maintained, that is by such exhortations as these, and by continuall increase in godlinesse.

l The preaching of the word of God sanctified and perfect, when his mind thinketh nothing his soule, thinketh, his vnderstanding and will couet nothing, neither his body doeth execute any thing contrary to the will of God. 2. *Cor.* 2. 9. 3. 12, 13. 1. *cor.* 1. 8.

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The second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians.

THE ARGVMENT.

LEast the Thessalonians should thinke that Paul neglected them, because he went to other places rather then came to them, he writeth vnto them, and exhorteth them to patience & other fruits of faith, neither to be moued with that vaine opinion of such as taught that the comming of Christ was at hand, forsmuch as before that day there should be a falling away from true religion, men by a great part of the world, and that Antichrist should reigne in the Temple of God: finally commending himselfe to their prayers, and encouraging them to constancy, he willeth them to correct such sharpely, as liue idlely or otherwise labours, whom, if they doe not, obey his admonitions, he commandeth to excommunicate.

CHAP. I.

1 *He thanketh God for their faith, loue & patience.* 11 *He prayeth for the encrease of the same.* 12 *And sheweth what fruit shall come thereof.*

PAul and Siluanus, and Timotheus vnto the Church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father, and in the Lord Iesus Christ.

2 Grace be with you, & peace from God our father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 [t] Wee ought to thanke God alwayes for you brethren, as it is worthy, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the loue of euery one of you towarde another aboundeth.

t 1. *Thes.* 1. 2.

4 So that we our selues reioyce of you in the Churches of God, because of your a patience, and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye suffer.

5 Which is a b token of the righteous b iudgement of God, that yee may be counted worthy of the kingdome of God, for the which ye also suffer.

6 For it is a righteous thing with God, to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you.

7 And to you which are troubled, rest with vs: c when the Lorde Iesus shall shewe himselfe from heauen with his c mightie Angels,

8 In flaming fire, rendring vengeance vnto them that doe not know God, & which obey not vnto the Gospell of our Lorde Iesus Christ,

9 Which shall be punished with d euerlasting perdition, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power,

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his Saints, and to bee made marueilous in all them that beleeue (because our testimonie toward you was beleeued) in that day.

11 Wherefore, we also pray alwayes for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and fulfill e all the good pleasure of his goodnesse, and the f worke of faith with power,

12 That the Name of our Lorde Iesus Christ may g be glorified in you, that yee in him, according to the grace of our God, and of the Lord Iesus Christ.

a Which proceedeth of your faith as a most notable fruit.
b The faithful by their afflictions see as in a cleare glasse, the end of Gods iust iudgement, when as they shall reigne with Christ which haue suffered with him, & the wicked shall feele his extreme wrath and vengeance. *Iude 6. 1. The. 4. 16.*
c By whom he declareth his might.
d As God is euerlasting, so shall their punishment be euerlasting: & as hee is most mighty of power, so shall their punishment be most sore.
e The free benevolence of Gods goodnes, comprehendeth his purpose, his predestination and vocation: the worke of faith conteineth our iustification, to the which God addeth glorification: and all these bee workes of his meere grace through Christ. f Faith is Gods worke in vs. g As the head with the body.

CHAP. II.

1 He sheweth them that the day of the Lord shal not come, till the departing fro the faith come first, 9 And the kingdome of Antichrist, 15 And therefore he exhorteth them not to be deceiued, but to stand stedfast in the things that hee hath taught them.

NOw, wee beseech you brethren, by the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ, and by our assembling vnto him,

2 That yee be not suddenly moued from your minde, nor troubled, neither by a spirite, nor by b worde, nor by letter, as it were from vs, as though the day of Christ were at hand.

3 c Let no man deceiue you by any meanes: for that day shall not come, except there come a a departing first, and that that d man of sinne be disclosed, euen the sonne of e perdition,

4 Which is an aduersarie, and exalteth himselfe against all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that hee sitteth as God in the Temple of God, shewing himselfe that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And nowe yee knowe what f withholdeth that he might be reuealed in his time.

7 For the mysterie of iniquitie doeth already e worke: onely hee which b now withholdeth, shall let, till hee be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall the wicked man be reuealed, * whome the Lorde shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall abolish with the brightnesse of his comming,

9 Euen him whose a comming is by the working of Satan, with all power and signes, and lying wonders,

10 And in all deceiueablenes of vnrighteousnes, among them that b perish, because they receiued not the loue of the truth, that they might be saued.

11 And therefore God shall send them strong delusion, that they should beleeue lies,

12 That all they might be damned, which beleeued not the truth, but had c pleasure in vnrighteousnesse.

13 But we ought to giue thankes alway to God for you, brethren * beloued of the Lord, because that God hath * from the beginning chosen you to saluation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and the faith of f truth,

14 Whereunto hee called you by g our Gospell, to obteine the glory of the Lorde Iesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and keepe the * instructions, which yee haue been taught, either f by word, or by our Epistle.

16 Nowe the same Iesus Christ our Lord, and our God, euen the Father which hath loued vs, and hath giuen vs euerlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in euery word and good worke.

f Because the false apostles had persuaded after a sort the Thessalonians, that the day of the Lord was neere, and so the redemption of the Church, Paul teacheth them to looke for this horrible dissipatiō before: and therefore rather to prepare themselues to patience then to rest & quietnes: for as yet there was a let, that is, that the Gospel should be preached throughout all, Matt. 24. 14.
g To wit, primily, and is therefore called a mystery, because it is secret.
h Which shall stay for a time. *Isa. 11. 4.*
i That is, with his word.
k Meaning, the whole time that he shall remaine.
l Satans power is limited that he can not hurt the elect: no their destruction.
m Delighted in false doctrine.

n The fountaine of our election is the lone of God: the sanctification of the Spirit, and beleeuing the truth are testimonies of the same election. o Before the foundation of the world. p The Gospel.
q By our preaching. r That is, the doctrine, 1. Thess. 2. 2. Cha. 3. 6.
s That is, by my preaching of the Gospel.

CHAP. III.

1 He desireth them to pray for him, that the Gospel may prosper, 6 And giueth them warning to reproue the idle, 16 And so wisheth them all wealth.

FUrthermore, brethren, a pray for vs, that the worde of the Lorde may haue free passage, and be glorified, euen as it is with you,

2 And that wee may bee deliuered from vnreasonable and euill men: for all men haue not a faith.

3 But the Lord is faithfull, which will stablish you, and keepe you from b euill.

4 And we are perswaded of you through the Lord, that ye both doe, and will doe the things which we c commaund you.

5 And the Lorde guide your hearts to the loue of God, and the waiting for of Christ.

a Although they boast themselues thereof.
b From the sleights of Satan.
c By the word of God.

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6 Wee commaund you, brethren, in the Name of our Lorde Iesus Christ, that yee withdrawe your selues from euery brother that walketh inordinately, and not after the [d] instruction, which he receiued of vs.

7 For yee your selues knowe [e] how yee ought to follow vs: for we behaued not our selues inordinately among you,

8 Neither tooke wee bread of any man for nought: but wee wrought with [f] labour and trauaile night and day, because wee would not be chargeable to any of you.

9 Not but that we had authoritie, [g] but that we might make our selues an ensample vnto you to follow vs.

10 For euen when wee were with you, this we warned you of, that if there were any, which would not [h] worke, that he should not eate.

11 For wee heard, that there are some which walke among you inordinately, and worke not at all, but are busie bodies.

12 Therefore them that are such, wee commaund and exhort by our Lorde Iesus Christ, that they worke with quietnesse, and eate their owne bread.

13 [i] And yee brethren, be not wearie in well doing.

14 If any man obey not our sayings, note him by a letter, [k] and haue no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an [l] enemie, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace giue you peace alwayes by all meanes. The Lorde be with you all.

17 The salutation of mee Paul, with mine owne hand, which is the [m] token in euery Epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lorde Iesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

¶ The second Epistle to the Thessalonians, written from Athens.

d Which is, to trauaile, if he will eate, as vers. 10. Chap. 2. 15. 1. Cor. 4. 12. 1. Thes. 4. 11. Acts 20. 34. 2. Cor. 4. 12. 2. Thes. 3. 9. 1. Cor. 1. 1.

e Then by the word of God none ought to liue idlely, but ought to giue himselfe to some vocation, to get his liuing by, and to doe good to others.

Gala. 6. 9

f The end of excommunication, is not to driue from the Church such as haue fallen, but to winne them to the Church by amendment.

Mat. 18. 15. 1. cor. 5. 9.

g Whether they be mine Epistles or other mens.

¶ The first Epistle of Paul to Timotheus.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN writing this Epistle, Paul seemed not onely to haue respect to teach Timotheus, but chiefly to keepe other in awe, which would haue rebelled against him, because of his youth. And therefore he doth arme him against those ambitious questionists, which vnder pretence of zeale to the Law, disquieted the godly with foolish and vnprofitable questions, wherby they declared, that professing the Law, they knew not what was the chiefe end of the Law. And as for himselfe, hee so confesseth his vnworthinesse, that he sheweth to what worthinesse the grace of God hath preferred him: and therefore he willeth prayers to be made for all degrees and sorts of men, because that God by offring his Gospel and Christ his Sonne to them all, is indifferent to euery sort of men, as his Apostleship, which is peculiar to the Gentiles witnesseth. And forasmuch as God hath left ministers as ordinary meanes in his Church to bring men to saluation, he describeth what maner of men they ought to be, to whom the mystery of the Sonne of God manifested in flesh is committed to be preached. After this he sheweth him what troubles the Church at all times shall sustaine, but specially in the latter dayes, when as vnder pretence of religion, men shal teach things contrary to the word of God. This done: he teacheth what widowes should be receiued or refused to minister to the sicke: also what Elders ought to be chosen into office, exhorting him neither to bee hastie in admitting nor in lodging any: also what is the duetie of seruants, the nature of false-teachers, of vaine speculations, of couetousnesse, of rich men, and aboue all things he chargeth him to beware of false doctrine.

CHAP. I.

3 Hee exhorteth Timotheus to waite vpon his office, namely to see that nothing be taught but Gods word, &c. 5 Declaring that faith, with a good conscience, charitie, and edification are the end thereof; 10 And admonisheth of Hymenæus and Alexander.

PAVL an Apostle of Iesus Christ, by the ‖ commaundement of God our Sauiour, and of our Lord Iesus Christ [a] our hope,

2 Vnto Timotheus my [a] naturall sonne in the faith: Grace, mercie, and peace from God our Father, and from Christ Iesus our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to abide still in Ephesus, when I departed into Macedonie, so doe, that thou mayest commaund some, that they teach none other doctrine,

4 Neither that they giue heede to [b] fables and genealogies, [c] which are endlesse, which breede questions rather then godly edifying which is by faith.

5 For [d] the ende of the ‖ commandement is loue out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith vnfained:

6 From the which things some haue erred, and haue turned vnto vaine iangling.

7 They would be Doctors of the Law, and yet vnderstand not what they speake, neither whereof they affirme.

8 [e] And we know that the Law is good, if a man vse it lawfully,

9 Knowing this, that the Law is not giuen vnto a [f] righteous man, but vnto the lawlesse and disobedient, to the vngodly, and to [g] sinners, to the vnholy, and to the prophane, to murtherers of fathers and mothers, to manslayers,

‖ Or, ordinance.

Coloss. 1. 27. Acts 16. 1

a So called, because he followed the simplicitie of the Gospel.

Chap. 4. 7. Titus 1. 14. Chap. 6. 4.

Rom. 13. 10.

b Because these questionists preferred their curious fables to al other knowledge, and beautified them with the Law, as if they had been the very Law of God, S. Paul sheweth that the end of Gods Law is loue, which cannot be without a good conscience, and faith without the word of God: so their doctrine which is an occasion of contention is worth nothing. ‖ Or, of the Law. Rom. 7. 12

c Whose hearts Gods Spirit doth direct to doe that willingly which the Law requireth: so that their godly affection is to them as a Law without other constraint.

d Such as onely delight in sinning.

e Which steale away children or seruants. *Deut.* 24. 7.

f He declareth to Timothie the excellent force of Gods Spirit in them whom he hath chosen to beare his word, although before they were Gods vtter enemies, to encourage him in this battell that he should fight against all infidels and hypocrites.

g Not knowing that I fought against God.

h Which chaled away infidelity.

i Which ouercame cruelty.

‖ Or, *faithfull and assured.* *Matth* 9. 13. *marke* 2. 17.

k He brasteth forth into these godly affections, considering Gods great mercie toward him.

l It appeareth that the vocation of Timothie was approued by notable prophesies which then were reuealed in the primitiue Church, as Paul and Barnabas by the oracle were appointed to goe to the Gentiles. *Chap.* 4. 12.

10 To whoremongers, to buggerers, to menstealers, to lyars, to the periured, and if there be any other thing, that is contrary to wholesome doctrine,

11 Which is according to the glorious Gospel of the * blessed God, which is committed vnto me.

12 Therefore i I thanke him which hath made mee strong, that is, Christ Iesus our Lord: for hee counted me faithfull, and put me in his seruice:

13 When before I was a blasphemer, and a persecuter, and an oppressour: but I was receiued to mercie: for I did it ignorantly through vnbeliefe.

14 But the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with * faith and i loue, which is in Christ Iesus.

15 This is a ‖ true saying, & by all meanes worthy to bee receiued, that * Christ Iesus came into the world to saue sinners, of whom I am chiefe.

16 Notwithstanding for this cause was I receiued to mercie, that Iesus Christ should first shewe on mee all long-suffering vnto the ensample of them, which shall in time to come believe in him vnto eternall life.

17 k Now vnto the King euerlasting, immortall, inuisible, vnto God only wise, be honour, and glory for euer, and euer, Amen.

18 This commaundement commit I vnto thee, sonne Timotheus, according to the l prophesies, which went before vpon thee, that thou by them shouldest * fight a good fight,

19 hauing m faith and a good conscience, which some haue put away, and as concerning faith, haue made shipwracke.

20 Of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander, * whom I haue n deliuered vnto Satan, that they might learne not to blaspheme.

CHAP. II.

1 *He exhorteth to pray for all men,* 4 *Wherefore.* 8 *And how.* 9 *As touching the apparell and modestie of women.*

1 I Exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giuing of thankes be made for a all men,

2 For b kings, and for all that are in authoritie, that wee may leade a quiet and a peaceable life, in all godlinesse and honestie.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Sauiour,

4 * Who will that a all men shalbe saued, and come vnto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and one * Mediatour betweene God and man, which is the * man Christ Iesus,

6 Who gaue himselfe a c ransome for all

a That is, of euery degree, and of all sorts of people. b Although they persecute the Church of God, so it be of ignorance: els if they do it maliciously as Iulianus Apostata, they may not be praied for. Gal. 5. 12. 1. Thes. 2. 16. 2 tim. 4. 14. tile. poore, and rich. sors to one God. sh that there can be no mediatour, except he be also the redeemer.

m men, to be a testimonie in due time,

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher and an Apostle (I speake the truth in Christ, and lie not) euen a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

8 I will therefore that the men pray euery where lifting vp i pure handes without wrath or doubting.

9 * Likewise also the women, that they aray themselues in comely apparell, with shamefastnes and modestie, not with k broided haire, or golde, or pearles, or costly apparell,

10 But (as becommeth women that professe the feare of God) with good works.

11 Let the women learne in silence with all subiection.

12 I permit not a woman to l teach, neither to vsurpe authoritie ouer the man, but to be in silence.

13 For * Adam was first formed, then Eue.

14 * And Adam was not m deceiued, but the woman was deceiued, and was in the * transgression.

15 Notwithstanding, through bearing of children, she shalbe saued, if they continuen faith, and loue, and holinesse with modestie.

CHAP. III.

1 *He declareth what is the office of Ministers,* 11 *and as touching their families,* 15 *The dignitie of the Church,* 16 *And the principall point of the heauenly doctrine.*

1 THis is a true saying, * If any man n desire the office of a b Bishop, he desireth c a worthy worke.

2 A Bishop therefore must be vnreprouable, the husband of * one wife, watching, sober, modest, hardetoins, apt to teach,

3 Not giuen to wine, no striker, not giuen to filthy lucre, but gentle, no fighter, not couetous,

4 One that can rule his owne house honestly, hauing children vnder obedience with all honestie.

5 For if any cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the Church of God?

6 He may not be a yong d scholler, lest he being puffed vp fall into the e condemnation of the deuill.

7 Hee must also bee well reported of, euen of them which are * without, lest hee fall into f rebuke, and the snare of the deuill.

8 Likewise must Deacons be honest, not

g Which should beleeue.

h Which the Prophets testified, that Christ should offer himselfe for the redemption of man at the time that God had determined. 2 *Tim.* 1. 11.

i As testimonies of a pure heart and conscience. 1. *Pet.* 3. 3.

k The word signifieth to plat, to crispe, to broid, to folde, to bush, to curle, or to lay it curiously: whereby al pompe and wantonnesse is condemned, which women vse in trimming their heads.

l Reade 1. Cor. was first deceiued. ue the man: and though therefore God punisheth them with subiection, and paine in their trauell, yet if they be faithfull and godly in their vocation, they shalbe saued.

m The woman and so became the instrument of Saran to deceiue the man: and

n That is, guiltie of the transgression.

‖ *Or, women.*

a With a feruent zeale to profite the Church of God, whereseuer hee shall call him.

b Whether he be Pastour or Elder.

c Both for the difficultie of the charge, and also the excellencie thereof, and the necessitie of the same.

d For in those countreys at that time some man had moe then one, which

e If it be requisite

f In the doctrine of faith.

g Left being proud of his degree, he be likewise condemned as the deuil was, for lifting vp himselfe by pride.

h That is, no man may haue any thing iustly to lay to his charge.

i As being defamed, should become impudent, and doe much harme.

Chap.1.19.

k Having the true doctrine of the Gospel, & the feare of God.

l Of the Bishops and Deacons.

m The good report of all men.

n To serue God with greater assurance, because they haue alway a good conscience.

o This is spoken in respect of men, forasmuch as in this world the truth only remaineth in the Church, by reason of Gods word: for otherwise Christ is the foundation and the corner stone, which both beareth and maintaineth it.

p Not onely a man, but excellencie.

q To the right hand of God the Father.

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1.Tim.3.1.
2.pet.3.3.
iude 18.

r Falle teachers, which boast themselues that they haue the reuelation of the holy Ghost.

s Their dull consciences first waxed hard, then after, canker and corruption bred therein, last of all it was burnt off with an hot yron so that hee meaneth such as haue no conscience, *Ephes.4.19.*

t Vnto vs, which receiue it as at Gods hand. *Chap.1.4 and 6. 20.1.tim 2.16, 23 pr.3.9.*

u Meaning, to be giuen to ceremonies, and to such things as delite the fantasie of man.

x That is, hath faith and a good conscience is promised to haue all things necessarie for this life, and to enioy life euerlasting.

double tongued, not giuen vnto much wine, neither to filthy lucre,

9 [k] Hauing the mystery of the faith in pure conscience.

10 And let them first be proued: then let them minister, if they be found blameles.

11 Likewise their [l] wiues must be honest, not euill speakers, but sober, and faithful in all things.

12 Let the Deacons bee the husbands of one wife, and such as can rule their children well, and their owne households.

13 For they that haue ministred well, get themselues a [m] good degree, and great [n] libertie in the faith, which is in Christ Iesus.

14 These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come very shortly vnto thee.

15 But if I tarie long, that thou mayest yet know how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in [p] house of God, which is the Church of the liuing God, the [o] pillar and ground of truth.

16 And without controuersie, great is the mystery of godlinesse, which is, God is manifested in the flesh, [r] iustified in the spirit, [q] seene of Angels, preached vnto the Gentiles, beleeued on in the world, and receiued vp in [r] glory.

his Church. p Approoued iust, in that he was

q So that the Angels marueiled at

CHAP. IIII.

1 He teacheth him what doctrine he ought to flee. 6.8.11 and what to follow, 15 and whether he ought to exercise himselfe continually.

NOw the Spirit speaketh euidently, that in the [a] latter times some shall depart from the faith, and shall giue heede vnto [b] spirits of errour, and doctrines of deuils,

2 Which speake lies through hypocrisie, and haue their [c] consciences burned with an hot yron,

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstaine from meates which God hath created to be receiued with giuing thankes of them which beleeue and know the truth.

4 For euery creature of God is good, and nothing ought to be refused, if it be receiued with thanksgiuing.

5 For it is [d] sanctified by the worde of God, and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Iesus Christ, which hast beene nourished vp in the wordes of faith, and of good doctrine, which thou hast continually followed.

7 But cast away prophane, [e] old wiues fables, and exercise thy selfe vnto godlinesse.

8 For [f] bodily exercise profiteth little: but [g] godlinesse is profitable vnto all things, which hath the promise of the life present, and of that that is to come.

9 This is a true saying, & by all meanes worthy to be receiued.

10 For therefore wee labour and are rebuked, because we trust in the liuing God, which is the [h] Sauiour of all men, especially of those that beleeue.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth, but bee vnto them that beleeue, an ensample, in word, and conuersation, in loue, in spirit, in faith, and in purenesse.

13 Till I come, giue attendance to reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine.

14 Despise not the gift that is in thee, which was giuen thee [i] by prophesie with the laying on of the handes of the companie of the [k] Eldership.

15 These things exercise, & giue thy selfe vnto them, that [l] it may be seene how thou profitest among all men.

16 Take heede vnto thy selfe, and vnto learning: continue therein: for in doing this thou [m] shalt both saue thy selfe, and them that heare thee.

was at Ephesus. [l] Or, that all may see how thou profitest.

f The goodnesse of God declareth it selfe coward all men, but chiefly toward the faithfull by preseruing them: and here he meaneth not of life euerlasting.

g In godly zeale or gifts of the Spirit.

h And reuelation of the holy Ghost.

i Vnder this name hee comprehendeth the whole ministerie of the Church which

k That of thy saluation.

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m Shall faithfully doe thy duety, which is an assurance

CHAP. V.

1 He teacheth him how he shall behaue himselfe in rebuking all degrees. 3 An order concerning widowes. 17 The establishing of ministers 23 The gouernance of his body, 24 and the iudgement of sinnes.

REbuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father, and the yonger men as brethren,

2 The elder women as mothers, the yonger as sisters, with all purenesse.

3 [a] Honor widowes, which are widowes indeed.

4 But if any widow haue children or nephewes, let [b] them learne first to shew godlinesse toward their owne house, and to recompense their kinred: for that is an honest thing, and acceptable before God.

5 And she that is a widow [c] indeed, and left alone, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But shee that liueth in pleasure, is [d] dead while she liueth.

7 These things therefore command, that they may be blameles.

8 If there be any that prouideth not for his owne, and namely for them of his household, he denieth the faith, and is worse then an infidell.

9 Let not a widowe bee taken into the number vnder threescore yere old, that hath been the wife of [e] one husband,

10 And well reported of for good works: if she haue nourished her children, if she haue lodged the strangers, if she haue washed the saints feet, if she haue ministred vnto them which were in aduersitie, if she were continually giuen vnto euery good worke.

11 But refuse the yonger widowes: for when they haue begun to wax [f] wanton against Christ, they will marrie,

12 Hauing [g] damnation, because they haue broken the [h] first faith.

13 And likewise also being idle, they learne

a Take care for them.

b Paul willeth that the widowes put the Church to no charge, which haue either children or kinsfolkes, [i] are able to relieue them, but that the children nourish their mother, or kinsfolkes, according as nature bindeth them.

c Which hath no maner of worldly means to help her selfe with.

d Because shee is vtterly vnprofitable.

e He meaneth such widowes, which being iustly deuoured from their first husbands, married againe to the slander of the Church: for else he doth not reproue the widowes that haue beene ofter married then once.

f Forgetting their oth in leauing their charge, but haue forsaken their religion, & therefore shalbe punished with euerlasting death.

g Not onely haue slandered the Church, but haue forsaken their vocation, & therefore shalbe punished with euerlasting death.

h They haue not onely done dishonour to Christ, in leaping their vocation, but also haue broken their faith.

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to get about from house to house: yea, they are not onely idle, but also prattlers and busiebodies, speaking things which are not comely.

14 I will therefore, that the yonger women marrie, and beare children, g gouerne the house, and giue none occasion to the aduersarie to speake euill.

15 For certaine are already turned backe after Satan.

16 If any faithfull man, or faithfull woman haue widowes, let them minister vnto them, and let not the Church bee charged, that there may bee sufficient for them that are widowes indeede.

17 ¶ The Elders that rule well, are worthy of * double honour, especially they which labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the Scripture saith, * Thou shalt not mouzell the mouth of the oxe that treadeth out the corne: and, * The labourer is worthy of his wages.

19 Against an Elder * receiue none accusation, but vnder two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sinne, * rebuke openly, that the rest also may feare.

21 ¶ * I charge thee before God and the Lord Iesus Christ, & the elect Angels, that thou obserue these things without * preferring one to another, & do nothing partially.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, * neither be partakers of other mens sinnes: keepe thy selfe * pure.

23 Drinke no longer water, but vse a little wine for thy stomackes sake, and thine often infirmities.

24 Some mens sinnes are open * before hand, and goe before vnto iudgement: but some mens * follow after.

25 Likewise also the good workes are manifest before hand, and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

CHAP. VI.

1 The duety of seruants toward their masters. 3 Against such as are not satisfied with the word of God. 6 Of true godlines, and contentation of mind. 9 Against couetousnes. 11 A charge giuen to Timothy.

LEt as many * seruants as are vnder the yoke, counte their masters worthy of all honour, that the Name of God, and his doctrine be not euill spoken of.

2 And they which haue beleeuing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren, but rather doe seruice, because they are faithfull, & beloued, & partakers of the * benefite. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consenteth not to the wholesome wordes of our Lord Iesus Christ, & to the doctrine, which is according to godlinesse,

4 He is puft vp, and knoweth nothing, but doteth about * questions and strife of words, whereof commeth enuie, strife, railings, euill surmisings,

5 Vaine disputations of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, which thinke that gaine is godlinesse: from such separate thy selfe.

6 * But godlinesse is great gaine, if a man be content with that he hath.

7 * For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certaine, that we can carie nothing out.

8 Therefore when we haue foode and raiment, let vs therewith be content.

9 For they that will be * rich, fall into tentation and snares, and into many foolish and noysome lusts, which drowne men in perdition and destruction.

10 For the desire of money is the roote of all euill, which while some lusted after, they erred from the faith, and * pearced themselues thorow with many sorrowes.

11 But thou, O * man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousnesse, godlinesse, faith, loue, patience, and meekenesse.

12 Fight the good fight of faith: lay hold of eternall life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 * I charge thee in the sight of God, who quickneth all things, and before Iesus Christ, which vnder Pontius Pilate * witnessed a good confession,

14 That thou keepe this commandement without spot, and vnrebukeable, vntill the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ,

15 Which in due time he shall shew, that is * blessed and prince onely, * the * King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 Who onely hath immortalitie, and dwelleth in the light that none can attaine vnto, * whom neuer man sawe, neither can see, vnto whom be honour and power euerlasting. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich * in this world, that they * trust not in vncertaine riches, but in the liuing God, (which giueth vs abundantly all things to enioy)

18 That they doe good, and bee rich in good workes, and ready to distribute, and communicate,

19 * Laying vp in store for themselues a good foundation against the time to come, that they may obtaine eternall life.

20 O Timotheus, keepe * that which is committed vnto thee, and * auoide prophane and vaine babblings, and * oppositions of science falsly so called,

21 Which while some professe, they haue erred concerning the faith. Grace bee with thee, Amen.

The first Epistle to Timotheus written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest citie of Phrygia Pacatiana.

The second Epistle of Paul to Timotheus.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Apostle being now ready to confirme that doctrine with his blood, which he had professed and taught, encourageth Timotheus (and in him all the faithfull) in the faith of the Gospel, and

i Which are without all mans helpe and succour.
Deut.5.16. Deut.25.4 1.cor.9.9 Matt.10.10 Luke 10.7.
k Except that he which doeth accuse him, haue at least two witnesses, which promise with the accuser to produce that which they say to his charge.
1 Chiefly the ministers, and so all others. Chap.6.13.
§ *Or, protest.* ‖ *Or, without hastie and gemeur.*
m In admitting them without sufficient triall.
n From inst offence.
o As Simon the Sorcerer.
p Their sinnes follow, which for a time haue deceiued the godly, and after are detected, as Saul, Iudas, and other hypocrites.

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Ephes.6.5. col 3.22. 1.Tim.6.1.

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q That is, of the grace of God, as their seruants are, and hauing the same adoption. *Chap.1.9.*

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b They that measure religion by riches, are here taught, that only religion is the true riches. *Iob 1.21. pro.27 24 eccles. 5.14*
c That set their felicity in riches.

d For they are neuer quiet, neither in soule nor bodie.
e Whom Gods Spirit doth rule.

Chap.5.22

Matth.27.11 Iohn 18.37

Chap.1.11.
f By this mighty power of God faithfull are admonished boldly to stand in their vocation, although world, Satan, and hell rage against the.
Reuel.17.14 and 19.16 Iohn 1.18 1.Iohn 4.12
g In things pertaining to this life.
Marke 4.19 Luke 12.15 Matth.6.20 Luke 12.33
h The gifts of God for the vtility of the Church.
Chap.1.4 and 4.7.
i As when question engendreth question.

and in the constant and sincere confession of the same: willing him not to shrinke for feare of afflictions, but patiently to attend the issue as doe husbandmen, which at length receive the fruits of their labours, and to cast off all feare and care, as souldiers doe which seeke onely to please their captaine: shewing him briefely the summe of the Gospel, which he preached, commanding him to preach the same to others, diligently taking heede of contentions, curious disputations, and vaine questions, to the intent that his doctrin may altogether edifie. Considering that the examples of Hymeneus and Philetus, which subuerted the true doctrine of the resurrection, were so horrible: and yet to the intent that no man should bee offended at their fall, being men of authoritie and in estimation, hee sheweth that all that professe Christ are not his, and that the Church is subiect to this calamitie, that the euill must dwell among the good till Gods triall come: yet hee reserueth them whom he hath elected, euen to the end. And that Timotheus should not be discouraged by the wicked, hee declareth what abominable men, and dangerous times shall follow, willing him to arme himselfe with the hope of the good issue that God will giue vnto his, and to exercise himselfe diligently in the Scriptures both against the aduersaries, and for the vtilitie of the Church, desiring him to come to him for certaine necessarie affaires, and so with his and others salutations endeth.

CHAP. I.

6 Paul exhorteth Timotheus to stedfastnes and patience in persecution, and to continue in the doctrine that hee had taught him, 12 Whereof his bondes and afflictions were a gage. 16 A commendation of Onesiphorus.

PAul an Apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timotheus my beloued sonne: Grace, mercie and peace from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 I thanke God, * whom I serue from mine [b] elders with pure conscience, that without ceasing I haue remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day,

4 Desiring to see thee, mindfull of thy teares, that I may be filled with ioy:

5 When I call to remembrance the vnfained faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice, and am assured that it dwelleth in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou * stirre vp the gift of God which is in thee, by the putting on of [d] mine hands.

7 For God hath not giuen to vs the Spirit of * feare, but of power, and of loue, and of a sound minde.

8 Be not therefore ashamed of the testimonie of our Lord, neither of mee his prisoner: but be partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God,

9 Who hath saued vs and called vs with an * holy calling, not according to our * workes, but according to his owne purpose and grace, which was giuen to vs through Christ Jesus before the * world was,

10 But is now made manifest by the [f] appearing of our Sauiour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortalitie vnto light through the Gospel.

11 * Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and Apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed: for I know whom I haue beleeued, and I am perswaded that hee is able to keepe that which I haue [g] committed to him against that day.

13 Keepe the true paterne of the wholesome words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and loue which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That [h] worthy thing, which was committed to thee, keepe through the holy Ghost, which dwelleth in vs.

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia, be turned from me: of which sort are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord giue mercie vnto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chaine.

17 But when he was at Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord grant vnto him that he may finde mercie with the Lord at that day, and in how many things he hath ministred vnto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

CHAP. II.

2 He exhorteth him to be constant in trouble, to suffer manly, and to abide fast in the wholesome doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ, 11 shewing him the faithfulnesse of Gods counsel touching the saluation of his, 19 and the marke thereof.

THou therefore my sonne, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And what things thou hast heard of mee, [i] by many witnesses, the same deliuer to faithfull men, which shall be able to [k] teach other also.

3 Thou therefore suffer affliction as a good souldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himselfe with the [l] affaires of this life, because he would please him that hath chosen him to be a souldier.

5 And if any man also striue for a masterie, he is not crowned, except hee striue as he ought to doe.

6 The husbandman * must labor before he receiue the fruites.

7 Consider what I say: and the Lord giue thee vnderstanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, made of the seede of Dauid, was raised againe from the dead according to my Gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble as an euill doer, euen vnto bonds: but the word of God is not [d] bound:

10 Therefore

a Being sent of God to preach that life which he had promised in Christ Iesus. *Act.* 22. 14.

b Following the steps of mine ancestors, as Abraham, Isaac, Iacob and others of whom I am come, and of whom I receiued the true religion by succession.

c The gift of God is a certaine liuely flame kindled in our hearts, which Satan and the flesh labour to quench, and therefore wee must nourish it, and stirre it vp.

d With the rest of the Elders of Ephesus, 1. Tim. 4. 14.

e As though God would destroy vs. *1. Cor.* 1. 2. *Ephes.* 1. 3, 4. *Titus* 3. 5. *Rom.* 16 25. *ephe.* 3. 9 *col.* 1. 26. *tit.* 1. 2. 1. *pet.* 1. 20.

f He speaketh here of his first comming, which though it seemed poore and contemptible, yet was honourable and glorious: therefore our mindes ought to bee lifted vp from the consideration of worldly things, to contemplate the maiestie thereof. *1. Tim.* 2. 7.

g Which is my selfe.

h The graces of the holy Ghost.

i Or, in the presence of many witnesses?

k So that the trueth of God may remaine perfect.

l As with his household, and other ordinarie affaires.

c So that the paine must goe before the recompense.

d Notwithstanding mine imprisonment the word of God hath his race, and increaseth.

2 *Cor.*1.4. *eol* 1.24.
c To confirme their faith, more esteeming the edification of the Church then himselfe.
Rom 6.5. *Matth.*10.33. *marke* 8.38. *Rom* 3.3 & 9.6
f Giuing to euery one his iust portion: wherein he alludeth to the Priests of the old Law, which in their sacrifice gaue to God his part, tooke their owne part, and gaue to him that brought the sacrifice his duetie.
1.*Tim.*4.7.*and* 6.20.*tit.*3.9.
g He groundeth vpon Gods election and mans faith.
h Because the wicked should not couer themselues vnder the name of the Church, he sheweth by this similitude, that both good and bad may be therein.
i That is, both separate himselfe from the wicked, and also purge his naturall corruption by Gods Spirit.
1.*Cor.*1.2.
1.*Tim.*1.4 *and* 4.7.*titus* 3.9.
k Which doe not edifie.
l Which faile of ignorance.
m He meaneth not this of Apostates or heretikes, as yet are not come to the knowledge of the trueth, and fall through ignorance, ‖*Or, that being deliuered out of the snare of the deuill, of whom they are taken, they may come to amendment & perform his wil.*

10 Therefore I suffer all things, for the ᵉ elects sake, that they might also obtaine the saluation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternall glorie.
11 It is a true saying, For if we be ᶠ dead with him, we also shall liue with him.
12 If we suffer, we shall also reigne with him: ᵍ if we denie him, he also will denie vs.
13 ʰ If wee beleeue not, yet abideth hee faithfull: he cannot denie himselfe.
14 Of these things put them in remembrance, and protest before the Lord, that they strine not about wordes, which is to no profite, but to the peruerting of the hearers.
15 Studie to shewe thy selfe approoued vnto God, a workeman that needeth not to bee ashamed, ⁱ diuiding the word of trueth aright.
16 ᵏ Stay prophane and vaine babblings: for they shall increase vnto more vngodlinesse.
17 And their word shal fret as a canker: of which sort is Hymeneus and Philetus,
18 ˡ Which as concerning the trueth haue erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and doe destroy the faith of certaine.
19 But the foundation of God remaineth sure, and hath this seale, ᵐ The Lord knoweth who are his, and, Let euery one that calleth on the Name of Christ, depart from iniquitie.
20 Notwithstanding in a ᵇ great house are not onely vessels of golde and of siluer, but also of wood and of earth, and some for honour, and some vnto dishonour.
21 If any man therefore purge himselfe from ᵗ these, he shall be a vessell vnto honour, sanctified and meete for the Lord, and prepared vnto euery good worke.
22 Flee also from the lustes of youth, and follow after righteousnesse, faith, loue, and peace, with them that ᵘ cal on the Lord with pure heart.
23 ᵛ And put away foolish, and ʷ vnlearned questions, knowing that they ingender strife.
24 But the seruant of the Lord must not strine, but must be gentle toward all men, apt to teach, ˣ suffering the euill men patiently,
25 Instructing them with meekenesse that are contrarie ᵐ minded, prouing if God at any time will giue them repentance, that they may know the trueth,
26 And ‖ that they may come to amendment out of the snare of the deuill, which are taken of him at his will.

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CHAP. III.

1 *He prophesieth of the perillous time,* 2 *Setteth out hypocrites in their colours,* 12 *Sheweth the state of the Christians,* 14 *And how to auoid dangers,* 16 *Also what profite commeth of the Scriptures.*

1.*Tim.*4.1.2.*pet.* 3.3 *iude* 18.

THis know also, that in the ᵃ last dayes shall come perillous times.

2 For ᵇ men shal be louers of their owne selues, couetous, boasters, proud, cursed speakers, disobedient to parents, vnthankefull, vnholy,
3 ᶜ Without naturall affection, truce breakers, false accusers, intemperate, fierce, despisers of them which are good,
4 Traitours, headie, hie minded, louers of pleasures more then louers of God,
5 Hauing a shew of godlinesse, but haue denied the power thereof: turne away therefore from such.
6 For of this sort are they which ᵈ creep into houses, and lead captiue simple women laden with sinnes, and ledde with diuers lustes,
7 Which women are euer learning, and are neuer able to come to the knowledge of the trueth.
8 ᵉ And as Iannes and Iambres withstoode Moses, so doe these also resist the trueth, men of ᶠ corrupt mindes, reprobate concerning the faith.
9 But they shall preuaile no longer: for their madnesse shal be euident vnto all men, as theirs also was.
10 ¶ But thou hast fully knowen my doctrine, maner of liuing, ᵍ purpose, faith, long suffering, loue, patience,
11 Persecutions, and afflictions which came vnto me at ʰ Antiochia, at Iconium, and at Lystri, which persecutions I suffered: but from them all the Lord deliuered mee.
12 Yea, and all that will liue godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.
13 But the euill men and ⁱ deceiuers shall waxe worse and worse, deceiuing and being deceiued.
14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and art perswaded thereof, knowing of whom thou hast learned them:
15 And that thou hast knowen the holy Scriptures of a childe, which are able to make thee wise vnto saluation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 ʲ For the whole Scripture is giuen by inspiration of God, and is profitable to teach, to improoue, to correct, and to instruct in righteousnesse,
17 That the ᵏ man of God may bee absolute, being made perfect vnto all good workes.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *He exhorteth Timotheus to be feruent in the word, and to suffer aduersitie,* 6 *maketh mention of his owne death,* 9 *and biddeth Timothie come vnto him.*

‖ Charge thee therefore before God, and before the Lord Jesus Christ, which shall iudge the quicke and dead at his appearing, and in his kingdome,
2 Preach the word: be instant ˡ in season and out of season: improoue, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
3 For the time will come, when they will not suffer wholesome doctrine: but hauing their eares itching, shall after their owne lusts get them an heape of teachers,
4 And shall turne their eares from the trueth, and shalbe giuen vnto ᵐ fables.

a He speaketh of them which make profession to be Christians.
20 Nouem 2 Lesson
b As Monkes, Friers, and such hypocrites.
*Exod.*7.11,12.
c Which can iudge nothing aright.
d Not onely what I taught and did, but also what my minde and will was.
Actes 13.14,50 *and* 14.1,6,19.
e The word signifieth them that by any crafty packing or conueyance beguile men with false colors, flatteries, and illusions, and such God setteth vp to exercise his by them: and here S. Paul admonisheth vs of them.
2 *Pet.* 1.10.
f Which is content to be gouerned by Gods word.
g The onely Scripture sufficeth to leade vs to perfection.
Saint Luke Ephes 6.to 19 verse Gospele
‖*Or, adiure.*
Luke 4 or 20 Tue
a Leaue none occasion to preach and to profit.
b To false and vnprofitable doctrine.
2 Nouem 2 Lesson
26 Mar 2 Lesson
25 July 2 Lesson

5 But watch thou in all things: suffer aduersitie: doe the worke of an Euangelist: make [c] thy ministerie fully knowen.

6 For I am now readie to bee [d] offered, and the time of my [e] departing is at hand.

7 I haue fought a good fight, and haue finished my course: I haue kept the faith.

8 For henceforth is layd vp for mee the crowne of righteousnesse, which the Lord the righteous Iudge shall giue mee at that day: and not to me onely, but vnto all them also that loue his appearing.

9 Make speede to come vnto me at once.

10 For Demas hath forsaken mee, and hath imbraced this present world, and is departed vnto Thessalonica. Crescens is gone to Galatia, Titus vnto Dalmatia.

11 [f] Only Luke is with mee. Take Marke and bring him with thee: for hee is profitable vnto me to ministet.

12 And Tychicus haue I sent to Ephesus.

13 The [g] cloake that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the bookes, but specially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith hath done mee much euill: the Lord [h] reward him according to his workes.

15 Of whom bee thou ware also: for hee withstood our preaching sore.

16 At my first answering [i] no man assisted me, but all forsooke me: I pray God, that it may not be layd to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord assisted me, and strengthened mee, that by mee the preaching might be fully knowen, and that all the Gentiles should heare, and I was deliuered out of the mouth of the [k] Lion.

18 And the Lord will deliuer mee from euery [l] euill worke, and will preserue mee vnto his heauenly kingdome: to whom bee prayse for euer and euer, Amen.

19 Salute Prisca, and Aquila, and the [m] houshold of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinthus: Trophimus I left at Miletum sicke.

21 Make speede to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Iesus Christ bee with thy spirit. Grace be with you, Amen.

The second Epistle written from Rome vnto Timotheus the first Bishop elected of the Church of Ephesus, when Paul was presented the second time before the Emperour Nero.

[c] So behaue thy selfe in this office, that men may be able to charge thee with nothing, but rather to approoue thee in al things. [d] Reade Phil. 2.17.

[e] Or, dissoluing.

[f] Col. 4.10, 14.

[g] Hereby it is manifest that Peter as yet was not at Rome, and if euer he were there, it is vncertaine.

[h] Some reade coffer: others booke.

[i] For Paul saw in him manifest signes of reprobation.

[h] If S. Peter had beene there, he would not haue forsaken him.

[k] Out of the great danger of Nero.

[l] That I commit nothing vnworthie mine office. Chap. 1.16.

The Epistle of Paul to Titus.

THE ARGVMENT.

When Titus was left in Creta to finish that doctrine which Paul had there begun, Sathan stirred vp certaine which went about not onely to ouerthrow the gouernment of the Church, but also to corrupt the doctrine: for some by ambition would haue thrust in themselues to bee pastours: others, vnder pretext of Moses Law brought in many trifles. Against these two sortes of men Paul armeth Titus: first teaching him what maner of ministers he ought to chuse, chiefely requiring that they bee men of sound doctrine, to the intent they might resist the aduersaries, and among other things he noteth the Iewes which put a certaine holinesse in meates and such outward ceremonies, teaching them which are the true exercises of a Christian life, and what things appertaine to euery mans vocation. Against the which if any man rebell or else doeth not obey, he willeth him to bee auoyded.

CHAP. 1.

1 He aduertiseth Titus touching the gouernment of the Church. 7 The ordinance and office of ministers. 12 The nature of the Cretians and of them which serue abroad. Iewish fables and inuentions of men.

1 Paul a seruant of God, and an Apostle of Iesus Christ, according to the [a] faith of Gods elect, and the knowledge of the truth, which is according to godlinesse,

2 Vnder the hope of eternall life, which God that cannot lie, hath [b] promised before the [c] world began:

3 But hath made his word manifest in due time through the preaching, which is [d] committed vnto me, according to the commandement of God our [e] Sauiour:

4 To Titus my naturall [f] sonne accor-

ding to the common faith, grace, mercie and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ our Sauiour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Creta, that thou shouldest continue to redresse the things that remaine, and shouldest ordaine Elders in euery citie, as I appointed thee,

6 [g] If any [h] be vnreproueable, the husband of one wife, hauing faithfull children, which are not slandered of riot, neither are disobedient.

7 For a Bishop must bee vnreproueable as [i] Gods steward, not [k] froward, not angry, not giuen to wine, no striker, not giuen to filthy lucre.

8 But harborous, one that loueth [l] goodnesse, wise, [i] righteous, [h] holy, temperate,

9 Holding fast the faithfull word according to doctrine, that he also may be able to exhort with wholesome doctrine, and improoue them that say against it.

10 For there are many disobedient and vaine talkers and deceiuers of minds, chiefly

[a] That is, to preach the faith, to increase their knowledge, to teach them to liue godly, that at length they may obtaine eternall life.

[b] Hath willingly and of his meere liberalitie promised without foreseeing our faith or works as cause to moue him so this free mercie. Rom. 16. 25. Ephes 3 9. col 1. 26. 2. tim 1. 9. 10. 1 pet. 1. 20. Gal. 1. 1.

[c] Who both giueth life, and preserueth life.

[d] In respect of faith, which was common to them both, so that hereby they are brethren: but in respect of the ministerie, Paul begate him as his sonne in faith.

[e] 1. Tim. 3. 2.

[f] That is, without all infamie, whereby his authority might be diminished.

[g] Who hath the dispensation of his gifts.

[h] Or, seuerely.

[i] Or, good men.

[k] Toward men.

[l] Toward God.

i Which were not onely the Iewes, but also the Hebionites and Cerinthians hereticks, which taught that the Law must be ioyned with Christ.
k He calleth Epimenides the Philosopher or Poet, whose verse he here reciteth, a Prophet, because the Cretians so esteemed him: and as Laertius writeth, they sacrificed vnto him, as to a God, forasmuch as he had a marueilous gift to vnderstand things to come: which thing Satan by the permission of God hath opened to the infidels from time to time, but it turneth to their greater condemnation. 1. *Tim* 1.4. *Rom* 14.20.

chiefly they of the [i] Circumcision,

11 Whose mouthes must bee stopped, which subuert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthie lucres sake.

12 One of themselues, euen one of their owne [k] prophets said, The Cretians are alwayes liars, euill beasts, slowe bellies.

13 This witnesse is true: wherefore rebuke them sharpely, that they may bee sound in the faith,

14 And not taking heede to * Iewish fables and commaundements of men, that turne from the truth.

15 Vnto the pure * are all things pure, but vnto them that are defiled, and vnbeleeuing is nothing pure, but euen their minde and conscience are defiled.

16 They professe that they know God, but by [l] workes they denie him, and are abominable and disobedient, and vnto euery good worke reprobate.

l Forasmuch as they stay at things of nothing, and passe not for them, that are of importance, and so giue themselues to all wickednesse.

CHAP. II.

1 He commendeth vnto him the wholesome doctrine, and telleth him how he shall teach all degrees to behaue themselues, 11 Through the benefit of the grace of Christ.

BVt speake thou the things which become [a] wholesome doctrine,

2 That the elder men be sober, honest, discreete, sound in the faith, in loue, and in patience:

3 The elder women likewise, that they bee in such behauiour as becommeth holinesse, not false accusers, not giuen to much wine, but teachers of honest things,

4 That they may instruct the yong women to be sober minded, that they loue their husbands, that they loue their children,

5 That they be discreete, chaste, [b] keeping at home, good, and * subiect vnto their husbands, that the word of God be not euill spoken of.

6 Exhort yong men likewise, that they be sober minded.

7 Aboue all things shew thy selfe an ensample of good workes with vncorrupt doctrine, with grauitie, integritie,

8 And with the wholesome worde, which cannot be reproued, that he which withstanded, may be ashamed, hauing nothing concerning you to speake euill of.

9 * Let seruants be subiect to their masters, and please them in all things, not answering again,

10 Neither pikers, but that they shew all good faithfulnesse, that they may adorne the doctrine of God our Sauiour in all things.

11 * For the grace of God, that bringeth [c] saluation vnto all men hath appeared,

12 And teacheth vs that we should denie vngodlinesse, and worldly lustes, and that wee should liue soberly, and righteously, and godly in this present world,

13 Looking for the blessed hope, and appearing of the glory of the mighty God, and of our Sauiour Iesus Christ,

14 Who gaue himselfe for vs, that hee might redeeme vs from all iniquitie, and purge vs to bee a [d] peculiar people vnto himselfe, zealous of good workes.

15 These things speake, and exhort, and rebuke with all * authoritie. See that no man despise thee.

a Wherewith our soules are fed and maintained in health.
b Not running to and fro without necessary occasions, which is a signe of lightnesse. *Ephes.* 5.22, 23, 24.
c Of what condition or state soeuer they be.
d Most deare and precious.
e As becommeth the ambassadour of God.

CHAP. III.

1 Of obedience to such as be in authority. 9 He warneth Titus to beware of foolish and vnprofitable questions, 12 Concluding with certaine priuate matters, 15 And salutations.

PVt them in remembrance that they * [a] be subiect to the principalities and powers, and that they be obedient and ready to euery good worke,

2 That they speake euill of no man, that they bee no fighters, but soft, shewing all meekenesse vnto all men.

3 * [b] For we our selues also were in times past vnwise, disobedient, deceiued, seruing the lustes and diuers pleasures, liuing in malicious nesse and enuie, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But when the bountifulnesse and loue of God our Sauiour toward man appeared,

5 * Not [c] by the workes of righteousnes, which wee had done, but according to his mercie he saued vs, by the [d] washing of the new birth, & the renewing of the holy Ghost,

6 Which hee shedde on vs abundantly through Iesus Christ our Sauiour,

7 That we, being iustified by his grace, should be made heires according to the hope of eternall life.

8 This is a true saying, and these things I will thou shouldest affirme, that they which haue beleeued in God, might bee carefull to shew foorth good workes. These things are good and profitable vnto men.

9 * But [e] shun foolish questions, & genealogies, & contentions, & brawlings about the Law: for they are vnprofitable and vaine.

10 [f] Reiect him that is an heretike, after once or twise admonition,

11 Knowing that he that is such, is [g] peruerted, and [h] sinneth being damned of his owne selfe.

12 When I shal send Artemas vnto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me vnto Nicopolis, for I haue determined there to winter.

13 Bring Zenas [i] the expounder of the Law, and Apollos, on their iourney diligently, that they lacke nothing.

14 And let ours also learne to shew forth good workes for necessary vses, that they be not vnfruitfull.

15 All that are with mee, salute thee. Greete them that loue vs in the faith. Grace be with you all, Amen.

f Most deare and precious.
g As becommeth the ambassadour of God.

Rom. 13.1. 1. *Pet.* 2.13, 14.
a Although the rulers be infidels, yet are we bound to obey them in ciuill policie, and whereas they command vs nothing against the word of God. 1. *Cor.* 6.12.
b For let vs consider what we our selues were, when God shewed vs fauour.
2. *Tim* 1.9.
c God doth not iustifie vs for respect of any thing, which he seeth in vs, but doth preuent vs with his grace and freely accepteth vs.
d Baptisme is a sure signe of our regeneration, which is wrought by the holy Ghost. 1. *Tim.* 1.4. and 4.7. 2. *Tim.* 2.16, 23.
e This commandement is giuen to the minister, and so particularly to all men to whom the sword is not committed: but else the Magistrate, whose chiefe office is to maintaine Gods glory in his Church ought to cut off all such rotten and infectious members from

Ephes. 6.5. *Colos.* 3.22. 2. *Pet.* 2.18.

1. *Cor.* 1.3. *Colos.* 1.22.

To Titus, elect the first Bishop of the Church of the Cretians, written from Nicopolis in Macedonia.

the bodie. f So that there is no hope of amendement. g Willingly, and wittingly. h It is probable that he was an interpreter of the Law of Moses, as Apollos, &c.

¶ The

The Epistle of Paul to Philemon.

THE ARGVMENT.

Albeit the excellencie of Pauls spirit wonderfully appeareth in other his Epistles, yet this Epistle is a great witnesse, and a declaration of the same For farre passing the baseneſſe of his matter he [illegible]re to heauen, and speaketh with a diuine grace and maiestie. Onesimus seruant to Philemon [illegible]bbed his master, and fled away, whom Paul hauing wonne to Christ, sent againe to [illegible] earnestly begging his pardon, with most weightie arguments prouing the duetie of one Christian to another, and so with saluations endeth.

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1 Thes. 1. 2. 2 Thes. 1. 3.

4 *He rejoyceth to heare of the faith and loue of Philemon,* 9 *whom he desireth to forgiue his seruant Onesimus, & louingly to receiue him againe.*

PAVL a prisoner of Iesus Christ, & our brother Timotheus, vnto Philemon our deare friend & fellow helper.

2 And to our deare sister Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow souldier, and to the Church that is in thine house:

3 Grace bee with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.

4 I * giue thankes to my God, making mention alwayes of thee in my prayers,

5 (When I heare of thy loue and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Iesus, and toward all Saints)

6 That the a fellowship of thy faith may be made fruitfull, and that whatsoeuer good thing is in you b through Iesus Iesus, may be knowen.

7 For wee haue great ioy and consolation in thy loue, because by thee, brother, the Saints c hearts are comforted.

8 Wherefore, though I be very bolde in Christ to commaund thee that which is conuenient,

9 Yet for loues sake I rather beseech thee, though I be as I am, euen Paul aged, and euen now a prisoner for Iesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my sonne * Onesimus, whom I haue begotten in my bonds,

11 Which in time past was to thee vnprofitable, but now profitable both to thee and to me,

12 Whom I haue sent againe: thou therefore receiue him, that is, mine owne bowels,

13 Whom I would haue retained with me, that in thy steade he might haue ministred vnto me in the bonds of the Gospel.

14 But without thy minde would I doe nothing, that thy benefite should not be as it were of necessitie, but willingly.

15 It may be that he therefore * departed for a season, that thou shouldest receiue him for euer,

16 c Not now as a seruant, but aboue a seruant, euen as a brother beloued, specially to me: how much more then vnto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If therefore thou count me thine f common, receiue him as my selfe.

18 If hee hath hurt thee, or oweth thee ought, that put on mine accounts.

19 I Paul haue written this with mine owne hand: I will recompense it, albeit I doe not say to thee, that thou owest vnto me euen thine owne selfe.

20 Yea, brother, let me obtaine this pleasure of thee in the Lord: comfort my bowels in the Lord.

21 Trusting in thine obedience, I wrote vnto thee, knowing that thou wilt doe euen more then I say.

22 Moreouer also prepare mee lodging: for I trust through your prayers I shall be giuen vnto you.

23 There salute thee Epaphras my fellow prisoner * in Christ Iesus,

24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow helpers.

25 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with your spirit, Amen.

Written from Rome to Philemon, and sent by Onesimus a seruant.

a Thy benevolence toward the Saints, which proceedeth of a liuely and effectuall faith.
b That experience may declare that you are the members of Iesus Christ.
c Meaning, their Inward parts & affections were through his charitie comforted. Gen. 33. 4.

d He fled away from thee.
e For he is thy seruant by condition, and also now the Lords: so that both for thine owne sake and for § Lords, thou oughtest to loue him.
f That all thine is mine, and all mine, is thine.
g Graunt me this benefite, which shall be most acceptable vnto me of all others.
h That is, for Christs cause.

The Epistle to the Hebrewes.

THE ARGVMENT.

Forasmuch as diuers, both of the Greeke writers & Latines witnesse, that the writer of this Epistle for iust causes would not haue his name knowen, it were curiositie of our part to labour much therein. For seeing the Spirit of God is the authour thereof, it diminisheth nothing the authority although wee know not with what pen he wrote it. Whether it were Paul (as it is not like) or Luke or Barnabas, or Clement, or some other, his chiefe purpose is to perswade vnto the Hebrewes (whereby he principally meaneth them that abode at Ierusalem, and vnder them all the rest of the Iewes) that Christ Iesus was not only the redeemer, but also that at his comming all ceremonies must haue an end: forasmuch as his doctrine was the conclusion of all the Prophesies, and therefore not only Moses was inferiour to him, but also the Angels: for they all were seruants, and he the Lord, but the Lord, that he hath also taken our flesh, and is made our brother to assure vs of our saluation through himselfe, for he is that eternall Priest, whereof all the Leuiticall Priests were but shadowes, & therefore at his comming they ought to cease, & all sacrifices for sinne to be abolished, as he proueth from the 7 Chap. vers. 11. vnto the 12. Chap. vers. 18. Also he was that Prophet of whom all the Prophets in time past witnessed, as is declared from the 12. Chap. vers. 18. to the twentie and fiue verse of the same Chapter: yea & is the king to whom all things are subiect, as appeareth from the vers. 25 to the beginning of the last Chapter. Wherefore according to the examples of the old fathers, we must constantly

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stantly beleeue in him, that being sanctified by his iustice, taught by his wisedome, and gouerned by his power, we may stedfastly and courageously persueuer euen to the end in that ioy that is set before our eyes, occupying our selues in Christian exercises, that we may both be thankefull to God, and dueti full to our neighbour.

CHAP. I.

1 *He sheweth the excellencie of Christ aboue the Angels.* 7 *and of their office.*

AT sundry times and in diuers manners a God spake in the old time to our Fathers by the Prophets:

2 In these b last dayes hee hath spoken vnto vs by his Sonne, whom he hath made heire of all things, c by whom also he made the worlds,

3 d Who being the brightnesse of the glory, and the e ingraued forme of his person, and bearing vp all things by his mightie word, hath by himselfe e purged our sinnes, and sitteth at the right hand of the maiestie, in the highest places,

4 And is made so much more excellent then the Angels, inasmuch as he hath obtained a more excellent name then they.

5 For vnto which of the Angels said he at any time, f Thou art my Sonne, this day begate I thee? and againe, I f will be his Father, and he shalbe my Sonne?

6 And againe when hee bringeth in his first begotten Sonne into the worlde, hee saith, g And let all the Angels of God worship him.

7 And of the Angels he saith, h He maketh the i Spirits his messengers, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But vnto the Sonne he saith, k O God, thy throne is for euer and euer: the e scepter of thy kingdome is a scepter of righteousnesse.

9 Thou hast loued righteousnesse, and hated iniquity. Therefore God, euen thy God, hath l anointed thee with the oyle of gladnesse aboue thy fellowes.

10 And, m Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast established the earth, and the heauens are the workes of thine hands.

11 They shall perish, but thou doest remaine: and they all shall waxe olde as doeth a garment.

12 And as a vesture shalt thou folde them vp, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy yeeres shall not faile.

13 Vnto which also of the Angels saide hee at any time, n Sit at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footestoole?

14 Are they not all ministring spirits, sent forth to minister, for their sakes which shall be heires of saluation?

a God, who is euer constant, and mercifull to his Church, declared his will in time past, not all at once, or after one sort, but from time to time and in sundry sorts: but now last of all he hath fully declared all truth to vs by his Sonne.

b So that now we may not credite any newe reuelations after him.

c He intreateth here of Christ, both as touching his person, which is very God and very man, by whom all things are made, and also as touching his office, whereby he is King, Prophet, and Priest. *Wisd.7.26. Colos.1.15.*

d The liuely image & patterne, so that he that seeth him, seeth the Father, Iohn 14.9. for else the person of the Father is not seene, but apprehended by faith.

e So that our sinnes can be purged by none other meanes.

f Much more then, then all other things created. *Psal.2.7 chap 5.5 act.13.33.*

g Because he was at the time appointed, declared to the world. 2 *Sam 7.14. 1.Chro.22.10. Psal.97.7.*

Psal.104.4. h Hee compareth the Angels to the windes, which are here beneath as Gods messengers. *Psal.45.6,7.* i The administration of thy kingdom is iust. k This is meant in y that the word is made flesh, and that the holy Ghost was powred on him without measure, that we may all receiue of him euery one according to his measure. *Psa.102.25. Psa.110 1.Mat.22.44 1.cor.15.25 chap 10.12*

CHAP. II.

1 *He exhorteth vs to be obedient vnto the new Lawe which Christ hath giuen vs,* 9 *And not to bee offended at the infirmitie and lowe degree of Christ.* 10 *Because it was necessary that for our sakes hee should take such an humble state vpon him, that he might be like vnto his brethren.*

WHerefore we ought the more diligently to geue heede to the things which wee haue heard, lest at any a time wee should let them slippe.

2 For if the b worde spoken by Angels was stedfast, and euery transgression, and disobedience receiued a iust recompence of reward,

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so c great saluation, which at the first beganne to bee preached by the Lorde, and afterward was confirmed vnto vs by d them that heard him,

4 e God bearing witnesse thereto, both with signes and wonders, and with diuers miracles and gifts of the holy Ghost, according to his owne will?

5 For he hath not put in subiection vnto the Angels the f world to come, whereof we speake.

6 But g one in a certaine place witnessed, saying, What is man, that thou shouldest be mindfull of him? or the sonne of man that thou wouldest consider him?

7 Thou madest him a litle inferiour to the Angels: thou crownedst him with glorie and honour, and hast set him aboue the workes of thine hands.

8 h Thou hast put all things in subiection vnder his feete. And in that hee hath put all things in subiection vnder him, hee left nothing that should not be subiect vnto him. i But we yet see not all things subdued vnto him.

9 But we see Iesus k crowned with glorie and honour, which was made a litle inferiour to the Angels, through the suffering of death, that by Gods grace he might taste death for all men.

10 For it became him, for whome are all things, and by whom are all things, seeing that hee brought many children vnto glory, that hee should consecrate the l Prince of their saluation through m afflictions.

11 For hee that sanctifieth, and they which are sanctified, are all n of one: wherefore hee is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, o I will declare thy Name vnto my p brethren: in the middes of the Church will I sing prayses to thee.

a We must diligently keepe in memorie the doctrine, which we haue learned, lest like vessels full of chaps wee leake, & runne out on euery part.

b Which was the law giuen to Moses by the hands of the Angels, Gal. 3.19. *Actes 7.53.*

c As the Gospel is, which onely offereth saluation.

d That is, the Apostles. *Marke 16.20.*

e Which Esai calleth the newe heauens, and the newe earth, Chap. 65.17. Whereof Christ is the Father, Isa. 9.6. that is, the head of vs his members. *Psal.8.4.*

f He speaketh here chiefly of the faithfull, which are made through Christ, citizens of the world to come, where they shall enioy with their prince all these things which now they haue onely but in part.

g In making him fellow heire with Christ. *Mat.28.18 1.cor.15.27.philip.2 9,10,11.*

h To them which obiect that they see not these things accomplished in man, the Apostle answereth that they are fulfilled in Christ our captaine, who leadeth his to the same glory with him.

i To man, as he is of Christ.

k By his vertue which most mirafestly appeareth in the Church.

l Iesus Christ by humbling himselfe, and taking vpon him the forme of a seruant, which was our flesh, & mortalitie, giueth vs assurance of our saluation.

m Therefore we by afflictions are made like to the Sonne of God.

n The head and the members are of one nature: so Christ which sanctifieth vs, and we that are sanctified, are all one by the vnion of our flesh. *Psal. 22. 22.*

o This prooueth Christs humanitie.

13 And

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Psal 18.2.
p Meaning, that Christ touching his humanitie put his trust in God.
*Isa.*8.18.
q Isai speaketh this of himselfe & his disciples, but properly it is applied to Christ the head of all ministers.
*Hose.*13.14.
1.*cor.*15.55.
r And Gods anger.
s Not the nature of Angels but of man.
t Not onely as touching nature but also qualities, onely sinne except.

13 And againe, * I will put my p trust in him. And againe, * q Beholde, here am I, and the children, which God hath given mee.

14 Forasmuch then as the children were partakers of flesh and blood, hee also himselfe likewise tooke part with them, that hee might destroy * through death, him that had the power of death, that is the deuill,

15 And that hee might deliuer all them, which for feare of * death were all their life time subiect to bondage.

16 For hee in no sort tooke the s Angels, but he tooke the seede of Abrahem.

17 Wherefore * in all things it became him to be made like vnto his brethren, that hee might be mercifull, and a faithfull high Priest in things concerning God, that hee might make reconciliation for the sinnes of the people.

18 For in that hee * suffered, and was tempted, hee is able to succour them that are tempted.

u Forasmuch as he is exercised in our miseries, we may bee assured, that at all times in our tentations he will succour vs.

CHAP. III.

1 Hee requireth them to bee obedient vnto the word of Christ. 3 Who is more worthie then Moses. 12 The punishment of such as will harden their hearts, and not beleeue, that they might haue eternall rest.

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heauenly vocation, * consider the Apostle and high Priest of our b profession, Christ Iesus:

2 Who was faithfull to him that hath appointed * him, euen as * Moses was in all his house.

3 For this man is counted worthie of more glorie then Moses, in as much as hee which hath builded the house, d hath more honour then the house.

4 For euery house is builded of some man, and he that hath built all things, is e God.

5 And Moses verily was faithfull in all his house, as a seruant, for a witnesse of the things which should be spoken after.

6 But Christ is as the Sonne, ouer his owne house, whose f house wee are, if wee holde fast the confidence, and the reioycing of the hope vnto the end.

7 Wherefore, as the holy Ghost saith, * To day if yee shall heare his voyce,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the g prouocation, according to the day of the tentation in the wildernesse,

9 Where your fathers tempted me, prouoked mee, and saw my workes fourtie yeeres long.

10 Wherefore I was grieued with that generation, and sayd, They erre euer in their heart, neither haue they knowen my wayes.

11 Therefore I sware in my wrath, h If they shall enter into my i rest.

12 Take heede, brethren, lest at any time there be in any of you an euill heart, and vnfaithfull, to depart away from the liuing God.

13 But exhort one another dayly, while it is called k To day, least any of you be hardened through the deceitfulnesse of sinne.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we keepe sure vnto the l ende the || beginning, wherewith we are vpholden,

15 So long as it is said, To day if yee heare his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the prouocation.

16 For some when they heard, prouoked m him to anger: howbeit, not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was hee displeased fourty yeeres? was hee not displeased with them that sinned, * whose || karkeises fell in the wildernesse?

18 And to whome sware hee that they should not enter into his rest, but vnto them that obeyed not?

19 So wee see that they could not enter in, because of vnbeliefe.

v Meaning, that Christ touching his humanitie put his trust in God.
w Of that doctrine which we beleeue, and ought to confesse.
x To be the ambassadour and hie Priest.
*Numb.*12.7.
y Moses was but part of the house, that is, of the Church whereof the pastors are the liuely stones, but Christ builded it, and layde the stones: therefore hee deserueth more prayse.
z That is, Christ: for Christ is the foundation, and head of his Church: hee is our brother, and Lord: he is the Sonne of God, and very God working all things by his owne power.
a Take heede to his words and receiue him.
b Of that doctrine which we beleeue, and ought to confesse.
c To be the ambassadour and hie Priest.
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e That is, Christ: for Christ is the foundation, and head of his Church: hee is our brother, and Lord: he is the Sonne of God, and very God working all things by his owne power.
f For in obeying the Sonne, wee are made the house of God. *Psal.*95.7. *Heb.*3.6.
g As when ye prouoked Gods anger in Massa and Meriba, Exod. 17.7.
h Meaning by this othe, that they should not enter.
i Which is all that time wherin God doeth call vs: while he therfore speaketh, let vs heare.
k Which is all that time wherin God doeth call vs: while he therfore speaketh, let vs heare.
l Which is by faith to embrace and hold fast the true doctrine of Iesus Christ.
m To wit, the Lord.
*Numb.*14.37.
n As disobeying God, they in old time were debarred from the quietnesse of the land of Canaan: so they which do not obey Christ, shall not enter into the heauenly rest.

CHAP. IIII.

2 The words without faith a vnprofitable. 3 The Sabbath or rest of the Christians. 6 Punishment of vnbeleeuers. 12 The nature of the word of God.

Let vs feare therefore, lest at any time by forsaking the promise of entring into his rest, any of you should seeme to bee depriued.

2 For vnto vs was the Gospel preached as also vnto them: but the word that they heard, profited not them, because it was not a mixed with faith in those that heard it.

3 For we which haue beleeued, doe enter into rest, as hee sayde to the other, * As I haue sworne in my wrath, If * they shall enter into my rest: although * the workes were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certaine place of the seuenth day on this wise, * And God did rest the seuenth day from all his workes.

5 And in this place againe, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter thereinto, and they to whome it was first preached, entred not therein for vnbeliefes sake:

7 Againe hee appointed in d Dauid a certain day by To day, after so long a time, saying, as it is said, * This day if yee heare his voyce, harden not your hearts.

8 For if * Iesus had giuen them rest, then would he not after this day haue spoken of another.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For hee that is entred into his rest, f hath also ceased from his owne workes,

o Although that God by his rest, after the creation of his workes signified the spirituall rest of the faithfull, yet he sware to giue rest in Chanaan which was but a figure of the heauenly rest, and endureth but for a time.
p The perfection of Gods workes, and so his rest.
q That is, in the faithfull, which abandon themselues, renounce their owne lusts, mortifie his flesh, renounce himselfe, and followeth God.

signifie our heauenly rest. *Gene.*2.2 *Deut.*5.14. Psalmes. *Chap.*3.7. e Meaning, Ioshua. f Hath ceased from his owne workes, as.

1 August 2 Lessons even.
31 July 2 Lessons even
27 Nouemb 2 Lessons even

Natiuitie
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Progn
2 Lesson

Easter Euen
2 Lessons

2 August 2 Lessons Euen

28 Nouemb 2 Lessons even

g For it mortally woundeth the rebellious, and in the elect it killeth the old man that they should live vnto God.

h Where the affections are.

i Which conteineth will and reason.

k As that thing which is cleft asunder euen through themids of the backe, and so is made open, that it may bee seene throughout.

*Or, concerning whom we speake.

l Therefore when we heare his worde, we must tremble, knowing thereby that God foundeth our hearts.

as God did from his.

11 Let vs studie therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same ensample of disobedience.

12 For the worde of God is liuely, and mighty in operation, and sharper then any two edged sword, and g entereth through, euen vnto the dividing asunder of the h soule and the i spirit, and of the ioyntes, and the marowe, and is a discerner of the thoughts, and the intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature, which is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and k open vnto his eyes, l with whom we haue to doe.

14 Seeing then that wee haue a great hie Priest, which is entred into heauen, euen Iesus the Sonne of God, let vs holde fast our profession.

15 For we haue not an hie Priest, which cannot bee touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all things tempted in like sort, yet without sinne.

16 Let vs therefore goe boldly vnto the throne of grace, that we may receiue mercy, and find grace to helpe in time of neede.

CHAP. V.

*He compareth Iesus Christ with the Leuitical Priestes, shewing wherin they either agree, or dissent. 11 Afterward he reproueth the negligence of the Iewes.

FOr euery high Priest is taken from among men, and is a ordeyned for men, in things pertaining to God, that hee may offer both b giftes, and c sacrifices for sinnes,

2 Which is able sufficiently to haue compassion on them that are ignorant, and that are out of the way, because that hee also is compassed with infirmitie.

3 And for the same sake he is bound to offer for sinnes, as well for his owne part, as for the peoples.

4 And no man taketh this honour vnto himselfe, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

5 So likewise Christ tooke not to himselfe this honour, to be made the hie Priest: but hee that sayd vnto him, Thou art my sonne, this day begate I thee, gaue it him.

6 As hee also in another place speaketh, Thou art a Priest for euer after the order of Melchi-sedec.

7 Which in the d dayes of his flesh did offer vp prayers and supplications, with e strong crying and teares vnto him, that was able to saue him from death, and was also heard f in that which he feared.

8 And though hee were the Sonne, yet learned hee obedience, by the things which he suffered.

9 And being consecrate, was made the author of eternall saluation vnto all them that obey him:

10 And is called of God an hie Priest after the order of Melchi-sedec.

11 g Of whome we haue many things to say, which are hard to be vttered, because ye are dull of hearing.

12 For when as concerning the time yee ought to bee teachers, yet haue yee need againe that wee teach you the first *principles of the worde of God: and are become such as haue neede of a milke, and not of strong meate.

13 For euery one that vseth milke, is inexpert in the i word of righteousnesse: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meate belongeth to them that are of age, which through long custome haue their wittes exercised, to discerne both good and euill.

CHAP. VI.

1 *He proceedeth in reproouing them, & exhorteth them not to faint, 12 But to be stedfast & patient. 18 Forasmuch as God is sure in his promise.

THerefore leauing the doctrine of the a beginning of Christ, let vs be led forward vnto perfection, not laying againe the foundation b of repentance from dead workes, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of c baptismes, and laying on of hands, & of the resurrection from the dead, and of eternall iudgement.

3 And this will we doe, if God permit.

4 For it is impossible that they, which were once lightened, and haue tasted of the heauenly gift, and were made partakers of the holy Ghost,

5 And haue tasted of the good worde of God, & of the powers of the world to come,

6 If they fall away, should be renewed againe by repentance: seeing they d crucifie againe to themselues the Sonne of God, and make a mocke of him.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the raine that commeth oft vpon it, and bringeth forth herbes meete for them by whom it is dressed, receiueth blessing of God.

8 But that which beareth thornes and briers, is reprooued, & is neere vnto cursing, whose end is to be burned.

9 But beloued, we haue perswaded our selues better things of you, and such as accompanie saluation, though we thus speake.

10 For God is not vnrighteous, that hee should forget your worke, and labour of loue, which ye haue shewed toward his Name, in that ye haue ministred vnto the Saints, and yet ministre.

11 And wee desire that euery one of you shew the same diligence, to the e full assurance of hope vnto the end,

12 That ye be not slouthfull, but followers of f them, which through faith and patience, inherite the promises.

13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, because hee had no greater to sweare by, he sware by himselfe,

14 Saying, Surely I will abundantly blesse thee and multiply thee marueilously.

15 And so after that hee had tarried patiently, he enioyed the promise.

16 For men verely sweare by him that is greater then themselues, and an othe for confir-

*Or, rudiments.

k Reade 1 Cor. 3.2.

l That is, the Gospel, which is the true knowledge that teacheth vs where we haue our iustice.

a That is, the first rudiments of our Christian religion.

b Hee mentioneth fiue points of the catechisme which was then in vse: the confession of amendment of life: the summe of the faith: a briefe explication of baptisme, and laying on of hands: the article of the resurrection, and the last iudgement.

c Then the vse of baptisme was declared, when on the solemne dayes appointed to baptize, the Church came together.

d It is Gods singular gift to increase in knowledge, and to go forward in the vnderstanding of Gods word. *Mat.* 13.31.32. 2. *pet.* 3.20. *Ephe.* 10.16.

e They which are apostates and sinne against the holy Ghost, hate Christ, crucifie and mocke him, but to their own destruction, and therefore fal in to desperation & cannot repent.

f Whereby it may appeare, that true faithfully perseuer lasting. g As the holy fathers, Prophetes, and before vs. *Gen.* 12.2. and 17.4. and 22.17.

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confirmation is among them an ende of all strife.

17 So God willing more abundantly to shewe vnto the heires of promise the stablenes of his counsel, bound him selfe by an oth,

18 That by two immutable things, wherein it is impossible that God should lie, we might haue strong consolation, which haue our refuge to holde fast the hope that is set before vs.

19 Which we haue, as an ancre of the soule, both sure and stedfast, and it entreth into that which is within the vaile,

20 Whither the forerunner is for vs entred in, euen Iesus that is made an high Priest for euer after the order of Melchisedec.

Which is heauen, whither Christ is gone before to prepare vs place.

CHAP. VII.

1 He compareth the Priesthood of Christ vnto Melchisedec, 12 Also Christes Priesthood with the Leuites.

FOr this Melchisedec* was King of Salem, the Priest of the most high God, who met Abraham, as hee returned from the slaughter of the Kings, and blessed him:

2 To whome also Abraham gaue the tithe of all things, who first is by interpretation King of righteousnesse: after that, hee is also King of Salem, that is, King of peace,

3 Without father, without mother, without kinred, and hath neither beginning of his dayes, neither ende of life: but is likened vnto the Sonne of God, and continueth a Priest for euer.

4 Now consider howe great this man was vnto whom euen the Patriarch Abraham gaue the tithe of the spoyles.

5 For verily they which are the children of Leui, which receiue the office of the Priesthood, haue a commandement to take according to the law, tithes of the people (that is, of their brethren) though they came out of the loynes of Abraham.

6 But hee whose kinred is not counted among them, receiued tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without al contradiction, the lesse is blessed of the greater.

8 And here men that die, receiue tithes: but there hee receiueth them, of whom it is witnessed, that he liueth.

9 And to say as the thing is, Leui also which receiueth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For hee was yet in the loynes of his father Abraham, when Melchisedec met him.

11 If therefore perfection had bene by the Priesthoode of the Leuites (for vnder it the Lawe was established to the people) what needed it furthermore, that another Priesthood rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not to be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For if the Priesthood bee changed, then of necessitie must there be a change of the Law.

13 For hee of whom these things are spoken, pertaineth vnto another tribe, whereof no man serued at the altar.

14 For it is euident, that our Lord sprung out of Iuda, concerning the which tribe Moses spake nothing, touching the Priesthood.

15 And it is yet a more euident thing, because that after the similitude of Melchisedec, there is risen vp another Priest,

16 Which is not made Priest after the Lawe of the carnall commandement, but after the power of the endeles life.

17 For hee testifieth thus, Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchisedec.

18 For the commandement that went afore, is disanulled, because of the weakenesse thereof, and vnprofitablenesse.

19 For the Law made nothing perfite, but the bringing in of a better hope made perfite, whereby we draw neere vnto God.

20 And forasmuch as it is not without an othe (for these are made Priests without an othe:

21 But this, hee is made with an othe by him that sayd vnto him, The Lord hath sworne, and will not repent, Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchisedec.)

22 By so much is Iesus made a suretie of a better Testament.

23 And among them many were made Priests, because they were not suffered to endure, by the reason of death.

24 But this man, because he endureth euer, hath an euerlasting Priesthood.

25 Wherefore, he is able also perfectly to saue them that come vnto God by him, seeing hee euer liueth, to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high Priest it became vs to haue, which is holy, harmelesse, vndefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher then the heauens:

27 Which needed not daily as those high Priests, to offer vp sacrifice, first for his owne sinnes, & then for the peoples: for that did he once, when he offered vp himselfe.

28 For the Lawe maketh men high Priestes, which haue infirmitie: but the worde of the othe that was since the Law, maketh the Sonne, who is consecrated for euermore.

was first made after the Law was giuen: but because of that eternall othe was then reuciled vnto

CHAP. VIII.

1 He proueth the abolishing of all of the Leuiticall Priesthood, as of the old Couenant by the Priest all and euerlasting Priesthood of Christ, 8 And by the New couenant.

NOw of the things which we haue spoken, this is the summe, that we haue such an high Priest, that sitteth at the right hand of the throne of the Maiestie in heauens,

2 And is a minister of the Sanctuary, and

a Because of mans wickednes, which will not beleeue God except he sweare.

b Gods word and othe are two things in him vnchangeable, & lie vnderneath to the comparison betweene Christes Priesthood and the Leuitical, which he had begun in the fift Chapter.

c Or, *I goe to prepare vs place.*

5 Aug. 2 Sep. euen

Gen. 14 18.

a So called because that Moses maketh no mention of his parents or kinsfolkes, but as he had bin suddenly sent of God into the worlde to be a figure of Christ our euerlasting Priest, & shortly taken out of the world againe: so Christ as touching his humanitie had no father, and concerning his diuinity no mother.

b That is, the chiefe of fathers. Num. 18.21. Deut. 18.1,2. Iosh. 14 4.

c The Leuites had commandement to receiue that which Abraham gaue freely to Melchisedec.

d Were begotten of Abraham

e The Leuites receiued tithes of their brethren but Melchi-sedec of Abraham the Patriarch: therefore his Priesthood is more excellent then the Leuiticall.

f Because there is no mention of his death.

g The Law and the Priesthood are both of one condition: so that both Aarons and Moses office pertaine to Christ, which is Priest and Lawmaker.

h Which stoode in outward and corporall ceremonies. Psal. 110.4. chap. 5.6.

i For the Law hath no vertue nor profite, till a man be come to Christ.

k Or, *it was an introduction of a better hope.* Psal. 110.4.

l Or, *couenant.*

k Therefore all others are blasphemous, that either make themselues his successors, or pretend any other sacrifice.

l The fruit of his Priesthood is to saue, and that fully and perfectly, not by supplying that that wanteth, but by taking away the Law, which is vnperfect by reason of our infirmities. Leuit. 16.6.

m And cannot without blasphemie be sayd to be offered againe or els by any creatures: for none could offer him, but himselfe.

n Not that it is the declaration to the world.

2 Aug. 2 Sep. euen

5 Aug 2 Sep. euen

a That is, heauen.

Aug. 2 Sep. euen

2 Decem 2 Sep. euen

1 Decem 2 Sep. euen

and of the true [b] Tabernacle, which the Lord pight, and not [c] man.

3 For [d] every high Priest is ordained to offer both gifts & sacrifices: wherefore it was of necessitie, that this man should have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were not a Priest, if he were on the earth, seeing there are Priestes that according to the Law offer gifts,

5 Who serue vnto the paterne & shadow of heauenly things, as Moses was warned by God, when hee was about to finish the Tabernacle. * See, said he, that thou make all things according to the [e] paterne shewed to thee in the mount.

6 But now our hie Priest hath obtained a more excellent office, in as much as he is the Mediator of a better [f] Testament, which is established vpon better promises.

7 For if that first Testament had bene faultlesse, no place should haue bene sought for the second.

8 For in rebuking them hee saith, * Beholde, the dayes will [g] come, saith the Lord, when I shall make with the house of Israel, and with the house [h] of Iuda, a new Testament:

9 Not like the Testament that I made with their fathers, in the day that I tooke them by the hande, to leade them out of the lande of Egypt: for they [i] continued not in my Testament, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the Testament that I will make with the house of Israel, After those dayes saith the Lord, I will put my lawes in their minde, and in their heart I will write them, and I will bee their God, and they shall be my people:

11 And they shall not [k] teach euery man his neighbour, and euery man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for all shall knowe mee, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

12 For I will bee mercifull to their vnrighteousnesse, and I will remember their sinnes and their iniquities no more.

13 In that hee saith a new Testament, hee hath abrogate the olde: now that which is disanulled and waxed olde, is ready to vanish away.

b Which is the body of Christ.
c For els it should be corruptible.
d Hee prooueth that Christs body is the true tabernacle, and that hee must needs be made man, to the intent that hee might haue a thing to offer, which was his body.
Exod. 25.40. *Acts* 7.44.
e Seeing the offerings of the Leuites were but shadows of heauenly things, as appeareth by the oracle to Moses, it followeth then that Christs heauenly Sanctuary, his tabernacle & office are farre more excellent.
‖ Or, *couenant.*
Iere. 31.31. *Rom.* 11.27. *chap.* 10.16.
f That is, when Christ shall remit our sinnes by the preaching of the Gospell.
g Signifying, that there should be no more diuision, but all shall be made, one Church.
h Mast by transgressing the bands of the couenant could not enioy the commodities thereof.
i Men shall not in the time of the Gospel bee so ignorant as they were before, but shall know God much more perfectly through Christ.

CHAP. IX.

1 *How that the ceremonies and sacrifices of the Law are abolished* 11 *by the eternall and perfection of Christs sacrifice.*

Then the first ‖ Testament had also ‖ ordinances of religion, & a [a] worldly Sanctuarie.

2 For the first * Tabernacle was made, wherein was the candlesticke, and the table, and the shewbread, which Tabernacle is called the holy places.

3 And after the second vaile was the Tabernacle, which is called the holiest of all,

4 Which had the golden censer, and the Arke of the Testament ouerlayed rounde-

bout with golde, wherein the golden potte which had Manna was, and * Aarons rod that had budded, and the [b] Tables of the Testament.

5 * And ouer the Arke were the glorious Cherubims, shadowing the [c] Mercie seate: of which things we will not now speake particularly.

6 Nowe when these things were thus ordeined, the Priestes went alwayes into the first Tabernacle, and accomplished the seruice.

7 But into the second went the * high Priest alone, once euery yeere, not without blood which hee offered for himselfe, and for the ‖ ignorances of the people,

8 Whereby the holy Ghost this signified, that the [d] way into the Holiest of all was not yet opened, while as yet the first tabernacle was standing,

2 Which was a figure for the time present, wherein were offered gifts and sacrifices that could not make [e] holy, concerning the conscience, [f] him that did the seruice,

10 Which only stood in meats & drinkes, and diuers washings, and * carnall rites, vntill the time of [g] reformation.

11 But Christ being come an hie Priest of good things to come, by a greater and a more perfect [h] Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this building,

12 Neyther by the blood of goates and calues: but by his owne blood entred hee in once vnto the [i] holy place, [k] obtained eternall redemption for vs.

13 * For if the [l] blood of bulls & of goats, and the ashes of an heifer, sprinkling them that are vncleane, sanctifieth as touching the purifying of the [m] flesh,

14 How much more shall the * blood of Christ, which through the eternal spirite offered himselfe without spot to God, purge your conscience from [n] dead works, [o] to serue the liuing God?

15 And for this cause is he the Mediator of the new Testament, that through * death which was for the redemption of the transgressions that were in the [p] former Testament, they which were called might receiue the promise of eternall inheritance.

16 For where a Testament is, there must bee the death of him that made the Testament.

17 * For the [q] Testament is confirmed when men are dead: for it is yet of no force as long as he that made it, is aliue.

18 Wherefore, neither was the first ordeined without [r] blood.

Num. 17.10. *1.King.* 8.9. *2.chron.* 5.10. *Exod.* 25.22.
‖ Or, *couer of the Arke.*
Exod. 30.10. *Iewit.* 16.2.
‖ Or, *errours.*
c For so long as the hie Priest offered once a yere for his own sinnes & for the peoples, and also while this earthly tabernacle stood, the way to the heauenly tabernacle, which is made open by Christs blood, could not be entred into.
‖ Or, *perfect.*
d Neither yet him for whom they were offered.
e Which ceremonies although they were ordeined of God, yet considered in themselues, or els compared with Christ, are but carnall, grosse, and earthly, and touch not the soule.
f Till the new Testament was appointed.
g Which was his body and humane nature.
h Which is heauen.
i For Christ was the sacrifice, the Tabernacle, and the Priest. *Leui.* 16.14. *numb.* 19.4.
k The Leuiticall Priest offered beastes blood,

but Christ the true & eternall Priest offered his owne blood, which was most holy and pure: the Leuiticall Priest offered yeerely, and therefore did onely represent the true holinesse: but Christ by one onely sacrifice hath made holy for euer all them that beleeue. l Outwardly in the sight of man. 1. *Pet.* 1.19. 1. *John* 1.7. *reuelation* 1.5. m Which of themselues procure death, and are the fruites thereof. *Luke* 1.74. *Rom.* 5.6, 1. *peter* 3.18. n Made betweene God and Christ, who by his death should make vs heires. *Gal.* 3.15. o Hee proueth that Christ must die, because the Couenant or Testament is of none effect without the death of the Testator. p Without the death of beastes that were sacrificed, which signified that Christ should sacrifice himself for the blood.

19 For

Gospel Sonn. Mo to Thursd. } 1 and 2 Lesson Euening
Gospel Wed before Easter } Epist Mo to end } Luke to end
Gospel 2 yeres
Aug 2 Lesson } 3 Decemb 2 Lesson

19 For when Moses had spoken euery
precept to the people, according to the Law,
hee tooke the blood of calues and of goates,
with water and purple wooll and hyssope,
and sprinkled both the booke, and all the
people,

20 * Saying, This is the blood of the
Testament, which God hath appointed vn-
to you.

21 Moreouer he sprinkled likewise the
Tabernacle with blood also, and all the mi-
nistring vessels.

22 And almost all things are by the Law
purged with blood, and without shedding of
blood is no remission.

23 It was then necessary, that the simili-
tudes of heauenly things should bee purified
with such things: but the heauenly things
themselues are purified with better q sacrifi-
ces then are these.

24 For Christ is not entred into the holy
places that are made with hands, which are
‖ similitudes of the true Sanctuarie: but is en-
tred into very heauen, to appeare now in the
sight of God for vs.

25 Not that he should offer himselfe r often,
as the high Priest entred into the holy
place euery yeere with other blood,

26 (For then must he haue often suffered
since the foundation of the world:) but now
in the s end of the world hath hee appeared
once to put away sinne, by the sacrifice of
himselfe.

27 And as it is appointed vnto men that
they shall once die, and after that cometh
the iudgement,

28 So * Christ was once offered to take
away the sinnes of t many, u vnto them that
look for him, shall he appeare the second time
x without sinne vnto saluation.

CHAP. X.

1 *The old Law had no power to cleanse away sinne,* 10 *but Christ did it with offring of his body once for all.* 22 *An exhortation to receiue the goodnesse of God thankfully, with patience and stedfast faith.*

FOr the * Law hauing the a shadow of good
things to b come, and not the very ‖ image
of the things, can neuer with those sacrifices
which they offer yeere by yeere continually,
‖ sanctifie the commers thereunto.

2 For would they not then haue ceased
to haue bene offred, because that the offerers
once purged, should haue had no more con-
science of sinnes?

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remem-
brance againe of sinnes euery yeere.

4 For it is vnpossible that the blood of
buls and goates should * take away sinnes.

5 Wherefore when hee c commeth into
the world, he saieth, * Sacrifice and offering
thou wouldest not: but a d body hast thou ob-
tained me.

6 In burnt offerings, and sinne offerings
thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then I said, Lo, I come, (In the be-
ginning of the * booke it is written of me)
that I should do thy will, O God.

8 Aboue when he said, Sacrifice and of-
fering, and burnt offerings, and sinne offe-
rings thou wouldest not haue, neither hadst
pleasure therein (which are offered by the
Law.)

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to doe thy
will, O God, he taketh away e the first, that
he may establish the f second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified,
euen by the offering of the body of Iesus
Christ once made.

11 And euery Priest appeareth daily mi-
nistring, and oft times offereth one maner of
offering, which can neuer take away sinnes:

12 But this man after he had offered one
sacrifice for sinnes, * sitteth for euer at the
right hand of God,

13 And from henceforth tarieth * till his
enemies be made his footestoole.

14 For with one offering hath h he conse-
crated for euer them that are sanctified.

15 For the holy Ghost also beareth vs re-
cord: for after that he had said before,

16 * This is the Testament that I will
make vnto them, After those dayes, saith the
Lord, I will put my lawes in their heart, and
in their minds I will write them,

17 And their sinnes and iniquities will I
remember no more.

18 Now where i remission of these things
is, there is no more k offering for sinne.

19 Seeing therefore brethren, that by the
blood of Iesus we l may be bold to enter into
the holy place,

20 By the new, and m liuing way, which
he hath prepared for vs, through the vaile,
that is, his flesh:

21 And seeing we haue an high Priest, which
is ouer the house of God,

22 Let vs draw neere with a true heart
in assurance of faith, n sprinkled in our hearts
from an euill conscience, and washed in our
bodies with pure water.

23 Let vs keepe the profession of our hope
without wauering (for hee is faithfull that
promised.)

24 And let vs consider one another, to
prouoke vnto loue, and to good workes,

25 Not forsaking the fellowship that we
haue among our selues as the manner of some
is: but let vs exhort one another, and that
so much the more, because ye see that the o day
draweth neere.

26 * For if we sinne p willingly after that
wee haue receiued the knowledge of the
truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for
sinnes,

27 But a fearefull looking for of iudge-
ment, and violent fire, which shall deuoure
the aduersaries.

28 He that despiseth Moses lawe, dieth
without mercy * vnder two or three witnes-
ses.

29 Of how much sorer punishment sup-
pose ye shall he be worthy, which treadeth
vnder foote the sonne of God, and coun-

Exod. 24.8.
q Albeit there is but one sacrifice, which is Christ himselfe once offred, yet because this true & eternall sacrifice is cōpared with all those which were figuratiue, and is more sufficient then all they, therefore he calleth it in the plurall number sacrifices.
‖ Or, patterns.
r Therefore to make any other offring or sacrifice for sinne after that Christs body was once offred, is blasphemie.
s Which is the latter dayes wherin Christ came.
Rom. 5.8.
1. Pet. 3 18.
t Of the elect.
u That is, without a sacrifice for sinne: or sinne abolished.
x Without sinne, that is, without any sacrifice for sinne.
a Which was as it were the first draught and purtraict of the liuely patterne to come.
b Which are eternall.
‖ Or, substance.
Leuit. 16.21.
c When Christ was made man.
Psal. 40.6.7.
d In the Hebrew it is, thou hast pearced mine eares: thou hast made me prompt & ready to heare it in the Greeke, thou hast made me a body, that is, to obey thee, which both tend to one purpose.
e Or, roll & folding: for in old time they vsed to fold bookes like rols.
f That is, sacrifices.
g Which is the will of God to stand content with Christs sacrifice.
Chap. 1.13.
Psal. 110.1.
1. Cor. 15.25.
chap. 1.13.
h That is sanctified to God and made perfect.
Iere. 31.33.
chap. 8.8, 10.
Rom. 11.12.
i Where there remaine no sinnes to be forgiuen, there is no more sacrifice: seeing therefore that onely Christs death hath washed away all sins, and doth euer refresh when sinners doe repent: there can be none other sacrifice but that, and it can be no more reiterated.
k For the offring of thanksgiuing, which is the onely sacrifice now of the Christians, is not for sinne; but a thanksgiuing and an offering vp of our selues and ours for the same.
l We by Christ haue that liberty which the antient fathers could not haue by the Law.
m The blood of Christ is alwaies fresh and liuely before the Father to sprinkle and quicken vs.
n That is, hauing our hearts made pure.
o Of Christs second comming. Chap 6.4.
p That is, forsake Iesus Christ, as Iudas, Saul, Arrius, Iulian the Apostata did. Deut. 19.15. Mat. 18, 16. Iohn 8.17. 2. Cor. 13.1.

teth the bloud of the Testament as an vnholy thing, wherewith he was sanctified, and q doth dispite the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that hath said, * Vengeance belongeth vnto mee: I will recompence, saith the Lord. And againe, The Lord shall * iudge his people.

31 It is a fearefull thing to fall into the hands of the liuing God.

32 Nowe call to remembrance the dayes that are passed, in the which, after ye had receiued light, yee endured a great fight of afflictions.

33 Partly whilst ye were made a gazing stocke both by reproches & afflictions, and partly whilst ye became companions of them which were r so vsed to and fro.

34 For both yee sorowed with me for my bonds, and suffered with ioy the spoyling of your goods, knowing in your selues howe that ye haue in heauen a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For ye haue needs of patience, that after ye haue done the will of God, yee might receiue the promise.

37 For yet a very little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tary.

38 * Now the iust shall liue by faith: but if any withdraw himselfe, my soule shall haue no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not they which withdraw our selues vnto perdition, but follow faith vnto the conseruation of the soule.

CHAP. XI.

1 *What faith is, and a commendation of the same.* 9 *Without faith we cannot please God.* 16 *The stedfast belefe of the fathers in old time.*

NOw faith is the ground of things which are hoped for, and the euidence of things which are not seene.

2 For by it our Elders were well reported of.

3 * Through faith we vnderstande that the world was ordeined by the word of God, so that the things which were see, are not made of things which did * appeare.

4 By faith Abel * offered vnto God a greater sacrifice then Cain, * by * the which he obtained witnes that he was [a] righteous, God testifying of his gifres: by the which faith also, he being dead, yet * speaketh.

5 By faith was * [e] Enoch taken away, that he should not see death: neither was he founde, for God had taken him away: for before he was taken away, he was reported of, that he had pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for hee that commeth to God, must beleeue that God is, and that hee is a rewarder of them that seeke him.

7 By faith * Noe being warned of God of the things which were as yet not seene, moued with reuerence, prepared the Arke to the sauing of his household, through the which Arke he condemned the world, & was made heire of the righteousnesse, which is by faith.

8 By faith * Abraham, when he was called, obeyed God, to go out into a place, which he should afterward receiue for inheritance, and he went out, not knowing whither hee went.

9 By faith he abode in the lande of promise, as in a strange country, as one that dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob heires with him of the same promise.

10 For hee looked for a citie hauing a [b] foundation, whose builder & maker is God.

11 Through faith * Sarra also receiued strength to conceiue seed, and was deliuered of a childe when she was past age, because shee iudged him faithfull which had promised.

12 And therefore sprang there of one, euen of one which was [i] dead, so many as * the starres of the skie in multitude, and as the sand of the sea shore which is innumerable.

13 All these died in faith, and [k] receiued not the promises, but saw them [l] a farre off, and beleeued them, and receiued them thankfully, & confessed that they were = strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things, declare plainely that they seeke a country.

15 And if they had been mindfull of that country, from whence they came out, [m] they had leasure to haue returned.

16 But now they desire a better, that is, an heauenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them to be called their God: for hee hath prepared for them a citie.

17 By faith * Abraham offered vp Isaac, when he * was tried, and he that had receiued the promises, offered his onely begotten sonne.

18 (To whom it was said, * In Isaac shal thy seed be called.)

19 For he considered that God was able to raise him vp euen from the dead: from whence he receiued him also after a sort.

20 By faith, * Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, concerning things to come.

21 By faith, * Jacob when he was a dying, blessed both the sonnes of Joseph, and * leaning on the end of his staffe, worshipped God.

22 By faith * Joseph when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel, & gaue commandement of his bones.

23 * By faith Moses when he was borne, was hid three monethes of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child, neither feared they the Kings * commaundement.

24 By faith * Moses when he was come to age, refused to be called the sonne of Pharaohs daughter,

25 And chose rather to suffer aduersitie with the people of God, then to inioy the [n] pleasures

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q Whereby it is euident that the Apostle here onely meaneth that sinne, which is against the holy Ghost, as also Chap. 6. 4.
Deut. 32. 35.
rom. 12. 19.
r Defend the godly & punish the wicked.
s For the which thing also Saint Paul praiseth the Philippians and Thessalonians.
‖ *Or, of that sort.*

Habak. 2. 4.
rom. 1. 17.
gala. 3. 11.

a Hane bene approued, and so obteined salnation.
Gen. 1. 31.
ioh 1. 10.
b For God made all things of nothing.
Gen 4. 4.
c Meaning, faith.
Mat. 23. 35.
d Because God receiued him to mercy, therefore he imputed him righteous.
e That is, liueth.
Gen. 5. 24.
eccl. 44. 16.
and 49. 14.
f For Enoch & Elias taking vp, was such a thing as is spoken of, 1 Cor. 15. 51. & 1. thess. 4. 17.
g First God must find vs before we can seeke him, then we must seeke him with a pure heart in Christ, who is reuealed in his word: and thereby we learne to beleeue Gods free mercy toward vs in his Sonne, through whom we attaine the reward of his promise, and not of our merits.

Gen. 6. 13.
eccl. 44. 17.
9 April
2 Lesson
Even
Gen. 12. 4.
2 Aug.
2 Lesson

h For all things in the world are subiect to corruption.
Gen. 17. 19.
and 21. 2.
i Euen as dead.
Eccl. 44. 21.
k Which was the enioying of the land of Canaan.
l With the eyes of faith.
m And therefore put not their confidence in things of this world.
n That is, of Mesopotamia.

Gen. 22. 10.
eccl. 44. 20.
o For it might seeme to the flesh, that the promise was contrary to this commandement, to sacrifice his sonne.
Gen. 21. 12.
rom. 9. 7.
Gen. 27. 28.
Gen. 48. 15, 16.
Gen. 47. 31.
‖ *Or, worshipped toward the end of his staffe.*
Gen. 50. 24, 25.
Exod. 2. 2.
acts 7. 29.
Exod. 1. 16.

Exod. 2. 11.

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p The vanities of the world, which draw vs from God, and which we can not vse without prouoking of Gods anger.
Exod. 12.22,23.

Exod. 14.22,23

Iosh. 6.20.

Iosh. 6.23.
Iosh. 2.1.

Iudges 6.28.
Iudges 4.6.
Iudges 13.24.
Iudges 11.1.
1.Sam. 12.7.
2.Sam. 2.20.
and 23.24.

q Or stirre thereof.

r As Elias raised vp the widow of Sarepras sonne, and Eliseus the Sunamites sonne.

s They had not such cleare light of Christ as we: for they looked for that which we haue therefore it were shame for vs, if at least we haue not as great constancie as they.

t For we are all one bodie together.

Rom. 6.4. 1 Pet. 4. 2 3, 24. gal. 3.8. 1. pet. 2. 1.

u Or, multitude.

x As riches, cares, and such like, and so to become Christes disciples by denying our selues, and taking our crosse to follow him.

y Or, so easily compasse vs about.

z Which by reason of our continuall infirmities still cleaue vs on all sides.

Prou. 3.11.
Reuel. 3.19.

a His conclusion was they which refuse the crosse, denie to be of the number of Gods children, but are bastards.

b Which haue naturally begotten vs.

c As he doeth create our spirits without any worldly meanes, so he doeth instruct and maintaine them by the wonderfull vertue of his Spirit.

d Their halting partly declared their slownesse, & partly their inconstancie in doctrine: therefore they were in danger to be punished.
Rom. 12. 12.

e As heresies of apostasie.
Gen. 23. 35.
Gen. 27. 38.

f We were full of diseases and deformitie, but were now touched with true repentance to be cleansed and for his sinnes & to seeke amendement.
Exod. 29. 14. and 29 21.

g Which might be touched and therefore did not as it was meet for all, but God had consecrated them many should not touch it.
Exod. 19. 13.

26 Esteeming the reproche of Christ greater riches then the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect vnto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith hee forsooke Egypt, & feared not the fiercenesse of the king: for he endured as he that saw him which is inuisible.

28 Through faith he ordeined the Passeouer and the effusion of bloud, lest he that destroyed the first borne, should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the red sea as by drie land, which when the Egyptians had assayed to doe, they were drowned.

30 By faith the walles of Ierisho fell downe, after they were compassed about seuen dayes.

31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them which obeyed not, when she had receiued the spies peaceably.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would be too short for me to tell of Gedeon, of Barak, and of Samson, and of Iephte, also of Dauid, and Samuel, and of the Prophets:

33 Which through faith subdued kingdomes, wrought righteousnesse, obtained the promises, stopped the mouthes of Lyons,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, of weake were made strong, waxed valiant in battell, turned to flight the armies of the aliants.

35 The women receiued their dead raised to life againe: the rest were racked, and would not be deliuered, that they might receiue a better resurrection.

36 And others haue been tryed by mockings & scourgings, yea, moreouer by bonds and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were hewen asunder, they were tempted, they were slaine with the sworde, they wandred vp & downe in sheepes skins, and in goates skinnes, being destitute, afflicted, and tormented:

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandred in wildernesses, and mountaines, and dennes, and caues of the earth.

39 And these all through faith obtained good report, and receiued not the promise,

40 God prouiding a better thing for vs, that they without vs should not be made perfite.

CHAP. XII.

1 An exhortation to be patient and stedfast in trouble and aduersitie, vpon hope of receiuing the reward. 25 A comparison of the new Testament aboue the olde.

WHerefore let vs also, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloude of witnesses, cast away euery thing that a presseth vpward, and the sinne that doth easily so fasten vs: let vs runne with patience the race that is set before vs,

2 Looking vnto Iesus the Authour and

h As heresies of apostasie.
Gen. 23. 35.
Gen. 27. 38.

i We were full of diseases and deformitie, but were now touched with true repentance to be cleansed and for his sinnes & to seeke amendement.
Exod. 29. 14. and 29 21.

k Which might be touched and therefore did not as it was meet for all, but God had consecrated them many should not touch it.
Exod. 19. 13.

3 Consider therefore him that endured such speaking against of sinners, lest ye should be wearied, and faint in your mindes.

4 Ye haue not yet resisted vnto bloud, striuing against sinne.

5 And ye haue forgotten the consolation, which speaketh vnto you as vnto children, My sonne, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither faint when thou art rebuked of him.

6 For whom the Lord loueth, he chastneth: and he scourgeth euery sonne that he receiueth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God offereth himselfe vnto you as vnto sonnes: for what sonne is it whom the father chasteneth not?

8 If therefore ye be without correction, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sonnes.

9 Moreouer we haue had the fathers of our bodies which corrected vs, & we gaue them reuerence: should we not much rather be in subiection vnto the Father of spirits, that we may liue?

10 For they verely for a few dayes chastened vs after their owne pleasure: but he chastneth vs for our profite, that we might be partakers of his holinesse.

11 Now no chastising for the present seemeth to be ioyous, but grieuous: but afterward, it bringeth the quiet fruite of righteousnesse, vnto them which are therby exercised.

12 Wherefore lift vp your handes which hang downe, and your feeble knees,

13 And make straight steps vnto your feet, lest a that which is halting, bee turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holinesse, without the which no man shall see the Lord.

15 Take heede, that no man fall away from the grace of God: let no root of bitternesse spring vp and trouble you, lest therby many be defiled.

16 Let there bee no fornicator, or prophane person as Esau, which for a portion of meate sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterwards also when he would haue inherited the blessing, he was reiected: for he found no place to repentance, though he sought the blessing with teares.

18 For ye cannot come vnto the mount that might be touched, nor vnto burning fire, nor to blacknesse, and darknesse, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voyce of wordes, which they that heard it, refused them more, that the word should not be spoken to them any more.

20 For they were not able to abide that which was commanded. Yea, though a beast touch the mountaine, it shall be stoned or thrust through with a dart.

21 And so terrible was the sight which

appeareth, that those things which cannot be shaken, may remaine.

28 Wherefore seeing we receiue a kingdome, which cannot be shaken, let us haue grace, whereby we may serue God, that we may please him with reuerence & feare.

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

CHAP. XIII.

He exhorteth vs to loue, 2 To hospitalitie, 3 To thinke vpon such as be in aduersitie, 4 To maintaine wedlocke, 5 To auoyd couetousnes, 7 To make much of them that preach Gods word, 9 To beware of strange learning, 13 To be content to suffer rebuke with Christ, 15 To giue thankefull vnto God, 17 And obedient vnto our gouernors.

LEt brotherly loue continue.

2 Be not forgetful to lodge strangers: for thereby some haue receiued Angels into their houses vnawares.

3 Remember them that are in bonds, as though ye were bound with them: and them that are in affliction, as if ye were also afflicted in the body.

4 Marriage is honourable among all, and the bed vndefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will iudge.

5 Let your conuersation be without couetousnes, and be content with such things as ye haue: for he hath said, I will not faile thee, neither forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is mine helper, I will not feare what man can doe vnto me.

7 Remember them which haue the ouersight of you, which haue spoken vnto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conuersation.

8 Iesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, the same also is for euer.

9 Be not carried about with diuers and strange doctrines: for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace, and not with meates, which haue not profited them that haue been occupied therein.

10 We haue an altar, whereof they haue no authoritie to eate, which serue in the tabernacle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high Priest for sinne, are burnt without the campe.

12 Wherefore euen Iesus, that he might sanctifie the people with his owne blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let vs goe forth therefore vnto him without the campe, bearing his reproch.

14 For here haue we no continuing citie, but we seeke one to come.

15 Let vs therefore by him offer the sacrifice of praise alwayes to God, that is, the fruite of the lippes, which confesse his Name.

16 To doo good and to distribute, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

17 Obey them that haue the ouersight of you, and submit your selues: for they watch for your soules, as they that must giue accounts, that they may doe it with ioy, and not with griefe: for that is vnprofitable for you.

18 Pray for vs: for we are assured that we haue a good conscience in all things, desiring to liue honestly.

19 And I desire you exceedingly that I may be restored to you more quickly.

20 The God of peace that brought againe from the dead our Lorde Iesus, the great Shepheard of the sheepe, through the blood of the euerlasting Couenant,

21 Make you perfect in all good workes, to doe his will, working in you that which is pleasant in his sight, through Iesus Christ, to whom be praise for euer and euer. Amen.

22 I beseech you also, brethren, suffer the words of exhortation: for I haue written vnto you in few words.

23 Know that our brother Timotheus is deliuered, with whom (if he come shortly) I will see you.

24 Salute all them that haue the ouersight of you, and all the Saints. They of Italie salute you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

Written to the Hebrewes from Italie, and sent by Timotheus.

The * generall Epistle of Iames.

THE ARGVMENT.

IAmes the Apostle and Sonne of Alphæus, writeth this Epistle to the Iewes which were conuerted to Christ, but dispersed through out diuers countreys, and admonisheth them to patience and prayer, to embrace the true wisedom of God, and not to bee partiall, neither to boast of an idle faith,

1 Whence the word of God must come.
m Which shall be extended thorow all the world.
2 By the Gospel we are ioyned with the Angels and Patriarkes. *Gen.4.10.*

o Which spake but rudely in comparison of Christ, who preached not the Law but the Gospel. *Hag.2.7.*

Deut.4.24.
p To destroy them that resist him.

Exo.19.10. 1.Pet.4.8. Gene.18.3. and 19.3.

2 As incontinencie is a disease common to men of all sorts and degrees, so marriage the remedie is offered by the free mercie of God to all maner of men without respect.
b The Lord. *Iosh.1.9. Psal.118.6.*

c He was, is, and shalbe the foundation of the Church for euer.
d Whatsoeuer doctrine is not according to the simple trueth of Gods word is strange.
e By reproouing them which superstitiously put difference betwixt meates, he condemneth all the seruice which stood in ceremonies, comparing it with the spirituall worshipping & regeneration.
f They that stick to the ceremonies of the Law, cannot eate, that is, cannot be partakers of our altar, which is, thankesgiuing and liberalitie, which two sacrifices or offrings are now only left to the Christians. *Leuit.6.12.&6. 30.and 16 27.*
g So that the Priests had no place thereof. *Micah 2.10. Mat.5.14.*
h Thankesgiuing and doing good are our only sacrifices which please God.
i Reade Actes 20.28. and Ioha. 10.12.

* This is written to no one man, city, or country, but to all the Iewes generally, being now dispersed.

faith, but to endure a true faith by likely signes, to avoid and shun, to hate the corrupt and vile affections, to be humble and lowly minded, to go beware of sweet sin, to mark their faults when they have offended, to pray one for another, and to bring him which is out of the way to the knowledge of Christ.

CHAP. I.

1 He exhorteth to rejoice in trouble, 6 To be fervent in prayer with stedfast belief, 17 To look for all good things from above, 21 To lay aside all vice, & thank fully to receive the word of God, 22 & to be doers of it, 26 & not deceived by hearing only, 27 & to do thereafter indeed. 27 What true religion is.

JAmes a servant of God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve Tribes which are scattered abroad, salutation.

2 My brethren, count it exceeding joy, when ye fall into diuers a temptations;

3 Knowing that the b trying of your faith bringeth forth patience.

4 And let patience have her c perfect worke, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.

5 If any of you lacke wisedome, let him aske of God, (which giueth to all men liberally, and reproacheth no man,) and it shall be giuen him.

6 But let him aske in faith, and waver not: for he that wauereth, is like a waue of the sea, tost of the winde and carried away.

7 For let not that man thinke that he shall receiue any thing of the Lord.

8 A d wauering minded man is vnstable in all his waies.

9 Let the brother of low degree reioyce in that he is exalted:

10 Againe he that is rich, in that he is made e low: for as the flowre of the grasse shall he e passe away.

11 For as when the sunne riseth with heate, then the grasse withereth, and his flower falleth away, and the beauty of the fashion of it perisheth: euen so shall the rich man fade away in all his f waies.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth tentation: for when he is tried, he shall receiue the crowne of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that loue him.

13 Let no man say when he is g tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with euill, neither tempteth he any man.

14 But euery man is tempted, when he is drawen away by his owne concupiscence and is enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceiued, it bringeth forth sinne, and sinne when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Erre not my deare brethren.

17 Euery good h giuing, & euery perfect gift is from aboue, & commeth downe from the Father of lights, with whom is no i variablenesse, neither shadowing by turning.

18 Of his owne will begate he vs by k the word of truth, that we should be as the first fruites of his creatures.

19 Wherefore my deare brethren, l let euery man be swift to heare, slow to speake,

and slow to wrath.

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the m righteousnesse of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthinesse, and superfluity of naughtinesse, and receiue with meekenesse the worde that is n grafted in you, which is able to saue your soules.

22 But be ye doers of the worde, and not hearers onely, deceiuing your owne selues.

23 For if any heare the worde, and doe it not, he is like vnto a man, that beholdeth his naturall face in a o glasse.

24 For when he hath considered himselfe, he goeth his way, and forgetteth immediately what manner of one he was.

25 But whoso looketh in the perfect Law of liberty, and continueth therein, (her not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the p worke,) shalbe blessed q in his deed.

26 If any man among you seemeth religious, and refraineth not his tongue, but deceiueth his owne heart, this mans religion is vaine.

27 Pure religion r vndefiled before God, euen the Father, is this, to visite the fatherlesse and widowes in their aduersitie, and to keepe himselfe vnspotted of the world.

CHAP. II.

1 He forbiddeth to haue any respect of person, 5 But to regard the poore as well as the rich. 8 To be louing and mercifull, 14 And not to boast of faith, where no deedes are: 19 For it is but a dead faith, where good workes follow not.

MY brethren, haue not the faith of our glorious Lord Iesus Christ s in respect of persons.

2 For if there come into your congregation a man with a golde ring, and in goodly apparell, and there come in also a poore man in vile raiment,

3 And ye haue a respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say vnto him, Sit thou here in a good place, and say vnto the poore, Stande thou there, or sit here vnder my footestoole,

4 Are ye not partiall in your selues, and are become iudges of euil thoughts?

5 Harken my beloued brethren, hath not t God chosen the poore of this world, that they should be rich in faith, and heires of the kingdome which he promised to them that loue him?

6 But ye haue despised the poore. Do not the rich oppresse you by tyranny, and not they draw you before the iudgement seates?

7 Doe not they blaspheme the u worthy Name after which ye be named?

8 But if ye fulfill the x royall law according to the Scripture, which saith, Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe, ye do well.

9 But if ye regard the persons, ye commit sinne, and are rebuked of the Law, as transgressors.

10 For y whosoeuer shall keepe the whole

Law,

a As concerning faith & religion, by whose occasion diuers persecutions arose.
b Or, acceptation.
c Hebr. 12. 10.
d Doubting in doctrine, or of Gods will.
e That he is called to the company of Christ and his Angels.
f Or, contemptible to the world. Eccles. 14. 18. Isa. 40. 6. 1. Pet. 1. 24.
g He meaneth now of inward tentations, as of our disordered appetites, which cause vs to sinne.
h Seeing al good things come of God, we ought not to make him author of euill.
i He alludeth vnto the Sunne, which in his course and turning some time is cleare and bright, sometime darke and cloudy: But Gods liberality is euer like it selfe, bright and continually shining.
k By hearing the word preached. Mat. 7. 21. rom. 2. 13.
l So Gods worke is a glasse wherein we must behold our selues, and become like vnto him.
m In so behaving himselfe.
n By bearing the word preached. Mat. 7. 21. rom. 2. 13.
o So Gods worke is a glasse wherein we must behold our selues, and become like vnto him.
p In so behaving himselfe.
q Or, in all his thoughts & deeds. Iob. 5. 17.
r Or, assured tried.
s He meaneth now of inward tentations, as of our disordered appetites, which cause vs to sinne.
t Seeing al good things come of God, we ought not to make him author of euill.
u By whose name we are called.
x Leuit. 19. 18. mat. 22. 39. mar. 12. 31. luke 10. 27. rom. 13. 9. gal. 5. 14.
y Iam. 2. 10. deut. 27. 26. gal. 3. 10.

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and yet offend in one, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Thou shalt not commit adultery, said also, Thou shalt not kill. Now though thou doest none adultery, yet if thou killest, thou art a transgressour of the Law.

12 So speake ye, and so doe, as they that shall be iudged by the [f] Law of liberty.

13 For he shall iudge without mercie to him that hath shewed no mercie, and mercie reioyceth against iudgement.

14 What auaileth it my brethren, though a man saith he hath [g] faith, when he hath no workes? can the faith saue him?

15 For if a brother or a sister be naked and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say vnto them, Depart in peace: warme your selues, and fill your bellies, notwithstanding ye giue them not those things which are needfull to the body, what helpeth it?

17 Euen so the faith, if it haue no workes, is dead in it selfe.

18 But some man might say, Thou hast [i] the faith, and I haue workes: shew me thy faith out of thy [k] workes, and I will shew thee my faith by my workes.

19 Thou beleeuest that there is one God: thou doest well: the deuils also beleeue it, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou vnderstand, O thou vaine man, that the faith which is without workes is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father iustified through workes, when he offered Isaac his sonne vpon the altar?

22 Seest thou not that the faith wrought with his workes? and through the workes was the faith made [l] perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, [m] Abraham beleeued God, and it was imputed vnto him for righteousnesse, and he was called the friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that of workes a man is [n] iustified, and not [o] of faith only.

25 Likewise also was not [p] Rahab the harlot iustified through workes, when she had receiued the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, euen so the faith without workes is dead.

CHAP. III.

1 He forbiddeth all meddling to seek honor aboue our brethren. 3 He describeth the properties of the tong. 13, 14, 16 and what difference there is betweene the wisedome of God, & the wisedome of the world.

MY brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receiue the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in [a] word, he is a perfite man, and able to bridle all the body.

3 Behold, we put bits into the horses mouthes, that they should obey vs, and we turne about all their body.

4 Beyond all the rest, which though they bee so great, and are driuen of fierce windes, yet are they turned about with a very small rudder, whithersoeuer the gouernour listeth.

5 Euen so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth of great things: behold, how great a thing a little fire kindleth.

6 And the tongue is fire, yea, a [b] world of wickednesse: so is the tongue set among our members, that it defileth [c] whole body, and [d] setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For the whole nature of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and things of the sea is tamed, and hath been tamed of the nature of man.

8 But the tongue can no man tame. It is an vnruly euill, full of deadly poyson.

9 Therewith blesse we God euen the father, and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of one mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing: my brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doeth a fountaine send foorth at one place sweete water and bitter?

12 Can the figtree, my brethren, bring foorth oliues, either a vine figs? so can no fountaine make both salt water and sweete.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shewe by good conuersation his workes in meeknesse of wisedome.

14 But if ye haue bitter enuying, and strife in your hearts, reioyce not, neither be lyars against the truth.

15 This wisedome descendeth not from aboue, but is earthly, sensuall, and deuilish.

16 For where enuying and strife is, there is fickelnesse, and all manner of euill workes.

17 But the wisedome that is from aboue, is first [e] pure, then peaceable, gentle, easie to bee intreated, full of mercie and good fruits, without [f] iudging, and without hypocrisie.

18 And the [g] fruite of righteousnesse is sowen in peace, of them that make peace.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Hauing shewed the cause of all euill, and withall how to vse all the gifts and graces of God, 11 He reproueth them to vse God, 7 and submit themselues to him, 11 Not speaking euill of others, 13 nor boasting of the time to come, 15 but referring all to Gods prouidence.

FRom whence are warres & contentions among you? are they not hence, euen of your lusts, that fight in your members?

2 Ye lust, and haue not: ye enuie, & haue indignation, and cannot obtaine: yet fight and

a Vsurpe not through ambition authority ouer your brethren. ‖ *Or, stumble.*

q He that well considereth himselfe, shall not be rigorous to ward his brethren. *Eccles. 14.1. and 19.16. and 25.8.*

c He that is able to moderate his tongue, hath attained to an excellent vertue. ‖ *Or, matter.*

d An heape, and full measure of al iniquitie.

e The intemperancie of the tongue, is as a flame of helfire.

f Without mixtion and dissimulation.

g And examining things with extreme rigour as hypocrites, who only iudge themselues, and condemne all others.

h So that their life is according to their profession.

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a For the law of the members continually fighteth against the law of the minde.

and warre, and get nothing, because ye aske not.

3 Ye aske and receiue not, because ye aske amisse, that ye might consume it on your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and [b]adulteresses, know ye not that the amitie of the world is the enmitie of God? * Whosoeuer therefore will be a friend of the world, maketh himselfe the enemy of God.

5 Doe ye thinke that the Scripture saith in vaine, The [c] spirit that dwelleth in vs, lusteth after enuy?

6 But the Scripture offereth more grace, and therefore saith, * God resisteth the proud, and giueth grace to the humble.

7 * Submit your selues to God: resist the deuill, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw neere to God, and he will draw neere to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purge your hearts, ye wauering minded.

9 Suffer afflictions, and [d] sorow ye, and weepe: let your laughter bee turned into mourning, and your ioy into heauinesse.

10 * Cast downe your selues before the Lord, and he will lift you vp.

11 Speake not euill one of another, brethren. He that speaketh euill of his brother, or he that condemneth his brother, speaketh euill of the Law, and * condemneth the Law: and if thou condemnest the Law, thou art not an obseruer of the Law, but a iudge.

12 There is one [f] Lawgiuer, which is able to saue, and to destroy. * Who art thou that iudgest another man?

13 Goe to now ye that say, [g] To day or to morow we will goe into such a citie, and continue there a yeere, and buy and sell, and get gaine,

14 (And yet ye cannot tell what shall be on morow. For what is your life? It is euen a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and afterward vanisheth away)

15 For that ye ought to say, * If the Lord will, and, If we liue, wee will doe this or that.

16 But now ye reioyce in your boastings: all such reioycing is euill.

17 Therefore, [h] to him that knoweth how to doe well, and doeth it not, to him it is sinne.

CHAP. V.

1 He threatneth the wicked rich men, 7 exhorteth vnto patience, 12 to beware of swearing, 16 one to knowledge his faults to another, 20 and one to labour to bring another to the truth.

GOe to now, ye rich men: weepe, and [a] howle for your miseries that shall come vpon you.

2 Your riches are corrupte, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your golde and siluer is canckered, and the rust of them shall be a [b] witnesse against you, and shall eate your flesh as it were fire.

* Prouide [c] treasure against the last dayes.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers, which haue reaped your fieldes (which is of you kept backe by fraud) crieth, and the cries of them which haue reaped, are entred into the eares of the Lord of hosts.

5 Ye haue liued in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton: Ye haue nourished your hearts, as in a day of [d] slaughter.

6 Ye haue condemned & haue killed the iust, and he hath not resisted you.

7 Bee patient therefore, brethren, vnto the comming of the Lorde. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, vntill he receiue the * former and the latter raine.

8 Be ye also patient therefore, and settle your hearts: for the comming of the Lord draweth neere.

9 [f] Grudge not one against another, brethren, least ye be condemned: behold, the iudge standeth before the doore.

10 Take, my brethren, the Prophets for an ensample of suffering aduersitie, & of long patience, which haue spoken in the Name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we count them blessed which endure. Ye haue heard of the patience of Iob, and haue knowen what ende the Lord made. For the Lord is very pitifull and mercifull.

12 But before all things, my brethren, * sweare not, neither by heauen, nor by earth, nor by any other othe: but let your [g] yea, be yea, and your nay, nay, least ye fall into [i] condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing.

14 Is any sicke among you? Let him call for the * Elders of the Church, and let them pray for him, and anoynt him with * oile in the [k] Name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith shall saue the sicke, and the Lord shall raise him vp: and if he haue committed sinne, it shall be forgiuen him.

16 Acknowledge [l] your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may bee healed: for the prayer of a righteous man auayleth much, if it be feruent.

17 * Helias was a man subiect to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not raine, and it rained not on the earth for three yeeres and sixe moneths.

18 And he prayed againe, and the heauen gaue raine, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 Brethren, if any of you haue erred from the truth, and some man hath conuerted him,

20 Let him know that he which hath conuerted the sinner from going astray out of his way, shall saue a soule from death, and shall hide a multitude of sinnes.

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Rom. 2 5.

c To suffice to the end of the world.

d Which were the dayes of the sacrifices or feasts when they vsed to banket & feed more abundantly then other dayes.

e Which is when the corne is sowen, and a litle before it is mowen.

f Be not grieued nor aske vengeance.

Matth. 5 34.

g That which must be affirmed, affirme it simply, & without oth: likewise that which must be denied: by this hee taketh not from the magistrate his authoritie, who may require an oth for the maintenance of iustice, iudgement, and truth.

h *Or, hypocrisie.*

i The gift of healing was then in the Church. *Marke 6. 13.*

j Which in those dayes was a signe of the gift of healing, but now the gift being taken away, the signe is to no vse.

k In calling on the Name of the Lord.

l Open that which grieueth you, that a remedy may be found: and this is commanded both for him that complaineth, and for him that hateth, that the one should shew his griefs to the other.

1. King. 17. 1. ecclus. 48. 3. Iam. 5. 17.

The first Epistle generall of Peter.

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He exhorteth the faithfull to denie themselues, and to contemne the world, that being deliuered from all carnall affections and impediments, they may more speedily attaine to the heauenly kingdome of Christ, whereunto wee are called by the grace of God reuciled to vs in his Sonne, and haue already receiued it by faith, possessed it by hope, and are therein confirmed by holinesse of life. And to the intent this faith should not faint, seeing Christ contemned and reiected almost of the whole world, he declareth that this is nothing els but the accomplishing of the Scriptures which testifie that he should be the stumbling stone to the reprobate, and the sure foundation of saluation to the faithfull: therefore he exhorteth them courageously to goe forward, considering what they were, and to what dignitie God hath called them. After, he entreateth particular points, teaching subiects how to obey their gouernours, and seruants their masters, and how married folkes ought to behaue themselues. And, because it is appointed for all that are godly to suffer persecutions, he sheweth them what good issue their afflictions shal haue, and contrariwise what punishment God reserueth for the wicked. Last of all, he teacheth how the ministers ought to behaue themselues, forbidding them to vsurpe authoritie ouer the Church: also that yong men ought to be modest, and apt to learne, and so endeth with an exhortation.

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CHAP. I.

1 He sheweth that through the abundant mercy of God we are elect and regenerate to a liuely hope. 7 and how faith must be tried, 10 that the saluation of Christ is no newes, but a thing prophesied of old. 13 He exhorteth them to a godly conuersation, forasmuch as they are now borne anew by the word of God.

PETER an Apostle of Iesus Christ, to the strangers that dwel here and there throwout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father vnto sanctification of the spirit, through obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Iesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied vnto you.

3 Blessed be God euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten vs againe vnto a liuely hope by the resurrection of Iesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance immortall and vndefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserued in heauen for you,

5 Which are kept by the power of God, through faith vnto saluation, which is prepared to be reuealed in the last time:

6 Wherein ye reioice, though now for a season (if need require) ye are in heauinesse, through manifold temptations,

7 That the tryall of your faith, being much more precious then golde that perisheth (though it be tryed with fire) might be found vnto your prayse, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Iesus Christ:

8 Whom ye haue not seene, and yet loue him, in whom now, though ye see him not, yet doe you beleeue, and reioice with ioy vnspeakable and glorious,

9 Receiuing the end of your faith, euen the saluation of your soules.

10 Of the which saluation the Prophets haue enquired and searched, which prophesied of the grace that should come vnto you,

11 Searching when or what time the spirit which testified before of Christ which was in them, should declare the sufferings that should come vnto Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Vnto whom it was reuealed, that not vnto themselues, but vnto vs they should minister the things that are now shewed vnto you by them which haue preached vnto you the Gospel by the holy Ghost sent downe from heauen, the which things the Angels desire to behold.

13 Wherefore, gird vp the loines of your minde; be sober, and trust perfectly on the grace that is brought vnto you, by the reuelation of Iesus Christ,

14 As obedient children, not fashioning your selues vnto the former lustes of your ignorance:

15 But as hee which hath called you, is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conuersation,

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.

17 And if ye call him Father, which without respect of person iudgeth according to euery mans worke, passe the time of your dwelling here in feare,

18 Knowing that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as siluer and golde, from your vaine conuersation, receiued by the traditions of the fathers,

19 But with the precious bloud of Christ, as of a Lambe vndefiled, and without spot,

20 Which was ordeined before the foundation of the world, but was declared in the last times for your sakes,

21 Which by his meanes doe beleeue in God that raysed him from the dead, and gaue him glory, that your faith and hope might

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a Which were Iewes, to whom he was appointed to be an Apostle.
b The free election of God is the efficient cause of our saluation, & materiall cause is Christs obedience, our effectuall calling is the formall cause, and the finall cause is our sanctification.
Or, vnto obedience.
c To wit, of Christ. 2. Cor. 1. 3. Ephes. 1. 3.
d For it is but dead and vaine hope which is without Christ.
e Therefore they ought to looke for no earthly kingdome of the Messias.
f At the day of iudgement.
g And need doth to require, when it pleaseth God to lay his crosse vpon his, for to draw them from earthly things, and make them partakers of his heauenly graces.
h At his second comming.

Or, reward.
13 Deut. 2 Lessons Euen

i Their ministery was more profitable to vs then to them: for we see the things accomplished which they prophesied. Acts 2. 4.
k Prepare your selues to the Lord. Luke 12. 35.
l Vntill his second comming. m When you were in ignorance and knew not Christ. Luke 1. 75. Leuit. 11. 44. and 19. 2. and 20. 7. Deut. 10. 17. Rom. 2. 11. Gal. 2. 6.
n According to the sinceritie of the heart. o Reade Ezekiel 20. 18. 1. Cor. 6. 20. & 7. 23. Iohn. 8. 34. 2. Pet. 2. 19. Rom. 6. 17. Ephes. 1. 7. Rom. 3. 25. 1 Iohn. 3. 5. Rom. 16. 25. 1 Iohn. 3. 8. Col. 1. 26. 2. Tim. 1. 9. Tit. 1. 2.
p When Christ appeared vnto the world, and when the Gospel was preached.

ght be in God.

22 Seeing your soules are purified in o-
beying the truerly through the spirite, to
* loue brotherly without fayning, loue one
another with a pure heart feruently,

23 Being borne anewe, not of mortall
seed, but of q immortall, by the word of God
who liueth and endureth for euer.

24 For all * flesh is as graile, and all the
glory of man is as the flower of graile. The
graile withereth, & the flower falleth away.

25 But the word of the Loude endureth
for euer: and this is the word which is pre-
ched among you.

CHAP. II.

1 *Hee exhorteth them to lay aside all wice,* 4 *Shewing that Christ is the foundation whereupon they build.* 9 *The excellent estate of the Christians.* 11 *He prayeth them to abstaine from fleshly lustes.* 13 *To obey the rulers.* 18 *How seruants should behaue themselues toward their masters.* 20 *He exhorteth to suffer after the ensample of Christ.*

WHerefore * laying aside all malicious-
nesse and all guile, and dissimulation,
and enuie, and all euill speaking,

2 As new borne babes desire * the ? sin-
cere milke of the word, that yee may grow
thereby,

3 If so be that ye haue tasted how bount-
full the Lord is.

4 To whom yee come as vnto a liuing
stone disallowed of men, but chosen of God
and precious.

5 And ye as liuely stones be made a spiri-
tuall house, and holy * Priesthood to offer
vp spirituall sacrifices acceptable to God by
Iesus Christ.

6 Wherefore it is contained in the scrip-
ture, * Beholde, I put in b Sion a chiefe
corner stone, elect and precious: and he that
beleeueth therein, shall not be ashamed.

7 Vnto you therefore which beleeue, it
is precious: but vnto them which be disobe-
dient, the ? stone which the c builders dis-
allowed, the same is made the head of the
corner,

8 And a * stone to stumble at, and a rock
of offence, euen to them which stumble at
the word being disobedient, vnto the which
thing they were euen ordeined.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a d roy-
all * Priesthood, an holy nation, a ? peculiar
people, that ye should shewe forth the ver-
tues of him that hath called you out of dark-
nesse into his marueilous light,

10 * Which in time past were not a peo-
ple, yet are nowe the people of God, which
in time past were not vnder mercy, but nowe
haue obtained mercy.

11 Dearely beloued, I beseech you as
strangers and pilgrims, * abstaine from
fleshly lustes, which warre against the soule,

12 * And haue your conuersation honest
among the Gentiles, that they which speake
euill of you as of euill doers, may by your
* good workes which they shall see, glorifie

Rom. 12. 10. ephe. 4. 2. chap. 2. 17.

q Therefore we must renounce our former nature.

Isa 40. 6 eccles. 14. 18 sam. 1, 10.

1 Pet. 1. 23.

Rom. 6. 4. ephes. 4. 22, 25 col 3. 8. hebr 12. 1.

a In this their infancie and new comming to Christ, he willeth them to take heede lest for the pure milke, which is the first beginnings of learning the sincere word, they be not deceiued by them which chop and change it, and giue poison in stead thereof.

[Or, the milke of vnderstanding which is without deceit.

Rom. 11. 6. Isa. 28. 16. rom. 9. 33.

b Meaning that God hath appointed Christ to be chiefe and head of his Church.

Psa 118. 22. matt. 21. 42. acts 4. 11.

c The Priests, Doctors, and Ancients of the people.

Isa 8. 14. rom 9. 33.

d That is, partakers of Christs Priesthood and kingdome. Exo. 19. 6. reuel. 1. 6. 5. 10. 20. 6. 1 pet. 2. 9. 2 pet. 1. 3. 1 cor. 6. 20. 7. 23. Heb. 9. 12. Gal. 3. 13. rom. 3. 24. Col. 1. 14. Eph. 1. 7. Heb. 9. 15.

e Your good conuersation shalbe as a preparatiue against that day that God shall shew mercy vnto them and turne them. Rom 13. 1.

[Or, publique gouernement.

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Chap. 1. 22. rom. 12. 10.

f With them which acknowledge one selfe Father in heauen.

Ephes. 5. col. 3. 22.

g In all obedience: this must be before our eyes, that we obey in the Lorde for if any command things against God, then let vs answere, It is better to obey God then men. 2. Cor. 7. 10.

h Knowing that God layeth his charge vpon him.

Isa. 53. 9. 1 iohn 3. 5.

Isa. 53. 3. matt. 8. 17.

Easter euen Epist. Rom. 6. and Gospel 27 Matt. 57 vers. to the end

1 Pet. 3. 8.

19 April. 2 Lesson.

1 Tim. 2.

5 Sunday Euen Epist.

Gospel Luke 5.

Rom. 12. 18.

[Or, masters.

Gloss them in a good way. 2 Lesson

Easter Euen 2 Lesson

14 Dec. 2 Lesson

2 Sunday after Epis. 19 to end Gospel 10 John 10 to 17 verse

3 Sunday after Epis. 11 to 18 verse Gospel 16 John 16 to 22 ver.

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a But willingly doe your duetie for your condition is not the worse for your obedience.

1. Cor. 7. 3.

b By neither keeping them too strait, nor in giuing them too much libertie.

c Taking care, and prouiding for her.

d Man ought to loue his wife, because they leade their life together, also for that she is the weaker vessel, but chiefly because that God hath made them as it were fellow heires together of life euerlasting.

e. For they cannot pray when they are at dissension.

Prou. 17. 13. and 20 22. matt. 5 39. rom. 12. 17. 1. thes. 5. 15.

f God hath made vs when wee were his enemies, heires of his kingdome, and shall not we forgiue our brethren a small fault?

Psal. 34 13. Isa. 1. 16.

g To take vengeance on him.

Matth. 5. 10.

h That is, when they thinke to make you afraid by their threatnings.

Isa. 8 13.

i Giue him praise and depend on him.

Chap. 3. 12.

wbilles ye doe well, not being afraide of any terrour.

7 * Likewise yee husbands dwell with them as men of b knowledge, c giuing honour vnto the woman, as vnto the weaker vessell, euen as they which are d heires together of the grace of life; that your e prayers be not interrupted.

8 Finally be ye all of one mind: one suffer with another: loue as brethren: be pitifull: be courteous,

9 * Not rendring euill for euill, neither rebuke for rebuke: but contrariwise blesse, knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should be f heires of blessing.

10 * For if any man long after life, and to see good dayes, let him refrayne his tongue from euill, and his lippes that they speake no guile.

11 * Let him eschewe euill and doe good: let him seeke peace and follow after it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are ouer the righteous, and his eares are open vnto their prayers: and the face of the Lord is vpon them that doe euill.

13 And who is it that will harme you, if ye follow that which is good?

14 * Notwithstanding blessed are ye, if ye suffer for righteousnes sake. Feare, h feare not their feare, neither be troubled.

15 * But i sanctifie the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready alwayes to giue an answere to euery man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you,

16 * And that with meekenesse and reuerence, hauing a good conscience, that when they speake euill of you as of euill doers, they may bee ashamed, which blame your good conuersation in Christ.

17 For it is better (if the will of God be so) that ye suffer for well doing, then for euill doing.

18 * For Christ also hath once suffered for sinnes, the iust for the vniust, that he might bring vs to God, and was put to death concerning the flesh, but was quickened in the k spirit.

19 By the which he also went and preached vnto the spirits that are in prison,

20 Which were in time past disobedient, when once the long suffering of God abode in the dayes of * Noe, while the Arke was preparing, wherein fewe, that is, eight soules were saued in the water.

21 To the which also the figure that now saueth vs, euen Baptisme agreeth (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the l that a good conscience maketh request to God) by the resurrection of Iesus Christ.

22 Which is at the right hand of God, gone into heauen, to whom the Angels, and powers, and might are subiect.

Rom 5. 6. hebr. 9. 15. 28. k By the power of God. l Christ being from the beginning head and gouernour of his Church, euen in the dayes of Noe, not in body which then hee had not, but in Spirite, and preached by the mouth of Noe, for the space of 120. yeeres, to the disobedient, which would not repent, and therefore are now in prison reserued to the last iudgement. *Gene. 6. 14. matth. 24. 38. luke 17. 26.* m For, or, the answere of a good conscience. *Hebr. 13.*

CHAP. III.

1 He exhorteth men to cease from sinne. 3 To spend no more time in vice. 7 To be sober and apt to pray. 8 To loue each other. 12 To bee patient in trouble. 15 To beware that no man suffer as an euill doer. 16 But as a Christian man, and so not to be ashamed.

FOrasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for vs in the flesh, arme your selues likewise with the same a minde, which is, that he which hath suffered in the flesh, hath ceased from sinne,

2 That he henceforward should liue (as much time as remaineth in the ‖ flesh) not after the lusts of men, but after the will of God.

3 * For it is sufficient for vs that we haue spent the time past of the life, after the lust of the Gentiles, walking in wantonnesse, lusts, drunkennesse, in gluttony, drinkings, and in abominable idolatries.

4 Wherein it seemeth to them strange, that ye runne not with them vnto the same excesse of riot: therefore speake they euill of you.

5 Which shal giue accounte to him, that is ready to iudge quicke and dead.

6 For vnto this purpose was the Gospel preached also vnto the b dead, that they might be condemned according to men, in the flesh, but might liue according to God, in the spirit.

7 Now the end of all things is at hand. Bee yee therefore sober, and watching in prayer.

8 But aboue all things haue feruent loue among you: * for c loue couereth the multitude of sinnes.

9 * Be ye harborous one to another without grudging.

10 * Let euery man, as he hath receiued the gift, minister the same one to another, as good d dispensers of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speake, let him talke as the wordes of God. If any man minister, let him doe it as of the abilitie which God ministreth, that God in all things may be glorified through Iesus Christ, to whom is prayse and dominion for euer and euer, Amen.

12 Dearely beloued, thinke it not strange concerning the fiery tryall, which is among you, to proue you, as though some strange thing were come vnto you:

13 But reioyce, in as much as yee are partakers of Christs sufferings, that when his glory shall appeare, ye may be glad and reioyce.

14 * If yee be rayled vpon for the name of Christ, blessed are you: for the spirit of glorie and of God, resteth vpon you: which on their ‖ part is euill spoken of: but on your part is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murtherer, or as a theefe, or as an euill doer, or as a busie bodye in other mens matters.

16 But if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorifie God in this behalfe.

17 For

a Our sanctification standeth in two poynts, in dying to sinne, and liuing to God.

‖ Or, body. *Ephes. 4. 22.*

b Although the wicked thinke this Gospel new, and vexe you that imbrace it: yet hath it been preached to them of time past, which now are dead, to the intent that they might haue been condemned, or dead to sinne in the flesh, and also might haue liued to God in the spirit, which two are the effect of the Gospel.

Prou. 10 12.

c As hate moueth vs to reproch our brother when hee offendeth vs: so loue kideth and pardoneth the faults which be committeth against vs, though they be neuer so many.

Rom. 12. 13. heb. 13. 2. 1. Pet. 4. 8. Iam. 5. 20.

d That is, by the infidels.

17 For the time is come, that ‖ iudgement must begin at * the house of God. If it first begin at vs, what shall the ende be of them which obey not the Gospel of God?

18 * And if the righteous scarcely be saued, where shall the vngodly and the sinner appeare?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit their soules to him in well doing, as vnto a faithfull Creator.

CHAP. V.

1 The duety of Pastours is to feede the flocke of Christ, and what reward they shall haue if they be diligent. 5 He exhorteth yong persons to submit themselues to the Elders, 8 To be sober, and to watch that they may resist the enemie.

THe * Elders which are among you, I beseech which am also an Elder, and a witnesse of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be reuealed,

2 Feede the flocke of ‖ God, which is dependeth vpon you, caring for it not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthie lucre, but of a ready mind:

3 Not as though yee were lordes ouer Gods heritage, but that ye may be examples to the flocke.

4 And when the chiefe shepheard shall appeare, yee shall receiue an incorruptible crowne of glory.

5 Likewise ye yonger, submit your selues vnto the Elders, ‖ submit your selues euery man one to another, * decke your selues inwardly in lowlinesse of mind: for God * resisteth the proude, and giueth grace to the humble.

6 Humble * your selues therefore vnder the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

7 * Cast all your care on him: for he careth for you.

8 Be sober and watch: for * your aduersary the deuill as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may deuoure:

9 Whome resist stedfast in the faith, knowing * that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren which are in the world.

10 And the God of all grace, which hath called vs vnto his eternall glory by Christ Iesus, after that ye haue suffered a little, make you perfect, confirme, strengthen, and stablish you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for euer and euer, Amen.

12 By Silvanus a faithfull brother vnto you, as I suppose, haue I written briefly, exhorting and testifying how that this is the true grace of God, wherein ye stand.

13 The Church that is at * Babylon elected together with you, saluteth you, and Marcus my sonne.

14 Greete ye one another with the * kisse of loue. Peace be with you all which are in Christ Iesus. Amen.

Rom. 12.20. Iames 4.6. 1 Peter 4.18. Iames 4.10. Psa. 55.22. Prou. 16.3. Luke 12.32. Luke 22.31.

a By Elders he vnderstandeth all them which preach, teach, or minister in the Church.
‖ Or, Christ.
‖ Or, which is committed vnto you, or, as much as in you lieth.
b Nothing commeth vnto vs which we see not to appertaine to the rest of Christs members, and therefore we ought not to refuse that condition which is common to all the Saints.
c Which was a famous citie in Assyria, where Peter then was the Apostle of the circumcision. Rom. 16.16. 1. Cor. 16.20. 2. Cor. 13.12.

The second Epistle generall of Peter.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe effect of the Apostle here, is to exhort the which haue once professed the true faith of Christ, to stand to the same euen to the last breath: also that God by his effectuall grace towards men moueth them to holinesse of life, in punishing the hypocrites which abuse his Name, & encreasing his gifts in the godly: wherefore by godly life, he being now almost at deaths doore, exhorteth them to approue their vocation, not setting their affections on worldly things (as he had oft written vnto them) but lifting their eies toward heauen, as they be taught by the Gospel, whereof he is a cleere witnesse, chiefly in that he heard with his owne eares that Christ was proclaimed from heauen to be the Sonne of God, as likewise the Prophets testified. And least they should promise to themselues quietnesse by ‖ professing the Gospel, he warneth them both of troubles which they should sustaine by the false teachers, and also by the mockers and contemners of religion, whose maners and trade he lively setteth forth as in a table, aduertising the faithfull not onely to waite diligently for Christ, but also to behold presently the day of his comming, and to preserue themselues vnspotted against the same.

CHAP. I.

1 Forasmuch as the power of God hath giuen them all things pertaining vnto life, he exhorteth them to flee the corruptions of wordly lusts. 10 To make their calling sure with good works, & fruits of faith. 14 He maketh mention of his own death. 17 Declaring the Lord Iesus to be the true Sonne of God as he himself had seene vpon the mount.

SImon Peter a seruant, and an Apostle of Iesus Christ, to you which haue obtained like precious faith with vs by the * righteousnesse of our God and Sauiour Iesus Christ.

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you, by the knowledge of God and of Iesus our Lord,

3 According as his * godly power hath giuen vnto vs all things that pertaine vnto * life and godlines, * through the knowledge of him that hath called vs ‖ vnto glory and vertue.

4 Whereby most great, and precious promises are giuen vnto vs, that by them ye should be partakers of the * godly nature, in that ye flee the corruption, which is in the world through lust.

5 Therfore giue euen all diligence thereunto: ioyne moreouer * vertue with your faith: and with vertue, knowledge.

b He speaketh of Christ as he is God and Sauiour.
c That is, saluation.
d The summe of our saluation and religion is to be led by Christ to the Father, who calleth vs in the Sonne.
‖ Or, through his glory.
e We are made partakers of the diuine nature, in that we flee the corruption of the world, or as Paul writeth, are dead to sin, and are not in the flesh.
f Godly maners.

6 And

6 And with knowledge, temperance: and with temperance, patience; and with patience, godlinesse;

7 And with godlinesse, brotherly kindnesse; and with brotherly kindnesse, loue.

8 For if these things be among you, and abound, they will make you that ye neither shall be idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he that hath not these things, is blind, and *g* cannot see farre off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sinnes.

10 Wherefore brethren, giue rather diligence to make your calling & election sure: for if ye doe these things, ye shall neuer fall.

11 For by this meanes an entring shalbe ministred vnto you abundantly into the euerlasting kingdome of our Lord and Sauiour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you alwayes in remembrance of these things, though that ye haue knowledge, and be stablished in the present truth.

13 For I thinke it meete as long as I am in this * tabernacle, to stirre you vp by putting you in remembrance,

14 Seeing I knowe that the time is at hand that I must lay downe this my tabernacle, euen as our Lord Jesus Christ hath * shewed me.

15 I will endeuour therfore alwaies, that ye also may be able to haue remembrance of these things after my departing.

16 For we followed not * ‖ deuerisable fables, when we opened vnto you the power, and comming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but with our eyes we sawe his maiestie:

17 For he receiued of God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, * This is my beloued Sonne, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voyce we heard when it came from heauen, being with him in the holy mount.

19 We haue also a more sure * worde of the Prophets, to the which ye do wel that ye take heede, as vnto a light that shineth in a darke place, vntill the * day dawne, and the * day starre arise in your hearts.

20 * Knowing this first that yee know this, that no prophesie of the Scripture is of any priuate ‖ motion.

21 For the prophesie came not in olde time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moouen by the holy Ghost.

CHAP. II.

Her prophesieth of false teachers, and sheweth their punishment.

BVt there were false prophets also among the people, euen as there shall be false teachers among you: which priuily shall bring in damnable heresies, euen denying the Lord that hath bought them, & bring vpon themselues swift damnation.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious waies, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be euill spoken of.

3 And through couetousnesse shall they with fained wordes make * merchandise of you, whose iudgement long agone is not farre off, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the * Angels that had sinned, but cast them downe into hell, and deliuered them into chaines of darknesse, to be reserued vnto damnation:

5 Neither hath spared the old world, but saued * noe the eight person a preacher of righteousnesse, and brought in the flood vpon the world of the vngodly,

6 And * turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorre into ashes, condemned them and ouerthrewe them, and made them an ensample vnto them that after should liue vngodly,

7 And deliuered iust Lot, vexed with the vncleanly conuersation of the wicked,

8 (For he being righteous, and dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soule from day to day with their vnlawfull deedes.)

9 The Lord knoweth to deliuer the godly out of tentation, and to reserue the vniust vnto the day of iudgement to be punished:

10 And chiefly them that walke after the flesh, in the lust of vncleannesse, and despise the gouernment, which are presumptuous, and stand in their owne conceit, and feare not to speake euill of them that are in dignitie.

11 Whereas the Angels which are greater both in power and might, * giue not * rashing iudgement against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as * brute beasts, led with sensualitie, & made to be taken, and destroyed, speake euill of those things which they know not, and shal perish through their own corruption,

13 And shall receiue the wages of vnrighteousnesse, as they which count it pleasure to liue deliciously for a season. Spots they *are* and blots, * delighting themselues in their deceiuings, in feasting with you,

14 Hauing eyes full of adulterie, and that cannot cease to sinne, beguiling vnstable soules: they haue hearts exercised with couetousnesse, cursed children,

15 Which forsaking the right way, haue gone astray, following the way of * Balaam, the sonne of Bosor, which loued the wages of vnrighteousnesse,

16 But yet was rebuked for his iniquitie: for the dumbe Asse speaking with mans voyce, forbade the foolishnesse of the prophet.

17 * These are wels without water, and * cloudes carried about with a tempest, to whom the blacke darkenesse is reserued for euer.

18 For * in speaking swelling wordes of vanitie, they beguile with wantonnesse through the lustes of the flesh them that were

g The Greeke word signifieth him that naturally cannot see, except he bold-eth neere his eyes. So Peter calleth such as cannot see heauenly things which are farre off, purblind, or sandblind.

h Albeit it be sure in it selfe, forasmuch as God cannot change: yet we must confirme it in our selues by the fruits of the Spirit, knowing that the purpose of God electeth, calleth, sanctifieth and iustifieth vs.

i For God will euer vphold you.

k In this body. 2. Cor 5. 3, 4. Iohn 21. 18. 1. Cor. 1. 17. and 2. 1.

‖ Or, Sophisticall and crafty. Matth. 17. 5.

l For by Christs presence it was for a time holy.

m That is, the doctrine of the Prophets.

n A perfecter knowledge then vnder the Law.

o Meaning, Christ the sonne of iustice, by his Gospel.

2. Tim. 3. 16.

p Commeth not of man.

‖ Or, interpretation.

a This is euidently seene in the Pope and his Priests, which by lies and flatteries sell mens soules, so that it is certaine that he is not the successor of Simon Peter, but of Simon Magus. *Iob.* 4. 18. *Iude* 6. *Gen.* 7. 1. *Gen.* 19. 24, 25.

Gen. 19. 16. 1. *King.* 22. 22. *Iob* 1. 12.

b Albeit the Angels condemne the vices and iniquity of wicked magistrates, yet they blame not the authority & power which is giuen them of God.

c As beasts without reason or wit, follow whither nature leadeth them: so these wicked men destitute of the Spirit of God, only seek to fulfill their sensualitie, and as they are vessels made to destruction & appointed to this iudgmẽt, so they fall into ‖ snares of Satan, to their destruction.

d For in your holy feasts they sit as members of the Church, whereas indeed they be but spots, & so deceiue you, reade Iude 12. *Numb.* 22. 23. *Iude* 11. *Iude* 12.

e They haue some apparance outward, but within they are drie and barren, or at most they resemble but a tempest.

were cleane escaped from them which are wrapped in errour,

19 Promising vnto them libertie, and are themselues the * seruants of corruption: for of whomsoeuer a man is ouercome, euen vnto the same is he in bondage.

20 * For if they, after they haue escaped from the filthinesse of the world, through the a knowledge of the Lord, and of the Sauiour Iesus Christ, are yet tangled againe therein, and ouercome, the latter end is worse with them then the beginning.

21 For it had beene better for them, not to haue knowen the way of righteousnesse, then after they haue knowen it, to turne from the holy b commandement giuen vnto them.

22 But it is come vnto them, according to the true prouerbe, * The dog is returned to his owne vomite, and, The sow that was washed, to the wallowing in the mire.

CHAP. III.

3 Her sheweth the impietie of them which mocke at Gods promises. 7 After what sort the end of the world shalbe. 8 That they prepare themselues thereunto. 16 Who they are which abuse the writings of S. Paul, and the rest of the Scriptures. 18 concluding with earnest thanks to Christ Iesus.

THis second Epistle I now write vnto you, beloued, wherewith * I stirre vp and warne your pure minds,

2 To call to remembrance the wordes, which were tolde before of the b holy Prophets, & also the commaundement of vs the Apostles of the Lord and Sauiour.

3 * This first vnderstand, that there shall come in the last dayes, mockers, which will walke after there lusts,

4 And say, Where is the promise of his comming? for since the fathers died, all things continue alike from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they * willingly know not, that the heauens were of olde, and the earth that was of the water, and by the water, by the word of God.

6 Wherefore the * world that then was, perished, ouerflowed with the water.

7 But the heauens and earth, which are now, are kept by the same word in store, and reserued vnto fire against the day of iudgment, & of the destruction of vngodly men.

8 Dearely beloued, bee not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord, * as a thousand yeeres, and a thousand yeeres as one day.

9 The Lord is not slacke concerning his promise (as some men count slackenesse) but is patient towards vs, and * d would haue no man to perish, but would all men to come to repentance.

10 * But the day of the Lord will come as a theefe in the night, in the which the heauens shall passe away with a noyse, & the elements shall melt with heat, and the earth with the workes that are therein, shalbe burnt vp.

11 Seeing therefore that all these things must be dissolued, what maner persons ought ye to be in holy conuersation and godlinesse,

12 Looking for, & hasting vnto the comming of the day of God, by the which the heauens being on fire, shall be dissolued, and the elements shall melt with heat?

13 But we looke for * new heauens, and a new earth, according to his promise, wherein dwelleth righteousnesse.

14 Wherefore, beloued, seeing that yee looke for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in * peace, without spot, and blamelesse.

15 * And suppose that the long suffering of our Lord is saluation, euen as our beloued brother Paul according to the wisedome giuen vnto him, wrate to you,

16 As one, that in all his Epistles speaketh of these things: among the which some things are a hard to bee vnderstood, which they that are vnlearned and vnstable b peruert, as they doe also other Scriptures vnto their owne destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloued, seeing ye know these things before, beware least yee be also pluckted away with the error of the wicked, and fall from your owne stedfastnesse.

18 But growe in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord & Sauiour Iesus Christ: to him be glory both now and for euermore. Amen.

¶ The first Epistle generall of Iohn.

THE ARGVMENT.

After that S. Iohn had sufficiently declared, how that our whole saluation doeth consist onely in Christ, lest that any man should thereby take a boldnes to sinne, he sheweth that no man can be Iesus in Christ, vnlesse he doeth endeuour himselfe to keepe his commandements, which thing being done, hee exhorteth them to beware of false prophets, whom he calleth Antichrists, and to try the spirits. Last of all, he doth earnestly exhort them vnto brotherly loue, and to beware of deceiuers.

CHAP. I.

1 That he is witnesse of the euerlasting word of God. 7 The blood of Christ is the purgation of sinne. 10 No man is without sinne.

THat which was * from the beginning, which we haue b heard, which we haue seene with our eyes, which we haue looked vpon, and our handes haue handled of the worde

c of life,

2 (For the life appeared, and we haue seene it, and beare witnesse, and shew vnto you the eternall life, which was d with the Father, and appeared vnto vs)

3 That, I say, which we haue seene and heard, declare we vnto you, that yee may also * haue fellowship with vs, and that

ing ioyned together in Christ by faith, should be the fountaine of all

one.

Psalme.90.4. Exod.33.11. 1.Cor.2.4.

d He speaketh not here of the secret and eternall counsell of God, whereby he electeth whom he pleaseth him, but of the preaching of the Gospel, whereby all are called & bidden to the banquet. Matth.22.4.

1.Thes.5.3.Reuel. 3.3.and.16.15. Isa.65.17.& 66 22.Reuel.21.1.

e In quiet conscience. Rom.3.4.

f Albeit his Epistles were written to peculiar Churches, yet they conteine a generall doctrine appertaining to al men

g As no man condemneth the brightnesse of the sun, because his eie is not able to sustaine the cleerenes there of: so the hardnesse which we cannot sometime compasse or perfectly vnderstand in the Scriptures, ought not to take away from vs the vse of the Scriptures. Or wrest.

Epistle of Iohn. Euang. 1 Iohn 1.

c Which giueth life and had it in himselfe, Iohn 1.4.

d Before all beginning.

e The effect of the Gospel is,

f that we all bee

our fellowship also may be with the Father, and with the Sonne Iesus Christ.

4 And these things write wee vnto you, that your ioy may be full.

5 This then is the message, which wee haue heard of him, and declare vnto you, that God is [t] light, and in him is no darkenesse.

6 If we say that we haue fellowship with him, and walke in [u] darkenesse, we lie, and do not truly:

7 But if we walke in the light as hee is in the light, we haue fellowship [x] one with another, and the [y] blood of Iesus Christ his Sonne cleanseth vs from all sinne.

8 [z] If we say that we haue no sinne, we deceiue our selues, and trueth is not in vs.

9 If we [a] acknowledge our sinnes, he is faithfull and iust, to forgiue vs our sinnes, and to cleanse vs from all vnrighteousnesse.

10 If wee say wee haue not sinned, wee make him a liar, and his [‖] word is not in vs.

[t] The fruites of our faith must declare whether we be ioyned in God or no: for God being the verie puritie and light, will not haue fellowship with them which lie in sinne and darkenesse.

[u] In an euil conscience, and with out the feare of God.

[x] That is Christ with vs, and we with our selues, *Heb.9.14. 1.9.12. 1.19. reuel.1.5. 1.Kings 8.46. 2 chron.6.36. prou.20.9. eccle.7.22.*

[y] If wee be not ashamed, earnestly and openly to acknowledge our selues before God to be sinners. [‖] *Or, doctrine.*

CHAP. II.

1 *Christ is our aduocate.* 10 *Of true loue, and how it is tried.* 18 *To beware of Antichrist.*

MY babes, these things write I vnto you, that ye sinne not: and if any man sinne, we haue an [a] Aduocate with the Father, Iesus Christ the Iust,

2 And hee is the reconciliation for our sinnes: and not for ours onely, but also for the sinnes of [b] the whole world.

3 And hereby we are sure that we [c] know him, if we keepe his commandements.

4 He that sayth, I know him, and keepeth not his commandements, is a liar, and the trueth is not in him.

5 But hee that keepeth his word, in him is [d] the loue of God perfect in deed: hereby we know that we are in him.

6 Hee that sayth hee remaineth in him, ought euen so to walke, as he hath walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new [‖]commandement vnto you: but an olde commaundement which ye haue had from the [e] beginning: the [f] olde commaundement is the word, which ye haue heard from the beginning.

8 Againe, a newe commaundement I write vnto you, that which is true in him, and also in you: for the darkenesse is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkenesse vntil this time.

10 [g] Hee that loueth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of euill in him.

11 But hee that hateth his brother, is in darkenesse, and walketh in darkenesse, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkenesse hath blinded his eyes.

[a] Christ is our onely aduocate and atonement: for the office of intercession and redemption are ioyned together.

[b] That is, of them which haue embraced the Gospell by faith in all ages, degrees and places: for there is no saluation without Christ.

[c] That is, by faith, & so obey him: for knowledge cannot be without obedience.

[d] Whereby he loueth God: so that to loue God is to obey his word.

[e] *Or, doctrine.*

[f] When the Law was giuen.

[g] Loue thy neighbor as thy selfe, is the olde commandement taught in the Law: but when Christ saith, So loue one another, as I haue loued you, he giueth a new commandement: onely as touching the forme, but not as touching the nature or substance of the precept. *Chap 3.14.*

12 [h] Little children, I write vnto you, because your sinnes are forgiuen you for [i] his Names sake.

13 I write vnto you, fathers, because yee haue knowen him that is from the beginning. I write vnto you young men, because ye haue ouercome the [k] wicked.

14 I write vnto you, babes, because yee haue knowen the Father. I haue written vnto you, fathers, because ye haue knowen him, that is from the beginning. I haue written vnto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and yee haue ouercome the wicked.

15 Loue not the [l] worlde, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loue the [m] worlde, the loue of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world (as the lust of the [n] flesh, the [o] lust of the eyes, and the [p] pride of life) is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that fulfilleth the will of God abideth euer.

18 Babes, it is the last time, and as ye haue heard that Antichrist shall come, euen now are there many Antichrists, whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 [q] They went out from vs, but they were not of vs: for if they had beene of vs, they would haue continued with vs. But this commeth to passe, that it might appeare, that they are not all of vs.

20 But ye haue an [r] ointment from him, that is [s] holy, & ye haue knowen all things.

21 I [t] haue not written vnto you, because ye know not the truth: but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a lyar, but hee that denieth that Iesus is [u] Christ? he same is the Antichrist that denieth the Father and the Sonne.

23 Whosoeuer denyeth the Sonne, the same [x] hath not the Father.

24 Let therefore abide in you that same which yee haue heard from the beginning. If that which ye haue heard from the beginning, shall remaine in you, yee also shall continue in the Sonne, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that hee hath promised vs, euen eternall life.

26 These things haue I written vnto you concerning them that deceiue you.

27 But the anointing which ye receiued of him, dwelleth in you: and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of al things, and it is true, and is not lying, and as it taught you, ye shall abide in him.

28 And now, [y] little children, abide in him, that when he shall appeare, wee may be bolde, and not be ashamed before him at his comming.

29 If ye knowe that hee is righteous, know ye that hee which doth righteously, is borne of him.

[h] He nameth all the faithfull children, as he being their spirituall Father, attributing to olde men knowledge of great things, to yoong men strength, to children obedience and reuerence to their gouernours.

[i] For Christs sake.

[k] *Or, the deuill.*

[l] *Or, the deuill.*

[m] As it is aduersary to God. *Iames.4.4.*

[n] To liue in pleasure.

[o] Wantonnesse.

[p] Ambition and pride.

[q] Which seemed to haue beene of our number, because for a time they occupied a place in the Church.

[r] The grace of the holy Ghost.

[s] Which is Christ.

[t] In this Epistle which I now write vnto you.

[u] He that taketh away or diminisheth either of the natures in Christ, or he that confoundeth or separateth them, els he that putteth not difference betweene the person of the Sonne, and also he that beleeueth not to haue remission of sinnes by his onely sacrifice, denieth Christ to be the true Messias.

[x] Then the infidels worship not the true God.

[y] But he that confesseth the Sonne, hath also [‖] Father.

[z] Christ commeth the holy Ghost & the whole

CHAP. III.

¶ *The singuler loue of God toward vs. 11. And how we ought to loue one another.*

BEholde, what loue the father hath shewed on vs, that wee should be a called the sonnes of God: for this cause the worlde knoweth you not, because it knoweth not him.

2 Dearely beloued, nowe are wee the sonnes of God, but yet it doeth not appeare what we shall be: and we knowe that when b he shall appeare, we shall be c like him: for we shall see him as he is.

3 And euery man that hath this hope in him, purgeth himselfe, euen as he is pure.

4 Wholoeuer d committeth sinne, transgresseth also the law: for sinne is the transgression of the Law.

5 And ye knowe that he appeared that he might e take away our sinnes, and in him is no sinne.

6 Wholoeuer abideth in him sinneth not: wholoeuer sinneth hath not seene him, neither hath knowen him.

7 Little children, let no man deceiue you: he that doeth righteousnesse, is righteous, as he is righteous.

8 He that f committeth sinne, is of the deuill: for the deuil sinneth from the g beginning: for this purpose appeared the Sonne of God, that he might loose the workes of the deuill.

9 Wholoeuer is borne of God, sinneth not: for h his seede remaineth in him, neither can hee sinne, because he is borne of God.

10 In this are the children of God knowen, and the children of the deuill: wholoeuer doeth not righteousnesse, is not of God, neither he that i loueth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that k wee should loue one another.

12 Not as l Cain which was of the wicked, and slewe his brother: and wherefore slewe he him? because his owne workes were euill, and his brothers good.

13 Marueile not, my brethren, though the world hate you.

14 Wee knowe that wee are translated from death vnto life, because wee m loue the brethren: n He that loueth not his brother, abideth in death.

15 Whosoeuer hateth his brother, is a manslayer: and ye knowe that no manslayer hath eternall life abiding in him.

16 o Hereby haue we perceiued loue, that hee layde downe his life for vs: therefore we ought also to lay downe our liues for the brethren.

17 p And whosoeuer hath this worldes good, and seeth his brother haue neede, and shutteth vp his compassion from him, howe dwelleth the loue of God in him?

18 My little children, let vs not loue in word, neither in tongue onely, but in q deede and in truth.

19 For thereby wee knowe that wee are of the truth, and shall assure him allure our hearts.

20 For if our r heart condemne vs, God is greater then our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloued, if our heart condemne vs not, then haue we boldnesse toward God.

22 s And whatsoeuer wee aske, wee receiue of him, because we keepe his commandements, and doe those things which are pleasing in his sight.

23 t This is then his commaundement, That we beleeue in the Name of his sonne Iesus Christ, and loue one another, as hee gaue commandement.

24 u For hee that keepeth his commandements, dwelleth in him, and hee in him: and hereby wee knowe that hee abideth in vs, euen by the spirit which hee hath giuen vs.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Difference of spirits. 2 How the spirit of God may bee knowen from the spirit of errour. 7 Of the loue of God, and of our neighbours.

DEarely beloued, beleeue not euery spirit, but trie the a spirits whether they are of God: for many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby shal ye know the spirit of God. Euerie spirit that confesseth that Iesus b Christ is come in the flesh, is of God.

3 And euery spirit which confesseth not that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: but this is the spirit of Antichrist, of whome yee haue heard, howe that hee should come, and c now already he is in the world.

4 Little children, ye are of God, and haue ouercome them: for greater is hee that is in you, then d he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world, therefore speake they of the worlde, and the world heareth them.

6 Wee are of God, e hee that knoweth God, f heareth vs: hee that is not of God, heareth vs not. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of errour.

7 Beloued, let vs loue one another: for loue commeth of God, and euery one that loueth is borne of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loueth not, knoweth not God: For God is loue.

9 g In this h appeared the loue of God toward vs, because God sent his only begotten Sonne into the worlde, that we might liue through him.

10 Herein is loue, not that we loued God, but that he loued vs, and sent his Sonne to be a i reconciliation for our sinnes.

11 Beloued, if God so loued vs, we ought also to loue one another.

12 k No man hath seene God at any time. If we loue one another, God dwelleth in vs, and his loue is perfect in vs.

13 Hereby knowe wee that wee dwell in him, and he in vs: because he hath giuen vs of his Spirit.

14 And wee haue seene and doe l testifie, that the Father sent the Sonne to be the Saniour of the world.

15 Whosoeuer m confesseth that Iesus is the Sonne of God, in him dwelleth God, and he in God.

16 And we haue knowen, and beleeued

Or, reward vs. 1 By inspiring it into vs.

the loue that God hath [1] in vs. God is loue, and hee that dwelleth in loue, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is the loue perfect in vs, that we should haue boldnes in the day of iudgement: for as hee is, euen so are wee in this world.

18 There is no [k] feare in loue, but perfect loue casteth out feare: for feare hath paine: whereof he that feareth, is not perfect in loue.

19 We loue him, because he loued vs first.

20 If any man say, I loue God, and hate his brother, hee is a lyar: for [l] how can hee that loueth not his brother whom he hath seene, loue God whom he hath not seene?

21 [m] And this commandement haue wee of him, that hee which loueth God, should loue his brother also.

CHAP. V.

1 10. 13 *Of the fruits of faith.* 14. 20 *The office, authority, and dismissse of Christ.* 21 *Against images.*

WHosoeuer beleeueth that Iesus is the Christ, is [a] borne of God, and euerie one that loueth him which begate, loueth him also which is begotten of him.

2 In this we know that we loue the children of God, when we loue [b] God, and keepe his commandements.

3 For this is the loue of God, that wee keepe his commandements: and his [c] commandements are not [c] grieuous.

4 For all that is borne of God ouercommeth the world: and this is the victory that ouercommeth the world, euen our faith.

5 [d] Who is it that ouercommeth the world, but hee which beleeueth that Iesus is the sonne of God?

6 This is that Iesus Christ that came by [e] water and blood, not by water onely, but by water and blood: and it is the spirit that beareth witnesse: for the spirit is a truth.

7 For there are three, which beare record in heauen, the Father, the Word, and the holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three, which beare record in the earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receiue the witnesse of men, the witnesse of God is greater: for this is the witnesse of God, which hee testified of his Sonne.

10 [n] Hee that beleeueth in the Sonne of God, hath the witnesse [f] in himselfe: he that beleeueth not God, hath made him a lyar, because hee beleeued not the record, that God witnessed of his Sonne.

11 And this is the record, that God hath giuen vnto vs eternall life, and this life is in his Sonne.

12 He that hath the Sonne, hath life: and hee that hath not the Sonne of God, hath not life.

13 These things haue I written vnto you, that beleeue in the Name of the Sonne of God, that yee may know that yee haue eternall life, and that yee may beleeue in the Name of the Sonne of God.

14 And this is the assurance, that wee haue in him, [o] that if we aske any thing according to his will, he heareth vs.

15 And if wee know that hee heareth vs, whatsoeuer wee aske, wee know that we haue the petitions that we haue desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sinne a sinne, that is not vnto death, let him aske, & he shall giue him life for them that sinne not [p] vnto death. [p] There is a sinne vnto death: I say not that thou shouldest pray for it.

17 All vnrighteousnesse is sinne, but there is a sinne not vnto death.

18 [q] We know that whosoeuer is borne of God, [r] sinneth not: but he that is begotten of God, [r] keepeth himselfe, and the [s] wicked [s] toucheth him not.

19 [t] We know that we are of God, and the whole world [u] lieth in wickednesse.

20 But wee know that the Sonne of God is [x] come, and hath giuen vs a minde to know him, which is true: and we are in him that is true, euen in his Sonne Iesus Christ: the same is very [y] God, and [z] eternall life.

21 Babes, keepe your selues from [a] Idols. Amen.

The second Epistle of Iohn.

He writeth vnto a certaine Lady, 4 Reioycing that her children walke in the truth, 5 And exhorteth them vnto loue. 7 Warneth her to beware of such deceiuers as denie that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh. 9 Prayeth them to continue in the doctrine of Christ, 10 And to haue nothing to do with the that bring not the true doctrine of Christ Iesus our Sauiour.

THe Elder vnto the [1] elect Ladie, and her children, whome I loue in [a] the truth: and not I onely, but also all that haue knowen the truth,

2 For the truethes sake which dwelleth in vs, and shalbe with vs for euer:

3 Grace be with you, mercie and peace from God the Father, and from the Lorde Iesus Christ the sonne of the Father, with [b] truth and loue.

4 I reioiced greatly, that I found of thy children walking [a] in truth, as we haue receiued a commandement of the Father.

5 And now beseech I thee Lady, (not as writing a new commandement vnto thee, but that same which we haue had from the beginning) that we [b] loue one another.

6 And this is the loue, that wee should walke after his [c] commandements. This commandement is, that as yee haue heard from the beginning, ye should walke in it.

7 For many deceiuers are entred into the world, which confesse not that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh. Hee that is such one, is a deceiuer and an Antichrist.

8 Looke

[1] Or, *toward vs.* 1 By inspiring it into vs.

[k] Such as should trouble the conscience.

[l] For God presenteth himselfe to vs in them, which beare his image. *Iohn 13.34. and 15.12.*

[a] Is regenerate by the vertue of his spirit.

[b] The loue of God must go before, or els we do not loue aright. *Matth.11.30.*

[c] They are easie to the sonnes of God, which are led with his spirit for they delight therein. *1 Tim.1.5.17.*

[d] That is, regeneration.

[e] The water and blood that came out of his side, declare that we haue our sinnes washed by him, & he hath made full satisfaction for the same. [f] Our minde inspired by the holy Ghost. [g] Which testifieth to our hearts, that we are the children of God.

[m] Of God.

[n] Dt God.

[o] Although euery sinne be to death, yet God through his mercie pardoneth his in his Sonne Christ. *Mat.12.31. mar. 3.29. Luke 12.10*

[p] As theirs is whom God doth so forsake, that they fall into vtter despaire.

[q] Cometh not himselfe to ouer to sinne, that he forgetteth God.

[r] Taketh heede that he sinne not.

[s] That is Satan. [t] With a mortall wound.

[u] That is, all men generally, as of themselues, lie as it were buried in euill. *Luke 24.45.*

[x] Christ very God.

[y] Meaning from euery forme and fashion of thing which is set vp for any deuotion to worship God.

[a] Meaning from euery forme and fashion of thing which is set vp for any deuotion to worship God.

[1] *Or,* worthy and noble. [a] According to godlinesse, and not with any worldly affection.

[a] We cannot receiue the grace of God, except we haue the true knowledge of him, of the which knowledge loue proceedeth.

[b] According to Gods word. *Iohn 15.12.* [1] *Or, doctrine.*

d By suffering our selues to be seduced.
e He that passeth the limits of pure doctrine.

8 Looke to your selues, that we † lose not the things which we haue wrought, but that we may receiue a full reward.
9 Whosoeuer ᵉ transgresseth, & abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that continueth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Sonne.
10 If there come any vnto you, and bring not this doctrine, ᶠ receiue him not to house,
11 For he that biddeth him, God speede, is partaker of his euill deedes. Though I had many things to write vnto you, yet I would not write with paper and inke: but I trust to come vnto you, and speake mouth to mouth, that our ioy may be full.
12 The louues of thine elect sister greete thee. Amen.

† Haue nothing to do with him, teache him nor shewe him any signe of familiaritie or acquaintance.

Rom. 16 17.

The third Epistle of Iohn.

3 Dece 2 Lepon Coeuen

3 *He is glad of Gaius that he walketh in the trueth,* 8 *Exhorteth them to bee louing vnto the poore Christians in their persecution,* 9 *sheweth the vnkinde dealing of Diotrephes,* 12 *And the good report of Demetrius.*

THe Elder vnto the beloued Gaius whome I loue in the trueth.
2 Beloued, I wish chiefly that thou prosperedst & faredst well, as thy soule prospereth.
3 For I reioyced greatly when the brethren came, and testified of the trueth that is in thee, how thou walkest in the trueth.
4 I haue no greater ioy then this, that is, to heare that my sonnes walke in ᵃ verity.
5 Beloued, thou doest faithfully whatsoeuer thou doest to the brethren, & to ᵇ strangers,
6 Which bare witnesse of thy loue before the Churches, whom if thou bringest on their iourney, as it ᶜ beseemeth according to God, thou shalt do well,
7 Because that for his names sake, they went forth, and tooke nothing of the Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receiue such, that we might be helpers to the trueth.
9 I wrote vnto the Church: but Diotrephes which loueth to haue the preeminence among them, receiueth vs not.
10 Wherefore if I come, I will declare his deedes which he doeth, prating against vs with malicious wordes, and not therewith content, neither hee himselfe receiueth the brethren, but forbiddeth them that would, and thrusteth them out of the Church.
11 Beloued, followe not that which is euill, but that which is good: hee that doeth well, is of God: but he that doeth euill hath not ‖ seene God.
12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the trueth it itself: yea, and we our selues beare record, and yee know that our record is true.
13 I haue many things to write: but I will not with inke and pen write vnto thee.
14 For I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speake mouth to mouth. Peace be with thee. The friends salute thee. Greete the friends by name.

a That is, in godly conuersation, as they which haue both the knowledge and feare of God.
b By keeping hospitalitie.
c If thou furnishest them with necessaries toward their iourney, knowing that the Lord saith, He that receiueth you, receiueth me.

‖ Or, knowen.

The generall Epistle of Iude.

1 May 2 Lepo even
Saint Michael
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2 Lef Even

THE ARGVMENT.

SAint Iude admonisheth all Churches generally to take heede of deceiuers, which goe about to draw away the hearts of the simple people from the trueth of God, and willeth them to haue no societie with such, whom he setteth forth in their liuely colours, shewing by diuers examples of the Scriptures, what horrible vengeance is prepared for them: finally, he comforteth the faithfull, and exhorteth them to persewere in the doctrine of the Apostles of Iesus Christ.

IUDE a seruant of Iesus Christ, & brother of Iames, to them which are called and sanctified ᵃ of God the Father, and ᵇ reserued to Iesus Christ:
2 Mercy vnto you, and peace, and loue be multiplied.
3 Beloued, when I gaue all diligence to write vnto you of the common saluation, it was needfull for me to write vnto you, to exhort you, that ye should earnestly ᶜ contend for the maintenance of the faith, which was ᵈ once giuen vnto the Saints.
4 For there are certaine men crept in, which were before of olde ᵉ ordeined to this condemnation: vngodly men they are which turne the grace of our God into wantonnesse, and ᶠ denie God the onely Lord, and our Lord Iesus Christ.
5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, for asmuch as ye once knew this, how that the Lorde, after that he had deliuered the people out of Egypt, ᵍ destroyed them afterward which ‖ beleeued not.
6 The ʰ Angels also which kept not their first ‖ estate, but left their owne habitation, he hath reserued in euerlasting chaines vnder darkenesse vnto the ⁱ iudgement of the great day.
7 As ᵏ Sodome and Gomorrhe, and the cities about them, which in like maner as they did, committed fornication, and followed ˡ strange flesh, are set forth for an ensample, and suffer the vengeance of eternall fire.

a The faithfull are sanctified of God the Father in the Sonne by the holy Ghost.
b That he should keepe you, Iohn 17. 6.
c Against the assaults of Satan and her ministers.
d That he should keepe it for euer.
e He confirmeth their hearts against the scorners of religion and apostates, shewing that such men trouble not the Church at all aduentures, but are appointed thereunto by the determinate counsell of God.

f Gen. 19 24. 25.
g Most horrible punishment.

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Ye Epistle

1 Pet. 2. 1.
30 Aug 2 Lef Even

Numb. 14 37.
f Their incredulitie was a fountaine of all their euill.
2. Pet. 2. 4.
‖ Or, originall.
g Then shalbe their extreame punishment.
h Most horrible pollutions.

1 Decem 2 Lef Even

s Which shew themselues dull and ingnorant.

t It is well like that this example was written in some of those bookes of the Scripture which are now lost, Num. 21.14. Iosh. 10.13. 2 chro 9.29.

u In Zecherie 3. 2. Christ vnder the name of the Angel rebuked Satan as knowing that he went about to hinder the Church: but here we are admonished not to seeke to reuenge our selues by euill speaking, but to referre the thing to God.

x By their carnall iudgement.

B Likewise notwithstanding these dreamers also defile the flesh, and despise gouernment, and speake euill of them that are in authoritie.

9 Yet Michael the Archangel, when he stroue against the deuill, and disputed about the body of Moyses, durst not blame him with cursed speaking, but said, t The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speake euill of those things, which they know not: x whatsoeuer things they know naturally, as beasts which are without reason, in those things they corrupt themselues.

11 Woe be vnto them: for they haue followed the way * of Cain, and are cast away by the deceite * of Balaams wages, and perish in the * gainesaying * of Core.

12 These are spots * in your feasts of charitie when they feast with you, without * all feare feeding themselues: * cloudes they are without water, caried about of winds, corrupt trees, and without fruit, twise dead, and plucked vp by the rootes.

13 They are the raging waues of the sea, foming out their owne shame: they are wandring starres, to whom is reserued the blacknesse of darkenesse for euer.

14 And Enoch also the seuenth from Adam, prophesied of such, saying, * q Behold,

the Lorde commeth with thousands of his Saints,

15 To giue iudgement against all men, and to rebuke all the vngodly among them of all their wicked deedes, which they haue vngodly committed, and of all their cruell speakings, which wicked sinners haue spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their owne lustes †: * whose mouthes speake proud things, hauing mens persons in admiration, because of a vantage.

17 But ye beloued, remember the words which were spoken of before the Apostles of our Lord Iesus Christ,

18 How that they tolde you that there should bee mockers * in the last time, which should walke after their owne vngodly lustes.

19 These are makers of sects, sleshly, hauing r not the Spirit.

20 But, ye beloued, edifie your selues in your most holy faith, praying in the holy Ghost,

21 And keepe your selues in the loue of God, looking for the mercie of our Lord Iesus Christ vnto eternall life.

22 And haue compassion of some, f in putting difference:

23 And other saue with * feare, pulling them out of the fire, and hate euen the * garment spotted by the flesh.

24 Nowe vnto him that is able to keepe you that ye fall not, and to present you faultlesse before the presence of his glory with ioy,

25 That is, to God onely wise, our Sauiour, bee glory, and maiestie, and dominion, and power, both now and for euer, Amen.

† In vngodlinesse and iniquitie. *Psal.* 17. 10.

* 2. *Tim* 4. 2. 2. *tim* 3. 1. * 2 *Pet.* 3. 3.

r Or of regeneration.

f Some may be wonne with gentlenesse, other by sharpenesse.

Gen. 4 8. *Num* 22.23. n For as Core, Dathan, and Abiram rose vp and spake against Moses, so do these against them that are in authority. *Num.* 16. 1, 2. o These were generall feasts which the faithful kept, partly to protest their brotherly loue, and partly to relieue the needie, Tertul. in Apologet chap. 39. p Either of God, or of his Church. 2. *Pet.* 2 17. *Reuel.* 1. 17. q This saying of Enoch might for the worthinesse thereof haue beene as a common saying among men of all times, or else haue bene written in some of those bookes which now remaine not: yet by the prouidence of God, so many are left as are able to instruct vs in the faith of Iesus Christ to saluation, Iohn 20. 31.

occasions, which are as preparatiues and accessaries to the same.

t By sharpe reproofes to draw them out of danger.

u He willeth not onely to cut off the euill, but also to take away all

The Reuelation of Iohn the Diuine.

[Or, declared to Iohn.

THE ARGVMENT.

IT is manifest, that the holy Ghost would, as it were, gather into this most excellent Booke a sum of those prophesies, which were written before, but should be fulfilled after his comming of Christ, adding also such things as should be expedient, as well to forewarne vs of the dangers to come, as to admonish vs to beware some, & encourage vs against others. Herein therefore is liuely set forth the diuinity of Christ, and the testimonies of our redemption: what things the Spirit of God alloweth in the ministers, and what things he reproueth: the prouidence of God for his elect, & of their glory and consolation in the day of vengeance: how that the hypocrites which sting like scorpions the members of Christ shalbe destroyed. But the Lambe Christ shall defend them which beare witnesse to the trueth, who in the despight of the beast & Satan wil reigne ouer all. The liuely description of Antichrist is set forth, whose time and power notwithstanding is limited: and albeit that he is permitted to rage against the elect, yet his power stretcheth no further then to the hurt of their bodies: and at length he shall be destroyed by the wrath of God, when as the elect shall giue praise to God for the victorie: neuertheless, for a season God will permit this Antichrist, & strumpet vnder colour of fair speach and pleasant doctrine, to deceiue the world: wherfore he aduertiseth the godly (which are but a small portion) to auoid this harlots flatteries and brags, whose ruine without mercy they shall see, and with the heauenly companies sing continuall praises for the Lambe is maried: the word of God hath gotten the victorie: Satan that a long time was vnited, is now cast with his ministers into the pit of fire to be tormented for euer, whereas contrariwise the faithfull (which are the holy citie of Ierusalem, and wife of the Lambe) shall enioy perpetuall glory. Read diligently, iudge soberly, and call earnestly to God for the true vnderstanding hereof.

CHAP.

CHAP. I.

1 *The cause of this reuelation.* 3 *Of them that reade it.* 4 *Iohn writeth to the seuen Churches.* 5 *The Maiestie & office of the sonne of God.* 20 *The vision of the Candlesticks and starres.*

THe [a] Reuelation of IESVS CHRIST which [b] GOD gaue vnto him, to shew vnto his seruaunts things which must shortly be [c] done: which he sent, and shewed by his Angel vnto his seruant Iohn.

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Iesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is hee that readeth, and they that heare the words of this [d] prophesie, and keepe those things which are written therein: for the time is at [e] hand.

4 Iohn to the [f] seuen Churches which are in Asia, Grace be with you, & peace from him, [Which] [g] is, and [Which] was, & [Which] is to come, and from the seuen spirits which are before his throne,

5 And from Iesus Christ, which is a [h] faithfull witnesse, and [i] the first begotten of the dead, and Prince of the Kings of the earth, vnto him that loued vs, and washed vs from our sinnes in his [k] blood,

6 And made vs [l] Kings and [m] Priests vnto God, euen his Father, to him be glory and dominion for euermore, Amen.

7 Behold, he commeth with [n] clouds, and euery eye shall see him: yea, euen they which [o] pearced him thorow: and all kindreds of the earth shall wayle [p] before him. Euen so, Amen.

8 I [q] am [r] Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, [Which] is, and [Which] was, and [Which] is to come, euen the Almighty.

9 I Iohn euen your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Iesus Christ, was in the yle called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the witnessing of Iesus Christ.

10 And I was rauished in spirite on [s] the Lords day, and heard behinde me a great voyce, as it had bene of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am [t] Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and that which thou seest, write in a booke, and sende it vnto the [u] seuen Churches which are in Asia, vnto Ephesus, and vnto Smyrna, and vnto Pergamus, and vnto Thyatira, and vnto Sardis, and vnto Philadelphia, and vnto Laodicea.

12 Then I turned backe to see the [x] voice that spake with mee: and when I was turned, I saw [y] seuen golden candlesticks,

13 And in the middes of the seuen candlesticks, one like vnto [z] the sonne of man, clothed with a garment [a] downe to the feet, and girded [b] about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head, and haires were [c] white as white wool, and as snow, and his eyes were as [d] flame of fire,

15 And his feete like vnto [e] fine [f] brasse, burning as in a furnace: and his [g] voyce as the sounde of many waters.

16 And hee had in his right hand seuen [h] starres: [i] out of his mouth went a [k] sharpe two edged sword: and his face shone as the sunne shineth in his strength.

17 And when I sawe him, I fell at his feete as [l] dead: then he layd his right [m] hand vpon me, saying vnto me, Feare not: I am the [n] first and the last,

18 And am alyue, but I was dead: and behold, I am alyue for euermore, Amen: and I haue the [o] keyes of hell and of death.

19 [Write the things which thou hast seene, and the things which are, and the things which shall come [p] hereafter.

20 The mystery of the seuen starres which thou sawest [q] in my right hand, and the seuen golden candlesticks, is this, The seuen starres are the [r] Angels of the seuen Churches: and the seuen candlesticks which thou sawest, are the seuen Churches.

a Of things which were hid before.
b Christ receiued this reuelation out of his Fathers bosome as his owne doctrine, but it was hid in respect of vs, so that Christ as Lord and God reueiled it to Iohn his seruant by the ministery of his Angel, to the edification of his Church.
c To the good and bad.
d Which expoundeth the olde Prophets, and sheweth what shal come to passe in the the New Testament.
e And began euen then.
f Meaning the Church vniuersall.
Exod. 3. 14.
g That is, from the holy Ghost: or these seuen spirits were ministers before God the Father & Christ, whom after he calleth the homes and eies of the lamb, chap. 5. 6. In a like phrase Paul taketh God, and Christ, and the Angels to witnesse, 1. Tim. 5. 21.
Psal. 89 37.
2. *Cor.* 15. 10, 21.
Colos. 1. 18.
Hebr. 9. 14.
1. *pet.* 1. 19. 1. *ioh.* 1. 7, 9. 1. *pet.* 2. 5. *Mat.* 24. 30 *isa.* 3. 14. *iude* 14.
h They that condemned Christ, and most cruelly persecuted him, and put him to death, shall then acknowledge him, || *Or, for him. Chap.* 21. 6 *and* 22. 13.
i Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the a b c. of the Greekes.
k Which some call Sunday: S. Paul the first day of the weeke, 1. Cor. 16. 2. *Acles* 20. 7. and it was established after that the Iewes Sabbath was abolished.
l I am he before whom nothing was, yea, by whom whatsoeuer is made, was made, and hee that shall remaine when all things shall perish, euen I am the eternall God.
m Of the which some were fallen: others decayed: some were proud; others negligent: so that hee sheweth remedy for all.
n That is, him whose voyce I heard.

o Meaning, the Churches.
p Which was Christ, the head of the Church.
q As the chiefe Priest.
r For in him was no concupiscence, which is signified by girding the loynes.
s To signifie his wisedome, eternitie, and diuinity.
t To see the secrets of the heart.
Or, alcumine.
u His iudgements and wayes are most perfect.
x Both because all nations prayse him, and also his word is heard and preached through the world.
y Which are the pastours of the Churches.

a This word signified his word and the verrue thereof, as is declared, Heb. 4. 12. 12. *Dan.* 10. 8, 9. a To comfort me, *Isa* 41. 4. & 44. 6. b Equall God with my Father, and eternall. c That is, power ouer them. d In the latter dayes. e In my protection. f That is, the ministers, Mal. 2. 7.

CHAP. II.

He exhorteth foure Churches 5 *To repentance,* 10 *To perseuerance, patience and amendment,* 5. 14. 20. 23 *A word by threatnings.* 7. 10. 17. 26 *All promises of reward.*

VNto the [a] Angel of the Church of Ephesus write, These things saith he that [b] holdeth the seuen starres in his [c] right hand, and [d] walketh in the middes of the seuen golden candlesticks.

2 I know thy workes, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not forbeare them which are euill, and hast examined them which say they are Apostles, and are not, and hast found them lyars.

3 And thou hast suffered, and hast patience, and for my names sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Neuertheless, I haue somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first [e] loue.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, & doe the first workes: or els I will come against thee shortly, and will remoue thy [f] candlestick out of his place, except thou amend.

a To the Pastor or ministers which are called by this name, because they are Gods messengers and haue their office common with Iesus Christ, who also is called an Angel.
b Reade Chap. 1. 13.
c In his protection.
d According to his promise, Mat. 28 20 he will be with them to the end of the world.
e The first loue that thou hadst toward God and thy neighbour at the first preaching of the Gospel.
f The office of the Pastor is compared to a candlestick or lampe, forasmuch as he ought to shine before men.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the [g] Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 Let him that hath an eare, heare, what the Spirit saith vnto the Churches. To him that ouercommeth, will I giue to eat of the tree of [h] life, which is in the middes of the Paradise of God.

8 ¶ And vnto the [i] Angel of the Church of the Smyrnians write, These things saith he that is first, and last, which was dead, and is [k] aliue.

9 I knowe thy workes and [l] tribulation, and pouerty, (but thou art [m] rich) and I know the blasphemy of them, which say they are Iewes, and are [n] not, but are the Synagogue of Satan.

10 Feare none of those things, which thou shalt suffer: beholde, it shall come to passe, that the [o] deuill shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be [p] tryed, and ye shall haue tribulation [q] ten dayes: be thou faithfull vnto the death, and I will giue thee the crowne of life.

11 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirite saieth to the Churches. He that ouercommeth, shall not be hurt of the [r] second death.

12 And to the Angel of the Church which is at Pergamus write, This saieth hee which hath the sharpe [s] sworde with two edges,

13 I knowe thy workes and where thou [t] dwellest, euen where Satans [u] throne is, and thou keepest my Name, and hast not denied my faith, [v] euen in those dayes when Antipas my faithfull martyr was slaine among you, where Satan [w] dwelleth.

14 But I haue a fewe things against thee, because thou hast there them that maintaine the doctrine of [x] Balaam, which taught Balac to put a stumbling blocke before the children of Israel, that they should eate of things sacrificed vnto idoles, and commit fornication.

15 Euen so hast thou them, that maintaine the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16 Repent thy selfe, or els I will come vnto thee shortly, and will fight against them with the [y] sword of my mouth.

17 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirit saieth vnto the Churches. To him that ouercommeth, will I giue to eate of the [z] Manna that is hid, and will giue him a [a] white stone, and in the stone a [b] new name written, which no man knoweth saue he that receiueth it.

18 ¶ And vnto the Angel of the Church which is at Thyatira write, These things saieth the Sonne of God, which hath his eyes like vnto a flame of fire, and his feete like [c] fine brasse.

19 I know thy workes and thy loue, and [d] seruice, and faith, and thy patience, and thy workes, and that they are moe at the last then at the first.

20 Notwithstanding, I haue a fewe things against thee, that thou sufferest the woman [e] Iezebel, which calleth her selfe a Prophetesse, to teach and to deceiue my seruants, to make them [f] commit fornication, and to eate meate sacrificed vnto idoles.

21 And I gaue her space to repent of her fornication, and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit fornication with her, into great affliction, except they repent them of their workes.

23 And I will kill her [g] children with death: and all the Churches shall knowe that I am hee which [h] searche the reines and hearts: and I will giue vnto euery one of you according vnto your workes.

24 And vnto you, I say, the rest of them of Thyatira, As many as haue not this learning, neither haue knowen the [i] deepenesse of Satan (as they speake) I will put vpon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye haue already, hold fast till I come.

26 For hee that ouercommeth and keepeth my workes vnto the ende, to him will I giue power ouer nations,

27 [k] And hee shall rule them with a rod of yron: and as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken.

28 Euen as I receiued of my Father, so will I giue him the morning starre.

29 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirit saith vnto the Churches.

g These were heretikes which held that wiues should be common, & as some thinke, were named of one called Nicolas, of whom is written, Act. 6.5. which was chosen among the Deacons.

h Meaning, the life euerlasting: thus by corporall benefits he raiseth them vp to consider spirituall blessings.

i This is thought to be Polycarpus, who was minister of Smyrna 86. yeeres, as he himselfe confessed before Herodes, when he was led to be burned for Christs cause.

k The eternall Diuinity of Iesus Christ is here most plainely declared, with his manhood, and victory ouer death, to assure his that they shall not be ouercome by death.

l This was the persecution vnder the Emperour Domitian.

m In spirituall treasures.

n They are not Abrahams children according to the faith.

o Here he nameth the authour of all our calamity, incouraging vs manfully to fight against him, in promising vs the victory.

p The ende of affliction is, that we may be tryed and not destroyed.

q Signifying many times, as Genesis 38.41. numb. 14.22. although there shall bee comfort and release.

r The first death is the naturall death of the body, the second is the eternall death: from the which all are free that beleeue in Iesus Christ. Iohn 5.24.

s The word of God is the sworde with two edges. Heb. 4.12.

t All townes and countreyes where as Gods word and good liuing is banished, are the throne of Satan, and also those places where the word is not preached syncerely, and manners aright reformed.

u In the very heate of persecution and slaughter of the Martyrs, they continued in the pure faith, and therefore are commended after a sort.

v And not common to all.

w Such a stone was wont to be giuen vnto them that had gotten any victory or prise, in signe of honour, and therefore it signifieth here a token of Gods fauour & grace: also it was a signe that one was cleared in iudgement.

x The newe name also signifieth renoume and honour.

y Or, alcumist.

z To helpe the Saints.

a As that harlot Iezabel maintained strange religion, and exercised cruelty against the seruants of God, so are there among them that doe the like.

b They that consent to idolatry and false doctrine, commit spirituall whoredome, whereof followeth corporall whoredome, Hose. 4. 13.

c Them that follow her wayes.

d The children

1. Kings. 16.31.

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1. Sam. 16.7. psal. 7.9. ier. 11.20 & 17.10.

h The false teachers termed their doctrine by this name, as though it contained the most deepe knowledge of heauenly things, and was in deede drawen out of the deepe dungeon of hell: by such termes now the Anabaptists, Libertines, Papists, Arrians, &c. vse to beautifie their monstrous errours and blasphemies. Psal. 2.9.

CHAP. III.

Here exhorteth the Churches or ministers to the true profession of faith, and to watching, 12 With promises to them that persuere.

AND write vnto the Angel of the Church which is at Sardi, These things saieth he that hath the seuen Spirits of God, and the seuen starres, I knowe thy workes: for thou hast a name that thou [a] liuest, but thou art dead.

a The minister liueth when he bringeth foorth good fruit, els he is dead.

2 Be awake and strengthen the things which remaine, that are ready to die: for I haue not found thy workes perfite before God.

3 Remember therefore, howe thou hast receiued and heard, and holde fast, and repent. If therefore thou wilt not watch, I

Chap. 16.15. 1. Thes. 5.2. 2. Pet. 3.10.

I will come on thee as a theefe, and thou shalt not know what houre I will come vpon thee.

4 Notwithstanding thou hast a few names yet in Sardi, which haue not [b] defiled their garments, and they shall walke with mee in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that ouercommeth, shall be clothed in white aray, and I will not put out his name out of the [c] Booke of life, but I will confesse his name before my Father, and before his Angels.

6 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirit saith vnto the Churches.

7 ¶ And write vnto the Angel of the Church which is of Philadelphia, These things sayeth hee that is Holy and True, which hath the [d] key of Dauid, which openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth.

8 I knowe thy workes: behold, I haue set before thee an open [e] doore, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my Name.

9 Beholde, I will make them of the Synagogue of Satan, which call themselues Iewes and are not, but doe lie: beholde, I say, I will make them that they shall come and [f] worship before thy feete, and shall know that I haue loued thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the worde of my patience, therefore I will deliuer thee from the houre of tentation, which wil come vpon all the worlde, to trie them that dwell vpon the earth.

11 Beholde, I come shortly: holde that which thou hast, that no man take thy [f] crowne.

12 Him that ouercommeth, will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and hee shall goe no more out: and I will write vpon him the Name of my God, and the Name of the citie of my God, which is the new Ierusalem, which commeth downe out of heauen from my God, and I will write vpon him my new Name.

13 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirit saith vnto the Churches.

14 And vnto the Angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write, These things sayeth [g] Amen, the faithfull and true witnesse, the [h] beginning of the creatures of God,

15 I knowe thy workes, that thou art neither colde nor hot: I would thou werett cold or hot.

16 Therefore, because thou art lukewarme, and neither colde nor hot, it will come to passe, that I shall spew thee out of my mouth.

17 For thou sayest, I am [i] rich and increased with goods, and haue [k] neede of nothing, and knowest not how thou art wretched, and miserable, and poore, and blinde, and naked.

18 I counsell thee to buy of me golde tried by the fire, that thou mayest bee made rich, and white rayment, that thou mayest bee clothed, and that the filthie nakednesse doe not appeare: and [l] anoynte thine eyes with eye salue, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I loue, I [m] rebuke and chasten: bee [n] zealous therefore and amende.

20 Beholde, I stand at the doore, and knocke. If any man heare my voyce and open the doore, I will come in vnto him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that ouercommeth, will I graunt to sit with me in my [o] throne, euen as I ouercame, and sit with my Father in his throne.

22 Let him that hath an eare, heare what the Spirit saith vnto the Churches.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The vision of the Maiestie of God. 2 He seeth the throne & one sitting vpon it, 8 and 24 seates about it with 24. elders sitting vpon them, and foure beasts praysing God day and night.

AFter this I looked, and behold, a [a] doore was open in heauen, and the first voice which I heard, was as it were of a trumpet talking with mee, saying, Come vp hither, and I will shew thee things which must bee done hereafter.

2 And immediatly I was rauished in the spirit, and beholde, a throne was set in heauen, and one sate vpon the throne.

3 And [b] hee that sate, was to looke vpon like vnto a Iasper stone, and a Sardine, and there was a rainebow round about the throne in sight like vnto an Emerand.

4 And round about the throne were foure and twenty seates, and vpon the seates I saw [c] foure and twentie Elders sitting, clothed in white rayment, and had on their heads crownes of gold.

5 And out of the throne [d] proceeded [e] lightnings, and thunderings, and voyces, and there were seuen lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seuen spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a [f] sea of glasse like vnto christal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne were foure [g] beastes full of eyes before and behinde.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calfe, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying Eagle.

8 And the foure beastes had each one of them sixe wings about him: and they were full of eyes within, and they ceased not day nor night, saying, [h] Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Which was, and Which is, and Which is to come.

9 And when those beasts gaue glory and honour, and thankes to him that sate on the throne, which liueth for euer and euer,

10 The foure and twentie Elders fell downe before him that sate on the throne, and worshipped him, that liueth for euermore, [i] and cast their crownes before the throne, saying,

Or, persons.

b Either by consenting to idolaters, or els polluting their conscience with any euill.

Chap.20.12. and 21.27. phil.4.3. Isa.22.22. Iob.12.14.

c Which signifieth that Christ hath al the power ouer the house of Dauid which is the Church, so that he may either receiue or put out whom he will.

d Which is to aduance the kingdome of God.

e I will cause them in thy sight to humble themselues, & to giue due honour to God, and to his sonne Christ.

f Let no man plucke them away, which thou hast wonne to God: for they are thy crowne, as S. Paul writeth, saying, Brethren, ye are my ioy and my crowne. Phil.4.1. 1.thess.2.19.

g That is, Trueth it selfe.

h Of whom all creatures haue their beginning.

i Perswading thy self of that which thou hast not.

k Thus the hypocrites boast of their own power, and doe not vnderstand their infirmities to seeke to Christ for remedie.

l Suffer the eyes of thine vnderstanding to be opened.

Prou.3.12. Iob.12.5.

m Nothing more displeaseth God then indifferency and coldnesse in religion, & therefore he will shew such out as are not zealous and feruent.

n In my seate royall, and to be partaker of mine heauenly ioy.

a Before that he make mention of the great afflictions of the Church, he setteth foorth the maiestie of God, by whose will, wisedome & prouidence all things are created, and gouerned, to teach vs patience.

b He describeth the diuine and incomprehensible vertue of God the Father, as chap.5.6. and the Sonne, who is ioyned with him.

c By these are meant all the holy company of the heauens.

d From his throne of the Father and the Sonne proceedeth the holy Ghost, who hauing all but one throne, declare the vnitie of the Godhead.

e The holy Ghost is as a lightning vnto vs that beleeue, and as a fearefull thunder to the disobedient.

f The world is compared to a sea, because of the changes and vnstablenesse.

g It is as cleere as christall before the eyes of God, because there is nothing in it so little that is hid from him. ‖ *Or, vnder the throne.*

h They are called Cherubims, Ezek. 10.20 to giue glory to God in all his works. *Isa.63.*

i We are hereby taught to giue glory to God in all his works. k They will challenge no authoritie, honour, nor power before God.

Chap 5.12.

11 Thou art *worthy, O Lorde, to receiue glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy willes sake they are, and haue bene created.

CHAP. V.

1 He seeth the Lambe opening the booke, 8.14 And therefore the foure beastes, the 24 Elders, and the Angels praise the Lambe, and do him worship, 9 For their redemption and other benefites.

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sate vpon the throne, a a Booke written within, and on the backeside, sealed with b seuen seales,

2 And I saw a strong Angell, which preached with a loud voyce, Who is worthy to open the Booke, and to loose the seales thereof?

3 And no man in heauen, nor in earth, neither vnder the earth was able to open the Booke, neither to looke thereon.

4 Then I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open, and to reade the Booke, neither to looke thereon.

5 And one of the Elders sayd vnto me, Weepe not: behold, the *Lion which is of the tribe of Iuda, the roote of Dauid, hath obteyned to open the Booke, and to loose the seuen seales thereof.

6 Then I beheld, and loe, in the middes of the throne, and of the foure beasts, and in the middes of the Elders, stood a c Lambe, as though hee had bene killed, which had d seuen hornes, and c seuen eyes, which are the seuen spirits of God, sent into all the world.

7 And he came and tooke the Booke out of the right hand of him that sate vpon the throne.

8 And when hee had taken the Booke, the foure beastes, and the foure and twentie Elders f fell downe before the Lambe, hauing euery one harpes and golden vialles full of odours, which are the g prayers of Saints.

9 And they sung a newe song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the Booke, and to open the seales thereof, because thou wast killed, and hast h redeemed vs to God by thy blood out of euery kinred, and tongue, and people, and nation,

10 And hast made vs vnto our GOD *Kings and Priests, and wee shall i reigne on the earth.

11 Then I beheld, and I heard the voyce of many Angels round about the throne, and about the beastes and the Elders, and there were *thousand thousands,

12 Saying with a loude voyce, Worthy is the *Lambe that was killed, to receiue power, and riches, and wisedome, and strength, and honour, and glorie, and prayse.

13 And all the creatures which are in heauen, and on the earth, and vnder the earth, and in the sea, and al that are in them, heard I saying, Prayse, and honour, and glorie, and power bee vnto him, that sitteth vpon the throne, and vnto the Lambe for euermore.

14 And the foure beasts said, Amen, and the foure & twentie Elders fell downe, and worshipped him that liueth for euermore.

CHAP VI.

The Lambe openeth the fiue seales, and many things follow the opening thereof, so that this conteineth a generall prophesie to the ends of the world.

AFter, I beheld when the Lambe had opened one a of the seales, and I heard one of the foure beastes say, as it were the b noyse of thunder, Come and see.

2 Therefore I beheld, and loe, there was a c white horse, and he that d sate on him, had a bowe, and a crowne was giuen vnto him, and he went forth conquering, that he might ouercome.

3 And when hee had opened the second seale, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse, that was e red, and power was giuen to him that f sate thereon, to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another, and there was giuen vnto him a great sword.

5 And when hee had opened the third seale, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. Then I beheld, and loe, g a blacke horse, and hee that sate on him, had balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voyce in the middes of the foure beastes say, A h measure of wheate for a peny, and three measures of barley for a peny, and oyle, and wine hurt thou not.

7 And when hee had opened the fourth seale, I heard the voyce of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and beholde, a i pale horse, and his name that sate on him was Death, and k Hell followed after him, and power was giuen vnto them ouer the fourth part of the earth, to kil with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when hee had opened the l fift seale, I sawe vnder the altar m the soules of them that were killed for the worde of God, and for the testimonie which they maintained.

10 And they cryed with a loude voyce, saying, How long, Lord, holy and true! doest not thou iudge & auenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And long white robes were giuen vnto euery one, and it was sayd vnto them, that they should rest for a little season, vntill their fellowe seruants, and their brethren that should be killed euen as they were, were fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when hee had opened the fift seale, and loe, there was a great n earthquake, and the o sunne was as blacke as p sackcloth of haire, and the q moone was like blood.

13 And

a A similitude taken of earthly princes, which iudge by bookes and writings: and here it doeth signifie all the counsels, and iudgements of God, which are onely knowen to Christ the sonne of Dauid, verse 5.
b That is, many. Gene. 49 9.

c This vision confirmeth the power of our Lord Iesus which is the Lambe of God that taketh away the sinne of the world.
d That is, manifold power.
e Signifying the fulnesse of the spirit which Christ powreth vpon all.
f The Angels honour Christ: he is therefore God.
g This declareth how the prayers of the faithfull are agreeable vnto God, reade Acts 10 4 and chap. 8.3.
h Our Sauiour Iesus hath redeemed his Church by his bloodshedding, and gathered it of all nations. 1. Pet. 2 9.
i Not corporally. Dan. 7 10. Chap. 4.12.

a The opening of the seale is the dedication of Gods will, and the executing of his iudgements.
b Signifying, that there were marueilous things to come.
c The white horse signifieth innocencie, victorie, and felicitie, which should come by the preaching of the Gospel.
d He that rideth on the white horse, is Christ.
e Signifying the cruel warres that ensued when the Gospel was refused.
f Who was Satan.
g This signifieth an extreme famine and want of all things.
h The Greeke worde signifieth that measure which was ordinarily giuen to seruants for their portion or stint of meate for one day.
i Which amounted to about foure pence halfepeny.
k Whereby is meant sickenesse, plagues, pestilence, and death of man and beast.
l Or, the graue.
m The continuall persecution of the Church notedby the fift seale.
n The soules of the Saints are vnder the altar, which is Christ, meaning that they are in his safe custodie in the heauens.
o Which signifieth the change of the true doctrine, which is the greatest cause of motions, and troubles that come to the world.
p That is, the brightnesse of the Gospel.
q The tradicions of men.
r The Church miserably defaced with idolatry, and afflicted by tyrants.

13 And the ᵉ starres of heauen fell vnto the earth, as a figge tree casteth her grene figs, when it is shaken of a mightie winde.

14 And ᶠ heauen departed away, as a scrole when it is rolled, and euery mountaine and Ile were moued out of their places.

15 And the Kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chiefe captaines, and the mightie men, and euery bond man, and euery free man, hid themselues in dennes, and among the rockes of the mountaines,

16 And sayd to the ᵍ mountaines & rockes, ʰ Fall on vs, and hide vs from the presence of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lambe.

17 For the great day of his wrath is come, and who can stand?

ᵉ Doctors and preachers that depart from the trueth.
ᶠ The kingdome of God is hid, & withdrawen frō men, and appeareth not.
ᵍ Realmes, kingdomes and persons, that did seeme to be as stable in the faith as mountaines *Isa.2.19.hos.10 Luke 23.30.*
ʰ Such men afterward, of what estate soeuer they be shall be separate, and not able to susteine the weight of Gods wrath, but shall continually feare his iudgements.

CHAP. VII.

4 He seeth the seruants of God sealed in their foreheads out of all nations and people, 15 which though they suffer trouble, yet the Lambe feedeth them, leadeth them to the fountaines of liuing water, 17 and God shall wipe away all teares from their eyes.

AND after that, I saw foure angels stand on the foure corners of the earth, holding the foure ᵃ windes of the ᵇ earth, that the windes should not blow on the earth, neither on the ᶜ sea, neither on any ᵈ tree.

2 And I saw another ‖ Angel come vp from the East, which had the seale of the liuing God, and he cryed with a loud voice to the foure Angels to whom power was giuen to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, ᵉ Hurt ye not the earth, neither the sea, neither the trees, till wee haue sealed the seruants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them, which were sealed, and there were sealed an hundreth and foure and forty thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Iuda were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelue thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtali were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelue thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of ʰ Leui were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelue thousand.

8 Of the tribe of ⁱ Ioseph were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Beniamin were sealed twelue thousand.

9 After these things I beheld, and loe, a great multitude, which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stoode before the throne, and before the Lambe, clothed with long ᵏ white robes, and ˡ palmes in their hands.

10 And they cryed with a loude voyce, saying, ᵐ Saluation commeth of our God, that sitteth vpon the throne, and of the Lambe.

11 And all the Angels stood round about the throne, and about the Elders, & the foure beasts, & they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen. Praise and glory, and wisdome, and thanks, and honour, and power, and might be vnto our God for euermore, Amen.

13 And one of the Elders spake, saying vnto me, What are these which are arayed in long white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I sayde vnto him, Lord, thou knowest. And he sayd to me, These are they, which came out of great tribulation, and haue washed their long robes, and haue made their long robes white in the ⁿ blood of the Lambe.

15 Therefore are they in the presence of the throne of ᵒ God, and serue him day and ᵖ night in his Temple, and he that sitteth on the throne, will ᵈ well among them.

16 ᵠ They shal hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sunne light on them, neither any heat.

17 For the ʳ Lambe, which is in the mids of the throne, shall gouerne them, and shall leade them vnto the ˢ liuely fountaines of waters, and ᵗ God shall wipe away all teares from their eyes.

ᵃ The Spirit is compared to winde, and the doctrine also: and though there be one spirit and one doctrine, yet foure are here named in respect of the diuersitie of the foure quarters of the earth where the Gospel is spread, and for the foure writers thereof, and the preachers of the same thorow the whole world.
ᵇ Meaning, the men of the earth.
ᶜ That is, the ylands.
ᵈ Signifying all men in generall, who can no more liue without this spirituall doctrine, then trees can blossome and beare, except the winde blowe vpon them. ‖ *Or, Christ*
ᵉ God preuenteth the dangers and euils, which otherwise would ouerwhelme the elect.
ᶠ Those that are sealed by the Spirit of God, and marked with the blood of the Lambe, and lightned in faith by the word of God, so that they make open profession of the same are exempted from euil.
ᵍ Though that this blindnesse be brought into the world by the malice of Satan, yet the mercies of God reserue to himselfe an infinite number which shall be saued, both of the Iewes and Gentiles through Christ.
ʰ He omitteth Dan, and putteth Leuiin, whereby he meaneth the twelue tribes.
ⁱ That is, the tribe of Ephraim, which was Iosephs sonne.
ᵏ In signe of puritie.
ˡ In token of victorie and felicitie.
ᵐ All that are saued, attribute their saluation vnto God onely and to his Christ, and to none other thing.
ⁿ There is no purity nor cleannesse, but by the blood of Christ only, which purgeth our sinnes, and so maketh vs white.
ᵒ That is, of the Maiestie of God the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost.
ᵖ Meaning continually: for else in heauen there is no night. *Isa.49.10.*
ᵠ For all infirmitie and miserie shall be then taken away.
ʳ They shall haue no more griefe and paine, but still ioy and consolation.
ˢ Which is very God, eternall felicitie,
ᵗ Hee shall giue them life and conserue them in
ᵘ Hee shall giue them life and conserue them in *Isa.25.8. chap.21.4.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 The seuenth seale is opened: there is silence in heauen. 6 The foure Angels blow the trumpets, and great plagues follow vpon the earth.

AND when hee had opened the ᵃ seuenth seale, there was ᵇ silence in heauen about halfe an houre.

2 And I saw the seuen Angels, which stood ᶜ before God, and to them were giuen seuen trumpets.

3 Then another Angel came & stood before the altar hauing a golden censer, and

ᵃ Vnder the first seale hee touched in generall the corruption of the doctrine: but vnder the seuenth he sheweth the remedy.
ᵇ That the hearers might be more attentiue.
ᶜ He sheweth the onely mediator of Iesus Christ, who is the Angel, the sacrifice, and the Priest which presenteth our prayers, which remaine yet in earth, before the altar, and diuine Maiestie of God.

much odours was giuen vnto him, that he
should offer with the prayers of all Saints
vpon the golden altar, which is before the
throne.

4 And the smoke of the odours with the
prayers of the Saints, went vp before God,
out of the Angels hand.

5 And the Angel tooke the censer, and
filled it with [d] fire of the altar, and cast it in-
to the [e] earth, and [f] there were voyces, and
thundrings, and lightnings, & earthquake.

6 Then the seuen Angels, which had the
seuen trumpets, prepared themselues to
blow the trumpets.

7 So the first Angel [g] blew the trumpet,
and there was haile and fire, mingled with
blood, and they were cast vnto the earth, and
the third part of [h] trees was burnt, and all
greene [i] grasse was burnt.

8 And the second Angel blew the trum-
pet, and as it were a great [k] mountaine, burn-
ning with fire, was cast into the sea, and the
third part of the sea became blood.

9 And the third part of the creatures,
which were in the sea, and had life, died, and
the third part of [l] ships were destroyed.

10 Then the third Angel blew the trum-
pet, and there fell [m] a great starre from hea-
uen burning like a torch, and it fell into the
third part of the riuers, and into the foun-
taines of waters.

11 And the name of the starre is called
Wormewood: therfore the third part of the
waters became wormewood, and many men
died of the waters, because they were made
bitter.

12 And the fourth Angel blew the trum-
pet, and the third part of the [n] Sunne was
smitten, and the third part of the [o] moone,
and the third part of the [p] starres, so that
the third part of them was [q] darkened: and
the day was smitten, and the third part of it
could not shine, and likewise the night.

13 And I beheld, and heard one Angel
flying through the middes of heauen, say-
ing with a lowde voyce, [r] Woe, woe, woe,
to the inhabitants of the earth, because of
the sounds to come of the trumpet of the
three Angels, which were yet to blowe the
trumpets.

CHAP. IX.

1 The fift and sixt Angel blow their trumpets: the starre falleth from heauen. 3 The locusts come out of the smoke. 12 The first woe is past. 14 The foure Angels that were bound, are loosed. 18 And the third part of men is killed.

AND the fift Angel blewe the trumpet,
and I saw [a] a starre which was fallen

from heauen vnto the earth, and to him was
giuen the [b] key of the bottomlesse pit.

2 And he opened the bottomlesse pit, &
there arose the smoke of the pit, as the
[c] smoke of a great fornace, and the Sunne
and the aire were darkened by the smoke of
the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke [d] Lo-
custs vpon the earth, and vnto them was
giuen [e] power, as the [f] scorpions of the earth
haue power.

4 And it was commaunded them, that
they should not hurt the [g] grasse of the earth,
neither any greene thing, neither any tree:
but onely those [h] men which haue not the
seale of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them was commaunded that
they should not [i] kill them, but that they
should bee [k] vexed fiue moneths, and that
their paine should be as the paine that com-
meth of a [l] scorpion, when he hath [m] stung a
man.

6 [n] Therefore in those dayes shall men
[o] seeke death, and shall not finde it, and
shall desire to die, and death shall flee from
them.

7 [p] And the forme of the locusts was like
vnto [q] horses prepared vnto battell, and on
their heades were as it were [r] crownes like
vnto golde, and their faces [s] were like the fa-
ces of men.

8 And they had haire as the [t] haire of
women, and their [u] teeth were as the teeth
of lions.

9 And they had [x] habergions, like to ha-
bergions of yron: and the sound of their
[y] wings was like the sound of charets when
many horses run vnto battell.

10 And they had tailes like vnto scorpi-
ons, and there were [z] stings in their tailes,
and their power was to hurt men fiue mo-
neths.

11 And they haue a King ouer them, which

a That is, the bi-
shops and mini-
sters, which forsake the word of God, and so fall out of heauen, and
become Angels of darkenesse.

b This authority
chiefly is com-
mitted to the
Pope, in signe
whereof he bea-
reth the keyes in
his armes.

c Abundance of
heresies and er-
rours, which co-
uer with darke-
nesse Christ and
his Gospel.

d Locusts are
false teachers,
heretikes, and
worldly subtile
Prelates, with
Monkes, Friers,
Cardinals, Pa-
triarkes, Archbi-
shops, Bishops,
Doctours, Ba-
chelers, and Ma-
sters which for-
sake Christ, to
maintaine false
doctrine.

e False and de-
ceiueable do-
ctrine, which is
pleasant to the
flesh.

f That is, secretly
to persecute,
and to sting
with their taile
as Scorpions doe
such is the fa-
shion of the hy-
pocrites.

g For the false
prophets can not
destroy the elect, but such as are ordeined to perdition. h That
is, the infidels, whom Satan blindeth with the efficacie of errour,
2. Thess. 2. 11. i Though the elect be hurt, yet they cannot pe-
rish. k The elect for a certaine space, and at times are in troubles:
for the grashoppers endure but from Aprill to September, which is
fiue moneths. l For at the beginning the sting of their consci-
ence seemeth as nothing, but except they soone seeke remedie, they
perish. *Isa. 2. 19. Iob 2. 10. 18. Luke 12. 36. chap. 6. 16.* m Such is
the terror of the vnbeleeuing conscience, which hath no assu-
rance of mercie, but feeleth the iudgement of God against it, when
men embrace errour, and refuse the true simplicitie of Gods word.
Wisd. 16. 9. n Which signifieth that the Popes cleargie shall be
proud, ambitious, bolde, stout, rash, rebellious, stubborne, cruell,
lecherous, and authors of warre and destruction of the simple chil-
dren of God. o They pretend a certaine title of honour, which in
deed belongeth nothing vnto them, as the Priests by their crownes
and strange apparell declare. p That is, they pretend great gen-
tlenesse and loue: they are wise, politique, subtile, eloquent, and in
worldly craftinesse passe all in all their doings. q That is, effemi-
nate, delicate, idle, trimming themselues to please their harlots.
r Signifying their oppression of the poore, & cruelty against Gods
children. s Which signifieth their hardnesse of heart, and obsti-
nation in their errours, with their assurance vnder the protection of
worldly princes. t For as though they had wings, so are they lif-
ted vp aboue the common sort of men, and esteemed most holy, and
doe all things with rage and fiercenesse. u To infect and kill with
their venimous doctrine.

x Which is Antichrist the Pope, king of hypocrites, and Satans Ambassadour.

y That is, destroyed for Antichrist the sonne of perdition destroyeth mens soules with false doctrine, and the whole world with fire and sword.

z Which was the voyce of Christ, sitting on the right hand of the Father, a Meaning, the enemies of the East country, which should afflict the Church of God, as did the Arabians, Saracens, Turks & Tartarians.

b This signifieth the great readinesse of the enemies.

c Which signifieth their false doctrine and hypocrisie.

d And therefore were iustly destroyed. *Psal* 115.4. and 135.15.

a Which was Iesus Christ that came to comfort his Church against the furious assaults of Satan & Antichrist: so that in all their troubles, the faithfull are sure to finde consolation in him.

b Iesus Christ beareth the testimonie of Gods lone towards vs.

c It overcame all the darknesse of the Angel of the bottomlesse pit. d Straight, strong and pure from all corruptions. e Meaning the Gospel of Christ, which Antichrist cannot hide, seeing Christ bringeth it open in his hand. f Which declareth that in despight of Antichrist the Gospel should be preached through all the world: so that the enemies shall be astonied. g The whole graces of Gods Spirit bent themselues against Antichrist. *Dan.* 12. 4. h Beleeue that is written: for there is no neede to write more for the understanding of Gods children.

(as the * Word of the bottomlesse pit, whose name in Hebrew, is Abaddon, & in Greeke, hath name Apollyon.

12 One woe is past, and beholde, yet two woes come after this.

13 ¶ Then the sixt Angel blew the trumpet, & I heard a voice from the foure hornes of the golden altar, which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixt Angel, which had the trumpet, Loose the foure * Angels which are bounde in the great riuer Euphrates.

15 And the foure Angels were loosed, which were prepared at an * houre, at a day, at a moneth, and at a yeere, to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of horsemen of warre were twentie thousand times ten thousand: for I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in a vision, and them that sate on them, hauing fiery habergions, and of Iacinth, and of brimstone, & the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions: & out of their mouthes went foorth fire and smoke, and brimstone.

18 Of these three was the third part of men killed, that is, of the fire, & of the smoke and of the brimstone which came out of their mouthes.

19 For their power is in their * muncheS, and in their tailes: for their tailes were like vnto serpents, and had heads, wherewith they hurt.

20 And the remnant of the men which were not killed by these plagues, * repented not of the workes of their handes that they should not worship Deuils, & * idols of golde, and of siluer, and of braste, and of stone, and of wood, which neither can see, neither heare, nor go.

21 Also they repented not of their murder, and of their sorcerie, neither of their fornication, nor of their theft.

CHAP. X.

1 The Angel hath the booke open. 6 He sweareth there shall be no more time. 9 He giueth the booke vnto Iohn, which eateth it vp.

AND I sawe another mightie * Angel come downe from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and the * rainbow vpon his head, and his face was as the * sunne, & his feete as pillars of fire.

2 And he had in his hand a litle * booke open, and he put his right foot vpon the sea, and his left on the earth,

3 And cried with a * loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seuen * thunders vttered their voices.

4 And when the seuen thunders had vttered their voices, I was about to write: but I heard a voice from heauen, saying vnto me, * * Seale vp those things which the seuen thunders haue spoken, and write them not.

5 ¶ And the Angel which I saw stand vpon the sea, and vpon the earth, lift vp his hand to heauen,

6 And sware * by him that liueth for euermore, which created heauen, and the things that therein are, & the earth, and the things that therein are, & the sea, and the things which therein are, that time should be no more,

7 But in the dayes of the voice of the seuenth Angel, when he shall begin to blowe the trumpet, euen the * mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his seruants the Prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heauen, spake vnto me againe and sayd, Goe and take the litle booke which is open in the hand of the * Angel, which standeth vpon the sea and vpon the earth.

9 So I went vnto the Angel, and sayd to him, Giue me the litle booke. And he said vnto me, * Take it, and * eate it vp, and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth as sweet as hony.

10 Then I tooke the litle booke out of the Angels hand, and ate it vp, and it was in my mouth as sweet as hony: but when I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he sayd vnto me, Thou must prophesie * againe among the people and nations, and tongues, and to many kings.

i This is he by God whom Christ by his diuinitie is equall.

k The faithfull shall wonder and stand, and see this mysterie of the last iudgment, the damnation of Antichrist and infidels, and also the glory of the iust at the resurrection.

l As S. Iohn vnderstood this by reuelation, so is the same reuealed to the true preachers, to discouer the Pope and Antichrist.

m Meaning Christ.

n That is, the holy Scriptures which declareth that the Ministar must receiue them at the hand of God, before he can preach them to others.

o Which signifieth that the Ministers ought to receiue the word into their hearts, and in house grone and deepe iudgements, and diligently to studie it: and vnto reade to many. p Signifying that albeit that the minister haue consolation by the word of God, yet shal he haue sore & grieuous enemies, which shalbe troublesome vnto him. q Not only meaning in his life time, but also after his death should be as a preaching vnto all nations.

CHAP. XI.

1 The Temple is measured, 3 Two witnesses prophesie in the Lord, are murthered by the beast, 11 But after reuiued to glory, 15 Christ is exalted. 16 and God praised by the xxiiii. Elders.

THen was giuen me a reede, like vnto a * rod, and the Angel stood by, saying, Rise and * mete the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But * the court which is without the Temple cast out, and mete it not: for it is giuen vnto the Gentiles, and the holy * city shall they tread vnderfoot * two and fourtie moneths.

3 But I will giue power vnto my * two witnesses, and they shall prophesie a

Eccl. 9. 8. o Which signifieth that the Ministers ought to receiue the word into their hearts, and in house grone and deepe iudgements, and diligently to studie it and vnto reade to many. p Signifying that albeit that the minister haue consolation by the word of God, yet shal he haue sore & grieuous enemies, which shalbe troublesome vnto him. q Not only meaning in his life time, but also after his death should be as a preaching vnto all nations.

a Which declareth that Christ Iesus will build his church and not haue it destroyed: for he measureth out his spirituall Temple.

b The Iewish Temple was deuided into three parts: the body of the Temple which is called the court, whereinto euery man entred: the holy places where the Leuites were: and the holiest of all, whereinto the high Priest once a yere entred in respect thereof these two latter, are first in sayd to be cast out, because as a thing prophane it is neglected when the Temple is measured, and yet the aduersaries of Christ boast that they are in the Temple, and that none are of the Temple but they. c That is, the Church of God. d Meaning a certaine time: for God hath limited 3 times of Antichrists tyranny. e By two witnesses he meaneth all the preachers that should build vp Gods Church, alluding to Zerubbabel and Iehoshua, which were chiefly appointed for this thing, & also to this saying, In the mouth of two witnesses standeth euery word.

f thousand

f signifying a certaine time: for when God giueth strength to his ministers, their persecutions seeme as it were but for a day or two.

g In poore and simple apparell.

h Wereby are signified the excellent graces of them which beare witnesse to the Gospell.

i Who hath dominion ouer the whole earth.

k By Gods word, whereby his ministers discomfit the enemies.

l They denounce Gods iudgement against the wicked, that they cannot enter into heauen.

m Which is to declare and procure Gods vengeance.

n That is, the Pope, which hath his power out of hell, and commeth thence.

o Here sheweth how the Pope gaineth the victorie, not by Gods word, but by cruell warre.

p Meaning, the whole iurisdiction of the Pope which is compared to Sodome for their abominable sinne, and to Egypt because the true libertie to serue God is taken away from the faithfull, and Christ was condemned by Pilate, who represented the Romane power which should be enemie to the godly.

q The infidels are tormented by hearing the truth preached.

r Which shall beat the last resurrection.

s For it seemed that Antichrist had chased them out of the earth.

t Of the power of Antichrist.

u When they shall vnderstand by Gods word the glory of his, and the punishment of his enemies, they shall fall from the Pope, and glorifie God

x Albeit Satan by the Pope, Turke, and other instruments troubleth the world neuer so much, yet Christ shall reigne.

y Iesus Christ.

z This declareth the office of the godly, which is to giue God thankes for the deliuerance of his, and to praise his iustice for punishing of his enemies.

a Which signifie the destruction of the enemies.

b The Church treadeth vnder foote whatsoeuer is mutable and inconstant, with all corrupt affections and such like.

c Which signifieth God and his word.

d The Church euer with a most feruent desire longed that Christ should be borne and that the faithfull might be regenerate by his power.

e The deuill and all his power which burneth with furie,

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a In this third vision is declared how the Church, which is compassed about with Iesus Christ the sonne of righteousnes, is persecuted of Antichrist.

b The Church treadeth vnder foote whatsoeuer is mutable and inconstant, with all corrupt affections and such like.

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e The deuill and all his power which burneth with furie,

f For he is the prince of this world, and almost hath the vniuersall gouernement

g By his flatteries and promises he gaineth many of the excellent ministers and honourable persons, and bringeth them to destruction.

h Which is Iesus Christ the first borne among many brethren, who was borne of the Virgine Marie, as of a speciall member of the Church. *Psalme* 2. 9.

i The Church was remooued from among the Iewes to the Gentiles, which were a barren wildernesse, and so it is persecuted to and fro.

k Iesus Christ and his members, as Apostles, Martyrs, and the rest of the faithfull.

l For the Dragon was depriued of all his dignitie, and had no more place in the Church.

thousand two hundreth & threescore dayes, clothed in c sackcloth.

4 These are two d olive trees, and two candlesticks, standing before the God of the e earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouthes, and deuoureth their enemies: for if any man would hurt them, h thus must he be killed.

6 These haue power to shut i heauen, that it raine not in the dayes of their prophesying, and haue power ouer waters to turne them into k blood, & to smite the earth with all maner plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they haue finished their testimony, the l beast that commeth out of the bottomlesse pit, shall make warre against them, and shall m ouercome them, and kill them.

8 And their corpses shal lie in the streetes of the great n citie, which spiritually is called Sodome and Egypt, where our Lord also was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds, and tongues, & Gentiles shall see their corpses three dayes and an halfe, & shal not suffer their carkeises to be put in graues.

10 And they that dwell vpon the earth, shall reioyce ouer them, & be glad, and shall send giftes one to another: for these two Prophets o vexed them that dwelt on the earth.

11 But after three dayes and an halfe, the spirit of life comming from God, shall enter into them, and they shall p stande vp vpon their feete: and great feare shall come vpon them which saw them.

12 And they shall heare a great voyce fro heauen, saying vnto them, q Come vp hither. And they shall ascend vp to heaue in a cloud, and their enemies shall see them.

13 And the same houre shall there be a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the citie r shall fall, and in the earthquake shall be slaine in number seuen thousand: and the remnant shall be afraid, s and giue glory to the God of heauen.

14 The second woe is past, and beholde, the third woe will come anone.

15 And the seuent Angel blew the trumpet, and there were great voices in heauen, saying, The x kingdomes of this worlde are our Lords, and his Christes, and hee shall reigne for euermore.

16 Then the foure and twentie Elders, which sate before God on their seates, fell vpon their faces, and worshipped y God,

17 Saying, z We giue thee thanks, Lord God Almighty, which art, and which wast, and which art to come: for thou hast receiued thy great might, and hast obteined thy kingdome.

18 And the Gentiles were angrie, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be iudged, and that thou shouldest giue reward vnto thy seruants the Prophets, and to the Saintes, and to them that feare thy Name, to small and great, and shouldest destroy them, which destroy the earth.

19 Then the Temple of God was opened in heauen, and there was seene in his Temple the arke of his couenant: and there were t lightnings, and voyces, and thundrings, and earthquake, and much haile.

CHAP. XII.

1 There appeareth in heauen a woman clothed with the sunne. 4 Michael fighteth with the Dragon, which persecuteth the woman. 11 The victory is gotten, to the comfort of the faithfull.

AND there appeared a great wonder in heauen: A a woman clothed with the sunne, and the b moone was vnder her feete, and vpon her head a c crowne of twelue starres.

2 And she was with childe, and d cried trauailing in birth, and was pained ready to be deliuered.

3 And there appeared another woonder in heauen: for beholde, a great e red Dragon hauing f seuen heads, and ten hornes, and seuen crownes vpon his heads:

4 And his taile drew the g third part of the starres of heauen, and cast them to the earth. And the Dragon stoode before the woman, which was readie to be deliuered, to deuour her childe when shee had brought it foorth.

5 So shee brought foorth a h man childe, which should rule all nations with a * rod of iron: and her sonne was taken vp vnto God and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into i wildernes, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feede her there a thousand, two hundreth and threescore dayes.

7 And there was a battell in heauen: k Michael and his Angels fought against the Dragon, and the Dragon fought and his Angels.

8 But they preuailed not, neither was their place founde any more in l heauen.

9 And the great Dragon that old serpent called the deuill and Satan, was cast out, which deceiueth all the worlde: he was

and is rede with the blood of the faithfull.

Saint Michael Fight. Apoc. Chris. 12. 13 verse

Saint Michael & Manuels Epistle to Wheese

even cast into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voyce, saying, Now is salvation in heauen, and strength, and the kingdome of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast downe, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 But they ouercame him by the blood of the Lambe, and by the word of their testimony, and they loued not their liues vnto the death.

12 Therefore reioyce, ye heauens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea: for the deuill is come downe vnto you, which hath great wrath, knowing that hee hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that hee was cast vnto the earth, hee persecuted the woman which had brought foorth the man childe.

14 But to the woman were giuen two wings of a great Eagle, that shee might flie into the wildernesse, into her place, where shee is nourished for a time, and times, and halfe a time, from the presence of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water after the woman like a flood, that he might cause her to bee caried away of the flood.

16 But the earth holpe the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed vp the flood, which the dragon had cast out of his mouth.

17 Then the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went and made warre with the remnant of her seede, which keepe the commandements of God, and haue the testimonie of Iesus Christ.

18 And I stood on the sea sand.

CHAP. XIII.

1. 8 The beast deceiueth the reprobate. 2. 4. 11 And is confirmed by another beast. 17 The priuiledge of the beastes marke.

AND I saw a beast rise out of the Sea, hauing seauen heads, and ten hornes, and vpon his hornes were tenne crownes, and vpon his heads the name of blasphemie.

2 And the beast which I sawe, was like a leopard, and his feete like a beares, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gaue him his power, & his throne, and great authoritie.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death, but his deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered and followed the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gaue power vnto the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like vnto the beast? who is able to warre with him?

5 And there was giuen vnto him a mouth that spake great things and blasphemies, and power was giuen vnto him, to doe two and forty moneths.

6 And hee opened his mouth vnto blasphemie against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heauen.

7 And it was giuen to him to make warre with the Saints, and to ouercome them, and power was giuen him ouer euery kinred, and tongue, and nation.

8 Therefore all that dwell vpon the earth, shall worship him, whose names are not written in the booke of life of the Lambe, which was slaine from the beginning of the world.

9 If any man haue an eare, let him heare.

10 If any leade into captiuitie, he shall goe into captiuitie: if any kill with a sword, he must be killed by a sword: here is the patience, and the faith of the Saints.

11 And I beheld another beast comming vp out of the earth which had two hornes like the Lambe, but he spake like the dragon.

12 And hee did all that the first beast could doe before him, and hee caused the earth, and them which dwell therein, to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he did great wonders, so that he made fire to come downe from heauen on the earth, in the sight of men,

14 And deceiued them that dwell on the earth by the signes, which were permitted to him to doe in the sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make the image of the beast, which had the wound of a sword, and did liue.

15 And it was permitted to him to giue a spirit vnto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should speake, and should cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast, should bee killed.

16 And he made all, both small and great, rich and poore, free and bond, to receiue

m They put their liues in danger so oft as need required.

n Meaning them that are giuen to the world and fleshly lusts.

o And was ouercome of Christ, then he fought against his members,

p Which the Lord had appointed for her.

q God giueth meanes to his Church to escape the furie of Satan, making his creatures to serue to the support thereof.

r Satan was not able to destroy the head nor the body, and therefore sheweth his rage against the member.

s Here is the description of the Romane empire, which standeth in cruelrie and tyranny.

b Meaning Rome, because it was first gouerned by seuen Kings or Emperours after Nero, and also is compassed about with seuen mountaines.

c Which signifie many prouinces.

d By these beastes are signified the Macedonians, Persians and Caldeans, whom the Romanes ouercame. e That is, the deuill. f This may be vnderstood of Nero, who moued the first persecution against the Church, and after slew himselfe, so that the familie of the Cæsars ended in him. g For the Empire was established againe by Vespasian. h By receiuing the statutes, ordinances, decrees, ceremonies, and religion of the Romane Empire.

i Antichristes time and power is limited.

k In their bodies, not in soule.

l He meaneth that vniuersall departing whereof S. Paul speaketh to the Thessalonians.

m Antichrist hath no power ouer the elect. *Chap. 3. 5.*

n As God ordeined from before all beginning, and all the sacrifices were as signes and sacraments of Christs death.

o They which led soules captiues goe themselues into captiuitie.

p As the kingdome of Christ is from heauen, & bringeth men thither: so the Popes kingdome is of the earth, & leadeth to perdition, and is begun and established by ambition, couetousnes, beastlinesse, craft, treason and tyranny.

q Which signifie the Priesthood & the kingdome, and therefore he giueth in his armes two keyes, and hath two swords caried before him. So Boniface the eight which first

ordeined the Iubile, shewed himselfe one day in apparel as a Pope, and the next day in harnesse as the Emperour, and the two hornes in the Bishops mitre are signes thereof. r He spake deuilish doctrine, accused Gods worde of imperfection, set vp mans traditions, and spake things contrary to God and his worde. s For the Pope in ambition, cruelrie, idolatrie and blasphemie did follow and imitate the ancient Romanes. t Brought them to idolatrie, and astonished them with the name of that holy Empire (as hee termeth it)

u The man of sinne, according to the operation of Satan shalbe with all power, signes, and miracles of lies, 2. Thes. 2. 9. 10. x Before the whole Empire, which representeth the first beast, and is the image thereof. y For the first Romane Empire was as the paterne, and this second Empire is but an image and shadow thereof. z For except the Pope confirme the authoritie of the king of Romanes, he is not esteemed worthy to be made Emperour. a The same things which the Pope or false prophets instruct him in. b Receiue the ordinances and decrees of the seate of Rome, and to kille the villains soone, if he were put therto.

a marke

c Whereby he renounceth Christ: for as faith, the word, and the Sacraments are the Christians markes: so this Antichrist will accept none but such as will approue his doctrine: so that it is not enough to confesse Christ, and to beleeue the Scriptures, but a man must subscribe to the Popes doctrine: moreouer, their chrismatories, creslings, vowes, othes, and shauings are signes of this marke, in so much as no nation was accepted that had not many of these marked beasts.

d He that is not sealed with Antichrists marke, cannot be suffered to liue among men. e Such as may be vnderstood by mans reason: for about 666. yeeres after this reuelation, the Pope or Antichrist began to be manifest in the world: for these characters χξϛ signifie 666. and this number is gathered of the small number, Καταλογος, which in the whole make 666. and signifie Latinus, or Latin, which noteth the Pope or Antichrist, who vseth in all things the Latin tongue, and in respect thereof hee contemneth the Hebrewe and Greeke, wherein the word of God was first and best written: and because Italy in old time was called Latinum, the Italians are called Latini, so that hereby hee noteth of what country chiefly hee should come.

a marke in their right hand or in their foreheads.

17 And that no man might buy or sell, saue he that had the marke, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisedome. Let him that hath wit, count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is sixe hundreth threescore and sixe.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The notable company of the Lambe. 6 One Angel announceth the Gospel. 8 Another the fall of Babylon. 9 And the third warneth to flee from the beast. 13 Of their blessednesse which die in the Lord. 18 Of the Lords harueste.

THen I looked, and lo, a Lambe stoode on mount Sion, and with him an hundreth fourtie and foure thousand, hauing his fathers a name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voyce from heauen, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder: and I heard the voyce of harpers harping with their harpes.

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne and before the foure beasts, and the Elders, and no man could learne that song, but the hundreth fourtie and foure thousande, which were bought from the earth.

4 These are they which are not defiled with women, for they are virgins: these followe the Lambe: whith erloever he goeth: these are bought from men, being the first fruits vnto God, and to the Lambe.

5 And in their mouthes was found no guile: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

6 Then I saw another Angel flie in the middes of heauen, hauing an euerlasting Gospel, to preach vnto them that dwell on the earth, and to euery nation, and kinred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voyce, Feare God, and giue glory to him: for the houre of his iudgement is come: and worship him that made heauen and earth, and the sea, and the fountaines of waters.

8 And there followed another Angel, saying, It is fallen, it is fallen, Babylon the great citie: for shee made all nations to drinke of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 Then the third Angel followed them, saying with a loud voyce, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receiue his marke in his forehead, or on his hand,

10 The same shall drinke of the wine of the wrath of God, yea, of the pure wine, which is powred into the cup of his wrath, and he shall bee tormented in fire and brimstone before the holy Angels, and before the Lambe.

11 And the smoke of their torment shall ascend euermore: and they shall haue no rest day nor night, which worship the beast and his image, & whosoeuer receiueth the print of his name.

12 Here is the patience of Saints: here are they that keepe the commandements of God, and the faith of Iesus.

13 Then I heard a voyce from heauen, saying vnto mee, Write, Blessed are the dead, which hereafter die in the Lorde. Euen so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them.

14 Then I looked, and beheld, a white cloud, and vpon the cloud one sitting like vnto the Sonne of man, hauing on his head a golden crowne, and in his hand a sharpe sickle.

15 And another Angel came out of the Temple, crying with a loud voyce to him that sate on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reape: for the time is come to reape: for the harueste of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sate on the cloud, thrust in his sicke on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another Angel came out of the Temple which is in heauen, hauing also a sharpe sicke.

18 And another Angel came out from the aulear, which had power ouer fire, and cried with a loud crie to him that had the sharp sickle, and sayd, Thrust in thy sharpe sickle, and gather the clusters of the vineyard of the earth: for her grapes are ripe.

19 And the Angel thrust in his sharpe sickle

Psal.145.6.

1 The Gospel teacheth vs to feare God and honour him, which is the beginning of heauenly wisedom, *Acts 14.15. Isa.21.9. ver.5.1.8. chap.18.2.*

m Signifying Rome, forasmuch as the vices which were in Babylon are found in Rome in greater abundance, as persecution of the Church of God, oppression and slaueric, with destruction of the people of God, confusion, superstition, idolatry, impietie: and as Babylon the first Monarchie was destroyed, so shall this wicked kingdome of Antichrist haue a miserable ruine, though it be great, and seemeth to extend throughout all Europe.

n By the which fornication God is prouoked to wrath: so that he suffereth many to walke in the way of the Romish doctrine to their destruction.

o That is, of his terrible iudgement.

p The faithfull are exhorted to patience.

q For they are deliuered from the horrible troubles which are in the Church, & rest with God. ‖*Or, for the Lords cause.* r Which are ingrafted in Christ by faith, which rest and stay only on him, and reioyce to be with him: for immediatly after their death they are received into ioy. s Signifying that Christ shall come to iudgement in a cloud, euen as he was seene to goe. *Ioel 3.13. mat.13.39.* t The ouerthrow of the people is compared to an harueste, *Isai. 19.5.* also to a vintage, ‖*Isa.63.3.* u This is spoken familiarly for our capacitie, alluding vnto an husbandman, who suffereth himselfe to be aduertised by his seruants when his haruest is ripe, and not that Christ hath needs to bee told when hee should come to iudgement for the comfort of his Church, and destruction of his enemies. x This was Christ, who is also the altar, the Priest, and the sacrifice.

a Iesus Christ ruleth in his church to defend and comfort it, though the beast rage neuer so much: and seeing Christ is present euer with his Church, there can be no vicar, for where there is a vicar, there is no Church.

b Meaning a great and ample Church.

c Which was the marke of their election, to wit, their faith.

d Signifying, that the number of the Church should be great, & that they should speak boldly, & aloud, and so glorifie the Lord.

e None can praise God but the elect whom he hath bought. f By whoredome: and vnder this vice hee comprehendeth all other: but this is chiefly meant of idolatrie, which is the spirituall whoredome.

g For their whole delight is in the Lambe Iesus, and they loue none but him. h Which declareth that the faithfull ought to liue iustly and holily, that they may be the first fruits, and an excellent offering of the Lord. i For asmuch as their sinnes are pardoned, and they are clad with the iustice of Christ. k By this Angel are meant the true ministers of Christ which preach the Gospel faithfully.

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kle on the earth, and cut downe the vines of the vineyard of the earth, and cast them into the great winepresse of the wrath of God.

20 And the y wine presse was troden without the city, and blood came out of the wine presse, vnto the z horse bridles by the space of a thousand & fiue hundreth furlongs.

y That is, a certaine place appointed, and not in the heauen.

z By this similitude he declareth the horrible confusion of the tyrants and infidels, which delight in nothing but warres, slaughters, persecutions and effusion of blood.

CHAP. XV.

1 Seuen Angels haue the seuen last plagues. 3 The song of them that ouercome the beast. 7 The seuen vials full of Gods wrath.

AND I sawe another a signe in heauen, great and marueilous, b seuen Angels hauing the seuen last plagues: for by them is fulfilled the wrath of God.

a This is the fourth vision, which conteineth the doctrine of Gods iudgements for the destruction of the wicked and comfort of the godly.

b Meaning an infinite number of Gods ministers, which had infinite maners and sorts of punishments.

2 And I saw as it were a c glasse sea mingled with fire, and them that had gotten victorie of the beast, and of his image, and of his marke, and of the number of his name, stand at the glasse sea, hauing the harpes of God,

3 And they sung the song of Moses the d seruant of God, and the song of the Lambe, saying, Great and marueilous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: iust and true are thy e wayes, King of Saints.

c Signifying, this brittle & inconstant world mixt with fire, that is, troubles and afflictions, but the Saints of God ouercome them all, and sing diuine songs vnto God, by whose power they get the victory. *Exod 15.1. Psal.145.17.*

d Which is to declare that Gods iudgements are cleare, iust and without spot. e *Or, actes and deedes. Jere.10.7.*

4 Who shall not feare thee, O Lorde, and glorifie thy Name? for thou only art holy, and all nations shal come & worship before thee: for thy iudgements are made manifest.

f As ready to execute the vengeance of God. f By the foure beastes are meant all the creatures of God, which willingly serue him for the punishment of the wicked. g God giueth vs full entry into his Church enemies: for the Saints cannot clearly know all things before the full end of all things.

5 And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of testimony was open in heauen.

6 And the seuen Angels came out of the temple, which had the seuen plagues, clothed in pure and g bright linnen, and hauing their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the foure beasts gaue vnto the seuen Angels seuen golden vials full of the wrath of God, which liueth for euermore.

8 And the temple was full of the smoke of the glorie of God, and of his power, and no man was able to h enter into the Temple, till the seuen plagues of the seuen Angels were fulfilled.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Angels powre out their vials full of wrath. 6 And what plagues follow thereof. 15 An admonition to take heede and watch.

AND I heard a great voyce out of the Temple, saying to the seuen Angels, Go your waies, and powre out the seuen vials of the wrath of God vpon the earth.

2 And the first went, and powred out his vial vpon the earth: and there fell a noysome and a grieuous i sore vpon the men

a This was like the first plague of Egypt, which was sores and botches or pocks: and this reigneth commonly among Canons, Monkes, Friers, Nunnes, Priests, and such like filthy vermine which beare the marke of the beast.

which had the marke of the beast, and vpon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second Angel powred out his vial vpon the sea, and it became as the k blood of a l dead man: and euery liuing thing died in the sea.

4 And the third Angel powred out his vial vpon the riuers and fountaines of waters, and they became m blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the n waters say, Lorde, thou art iust, o which art, and wast, and holy, because thou hast iudged these things.

6 For they shed the blood of the Saints, and Prophets, and therefore hast thou giuen them blood to drinke: for they are worthie.

7 And I heard another out of the Sanctuary say, Euen so, Lorde God almighty, p true and righteous are thy iudgements.

8 And the fourth Angel powred out his vial on the Sunne, and it was giuen vnto him to torment men with q heate of fire,

9 And men boyled in great heate, and r blasphemed the Name of God, which hath power ouer these plagues, and they repented not, to giue him glory.

10 And the fifth Angel powred out his vial vpon the throne of the s beast, and his kingdome waxed darke, and they t gnewe their tongues for sorow,

11 And blasphemed the God of heauen for their paines, and for their sores, and repented not of their works.

12 And the sixt Angel powred out his vial vpon the great riuer u Euphrates, and the water thereof dried vp, that the way of the Kings of the East should be prepared.

13 And I sawe three w vnclean spirits like frogges come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet,

14 For they are the spirits of x deuils, working miracles, to goe vnto the y Kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battell of that great day of God Almighty.

15 z Behold, I come as a theefe. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walke naked, and men see his filthinesse.

16 And they gathered them together into a

b This is like to the first plague of Egypt, which signifieth all kindes of pestilences and contagious diseases.

c That is, corrupt and infect.

d The first plague of Egypt was like vnto this.

e He bringeth forth these two Angels: the one which is gouernour of the waters, and the other from vnder the altar, as witnesses and executioners of Gods iust iudgements.

f Forasmuch as thou destroyest the rebels, and preseruest thine.

g Signifying famine, drought, and hote diseases, which proceed thereof.

h The wicked were hard hearted, and stubburne when God punished them.

i This answereth to the ninth plague of Egypt, which signifieth that the Popes doctrine is an horrible plague of God, which keepeth men still in darke ignorance and errours.

k They shall shewe their furie, rage and blasphemie against God, when the light of his Gospel shall shine.

l By Euphrates which was the strength of Babylon, is meant the riches, and commodities of Rome the second Babylon, which are the true Kings and Priestes in Christ, being taken away by discouering their wicked deceite.

m That is, a strong number of the great deuill the Popes ambassadours, which are euer crying and croaking like frogs, and come out of Antichrists mouth, because they should speake nothing but lyes, and vse all maner of crafty deceite to maintaine their rich Euphrates against the true Christians.

n Albeit they call themselues spirituall and holy fathers.

o For in all Kings courts the Pope hath had his ambassadours to hinder the kingdome of Christ. *Chap.3.3. Matthew 24.24. Luke 23.35.*

p Of righteousnesse, and holinesse, wherewith we are clad through Jesus Christ.

place called in Hebrew Armageddon.

17 ¶ And the seuenth Angel powred out his viall into the ayre: and there came a loude voyce out of the Temple of heauen from the throne, saying, ' It is done.

18 And there were voyces, and thundrings, and lightnings, and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were vpon the earth, euen so mighty an earthquake.

19 And the great [r] citie was diuided in to three partes, and the [s] cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, [t] to giue vnto her the cup of the wine of the fiercenesse of his wrath.

20 And euery yle fledde away, and the mountaines were not found.

21 And there fell a great haile, like talents, out of heauen vpon the men, and men blasphemed God, because of the plague of the haile: for the plague therof was exceeding great.

q As if he would say, the craftinesse of destruction, when as Kings and Princes shall warre against God, but the craft of Satan, are brought to that place where they shall be destroyed.

r This is the last iudgement when Christ shall come to destroy the wicked and deliuer his Church.

s Meaning, the whole number of them that shall call themselues Christians, whereof some are so in deede, some are Papists, and vnder pretence of Christ, serue Antichrist, and some are Neuters, which are neither on the one side nor on the other.

t Signifying all strange religions, as of the Iewes, Turkes and others, which then shall fall with that great whore of Rome, and be tormented in eternall paines. *Iere.25.15.*

CHAP. XVII.

3 The description of the great whore. 8 Her sinnes and punishment. 14 The victorie of the Lambe.

THen there came [a] one of the seuen Angels, which had the seuen vials, and talked with me, saying vnto me, Come, I will shew thee the damnation of the great [b] whore that sitteth vpon many [c] waters,

2 With whom haue committed fornication the kings of the earth, and the inhabitants of the earth are dronke with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he caried me away into the wildernesse in the Spirit, and I saw a woman sit vpon a scarlet coloured [d] beast, full of names of blasphemie, which had seuen heads, and ten hornes.

4 And the [e] woman was arayed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with golde, and precious stones, and pearles, and had a cup of golde in her hand, full of [f] abominations, and filthinesse of her fornication.

5 And in her forehead was a name written, [g] A mysterie, great Babylon, the mother of whoredomes, and abominations of the earth.

6 And I saw the woman dronken with the blood of Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Iesus: and when I saw her, I wondred with great maruaile.

7 Then the Angel said vnto me, Wherefore maruellest thou? I will shew thee the mysterie of the woman, and of the beast that beareth her, which hath seuen heads, and ten hornes.

a Which was Christ Iesus, who will take vengeance on this Romish harlot.

b Antichrist is compared to an harlot, because he seduceth the world with vaine wordes, doctrine of lies, and outward appearance.

c Meaning diuers nations and countreys.

d The beast signifieth the ancient Rome: the woman that sitteth thereon, the new Rome which is the Papistrie, whose cruelty and bloodshedding is declared by scarlet.

e Full of idolatrie, superstition and contempt of the true God.

f This woman is the Antichrist, that is, the Pope with the whole body of his filthy creatures, as is expounded, Verse 18. whose beautie onely standeth in outward pompe and impudencie, and craft like a strumpet. g Of false doctrines and blasphemies. h Which none can know to auoyd, but the elect.

8 The [i] beast that thou hast seene, was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomelesse pit, and they that dwell on the earth, shall wonder (whose names are not written in the Booke of life from the foundation of the world) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 Here [k] is the minde that hath wisedome. The seuen heads are [l] seuen mountaines, whereon the woman sitteth: they are also [l] seuen kings.

10 Fiue are fallen, and one is, and another is not yet come: and when he commeth, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, is euen the [m] eight, and is one of the seuen, and shall goe into destruction.

12 And the ten hornes which thou sawest, are ten kings, which yet haue not receiued a kingdome, but shall receiue power, as Kings at one houre with the beast.

13 [n] These haue one minde, and shall giue their power and authoritie vnto the beast.

14 These shall fight with the Lambe, and the Lambe shall [o] ouercome them: [*] for he is Lord of lordes, and King of kings: and they that are on his side, called, and chosen, and faithfull.

15 And he sayd vnto mee, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the [p] tenne hornes which thou sawest vpon the beast, are they that shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eate her flesh, and burne her with fire.

17 For God hath [q] put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to doe with one consent, for to giue their kingdome vnto the beast, vntill the words of God be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest, is the great citie, which reigneth ouer the kings of the earth.

i This is the Romane Empire, which being fallen to decay, the whore of Rome vsurped authoritie, and proceeded from the deuill, and thither shall returne.

k Which are about Rome.

l For after that the Empire was decayed in Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian and Titus died in lesse then fourteene yeeres, and reigned as Kings: Domitian then reigned, and after him Coceius Nerua which was the seuenth.

m He meaneth Traiane the Emperour, who was a Spaniard and adopted by Nerua, but because hee persecuted the faithfull, he goeth also to perdition.

n He signifieth the horrible persecutions which haue bene vnder the empire of Rome, and in all other realmes subiect to the same. o And breake them to shiuers as a potter pot. *1.Tim 6.15. chap.19.16.* p Diuers nations, as the Gothes, Vandales, Hunnes, and other nations, which were once subiect to Rome, shall rise against it, and destroy it. q That in stead of doing homage to Christ Iesus, they should be cast into a reprobate sence to serue Antichrist, and to dedicate themselues and theirs wholly vnto him.

CHAP. XVIII.

3. 9 The lowers of the world are sory for the fall of the whore of Babylon. 4 An admonition to the people of God to flee out of her dominion, 20 but they that bee of God, haue cause to reioyce for her destruction.

AND after these things, I sawe another Angel come downe from heauen, hauing great power, so that the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried out mightily with a loud voyce, saying, [*] It is fallen, it is fallen, Babylon the great citie, and is become the habitation of [b] deuills, and the holde of all foule spirits, and a cage of euery vncleane and hatefull bird.

Isa.21.9.ierr.51.8.chap.14.8.

a This description of the ouerthrowe of the great whore, is like to that whereby the prophets vse to declare the destruction of Babylon. b He describeth Rome to be the sinke of all abomination and deuilishnesse, and a kind of hell.

e The greatest part of the world hath bene abused and seduced by this spirituall whoredome.

5 For ᵃ all nations haue dronken of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth haue committed fornication with her, & the marchants of the earth are waxed rich of the abundance of her pleasures.

4 ¶ And I heard another voice from heauen say, ᵃ Goe out of her, my people that ye be not partakers in her sinnes, and that yee receiue not of her plagues.

5 For her sinnes are ᵃ come vp vnto heauen, & God hath remembred her iniquities.

6 ᶠ Reward her euen as she hath rewarded you, and giue her doubls according to her workes: and in the cup that she hath filled to you, fill her the double.

7 Inasmuch as she glorified her selfe, and liued in pleasure, so much giue you to her torment and sorow: for she saith in her heart, ᵃ I sit being a Queene, and am no ᵇ widow, and shall see no mourning.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come at one day, death, and sorow, and famine, and she shall be burnt with fire: for strong is the Lord God which will condemne her.

9 And the kings of the earth shall bewaile her, and lament for her, which haue committed fornication, and liued in pleasure with her, when they shal see the smoke of her burning,

10 And shall stand a farre off for feare of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, the great citie Babylon, the mightie citie: for in one houre is thy iudgement come.

11 And the ᵃ merchants of the earth shall weepe and waile ouer her: for no man buyeth her ware any more.

12 The ware of gold & siluer, and of precious stone, and of pearles, and of fine linen, and of purple, & of silke, and of skarlet, and of all manner of thine ᵃ wood, and of all vessels of yuory, and of all vessels of most precious wood, and of braſſe, and of iron, and of marble,

13 And of cynamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oile, and fine flour, and wheate, and beasts, and sheepe, and horses, and ᵗ charets, & seruants, and ᵐ soules of men.

14 (And the apples that thy soule lusted after, are departed from thee, and all things which were fat and excellent, are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more)

15 The merchants of these things which were waxed rich, shall stand afarre off from her, for feare of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, the great citie, that was clothed in fine linnen, and purple, and skarlet, and gilded with golde, and precious stone, and pearles.

17 For in one houre so great riches are come to desolation. And euery shipmaster, and all the people that occupie ships, and shipmen, and whosoeuer traualle on the sea, shall stand afarre off,

18 And crie, when they see the smoke of her burning, saying, ¶ What citie was like vnto this great citie?

19 And they shal cast ᵃ dust on their heads, and crie weeping & wailing, and say, Alas, alas, the great citie, wherein were made rich all that had ships on the sea by her costlines: for in one houre she is made desolate.

20 ᴰ Reioyce ouer her, thou heauen, and yee holy Apostles and Prophets: for God hath ᵖ giuen your iudgement on her.

21 Then a mightie Angel taake vp a stone, like a great millestone, and ᵃ cast it into the sea, saying, Euen with such violence shall the great citie Babylon be cast, & shall be found no more.

22 And the voyce of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpetters shall be heard no more in thee, and no craftes man, of whatsoeuer craft he be, shall be found any more in thee: and the sound of a millestone shall be heard no more in thee.

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more in thee: & the voyce of the bridegroome and of the bride shall be heard no more in thee: for thy ᵃ merchants were the great men of the earth: and with thine inchantments were deceiued all nations.

24 And in her was found the blood of the Prophets, and of the Saints, and of all that were slaine vpon the earth.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Praises are giuen vnto God for iudging the whore, and for auenging the blood of his seruants. 10 The Angel will not be worshipped. 17 The foules and birds are called to the slaughter.

AND after these things I heard a great voyce of a great multitude in heauen, saying, ᵃ Halleluiah, saluation, and glory, and honour, and power be to the Lord our God.

2 For true and righteous are his iudgements: for her hath condemned the great whore which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath auenged the blood of his seruants, shed by her hand.

3 And againe they said, Halleluiah: and her ᵃ smoke rose vp for euermore.

4 And the foure and twenty Elders, and the foure ᵃ beasts fell downe, and worshipped God that sate on the throne, saying, ᵃ Amen, Halleluiah.

5 Then a voyce came out of the throne, saying, Prayse our God, all ye his seruants, and ye that feare him, both small and great.

6 And I heard like a voyce of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of strong thundrings, saying, Halleluiah: for our Lord God almighty hath reigned.

7 Let vs be glad and reioyce, and giue glory to him: for the ᵗ mariage of the Lambe is come, and his wife hath made her selfe ready.

8 And to her was granted, that she should be arayed with pure fine linnen, and shining: for the fine linnen is the righteousnesse of Saints.

9 Then ᵃ he sayde vnto mee, Write, ᵇ Blessed are they which are ᶜ called vnto the

10 And I fell.

f When God threatneth the wicked, he ceaseth not to comforte and counselleth him what they ought to doe, that is, that they do not communicate with the sinnes of the wicked.

g The Greeke word is, that her sinnes so followe one another, and so rise one after another, ſ they grow to such an heape, that at length they touch the very heauen.

ſ Blessed is he that can repay to the whore the like, as it is written, Psa. 137. 8, 9 Isai. 47. 8.

h The glorious boasting of the strumpet.

i But full of people and mightie. k Both they that temporally haue had profit by the strumpet, & also the spirituall marchants shall for sorow and want of their gain, cry out & dispaire.

l Which is very glorioꝰe and precious

m Such as ſ wantons vse at Rome

n This is the vilest ware, ſ these marchants sell, & best cheap, which soules, notwithstanding ſ Sonne of God redeemed with his precious blood, ſ Pet. 1 18.

o That is, the things which your loued best.

p And so shew signes of great sorow.

q And hath reuenged your cause in punishing her.

Ierr. 51. 63.

r It shall not be like to other cities which may be builded againe, but it shall be destroyed without mercy.

s The Romish prelates and merchants of soules are as kings and princes: so that their couetousnes and pride must be punished: secondly their craft and deceits: and thirdly their cruelty.

Chorus of the primitiue Church

a That is, praise ye God, because the Antichrist & all wickednes is taken out of the world.

b So that all the Saints are confirmed, and ought nothing to doubt of the saluation of the faithfull.

c The wicked shalbe burned in continuall fire, that neuer shalbe extinguished.

d By the foure beasts are ment all creatures.

e Signifying that his iudgements are true and iust, & that we ought to praise him euermore for the destruction of the Pope.

f God made Christ the bridegroome of his Church at the beginning, and at the last day it shalbe fully accomplished when we shall be ioyned with our head.

g That is, the Angel. Matth. 22. 2. chap. 14. 13.

h Whom God of free mercie calleth to be partakers of his heauenly graces, and deliuereth from the filthy pollutions of Antichrist.

Lambes.

Singing & praises of God.

Chap. 22. 8, 9.
t Who are chiefe ged to testifie of Iesus, or which ani partaker of the same Gospel and faith.

I. He sheweth that none ought to be worshipped but only God: and that he is of their number whom God vseth to reueale his secrets by to the Prophets, that they may declare them to others, also that we must beleeue no other spirit of prophesie, but y which doeth testifie of Iesus, and leade vs to him.

I Whereby is signified that Iesus Christ our iudge shall be victorious, and shall triumph ouer his enemies.

m He meaneth Christ.

n So that the wicked shall tremble before his face.

o To shew that he was ruler of all the world.

p That is, none can haue so full reuelation how Christ is very God eternal, infinite & almighty, as he himselfe. *Isa. 63. 1. 2.*

q Whereby is signified his victorie, and the destruction of his enemies.

r Signifying that Iesus Christ, which is the word, is made flesh, and is our Lord, our God, and the iudge of the quicke and dead.

and supper, and he said vnto me, These words of God are true.

10 And I fell before his feet t to worship him: but he said vnto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow seruant, and one of thy brethren, which haue the t testimonie of Iesus. Worship God: for the t testimonie of Iesus is the spirit of prophesie.

11 And I sawe heauen open, and behold, a white u horse, & he that sate vpon him, was called = Faithfull and true, and he v iudgeth and fighteth righteously.

12 And his eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were o many crownes: and he had a name written, that no man p knew but himselfe.

13 And q he was clothed with a garment dipt in x blood, and his name is called, THE x WORD OF GOD.

14 And the t warriours which were in heauen, followed him vpon white horses, clothed with fine linnen white and pure.

15 And out of his mouth went out a sharpe y sword, that with it he should smite the heathen: for hee z shall rule them with a rod of iron: for hee it is that treadeth the winepresse of the fierce wrath and wrath of almightie God.

16 And hee hath vpon his garment, and vpon his a thigh a name written, a THE KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I sawe an Angel stand in the x sunne, who cryed with a loude voyce, saying to all the fowles that did flie by the mids of heauen, Come, and gather your selues together vnto the supper of the great God,

18 That yee may eate the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of the captaines, and the flesh of mightie men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all freemen and bondmen, and of small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the Kings of the earth, and their r warriours gathered together to make battel against him that sate on the horse, and against his souldiers.

20 But the beast was b taken, and with him that false prophet that wrought miracles before him, wherewith he deceiued them that receiued the beasts marke, and them that worshipped his image. These both were aliue cast into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slaine with the sworde of him that sitteth vpon the horse, which commeth out of his mouth, and all the fowles were filled full with their flesh.

CHAP. XX.

a Satan being bound for a certaine time, & shut vp in the bottomlesse pit, the Church groweth. 7. b And after the world is iudged, he shall be cast into the lake of fire.

A Nd I saw an a Angel come downe from heauen, hauing the b key of the bottomlesse pit, and a great chaine in his hand.

2 And he tooke the dragon that old serpent, which is the deuill and Satan, and he bound him a c thousand yeeres,

3 And cast him into the bottomlesse pit, and he shut him vp, and sealed the doore vpon him, that hee should deceiue the people no more, till the d thousand yeeres were fulfilled: for after that he must be loosed for a litle season.

4 And I sawe e seats: and they sate vpon them, and iudgement was giuen vnto them, and I sawe the soules of them, that were beheaded for the witnesse of Iesus, and for the worde of God, and which did not worship the beast, neither his image, neither had taken his marke vpon their foreheads, or on their handes: and they liued, and reigned with Christ a f thousand yeere.

5 But the rest of the g dead men shal not liue againe, vntill the thousand yeeres be finished: this is the h first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is hee, that hath part in the first resurrection: for on such the i second death hath no power: but they k shall be the Priests of God and of Christ, and shal reigne with him a l thousand yeere.

7 And when the thousand yeeres are m expired, Satan shall bee loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceiue the people, which are in the foure quarters of the earth: euen n Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battel, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went vp into the plaine of the earth, which compassed the tents of the saints about, and the beloued citie: but fire came downe from God out of heauen, and deuoured them.

10 And the deuill that deceiued them, was cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet shall be tormented euen day and night for euermore.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and o one that sate on it, from whose face fled away both the earth and heauen, and their place was no more found.

12 And I saw the dead, both great and small stand before God: and the p bookes

a This Angel representeth the order of the Apostles, whose vocation and office was from heauen: or may signifie Christ which should tread downe the serpents head.

b Hereby hee meaneth the Gospel whereby hell is shut vp to the faithfull, and Satan is chained that he cannot hurt them, yea, and the ministers hereby open it to the infidels, but through their impietie and stubburnesse.

c That is, from Christs natiuitie vnto the time of Pope Syluester the second: so long the puredoctrine should after a sort remain.

d After this terme Satan had greater power then he had before.

e The glory and authoritie of the that suffer for Christs sake.

f That is, whiles they haue remained in this life.

g He meaneth them which are spiritually dead: for in whom Satan liueth, he is dead to God.

h Which is, to receiue Iesus Christ in true faith, and to rise from sinne in newnesse of life.

i The death of the soule, which is eternall damnation.

k Shall be true partakers of Christ and of his dignitie.

l That is, for euer.

m After that the chaine is broken, and the true preaching of Gods word is corrupt.

n By them are meant diuers & strange enemies of the Church of God, as the Turk, the Saracens, and others: read Ezek. 38. 2. and 39. 1. 2. by whom the Church of God should bee grieuously tormented.

o Which was Christ prepared to iudgment with glory and maiestie.

p Euery mans conscience is as a booke wherein his deeds are written, which shall appeare when God openeth the bookes.

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Phil. 4.3.
chap. 3.5.
and 21.27.

a Vnderstanding all kindes of death, whereby man issues bens shine.
b Hell and death which are y last enemies shalbe destroyed.

Isa. 65.17.
and 66.22.
a All things shal be renewed and restored into a most excellent & perfect estate, and therefore the day of the resurrection is called the day of restauration of all things, *Act. 3.21.*
2 Pet. 3.13.
b For all things shalbe purged from their corruption, and the faithful shall enter into heauen with their head Christ.
c The holy company of the elect & heauenly citie God by his diuine maiestie will glorifie and reuiue his, and take them vnto him.
Isa. 25.8.
chap. 7.17.
d All occasions of sorow shall be taken away: so that they shal haue perpetuall ioy.
Isa. 43.19.
2 Cor. 5.17.
Chap. 1.8.
and 22.13.
e That am the eternall life will giue vnto mine

NEw I sawe a new heauen, and a newe earth: for the first heauen, and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

2 And I Iohn sawe the holy citie newe Ierusalem come downe from God out of heauen, prepared as a bride trimmed for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heauen, saying, Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them: and they shall be his people, and God himselfe shalbe their God with them.

4 And God shal wipe away all teares from their eies: and there shall be no more death, neither sorow, neither crying, neither shall there bee any more paine: for the first things are passed.

5 And he that sate vpon the throne, sayd, Behold, I make all things new: and he sayd vnto mee, Write: for these wordes are faithfull and true.

6 And he sayd vnto me, It is done, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ende. I will giue vnto him that is athirst, of the fwell of the water of life freely.

7 Hee that ouercommeth, shall inherite all things, and I will be his God, and hee shall be my sonne.

8 But the fearefull, and vnbeleeuing, and the abominable, and murtherers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all lyars shal haue their part in the lake, which burneth with fire & brimstone, which is the second death.

9 And there came vnto me one of the seuen Angels, which had the seuen vials full of the seuen last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come: I will shewe thee the bride, the Lambes wife.

10 And he caried mee away in the spirit to a great and an hie mountaine, and shewed me the great citie, holy Ierusalem, descending out of heauen from God,

11 Hauing the glory of God: and her shining was like vnto a stone most precious, as a Iasper stone, cleere as Chrystall.

12 And had a great wall and hie, and had twelue gates, and at the gates twelue Angels, and the names written, which are the twelue tribes of the children of Israel.

13 On the East part there were three gates, and on the Northside three gates, on the Southside three gates, and on the Westside three gates.

14 And the wall of the citie had twelue foundations, and in them the names of the Lambes twelue Apostles.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the citie withal, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lay foure square, and the length is as large as the breadth of it, and he measured the citie with the reede, twelue thousand furlongs: and the length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equall.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundreth, fourtie and foure cubites, by the measure of man, that is, of the Angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of Iasper: and the city was pure golde like vnto cleare glasse.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the citie were garnished with all maner of precious stones, the first foundation was Iasper: the second of Saphir: the third of a Chalcedonie: the fourth of an Emeraude:

20 The fift of a Sardonix: the sixt of a Sardius: the seuenth of a Chrysolite: the eight of a Beryl: the ninth of a Topaze: the tenth of a Chrysoprasus: the eleuenth of a Iacinct: the twelfth an Amethyst.

21 And the twelue gates were twelue pearles, and euery gate is of one pearle, and the street of the citie is pure golde, as shining glasse.

22 And I sawe no Temple therein: for the Lorde God Almighty and the Lambe are the Temple of it.

23 And the citie had no need of the Sunne, neither of the moone to shine in it: for the glory of God did light it: and the Lambe is the light of it.

24 And the people which are saued, shal walke in the light of it: and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honour vnto it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And the glory and honour of the Gentiles shalbe brought vnto it.

27 And there shall enter into it none vncleane thing, neither whatsoeuer worketh abomination or lies: but they which are written in the Lambes Booke of life.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The riuer of the water of life. 2 The fruitefulnesse and light of the citie of God. 6 The Lord giueth euer his seruants warning of things to come. 9 The Angel will not bee worshipped. 18 To the word of God may nothing be added, nor diminished there from.

And

a Or, Paradise.
b Or, Tree.
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zzzz Or, Tree.

a He alludeth to the visible paradise, to set forth more lively the spirituall, and this agreeth with that which is written, Ezek. 47. 1.

b Meaning that Christ who is the life of his church is common to all his, & not peculiar for any one sort of people.

c For there are all things pleasant and full of all contentation continually.

d Which sometime were vnpure as Gentiles, but now are purged and made whole by Christ. *Isa.* 60. 19. 20.

e The light shall be vnchangeable, and shine for euer.

Chap. 19. 10.

f Now this is the second time that he suffered himselfe to be caried away with the excellencie of the person which is to admonish vs of our infirmitie and to diffide to fall, except God strengthen vs miraculously with his spirit.

g This is not vnlike as the other prophets which were admonished to behold all the visions appertaining to Daniel 12. 4. because that those things should be quickly accomplished, and did now beginne.

And he shewed me a pure riuer of water of life, cleare as christall, proceeding out of the throne of GOD, and of the Lambe.

2 In the middes of the street of it, and of either side of the riuer, was the tree of life, which bare twelue maner of fruites, and gaue fruite euery a moneth: and the leaues of the tree serued to heale the nations withall.

3 And there shalbe no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lambe shall bee in it, and his seruants shall serue him,

4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 b And there shalbe no night there, and they needs no candle, neither light of the sunne: for the Lord God giueth them light, and they shall reigne for euermore.

6 And he said vnto me, these wordes are faithfull and true: and the Lord God of the holy Prophets sent his Angel to shewe vnto his seruaunts the things which must shortly be fulfilled.

7 Behold, I come shortly. Blessed is he that keepeth the wordes of the prophesie of this booke.

8 And I am John, which saw and heard these things: and when I had heard and seene, c I fell downe to worship before the feete of the Angel, which shewed me these things.

9 But hee said vnto me, See thou doe it not: for I am thy fellow seruant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them which keepe the wordes of this booke: worship God.

10 Also he saith vnto me, Seale not the wordes of the prophesie of this booke: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is vniust, let him be vniust still: and he which is filthie, let him be filthie still: and he which is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And behold, I come shortly, and my reward is with me, d to giue euery man according as his worke shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandements, that their right may be in the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the citie.

15 For without shall bee dogges and enchanters, and whoremongers, and murtherers, and idolaters, and whosoeuer loueth & maketh lies.

16 I Iesus haue sent mine Angel, to testifie vnto you these things in the Churches: I am the roote and the e generation of Dauid, and the bright morning f starre.

17 And the Spirite and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come: And let him that is a thirst, come: and g let whosoeuer will take of the water of life freely.

18 For I protest vnto euery man that heareth the wordes of the prophesie of this booke, If any man shall adde vnto these things, God shal adde vnto him the plagues that are written in this booke.

19 And if any man shall diminish of the wordes of the booke of this prophesie, God shall take away his part out of the booke of life, and out of the holy City, and from those things which are written in this booke.

20 He which testifieth these things, saith, h Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Euen so come, Lord Iesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Rom. 2. 6. Isa. 40. 10. & 62. 11. chap. 1. 8 & 21. 6.

h They shall liue eternally with the Sonne of God.

i That maintaine false doctrine, & delight therein.

k Thir is a true and naturall man, and yet God equall with my Father.

l For Christ is the light that giueth light to euery one that commeth into this world.

m Let them be afraid of Gods horrible iudgements, and as soone as they heare the Lambe call, let them come: while that feeleth himselfe oppressed with afflictions and desireth the heauenly graces and comfort. *Isa* 55. 1.

n That is, when God beginneth to reforme our will by his Spirit. *Deut.* 4. 2 & 12. 32. *prou* 30. 6.

o Seeing the Lord is at hand, we ought to be constant and reioyce, but we must beware we attende not the length or shortnesse of the Lords comming by our owne imagination. 2 Pet. 3. 9. p This declareth the earnest desire that the faithful haue to be deliuered out of the miseries, and to be ioyned with their head Christ Iesus.

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Ethanim or		Hebrew Characters	
1 Tisri	Part Sept^r Part Oct^r		1
2 Chesvan or Bull	Oct^r do Nov^r		2
3 Chisleu	Part Nov^r do Dec^r		3
4 Tebeth	do Dec^r do Jan^y		4
5 Shebat	do Jan^y do Feb^y		5
6 Adar	do Feb^y do March		6
7 Nisan or Abib	Mar^h to April		7
8 Ejar or Zif	do April May		8
9 Sivan	do May & June		9
10 Tamuz	do June & July		10
11 Ab	do July & Augs		11
12 Elul	do Aug & Sept^r		12

7 Tisri or Ethanim, Gen 8.4 Levi 16.29. 1 Kin^gs 8.2 Ezra 3 Nehemi 7.3
8 Cesvan or Bull, 1 Kings 6.38
9 Chisleu, Ezra 10.9 Nehemiah 1.1 Zach 7.1
10 Tebeth, 2 Kings 25.1 Ezec 11.1
11 Shebat, Zacha 1.7
12 Adar, Ezra 6.15
1 Nisan or Abib, Gen 8.13 Exo 13.14 Jos^a 4.19 Ruth 1.22 Exo 12
2 Ejar, 1 Kings 6 Ch Gen 7.11 Kin^gs 1.6.37.
3 Sivan, Exo 19.1 Levi 16.29 Esther 7.9
4 Tamuz,
5 Ab, Numb^rs 33.38
6 Elul,
7 The new year begins 20 September.
1 The Passover begin 29 March,
2 The feast of Weeks begin 18 May,

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in euery of them ſhalt thou by Gods grace, without faile be conduced, and to thy great eaſe directed, and as it were, ledde by the hand, euen to the Booke, Chapter and Verſe, where the ſame, (or ſo much thereof, as for a godly, Chriſtian, and neceſſary knowledge ſhall bee thought requiſite) is to bee found out moſt readily: alwayes remembring, that whatſoeuer conuenient knowledge wanteth in theſe Alphabets, as touching the text whereunto it directeth thee, is there ſupplied by the Annotations, or quotations in the Margent. Moreouer, good Chriſtian Reader, thou haſt alſo to obſerue how that the firſt Figure, or Figures, which followe next after any Booke whereunto thou ſhalt bee guided, ſignifieth or ſignifie the Chapter, and the other the verſe or verſes of the ſame Chapter, where any of the foreſaid things is to be ſought for. Againe, whereas thou ſhalt after a Chapter, and otherwhiles after ſome verſe or verſes of a Chapter, finde this marke or Starre * quoted, thou art to vnderſtand, how that the whole Chapter, or from the verſe of that Chapter where the ſame Starre is placed forward vnto the ende thereof, entreateth, or in ſome good reſpects chiefly belongeth, and may be applyed to the ſame Hiſtorie, matter, or common place thou ſeekeſt for, except there be any verſes following the ſame *, for then the common place is to be vnderſtoode, not to exceede thoſe verſes. Finally, whereas I haue ſometimes in theſe Alphabets partly ſet downe the ſenſe, & that which may properly be gathered of the text, which thou art directed vnto, & not the very words themſelues, and otherwhiles repeated one thing in diuers places, but yet to diuers ends: I truſt that wil not offend thee, ſith I haue ſo done for the vnlearneds ſake, becauſe the ſame could not, ne can be made too plaine for them, and therefore haue vſed not ſo great a curioſitie and abbreuiation in that behalfe, as perhaps ſome others would haue had me: & yet conſidering to what a great quantity theſe two Alphabets are growen vnto, (ouer that I thought they would) I haue bene forced to leaue out ſomewhat, that otherwiſe I would haue added vnto them, which hereafter by Gods grace I will ſupply: thus much touching the principal contents, commodity, & vſe of the aforeſaid Alphabets, which with ſuch other doubts as may trouble thee, I miſtruſt not, but by well peruſing of the ſame, and practiſe (with the diuerſitie of letter, which is vſed in them) will ſoone appeare very eaſie, plaine, and apparant vnto thee, albeit I particularly touch not euery of them. Now therfore to conclude, if my ſimple trauaile and paines taken herein ſhalbe wel accepted of thee, I meane, of the more skilful and learned Readers to be poliſhed and amended of them (if they ſhall ſo deeme neceſſary and conuenient) to the better edification of the Church of God, whereof they are or ought to be ioynt members, helpers, and furtherers, ſo farre forth as their Talents wil ſtretch vnto, and that in the ſpirit of meekeneſſe, ſobrietie, and charitie: and of the leſſe learned or vnlearned Reader (vnto whom I confeſſe my ſelfe the greateſt debtour) as an aid and helpe to their godly ſtudies, and honeſt trade of life, and withal Chriſtianly to be conſtrued of al men, as a meanes and furtherance, and not an hinderance vnto any, I ſhall for my part thinke my ſelfe well requited, and more then ſufficiently rewarded, in that I ſhall enioy my deſire, and that which I longed for, And ſo beſeeching Almightie God to giue vs his grace to be ſtudious of vnitie, and bringing forth ſuch fruites, as may declare our vndoubted election in Chriſt Ieſus, I take my leaue of thee, this xxij of December.

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A

Aaron, or Aharon: *A teacher*, or *teaching*, or *concerning*, or *a hill*, or *mountaine*, or *a man of the mountaine*, or *the mountaine of fortitude*, or *a strong hill*. The sonne of Amram. Exod. 6. 20. Hee meeteth Moses at Horeb. Exod. 4. 27. Hee is eloquent. Exod. 4. 14. Hee is sent with Moses into Egypt. Exod. 4. 15, 16. and declareth Gods message vnto Pharaoh. Exod. 4. 30. and 5. 1. Aaron and Hur waite at the foote of the mountaine, vntill Moses returned from speaking with God. Exod. 24. 13, 14.

Aaron was with his sonnes anointed and consecrated Priest. Leuit. 8. 1.* Num. 3. 10. Deut. 18. 1. Heb. 5. 4. after the ordinance. Exo. 28. 1.* and 29. 1.* & 40. 12. He erecteth a calfe. Exod. 32. 4. and is rebuked of Moses therefore. Exo. 32. 21. The oblation of him and his children the day of their anointing. Leuit. 6. 20. His oblation for himselfe and the people. Leu. 9. 2. Hee blesseth the people after his offering. Leuit. 9. 22. Hee and Miriam murmure against Moses, and be reproued of God. Num. 12. 1, 15.

The oblations and tenths offered vnto God by the children of Israel, appertaine vnto Aaron. Numb. 18. 8. God is Aarons heritage. Num. 18. 20. By making of Aarons rod to budde, God appointeth Aaron to bee high Priest. Numb 17. 8. He went perrely but once into the most holy. Exo. 30. 10. He could not enter into the land of Canaan for his infirmities sake. Num. 20. 24. He dieth by the appointment of God in the top of the mount Hor called Mosera. Num. 20. 28. Deut. 10. 6. and 32. 50. After him succeedeth his sonne Eleazar. Num 20. 28. The habitations of his children. 1. Chr. 6. 54. Hee is praised Esra 6. 5. Eccius 45. 6, 7. His sonnes Nadab and Abihu were slaine for offering strange fire. Leuit. 10. 1, 2. looke more Luke 1. 5. Acts 7. 40. Heb. 5. 4. and 7. 11. and 9. 4.

Abadon

¶ Abaddon. in Greeke Apollyon. *destroying*, looke Reuel. 9. 11.

Abana
Amana

Abanah. *stony*, or *a building*, or *father I beseech now*, A riuer of Damascus. 2. King 5. 12.

Abarim. *goings ouer*, or *conceiuing*: in the Syrian tongue, *All kindes of corne*. A hill ouer Iordan, where the Israelites pitched the 41. mansion in the wildernesse. Numb. 33. 47. from whence God shewed Moses the land of Canaan Numb. 27. 12. and vpon the which hill Moses died. Deu. 32. 49, 50. & 34. 1, 5.

Abba. *father*. Mar. 14. 36.

We crie vnto God Abba Father by the holy Ghost. Rom. 8. 15. Galat. 4. 6.

Abdia

Abaron. *strength*. The sonne of Mattathias 5 sonne of Iohn. 1. Mac. 2. 5. called also Eleazar. 1. Mac. 6. 43.

Abda. *a seruant*, or in the Syrian tongue, *this cloud*. 3. King. 4. 6. Nehe. 11. 17.

Abdi

Abdi. *my seruant*. The father of Kish. 2. Chr. 29. 12.

Abdiel

Abdiel. *a seruant of God*, or *a cloude of Gods store*. Jere. 36. 26. and 1. Chr. 5. 15.

Abdon. *a seruant*, or *a cloud of Iustice*. 2 Chr. 34. 20 called Achbor. 2. King. 22. 12. Also a citie. Iosh. 21. 3. Also a Iudge, who had 40. sonnes, and 30. nephewes. Iudg 12. 13, 14.

Abed-nego. *a seruant of shining*. A mans name called also Azariah Dan 1. 7.

Abdenago

Abel. *mourning*. A citie, where dwelt wise men, whose counsels many of the Israelites followed in their affaires. 2 Sam. 20. 18. It was preserued by the counsell of a wise woman that was therein. 2. Samuel 20. 16.* It was afterward taken by Tiglath Pileser. 2. Kings 15. 29. Also a place whereupon the Arke of God was set. 1. Sam. 6. 18. Iudg. 11. 33. For Abel the sonne of Adam, looke Habel.

Abela

Abel-beth-maachah. *mourning to the house of Maachah*. A citie which king Asa ouercame by the helpe of Ben-hadad. 1. King. 15. 20. called also Abelmaim. 2. Chr. 16. 4.

Abelmaim. *mourning of waters*. A citie, called also Abel-beth-maachah, as before.

Abelmehula

Abel-meholah. *sorow of weakenesse*. A place, whereof looke Iudg. 7. 22. and 1. King. 4. 12.

Abel-shittim. *sorrow of thornes*. A place not farre from Iordan, South from the Moabites, so named of the plentie of thornes growing there. Numb. 33. 49. In that place was the 42. mansion of the Israelites.

Abel-latim

Abel-mitraim. Gen. 50. 11.

Abes

Abez. *an egge*, *dirty*, or *of linnen*. A citie in the tribe of Issachar. Iosh. 19. 20.

Abagtha. *father of the winepresse*. One of King Ahasuerosh bi. chamberlaines. Ester 1. 10.

Abagthan
Abagatha

Abi. *my father* Hezekiahs mother. 2. King. 18. 2.

Abia

Abiah. *the wil of the Lord*. The sonne of Samuel. 1. Sam. 8. 2. Also Rehoboams sonne. 1. Chron. 3. 10. who is called Abiam. 1. King. 14. 3. and in Matthew Abia. Matth. 1. 7. Also the name of Helcrons wife. 1. Chr. 2. 24.

Abi-albon. *the father of great vnderstanding*, or *the father of much building*, or *wrong*. A mans name. 2. Sam. 23. 31 called Abiel. 2. Chr. 11. 32.

Abiam

Abiam. *the father of the sea*. the sonne of Rehoboam. 2 King. 14. 31. looke Abiah. He is made King of Iudah. 1. King. 15. 1. warreth with Ieroboam. 2. Chron. 13. 2. glorieth in God his guide. 2. Chron. 13. 12. and therefore obtaineth victorie. 2 Chron. 13. 16. He dieth. After him succeedeth his sonne Asa, a godly prince. 1. King. 15. 8. and 2 Chron. 14. 1, 2.

Abiasaph

Abiasaph. *a gathering*, or *consuming father*. The sonne of Korah. Exod 6. 24. looke Ebiasaph.

Abiathar. *father of the remnant*, or *excellent father*, or *father of contemplation*. The sonne of Ahimelech, who escaped the hands of Saul. 1. Samu. 22. 20, 21. and fled to Dauid to Keilah. 2. Samu. 23. 6. Her holdeth with Adonijah. 1. King. 1. 7. was put from his Priesthood. 1. kin. 2. 27. according to the word. 1. Sa. 2. 30, 31. reade Mark. 2. 26. Also the name of another Priest. 1. King 4. 4.

Abib. Exod. 13. 4.

Abida. *father of knowledge*. Gen. 25. 4.

Abidan. *father of iudgement*. Num. 1. 11.

Abiel. *my father is God*. 1. Sam. 9. 1. and 14. 51. Also a mans name. 1. Chron. 11. 32. called Abi-albon. 2. Sam. 23. 31.

Abiezer. *the fathers helpe*. Iosh. 17. 2. Also one of Dauids 30. worthies. 2. Sam 23. 27.

Abi jal — Abigail, *the fathers ioy.* The wife to the vngodly Nabal, a woman of singular wisedome. 1. Sam. 25. 3. who became after Nabals death, the wife of Dauid. 2. Sam. 25. 39. Also the name of the daughter of Nahash, &c. whom Amasa beslouted. 2. Sam. 17. 25.

Abi-gabaon — Abigibeon, *the father of the cup, or father of a little bul, or the father of Gibeon.* 1. Chr. 8. 29 and 9. 35

Abihaiel — Abihail, *the father of strength, riches, or sorow.* Num. 3. 35. Also the name of Rehoboams wife. 2. Chr. 11. 18.

Abihail — Abihail, *the father of light, or praise.* 1. Chr. 2. 29.

Abihu. *he is father. or father himselfe.* One of the sonnes of Aaron. Exod. 6. 23. who with Nadab his brother was consumed with fire, for that they offered strange fire contrary to Gods commandement. Leu. 10. 1, 2. and Num. 3. 4.

How Abihu, Nadab, Moses, and Aaron saw God in the mount. Exod. 24. 9, 10, 11.

Abiud — Abiud, *the father of praise, or confession.* 1 Chro 8. 3. Also the name of Zorobabels sonne. Matth. 1. 13. there called Abiud, and in 1. Chr 3. 19. Hananiah.

Abiah — Abiah, *idem* as Abiah. The mother of Hezekiah. 2. Chr. 29. 1. called Abi. 2. King. 18. 2. Also Jeroboams sonne, who died, and was bewailed of all Israel. 1. King. 14. 1, 18.

Abi — Abiam, *loake* Abiam.

Abilina — Abilene, *weeping, or crying, or lamentable, or the sonne of a mansion, or murmuring.* A countrey where of Lysanias was Tetrarch. Luke 3. 1.

Abimael. *a father from God, or of God.* Gen. 10. 28.

Abimelech. *the kings father, or my father the king, or father of counsel, or chiefe father.* A generall name of the kings of the Philistims, (as Cesar is the name of the Emperors of Rome) the king of Gerar who tooke Sarah frō Abraham, purposing to make her his wife. Gene. 20. 2. Hee maketh a couenant with Abraham. Gen 21. 27. and also with Isaak. Gen. 26 26, 31.

Also the sonne of Jerubbaal, or Gideon. Judg. 8 35. and 9 1. who slew 70. of his brethren, & reigned king ouer Israel. Judg 9 5, 6. & at the last perished shamefully. Judg. 9. 53, 54. and 2. Sam. 11. 21.

Aminadab — Abinadab. *a father of a vowe, or of a free minde, or Prince.* The brother of Dauid. 1. Sam. 16. 8. Also the sonne of Saul. 1. Chr. 8. 33. The Arke of God was in his house. 1. Sam. 7. 1. and from thence was caried to the house of Obed Edom. 2. Sam. 6. 3, 10, 11.

Abinoem — Abinoam. *father of beauty, or gladnesse.* Judg. 4. 6.

Abiron — Abiram. *a high father, or a father of electiō, or deceit.* The first begotten sonne of Hiel the builder againe of Jericho. 1. King. 16. 34. Also Eliabs sonne, who going about to vsurp y priesthood, was alme swalowed vp of the earth. Num. 16 1, 31, 32. Deu. 11. 6. Psal. 106. 17.

Abisag — Abishag. *the fathers ignorance or error, or the multiplying father.* A faire yong virgin, who lay with Dauid in his age to cherish y warme him. 1. Kin. 1. 3. whom after the death of Dauid Adonijah asked to wife, and therefore was slaine by Benaiah. 1. Kin. 2. 17, 21, 25.

Abisai — Abishai. *the fathers reward, or the father of a reward.* The sonne of Jesuiah, who pursued Sheba. 2. Sam. 20 & and therfore was reckoned among Dauids worthies. 2. Sam. 23. 18. his linage is found. 1. Chr. 2. 16.

Abshalom / Abhalon / Absalom / Absilon / Absalon / Abesalom / Absalomus / Absilonius / Absolomus / Absolomi — Absholom, *or* Absalom, *a father of peace, or his father is peace, or reward, or the father's end.* The sonne of Dauid. 2. Sam. 3. 3. & 1. King. 1. 5, 6. and 2. Chr. 11. 20. called Maacah. 2. Chr. 13. 2.

Also the name of Dauids sonne by Maacah. 2. Sam. 3. 3. who after that he had made a banquet at his sheepe-shearing vnto the kings sonnes, slewe his brother Ammon, because he had rauished his sister Tamar 2. Sam. 13. 28, 29, 32. he fled. 2 Sam. 13. 34. 37. and was called againe by Joabs policie, and the wo-man of Tekoah. 2. Sam. 14. 2, 24. He had 3. sonnes and one daughter. 2. Sam. 14. 27. his beauty. 2. Sam. 14. 25. After his returne to Jerusalem, his father would not see him, to the ende hee would not seeme to oppose his doings. 2. Sam. 14. 24. he burneth Joabs field of barley, and wip. 2. Sam. 14 29, 30. He is brought into Dauids presence, who for the feruent loue he bare him, killed him. 2. Sam. 14. 33. His ambition by colour of honouring of iustice. 2. Sam. 15. 2, to 7. He faineth to make a vow and sacrifice, whereby he obtaineth licence of his father to depart to Hebron, and rebelleth. 2. Samu. 15. 7, 8, 9. The people ignorant of his drift follow him. 2. Sam. 15. 11. By Ahithophels counsel he lieth with his fathers concubines. 2. Sam. 16. 21. according to the prophecie. 2. Samu. 12, 11. Dauid chargeth Joab not to kill him, but to entreate him kindely for his sake. 2. Samu. 18. 5. Being hanged in an Oke, he is thrust thorow the bodie by Joab. 2. Samu. 18. 14. Dauid mourneth for his death, and tooke it very heauily. 2. Sam. 18. 33. Joab comforteth him. 2. Sam. 19 5, 6, 7, 8. The people repent their folie in making him King ouer them. 2. Sam. 19. 10, to 15.

Also the name of a man. 1. Par. 11. 70. there called Absalomus.

Abishua — *the father of saluation* the sonne of Phinehas. 1. Chr. 6 4. Also the sonne of Bela. 1. Chr. 8. 3, 4. — Abisue

Abishur. *the father of a song, or wall, or of righteousnesse.* 1. Chr. 2. 28. — Abisur

Abital. *the father of the dewe.* 2. Sam. 3 4.

Abitob. *the father of goodnesse.* 1. Chr. 8. 11. — Abitub

Abner. *the fathers candle.* A captaine of Sauls host the sonne of Ner Sauls vncle. 1. Sam. 14. 50. Dauid reproueth him for his negligence. 1. Sam. 26. 15, 16. he maketh Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul king. 2. Sa. 2. 8, 9 & wageth battell with Dauid & is put to flight. 2. Sam. 2. 17, 29, 31. He thrusteth Asahel through the bodie with a speare. 2. Sam. 2. 23. He lieth with Rizpah. 2. Sam. 3. 7. Therefore Ish-bosheth is offended with him: for which cause hee betrayeth his master, and maketh a couenant with Dauid to deliuer Israel and Judah into his hand: afterward he is slaine cowardly by Joab. 2. Sam. 3. 27, 37. for the which Dauid and his people mourne. 2. Sam. 3. 31, 32. 33, 34. — Abitub / Ahitub

Abram. *an high father.* The sonne of Terah. Gene. 11. 27, 31. taketh Sarai to wife. Gen. 11. 29 he goeth out of his native countrey at Gods commandement. Genes. 12. 1, 4. God promiseth him and his seede the land of Canaan. Gene 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 8 & 17. 4. He with his wife, his brothers sonne Lot, & his houshold, trauaile toward the land of Canaan, and there he buildeth an altar. Genes. 12 5, 7. he trauaileth into Egypt, where hee willeth Sarai to call him brother. Gene. 12. 13. Pharaoh being punished for taking his wife, restoreth her againe. Gen. 12. 17, 19. Hee returneth out of Egypt very rich. Genes. 13. 2. To auoide strife, he parteth companie very louingly with Lot his nephew. Gen. 13. 8, 11. he deliuereth Lot out of captiuitie. Gen. 14. 16. he giueth vnto Melchi-zedek tithe of his spoile. Gen. 14. 18, 20. Deb. 7. 4, 8. Hee refuseth to be enriched by the king of Sodom, that the glory of his wealth might redound to God only. Ge 14. 22, 23. Abram trusteth the promise of a sonne. Ge. 15. 4. and 17. 16. & 18, 10. and requireth of God a signe, to assure him that his seed should inherite the land of Canaan. Gen. 15. 8, 9. he with the consent of Sarai his wife, lieth with Hagar, one of her degree. Ismael. Gen. 16. 1, 4, 15. he receiueth the promise and token of circumcision, and is called Abraham Gen. 17 4, 9.

Abraham. *a father of a great multitude* As the name was changed Gen. 17. 5. Hee was circumcised with all his houshold. Genes 17. 23. God spiritually him

the destruction of Sodom. Gen. 18.17. He taught his familie to keepe Gods commandements. Gen. 18.18, 19. He prayeth for the Sodomites. Gen. 18.23. Being in Gerar, and fearing some inconvenience, called his wife sister. Gen. 20.2 He being a Prophet, is rebuked for the same by Abimelech. Gen. 20.7,.9.

The true seed of Abraham, are those which descend of Izhak: and such as be the sonnes of promise, hoping for the life everlasting. Gen. 21.12.

Abraham thrust his servant Hagar & her sonne out of his house. Ge. 21.14. He planteth a grove in Beersheba. Gen. 21.33. God proveth his faith, & trust upon Gods promises, by willing him to offer up Izhak his only sonne, unto whom belonged the promise to be accomplished. Ge. 22.1,2. he offereth up a ramme in sacrifice, in the stead of his sonne Izhak. Gen. 22.23. He bewaileth Sarahs death, and buyeth of the sonnes of Heth a plot of ground, buriedy her there. Gene. 23.2, 17, 19 he marieth another wife named Keturah. Ge. 25.1. he sendeth his servaunt to finde a wife for his son Izhak. Gen 24.2,4 After his death he was buried in the double caue of Machpelah. Ge. 25.9. God remembreth his promise made unto Abraham, and comforteth Israel in their afflictions. 2. kin. 13.23. God deliuered Lot for Abrahams sake. Gen. 19.29 For his sake God multiplied Izhak. Gen 26.3,4,5. Eccius. 44.22.

The father of Abraham, Terah, and Nahor his brother served strange Gods, frō the which God deliuered them, causing them to put their trust onely in him. Josh. 24.2,3. God was with Abraham in all & he did Gen. 21.22. his hospitality is declared unto us, by sitting at the dooze of his tent, inuiting those that passed by to take reliefe at his hand. Gen. 18.1,2,3, to ver. 9 his obedience commended. Ge. 22.19. & 26.5. Ac. 7.4. Heb. 11.8. his faith praised. Ro. 4.3. Heb. 11.17. God appeared unto him. Gen. 12.7. and 17.1. and 18.1.

The children of Abraham, are those that beleeue in Jesus Christ, & doe the workes of Abraham. Joh. 8.39 Rom. 4.16. and 9.7. Gal. 3.7, 22. he is called the heire of the world. Rom. 4.13. hee reioyced to see Christ in the flesh. Joh 8.56. Zaccheus became his sonne, by beleeuing Jesus Christ. Luke 19.9. Christ was before him. John 8.58. and descended of him. Matt. 1.1,2. he is praised very highly. Eccius 44.19,20,21.

Abrahams bosome. Luke 16.22.

Abrech. Gen. 41.43.

Absalom and Absalomus, looke Abishalom.

¶ Accho, *shrust*, or *prest together*, or *rubbed*. The name of a towne. Judg. 1.31.

Achad — Accad, *a sharke*. a city wherein Nimrod reigned. Gen. 10.10 Vthens called Nisibis.

Achekdama — Aceldama, *the field of blood*. Act. 1.19 Mat. 27.8.

Achaia, *dolour*, or *sadnesse*. A countrey. Acts 18.12. Rom. 15.26.

Achaicus, *sorowing*, or *sad*. a mās name. 1. Cor. 16.17

Akan / Acham — Achan, *troubling*, or *gnashing*. The son of Serr. Ge. 36.27. Also the sonne of Charmi. Josh. 7.1. called Achar. 1. Chron. 2.7. who was stoned (for reteuing that which ought to haue bin destroyed) in the valley of Achor, with al that appertained unto him. Josh. 7.25,26

Achar, *idem*. as Achan.

Achate. A precious stone. Exod. 28.19.

Achaz. looke Ahaz.

Achbor — Achbor, *a mouse*. Father to Baal-hanan. Gene. 36.38.1. Chro. 1.44. Also sonne to Michaiah. 2. kin. 22.12. called Abdon. 2. Chro. 34.20.

Achiacharus. Tob. 1.21.

Achim, *rising againe*, or *confirming*, or *reuenging*, or *their brother*. Matt. 1.14.

Ahior. — Achior, *the brothers light*, or *brother of fire*. A captaine of the Ammonites. Judeth. 5.5. who for his good counsell given to Olofernes, was bound to a tree by his seruants, and vnbound againe by the Jewes, and friendly entertained of them. Judeth 6.23, 14. who afterward forsaking his Paynims religion, beleeued in God, and was circumcised. Judeth 14.10.

Achish, *a fo, or sure it is*. The name of the king of Gath unto whom Dauid fled & before whom he fained himselfe mad, to escape out of danger. 1. Sa. 21.10, 13 — Achis

Achish, the sonne of Maoch, giuen by Dauid the city of Ziklag. 1. Sam. 27.2, 6.

Achor, *trouble*. a valley in the tribe of Iudah, north from Jericho, not farre from Gilgal. Josh. 15.7. named of the trouble of the Israelites, and not of Achan the sacrilleger, who was there stoned for taking a thing forbidden. Josh. 7.26.

Achsah, *straw, mear, decked, or adorned, or wantonnes, lasciuiousnesse, or dishonesty*. The daughter of Caleb. 1. Chro. 2.49. Judg. 1.12. giuen to Othniel to wife. Josh. 15.16, 17. shee craueth springs of water of her father. Josh. 15.18, 19. Judges 1.15. — Axa / Achsa

Achsaph, *a poisoner, sorcerer, or witch*. A citie in the tribe of Aser. Josh. 11.1. Jerome calleth it Chasalus, being situated in the plaine country at the foote of the mount Thabor. — Achsaph

Achzib, or Aczib, *a lyer*. a citie in the tribe of Iudah. Josh. 15.44 and Mich. 1.14. — Achzibe / Achzibah

¶ Adadah, *the witnes of an assembly, or congregation*. The name of a citie. Josh 15.22. — Adada

Adadezer, Hadarezer, *combines, helpe of beauty, or beautiful helpe, or the entry, habitacle, or engendring of beauty*. The name of the King of Zobah, who was discomfited by Dauid. 2. Sam. 8.3, 8 1. Ch. 18.3, to 12 His seruants being vanquished, make peace with Dauid and doe homage. 2. Sam. 10.19. & 1. Ch. 19 19. — Hadadezer / Hadarezer

Adah, *an assembly of people, or congregation*. The second wife of Lamech. Gen. 4.19. also the name of one of Esaus wiues. Gen. 36.2. — Ada

Adaiah, *the witnes of the Lord, or euerlastingnes of God* 1. Ch. 6.41. & 8.21, 22. & 23.1. 2. Ch. 23.1. Ez. 10.39 — Adaia / Adaias

Adaliah, *pouerty, or drawing water, or any thing greedily, or a cloud, or destruction of labour*. The sonne of Haman, the sonne of Ammedatha. Ester 9.8, 10. — Adalia

Adam, *man, earthly, red, or bloody*. The name of the first man created by God, unto whō was giuen dominion ouer all things. Ge 1.27, 28. 1. Tim. 2.13, 14 He is put into Paradise to labour the earth, and was forbidden the tree of knowledge of good & euill. Ge. 2.16, 17. he giueth names unto all beasts. Ge. 2.20. He eateth of the tree of knowledge by his wiues perswasion. Ge. 3.6 being ashamed by reason of his sin, he seeketh to shun Gods presence. Ge. 3.10. he chargeth his wife with his fault. Gen. 3.12. and is punished. Ge 3.17. & is thrust out of Paradise. Ge. 3.23, 24 he liued 930. yeres Ge. 5.5. his genealogie unto Jaakob & Esau. 1. Chro. 1.1, to 35. Christs genealogie from Adam. Lu. 3 23.

Adam is a name common to both man and woman. Gen. 1.27. and 5.1, 2.

Adam a figure of the second Adam Jesus Christ. Rom 5.12, 14. 1. Cor. 15.21, 22.

The first man Adam was made a liuing soule, and the last Adam Christ, was made a quickening spirit. 1. Cor. 15.45.

By Adam we are all subiect both to sinne & death. Rom. 5.12,

We must resemble the celestial Adam by pureness of life, as we haue resembled the terrestrial Adam by wickednes of life. 1. Cor. 15.49, 50.

By Adam we are al subiect to death: but by Christ we shall enioy euerlasting life. 1. Cor. 15.22, 45, 47.

Into what calamity mankinde is brought through Adams disobedience. Eccius. 40.1. to verse 12.

Adam. a citie. Josh. 3.16.

Adma Adamah. *earthly, red, or bloody.* a citie in Pentapolis. Gen. 10.19. destroyed with Sodome. Gen. 19.28. Deut. 29.23. Josh. 19 36. Hose. 11.8.

Adama, Edema

Adamineceb Adami neked, *humane deception, or a cloud of malediction.* a citie. Josh. 19.33.

Addar Adat. *power or greatnesse.* a citie. Josh. 15.3. also a moneth. Ezra. 6.15. also a mans name. 1. Chr. 8.3.

Addaza Adbeel. *vapour, or cloud with God.* The sonne of Ishmael. Gen. 25.13. and 1. Chr. 1.29.

Addon Addan. *Lord, foundatio. or ground.* or in the Syrian tongue, *an eare of the head.* looke Nu. 7.61. & Ez. 2.59

Adon Adiel. *witnesse of God. or everlastingnesse of God.* 1. Chr. 4.36. and 9.12. and 27.25.

Addi *witnesse.* father of Melchi. Luke 3.28.

Addin *delicious, or voluptuous.* Ezra. 2.15. and 8.6.

Addina *idem.* 1. Chr. 11.42.

Addithaim *assembly, or congregations, or witnesses.* a citie. Josh. 15.36.

Adli Adlai. *witnesse to me.* 1. Chr. 27.27.

Admah. looke Adamah.

Admatha. looke Amatha. Ester. 1.14.

Adoniah Adonias Adonia Adoniah. *ruling Lord, or the Lord u the ruler, or the foundatiõ of the Lord, or* out of the Syrian speech, *the care of the Lord.* Davids sonne by Haggith. 2. Sam. 3.4. who blurped the kingdom of his father. 1. kin. 1.5. to 50. Hearing that Salomon was made king by his fathers commandement, he yeelded, and is pardoned. 2. king. 1.50, 53. for desiring Abishag to wife he is put to death. 1. king. 2.17, 25

Adna, and Admah. looke Edna.

Adonibezec Adoni bezek. *the Lord of Bezek, or the Lorde of thunder, or the Lords thunder.* a king of whose cruelty and iust punishment. looke Judg. 1.6, 7.

Adonikam Adonikam. *the Lord did rise againe, or the Lord u risen.* Ezra. 2.13. and 8.13 Nehe. 7.18.

Adoram Adoricam Adoniram *the high Lord, or Lord of Elation, or the high minded Lord.* The receiuer of Salomons tributes. 1. kings 4.6. and 5.14.

Adonisedec Adoni-zedek. *the righteousnesse of the Lord, or the Lords iustice, or the Lord of iustice.* a king of Jerusalem. Josh. 10.1.

Hadoram Adoran Aduram Adoram *their comlines, or praise, or a high confession or cry.* The receiuer of Rehoboams tributes, whom the people stoned to death. 1. king. 12.18. and 2. Chr. 10.18. also the sonne of Jektan. Gen. 10.27. also the sonne of Tou king of Hameth. 1. Chron. 18.9, 10. also Davids tribute gatherer. 2. Sam. 20, 24.

Adrammelech Adramelech. *the kings cloake, or the greatnes power, or counsaile of the king* The name of Sancherib his sonne, who with his brother Sharezer, slew their father in the Temple, worshipping Nisroch his God. 2. king. 19. 37. and Isa. 37. 38. also the name of one of the gods of Sepharuaim. 2. kings 17.31.

Adramirena Adrumetina Adramittium *a neat commonalty.* a citie of Mysia, not farre from Mytelene, in a ship of which citie Paul tooke shipping to goe into Italy. Act. 27.2.

Adriaticum Adriatical sea. a sea against Rauenna, which by means of riuers entreth into the floode Padus, taking that name of the city Adria next vnto it. Strab. in li. 5. This sea Paul passed by as he went to Rome. Act. 27.27.

Hadriel Adriel. *the flocke of God.* 1. Sam. 21.8.

Adullam. *witnes, or an ornament to them, or a witnes or an ornament of their miserie.* a citie. Josh. 12.15. and 15.35. The citizens called Adullamites. Gen. 38.1.

Adummim Adummim *Earthly, red, or bloodie things.* Josh. 15.7. and 18.17.

Æneas ¶ Aeneas. *praised.* a man whom Peter by the vertue of Jesus Christ healed of the palsie. Act. 9. 33. 34.

Agabus. *A locust, grashopper, or lopster.* Also the *pleasantnes, or ioyfulnes of the father.* a Prophet who foretolde the dearth to come. Acts 11.28. And also foretolde Paul of his deliuering into the hands of his enemies. Acts 21.10, 11.

Agag. *a garret, or vpper rome.* The king of the Amalekites, whō Saul tooke prisoner: he was hewen in pieces alive. 1. Sa. 15.8, 33. according to ꝑ prophecy of Balaã. Nu. 24.7, 20. Haman was an Agagite. Est. 3.1

Agar. looke Hagar.

Age. *a valley, or deepenesse.* 2. Sam. 23.11.

Agrippa Agrippa. *Sicke, sorrowful, grieued, or wearied, or one that is hardly deliuered in childbirth, or* it is said to be *he that in the birth putteth forth his feet first of al.* The surname of Herod, who beheaded James ꝑ ewer, cast Peter into prison, & died miserably. Act. 12.1. * Also the name of ꝑ sonne Herods son, before whō Paul pleadeth. Act. 25.13. & 26.1. * whom also Paul had almost conuerted with his preaching. Ac. 26.28. look Herod.

Ahab Ahab. *the brothers father.* A wicked king of Israel 1. king. 16.28. who maried Jezebel an idolatresse, by whose meanes he became an idolater and persecutor. 1. Kin. 16.31. & 18.4. & 21.25, 26. In his dayes Jericho was builded againe. 1. kin. 16.34. Being past hope to resist Ben-hadad king of Syria, he was contented to become his subiect 1. kin. 20.4. God promised him that he should conquer Ben-hadad, euen then when he was past hope that he might vnderstand, that he only was the true God. 1. kin. 20.13. Ahab hetweth Jezebel what Elijah had done to Baals prophets. 1. king. 18.21, to 41. Wherefore she in a rage pursueth Elijah to slay him. 1. king. 19.1, 2. A Prophet heweth Ahab, that Ben-hadad will renew a battel with him. 1. kin. 20.22. Not ascribing the victory to God, hee saueth Ben-hadad contrary to his cōmandement: wherefore a Prophet denounceth his ruine & his people. 1. kin. 20.34, 42. Seeing Naboth would not forgo his vineyard, of meere anger he became sicke. 1. kin. 21.4. Elijah reproueth him for Nabeths death, declaring his vtter destruction, & of al his ofspring. 1. ki. 21.19, to 23 By repentãce, he moueth God to spare him for a time, albeit he knew ꝑ he would not leaue his wickednesse. 1. kin. 21, 27, 29. He asketh counsaile at 400. false prophets, in whose mouthes God had sent a lying spirit to deceiue him. 1. king. 22.6, 22. 2. Chro. 18.5, 21. Ahareth Michaiah (ꝑ only Prophet of God) for telling the truth. 1. kin. 22.8, 9. 2. Chr. 18.7. Fighting against Ramoth Gilead, he was slaine, as Michaiah had prophecied. 1. kin, 22.28, albeit he had changed his apparel. 1. kin 22.30, 34, 37. 2. Chro. 18.33, 34. The dogs licke vp his blood. 1. kin. 22.38. according to the word of the Lord. 1. kin. 21 19. His children are slaine with all his familie. 2. kin. 10.7, to 18 according to the word of the Lord. 1. king. 21.21. 2. king. 9.8, 9. Those that imitate Omri & Ahab in wickednesse, shall not escape punishment. Mica. 6.16 Also the name of a false prophet, who with Zedekiah for their prophecies were threatned of the Lord to be slaine. Jere. 29 21, 22, 23.

Ahrah Aharah *a smelling brother, or a sweet sauouring medow.* The sonne of Beniamin. 1. Chro. 8.1. called also Ahara Gera. Gen. 46.21.

Aharel Aharhel. *another hoste, or the last hoste, or another sorrow, or the sheepe of the brother* The sonne of Harum. 1. Chro. 4.8.

Asbai Ahasbai. *trusting in me, or brother compassing, or* out of the Syrian tongue. *a brother of age.* The sonne of Maachathi. 2. Sam. 23.24.

Ahasuerosh Ahasueros. *a prince, or head.* The father of Darius. Dan. 9.1. Ezra. 4.6.

Assuerus Ahasuerosh maketh a feast to al his Princes, seruants and people of Sidkia. Est. 1.1, to 9 and by the counsell of his lords is diuorced from Vasthi. Ester

Ester 2.19,21. Search being made among the beautifull virgins for a wife vnto Ahasuerosh, Ester is found, whom her married. Ester 2.2,9,17. Searching his receypes, he findeth the fidelitie of Mardocai. Ester 6.2. wherefore he causeth him to be honoured, to the confusion of Haman. Ester 6.6,10 13.

Ahasa, *an essence, being, or generation.* A Iewe. Ezr. 8,15,31.

Ahaz. *taking, apprehending, possessing, or seeing.* A king of Iudah an Idolater, the sonne of Iotham. 2. King. 16.1. called Eliezer. Luke 3.29. He maketh his sonne to goe thorow the fire. 2. kin. 16.3. 2. Chr. 28.3. He seeketh aide against his enemies, at the Assyrians, and not at God. 2. King. 16.7. and 2. Chr. 28.16. To please the king of Assur, hee leaueth the true seruice of God, and falleth to Idolatry. 2. Kin. 16.12,13. and 2. Chron. 28.23. God promiseth him aide against the Syrians, and commaundeth him to aske a signe for confirmation thereof. Isa. 7.11. His death. 2. kin. 16.20 and 2. Chr. 28.27. Also the name of the sonne of Micah. 1. Chr. 8.35.

Ahazai. *idem.* The sonne of Methilemoth the sonne of Immer. Neh. 11.13.

Ahazish. *an apprehension or possession of the Lord, or the sight of the Lord.* A wicked king, who succeeded Ahab his father in the kingdome of Israel. 1. king. 22. 40. Being sicke, asketh counsel at Baal-zebub, and dieth. 2. King. 1.2,16 18. Also Iehoram's sonne, who succeeded his father in the kingdome of Iudah. 2. kin. 8.25. He fighteth with Ioram king of Israel against Hazael king of Aram. 2. Kin. 8.28. Iehu killeth him. 2. kin. 9.27,42. Of his brethren slaine by Iehu. 2. kin. 10.14. By the will of God, he visited Ioram king of Israel, that he might be slaine by Iehu. 2. Chron. 22. 6,7,8,9. Ioash his sonne was by Gods prouidence preserued from Athaliahs cruelties. 2. King. 11.2. and 2. Chr. 22.11.

Ahi. *my brother, or my brethren.* 1. Chr. 7.34. Also a citie Nehe. 11.31.

Ahian. *a brother of wine.* 1. Chr. 7.19.

Ahiah. *the Lords brother, or brother of the Lord.* One of Salomons Scribes. 1 kin. 4.3. Also a valiant man. 2. Chr. 11.36. Also the father of Baasha. 2. Kin. 9.9. Also Ahimas sonne. 1. Sam. 14.3. Also a Prophet, who rent Ieroboams garment in xii. pieces. 1. Kings 11.30. and prophecied vnto Ieroboams wife, her children death, and her husbands posteritties ruine. 1. Kings 14.2, to 20. He wrote a prophesie. 2. Chr. 9.29. Also a mans name. 1. Chr. 2.25.

Ahiam. *brother of the mother, or brother of a nation.* 2 Sam. 23.33. 1. Chr. 11.35.

Ahiezer. *brother of helpe, or the brothers helpe.* A Prince of the tribe of Dan. Numb. 1.12. & 2.25. & 7. 66. and 10.25. Also a valiant man. 1. Chr. 12.3.

Ahihud. *brother of vsury, or witte brother, or brother of darkenesse, or ivy.* 1. Chr. 8.7. Num. 34.27.

Ahikam. *a brother arising, or auenging.* 2. King. 22. 12. Jerr. 26.24.

Ahilab. *an hearty brother, or brethren of the heart, or milking, or fat.* A city. Iudg. 1.31.

Ahiud. *a brother borne, or brother begotten.* The father of Iosaphat. Dauids recorder. 2. Sam. 8.16.

Ahimaas. *brother of counsell, or brother counsellour.* Father of Ahinoam Sauls wife. 1. Sam. 14.50. Also the sonne of Zadok 2. Sam. 15.27. who with Ionathan reuelled the counsaile of Ahitophel vnto Dauid. 2 Sam. 17 21. Hee ouerranne faster then Cushi, and shewed Dauid of the victorie. 2. Sa. 18.19,21,23,28.

Ahiman. *a prepared brother, or brother of the right hand, or brother mine, what?* One of the sonnes of Anak. Num. 13,33. Iosh. 15.14. Iudg. 1.10. Also a porter of the Temple. 1. Chr. 9.17.

Ahimelech. *brother mine the king, or a kings brother, or of his counsaile.* A priest vnto whom Dauid came to Nob. 1. Sam. 22.9. called Abiah. 1. Sam 14.3. Iacke 1. chr. 24 3. who being accused vnto Saul, is sent for, and because he ministred vnto Dauids necessities, he with the other priests of Nob are put to death by Doeg. 1. Sam. 22.1. Also the sonne of Abiathar. 2. Sam. 8.17. called Abimelech 1. Chr. 18.16. Achimelech

Ahimoth. *a brother of death, or a dead brother, or brother of dayes.* 1 Chr. 6.25. Achimoth

Ahinadab. *a willing brother, or a brother of a vow, or brother of the prince.* The sonne of Iddo. 1. Kin. 4.14. Abinadab

Ahinoam. *the brothers beautie.* The name of Sauls wife. 1. Sam. 14.50. and 25.43. Achinoam

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Ahasa, *an essence, being, or generation.* A Iewe. Ezr. 8,15,31.

Ahaz. *taking, apprehending, possessing, or seeing.* A king of Iudah an Idolater, the sonne of Iotham. 2. King. 16.1. called Eliezer. Luke 3.29. He maketh his sonne to goe thorow the fire. 2. kin. 16.3. & 2. Chr. 28.3. He seeketh aide against his enemies, at the Assyrians, and not at God. 2. King. 16.7. and 2. Chr. 28.16. To please the king of Assur, hee leaueth the true seruice of God, and falleth to Idolatry. 2. Kin. 16.12,13. and 2. Chron. 28.23. God promiseth him aide against the Syrians, and commaundeth him to aske a signe for confirmation thereof. Isa. 7.11. His death. 2. kin. 16.20 and 2. Chr. 28.27. Also the name of the sonne of Micah. 1. Chr. 8.35. Ahas, Achaz

Ahazai. *idem.* The sonne of Methilemoth the sonne of Immer. Neh. 11.13. Ahzi, Ahasai

Ahazia, Ochozias

Ahazish. *an apprehension or possession of the Lord, or the sight of the Lord.* A wicked king, who succeeded Ahab his father in the kingdome of Israel. 1. king. 22. 40. Being sicke, asketh counsel at Baal-zebub, and dieth. 2. King. 1.2,16 18. Also Iehoram's sonne, who succeeded his father in the kingdome of Iudah. 2. kin. 8.25. He fighteth with Ioram king of Israel against Hazael king of Aram. 2. Kin. 8.28. Iehu killeth him. 2. kin. 9.27,42. Of his brethren slaine by Iehu. 2. kin. 10.14. By the will of God, he visited Ioram king of Israel, that he might be slaine by Iehu. 2. Chron. 22. 6,7,8,9. Ioash his sonne was by Gods prouidence preserued from Athaliahs cruelties. 2. King. 11.2. and 2. Chr. 22.11.

Ahi. *my brother, or my brethren.* 1. Chr. 7.34. Also a citie Nehe. 11.31. Ais, Aiia, Ahin, Ahia, Ahiah, Achias, Ahias

Ahian. *a brother of wine.* 1. Chr. 7.19.

Ahiah. *the Lords brother, or brother of the Lord.* One of Salomons Scribes. 1 kin. 4.3. Also a valiant man. 2. Chr. 11.36. Also the father of Baasha. 2. Kin. 9.9. Also Ahimas sonne. 1. Sam. 14.3. Also a Prophet, who rent Ieroboams garment in xii. pieces. 1. Kings 11.30. and prophecied vnto Ieroboams wife, her children death, and her husbands posteritties ruine. 1. Kings 14.2, to 20. He wrote a prophesie. 2. Chr. 9.29. Also a mans name. 1. Chr. 2.25.

Ahiam. *brother of the mother, or brother of a nation.* 2 Sam. 23.33. 1. Chr. 11.35.

Ahiezer. *brother of helpe, or the brothers helpe.* A Prince of the tribe of Dan. Numb. 1.12. & 2.25. & 7. 66. and 10.25. Also a valiant man. 1. Chr. 12.3.

Ahihud. *brother of vsury, or witte brother, or brother of darkenesse, or ivy.* 1. Chr. 8.7. Num. 34.27.

Ahikam. *a brother arising, or auenging.* 2. King. 22. 12. Jerr. 26.24. Ahicam, Achiam

Ahilab. *an hearty brother, or brethren of the heart, or milking, or fat.* A city. Iudg. 1.31. Ahlab, Ahalab

Ahimaas. *brother of counsell, or brother counsellour.* Father of Ahinoam Sauls wife. 1. Sam. 14.50. Also the sonne of Zadok 2. Sam. 15.27. who with Ionathan reuelled the counsaile of Ahitophel vnto Dauid. 2 Sam. 17 21. Hee ouerranne faster then Cushi, and shewed Dauid of the victorie. 2. Sa. 18.19,21,23,28. Achimaas

Ahiman. *a prepared brother, or brother of the right hand, or brother mine, what?* One of the sonnes of Anak. Num. 13,33. Iosh. 15.14. Iudg. 1.10. Also a porter of the Temple. 1. Chr. 9.17. Achiman

Ahimelech. *brother mine the king, or a kings brother, or of his counsaile.* A priest vnto whom Dauid came to Nob. 1. Sam. 22.9. called Abiah. 1. Sam 14.3. Iacke 1. chr. 24 3. who being accused vnto Saul, is sent for, and because he ministred vnto Dauids necessities, he with the other priests of Nob are put to death by Doeg. 1. Sam. 22.1. Also the sonne of Abiathar. 2. Sam. 8.17. called Abimelech 1. Chr. 18.16. Achimelech

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Aia — Aiah. *a vulture, yawne, or Alas, or where is it? or bible.* The sonne of Zibeon. Gen. 36. 24. 1. Chron. 1. 40. Also the father of Rizpah. 2. Sam. 3. 7. and 21. 8.

Ahia — Aiialon. *an oke, or strength.* A city built by Rehoboam. 2. Chron. 11. 10. Also a city mentioned. Ioth. 19. 42. & 21. 24. Iudg. 12. 12. & 1. Chron. 6. 69. & 8. 13. & Chron. 28. 18. Also a valley. Ioth. 10. 12. Iudg. 1, 35.

Ahialon — Aiia. *idem* as Ai. Nehe. 11. 31.

Ai — Ai. *an eye, or fountaine.* A city in the bounds of Iudea on the caullde thereof Num. 34. 11. allotted to the tribe of Simeon. Ioth. 19. 7. Mention is made thereof. Ioth. 15. 32. It was giuen to the Leuites for a citie of refuge. Ioth 21. 16. by it Saul led his armie against the Philistims. 1. Sam. 29. 1. Ierome saith it was called Bethhennim afterward.

Ai — Aiath. *an houre.* A city by ꝑ which Sennacherib came against Ierusalem. Isai. 10. 28. called Ai Nehe. 7. 32.

Acan — ¶ Akan. *idem* as Ahan. Gene 36. 27.

Accub — Akkub. *the print, or marke of a foote where any creature hath gone. Also supplantatiō, crookednes, or lewdnesse, or reward, or the heele of a foote.* 1. Chron. 3. 24. and 9. 17. Ezra 2. 42, 45. Nehe. 8. 7. and 11. 9.

Elmelech — Alammelech. *the kingdom of God, or the counsaile of God.* A city in the tribe of Asher. Ioth. 19. 26.

Alamoth. an instrument, which some construe to be a psalterie. looke 1. Chron. 15. 20. Psal. 46.

Alcimus. *strong, or of strength.* a wicked priest, who being a Iew became an infidel. He was made hie priest by Demetrius. 1. Mac 7. 5, 9. & became a cruel enemy to ꝑ Iewes, yet at length died miserably. 1 Mac. 9. 55, 56

Alamath — Alemeth. *a hiding, or youth, or worlds, or upon the dead.* a citie. 1. Chron. 6. 60. called Almon. Ioth. 21. 18.

Almath — Also the sonne of Becher. 1. chro 7. 8 Also the sonne of Iarah 1. Chron. 8. 36. and 9. 42.

Alameth — Alemis. *strength.* a citie. 1. Mac. 5. 26.

Alimis — Alexander *a helper of men, or most strong, or vertuous.* king of Macedonia, or Greece, who after that he had slaine Darius, parted ꝑ kingdome into foure parts. 1. Mac. 1. 1, 2, 10 & 2. looke Dan. 7. 6. & 8. 5, 6, 9. & 11. 3, 4.

Also it was ꝑ name of Antiochus Epiphanes sonne, who reigned in Ptolemais. 1. Mac. 10. 1. who consecrated himselfe to Ionathan, & so made warre with Demetrius. 1. Mac. 10. 16, 46. He & Ptolemeus king of Egypt ioyne in friendship together. 1. Mac. 10. 51, 55. and afterward fall at dissention. 1. Mac. 11. 3. He fleeth into Arabia, where his head was smitten off by Zabdiel, and sent to Ptolemeus. 1. Mac. 11. 16, 17.

Also the name of Simeon of Cyrene his sonne, who caried Christ his crosse. Marke 15. 21. Also there is mention made of this name. Acts 4. 6. and 19. 33.

Also ꝑ name of a Coppersmith who forsooke ꝑ faith. 1. Tim. 1. 20. & wrought Paul much euil. 2. Tim. 4. 14.

Alexandria. in Hebrew it is written *No*, which by interpretation is, *vaw, irruption, or prohibition.* A city. Ier. 46. 25. of whose people look Act. 6. 9. who in greeke are called Alexandrians, which by interpretation is, *helpers of men, or most strong, or vertuous men.* look No.

Almuggim — Algumwim. a certaine tree which groweth in the forest Lebanon. some take it to be brasell, looke in the margent of 2 Chron. 2 8. called Almuggim. 1. King. 10. 11. and 2. Chr. 9. 10. 2, 11.

Elon — Alian *high.* The sonne of Shobal. 1. Chron. 1. 40. called Aluan Gen. 36. 23.

Elon — Allon. *oke, or strong.* A mans name. 1. Chron. 4. 37. Also a citie. Ioth 19. 33.

Elmodad — Allon-Bachuth. The place where Deborah Rebekahs nurse died. Gen. 35 8.

Elmodad — Almodad. *the measure of God, or the entry, or coast of the beloued.* Gene. 10, 26.

Helmon Deblathaim — Almon Diblathaim. *a hiding, or hidden in an heape of fig trees.* Num 33. 46, 47.

Almon. *hidden.* A citie. Ioth. 21. 18.

Alpha and Omega. Reuel. 1. 8.

Alphæus — Alpheus. *the thousand, or learned.* father of Iames the Apostle. Mat. 10. 3. Mar. 3. 18. Lu. 6. 15. Act. 1. 13.

Alua — Aluah. *his rising vp, or he highneth.* a Duke of Edom. Gen. 36. 40.

Aluan. *higher, or aloft, or* in the Syriak tongue, *perverse.* The sonne of Shobal. Gen. 36 23.

Alus — Alush. *a mingling together, or confession.* Nu. 33. 13.

Amaad — ¶ Amad. *people of wretnesse, or a people everlasting, or a play.* A citie Ioth. 19. 26.

Amalec — Amadathus, looke Hammedatha.

Amal. *labour, or vnquiete.* 1. Chron. 7. 35.

Amalech. *a lacking people, or a smiting, or striking people.* The son of Eliphaz by Timna his concubine. Gene. 36. 12. of whom came the Amalekites mentioned. Gen. 14. 7 and 1. Sam 30. 1.

Amalek fighteth against Israel. Exodus 17. 8. and so long as Moses prayed fervently, the Israelites prevailed, and when his ferventnesse slacked, the Amalekites prevailed. Exod. 17. 11. They discomfite Israel. Num. 14. 45. Iudges 6. 2, 3, 6. They are discomfited. Exod. 17. 13. & overcome. Iudg. 7. 25. 1. Sam. 14. 48. almost destroyed and rooted out. 1. Sam. 15. 3, 7. as it was foretold. Exo. 17. 14. Num. 24. 20. and commanded. Deu. 25. 19. 1. Sam. 15. 3. were overcome against. 1. Sam. 30. 1. to 21. and last of all by the children of Simeon, vtterly destroyed. 1. Chron. 4. 41, 42, 43.

Amam. *mother, or feare of them.* A citie in the tribe of Iudah. Ioth. 15. 26.

Haman — Aman. *troubling, murmuring, or grudging.* The son of Amadathus. Ester. 3. & 6. 9 3. 1. who was exalted by Ahasuerus, so as all men honoured him save Mardocai. Ester 3. 2. therefore he sought to destroy both him and all the Iewes. Est. 5. 6. but yet by Gods providence they were preserved, and Aman hanged. Ester 7. 9, 10 His ten sonnes also were hanged. Ester 9. 14. He is mentioned. Tob 14. 10. Ester 10. 7.

Amana — Amanah. *faith, or truth, or a new.* a hill in Cilicia. Canticles 4 8.

Amaria — Amariah. *the Lord said. or the excellency of the Lord, or* out of the Syrian and Hebrew tongue, *the lambe of the Lord.* Great grandfather to Zephaniah the Prophet. Zeph 1. 1. Also certaine mens names. 2. Chron. 6. 7, 11, 52. 2. Chron. 31. 15.

Amarias — Amasa. *sparing the people.* The sonne of Abigail sister to Dauid. 1. Chron. 2. 17 Chiefe captaine of Absaloms hoste in Ioabs stead. 2. Sam. 17. 25. and afterward captaine of Davids hoste. 2. Sam. 19 13. slaine traiterously by Ioab. 2. Sam. 20 9, 10. Also a mans name. 2. Chron. 28. 12.

Amasai — Amasai *strong, or boystie.* 1. Chron. 6. 25, 35. and 12. 18. and 15. 24.

Amasai — Amashai. *the gift or present of the people.* The father of Mahath 2. Chron. 29. 12.

Amasai — Amashai. and Amasihai. *the treading of the people.* Nehe. 11. 12, 13.

Amasias — Amashiah. *the strength of the Lord.* The father of Ioshah. 1. Chron 4. 34. Also the sonne of Hilkiah. 1. Chr. 6. 45. A wicked priest of Beth-el. Of whose practise and punishment, looke Amos 7. 17.

Amasias — Amasiah. *the burden of the Lord.* 2. Chron. 17. 16. Also the sonne of Ioash. 2. Chron. 25. 1. who succeeded in the kingdome of Iudah. 2. Chr. 24 27. 2. kin. 12. 21. he put to death those that murthered his father. 2. Chr. 25. 3. 2. kin. 14. 5. He is warned by a Prophet not to put his trust in worldly defence. 2. Chron. 25. 7. He discomfiteth the Edomites. 2. King. 14. 7. 2. Chron 25. 11, 12. Yet became an idolater, and is reproved therefore. 2. Chron.

2.Chro.25.14,15. He is deliuered into his enemies handes, by the will of God. 2.Chro.25.20,23. and afterward put to death. 2.Chron.25.27. 2 King.14.19. He is also called Leui. Luke 3.29. He leaueth behind him Azariah his sonne. 2 King.14.21. 2.Chron.26.1.

Admatha — Amatha. *a cloud, or vapour of death.* One of the seuen counsellers of Ahasuerus. Ester 1.14.

Amaziah, looke Amasiah.

Iambri — Ambri. *rebelling, or changing.* 1.Mac.9.36.

Amen. *be it, or so be it, or let it be done.* Deut 27.15. 1.Cor.14.16 Reuel.3.14. and 22.20,21. Mat.6.13. and 2.Cor.1.20.

Ami. *mother, or feare, or people.* Ezra 2.57.

Ammiud — Amihud. *people of praise, or confession, or praise, or confession with me.* Father of Elishama a prince of the tribe of Ephraim. Nu. 1.10. Also the father of Shemuel. Num.34.20. Also the sonne of Omri. 1.Chr.9.4.

Ammihud — Aminadab. *a free people, or a vowing people, or prince of people.* The sonne of Ram. 1.Chr.2.10. Matth.1.4. and father of Naasson Numb.2.3. Exod.6.23. Ruth 4.20.* Also the sonne of Kohath. 1.Chron.6.22. called Izhar. Exod.6.18,21.

Ammitai — Amithi. *true, or fearing.* The father of Jonah the Prophet. 2.King.14.25.

Amma — Ammiabad. *the dowrie of the people.* 1.Chr.2.7 6.

Ammiah. *his people.* A hill where Ahabel Joabs brother was slaine by Abner. 2.Sam.2.23,24.

Ammidatha, looke Hammedatha, and Ester 3.1.

Ammi. *my people.* Hos.2.1.

Ammiel. *the people of God, or God with me.* The sonne of Gemalli. Numb.13.13. Also the first sonne of Obed Edom 1.Chro.26.5. Also the father of Bathshua, Salomons mother. 1.Chron.3.5. Also the father of Machir of Lo-debar. 2.Sam.9.4,5.

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Ammiur — Ammibur. *people of libertie.* 2.Chron.13.17.

Amminadab, looke Aminadab.

Amisshaddai — Ammishaddai. *the people of the almighty.* The father of Ahiezer a prince of the tribe of Dan. Numb.1.12.

Amnon — Amnon. *a people, or the sonne of my people.* A people. 1.Sam 14 47.1.Kin.11.7. Isa.11.14 who descended of Ben-ammi, the sonne of Lot, and were called Ammonites, that is, *populous, or annuitant.* Gen.19.38. God commanded Israel not to war with them. Deut. 2.18. and also not to suffer them to vse admittance into their fellowship, and why. Deut.23.3,4. Nehem 13.3. God deliuereth them into the hands of Iphtah Iudg. 11.32. They and the Moabites warre against Iehoshaphat, and are miraculously conquered. 2 Chr.20.1, to 30. Their idoles Milcom and Molech 1.king.11.5, 7. 2.king.23.13. They recouer their land which was occupied by the Israelites. Iudg 10.7,8. They warre against Iabesh Gilead. and would not make peace with them, except all the citizens would pull out their right eyes. 1.Sam.11.2. and were ouercome by Saul. 1.Sam.11.11. They are discomfited by David, for the vnkinde entreating of his messengers, sent to comfort their king. 2.Sam.10.2,4,14. Dauid doth sore afflict them. 2.Sam.8.11. and 12.29,30,31. God threatned by his Prophets to punish them. Psalme 83.7. Ier.49.1. Ezek.21.28 and 25.1,2. Amos 1.13, 14,15. Zeph.2.8,9. They pay tribute vnto Vzziah. 2.Chron.26.8 Zelek one of Dauids valiant men was an Ammonite. 2.Sam 23.37. 1.Chron 11.39. The mother of Zabad who slewe Joash the king, was an Ammonitesse. 2.Chr.24.26.

Ammon — Ammon. *a citie.* Iosh 18.24.

Amnon — Amnon. *faithfull, or true, or an artificer, or nourisher, or schoolmaster.* The name of Dauids first borne by Ahinoam 2.Sam.3.2. and 1.Chron 3.1. This man deflowred his sister Tamar. 2.Sam.13.1,14. For the which he was afterward slaine by her brother Absolom. 2.Sam.13.32.

Amok — Amok *a valley, or depth.* The names of men. Nehe. 12.7,10. — Amos

Amon. *faithful true, &c.* 2.Amnon The sonne of Manasseh an Idolater, who being King of Iudah, was slaine by his owne seruants. 2.Kin.21.18, to 24. called Elmodam. Luk.3.28. He left behind him the good king Iosiah. 2 kin.21.26,3 22.1. Looke 1.Chro. 3.14 2.Chron.33.21,24. Jere.1.2. and 25.3. Zeph.1. 1. Matth.1.10. Also the gouernour of the city of Samaria, vnto whose custodie Michaiah the Prophet was committed. 1.Kin.22.26,27. 2 Chron.18.25,26. Also a mans name Nehe.7.59. — Ammon

Amorites — Amorites *bitter people, or cruell rebels, or great praters, or talkatiue.* A people. Ge.15.21. determned of Emmor the son of Canaan Ge.10.15.16. They are slaine by Chedorlaomer. Ge.14.7. They deny the Israelites passage through their country, therfore were conquered, & the Israelites inhabited their cities. Nu.21.21, 22,24.25,31,32,& 32.39. They hil & Israelites. Deu. 1.44. God commandeth y Israelites to destroy them vtterly, & why. Deu.20.17,18. They make war with the Gibeonites, because they had made peace to Iosua: but God deliuereth them into Iosuas hands. Iosh 10. 4. They became tributaries vnto the familie of Ioseph. Iudg 1.35. God reserueth them, &c to proue the Israelites withal. Iudg 2.21,22. They &c. became tributaries & bondmen vnto Salomon. 1.Kin 9.20,21.

Amos — Amos *a burden, or burdened, or burdening.* A Prophet. Amos 1.1.2. Eze.1.39. He was a fig gatherer. Amos 7.14. also the sonne of Naum Lu.3.25. — Amos

Amoz — Amoz. *strong, or mighty.* The father of Isaiah the Prophet. 2.King.19.2 and Isa.1.1.

Amphipolis — Amphipolis. *a city compassed, or a walled city.* A city of Macedonia, by the which Paul trauailed. Act.17.1

Amplias — Amplias *make more.* A friend of S. Pauls. Rom. 16.8.

Amram — Amram *a high people.* The father of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Exo.6.20. & 15.20. and 1.Chr.6.3. and 23.13. of him came the family of the Amramites. Num. 3.27. 1.Chr.26.23. — Hamram

Amran — Amran. *an asse, or clay, or wine.* The son of Dishon. 1.Chr.1.41 called Hemdan. Gen.36.26. — Hamran

Amraphel — Amraphel *speaking destruction, or ruine, or speaking a secret, or iudgement.* King of Shinar. Gen.14.1.

Amzi — Amzi *strong, or mighty.* The sonne of Bani. 1.Chr. 6.46. — Amasai

¶ Anab *a grape, or out of the Syrian speach, a knot.* A citie in the mountaines. Iosh 11.21. and 15.50.

Anah — Anah. *answering, or singing, or affliction, or poore.* The father of Aholibamah, one of the wiues of Esau. Gen.36.2,14,20 and 1.Chr.1.38. — Ana Anna

Anaharath — Anaharath *driuenesse, or burning, or wrath, or weighing, or hard weather, or after the Syrian speach, strangling, or suffocation.* A citie of ye tribe of Issachar. Iosh.19.19.

Anaiah — Anaiah. Nehe.10.22. — Anaia

Anak — Anak. Num.13.23,29. of whom came the Anakims or Giants. Deut. 1.28. whom Iosua destroyed. Iosh 11.21. Caleb expelled the three sonnes of Anak from Hebron Iudg.1.20. — Enac Enacims

Anammim — Anammim. *a fountaine, or the eye of waters, or ouerflowing, or affliction, or a flood of waters.* The sonne of Misraim. Gen.10.13.

Anammelech — Anammelech *an answere, or the kings song, or the affliction, or pouerty of the king, or the counsailer.* The god of Sepharuaim 2 King.17.31. — Anamelech

Anan. *a cloude, or a prophesie, or diuination.* The name of a man. Nehe.10.26. and 1.Esd.5.30.

Anani. *a cloude, or a prophecying, or diuination.* A mans name. 1.Chr.3.24. Ezr.10.20.

Ananiah.

Anania Ananias

Ananiah, *the cloud of the Lord*, or *the divination of the Lord*. A citie wherein the Beniamites dwelt after the captiuitie. Nehe. 11.32. Also one of Uzziahs captaines. 2 Chr. 26. 11.

Also the name of him that with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold land to the vse of the Church, and afterward reserued part thereof to his owne vse: who with his wife was punished with sudden death for lying to the holy Ghost. Acts 5.1, 3, to 11.

Also the name of him that baptized S. Paul at Damascus. Actes 9.10, to 19.

Also the name of the high Priest, who caused Paul to be smitten vpon the mouth for speaking his conscience. Acts 23.1.2. and 24 1.

Also the name of the father of Elcia. Iudeth 8.1.

Also the names of men mentioned. Nehe. 3.23. and Dan. 1.7.

Anath. *an answere, or a song, or affliction, or pouertie*. Iudg. 3 31.

Anathema, Maranatha. 1. Cor. 16.22.

Anathoth, *answeres, or songs*. A citie wherein Jeremie was borne. Jer. 1.1. & 29.27. looke Iosh. 21.18. & Isa. 10.30 The citizens whereof, because they would not bee reproued, God threatneth. Jere. 11.21, 22, 23. In this citie Abiathar the Priest was borne. 1. Kin. 2.26. Also the name of the sonne of Becher. 1 Chr. 7. 8. Of him came the Anethothites. 1. Chr. 27.12. looke Antothite.

Andreas

Andrew *very strong, or manly*. The name of Peters brother, who became first Johns disciple. Joh. 1.35. & afterward the disciple of Christ. John 1.37.40. Hee brought Peter first vnto Christ Joh. 1.41.42. He and Peter bee called from fishing vnto the office of preaching. Matth. 4.18, 19. Mar. 1.16, 17 Luke 5.10.11. He is made an Apostle with the other eleuen Luke 6. 13, 14. Mar. 3.13, 14, 18. and Mar. 1, 2, vnto whom Christ giueth power to preach, and doe miracles, &c. Mat. 10.1. * Mar. 6.7. Lu. 9.1, 2.

Andronicus. *a victorious man*. Hee slew Onias the high Priest contrary to his othe, 2. Macc. 4.34, 35, for which fact he was put to death at the commandement of Antiochus. 2. Mac. 4.36, 37, 38 Also a worthy man to whom Paul wrote salutations. Rom. 16.7.

Anem *an answer, or song of them, or their affliction, or pouertie*, or after the Syrian, *a sheepe of theirs*. A citie. 1. Chr. 6.73.

Aner *an answer, or song of the candle or light, or afflicting the light*. the brother of Mamre & Eschol. Ge. 14 13. also a citie in the tribe of Manasseh. 1. Ch. 6.70

Anian Anim

Anian. *a people, or the ship of people, or the sorrow, or strength of the people*. 1 Chr. 7.19.

Anin. *an answering, singing, or afflicted, or poore*. A citie. Iosh. 15 50.

Anna, *idem*, as Hannah. The daughter of Phaniel. Luke 2.36, 37, 38.

Annas *idem*, as Anah. An high Priest, who sent Christ bound vnto Caiaphas his father in law. Luke 3.2 John 18.13. Acts 4.6.

Antichristus

Antichrist *for Christ, or against Christ*. He is a liar, & denieth that Iesus is Christ 1. John 2.22. to be come in the flesh. 1. Joh. 4.3. & therefore he is a deceiuer and false prophet, and so are all such as they be. 2. John 7. and 1. Joh. 2.26. & 4.1. Of his beginning, looke Dan. 7.8. * Antiochus Epiphanes the king of Syria bare a figure of him. Dan. 11.31. of the power, qualities, miracles, and kingdome of Antichrist, and his ministers, looke Psal. 10.1. * Eze. 38.2. * & 39.1. * Dan. 8.9. * & 9 27 Mat. 24.24. Mar. 13.27. Lu 21.8. John 5.43. Act. 20.29, 30, 31. 1. Tim. 4.1, 2, 3, & 2. Tim. 3.1, 2, 3, to 10. 2. Pet 2.1. * & 3, 4 * Reu 13.1, 8. * & 14.8.

There were many Antichrists in the time of Saint John, and S. Iude, (as Gods elect) mingled among the true Christians. 1. John 2.18, 19. Iude 4. Hee is called the man of sinne. 2. Thess. 2.3, 4 shall sit as God in the Temple of God. 2. Thess. 2.4, 9. Hee is a foolish shepheard. Zech. 11.15, 16. He shall be destroyed with the breath of Gods spirit, & preaching of the Gospel. Isa. 11.4. 1. Thess. 2.8. Reu. 17.8, 14. * and 18.1. * and 19.19, 20. and 20 9, 10.

Antilibanus. *for, or against Libanus*. a high hill on the North side of Iudea against Libanus. Iudeth 1.7.

Antiochia. *for a chariot, or wagon, or a thing in stead of a chariot or wagon, or against a chariot or wagon*. There be two famous cities of this name: one in Syria, called Hamath. Zechar. 9 2. where in the name of Christians first began. Actes 11.22, 26. in the which Barnabas & Paul were ordeined preachers. Act. 13. 2, 3. The other in the province of Pisidia, where Paul and Barnabas preached. Acts 13.14 Galat 2.11. Antioche

Antiochis. *idem* as Antiochia. The concubine of Antiochus the noble. 2. Mac. 4.30.

Antiochus, *idem* as Antiochia. a tyrant surnamed the noble, the son of Antiochus the great. He is called the wicked roote. 1. Mac. 1.11. he subdueth both Egypt & Iudea. 1. Mac. 1.18, 19 * he spoileth the Temple and walleth the city of Ierusalem. 1 Mac. 1.23, 33. * and 2 Macca. 5.15. * He erecteth an idole vpon the altar of the Lord. 1. Macca. 1.57. reade more Dan. 8.9, to 15. Purposing to ransacke the cities of Elimais and Persepolis, he is repulsed by the citizens. 1. Macc. 6. 1, 3, 4. and 2. Mac. 9. 1, 2 he is striken with an incurable disease. 2. Mac. 9.5, to 12. 1. Mac. 6 8, 9. He repenteth fainedly. 1. Mac 6.11, 12. 2. Mac. 9. 1 2. He prayeth vnto God who would not haue mercy vpon him. 2. Mac. 9.13. but suffered him to die miserably, & in a strage land. 1. Mac 6.13, 16. 2. Mac. 2 9, 18, 28. & 10. 9. Antiochus Epiphanes

Also the aforesayd Antiochus his sonne surnamed Eupator, who was made king after him. 1. Macca. 6. 17. This man entreth Iudea with a great armie. 1. Mac. 6.30, 48. he brake his othe with Israel. 1. Mac. 6.62. of his goings, read 2. Mac. 10.10. * & 11.1. * and 12.1. * and 13.1. * He was slaine by Demetrius appointment. 1. Mac. 7.2, 3, 4 and 2. Mac. 14.2. Antiochus Eupator

Also the name of Alexanders sonne surnamed Zebetes, who Tryphon preferred to ye kingdom. 1. Mac. 11.39, 54. & afterward slew him traiterously. 1. Mac. 13.31. & crowned himselfe king of Asia. 1 Mac 17.32. Antiochus Sedetes

Also the name of Demetrius Nicanor his sonne surnamed Pius: who ioyned in friendship with Simon brother to Iudas Maccabeus, and pursued Tryphon. 1. Mac. 15 1, 2, 11. Antiochus Pius

Antipas. *for all, or against all*. A faithfull Martyr. Reu. 2.13. It was also the surname of Herod. Looke Herod.

Antipater *for the father, or against the father*. One of the Ambassadors which Jonathan sent to Rome. 1. Mac. 12.16.

Antipatris. *idem* as Antipater. A citie in the land of promise, which Herod the great called after Antipater his fathers name, whither S. Paul was led captiue. Acts 23 31.

Antothijah. *answeres, or songs of the Lord, or afflictions, or needes of the Lord*. The sonne of Shethiah. 1. Chron. 8.24, 25. Anathothia

Antothite. *an answere, or song, or afflicted, or pouerty, one of Anathoth*. 1. Chr. 11.28. look more in Anathoth. Anathothite

Anub. *a grape*. or after the Syrian speach, *a knot*. The sonne of Coz. 1. Chron. 4 8. Anob

¶ Apadno. *the wrath of iudgement, or the tabernacles of his palace*. Dan. 11.45. Aphedno Apeddo

Apamea. *expelling, or diuiding, or chasing away*. The concubine of king Darius. 1. Es. 4.29. Apame Apamia

Apelles.

Apelles. *idem* as Apamea. A man whom Paul commendeth. Rom 16.10.

Hapharaim — Aphairaim. *digging, searching, or confounding the sea.* A citie. Iosh. 19.19

Apharsei — Apharsathaeie. *dividing, or tearing in pieces.* Ezra 4.9.

Apharsathchei — Apharsatheaie. *dividing, or tearing asunder peacocks* Ezra 4.9.

Aparfachei — Apharscheaie. *idem.* Ezra 5.6. and 6.6.

Aphee — Aphek. *strength, vigor,* or in the Syrian speach. *going forth.* A citie. Iosh. 12.18. & 13.4. & 19.30. 31. & 1. Sam. 4.1. and 29.1. There Ben-hadad king of Syria, was banquished. 1. King. 20.26, 29.30. called Aphik. Iudg. 1.31.

Aphik — Aphekah. *idem* as Aphek Iosh. 15.53.

Aphia — Aphiah. *speaking, or blowing.* 1. Sam. 9.1.

Ophrah — Aphrah. *dust.* A citie. Iosh. 18.23. Micah. 1.10.

Aphrica. in Hebrew *Put*, which may be interpreted *grosse, or fat.* Nahum 3.9.

Aphrice. in Hebrew *Pul*, which may be interpreted *rume, or fall, or a beame.* Isa. 66.19.

Apollos — Apollo. *leesing, or a destroyer, or destroying.* A Iewe borne in Alexandria, who being both eloquent & mightie in the Scriptures, vouchsafed not to bee further instructed in the way of the Lord, by a poore craftsman, named Aquila & Priscilla his wife. Act. 18.24.* reade 1. Cor. 1, 12. and 3.4, 5, 6.

Apollo — Apollonia. *perdition, or destruction.* A citie in Macedonia by which Paul passed. Act. 17.1.

Apollonius. *leesing or destroying.* The governour of Syria, whom Iudas Maccabeus slew. 1. Macc. 3.10, 11. & 10.69. & 2. Mac. 3.5. Also the sonne of Menestheus. 2. Mac. 4.21. Also þ sonne of Geneus. 2. Mac. 12.2

Apollyon *idem.* looke Abaddon.

Apostles. looke the second Table.

Apphaim — Appaim. *a countenance, or face, or furors: or the nostrels, or bakers.* 1. Chr. 2.30.

Apphia. *bringing forth, or increasing.* A deare sister, whom Paul saluteth. Philem. 2.

Appius. A market place where certaine brethren met Paul, at his first comming to Rome. Acts 28.15.

¶ Aquila. *an Eagle.* The name of Pauls host. 1 Cor. 16.19. Rom 16.3. Act. 18.2, 3, 26.

¶ Ar. *a rearing up, or watches.* A citie. Num. 21.15, 28. Deut. 2.9, 18. Isa. 15.1.

Ara. *cursing, or seeing.* A mans name. 1 Chr. 7.38.

Araba — Arab. *multiplying, or sowing sedition, or a window, or Locust.* A citie. Iosh. 15.52.

Arabia. *euening, or euen, or sweetenesse, or a crowne, or desert.* A countrey in Asia the greater betweene Iudea and Egypt, wherein dwell the Moabites, Ammonites, Ismeans, and many others. Ezek. 27.21. and 2. Chron. 21.16. and 22.1. and 26.7.

Also the name of a countrey called happie Arabia, whereof and of the inhabitants, called Sabeans, mention is made. 2. Chr. 9.14. Iob 1.15. Psalm. 72.10. where Paul preached. Gal. 1.17.

The destruction of the Arabians, (that is to say, the Moabites and Ammonites, who at this day are called Saracens) is foretold. Isa. 21.13. looke more in Sheba.

Arad. *a wild asse, or a dragon,* in the Syrian speach. A city of Amorites appertaining to the tribe of Iudah, wherein the children of Hobab, Moses father in lawe dwelt. Num. 21.1. Iosh. 12.14. Iudg. 1.16 Also a mans name. 1. Chron. 8.15.

Arca — Arah. *a way, or a traueller.* Ezra 2.5.

Aram. *highnes, or sublimity, or decessing, or their curse.* The sonne of Shem. Gene. 10.22. of whom came the Aramites or Syrians. 2. Sam. 8.5. Gene. 22.21.1. Chr. 2.23. looke Syria and Syrians.

Also the sonne of Shamar. 1. Chr. 7.34. Also the sonne of Esrom. Mat. 1.3. Luk. 3.33. called Ram. Ruth 4.19

Aram Naharaim. A place. Gen. 24.10.

Aran. *an arke, or their malediction.* Genes. 36.28. 1. Chron. 1.42.

Arar. *a malediction of trembling, or after the Hebrew and Syrian, malediction, or light of a runner.* A mount in Armenia Gen. 8.4.

Araunah. *an arke, or song, or reioycing, or our light, or a curse now.* A mans name, who sold Dauid his threshing floore, to build an altar in, to offer sacrifice vpon, to appease Gods wrath, as he commanded. 2. Sa. 24.18.*

Arba — Arbah. *foure.* The name of a city called otherwise Hebron. Ios. 14.15. Gen. 23.2. & 35.27. looke Kiriath-arba.

Archangel. *principall, or excellent among the Angels.* 2. Esd. 4.36. Iude 9. At the voice of the Archangel, and with the trumpet of God, the dead shall rise againe. 2. Thess 4.16.

Archelaus. *a prince of the people.* The sonne of Herod. Mat. 2.22.

Archiataroth. *the longitude of crownes or circles.* Ios. 16.2.

Archippus. *a prince, or gouernour of horses.* A mans name. Col. 4.17. fellow Soldier with Paul. Philemon 2.

Ard. *ruling, or descending.* The sonne of Beniamin. Gen. 46.21. of whom came the Ardites. Num. 26.40. Ared

Arion. *ruling, or descending, or the iudgement of malediction.* Caleb his sonne. 1. Chron. 2.18.

Areli. *the Altar, or light of God, or the light of God.* The sonne of God. Gen. 46.16. of whom came the Arielites. Num. 26.17. Ariel / Arielites

Areopagita. Acts 17.34. looke Denis.

Aretas. *vertuous.* 2. Mac. 5.8. and 2. Cor. 11.32.

Ariel. *the Altar or lion of God, or the light of God.* looke Isa. 29.1. in the margent. Also the name of a man. Ezra 8.16. Areta / Aretha

Arimathea. *a lion dead vnto God, or the light of the Lords death.* A citie in the tribe of Ephraim. Mat. 27.57. Mar. 15.43. Luk. 23.51. Ioh. 19.38. which is called Dumah. Ios. 15.52. and Arumah. Iudg. 9.41. and Rumah. 2. Kin. 23.36. which citie Eusebius affirmeth is otherwise called Remphis.

Arioch. *long, or satisfie, or thy drunkennesse and thy lion.* Gen. 14.1. and Dan. 2.14.

Aristarchus. *a right good prince, or the best prince.* A companion and prisoner of Pauls. Act. 19.29. and 27 2. and Colos. 4.10.

Aristobulus. *a very good, or the best counsellour.* The maister of Ptolome. 2. Mac. 1.10. Also reade Rom. 16.10. Acts 12.1. in the margent.

Armagedon. *the hill of the Gospel, or Gospelling, or the hill of apples, or fruit, meaning the elect.* The name of a place. Reuel. 16.16.

Arnon *reioycing, or leaping for ioy, or their arke, or the light of the Sunne: or the light, or curse permanent, or eternall.* A flood or riuer. Numb. 21.14. Deut 2.24. Iosh. 12.12 and 13.9. Iudg. 11.13. Also a citie. Iosh. 21.13. Numb 21.13.

Arod *idem* as Ard. The sonne of Gad. Gen. 46.16. of whom came the Arodites. Num. 26.17. Arodi

Arocr *the watch of watches, or raising vp of watches.* A city. Num. 32.34. Deu. 2.36. Ios. 12.2. & 13.9, 16, 25 Iud 11.26. 1. Sa. 30.28. 2. Sam. 24.5 & 2. Kin. 10.33. Isa. 17 2. The citizens called Aroerites. 1. Chr. 11.44.

Arpachshad. *healing.* The sonne of Shem. Gene. 10. 22. Luke 3.36 his flocke. Genes. 11.12.* Also a king whom Nabuchodonosor banquished. Iudeth 1.1.* Arphaxad

Arpad. *the light of redemption.* An Iland in Phoenicia, neere Damascus. 2. King. 18.34. and 19.13. Isa. 10.9. Iere. 49.23. Arphad

Arsaces. *lifting vp the shield, or the lifting vp of the sheild.* 1. Mac. 14.3. and 15.22.

Artahshashte-

Artaxerxes Artahshashte. Artahshashte. *light, or malediction or sorement to spoile.* the generall name of the Kings of Persia, as Cesar was to the Emperours of Rome, reade Ezra 4.7. and 7.1 Nehe. 2.1. and 5.14. and 13.6. look Ahashuerosh.

Arteman Artemas. *whole, or sound, or sightly, or without fault.* Tit. 3 12.

Arumah. *idem* as Rumah, looke Arimathea.

¶ Asa, *a Phisicion, or healer of sicknesses.* the king of Judah who succeeded his father Abiam. 1.Kin.15.8. and 2.Chr.14.1.& 1.Chro.3.10. He destroyeth the high places, and exhorteth the people to seeke the Lord. 2. Chron 14.3.4. For feare of Baasha king of Israel, hee entreth into covenant with Ben-hadad king of Syria. 1.King.15.17, to 22. and 2.Chron.16.1, to 7. and was reproued therefore, and for trusting rather in the help of men, then in the ayde of God. 2.Chro.16.7. Hee obtaineth victorie against the Ethiopians. 2.Chron.14. 9.& 16.8. His briefe and faithfull prayer. 2.Chro.14. 11. Hee deposed his mother from her regencie, & why. 2.Chr.15.16.1.Kin.15.13. In his age he was sicke of the goute. 1.Kin.15 23.& 2.Chro.16.12. He dieth and his sonne Jehoshaphat succeedeth him. 1.King.15.24. & 2.Chr.16.13.& 17.1. Also a mans name. 1.chr 9.16.

Asael Asahel, *God hath wrought.* Joabs brother who pursuing Abner, trusting to his lightnesse of foote, was by him slaine. 2.Sam.2.19, to 24. Hee is buried in the sepulchre of his father. 2.Sam.2.32. Also other mens names. Ezra 10.15. Tobit 1.1

Asahiah Asaiah. *the Lord hath wrought.* Certain mens names. 1.Chr.4.36.& 6.30. and 9.5 and 15.6. 2.Kin.22.12.

Asaph. *gathering.* A renowned chaunter of Dauids, brother to Heman, looke 1.Chro.6.39. and 15.9.& 16.5. and 25.1. Also other mens names. 1.Chro.9.15. 2.Kin. 18.18. 1.Chro.26.1.

Asrael Asareel *the beatitude of God.* 1.chr.4.16. A great city.

Aseneth Asenah. *a peril, or thing unfortunate.* The daughter of Poti-pherah, and wife of Joseph. Gen.41.45.

Hasabia Hashabiah. *numeration, or estimation, or the cogitation,*
Hasabias *or workemanship of the Lord, or speede, or silence in the*
Hashabiah *Lord.* The sonne of Amazia. 1.Chron.6 45. a chiefe man of the Leuites. 1.Chron.25.3.2 Chro.35.9.

Asan Ashan. *a fume, or smoke.* A city. Josh.15.42. and 19.7. and 1.Chron.4.32. and 6.59

Asarela Asharelah. *the blessednes of God.* 1.Chro.25.2.

Asabel Ashbel. *an old fire.* The sonne of Beniamin. Gen.46. 21. 1 Chr.8.1. called Jediael. 1.Chr.7.6. of him came the Ashbelites Num.26.38.

Asenez Ashchenaz. *fire as it were distilling, or as it were*
Ashkenaz *sprinkling.* The sonne of Gomer. Genes.10.3. also a countrey. Jere.51.27.

Azotus Ashdod. *idem* as Ashedoth following. Josh.11.22.& Asiod 15.46. The inhabitants called Ashdodites. Josh.13.3. and Ashdodims. Nehe.4.7. and 13.23. looke Azotus.

Asdoth Ashedoth. *a robbing of a countrey, or the fire of the beloued, or the fire of the fathers brother.* A place. Josh. 13.20 and 10.46. and 12.8. looke Azotus.

Aser Asher. *blessednesse, or felicitie.* The sonne of Iaakob by Zilpah. Gen.30.10,13. of whose posteritie and heritage, looke Gen.46.17,18. and 1.Chro.7.30. Josh 19. 24,to 32. His blessing. Deut.33.24,25. Gen.49.20. He did not cast out the inhabitants of Accho nor Zidon. Judg.1.31,32.

Aseroth Asheroth. *trees, or woods.* An idole whom the Israelites serued, and therefore were punished. Judg.3.7,8.

Asiel Ashiel. *the worke of God.* 1.Chron.4.35.

Asima Ashima. *the fire of the sea, or the offence.* An idole. 2. Kin.17.30.

Askelon Ashkelon. *the fire of infamie, or a weighing thing, or*
Ascalon *ballance.* A great citie which Iudah tooke. Judg.1.18. and Samson slew therein thirty men. Judg.14 19. reade Josh.13.3. Jer.25.20. Amos 1.8. Zeph.2.4. Zech. 9.5. Iudeth 2.28. and 1.Mac.10.86.

Asena Ainath. *mutation, or fire now.* A citie. Josh.15.33.

Esna Ashnah. *iteration, or secundation.* A citie. Josh 15.43

Asriel Ashriel. *idem* as Asareel. The sonne of Manasseh. 1. Chron.7.14. of whom came the Asrielites. Numb.26. 31. he is called Ariel. Josh.17.2. and 1 Chro.5.24.

Ezriel

Azriel

Astaroth Ashtaroth. *flockes, or riches.* A citie of Moab, Deut. 1.4. Jos.9.10.& 12.4.& 13,12. The giants whom Chedorlaomer slew, inhabited this citie and the borders thereof. Gen.14.5. which was given to the Leuites. 1. Chron.6.71. The inhabitants called Ashtarathites. 1. Chro.11.44. Also an idole of the Philistims whom the Israelites honoured. 1.Sam.7.3,5. Judg.2.13. and so did Salomon. 1.King.11.5. and 2.King.23.13.

Astaroth Carnaim

Ashtaroth-karnaim. Ashtaroth. *flockes, or riches,* Karnaim, *hornes,* meaning thereby, *the people of the citie of Ashtaroth.* Gen 14.5.

Isthemo

Ashtemoth. *the fire of diuination, or consummation, or the fire of perfection, or simplicitie.* A citie in the tribe of Iudah. Josh.15.50.

Asoth Asur

Ashuath *doing, or making vestments.* 1.Chron.7.33.

Ashur. or Asshur, *blessed, or trauelling, or beholding.* The sonne of Shem. Gen.10.21. Hee came from the land of Shinar. Gen.10.11.

Assyrians

Also a countrey. Isa.7.17,18,20. The people called Assyrians. Isai.8.4,7. The land is fertile. 2.King.18. 32. Thaz being faithlesse, seeketh ayde at the king of Asshur. 2.King.16.7. The king of Asshur taketh Samaria. 2. King.17.6. Hezekiah yeeldeth vnto Sanecherib king of Asshur. 2.Kin.18.13,14.* The Lord punisheth the Assyrians, as they did the Iewes, to the ende they might learne that they were able to doe nothing of themselues. Isa.10.12,13.* The destruction of the Assyrians is foretolde. Isa 17,12. and 30,31. and Nahum 1.2.*

Asa. *full of mire, or dirty, or full of slime, or muddy.* A Countrey called the lesser Asia, conteining Phrygia. Pamphilia, Cilicia, Lycaonia, Galatia &c. It is thought now to be vnder the iudiection of the Turke. Act.2.9. Into it Paul was forbidden to go and preach, by the holy Ghost. Acts 16.6. Paul abode in Asia for a time and there preached the Gospel. Act 19.9,10,22. Paul receiued what he had suffred in Asia. 2. Cor.1.8,9

Asael Asiel looke Ashiel.

Askelon. looke Ashkelon.

Azmaueth Aimaueth. *a strong death, or buck Goat, or the strength of death.* 1.Chron.12.3. called Azmaueth. 2.Sam.23. 31. looke 1.Chro.8.36.& 9.42. and 11.33. Ezra 2.24.

Asmoth Asmodeus. *a destroyer, or abounding in sinne, or measuring the fire.* An euill spirit. Tob.3.8.

Assurim Asshurim. *waite layers, or blessed, or slow goers, or beholders, or lookers on.* Gen.25.3.

Aser Asir Assos Assir. *bound, or imprisoned,* or in the Syrian speach, *prohibited.* The sonne of Nozah. Ezr 6.24.1.chro.6 22.

Asson Assos. *an appropinquation, or comming neere vnto.* A citie. Act.20.13.

Assuerus. looke Ahasueros, and Tobit 14.15.

Attarias Astyages. *a leader, or gouernour of the cuts, or the Duke.* The name of the King of Persia Dan.9.1.

Asiphim Asuppim. *the counsell of Elders.* 1.Chro.26.15.

Asyncritus. *uncomparable.* Rom.16.14.

Atroth ¶ Atarah, or Atarta. *a crowne.* 1.Chro. 2.26.

Atarah. *crownes, or a quill to make one drunke, or to fil one withal, or* after the Hebrew or Syrian speeches, *the counsel of making one drunk or ful.* Nu.32.3,34,35

Ather Ater *the left hand, or shut* Ezra 2.16.42.

Athala Athach. *thy houre, or thy time.* A citie. 1.Sam.30.30.

Athaiah. *the houre, or time of the Lord.* Neh.11 4.

Athaliah. *the houre, or time for the Lord.* The daughter of Omri king of Israel, and mother to Ahaziah the king of Iudah. 2 King.8, 26. Destroying all the seede royall

Athalai.

rupall which thee could come by, thee ruled the land of Iudah, and loſt all was ſlaine her ſelfe 2. Kin. 11. 1, 2. * and 2. Chron. 22. 10. * and 24. 1. *

Athlai, *my houre, or my time, or time vnto me.* A mans name Ezra 10. 28.

Attai *idem.* The name of certaine men. 1. Chron. 2, 35. & 12. 11.

Attalia *encreaſing, or nouriſhing.* A citie in Pamphilia, buiſded by Ptolemeus Philadelphus, by which Paul and Barnabas iourneyed. Act. 14. 25.

Attalus *increaſed, or nouriſhed.* 1. Mac. 15. 22.

Ethei.
Ethi.
Ithai.

Atthai *houre, time, or ready.* 2. Chron. 11. 20.

Athens. *without encreaſe, or of Minerua, or Minerualis.* A famous citie in Achaia, whither Paul was conducted. Act. 17. 15. Where he ſeeing the people addicted to idolatrie, &c. diſputed and preached. Actes 17. 16. * The citizens called Athenians. Act. 17. 21.

Athenobius. *the loue of Minerua.* The Ambaſſadour which Antiochus ſent vnto Simon of his meſſage and anſwere, looke 1. Mac. 15. 28, to 37.

Atheiſts. *people without God.* So called becauſe they bee ſuch as thinke there is no God: of their diſpoſition and qualities, looke Ephe. 2. 12. & 2. Pet. 3. 3. and in the word Epicures in the ſecond Table, & Miſc. 2, 1, to 23.

Attoth Addar. Atroth *idem* as Ataroth and Addar is interpreted. *the cloke, or power, or greateneſſe.* Iosh. 16. 5.

Iuah.
Aia.
On.
Heliopolis.

¶ Aua, or Auah, *iniquitie.* A citie. 2 kin. 17. 24. called Auah. 2 king. 18. 34. and 19. 13. Iſa. 37. 13.

Auen. *iniquitie.* in Hebrew *On*, which is interpreted, *ſorrow, or gadneſſe, or ſtrength.* in Greeke *Heliopolis*, which is interpreted, *the citie of the ſunne.* A citie of Egypt, otherwiſe called Thebæ. Reade Ezek. 30. 17. alſo an idole. Iosh. 10. 8.

Auguſtus properly ſignifieth *luckie.* Alſo it may ſignifie *conſecrated, ſanctified, noble, mightie, royall, reuerent, worſhipfull, or of great magnificence.* Which name is vſed not onely for the firſt (ſo called for his good ſucceſſe) but alſo for a ſurname vnto all the Romane Emperors. Act. 25. 21. In the 42. yere of Auguſtus reigne, Chriſt our Sauiour was borne. Luke 2. 1, 6, 7.

Auim. *wicked men, or peruerſe.* A citie. Iosh. 2. 23. whoſe citizens were called Auims. Deut. 2. 23. whoſe god was Nibhaz. 2. king. 17. 31.

Auith. *wicked, or peruerſe, or naughtie, or ouerthwart.* A citie. Gene. 36. 35. Auites a people. Iosh. 13. 3.

Vzza.
Azanias.

¶ Aza. *ſtrength, or a Goate.* Ezra. 2. 47.

Azaniah. *hearkening the Lord, or the weapons of the Lord.* Nehe. 10. 9.

Azariel.
Auriel.
Azarias,
Afarias,

Azareel. *the helpe of God.* 1. Chr. 12. 6. Ezra. 10. 41. Iosh. 7. 2. and 1. Chro. 5. 24.

Azariah. *helpe of the Lord.* The ſonne of Amaziah king of Iudah. 2. Kings 14. 21. who is called Vzziah. 2. Chron. 26. 1. he for burning the Prieſtes office was ſtriken with lepry and ſo died. 2. king. 15. 5. and 2. Chro. 26. 16, to 22. he is called Ozias. Matth. 1. 8. Alſo hee is called Matthat. Luke 3. 29.

Alſo a Prophet, by whoſe exhortation Aſa ſought to reforme religion. 2. Chron. 15. 1. * Alſo the high Prieſt, which with others withſtood king Vzziah. 2. Chro. 26. 17. 18. Alſo the name of Ethans ſonne. 1. Chro. 2. 8. alſo a companion of Daniels. Dan. 1. 17. alſo the name of others. 1. king. 4. 2, 5. & 1. Chr. 9. 10, 13. & 2. Chron. 28. 12 and 31. 13. Ezra. 7. 1, 3. Nehe. 3. 23. & 7. 7. and 12. 33.

Azaricl, looke Azareel. 1. Chro. 27. 22.

Azaricam.
Auricam.
Azarias.
Azazziah.

Azaricam. *helpe riſing vp, or reuenging, or voyde ſtrength.* A mans name. Nehe. 11. 14.

Azaz. *a ſtrong one.* 1. Chr. 5. 8.

Azaziah. *the ſtrength of the Lord.* 1. Chro. 15. 21. and 27. 20.

Azgad. *a ſtrong hoſte, or ſtrength of felicitie.* Ezra. 2. 12. and 8. 12. Nehe. 10. 15.

Aziza. *ſtrength, or of ſtrength.* Ezra. 10. 27.

Azmaueth. looke Almaueth

Azmon. *bone of a bone, or our ſtrength.* A citie. Num. 34. 4. Iosh. 15. 4. Aſemona.

Aznoth tabor. *the eares of election, or of purity, or after the Hebrew or Syrian ſpeech. the eares of contrition, or breaking.* a citie. Iosh. 19. 34. Aznoth-thabor.

Azor. *a helper, or entrie, or court.* or after the Syrian, *conuerted.* a place. 1. Macc. 11. 67. Alſo the ſonne of Eliacim. Matth. 1. 13.

Azotus. in Hebrew *Aſhdod.* A famous citie in the land of Paleſtine, betweene Aſkelon & Ioppe, wherin Giants dwelt, which citie Iosha wonne. Iosh. 11. 22. It was one of the fiue principall cities mentioned. 1. Sam. 6. 17. reade Jerem. 25. 20. Amos 1. 8. Zeph. 2. 4. Zec. 9. 6. Iſa. 20. 1. and 2. Chro. 26. 6. In this citie alſo, Philip preached Chriſt. Acts 8. 40. looke Aſhdod. Aſdod.

Azariah. *the helpe of the Lord.* 2. Chro. 29. 12.

Azariel. *the helpe of God.* 1. Chron. 12. 6. and 27. 22. looke Aſhriel. Ezra. 10. 41. Nehe. 11. 13. Jere. 36. 26. Azareel. Azarel.

Azrikam. *idem* as Azarikam. 1. Chro. 3. 23. and 8. 38.

Azubah. *forſaken.* 1. king. 22. 42. 2. Chro. 20. 31. 18.

Azur. *holpen, or helper.* Jere. 28. 1. Ezek. 11. 1.

Azzah. *ſtrong, or a bucke goate.* Gen. 10. 19. Iosh. 10. 41. 1. king. 4. 24. Judg. 1. 18. and 16. 1, 2. 1. Chron. 7. 28 Jere. 25. 20. Gaza.

Azzan. *their ſtrength* Num. 34. 26. Ozan.

Azzur. *idem* as Azur. Nehe. 10. 17. Azur.

B.

BAal Bealim. *the idole, or idoles, or Lord, or Lords, or gouerning, or poſſeſſing.* The idole of the Sidonians, or a generall name to all idoles, becauſe they were as the Lords and owners of all their worſhipers. Num. 21. 41. Judg. 2. 11, 13. and 3. 7. and 6. 25. and 8. 33. 1. Chro. 4. 33. Jer. 2. 8. 1. king. 16 32. and 18. 19. * 2. king. 10. 18, to 29. and 11. 18. and 17. 26. and 23. 4, 20 2. Chr. 23. 17. alſo the name of certaine men. 1. Chron. 5. 5. and 8. 30. and 9. 36. Beel, Baalim.

Baalah. *ruling him, or his idole, or ſubiected, or poſſeſſed.* A citie and mount in the tribe of Iudah. Iosh. 15. 9. 11. Alſo a citie in the tribe of Dan. Iosh. 19. 44. called Baalath. 1. kings 9. 18. Baala. Baalath.

Baalath Beer. *ſubiected pit.* Iosh. 19. 8.

Baalberith. *the idole of a couenant, or gouerning, or poſſeſſing the couenant* Judg. 8. 33. and 9. 4.

Baal-gad. *the idole of fortune, or felicitie.* a citie vnder mount Hermon. Iosh. 11. 17. called Bahalgad. Iosh. 13. 5.

Baal-hamon Cant. 8. 11. Baal-haman.

Baal-hanan. Gene. 36. 38. and 1. Chro. 2. 49. Balanan.

Baal-hazor. *a poſſeſſour of grace, or of agift.* 2. Sam. 13. 23. Baal haſor.

Baal hermon. *a poſſeſſour of deſtruction, or of a thing curſed, or dedicated, or conſecrated, viz. vnto God.* A hil. Judg. 3. 3.

Baali. *my idole, or maſter, or Lord ouer mee, or gouerning, or poſſeſſing me.* Hoſ. 2. 16.

Baal-iada. *an open or manifeſt idole, or a maſter gouernour, or poſſeſſor of knowledge.* The ſonne of Dauid. 1. Chron. 14. 7. Beeliada. Eliada.

Baalim, looke Baal. The name of certaine Idoles. 1. Sam. 7. 4 2 Chro. 28. 2. Jere. 2. 23.

Baalis. *idem* as Baalim, King of the Ammonites. Jer. 40 14.

Baal-meon. *the Lord, or maſter of the houſe, or gouerning, or poſſeſſing the houſe. or the idole of ſin, or gouernment of ſin.* a citie. Num. 32. 38. 2. Chr. 5. 8. Ezek. 25. 9. Beel meon.

Baal-peor. *the idole, or Lord of Peor.* An idole. Num. 25. 3. whom who ſo followed was deſtroyed. Deut. 4. 3. Iosh. 22. 17. reade Hoſe 9. 10. This idole was called of the Gentiles, Priapus. Beel phegor Baal-pharaſim. Baal-phaſin.

Baal-perazim. *the idol of diuiſions, or gouerning, or poſſeſſing*

possessing divisions, &c. A place: why it was so called. 2. Sam. 5. 20. 1. Chro. 14. 11.

Baal Salisa. Baal-shalisha, *the threefolde, or principall idole.* 2. Kings 4. 42.

Baal thamar. Baal tamar, *the idole of the palme tree.* A billage. Iudg 20. 33.

Beel-zebub. Baal zebub, *the idole, or possessor of flies, or the master of flies.* An idole vnto whom Ahaziah being sicke han recourse. 2 king. 1. 2, 3. The Iewes said that Iesus Christ wrought his miracles through Beelzebub, Mat. 9. 34. Marke 3. 22. Luke 11. 15. Matth. 10 25.

Beel-zephon Baal-zephon, *the south, or hidden idole.* A citie. Exod. 14. 2. Num. 33. 7.

Baana. Baanah *in affliction, or answering.* One of Ish bosheths captaines. 2. Sam. 4. 2. who with Rechab his other captaine, traiterously slew their master, and were therefore slaine at Dauids commaundement. 2. Sam. 4. 5. * Also the father of Heleb one of Dauids worthies. 2. Sam. 23. 29. Also the sonne of Ahilud, one of Salomons twelue chiefe officers. 1. king. 4. 12.

Bara. Baara *a flame, or purging.* 1. Chro. 8. 8.

Baasa. Baasei. *in making, or pressing together.* 1. Chr. 6. 40.

Baasa Baasha *idem.* A king of Israel who slew Nadab, and reigned in his stead, 1. kings 15. 28. He destroyeth the house of Ieroboam, according to Gods commaundement. 1. Kings 15. 29. The Prophet Iehu denounceth Gods iudgements against him and his house 1. King. 16. 2, 3, 4 He maketh warre with Asa king of Iudah all his dayes. 1. King. 15. 16. He dieth and Ela his sonne succeedeth. 1 Kin. 16. 6.

Babylon. Babel, and Babylon, *confusion, or mingling, or translation.* the name of a citie. Gene. 10. 10. so named of the confusion of tongues. Gene. 11. 4, 9. This citie situated in Chaldea in the field of Shinar, North from the land of Iudea, was the principall citie of the kingdome of the Chaldeans, whereof Nimrod the tyrant first vsurped the government. Gene. 10. 8, 9, 10. Vnto this citie the Israelites were caried captiues: and so remained for the space of 70. yeeres, according as it was prophecied of Leuit 26. 35. Deut. 4. 26, 27, 28. & 28. 25, 36 and 2. king. 20. 17, 18. & 24. 12. * and 25. 1, to 22. and 2. Chr. 36. 6, to 22. Matth. 1. 17. Isa. 5. 5, 6, 25. * and 7. 8. Ier. 1. 14. * and 16. 13. * & 20. 4, 5, 6. & 25. 11. Ezek 7. 1 * and 12. 1. * and 22. 1. * Mic. 4 10. Haba. 1. 6, to 12. Baruch 6. 1. * The cause of their captiuitie. 2. Kings 17. 6. * Ier. 32. 29, to 37. Deliuerance out of this captiuitie, promised and prophecied of. Leuit. 26. 40. * Deut. 4. 29, to 41. and 30. 1, to 11. 1. king. 8. 34, 47, 48, to 54 and 9. 3. 2. Chro. 6. 36, to 40. and 7. 14, 15, 16. Isa. 14. 2. and 40. 1, 2 and 43. 5, 6. & 48. 20. Ier. 12. 14. 15. and 16. 15. and 24. 5. & 25. 12. and 26. 13. and 29. 10. and 30. 3. and 31. 23, 24 to 31. & 32. 14, 15, 37. and 46. 27, 28. Eze. 11 17, to 22. Dan. 9. 25. Baruch 6. 2. and also fulfilled. 2. Chron. 36. 23. Ezra 1. 1. * and 2. 1. * and 1. Esdra. 2. 1, to 16. the God of the Babylonians was Succoth Benoth. 2. kings 17. 30.

All nations haue drunken of the wine of the wrath of the fornications of Babylon. Reue. 18. 3. It is become the habitation of deuils, and the holde of foule spirites. Reue. 18. 2. Her merchants were the great men of the earth, and al nations were deceiued with their inchantments. Reuel. 18. 23. Gtter destruction is prophecied against her, and her fauourers Psa. 137 8, 9. Isa. 13. 1. * and 14 22. and 21. 1, to 13. and 25. 10. and 47. 1. * Iere. 25. 12. * and 50. 1, 2. * and 51. 1. * Habak 2. 16. Reuel. 14. 8. and 16. 10, 19. and 17. 1, 2. * and 18. 2, 10, 21. The Prophets and Apostles reioyce at her destruction. Reu 18. 20. S. Peter wrote his Epistle from Babylon. 1. Pet. 5. 13. Babylon put for Damascus. Act. 7. 43.

Bacchides, *a drunkard, or one that holdeth of Bacchus* A captaine of King Demetrius armie. 1. Macca. 7. 8. who both traiterously slewe the Iewes that trusted in him. 1. Mac. 7. 10, to 21. and also Ionas Maccabeus. 1. Mac. 9. 18. And yet afterwards were discomfited by Simon. 1 Mac. 9. 67, 68.

Bacchenor. *a drunken, or wine bibbing man.* 2. Macc. 12. 35. Baccenor.

Badaiah. *the Lord alone.* Ezra 10. 35.

Bagoas. *the inward, or most secrete, or aduanced, or lifted vp, or bodily, or one that hath a body.* Holofernes chamberlaine, who was sent to Iudith, to perswade her to lie with his master. Iudith 12. 11, 12, 13. and 13. 1, 2. Vagoas.

Balaam. *the antiquitie, or ancient of the people, or without the people, or the deuourer, or destruction of them.* The name of a Prophet, the son of Beor, whom Balak king of Moab hired to curse the people of God. Numb. 22. 5. * God forbade him both the going with Balaks messengers, and the cursing of his people. Numb. 22. 12. * Balaam could not curse Gods people, against his wil. Num 22. 18. and therefore blessed them. Numb. 23. 7, to 13. Ioth. 24 9, 10. Prophecying of the great prosperitie that should come to the Israelites. Num. 24. 5, to 10. He foretelleth the comming of Christ. Num. 24. 17. he is slain among the Midianites. Num. 31 8. Hee loued the wages of vnrighteousnesse, and therefore was rebuked of the dumme asse. 2. Pet. 2. 15, 16. Iude 11. Hee taught Balak to lay a stumbling blocke before the children of Israel. Reue. 2. 14. Bileam,

Baladan. *without rule, or iudgement, or ancient in iudgement.* 2 King. 20. 12.

Balak. *couering, or destroying.* Num. 22. 2. & 24. 10. Balac.

Baldad. *olde loue, or without loue, or an old motion.* A friend of Iobs, who came to comfort him in his miserie. Iob. 2. 11. He laboureth to bring Iob to repent, and to confesse his sinnes: & that by two arguments. Iob 8. 2. * He reproueth Iob, for that hee would not heare good counsell: & reciteth the paines of the wicked. Iob. 18. 2. * Bildad.

Baptist. This name was attributed vnto Iohn the sonne of Zacharie, for that hee first began to baptize. Luke 3. 2, 16. Matth. 11. 11. looke Iohn.

Barabas. *the son of confusion, or reproch, or the sonne of the father, or master.* A murtherer, whom the Iewes desired to bee loosed (at the perswasion of the chiefe Priests) that Christ might be crucified. Matth. 27. 20, 21, 22, to 27. Marke 15. 7, to 16. Luke 23. 18, to 26. Iohn 18. 39, 40.

Barachel. *blessing, or speaking well of God, or bowing the knee to God.* Iob. 32. 2.

Barach ah. *blessing, or speaking well of the Lord, or bowing the knee vnto the Lord.* Zech. 1. 1. Barachias, Berechiah

Barbarian what, 1. Chron. 14. 11. and of the Barbarians kindnesse. Actes 21. 2.

Bariesus *the sonne of Iesus.* A false prophet, and sorcerer, who resisting Paul, was striken blinde. Actes 13. 6, to 12. Bariehu. Bar iesu.

Bar iona. *the sonne of a doue, or the sonne of Ionas.* The addition of Peters name by Christ himselfe. Matth. 16. 17. Bar ionas Bar-iona.

Barak. *lightning* The son of Abinoam, whom Debo-rah, by Gods commaundement sent against Sisera. Iudg. 4. 6. Barak and Deborah deliuer the people out of the subiection of Iabin. Iudg. 4. 14, 15. * Barak and Deborah praise God for the victorie. Iudg. 5. 1. * Barac.

Barnabas. *the sonne of consolation, or of the prophet.* Hee sold his land, and laid the money thereof downe at the Apostles feet Act. 4. 36, 37. Hee bringeth Paul vnto the Apostles. Act. 9. 27. He is sent vnto Antioch Act. 11 22 & returneth againe to Ierusalem. Act. 12. 25. & Paul were separated, for to preach the Gospel. Act. 13. 2. hee and Paul rent their clothes. Acts 14. 14 and were so stirred, that the one departed from the other. Actes 15.

Acts 15. 39. Her was seuered by the diſſimilitude of Peter. Gal. 2. 13.

Bartimeus Greeke ſayth thould bee written Barſemeus, which in the Syrian tongue is interpreted. *blind ſonne, or the ſonne of blindneſſe.* Of whom reade Mar. 10. 46.*

Baruch *bleſſed, or bending the knee.* Jeremies ſcribe. Jerem. 36. 4. 32. wrote a booke, which was read, and burned. Jere. 36. 4, 10 27. he wrote another. Jer. 36. 27, 28.* and 45. 1. Baruch 1. 1., to 6.

Bar zillai *as hard as yron.* A noble and rich man, who releeued Dauid in diſtreſſe, and yet would take nothing in recompence. 2. Sam. 19. 32. Her accompanieth the King vnto Jordan, craning nothing but that his ſonne Chimham might goe with him, and he well intreated. 2 Sam. 19. 31, 33, 39, 40. Dauid chargeth Salomon, that her ſhould ſhewe kindneſſe vnto the ſonnes of Barzillai, and why. 1 King. 2. 7. The ſonnes of Barzillai, becauſe they could not ſhew their genealogies, were put from the Prieſthood. Ezra 2. 61, 62. and Nehe. 7. 63, 64.

Baſmath. *things aromaticall, or confuſion of death, or in deſolation.* Gen. 26. 34. and 1. Kin. 4. 15.

Bathan. *in the tooth, or in yuorie, or in ſleepe or ſlumbring, confuſion, or ſlander.* A country where Og raigned. Deu. 1. 4 a land of giants. Deu. 3. 10, 11 32, 33.

Bath. A kind of meaſure. Ezr. 45. 10.

Bathſeba. *the ſeuenth daughter, or the daughter of an othe.* The daughter of Eliam, and wife of Urioh the Hittite. 2. Sam. 11. 3. with whom Dauid committed adulterie. 2. Sam. 11. 4. he cauſeth Urioh to be ſlaine, and afterward marrieth her. 2. Sam. 11. 24, 27. the childe which Bathſeba bare vnto Dauid, ſickened, and died. 2. Sam. 12. 13, to 23. and afterward ſhee bare Salomon. 2. Sam. 12. 24. Verſ. 25. Shee is called Bathſhua, the daughter of Ammiel. 1. Chr. 3. 5.

Bathſhua *the daughter of ſaluation,* looke Bath-ſheba.

¶ Beaiah. *the God of an idole, the Lord caſting himſelfe downe before it, or poſſeſſing it, or in an aſſembly, or in the Church.* 1. Chr. 12. 5.

Bealoth. *caſt vnder, or poſſeſſed.* Joſh. 15. 24.

Bebai *vayd, or empire.* Ezra 8. 11.

Becher. *the firſt begotten, or firſt fruits.* The name of Beniamins ſonne. Gen. 46. 21. 1. Chr. 7. 6. Alſo the ſonne of Ephraim. Num 26. 35.

Bechorath. *idem* as Becher. 1 Sam 9. 1.

Bedan. *a doore barre, or alone.* 1. Sam. 12. 11. and 1. Chr 7. 17.

Bedlah. *the onely Lord, or doorebarre of the Lord.* The ſame of Boni. Ezra 10. 34.

Beeſhdad. *an open cloth, or mother of knowledge.* 1. Chr. 14. 7.

Beel-zebub looke Baal-zebub, and Mat. 10. 25.*

Beer. *a well, or declaring.* Num. 21. 16.

Beera *idem.* 1. Chr. 7. 37.

Beerah. *idem.* 1. Chr. 5. 6.

Beer-Elim. *the well of Elim.* Iſa. 15. 8.

Beeri. *a well explaining, or declaring.* The father of Hoſea. Hoſ. 1. 1. Alſo the father of Judith Eſaus wife. Gen. 26. 34.

Beer lahai roi. Gen. 16. 14.

Beeroth. *wells, explaining, or declaring.* A city. Joſh. 9. 17. Deut. 10. 6. and 2. Sam. 4. 2, 3. Joſh. 18. 25.

Beer-sheba *a well, a wilderneſſe, or a oath,* looke Gen. 21. 14, 33. & 26. 33. & 28. 10. Joſh. 15. 28. & 19. 2. and 1. Sam. 3. 20. & 8. 2. & 2. Sam. 3. 2. & 24. 2, 7. & 1. Kin. 19. 3. & 2. King. 12. 1. & 1 Chr. 4. 28. Neh. 11. 30. Amos 5. 5.

Behemoth. This word ſignifieth *the beaſtes body of earthly beaſtes,* but chiefly one among the reſt. Job. 40. 10. & 41. 6. Eſa. 6. 49. It is taken for the power of Satan.

Bel. *old, antient, or nothing.* The name of an idole, whereof reade Iſa. 46. 1. Dan. 14. 3, to 23.

Bela. *deſtroying.* A ci te alſo called Zoar. Gen. 14. 2. Alſo Beniamins ſonne. Gen. 46. 21. Num. 26. 38. Alſo a king in Edom. Gen. 36. 32.

Belial. *peruerſe, or wicked, or the deuil* Judg. 19. 22. and 1. Sam. 2. 12. & 10. 27. 2 Sam. 22. 5. What concord hath Chriſt with Belial? 2. Cor. 6. 15.

Belshazzar *without treaſure, or a ſearcher of treaſure,* A king of Babylon. Dan. 5. 1. Who for abuſing the veſſels of the Temple, & extolling dumbe idoles, ſeeth a hand writing vpon the wall. Dan. 5. 2, 3, 4, 5. which betokeneth his death, and the tranſlation of his kingdome vnto Darius. Dan. 5. 6.* Belte-shazzar

Ben *a ſon, or a building, or vnderſtanding.* 1. Chr. 15. 18 Beltſhazzar

Benaiah. *the Lords building* The name of ſeuen mentioned. 2. Chr. 4. 36. & 5. 12, 18. Alſo the ſonne of Jehoiada. 2. Sam. 20. 23. who at Salomons commandement ſlewe Joab, hauing holde on the hornes of the altar. 1. Kin. 2. 22, 28, to 36. Hee was ouer the Cherethites, &c. 1. Chron. 18. 17. and is numbred among Dauids three worthies. 2. Sam. 23. 20, 21, 22, 23. He is called Benaiahu. 2. Sam. 8. 18. Beleshazzar Banaia

Ben-ammi. Gen. 19. 38. Ammon

Ben-hadad. *the ſonne of wiſe, or vile.* The ſonne of Tabrimon. 1. Kin. 15. 18. Who ſoyned with Aſa king of Judah, & beſieged the cities of Iſrael. 1. Kin. 15. 20. He beſieged Samaria. 1. Kin. 20. 1. He being drunken and blaſpheming God, was put to flight by Ahab, and ſo Samaria was deliuered. 1. Kin. 20. 16, to 21. he obteineth pardon at Ahabs hands: wherefore God was diſpleaſed with Ahab, & foreſhewed his deſtruction. 1. Kin. 20. 31.* Ben-hadad beſieged Samaria. 2. kin. 6. 24. his hoſte is miraculouſly put to flight. 2. Kin. 7. 6, 7. he is ſicke, and ſendeth Hazael to Eliſha with a preſent to know if hee ſhould recouer. 2. Kin. 8. 7, 8. Hee dieth, & Hazael reigneth in his ſtead. 2 Kin 8. 14, 15. Ben-hadad the ſonne of Hazael, king of Aram, ruleth Iſrael all Jehoahas dayes, and why. 2. King. 13. 3. Benaiah

Ben-hail. *the ſonne of ſtrength, or of an armie, or the ſonne of riches, or graſſe.* 2 Chr. 17. 1. Benhail

Ben-hanam. *the ſonne of grace, or godlineſſe, or the ſonne of ſeparation.* 1. Chr. 4. 20. Benhanan

Ben hinnom. *the ſonne of Hinnom* A valley. 2. Chr. 28 3. Ben-hinnom

Bene-berak. *the ſonnes of lightning.* Joſh. 19. 45. Ben-berak

Bene iaakan. *the ſonnes of ſorow, or labour, or builder vp of ſorow, or labour.* Num. 33. 31. Beneiaacan

Beniamin. *the ſonne of my right hand.* Iaakobs youngeſt ſonne, called Ben-oni, that is, *the ſonne of ſorrow.* Gen. 35. 18. Iaakob loueth him dearely. Gen. 44. 32, 34, 30.* His wealth was fiue times ſo much as any of his brethrens. Gen. 43. 34. looke Gene. 45. 22. Hee is bleſſed of Iaakob. Gen 49. 27. Moſes alſo bleſſeth his tribe. Deut. 33. 12. Of his children reade Gen. 46. 21. and 1. Chr. 7. 6. and 8. 1. Of their lot. Joſh. 18. 11.* Beniamin

The Beniamites refuſing to deliuer thoſe wicked perſons that had abuſed the Leuites wife. Iudg. 19. 25, 26, 27, & perſeuering therein in their euill, were all deſtroyed ſaue 600. men. Iudg. 20. 12, 13, 14.* The Iſraelites bemoane the want of a tribe. Judg. 21. 2, 3. Saul was of this tribe. 1. Sam. 9. 1.* And Sanl. Ro. 11. 1.

Benino. *our ſonnes, or our builders.* Neh. 10. 13. Baninu

Beno. *his ſonne, or building.* 1. Chr. 24. 26. Bepno

Ben-oni looke before in Beniamin.

Beraioth. *the ſonne of ſeparation, or the ſonne of that feare.* 1. Chr. 4. 20.

Beon. *in a fooliſh, or in an euerlaſting.* Num. 32. 3.

Beor. *a flame, or mad* Num. 22. 5. Bera

Bera. *a well ſpringing, or declaring.* Gen. 14. 2. Berachah

Berachah. *bleſſing, or bending of the knee.* 1. Chron. 12. 3. Berachia

Baraia

Berachiah *blessing wel of the Lord* Zech.1.1.

Beraiah *the chusing of the Lord.* 1.Chr.8.21.

Berak *lightning*, leoke Barak.

Bereaha *wil*, or *his daughter.* 1.Macc.9.4.

Bared

Bared *haile.* 1.Chr.7.20.

Beri *my sonne*, or *pure*, or *chosen*, or *my corne.* 1.Chr. 7.36.

Baris

Beriah *in felowship*, or *in enuie.* 1.Chr.23.10. Num. 26.44,45.

Berim *chosen men.* 2.Num.20,14.

Bernice, *a sage victory*, or *the weight of the victory.* The wife of King Agrippa. Acts 25.13.

Berodach

Berodach, *the son of death.* The right name of Baladans sonne, who is called Berodach Baladan. 2. King.20.12. and Merodach Baladan Isa 39 1.

Beroth

Berothah *of a well*, or *pursuite*, or *a Cypres tree.* One of the townes that bounded the land of Israel. Ezek. 47.16.

Berothai *Welles*, or *a Cypres tree.* 2.Sam.8.8. The citizens called Berothites. 1.Chr.11.39.

Besee

Besai. *a despising*, or *egges*, or *full of myre*, or *dirtie.* Ezra 2.49. Nehe.7.52.

Besodia

Besodaiah *the counsel of the Lord* Neh.3.6.

Beson *shewing glad newes*, or *incarnation.* 1.Sam. 30.10.

Bete

Betah *trust*, or *confidence.* 2.Sam.8.8.

Beten *the belly.* Iosh.19.25.

Bethabara *a house passed ouer*, or *house of anger* (or in the Syrian) *of wheate.* Iohn 1.28.

Beth-anath

Beth-anah *the house of affliction.* A citie. Iosh.19 38. called Beth-anath. Iudg.1.33.

Beth-anoth *idem.* Iosh.15.59.

Bethania, *the house of obedience*, or *of affliction*, or *a house of a song*, or *the grace of the Lord.* The townes of Martha & Marie. Iob.11.1. whither Christ went and lodged. Mat.21.17. Ioh.11.1. and 12.1. Luk.19.29

Beth-araba

Beth-arabah *the house of sweet smell.* Iosh.15.6,61. and 18.22.

Beth-aram *the house of height.* Iosh.13.27.

Beth-arbel. Hos.10.14.

Beth-auen *the house of vanitie and griefe.* Iosh.18. 12. and 1.Sam.13.5.

Beth-azmaueth *the house of deaths strength.* Nehe. 7.28.

Beth-baal-meon. *an idole of the dwelling place*, or *the Lord by sinne.* Iosh.13.17.

Beth-barah *the house of his son*, or *the chosen house.* Iudg.7.24.

Beth-bera

Beth berei *the house of my maker.* 1.Chr.4.31.

Bethbirai Bethcbar

Beth-car *the house of knowledge.* 1.Sam.7.11.

Beth-dagon. *the house of wheate*, or *the house of a scaled fish.* Iosh.15.41. and 19.27.

Beth-eden *the house of pleasure.* Amos 1.5.

Beth-el *the house of God.* The place where Iaakob slept when he went to his uncle Laban, before time called Luz. Gen.28.19. whither he afterwards went to dwell by Gods commandement. Gene. 35.1. 10.9. It is taken and inhabited by the house of Ioseph. Iudg. 1.22,to 27. There the Iewes honoured God. 1.Sam. 10.3. The Israelites purposing to fight against the Beniamites, do aske counsel of God at Beth-el. Iudg. 20.18. reade Ios.8.12. & 18.13. 1 kin 12.29. 32,33.

Beth-emek *the house of deepenesse.* Iosh.19.27.

Bethemec

Bethesda *the house of effusion.* So called, because thither rayne waters did assemble from diuers places. Iohn.5.2.

Beth-ezel *my neighbours house.* Micah 1.11.

Bethet, *diuision*, or *in searching*, or *beholding.* 1.Esa.17

Beth-gader. *a house for a mouse.* 1.Chr.2.51.

Beth-gamul *the house of a camel* Ier.48.23.

Beth-haccerem *the house of the vineyard.* Neh.3.14

Beth-hanan. *the house of grace*, or *mercie.* 1.Kin.4.9.

Beth haran, *the house of an hil.* Num.32.36.

Beth-hashittah, *the house of going out of the way*, or *the house of thornes* Iudg.7.22.

Beth-hogla, or Beth-hoglah. Iosh.15.19.

Beth-horan, *the house of anger*, or *house of libertie.* Iosh.16.10. and 16.3,5.

Bethlehem *the house of bread*, or *the house of warre.* A citie in the tribe of Zebulun. Iosh.19.15. Also a citie in the tribe of Iudah, called Ephrath, neere vnto which Rahel was buried. Genes.35.19. and vnto the which Ioseph trauelleth with Marie the Virgine: where she was deliuered of Iesus Christ. Luk.2.4,6, 7. Whither also the wise men went and honoured him. Mat.2.1,to 13.

Beth lebaoth, *the house of lionesses.* Iosh.19.6.

Beth-leuathoth

Beth-iesimoth *the house of desolation*, or *the house of laying vp in store.* Num.33.49. Iosh.12.3.

Beth-marcaboth

Beth-marcaboth. *the house of bitternesse wiped out.* Iosh.19.5. and 1.Chr.4.31.

Beth-maon

Beth-meon *the house of the dwelling place.* Ier.48.23

Beth-nemra

Bethnimrah *the house of rebellion.* Num.32.36.

Beth-phelet

Beth-palet, *the house of expulsion.* Iosh.15.27. and Nehe 11.26.

Beth-pelet

Beth-pazzez, *the house of dividing asunder.* Iosh. 19.21.

Beth-phogor

Beth-peor *the house of the opening of the earth* De. 3.29. and 34.6.

Bethphage. *the house of the mouth of the valleyes.* Matth.21.1.

Beth-rapha *the house of health.* 1.Chr.4.12.

Beth-rehob. A citie. Iudg.18.28.

Bethsaida

Bethsaida, *the house of fruits.* A citie which Christ reproued for their infidelitie. Mat.11.21.

Beth-sames

Beth-shan *the house of ease*, or *the house of altering.* 1.Sam.31.10. Iosh.17.11.

Beth-shean

Beth-sheba leoke Bathsheba.

Bethsabee

Beth-shemesh *the house of bondage*, or *ministery.* Iosh. 15.10. & 19.22 Ier.43. 13. the citizens of Beth-shemesh, seeing the Arke, reioiced, & offred sacrifices vnto the Lord. 1.Sam.6.15. Of the Bethshemites, for looking into ye arke were slain 50070. men. 1.Sam.6.19.

Bethsures

Beth-sura *the house of strength.* 2.Macc.11.5.

Beth-tappuah. A citie. Iosh 15.53.

Beth-thaphua

Bethuel. *the measure of God*, The father of Rebekah. Gen.22.23. Also a citie. 1.Chr.4.30.

Bethuel

Bethul *a virgin.* Iosh 19.4.

Bethulia *the virgin of the Lord.* A citie. Iudith 4.6. which Holofernes laid siege vnto. Iudith 7.1. The citizens being almost starued for thirst, purpose to yeild to Holofernes, if helpe came not within fiue dayes. Iudith 7.22.

Bethulie

Beth-zur *the house of a rocke.* Iosh.15.58.

Betonim *bellies.* Iosh.13.26.

Beulah *inhabited.* Isa.62.4.

Bezai *egges.* Ezra 2.17.

Besai

Bezaleel. *in the shadowe of God.* The sonne of Uri. 1.Chr.2.20. Hee and Aholiab were endued with Gods Spirit, to the end they might make all that appertained vnto the tabernacle, &c. Exo.31.2,to 12. and 35.30. Also mans name. Ezra 10.30.

Bezaleel

Bezek *lightning.* A citie taken by Iudah, who slew 10000. men therein, tooke their king, and cut off his thumbes and great toes. Iudg 1.4.to 9.

Bezec

Bezer *ouermuch*, or *wine branches.* A citie, whereof leoke Deut.4.43. Iosh.20.8.

Bichri *my first borne*, or *first fruits.* 2.Sam.20.1.

Bechri

Bidkar *to diuide alone.* 2.King.9.25.

Bidkar

Biguai *my bodie* Ezra 2.2.14. and 8.14.

Begui

Bigthan *gelding sweete.* One of king Ahasuerus seruants, who with Teresh, would traiterously stop their

their master, but Mordecai preuented it, and they were hanged. Ester 2.21,23. and 6.2.

Baldad — Bikeath-auen, *the field of an idole.* Amos 1.5.

Baldad, *a deuise, or without loue* looke Baldad.

Balaam, looke Balaam.

Belga — Bilgah *ancient countenance.* 1. Chro. 24.14.

Bela — Bilhah *old or fading.* Rahels handmaid. Gene. 29. 29. Her she gaue vnto Iaakob to wife, who conceiued and bare two sonnes. Gen. 30.3,4,5,7.

Balaan — Bilhan, *old, or troubled.* Gen. 36.27.

Belsan — Bilhan *in the tonge.* Ezra. 2.2.

Chemual — Bimhal. 1. Chro. 7.33. the sonne of Iaphlet.

Kimhal — Binca, *the sonne of the Lord, or in mourning.* The sonne of Moza. 1. Chro. 9.43 called Binaah. 1. Chr. 8.37.

Bonca — Binnui, *building.* Ezra. 8.33.

Banaia — Binui *building in my house, or in fairenes.* Ez 10.30.

Banaias — Birsha *in euill.* Gen. 14.2.

Bennoi — Bithiah, *the daughter of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 4.18.

Binnui — Bithron, *the house of libertie* 2. Sam. 2.29.

Berfa — Bizjothiah, *despyse.* Iosh. 15.28.

Bethia — Boaz, *in them selues.*

Beth-horon — ¶ Boaz, *in strength.* 1. Kings 7.21.

Bziothia — Boanerges, *the sonnes of thunder.* Mar. 3.17.

Baatha — Bocheru, *first borne.* 1. Chr. 8.38.

Boas — Bochim, *in the place of weeping.* Iudg. 2.1.

Bochru — Bohan, *in them.* Iosh. 15.6.

Boen — Boos *in strength.* The father of Obed. Ruth. 4.21. and 1. Chro. 2.12. Matth. 1.5. Luke 3.32.

Boos — Bosor *taking away.* 2. Peter 2.15.

Boaz — Bozez, *dirt* 1. Sam. 14.4.

Bozkath, *in pouertie.* Iosh. 15.39.

Boses — Boznai. Ezra. 8.6.

Baschath — Bozra, or Bozrah, *in tribulation.* a chiefe citie of Edom. Gen. 36.33. 1. Chr. 1.44. Ierr. 49.13.

Bosra — ¶ Bukki, *voide.* Num. 34.22. Ezr. 7.4. & 1. Chr. 6.5.

Bukkiah, *the dissipation of the Lord.* 1. Chro. 25.4.

Bul, *encrease of fee.* 1. Kings. 6.38.

Bozrah — Bunah, *building, or vnderstanding.* 1. Chro. 2.25.

Bunni, *building me.* Neh. 9.4.

Buz, *despising.* Ge. 22.21. & 1. Chr. 5.14. Ier. 25.23.

Buzi, *idem.* Ezek. 1.3.

Buzites, *idem.* Iob. 32.2.

C

¶ Cabbon, *as though vnderstanding.* Iosh. 15.40.

Chebbon — Cabul, *a footeman.* Iosh. 19.27.

Cades — Cadesh, *holinesse.* Gen. 20.1. looke Kadesh.

Caiphas — Caiaphas, *a searcher.* The high Priest who was ioyned with Annas in that office, contrary to Gods law. Luke 3.2. He prophesieth. Iohn 11.49,50,51,52. Annas sendeth Christ bound vnto him. Iohn 18.13,14. Matt. 27.57. Marke 14.53. Luk. 22.54. Christ being by him charged to tell what he was, confessed himselfe to be that Christ that was looked for. Mat. 26.63,64. Caiaphas forbiddeth the Apostles to preach. Acts 4.6, 17,18.

Cain, *possession.* Heb. 13.4. looke Kain.

Cainan, *possessor, or buyer.* The son of Arphaxad. Lu. 3.36. Also the sonne of Enos. Luk. 3.37. looke Kenan.

Calah, *opportunitie.* Gen 10.11.

Chale — Caldees, *mingling, or as dewils.* A people. Ge. 11.28, 31. 2. King. 25.5. The country where of is called Caldea, looke Caldees.

Caldeans — Caleal, *nourishing, or consuming all things* 1. Ch 2.6

Chaleal — Caleb, *as a Hart, or a Dog.* The name of 4 men. Num. 13.7. Of 2. Iosh. commended the land of promise vnto the Israelites, wherefore they had almost bin stoned. Num. 14.7 &c. The land of Canaan is promised to him & his seede Num. 14.24 Deut. 1.36 He encourageth the Israelites to goe into the land of Canaan. Num. 13.31. He hath his strength and age restored, the heritage giuen vnto him. Iosh. 14.6. His heritage, what it was. Iosh. 15.13. and 1. Chron 6.56. He expelleth from Hebron the three sonnes of Anak. Iudges 1.20. He is commended. Eccius. 46.10.

Caleb was also the name of Ierahmeels brother, called Chelubai. 1. Chr. 2.9,18,19. Also the name of a towne. 1. Chro. 2.24.

Calneh, *all we.* Gen. 10.10. Amos 6.2.

Chalarne — Canneh, *a wall* Ezek. 27.23.

Cherne — Calno, *altogether burnselfe.* Isa. 10.9.

Calano — Calneric. Luke 23.33.

Cana, *zeale, or emulation.* A citie of Galilee. Iob. 4. 46. where Iesus wrought his first miracle at a marriage. Iohn 2.1,to 12. Simon was a Cananite, that is, *zealous.* Luke 6.15.

Chanaan — Canaan, *a merchant.* the sonne of Ham. Gen. 10.6. of whom the country of Canaan tooke name. Gen. 11. 31. and 12.5. & 13.12. The border of the Cananites. Ge. 10.19. Canaan is cursed for his fathers fault. Ge. 9.22,25,26,27. The Cananites were wicked people. Ge. 12.6. and 13.7. for they descended of a cursed father. Gen. 10.15,16,17,18. The land of Canaan promised to Abraham and his seede. Ge. 12.7. and 13.15 and 15.7. and 17.8. Holes in vrith spies to view it according to Gods commandement. Num. 13.3, to 32. The Cananites slew the Israelites. Num. 14.45. The Cananites, that dwelt at Zephath were destroied by the tribe of Iudah and Simeon. Iudg. 1.17. Why God destroyed them not at once, but by litle and litle. Exod. 23.29,30. God suffereth the Cananites, Amorites, &c. to sojourne among the Israelites, to try whether they would obey him, and wholy depend on him or no. Iudges 3.1,to 7. God commandeth the Israelites to slay them, least they should be a weane of their rume, Num. 33.51. Deut. 20.16,17,18. The Angel of God reproueth the Israelites for leaguing with them, whom God willed to be destroyed. Iudg. 2.1,to 6. They dwelt among the Ebusamites. Iosh. 16.10. Pharaoh burned the citie of Gezer, and slew the Cananites, that were therein. 1. king. 9.16. They fainted at Israels comming into their country, hearing what miracles Gods had done for them. Iosthua 5.1. The land of Canaan flowed with milke and honie. Exod. 3. 8. and was the habitation of God. Exod. 15.13. it was shewed Moses. Deu. 34.4. Salomon made the Cananites and al that were not destroyed by the Israelites, tributaries to him. 1. king. 9.20,21. 2 Chron. 8.7,8. So did the Israelites also. Iosua 17.12,13. The lande of Canaan promised to Izhak. Gen. 26.3.

The woman Cananite, who followed Christ, by faith obtained the recouery of her daughter. Matth. 15.22,to 29. Marke 7.25,to 31.

Candace *hauing forgiuenesse.* The Queene of the Ethiopians. Acts 8.27.

Capernaum *the field of repentance.* a citie. Mat. 4. 13. and 8.5. Iohn 6.24,59. whole citizens Christ reproueth for their incredulitie. Mat. 11.23,24. Luke 10.15. It is called Christs citie. Mat. 9.1. — Capharnaum

Caphtor, *an apple, or violet* A countrey called Cappadocia. Acts 2.9. The inhabitants Caphtorims, or Cappadocians. Ierr. 47.4. Gen. 10.14. They destroyed the Auims, and dwelt in Hazerim in their stede. Deut. 2.23. — Cappadocia

Carcas, *the couering of the lambe* Ester. 1.10. — Chorchas

Carchemish *a lambe, or taken away.* 2. Chron. 35.20. — Charcamis

Carmel *knowledge of circumcision* a citie. Iosh. 15. 55. The citizens called Carmelites. 1. Chr. 11.37. — Charmel

Carmi, *my vine, or knowledge of waters.* Num. 26.6. — Charmi

Carnaim *hornes.* 1. Mac. 5.43. looke Karnaim. — Karnaim

Carshena *a lambe sleeping.* Ester. 1.14. — Charsena

Casluhim, *hope of vse, or as pardoned.* One of the sons of Mizraim, of whom came the Philistims. Gen. — Chasluim / Chaselon / Chasloni'm

20.14.1.Chron.1.12.

Casiphia Chaphia
Casiphia. *desire.* A place where the Law was read and taught vnto the people. Ezra.8.17.
Caspar. *a treasurer.* Looke Acts 26.11.
¶ Cassion. *mad, blacke, he sad.* A booke. John 18.1. called Kidron. 1. King. 15.13.
Ceilan. *dissolving that.* 1. Esd. 5.15.
Cenchrees Cenchreus
Cenchrea. *millet, or pulse.* Acts. 18.18. Rom. 16.1.
Cendebeus. *possession of griefe.* 1. Mac. 15.38.
Centurion. *a captaine ouer an hundred.* Of whom reade Exod. 18.21. Deut. 1.13, to 19. Acts. 21.32. and 22.25, 26. and 23.17, 23. Christ healeth the Centurions seruant for his faiths sake. Matth. 8.5, to 14. Luk. 7.2, 11. The Centurion and those that were with him watching Jesus, &c. confessed him to be the sonne of God. Matth. 27.54. Paul was committed vnto a Centurion Acts 24.24.
Cephas. *a stone.* the surname of Simon, giuen him by Christ. John 1.42. 1. Cor. 1.12. 3.9. 5. Galat. 1.18.
Cephirah. *a little lioness.* Ezra 2.25. Josh 9.17.
Cesar is deriued of Cæsio, which signifieth *a gash, or a cut.* (Iulius being supposed to be cut out of his mothers womb, was so named) or of Cesius, for that he had gray eyes: but afterward it was retained as a famous surname vnto all the Emperors of Rome, as to Augustus Luk. 2. 1 to Tiberius Luk. 3. 1. Matth 22. 17. to Claudius. Act. 11. 28 & 25. 12. and to Nero. Phil. 4. 22. &c.
Cesarea. *a bush of haire.* A citie surnamed Stratonis. Acts 9. 30. & 10. 1. and 21. 8 and 12. 19. Also another surnamed Philippi. Mat. 16. 13. Mar. 8. 27. Because Philip the Tetrarch builded it. Also another Cesarea is the head citie of Cappadocia Acts 18. 22. In Hebrew it is written Dor. looke Dor.
Calcol
¶ Chalcol. *nourishing.* 1. king. 4. 31. looke Calcol.
Chaldees, looke Caldees. A people. Their country, is called Chaldea, or Caldea, and is interpreted *as demaunds, as robbers, or spoylers.* It lieth vpō the Euphrate of Judea, betweene Babylon and Arabia. Jer. 50. 10 and 51. 24 In Hebrew it is called Casdim. Gen. 11. 28
Chamois. Deut. 14. 5.
Charan Charam Chobar Chodorlahomor
Charran. *a singing, or calling out.* a citie Acts 7. 2. called Haran. Gen. 11. 31. looke Haran.
Chebar *strength, or power.* Ezek. 1. 1.
Chedor-laomer. *as generation of bondage.* Gen. 14. 1
Cheeneth. Ezra. 4. 10, 11, 17.
Cheelah. *as night.* Ezra. 10. 30.
Cheeth
Chebar. *a basket.* 1. Chron. 27. 26. and 4 11.
Callubai Chellian
Chelubai. *he altogether against me.* 1. Chron 2. 9.
Chelluh. *all.* Ezra. 10 35.
Chemarims. The name of Baals Priests, looke 2. kings 23. 5. Hose. 10 5.
Chamos Chanaana
Chemosh. *as stroking, or as taking away.* Num. 21. 29. and 1. king. 11. 7. and 2 kings 23. 13.
Chenaanah Chenani
Chenaanah. *a mary homesse, or broken in pieces.* 1. king. 22. 11. 1. Chron 7. 10.
Chenani. *my pillar, or foldation, or a hasting.* Neh. 9. 4
Chenaniah. *my pillar, or foundation of the Lord.* 1. Chron. 15. 22.
Chephara Charan Cherethims Cerethites Chaiah.
Chephar. *a little lioness.* Josh 18. 24.
Chephira. *idem.* looke Cephirah.
Cherab. *anger.* Gen. 36. 28.
Cherethims. *soulders,* Looke Ezek. 25. 16. called Cherethites. 1. Sam 8. 18. and 15. 8. and 20. 23.
Chereth *slaying.* 1. King. 17. 3.
Cherubins
Cherub. *as a master, or as a child, or as fighting.* Ezra 2. 59. 2. Sam. 22. 11.
Cherubims. *as masters, or as fighters, or as children.* Gen. 3. 24. Ezek. 1. 5. and 10. 1.
Chesil Cesed Cesil
Chesil. *trust* Josh. 15. 30.
Chesed. *as a deuill.* Gen. 22. 22.
Chesil. *foolishnesse.* Josh. 15. 30.

Chesulloth. *fearefulnesse.* Josh. 19. 18. Casolath
Chezib. Gen. 38. 5.
Chiston. *a dart.* 1. Chron 12. 9.
Chileab. *all, or the restraint of the father,* 2. Sam. 3. 3 Cheleab
Chilion, *wasted, perfect, or all like a shaw.* Ruth. 1. 3 Chelion
Chilmad. *as touching.* Ezek. 27. 23. Chelmad
Chimham. *as they, or like to them.* The name both of a man and the citie where he dwelt. 2. Sam. 19. 38. Jere. 41. 17. Chamam Chimeam
Chinnereth. *a harpe.* Num. 34. 11. Cenereth
Chios. *open.* Acts 20. 15. Chio
Chisleu. *hope, or his feare.* A moneth. Neh. 1. 1. Casleu
Chislon. looke Cislon.
Chisloth-tabor. *feares, or mast of elections, or parsnip.* A citie. Josh. 19. 12. Chesleth Thabor
Chittim. *masters, or consumers, or a crowne, or gold.* A countrey. Isa. 23. 1. & Ezek. 27. 6. Num. 24. 24. Dan. 11. 3. It is called Chetiim. 1. Maccab. 1. 1. of Kittim. Looke Gen. 10. 4. Cethim Kittim
Chor-ashan. *a riuer smoke.* 1. Sam. 30. 30.
Chorazin. *thin secret, or here is a mysterie.* A citie. Which Christ reproueth for their incredulitie. Matth. 11. 21. Luke 10. 13. Corozain Chorazin
Chozeba. *men lyers, or men that be lyers.* 1. Ch. 4. 22
Christ. *anointed.* The surname of Iesus. Mat. 1. 16. looke Christ in the second Table.
Chun. *making ready* 1. Chron. 18. 8.
Cush *blacke, or Ethiopia.* looke Cush.
Chushan-rishathaim. Looke Cushan-rasthaim, and Judges. 3. 8. Chusanrasthaim
Chushi. *blacke, or an Ethiopian.* Jere. 36. 14. and Cushite. *idem.* Jere. 38. 7. looke Aethopia.
Chuza. *saying, or prophesying.* Luke 8. 3. Chusa
¶ Cilicia. *touching* a countrey. Judith 2. 21, 25. Galat. 1. 21.
Cinnereth. *as a candle.* Josh. 19. 35. Cenereth
Cis. *hard.* Acts. 13. 21. looke Kish.
Cislon. *hope, or confidence, or trust, or couering of an house.* a prince of the tribe of Beniamin. Num. 34. 21 Chaselon
Claudia. *a broken voice, or weeping voice,* Acts 27. 16 Cillion
Claudia. *idem.* 2. Tim. 4. 21.
Claudius *idem.* Claudius Cesar the Emperour. Acts 11. 28.
Claudius Lysias, the vpper captaine of Jerusalem, sendeth Paul to Felix. Acts 23. 26.
Clemens. *gentle, or meeke.* Phil. 4. 3.
Cleopas. *all glory* Luke 24. 13. Clemens
Cleopatra *the glory of the countrey.* Daughter to Ptolemie, who was giuē to wife to Alexander. 1. Mac. 10. 57, 58. & after taken from him, & giuen to Demetrius. 1. Mac. 11. 12. Cleopatra Dositheus. Esd. 11, 12, Cleopas
Cloe. a vertuous woman. 1. Cor. 1. 11. Cloes
Coelosyria. *crooked Syria, or low Syria.* A countrey 1. Esd. 8. 7. 1. Mac. 10. 69. 2. Mac. 3. 5. Celosyria
Col-hozeh. *euery prophet, or seeing all.* The father of Shallum. Neh. 3. 15, and 11. 5. Also the father of Baruch. Neh. 11. 5. Col-hozeh Chol-hoza
Colonia. Act. 16. 12. In the margent, was giuen to be the name of a citie newly conquered, whither were sent to dwell, certaine number of people taken out of some great citie, who did vndergoe the lawes and customes of the citie whence they came.
Colosse. *punishment,* and Colossians, *punished.* A citie and citizens. Looke Coloss. 1. 2.
Conaniah. *the strength, or stabdday of the Lord.* The name of a Leuite. 1. Chron 15. 12, 13. Conenias Chononiah
Coniah. *idem.* Jere. 22. 24. looke Iechoniah.
Coos. *toppe* Acts 21. 1.
Cor. *a measure.* Ezek. 45. 14. Looke Homer. for Cor and Homer are one kind of measure.
Corbashan. *dry, or odorous.* Josh. 19. 7.

Core

Caree

Core, *bald.* Jude verse 11. looke Korah.
Core, *bald, or cold.* 1. Esd. 5. 32.
Corinthus. *falnesse, or an ornament,* & Corinthians, *filled.* a citie and citizens. Act. 18. 1, 8. and 1. Cor. 1. 2. and 2. Cor. 1. 1.
Corim. A measure. 1. Kings 4. 22. and 5. 11. it is eighteene gallons of our measure, or thereabout.
Cornelius, *of a horne.* A vertuous captaine of Cesarea. Acts 10. 1. * and 11. 1, & 18 19.
Cos, Co, Coo. *idem* as Coos, 1. Macc. 15. 3.
Cosam. *dividing.* Luke 3. 28. looke Josiah.

Cosan

Cor, *a thorne, or summer.* 1. Chr. 4. 8.

Cosbi

Cozbi *alyar.* Num. 25. 8.
¶ Crates *an harrow, or burdle.* 2. Mac. 4. 29.
Crescens, *growing, or increasing.* 2. Tim. 4. 10.
Creta. *given to the flesh.* A countrey now called Candie. 1. Macc. 10. 67. Tit. 1. 5. The people called Cretes. Act. 2. 11. and Cretians who were alwayes lyars, euill beasts, and slow bellies. Titus 1. 12.
Crispus, *curled, or crisped.* A chief ruler of the Synagogue of the Iewes, who with all his houshold beleeued in Christ, & were baptized. Act. 18. 8. & 1. Cor. 1. 14

Chub

¶ Cub, *blasting out.* by Cush, is ment Arabia. Ez. 30. 5

Chushan
Chushi

Cusan Cusi. *blacke, or blacknes, or heate, or an Ethiopian.* Habak. 3. 7. and 2. Sam. 18. 21. looke Chushi.

Chushanrishathaim.

Cushan-rishathaim, *or Chushan rishathaim, blacknesse of iniquities.* The king of Aram-naharaim. Judg. 3. 8, to 12.
Cush. *blacknesse, or heate.* A countrey called now Ethiopia, looke Æthiopia, so named of Cush the sonne of Ham. Gene. 10. 6. It is inuironed with the riuer Gihon. Gene. 2. 13.
Cuthah and Chut. *burning.* 2. King. 17. 24, 30.

Cutha

¶ Cyrus, *as a wretch, or as an heare, or the wombe.* The king of Persia, who ouercõming ye Babylonians, became monarch of the whole world. Dan. 5. 30, 31. as it was prophesied. Isa. 4. 6, 13. He licenceth Zerubbabel with as many Israelites as would, to goe into Iudea, to edifie the temple 2. Chro. 36 22, 23. Ezr. 1. 1, to 6. according as was prophesied. Isa. 14. 1, 2. * & 44. 28. & 45. 1, to 9. He restoreth all the vessels which Nebuchad-nezzar had caried away before. Ezr. 1. 6. * & 6. 5. Dan. 1. 2. & 2. Kin. 24. 13. & 25. 14, 15. 32. Chr. 36. 7

Cyrene. *a veil, or beame of an house, or coldnes, or rising against one, or meeting.* A citie in Africa. 1 Mac. 15. 23 Mat. 27. 32. Act. 2. 10. & 13 1. called Kir, 2. kin. 16. 9. The people called Cyrenians. Ac 6. 9. and 11 20

Cyrinius
Cyrinus

Cyrenius. *ruling.* The name of the gouernor of Syria Luke 2. 2.
Cyprus. *faire, or fairenesse.* An yle. 1. Macc. 15. 23. Acts 11. 19, 20 & 27. 4. & 4. 36. whole people are called Cyprians. 2. Mac. 4. 29.

D.

Debbasheth

Dabasheth, *obiecting infamie, or a lying slander.* Josh. 19. 11.

Dabereth

Daberath *the word, or the thing, or a Bee, or subiection, or after the Syrian speach, a woman leader, or captaine.* Josh. 19. 12. and 1. Chr. 6. 72.
Dabereth, *idem.* Josh. 21. 28.
Dagon. *a wheate, or a fish.* An idole of the Philistims. Judg. 16. 23. 1. Sam. 5. 2. 1. Mac. 10 83.

Dilaias
Dekaias
Delaiah
Delilah
Dalila
Dalida

Dalaiah. *the poore of the Lord, or a drawing out, or emptying, or bough, or branch of the Lord, or leane, or barren.* A mans name. 1. Chr. 3. 24.
Dalilah *powerfie, or bucket, or consumer, or leane.* A woman whom Samson loued, who betrayed him to the Philistims. Judg. 16. 4, to 21.
Dalmanutha. *a prepared bucket, or leaues, or a thing prepared, or numbered.* A countrey. Mar. 8. 10.
Dalmvia. *a frustratorie lampe, or lightning of wantonnesse.* A countrey whither Titus trauailed to preach the Gospel. 2. Tim. 4. 10.

Delphon

Dalphon. *the house-raiser, or regarding the poore.* Esther 9. 7.
Damaris, *a little wife,* a woman who beleeued in Christ, at the preaching of Paul. Acts 17. 34.

Dameſee
Dameſek
Dammeſek

Damascus. *a cup of blood, or blood of a sacke, or the blood of burning, or of a proctor.* A famous citie of Phenicia, sometime the head citie of Syria. Of this citie the whole countrey thereabout bare the name, and it lieth betweene the hilles of Libanus & Antilibanus, North from Iudea, reade Ez. 47. 16, 17. & 48. 1. and 2. Sam. 8. 5. 2. Kin. 8 7. 9. & 1. Kin. 11. 24 & Gen. 15. 2. & 1. Chr. 17. 5. Cant. 7. 4 Ez. 27, 18. It was wonne by Tilgath Pilneser. 2. Kin. 16. 9. Against it is prophesied. Isa 7. 8 & 8. 9. & 17. 1. Jere. 49. 23. Amos 1. 3, 5. Paul preached in it. Acts 9 19, 20. & escapeth death, and how Acts 9 25. and 2. Cor. 11. 32, 33.

Dommim

Dammim *bloodie, or dead men,* or in the Syrian tongue, *of money.* 1. Sam. 17. 1.

Dan *iudging, or iudgement.* A place. Gene. 14. 14. Also the sonne of Iaakob by Bilhah. Gen. 30. 6. Also a citie wherein a remnant of the tribe of Dan dwelled, which before was called Laish. Judge 18. 28, 29. Jla. 10. 30. & Lesheм Jol. 19 47, 48. This city bounded the land of Israel vpon the South. Deut. 34. 1. and 1. Sam. 3. 20. Ezek. 27. 9. where Jeroboam erected a golden calfe. 1. Kin. 12. 28, 29. Amos 8. 14.
Dan is blessed of his father. Genes. 49. 16, 17. His tribe is blessed by Moses. De. 33. 22. Their possession Josh. 19. 40, to 49. The Amorites driue the children of Dan into ye mountaines. Judg. 1. 34. Of his children & genealogie, looke Ge. 46. 23. Nu. 1. 12. & 1. Chr. 12. 35
Dannah. *idem* as Dan. Josh. 15. 49.

Danna

Daniel, *iudgement of God.* The sonne of Dauid by Abigail. 1. Chr. 3. 1.
Daniel the name of a Prophet. Dan. 1. 6. He would not defile himselfe with the kings meate. Dan. 1. 8. He declareth Nebuchad-nezzar his dreame. Dan. 2. 1. * He is aduanced by the king vnto great dignitie. Dan 2. 48. He declareth vnto Nebuchad-nezzar the dreame of the tree. Dan. 4. 2 * He foretelleth Belshazzar that he should bee deposed of his kingdome. Dan. 5. 17. * He was made the third ruler of the realme. Dan. 5. 29. He was preferred by Darius aboue the three principall rulers, and why. Dan. 6. 3. The gouernors of Darius accuse him to the King, for infringing the decree made by his and their consents. Dan. 6. 12, 13. He is cast into the Lions den. Dan. 6. 16. and 14. 29, to 31. His accusers are cast in and deuoured. Dan. 6. 28. & 14. 42. The vision of the foure beasties signifying the foure Monarchies, is declared vnto him. Dan. 7. 1, 17. * The Angel Gabriel giueth him intelligence of the 70. weekes. Dan. 9. 23, 24. He was fed by Abacuc. Dan. 14. 33, to 42. Hee deliuereth Susanna from the two wicked Iudges. Dan. 13. 45. * Hee destroyeth Bel and his temple, and slew the Dragon. Dan. 13. 2, to 28.
Daphne. *a Bay tree* 2. Mac. 4. 33.
Dara. *generation, the habitation of a shepheard, or of fellowship, or of iniquities:* or in the Syrian speach, *an armie.* 1. Chr. 2. 6.

Dorda

Darda *the dwelling place of knowledge, or the generation of knowledge.* It seemeth to be the same which before is called Dara. 1. King. 4. 31.
Darius, *Requiring, or inquiring.* The King of the Medes who with Cyrus his sonne in lawe, ouercame Belshazzar. Dan. 5. 31.

Darcon

Darkon. *of generation, or the possession, or buying of a dwelling place,* or in the Syrian tongue, *a dragon.* Ezra. 2. 56.
Dathan. *custome, or lawe.* One who with Korah and

Abiram rebelled against Moses and Aaron, and were swallowed vp quicke of the earth. Num. 16.1, 3, 31, 32

Dauid, beloued. The sonne of Phat Ruth 4.22. and 1. Chr. 2.12, 15. Matth. 1.5, 6. Luke 3.31, 32. 1. Sam. 17.28. God constituteth him King ouer Israel. 1. Sa 13 14. What maner of man he was. 1. Sa. 16.12 He is anointed king by Samuel. 1. Sam. 16 13. & yet afterward fed his fathers sheep. 1. Sam. 17.15. Phat fendeth him to Saul with a present. 1. Sa. 16.19, 20. He was greatly beloued of Saul. 1. Sam 16.21. He is sent by his father with foode into the Israelites camp. 1. Sam. 17 17, 18. Hauing experience of Gods aide against the Lion and Beare, by faith he doubteth not but he should conquer the great giant Goliath. 1. Sam. 17.31, to 38. Of his faith, and Sauls want of faith. 1. Sam. 17.32, 33, 39, 40. His armour, what it was. 1 Sa. 17.45. He did all things that God should be glorified as well among Heathen, as Israelites. 1. Sam. 17.47. He slayeth the Philistim. 1 Sam. 17.49, 50. Hee brought 200. foreskins of the Philistims vnto Saul, and married Michal. 1. Samu. 18. 27. God was with Dauid, and thereforе Saul feared him. 1. Sam 18.28, 29. Dauid and Jonathan made a couenant together. 1. Sam 18.3. Saul commanded that Dauid should bee slaine. 1. Samu. 19. 1. As hee was playing on the harpe before Saul, Saul purposed to haue killed him. 1. Samu. 19 9, 10. His name was much set by among Sauls seruants. 1. Samu. 18.30. Hee slewe the Philistims with a great slaughter. 1. Sam. 19. 8. Fleeing from the presence of Saul, hee went to Samuel. 1. Sam. 19.18. Hee is pursued by Saul and his messengers, who prophesying, forgate whereforе they were come, and so he escaped. 1. Sam. 19.20. & 20.1. He deceiueth Saul. 1. Sam. 20.5, 6. Being troubled in spirit, hee made his complaint to Jonathan. 1. Sam 20 2. Hee renewed his couenant with Jonathan. 1. Sam. 20 23. Hee hideth himselfe from Saul. 1 Sam. 20.24. Fleeing from Saul, hee came to Abimelech the Priest. 1. Sam. 21 1. Hee eateth of the shewbread. 1. Samu. 21. 6. By Dauids example, who by hunger was constrained to eate of the shewbread, Christ excuseth his disciples, who by like necessitie were driuen to gather eares of corne vpon the Sabbath Matt. 12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Mar. 2.23, to 27. Luke 6.1, to 6.

Dauid being afraid of Achish, counterfeiteth madnes. 1. Sam. 21.12, 13. All that were in debt, & vexed in minde came to Dauid, and he was their captaine. 1. Sam. 22.2 Doeg reuealed him vnto Saul. 1. Sam. 22.9. Dauid slayeth Keilah by the counsel of the Lord, and afterward departeth into the wildernesse of Ziph. 1. Sa. 23.1, to 16. He dwelleth in the holds at Engedi, whither Saul pursued him. 1. Sam. 24.1, 2, 3. He spareth Saul and cut off the lappe of his garment. 1. Sam 24.4, to 9. He declareth to Saul his innocency. Sam. 24. 12. He sweareth to Saul that hee will not destroy his seed. 1. Sam 24.22, 23. He sendeth to Nabal for food, which was denied him. 1. Sa. 25.4, to 12. Dauid minding to bee reuenged of Nabal, is pacified by the wisedome of Nabals wife. 1. Sa. 25. 20, to 36. He giueth God thanks for Nabals death, & marrieth his wife. 1. Sam. 25. 39, to 43. Hee spareth Saul againe. and taketh away his speare and a pot of water standing at his head 1. Sa. 26.7 * Fearing to perish, he fleeth to Achish king of Gath. 1. Sa. 27.1, to 5. Of whom he obtaineth the citie Ziklag to dwell in. 1. Sa. 27.5, 6. Hee is made the keeper of Achish person. 1. Sam. 28.1, 2. Dwelling among the Philistims, hee slewe many of them, and perswaded Achish they were Iewes which hee destroyed. 1. Samu. 27.8.* Going with Achish to fight against Saul, he is sent backe againe, and why. 1. Sam. 29.2.* His two wiues taken prisoners. 1. Sa. 30.5. He comforteth himselfe, asketh counsell of the Lord, ouertaketh the Amalekites, and recouereth his two wiues. 1. Samu. 30 6, to 20. Hee mourneth for Saul and Jonathans death. 2 Sam 1. 12. He causeth the messenger to be slaine, who vaunted to haue slaine Saul. 2. Sam. 1. 15.

Dauid by the counsel of the Lord, returned to his countrey after Sauls death. 2. Sam. 2.1, 2, 3. He is anointed king ouer Judah. 2. Sam. 2.4. The children borne to him in Hebron. 2 Sam. 3.2, to 6. and 1. Chr. 3.1, to 5. He recouereth his wife Michal by Abners meanes. 2. Sam. 3.12, to 17. Hee lamenteth Abners death. 2. Sam. 3. 33.* Hee curseth Joab for slaying Abner. 2. Sam. 3. 28, 29. Hee is anointed king ouer Israel. 2. Sam. 5. 3. He taketh the fort of Zion, which is called the citie of Dauid. 2. Sam. 5. 7. His children borne in Jerusalem. 2. Sam. 5. 14, to 17. and 1. Chr. 3. 5. to 10. He discomfiteth the Philistims. 2. Sam 5. 17.* He playeth before the Arke of the Lord vpon instruments. 2. Samu. 6. 5. and for dauncing there, Michal despiseth him. 2. Sam. 6. 16, 21.* He blesseth his familie. 2. Sam 6. 20. He refresheth the people after the Arke was placed. 2. Samu. 6. 17, 18, 19. Hee praiseth God for his promise, touching his posteritie. 2 Sam 7. 18.* 1. Chr. 17. 16.* Hee vanquisheth the Philistims. 2 Sam. 8. 1, 2. & 1. Chr. 18. 1, 2. Hee maketh Syria tributarie. 2 Sam. 8. 6. He dedicateth the vessels gotten of the Gentiles. 2 Sam. 8. 10, 11. Hee restoreth Sauls possessions vnto Mephibosheth. 2. Sam 9. 7.* Hee sendeth his seruants vnto Hanun to comfort him. 2 Sam. 10. 2. and 1. Chr. 19. 2. who euill entreateth them. 2 Sam. 10. 3, 4. and 1. Chr. 19. 3, 4.

Dauid committeth adultery with Bath-sheba Uriahs wife, & causeth him to be murthered. 2. Sam. 11. 2, to 26. Hee marrieth Bath-sheba. 2 Samu. 11. 27. Nathan by a parable reproueth the fact. 2. Sa. 12. 1, to 13. He acknowledgeth his sinne, & is forgiuen, and suffereth patiently Gods correction. 2. Sam. 12. 13, to 24. Heating of Amnons death, he tare his garments, and lay on the ground. 2 Sa. 13. 30, 31. He mistrusteth himselfe by fleeing barefooted from Absalom. 2. Sam. 15. 30. Hee giueth Mephibosheths goods to Ziba his seruant. 2. Sam. 16 4. He reuengeth not the outrage done to him by Shimei. Sam. 16. 10, 11, 12. Vnderstanding of Ahithophels counsel to Absalom, he sleeth. 2 Sa. 17. 21, 22. He & his people almost famished, are by Gods prouidence relieued 2 Sam. 17. 27, 28, 29. He commandeth not to slay Absalom, but kindly to entreat him. 2. Sam. 18 5. But hearing of his death, he lamenteth. 2. Sa. 18 33. At Joabs perswasion, he dissembleth his sorow and ioyfully receiueth his army 2. Sa 19. 8. His concubines which Absalo had defloured, he put in ward, but lay not with them. 2. Sa. 20. 3

Dauids foure battailes against the Philistims. 2. Sam. 21. 15.* & 1. Chro. 20. 4. Hee conueth the bones of Saul and Jonathan to be buried. 2. Sam. 21. 12, to 15. His song for his deliuerance from his enemies. 2. Sam. 22. 2.* His worthies. 2. Sam. 23. 8.* 1. Chr. 11. 10.* His last words. 2 Sam. 23. 1, to 8. The spirit of the Lord spake by him. 2 Sam. 23. 2. He is moued by God to number his people, that he might punish them for their sinnes. 2. Sam. 24. 1. and 1. Chron. 21. 1, 2. Three punishments are offred to him for this offence. 2. Sam. 24. 13. and 1. Chr. 21. 12. Seeing his people destroyed for his sinne, hee prayeth the Lord to spare them and punish him and his fathers house. 2. Sam. 24. 17. and 1. Chr 21. 17.

Who went with Dauid when he fled from Saul. 1. Chr. 12. 1, to 14. He appointeth ministers to serue before the Lord. 1. Chr. 16. 4. He prepareth for the building

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of the temple, and appointeth Salomon to builde the same. 1 Chr.22.5,to 17. He ordeineth Salomon king 1.Chron.23.1. He numbreth the Leuites, and assigneth their offices.1.Chr.23.5.* To the sonnes of Aaron theirs.1.Chron.24.3. *He ordeineth singers with their places,and porters with their courses.1.Chron. 25.1. and 26.1.* And princes to serue the king. 1. Chro.27.1. *Because he was forbidden to build the Temple, he exhorteth Salomon to performe it. 1. Chr.28.2,to 11.He giueth Salomon the paterne both the temple and appertenances should be made.1.Chr. 28 11. *What Dauid and his princes offered towarn the building.1.Chro.29.1,to 9.Abishag a faire yong maide,cherished Dauid in olde age.1.Kings 1.1,to 5. Drawing neere vnto death, he giueth Salomon his charge.1.kings 2.1,to 10. Dauids death, and time of his reigne.2.kings 2.10,11.and 1.Chr.29.26.*

The praise of Dauid. Eccius 47.2 to 12. his kingdome abideth for euer.1.kings 8.13. He followed the Lord with al his heart.1.kings 14.8. saue only in the matter of Uriah. 1.kings 15.5. God would not take al ꝑ kingdome from Salomon nor his sonne for Dauids sake.1.king. 11.34,35 Dauid foreshewed the resurrection of Christ. Actes 2.25.to 32. Christ greater then Dauid.Mat.22.43,to 46.Marke 12.35,36,37.Luke 20.41,to 45. Dauid is called a Prophet. Mat.27.35. and Gods seruant, Luke 1.69.Acts 4 25.He bare the figure of Christ. Mat.27.35,36. Marke 12.36.John 2 17.and 15.25. Heb.2.12.

¶ Debir *an oratour, or word*,a citie called Kiriath-sannah. Iosh.15.49.and Kiriath-sepher. Iosh 15.15. taken by Ioshua. Iosh.ua 10.38,to 40.Also the king of Eglon. Iosh 10 3. Dabir

Deborah,*a word, or a bee.* The name of Rebekahs nurse. Gene.24.59 her death. Gen.35.8. Also a prophetesse, who iudged Israel. Iudg.4.4 and sent Barak against Sisera. Iudg.4.6.*Her song. Iudg.5.1.* Debora

Decapolis *of tenne cities.* A countrey Matth.4.25. and Marke 5.20 and 7.31.

Dedan *the beloued of those.* The sonne of Raamah. Gen.10 7.

Dedanim,*idem.* Isa.21.13.

Dehaue,*of generation.* Esra 4 9. Dieni

Decar *force.*1.king 1.4.9. Decar

Delaiah,*the poore of the Lord.*1.Chro.3,24. Delaia

Deliah,*idem.*1 Chro.24.18. Delaian

Dalilah,*looke* Dalilah. Dalila

Delphon,*regarding powertie.*Ester 9.7. Dalphon

Delus,*declaring.* A countrey 1.Mac.15.23. Delos

Demas, *the common sort, or fauouring the people.* Colos.4.14 and 2.Tim.4.10. Phile.24.

Demetrius *belonging to Ceres.*Sonne of Seleucus 1.Mac.7.1. He slayeth Antiochus, and enioyeth his kingdome. 1.Mac 7.4. Hee sendeth Bacchides and Alcimus to afflict the Iewes. 1 Mac.7.8,9. He sendeth Nicanor to destroy the Iewes.2.Mac.14.12,13. He would make league with Ionathan: but he refuseth, and ioyneth with Alexander, who slayeth Demetrius.1.Mac.10.3,to 53.

Demetrius sonne of the said Demetrius, succeedeth Ptolemeus 1 Mac.10 67. *couenanteth with Ionathan to set Iudea free,1 Mac.11.19.to 38.but being deliuered by Ionathã,he brake couenant 1.Mac. 11.53.and was ouercome by Arsaces 1 Mac 14.3.

Also Demetrius a sliuer smith, a wicked man. Acts 19.24.

Demetrius, *a man of good report.*3.John 12.

Demophon,*slaying the people.*2.Mac.12 2.

Denis,*from heauen,or by diuine inspiration,or pricked,or moued forward.*A man surnamed Areopagita, who beleeued in Christ at the preaching of Paul, Acts 17.34. Dionysius

Derbe,*enclosed in.*a citie.Acts 14.6. Derben

Deu el,*knowe God.*Num.1.14. Duel

Deuteronomie,*a second law.* The fift booke of Moses, which the king is commanded to reade, and why. Deut.17.18.*It is declared vnto the people Deut.1. 5.Moses wrote it & deliuered it vnto the Priests and Elders.and why Deut.31.9,to 14.He caused it to be layde in the side of the Arke,and why. Deu.31.26.27. God commaundeth Iosh.ua to reade and meditate in Deuteronomie day and night,and why.Iosh.1.8.Iosh.ua causeth it to be both written vpon stones, and to be read vnto the people. Iosh 8.30,31,32,33,34,35. The booke of Deuteronomie is found in the Temple. 2.kings 22.8.2.Chr.34.14,15. Iosiah causeth it to be read vnto all the people.2.king.23.2.2.Chro.34.30.

Diana,a latine word of Dies,*the day* for that it giueth light like the day, and therefore the Goone is so called. And Iuole: the goddesse whom the Ephesians extolled with this commendation.*great is Diana of the Ephesians.*Actes 19.28. Diane

Dibla.h,*his Diminishing.*Gen.10.27. Decla

Dibon, *abundance of knowledge, or an abounding sonne.*Num.21.30 and Ier.15.2.

Dibon-gad, *the abundance of a happy sonne, or the abundance of vnderstanding, or of the building of happinesse.*Num 33.45.

Diblaim *a cluster of figs,or paste of drie figs.* the father of Gomer. Hos.1.3. Deblaim Diblaim

Diblath,*idem.*a city Ezek.6.14. Deblath

Diblathaim *idem* a citie. Iere.48.22. Deblathaim

Dibri,*an Oratour,or my word.*Leuit.24.12. Daber

Didymus,*a twinne.* John 11.16. Didimus

Dilean, *poore,or answere of the poore.* Iosh.15.38. Delean

Dimon,*where it is red.*Isa.15.9. Dimona

Dimonah *a dunghill.*a citie. Iosh.15.22. Dimona

Dinah *iudgement.*The daughter of Iaakob by Leah Gen.30.21.she is rauished.Gen.34 1,2. Dina

Dinaie, *iudges.*1.Esd.5.49.

Dinhabah,*his iudgement in those things.* A city in Edom Gen.36.32. Denaba

Dionysius, *looke* Denis.

Dioscorinthius,*a heauenly ornament.* The name of a moneth.2.Mac.11 21.

Diotrephes,*nourished of Iupiter.*3.John.9. Diotrephes

Dishan,*a threshing,* one of the children of Seir, and Dishon *fatnesse,or ashes.*another of his children.Gen. 36.21. Dishon Dison

Di-zahab,*where much gold is.* Deut.1.1. Dizarab

¶ Dodai,*beloued.*1.Chro.27 4. Dudia

Dodanah,*loue* 2.Chro.20.37. Dodanah

Dodanim,*beloued.* Gene.10.4. Rodanim

Dodo,*his vncle.* 1.Chro.11.12.

Doeg,*careful.*Sauls chiefe herdman.1.Sam.21. 7. who to currie fauour with his master, reuealeth where he had seene Dauid.1.Sam.22.9. and afterward slew the Priests of the Lord. at the commandement of Saul, when none of his other seruants would. 1.Sam 22.17,18,19.

Dophkah,*a knocking.*Num 33.12. Dapho

Dor, *generation.* Iosh.11.2. Iudges.1.27. *looke* Cappadocia. Daphka

Dorcas *a Doe,or Roebucke, &c.*a woman Act.9.36.

Dorda,*generation of knowledge.*1.king.4 31.

Dositheus *giuing to God.*2 Mac.12.19.

Dothan,*the law, or custome.*Gene.37.17. Dothan

¶ Drachma, and Drachmes. a certaine coine. 2. Mac.10.20 and Luke 15.8. Drachme

Drusill. *sprinkled other with dew.*Acts 24.24.

¶ Dumah *silence, or like wast.* Gen.25.14. Dume

Dura,*generation, or habitation* Dan.3.1.

Hebal

Obed
Abde melech
Abed-melech

Heber

Abiasaph

Hebron
Abran
Hebrona
Hebrona
Ebbatanis
Ecbatane
Ecbathana

Anna
Adnah
Adna
Idumea
Idumean

Edrai
Egla
Gallim

Aegipt

Agyptians

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Ebal. *a heape of ancientnesse.* Genel. 36.23. Also a mount, 27.4,13.

Ebed. *a seruant.* Iudges 9.26.

Ebed-melech *seruant to the King.* A blacke More, Eunuch vnto Zedechiah. Ier. 38.7. At his sute Ieremie was taken out of the dungeon. Iere. 38.8,10 14. Ebed-melech was deliuered out of captiuity, because he put his trust in the Lord. Iere. 39.17,18.

Ebeh-ezer. *the stone of helpe.* 1 Sam 4.1.

Eber. *passing, passage* or *anger.* The sonne of Selah. Gen. 11.14. His children. Gen. 10.25.

Ebiasaph. *a father bringing into one,* or *a gathering father.* Korahs sonne. 1. Chro 6.37. and 9.19. also the sonne of Elkanah. 1. Chr. 6 23. See Abiasaph.

Ebron. *a going ouer,* or *passing from one place to another,* or *anger.* a city. Iosh. 19.28.

Ebronah. *going, or passing ouer,* or *being angry.* A place where the Israelites rested. Num 33 34.

¶ Ecbatana. *the brother of death.* A strong citie. Iudeth. 1.1. Tob. 3.7. and 2 Mac. 9.3.

¶ Ed. *witnesse.* Iosh. 22.34.

Eden. *pleasure,* or *delight.* Gen 2.8. Isa. 31.16. and 2. King. 19.12.

Eder. *a flocke.* A mans name. 1. Chr. 23.23. also a citie. Iosh. 15.21. also a tower, as some thinke, neere Beth lehem. Mich 4 8. where the Angels told the shepheards of Christs birth Luke 2.8.

Edna. *a resting rest,* or *pleasure.* Certaine names. 1. Chr. 12.10 Ezra 10.30. Tob 7.2.

Edom. *earthly, bloody,* or *red.* The surname of Esau. Gen. 25.30. Of him the country of Edom was named Ge. 36.31. so an Edomite, that is, *earthly,* or *bloodie,* is a man of that countrey. 1. Kin. 11.14. The Edomites denied the Israelites passage through their countrey. Nu. 20.14, to 22. The Iewes were commanded not to abhorre an Edomite, and why. Deut 23.7. The ruine of Edom is foretold. Num 24.19. Psal. 137.7. Isa. 21.11. and 34.6. Iere. 49.7. Lam. 4.21. and why. Amos 1.11,12. Eze. 35.8,12. & 25.2.* Obad.1.* David by Ioab his captaine, destroyeth the males in Edom. 2. King. 11.15,16. The Edomites became Davids seruants. 2. Sam 8.14. They rebelled 2 King. 8. 20,21,22 They are smitten and ouercome by Iudah. 2. King 14.7.10. and 2. Chro. 25.11. See Esau.

Edrei. *the heap of strength,* or *might.* Deu. 1.4. & 3.10

¶ Eglah. *a calfe,* or *charet.* 2. Sam 3.5. & 1. Chr. 3.3.

Eglaim. *drops of the sea.* Isa 15 8.

Eglon. *a calfe,* or *charet.* a citie where of Debir was King. Iosh. 10 3. also ⸗ King of the Moabites. Iud. 3 12, who Ehud slue in his chamber. Iudg. 3.21,22.

Egypt. *anguish,* or *tribulations.* In Hebrue Mizraim. a country of Africa vpon the West side of Iudea: the people called Egyptians. This country tooke his name of Mizraim the sonne of Ham. Gen 10.6. & 1. Chr 1.8 Psal. 78,51. and 105.23. It was not lawfull for the Hebrewes to eat with the Egyptians. Ge. 43.32. They account shepherders an abomination. Gen 46.34. Abraham went downe into Egypt to auoide famine. Ge. 12.10.* He returned thence very rich. Gene. 13.1,2. Seuen yeeres of plentie, & seuen yeeres of famine in Egypt. Ge. 41.53.54. Iacob & his household enter into Egypt. Ge. 46.26. The Egyptians for want of money, sell vnto Ioseph all that they had. Ge. 47.16, to 27 Egypt sore plagued. Exod. 7.1.* & 8.1.* & 9.1. & 10.1.* & 11.1.* according to the word. Ex. 3.18. The captiuitie in Egypt is prophecied. Gen. 15.13,14. it beginneth. Ex. 1.11.* Act. 7.17. Deliuerance from thence is promised. Ge. 15.14 & 46.1. & 48.21. & 50.23. Exo 3 10 & 6.1. & fulfilled. & they go forth with 600000. men. Exo. 12.36,37,38.* & 13.1.* and 14.1.* Nu. 33.1. Deut. 16.1. Hosea 13.4. after they had sojourned there 430. yeres. Exo 12 40,41. God commaundeth to spoile the Egyptians. Ex. 3.22. & 11.2. & 12.35. The first borne of euery thing in Egypt die. Exod. 12.29,30. Of the ruine of Egypt, and deliuerance of Israel, reade Wisd. 19.1, to 11. Exo. 14.27.* The Israelites desire to returne to Egypt. Exo. 14 10,11,12. & 16.1,2,3. & 17 1, 2 3. Num. 11.1. & 14.1,2,3,4. & 20.2,3,4,5. against Egypt, is prophecied. Isa. 18.1.* 19.1.* & 20.1.* Ie. 43 7. & 44.14. & 46 2.* Eze. 29.1.* & 30.1.* & 31.1.* & 32 1, to 12 Of the realme of Egypt, and the alliance of the same: & of the warre against the land of Syria. Looke Dan 11.17 Deliuerance out of Egypt (as the greatest benefit) is often remembred. Exod. 20.1,2,3. Leu 22 33. & 26 13 Deu 4.37 & 5 6. & 7.8 & 8.14 & 16.1,3,6. Iudg. 2.1. & 6 8,9. & 1 Sa. 10.18. & 2. Kin. 17.7. Mic. 6.4. The Egyptians went forth against Iudah. 2. Chr. 12.2,3,4,5. Egypt was won by the king of Babel. 2. Kin. 24.7. assaulted of Antiochus. 1. Mac. 1.11, to 23. Into Egypt Christ fleeth before Herod. Mat. 2 13,14, 15. & returneth thence. Matth. 2.19,20,21. The Egyptians after their afflictions forsake their idols. and honour God vpon the onely altar Iesus Christ. Isai. 19. 19.* Hoshea seeketh aide of the Egyptians, and rebelleth against the King of Assiur 2. King. 17 4.

Ehud. *praising.* A iudge whom God had raysed to deliuer the Israelites, from the seruitude of Eglon king of Moab. Iudg. 3.15. Ehud slaieth Eglon. Iudg. 3.20, to 31.

¶ Ekar. *barren, feeble, without strength.* 1. Chr. 2.27.

Ekron. *barrennesse.* a citie. Ier. 25.20. The citizens called Ekronites. Iosh. 13.3. This citie Iudah tooke. Iudges 1.18. They send the Arke of God out of their bounds, and why. 1. Sam 5 10.11,12.

¶ Eladah. *Gods eternitie.* 1. Chr 7 20.

Elah. *an elme* or *oke.* A valley. 1. Sam. 17.2. Also a duke of Edom. Gen. 36.41. also the name of a King. 1. King. 16 6,8,10 15.

Elam. *a young man,* or *a virgine.* Gen. 10.22. of him came the Elamites. Of the countries and people, reade Isai 11.11. and 22.6. Iere. 49.34.* Isai. 13.2.* Eze. 32 24. Dan 8.2. Acts 2 9.

Elasah. *the doings of God.* Ezra 10.22. Iere. 29.3.

Elath. *strength.* a citie. Deut. 2.8. and 2. Kin. 14.22. and 16.6

Elchanan *the mercie of God.* 2. Sam. 23.24.

Eldaah *the knowledge of God.* Gen. 25 4.

Eldad. *Gods beloued.* Num. 11.26.

Eleadah. *Gods testimony,* or *witnesse of God.* 1. Chr. 7 21.

Elealeh. *Gods ascension.* a citie. Nu. 32.37. Isa. 15.4

Eleasah, or Eleasaph. *the worke or doings of God.* 1. Chr. 2.39. and 8 37.

Eleazar. *the helpe* or *aide of God.* Sonne of Aaron. Exo. 6.23. One of the diuiders of the lande of Canaan. Iosh. 14.1. as was commanded. Num 34.17. He is anointed by Moses Leu. 8.12. after Aarons death he became his Priest. Num. 20.28. Deut. 10 6 He dieth. Iosh 24.33. him succeedeth Phinehas. Exod. 6. 25 Num. 25.11.

Also the sonne of Abinadab. 1. Sam. 7.1. Also the sonne of Abaron. 1. Maccabes 6 43. Also a principall Scribe. 2. Maccabes 6.18. Also Iosephs great grandfather. Matth. 1.15,16.

Eleph. *learning.* a citie. Iosh. 18.28.

Elhanah. *giuen of God.* 2. Sam. 21.19.

Elhanan. *Gods grace,* or *mercie.* 2. Sam 23.24.

Eli. *the offering,* or *lifting vp.* The father of the two wicked priests, Hophni and Phinehas. 1. Sa. 1.3. He beseecth of God to graunt the petition of Hannah. 1. Sam. 1.17. Samuel is deliuered vnto him, as a present

Aod
Ahud

Acar
Accaron
Akaron
Akaronites
Hlada
Ela

Aelam
Aelamites

Elasa

Elhanan
Eldaa
Elad
Elead

Eleali
Eleale
Elasa
Elaazer

Heli

sent to the Lord. 1. Samuel 1.22." The sinne of Elis sonnes caused the people to abhorre the Lords offering. 1. Sam. 2. 17. He is threatned, because he beareth with their wickednesse. 1. Sam. 2. 27." He reproueth their wickednesse, but punisheth them not. 1. Sa. 2. 23, 24, 25. Hearing of the punishment obteined for him, he humbleth himselfe to Gods good pleasure. 1. Sam. 3. 18. His children are slaine. 1. Sam. 4. 11. and he being 98. yeeres olde, hearing they were dead, and the Arke of God taken, brake his necke, after hee had iudged Israel 40. yeeres. 1 Sam. 4. 13, to 20.

Also the name of Iosephs father in law: for Eli, otherwise called Ioacim, was father to the virgin Mary, whom Ioseph maried. Luke 3. 23 Mat. 1. 16.

Eliab. *God my father, or my God the father.* Sonne of Pallu, the sonne of Reuben. Numb. 26. 8. also the sonne of Helon. Num. 1. 9. also Dauids eldest brother. 1. Sam. 16. 6 and 17. 28.

Eliacim. *God ariseth, or the resurrection of God.* Certaine mens names. Mat. 1. 13. Luk. 3. 30.

Eliada. *the knowledge of God.* 1. Chr. 3. 8.

Eliada. *idem.* Father of Rezon. 1. King. 11. 23.

Eliah. *God the Lord.* 1. Chro 8. 27.

Eliakim. *the resurrection of God, or God ariseth.* Hilkiahs sonne. 2. King. 18. 18. Isa. 22. 20. also Iosiahs sonne, whom Pharaoh Necho made King in his fathers stead. 2. King. 23. 34 and called him Iehoiakim. 2. Chron. 36. 4.

Eliam. *the people of God.* The sonne of Ahithophel. 2 Sam. 23 34.

Elias, *looke* Eliah.

Eliasaph *the Lord increaseth.* A captaine of the Gadites. Nu 1. 1. 14.

Eliashib. *the Lord returneth.* 1. Chr. 3. 24. and 24. 12.

Elitha *my God cometh, or thou art my God.* 1. Ch. 25. 4

Elidad *the beloued of God.* Num. 34. 21.

Eli Eliiama Ghachthani. Matth 27 46.

Elichoenai *to the Lord mine eyes.* 1. Chr. 26. 3.

Eliel. *God my God.* 1. Chr. 5. 24 and 11. 46.

Elienai. *vnto him mine eyes.* 1. Chr. 8. 20.

Elihaba. *my God the father.* 2. Sam. 23. 32.

Eliezer. *the helpe of God.* Gen 15 2. also the sonne of Moses. Exod. 18. 4 also the sonne of Iorim. Luk. 3. 29

Elihoenai. *the God of mine eyes.* Ezra 8. 4.

Elihoeph *the God of youth* 1. Kings 4. 3.

Elihu *my God himselfe, or he is my God.* One of Iobs friends the sonne of Baracheel. Iob 32. 2. Who prooueth that age maketh not a man wise, but the spirit of God. Iob 32. 7. Hee commendeth the iustice of God. Iob 34. 10. and 36. 6. also the names of certaine men. 1. Sam. 1. 1. and 1. Chr. 12. 20.

Eliah. *God the Lord, or a strong Lord.* A Prophet who foretolde the famine to come among the Israelites. 1 King. 17. 1. and Iam. 5. 17. He is fed by the rauens. 1. Kin. 17. 6. sent vnto the widow of Zarephath, where he raised her sonne to life. 1. King. 17. 9." Luke 4. 26. sent by God vnto Ahab. whom hee boldly reproueth, and after both mocketh Baals priests, and slayeth them. 1. King. 18. 1, to 41. Of his zeale for the Lord. 1. King. 19. 10. By prayer he obteineth raine. 1. Kin. 18. 42." Iam 5. 18 He is persecuted by Iezebel. 1. Kin 19. 2 Fleeing from her being almost famished, he desireth to die, but is nourished by an Angel. 1. kin. 19. 4. 5. In the strength of whichmeate he trauaileth 40. dayes and 40 nights. 1. King. 19. 8 Hauing seene the horrible tempest, and spoken with God, hee tooke such courage, that hee was no more afraid of Iezebel. 1. King. 19. 11, to 16. He is commanded to anoint Hazael, Iehu, and Elisha. 1. King. 19. 15." He reproueth Ahab, and foretelleth his and Iezebels death. 2. Kings 21. 19, to 23. Hee reproueth Ahaziah, and why. 1. King. 1. 16. At his prayer fire came from heauen, and deuoured two companies with their men. 2. King. 1. 10, 11, 12. He was an hairie man, and girded with a girdle of leather. 2. King. 2. 8. He diuideth the water of Iordan. 2. King. 1. 8. He is taken vp into heauen by a whirlewinde. 2. King. 2. 11. Christ interpreteth that Eliah, promised in Malachi, was Iohn Baptist. Matth. 11. 10. 14. and 17. 12. Marke 9. 13. Luke 1. 17. Hee was seene at the transfiguration of Christ. Matth. 17. 3. Marke 9. 4. Luke 9. 28. Hee is praysed. Eccles. 48. 1, to 13.

Elisa. *the Pelicane of God.* 2. Sam. 23. 25.

Elim. *Rammes.* Exod. 15. 27. Num. 33. 9.

Elimas. *sudden feares.* a Cityp. 1. Mac. 6. 1. Tob 2. 10

Elimelech *my God the King, or the counsell of God.* The husband of Naomi. Ruth 1. 2.

Elionai. *vnto the Lord mine eyes.* 1. Chr. 3. 23.

Elionai. *vnto the Lord mine eyes.* 1. Chr. 4. 36.

Eliphal. *a miracle of God.* 1. Chr. 11. 35.

Eliphalet. *the God of deliuerance.* One of Danids sonnes. 1. Chr. 3. 8. and 14. 5. and 2. Sam. 5. 16. Also the sonne of Ahasbai. 2 Sam. 23. 34.

Eliphaz. *the endeuour of God.* One of Iobs friends. Iob 2. 11. Who reproueth him of impatience. Iob 4. 5. By reason of Iobs afflictions hee would proone him to be faithlesse Iob 4. 7. Another argument of Eliphas taken of the righteousnesse of God. Iob 4. 17. He perswadeth to proue Iob wicked, in that the godly be spared, and the wicked punished. Iob 5. 1, 2." and reproueth him of arrogancie. Iob 15. 2."

Also Esaus sonne by Adah. Gen. 36. 4.

Eliphelch. *the God of iudgement.* 1. Chr. 15. 18, 21.

Elisaber. *the* Elisheba.

Elisha. *my God saueth, or the health of God.* The son of Shaphat, whom Eliah anointed Prophet in his roume. 1. King. 19. 16. Elisha sacrificeth a couple of oxen, giueth thanks to God, and immediatly forsaketh his vocation. 1. Kin. 19. 21. He was called to be a Prophet from the plough taile. 1. kin. 19. 19. 20. He craueth of Eliah to haue his spirit double vpon him. 2. Kings 2. 9 The children of the Prophets, seeing him replenished with Gods spirit, fell to the ground before him. 2. Kin 2. 15. He diuideth the water of Iordan with his cloke. 2. King. 2. 14. The children that mocke him, are deuoured of two beares. 2 King. 2. 23, 24. Hee casteth salt into the poysoned waters, and healeth them. 2. King. 2. 21 He prophecieth whilest the minstrel played. 2. King. 3. 15. He obteineth waters at Gods hands for the armie of Israel. 2 King. 3. 17. Being relieued by a rich woman, he obteineth a child for her in recompence thereof. 2. King. 4. 8, to 18. And by his prayer raiseth him againe from death. 2. Kings 4. 18, to 38. Casting meale into a pot of pottage, he made the same fit nourishment for the children of the prophets which before they thought had bin poisoned. 2 kin. 4. 38, to 42

God by Elisha healeth Naaman of leprosie. 2. Kin. 5. 1. to 15. Luke 4. 27. Of whom he would take no reward, because hee would not seeme to sell the gift of God. 2. Kin 5. 15, to 20. In the time of dearth with 20. loaues he fed an hundreth men. 2. King. 4. 42, 43, 44. He causeth yron to swimme. 2. King. 6. 6. Hee foretelleth the king of Israel, of the comming and intent of the Aramites. 2. King. 6. 8, 9. The King of Aram, offended with his being prevented by Elisha, sent an armie to take him, which armie by the prayer of Elisha, were so blinded, that they were led into Samaria. 2. King. 6. 10, to 21. Elisha sitting in his house, sheweth what Iehoram purposed against him. 2. King. 6. 32.

For the loue of Elisha the King restoreth to be restored vnto the Shunamite all her goods. 2. Kin. 8. 6. Gehazi declareth to the king the miracles which Elisha had

Elica

Elimas
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Eloenai

Elipelet
Eliphelet
Elpalet
Eliphas

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Elifua
Eliseus

Eliada
Elia
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Eliathah
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Helias

had wrought. 2.kin.8.4,5. He foretelleth plenty of victailes vnto ỳ Samaritanes. 2.kin.7.1. He foretelleth the Shunamite of 7 yeres faming to come. 2.kin.8.1.

Ben hadad sendeth vnto Elisha for the recouering of his health. 2.king.8.7.8. Elisha weeping foreshewed Hazael the euils that hee should doe to Israel. 2. king 8.10,11,12,13. Being sicke, he foretelleth king Ioash, how many victories he should haue against the Aramites. 2 kin.13.14,to 20. He dieth. 2.kin.13.20. A dead body being cast into his sepulchre, and touching his bones, riseth to life. 2.King.13.21. He is praysed, Eccles.48.12.

Elisa / Elisa — Elishah. *it is God*, or *the Lambe of God*. Sonne of Iauan, Gen.10.4. Also certaine Iles, called by that name. Ezek.27.7.

Elisama — Elishama. *the God of hearing*. Nu 1.10. 2. Sa.5.16.

Elisaphat — Elishaphat. *my God iudgeth* 2. Chro.23 1.

Elizabeth — Elisheba. *the oth of God*, or *the fulnes of God*. Ammi-nadabs daughter, and Aarons wife. Exod.6 23. Also Zacharias wife, who being long barren, at length bare Iohn Baptist. Luke 1.5,7,13.*

Elisabet — Elishua *God keeping safe*. Dauids sonne. 2.S.5.15.

Eliseba — Eliud. *God of praise*. Eleazars father. Mat.1.14.

Eliua — Elizur. *the strength of God*. Num.1.5.

Eliu — Elkanah. *the zeale of God*. The sonne of Korah. Exo.6. 24 Also the name of Samuels father. 1.Sam.1.1,19

Elcanah — Elkeshite. *late*, or *in the euening*, or *the hardnes* or *rigor of God*. an inhabitant of Elkosh, a village of Galile in ỳ tribe of Simeon. Because Nahum ỳ Prophet was borne there. he is called an Elkeshite. Nah.1.1.

Elcana — Ellasar. *a departing*, or *reuolting from God*, or *rebellious to God*. A countrey in Asia called Pontus. Gen. 14.1. Acts 2 9.

Elcoshite — Elmodad. *the measure of God*, or *God measureth*. The sonne of Iokten. Gen.10.6. and 1 Chro.1.20.

El.escus — Elnaam. *Gods fairenesse*. 1. Chro.11.46.

Elnathan *God hath giuen*, or *Gods gift*. 2 King.24. 8. Iere.26 22.

Elasar — Eloi Eloi lama sabachthani. Mar.15.34.

Elon. *strong*. Gen 26.34 Of him came the Elonites. Num.26.29. Also a Iudge. Iudg.12.11,12. Also one of Salomons taxe officers. 1.King.4.9

Almodad — Eleth. *olives*. A citie. 2 Chro.8.17. and 26 2.

Elnaem — Elpalet. looke Elphalet.

Elphaal. *Gods worke*. 1.Chro 8.11,12.

Ailath — Eltekeh. *the case of God*. A city in the tribe of Dan. Iosh.19.14 and 21.23.

Elpaal — Eltekon. *Gods correction*. A city. Iosh.15.59.

Elthekeh — Eltolad *the generation of God*. a city perteining to the tribe of Iudah. Iosh.15.3: and 19.4.

Elthe — Eluzai *God my strength*, or *the strength of God*. One of Dauids worthies 1.Chro.12.5.

Eltheon — Elymas. *a corrupter*, or *sorcerer*. a Magician, who resisted Pauls preaching, and therfore became blind. Acts 13.8,to 12.

Eltholad — Elzabad. *Gods dowrie*. 1 Chro.12 12.and 26.7.

Eluzai — Elzaphan. *God of the Northeast winde*. Exod 6.22. Leuit.10.4.

Elzabad — ¶ Emanuel *God the king*, or *the kingdome of God*, or *messenger of God*. He brought vp Antiochus the sonne of Alexander. 1.Mac.11 39.

Elzaphan — Emek. *the valley*. Iosh.15 7.

Emanuel — Emims. *feares*, or *fearefull*, or *the Ile of waters*. The name of a people Gen 14.5.

Simalcue — Emmanuel. looke Immanuel.

Emalchuel — Emmaus. *fearing counsell*, or *abiect people*. A village. 1 Mac.3 40,57. Luke 24.13.

Emaus — Emor. *an asse* Acts 7.16. looke Hamor.

Emori. *a rebell*. Sonne of Canaan. Gen.10.16.

Amorbi — ¶ Enaim *a fountain or place where were two waies*, or *an open place*. In this place late Tamar whom Iudah lay withall. Gen.38 21.

Enaim — Enam. *a fountaine*, or *well*, or *the eyes of them*. a city. Iosh.15.34.

Enan. *a cloude*. A citie. Ezek.47.17.

En-dor — Endor. *a wel*, or *the eye of generation*, or *habitation*. A city. Iosh 17.11. Psal.83 10. 1.King.28.7.

Eneas. looke Æneas.

En-agallim — En eglaim. *a well*, or *the eye of calues*. Ezek.47.10.

Eng.nim — En-gannim, *the well of gardens*, or *the eye of protection*. Iosh.15.34. and 19 21.

En-gaddi — En-gedi. *the well*, or *eye of a kidde*, or *of felicitie*. A citie neere to the red sea toward the West. 1.Sam. 24.2. Ezek.47.10. Cant.1.13. Iosh. 15.61. called also Hazezon-tamar. Gene.14 7. or Hazzon Tamar. 2. Chron 20.2.

En-gadi

Anhadak — En-haddah. *a merry or quicke sight*, or *the well of gladnesse*, or after the Syrian, or Hebrew, *the one well or eye*, or *the new well or eye*. A citie. Iosh.19 21.

En-hakkore. *the fountaine of him that prayed*, or *the well of the caller on*. Iudg.15.19.

En-harad — Enharod. *the well of great feare*. Iudg.7.1. A place, called also Haradah. Num.33.24,25.

En-hazor. *a well*, or *eye of an enemie*, or *the key or grasse of the well*. A city in the tribe of Naphtali. Iosh.19.37.

En misphat — En-mishpat. *the well of iudgement*. Gen.14.7.

Enoch. looke Henoch.

Ænon — Enon. *a cloud*, or *his well*, or *eye*. a village. Ios.3.23.

Enos — Enosh. *man*, or *desperation*. The sonne of Seth. Gen.4 26. and Luke 3.38.

Enos — Enosh liued 905. yeeres. Gen.5 11.

Heros — En-rimmon. *the well of height*, or *the well like a pomegranate*. A city. Neh.11.29.

En-rogel. *the wel or fountain of searching out*. Iosh. 15.7. and 18 16. and 1.King.1.9.

En-shemesh. *the wel*, or *fountain of the sun*. Ios.15.7

Entaphuah — En-tappuah. *the well or fountaine of an apple*, or *inflation*. A citie. Iosh 17 7.

Epaphra — ¶ Epaphras. *forming*. a man by whom the Colossians receiued the Gospel Col.1.7. His care & zeale for the Colossians and others commended. Col.4.12,13.

Epaphroditus. *faire*, or *pleasant*. Of him & his commendation. Phil.2.25.*

Epenetus. *laudable*, or *worthy praise*. One that first embraced the Gospel in Asia. Rom.16.5.

Ephi — Ephah. *wearie*. a measure Ero.16 36. Ezek.45.10, 11. also certaine mens names. Gen.25.4 & 1.Chron. 2.46.47. also a countrey. Isa.60.6.

Epher *dust*, or *leade*. 1 Chro.5.24.

Ephesus. *desireable*, a chiefe city of Asia the lesse: the citizens called Ephesians. Here Paul planted the Gospel. Acts 18.19,20,21. and 19.26. and 1.Cor.16, 8,9. Reuel 1.11. and 2.1. Their great goddesse was Diana. Acts 19.35.

Aphlal — Ephlal *iudging*, or *praying*. 1.Chro.2 37.

Ophlal — Ephphatha. *be opened*. Mar.7.34.

Ephod. *an ornament*. a garment of linnen. looke Exod.25.7. Iudg.8.27. and 17.5. 1.Sam.2.18 & 21.9. and 22.18. 2.Sam 6.14. Hose 3.4. 1.Chron.15.27. also a mans name Num.34.23.

Ephraim. *fruitful*, or *increasing*. The second sonne of Ioseph. Gene.41.52. of him came the Ephraimites. Num.26.28. Their lot & inheritance. Iosh.16.1,to 5. Iaakob appointeth Ephraim & Manasseh to be counted for his children Ge 48.5.* why. 1 chr.5.1 Ephraim the yonger preferred before Manasseh his elder. Ge.48. 14. Iaakob prophesieth of ỳ kingdom of Ephraim. Ge. 49.22 to 27. & so doeth Moses. Deut. 33.13,to 18. Ephraims genealogie. 1.chr.7.20,to 30. Ephraim & Manasseh crane greater inheritance of Ioshua, and why. Iosh.17.14.* Ephraim tileth vp against Iphtah, & are discomfited

discomfited. Judg. 12.1, to 7. Ephraim expelleth not the Canaanites, but dwelt among them. Judg 1.29. Ephraim riseth vp against Gideon, because he called them not with him, when he went against the Midianites: who be appeaseth, affirming that they had done more then hee in slaying Oreb & Zeeb. Judg. 8.1, 2, 3. By Ephraim is vnderstood the ten tribes. Isa. 7.2, to 10. and 9.8, 9. Hose. 5.3. Of Ephraim reade Jerem. 4.13. and 31.5, 18, 19.

Ephrath. *abundance, or fertilitie.* The wife of Caleb. 1. Chr. 2.19, 50. Also the father of Hur. 1. Chr. 4.4. Of him the citie of Beth-lehem was so called. Gene. 35. 19. Mica. 5. 2. 1. Chr 2.24 Psa 132.6. Where Elkanah dwelt. 1. Sam 1.1, 9 Dauids father. 1. Sa. 17.12

Ephron. *dust.* A citie destroyed by Iudas 1 Mac 5. 46, to 52. looke Iosh. 15.9. 2. Chro. 13.19. 2. Mac. 12. 27. Also the name of Zoar, who saue Abram the fielde and caue of Machpelah. Gen. 23.6, to 19.

Ephthar *a shining*, but Nephi, or Nephther is *purification, or cleansing* A place. 2. Mac. 1. 36.

Epicures. *aiders, or helpers.* A sect. Acts 17.18. looke more in the second Table.

¶ Er. *a watchman.* The first borne sonne of Iudah. Gen. 38.3. He marrieth Tamar. Gene. 38.6. For his wickednesse the Lord slew him. Gen 38 7.

Eran. *a follower.* Of him came the Eranites. Numb. 26.36.

Erastus. *amiable.* The Chamberlaine of the citie of Corinth. Rom. 16.23. who with Timotheus was sent into Macedonia by Paul. Acts 19.22.

Erech. *length, or health.* A citie. Gen. 10.10.

Eri. *my citie.* The sonne of Gad. Gen. 46.16. of him came the Erites. Num. 26.16.

¶ Esaias. looke Esaih.

Esarhaddon. *binding, where of wilfulnesse.* Sonne of Sacherib Isa. 37.37, 38. 2. king. 19.36, 37.

Esau. *doing, or working.* The sonne of Izhak. Ge. 25. 25. Izhak loueth him, & why Ge. 25.28. The answere which God made vnto Rebekah, touching Esau & Iaakob. Ge 25.22, 23 Esau is a cunning hunter. Ge. 25. 27. He selleth his birthright for a messe of pottage. Ge. 25.29 He marieth two wiues, which were a griefe of minde to Izhak & Rebekah. Ge. 26.34, 35. He is sent for venison. Gen. 27.3, 4, 5 Iaakob getteth Esaus blessing. Gen. 27.6, to 30 Esau made seruant to Iaakob. Gen. 27 37. Izhak blesseth Esau. Gene. 27.39, to 41. Esau threatneth Iaakob. Gen. 27.41. Esau against his fathers will taketh him wiues of the posteritie of Ishmael Ge. 28.8, 9. He meeteth Iaakob with foure hundreth men Gen. 33.4. His anger towards him is appeased. Gen. 33.4. He receiueth his presents. Gen 33. 10, 11. offereth to keepe him company Gen 33.12. Esau returneth to mount Seir. Gen. 33.16. His wiues, riches & genealogie. Gen 36.1. and 1. Chr. 1.35.to 43.

Moses forbade the Israelites to warre with the children of Esau, and why. Deut. 2.4, to 8.

None of vs ought to be a fornicator, or a prophane person as Esau. Heb. 12. 16.

I haue loued Iaakob and haue hated Esau. Rom. 9.13. Mal. 1.2, 3.

Eleazar. *the helper of strength.* Iudeth 7.3.

Eldras. looke Ezra.

Elhbal *the fire of the ruler.* 1. Chr. 8.33.

Elhban *fire of the sunne.* Gen. 39.16.

Elhcol. *grapes, or a cluster.* The name of a riuer, or valley in the land of Canaan, frō whence the Spies with one cluster of grapes was brought vnto Moseh. Num 13.24, to 28. Deu. 1.24 Also a mans name. Ge. 14.13

Elhdan *held vp.* A citie. Iosh. 15.32.

Elhek *violence, or force.* 1. Chr. 8.39.

Elhkelon. *the fire of slander.* A citie, looke Askelon.

the inhabitants called Elkelonites. Iosh. 13.3.

Elhtael. *a strong woman.* A city. Iosh 15.33.

Elhtaulites *strong women.* A people. 1. Chr. 2.53.

Elhtemoa. *a womans wombe.* A city. Iosh. 21.14.

Elh. *hard by me.* The father of Naum. Lu. 3.25.

Elher. *secret, or hidden.* Mordecais uncles daughter. Ester 2.7. She is brought to king Ahashuerosh, & is made Queene in stead of Vashti. Est 2.17. She sendeth to Mordecai to vnderstand why he mourned. Est. 4.5, to 9. Ester intending to speake to the king for her people, prayeth & fasteth, and causeth others to do likewise. Est. 4.16. She desireth that the king & Haman would come to the banquet she had prepared. Est. 5.4, to 9 In the midst of y banquet she intreateth the king for her selfe & her people Est. 7.3. Her prayer for deliuerance of her selfe and her people. Ester 14.3.*

¶ Etam. *their bird.* A city. 1. Chr 4 32.

Ethan *strength.* A wise man. 1. King. 4.31. Also the name of other. 1. Chr. 6.42, 44.

Ethanim *strong, or valiant.* The name of the seuenth moneth after the Hebrewes. 1. King. 8.2.

Ethbaal *vnto an image.* King of the Zidonians. 1. King. 16.31.

Ethar. *talke.* A citie. Iosh. 15.42.

Ethiopia. In Greeke signifieth *burning, or heate*: in Hebrew it is called Chus, or Chush, that is, *blacke, or blacknesse.* a country rising frō the flood Indus next Egypt, betweene the flood Nilus and the Ocean sea: it lieth in the South vnder the Sunne which is alway neere vnto it: the people called Ethiopians.

Zerah the Ethiopian warred against Asa, and was discomfited. 2. Chr. 14.9, 10.* Moses wife was an Ethiopian. Num. 12.1. Philip baptizeth an Ethiopian. Acts 8.27. Ethiopians taken for the blacke Moores. 2. Chron. 12.3. Of whose destruction, reade Zeph. 2.12, looke more Gene. 2.13. Ester 1.1. Isa. 11.11 & 18.1. and 20.3. & 37.9. Ezek. 29.10. & 30.4, 5, 9. Amos 9.7. Nahum. 3.9. Zeph. 3.10 Psal 68.31.

Ethnam *a gift.* 1. Chr 4 7.

Ethnei. *strong, or giuing, or of an asse.* The sonne of Zerah. 1. Chr. 6.41.

Eubulus. *prudent, wise, or of good counsel.* One who saluted Timothie. 2. Tim. 4.21.

Eui. *vniust.* Iosh. 13.21.

Euil merodach. *fooles passing ouer bitternesse, or the grinding bitternes of a foole. or a foole bitterly beaten, or ground to powder.* King of Babel, sonne to Nebuchadnezzar. 2. King. 25.27. Jere. 52.31.

Eunice. *good victory.* A faithfull woman, the mother of Timothie. 2. Tim. 1.5.

Eunuch. *gelded.* looke in the second Table.

Eupator. *good father.* The surname of Antiochus the sonne of the vngodly Antiochus Epiphanes. 1. Mac. 6. 17. 2. Mac. 1. 20. and 10.10, 13. His comming into Iudea. 2. Mac. 13.1.

Euphrates. *fruitfull.* A riuer called Perath. Gen. 2. 14 and 15 18. Eccius. 24 30.

Eupolemus. *fighting well, or a good warriour.* One of Iudas Embassadours. 1 Mac. 8.17.

Euroclydon. *the Northeast winde.* Acts 27 14.

Eutychus. *happy, or fortunate.* A young man whom Paul raised from death to life. Acts 20.9, to 13.

Euodias. *a good smell.* A worthy woman among the Philippians. Phil. 4 2.

¶ Exorcists. *coniurers.* of whom looke in the 2. Table.

Ezbon *hastening to vnderstand.* Gene. 46.16. 1. Chro. 7.7.

Ezekias. looke Hiskiah.

Ekekiel. *the strength of God.* A Prophet. Ezek. 1.1. when he prophesied in whose dayes, & where. Ezek. 1.1. His entry and office. Ezek. 1.3. He is sent to intreate

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turne the people from their erroꝛ, Ezr.2.3. Hee is fed with the woꝛd of God, holpen by his ſpirit, and ſent to the Iſraelites in captiuitie. Ezr.3.1,2,to 16. The ſimilitude of God appeareth vnto him. Ezr.8 2. Hee is brought to Ieruſalem in the ſpirit. Ezr.8.3. Hee heareth the Lord ſpeake, who foretolde him that the captiues ſhould returne to the land of Iſrael. Ezek. 11.17. He returneth in ſpirit frō Iudea vnto Caldea. Ezek.11.24. His wiues death. Ezek.24.18. Hee ſeeth the glorie of God entring into the Temple, from whence it had before departed. Ezr.43.2. Hee ſeeth the waters iſſue forth of the Temple. Ezr.47.1,2. Hee is praiſed. Eccl.49 8,9.

Eſel — Ezel. *a walking, or of the way.* 1. Sam. 20.19.

Aſaliah, — Ezeliah. *neere the Lord,* 2. Chr. 34.8.

Ezem *a bone.* 1. Chr. 4.39.

Eſer. — Ezer. *an helpe.* Gene. 36.21. Nehe. 3.19. and 12.42. and 1. Chr. 4.4. and 7.21.

Ezion-gaber — Ezion-geber *counſell of a man.* Num. 33.35. and 2. Chr. 8.17. Deut. 2.8.

Ezongaber — Ezra. *an helper,* a famous ſcribe. Ezra 7.6. to whom Artaxhaſhte gaue commiſſion to returne vnto Ieruſalem with many Iewes. Ezra 7.1,11. * whoſe names are rehearſed. Ezra 8.1. * He ſeparateth the ſtrange wiues from Iſrael. Ezra 9.1. * and 10.1. * reaſeth the law. Nehe. 8.2,3. * and 1. Eſd. 9.39. * is called Iehozadak. 1. Chr. 6.14,15.

Eſdras

Eſri — Ezri. *my helpe.* 1. Chr. 27.26. Joaſh was the father of the Ezrites. Iudg. 6.11.

Eſrites — Ezriel. *the helpe of God.* Ier. 36.26. and 1. Chr. 5.24.

Azriel — Ezrikam. *an helpe ariſing.* 1. Chro. 3.23. looke Azrikam.

Azricam

F

Felix. *happie, or proſperous.* The Romane deputie for the countrey of Iurie. Actes 23.24,26. who with his wife Druſilla heard Paul of the faith of Chriſt. Acts 24.3.23,25. *

Feſtus. *feſtiuall, or ioyfull.* The ſurname of Porcius, who ſucceeded Felix. Actes 24.28. reade Acts 25.1. * and 26.24. *

Fortunatus, *luckie, or fortunate.* A man whom S. Paul reioyced in. 1. Cor. 16.17.

G

Gaal, *an abomination.* The ſonne of Ebed, who mained the Shechemites againſt Abimelech, and tooke the citie of Shechem by force. Iudg. 9.26, to 30. Hee is chaſed from Shechem, and his armie diſcomfited by Abimelech. Iudg. 9.39,40,41.

Gaas — Gaash. *a ſtorme.* A mount. Ioſh. 24.30.

Gabelus — Gaba: *a hill.* A citie. Ioſh. 18.24.

Gebbai — Gabach. Tob. 9.1,2. * and 1.15. and 4.1. and 5.8.

Gabbatha — Gabi. *the backe.* Nehe. 11.6.

Gabbatha Ioh. 19.13.

Gabiſh. Iob 28.18.

Gabriel. *a man of God, or the ſtrength of God.* An Angel, who appeared vnto Daniel & Zacharie. Dan. 8 16. * and 9.21. * Luke 1.11, to 21. and to the virgine Marie, ſhewing her how ſhe ſhould conceiue the ſonne of God. Luke 1.26, to 39.

Gad. *a band, or gariſon hapſie, or readie.* The ſonne of Iacob by Zilpah. Gene. 30.11. Hee is bleſſed of his father. Gen. 49.19. His children. Gen. 46.16. The inheritance of his tribe. Num. 32.29. Ioſh. 13.8.24. His geneologie and habitation. 1. Chr. 5.11, to 18. Ioſhua ſendeth backe vnto their inheritance thoſe of the tribe of Gad, Reuben and halfe Manaſſeh, which had conducted their brethren into the land of Canaan. Ioſh. 22.1, to 7. which thing they were commaunded to doe Ioſhua 1.12. * Deut. 3 18,19,20.

Of the tribe of Gad were ſealed, 12000. Reue. 7.5.

Gad is alſo the name of a Prophet, who warned Dauid to depart out of the land of Moab, and fled to Iudah. 1. Sam. 22.5. Hee denounceth vnto him Gods wrath for numbring of the people. 2. Sam. 24.11. *

Gadarens. *walled, or hedged about.* A people. Marke 5.1, to 18. Luke 8.26, to 38. called alſo Gergeſenes. Matth 8.28. * — Gadarenites, Gerſenites

Gadiah *his kid, or his felicitie.* A citie. Ioſh. 15.27. — Gadda

Gaddi. *a kid.* Num. 13.12.

Gaddiel. *the God of felicitie.* Num. 13.11.

Gaius, *the Lord.* The name of Pauls hoſte. Rom. 16.23. whom he baptized. 1. Cor. 1.14. He was taken priſoner. Acts 19.29. his loue toward the miniſters of the word commended. 3. John. * — Caius

Gaius of Derbe accompanieth Paul into Aſia. Act. 20.4.

Galatia, *milking, or of milke.* A countrey. Acts 16.6. and 18.23. The people called Galatians, at whoſe inconſtancie Paul did wonder, eſpecially because they thought circumciſion neceſſary. Gal. 1.6. Paul calleth them bewitched, for that they were fallen from faith vnto the workes of the lawe. Gal. 3.1. * Hee preacheth the Goſpel vnto them by diuers afflictions. Galat. 4. 13. What affection they bare him. Gala. 4.15. — Galathians

Galal. *a roule, or a wheele.* 1. Chr. 9.15.

Galbanum. *a gumme.* Exod. 30.34.

Galeed. *the heape of witneſſe.* Ge. 31.47,48. Looke Gilead. — Galeb

Galilah. *turning, rowling, or a wheele.* A countrey on the North ſide of Iudea. Ioſh. 20.7 2. King. 15.29. Iuderh 1.8. Matth. 4.15. John 7.52. Thoſe of Galile received Chriſt after they had ſeene him worke miracles. John 4 45. The Apoſtles goe vnto Galile, and there ſawe Ieſus riſen from death. Mat. 18.26,27. — Galile

Gallim. *heaping vp together.* 1. Sa. 25.4. Iſa 10.30.

Gallio. *mulch.* A deputy of Achaia. Acts. 18.12,14.

Gamadims. *dwarfes,* Ezr. 27.11.

Gamaliel. *Gods reward, or the camel of God.* Pauls maſter, a good doctor of the law. Acts 22.3. by whoſe counſell the Apoſtles were deliuered. Act. 5.34. *

Gamariah. *a perfection, or conſuming of the Lord.* The ſonne of Hilkiah. Iere 29.3. and 36.25. — Gemariah

Gamliel. *Gods reward.* Num. 1.10.

Gamul *a recompenſe.* 1. Chr. 24.17.

Gareb. *a ſcabbe.* The name of a hill. Iere. 31.39.

Garmites. *bones, or after the Syrian, my cauſe.* 1. Chr. 4.19.

Gatam *their bellowing.* The ſonne of Eliphaz. Ge. 36.11.

Gath. *a winepreſſe.* A citie taken by Hazael King of Aram. 2. King. 12.17. reade Mich. 1.10. 2. Sam. 12.20.

Gath rimmon. *a high winepreſſe.* A citie in the tribe of Dan. Ioſh. 19.45.

Gaza *ſtrong, or a goate.* A citie. 1. Sam. 6.17. Acts 8 26. taken by Iudah. Iudg. 1.18. — Azzah

Gazabar. *a treaſurer.* A prince of Iudah. Ezr. 1.8. — Sheſhbazzar

Gazer. *a diuiding, or a ſentence.* A citie. 2. Sa. 5.25.

Gazer. *ſhauing, or a paſſing ouer.* 1. Chr. 2.46.

Geba. *a hill.* A citie builded by Aſa. 2. Sam 5.25. 2. King. 23.8. 1. Chr 8.6. 2. Chr. 16.6. Nehem. 12.31. and 12.29. Iſa. 10.29. Zech. 14.10. Iuneth 3.10.

Gebal. *the end.* A citie of Syria. Pſal 83.7.

Geber. *a man, manly, ſtrong, or after the Syrian, a houſe cocke.* The ſonne of Uri. 1. King. 4.19.

Gebim. *graſſhoppers.* A citie. Iſa. 10.31.

Gedaliah. *the greatneſſe of the Lord.* The ſonne of Paſhur. Iere. 38.1. was conſtituted gouernour ouer the remnant of Ieruſalem, after the people were led captiue into Babylon. 2. King. 25.22, to 25. Iere. 40. 5,6. his death. 2. King. 25.25. Iere. 41.1,2. Alſo mens names. 1. Chr. 25.3. Ezra 10.18. Zeph. 1.1.

Gedeon.

Gedeon. Heb. 11.32. looke Gideon.

Geder. a wall, a citie in Iudah. Iosh. 12.13.

Geder. idem. a citie Iosh. 15.36. The citizens whereof were called Gederathites. 1. Chr. 12.4. 27. Gederites. 1. Chr. 27.28.

Gederoth. hedges, a citie. Iosh. 15.41. and 2. Chron. 28.18.

Gederathaim idem Iosh. 15.36.

Gedor. idem. a city. Iosh. 15.58. 1. Chro. 4.18. and 12.7. And men's names. 1. Chro. 4.4. 18. and 8.31.

Gehazi. the valley of vision. Seruant to Elisha. 2. Kings 4.12. whom his master sent with his staff to raise to life his dead sonne: which he could not do. 2. King. 4.29.

Gehazi forging lies, got gifts of Naaman, whom his master had healed of the leprie, which his master because he would not tell the graces of God, had refused: for which cause Gehazi and his posteritie is smitten with the leprie. 2. King. 5.22.

Gehazi declareth vnto the King what miracles Elisha had done. King. 8.4.

Gelilloth. Iosh. 18.17.

Gemalli. weari, or a camell. Num. 13.13.

Gemariah. looke Gamariah.

Ge melah. the valley of salt. 1. Sam. 8.13.

Genesar. the garden of a prince. 1. Mac. 11.67.

Gennesaret. idem. a city. Mat. 14.34.

Genubah. theft, or garden of the daughter. 1. King. 11.20.

Ger. a pilgrime, or a stranger. The sonne of Beniamin. Gen. 46.21. 2. Chr. 8.3, 5. Also the sonne of Ehud. Iudg. 3.15. Also the father of Shimei. 2. Sam. 16.5.

Gerah. A measure. Num. 3.47. Ezek. 45.12.

Gerar. a pilgrimage, or a straying. The chiefe citie of the Philistims. Gen. 10.19. and 20.1, 2.

Gergashites. idem as Girgash. A kinde of people Iosh. 3.10. looke Girgashi.

Gergesites. idem. a people beyond Galile. Mat. 8.28

Gerhom. a stranger there. The sonne of Moses by Zipporah. Exod. 2.22, 22. circumcised. Exod 4.25. brought to Moses into the wildernesse. Exod. 18.2, 3.

Gerhon. his banishment. The sonne of Leui. Gene. 46.11. Numb. 3.17. of whom came the Gershonites. Num. 3.21. his office. Num. 4.21. his genealogie. 1. Chro. 6.1. their portion. Iosh 21.27, 1034.

Gerizim. hatchets. A mount. Iudg. 9.7. whereupon the Leuites were commanded to recite the Maledictions. Deut. 11.29. and 27.12.

Gershunni. banished men. A people of whom Gehisi came. 1. Chro. 26.21. and 29.8.

Gerush. going on pilgrimage. A citie called also Chimham, and Imp. Jere. 41.17.

Gesham. drawing wrest. The sonne of Iahnai. 1 Chr. 2.47.

Geshem. raine An Arabian. Nehe. 2.19.

Geshur. a walled valley. a countrey, where Talmai reigned. 2. Sam. 3.3. 13.37. The people were also so called. 1. Chron. 2.23. And also Gesshurites dwelling in the middes of Israel. Iosh. 13.13. Deu. 3.14 Iosh. 12.5. and 13.2. 1. Sam. 27.8.

Gesher. the valley of separation. Gen. 10.32.

Gesh-hamor. a pleasant side of a place. looke Mat. 26.36. Mar. 14.32.

Geuel. Gods redemption. Num. 13.16.

Gezer. looke Gazer. This citie Iashua destroyed, both king & people. Iosh. 10.33. buylded by Pharaoh. & afterward reedified by Salomon. 1. kin. 9.16, 17. looke more thereof. Iosh. 16.3. 10. 1. Chr. 20.4. 1. Mac. 5.8.

Gezez. the fleece of sheep, or shearing sheep. Ezr. 2.18.

Gezrites. strong, manly, or a man. Ezek. 25.20.

Gibbethon. a hie or high house, a citie. Iosh. 19.44 called Gibeon. Iosh. 21.23.

Gibea. a hill. Sonne to Shehar. 1. Chro. 2.49.

Gibeah. idem. a citie. Iosh. 15.57. Iudg. 19.12. and 20.9. 1. Sam. 10.26. and 22.6. and 23.19.

Gibeath. a hill. A city in Beniamin. Iosh. 18.28. The citizens called Gibeathites. 1. Chron. 12.3. Also a place where Eleazar was buried. Iosh. 24.33.

Gibeon. idem. a citie from Jerusalem 50. miles. Iosh. 9.17. 918. 25. 923. 17. 1. chr. 8.29. Neh. 7.25. Ie. 28.1. The Gibeonites craftily create peace of Ioshua to whō he ioyned them selues at Gods mouth. Ios 9.3. to 16. They were made seruants for the house of God. Iosh. 9.27. Gibeon besieged of the kings. Iosh. 10.5. Saul & seede to Israel and Iudah, broke the couenant which was made with the Gibeonites by Ioshua: for which Israel was punished with famine, until the seuen children of Saul were slaine. 2. Sa. 21.1. to 10. The Gibeonites abuse the Leuites wife. Iudg. 19.25. The Kingdome was with the Gibeonites for the peace made with Ioshua, & were vanquished Iol. 10.6, to 15.

Giddel great. Ezr. 2.47.

Gideon. a breaker, or destroyer. The sonne of Ioash. Iudg. 6.11. The Angel appeareth vnto him. Iudg. 6. 12. He destroyeth his might that he is not able to deliuer Israel. Iudg. 6.14. He destroyeth Baals altar. Iudg. 6.28. He is called Ierubbaal. Iudg. 6.32. He offreth sacrifice vnto God, which being consumed with fire from heauen, he was assured that he sent him to deliuer Israel. Iudg. 6.21. His faith in Gods promise confirmed by the experiment of a fleece of wool. Iudg. 6.37. He with his seruant goeth to the campe of the Midianites, where, about midnight, he heard one interprete a dreame that God would deliuer the armie of the Midianites into his hand. Iudg. 7.9. to 15.

Gideon with three hundred men ouercommeth the huge hoste of the Midianites. Iudg. 7.15. He would not gouerne Israel, but said, The Lord should. Iudg. 8.22, 23. He complaineth vnto God for the affliction of Israel. Iudg. 6.13.

Gideon afraid hauing seene the Angels face, is comforted of God. Iudg. 6.22, 23.

Gideon courteous answere to the Ephraimites, looke Ephraim. He hath 70. sonnes by diuers women. Iudg. 8.30. all slaine by Abimelech their brother. Procurer of a dissidence. Iudg. 9.5. His brethren slain by Zebah & Zalmunna. Iudg. 8.18, 19. The people giue him their golden earerings. Iudg. 8.24. to 29. He slaieth 2 kings of the Midianites, Zeba and Zalmunna. Iudg. 8.21.

In the time of Gideon, Israel without warre the space of fortie yeeres. Iudg 8.28. He is commended. Heb. 11.32. His death. Iudg. 8.32.

Gideoni. idem. Num. 1.11. Gedeon

Gidor. a wall, or hedges. 1 Chr 8.31. Gedor

Gihon. a brook, or valley of grace. a riuer. Gen. 2.13. and 2. Chr. 32.30. Gyhon

Gilalai. a wheele, or marble. Nehe 12.36. Gion

Gilboa. a rumbling or searching out. A mount. 1. Sam. 28.4. and 31.1, 8. 1. Chro. 10.1. 2. Sam. 1.6. Galalai

Gilead. A countrey, city, and mount so called. looke Galeed. Gen. 31.21. Num. 32.1. 1. Chro 6.80. Deut. 3.10, 13. Iosh. 17.11, 25, 26. Iudg. 10.1. Also the name of Machirs sonne, of whome came the Gileadites. Num. 26.29. Iudg 10.3.

Gilgal. a wheele, or reuolution. A citie by Iordan, where the Israelites pitched twelue stones on end, in signe of their passing through Iorden dryshod. Iosh. 4.19 20. In this place the Israelites were circumcised. Iosh 5.2, 10 15. Sauls kingdome renewed in Gilgal. 1. Sam. 11.14, 15. From Gilgal Ioshua went to destroy the Gibeonites. Iosh. 10.6, 7.

Gilob.

Gedeon
Gabaon

Gedeon

Gedeon
Gedor
Gyhon
Gion
Galalai

Balme
adziload
Iosue 8.22.
Ao. 11
Hara 83

Gilo
Giloh. *a reuyeing, or discouering.* a citie. Iosh. 15. 51. 2. Sam. 15. 12. The citizens called Gilonites, as Ahithophel. 2. Sam. 15. 12.

Gineth
Genthon
Ginethon
Gimso
Gergasi
Girgasites
Ginath. *a garden.* 1. King. 16. 21, 22.
Ginnetho. *idem.* Nehe. 12. 4.
Ginnethon. *idem* Nehe. 10. 6.
Gimzo. *that bulrush.* a citie. 2. Chro. 28. 18.
Girgasi. *drawing neere to pilgrimage.* sonne of Canaan. Gen. 10. 16. Of him came the Girgashites. Gen. 15. 21. looke Girgashites.

Gerzites
Gasipha
Gethath
Hepher
Githaim
Gethaim
Gethite
Gezonite
Gnidus
Goah
Girzites. *as Gezr.* a people. 1. Sam. 27. 8.
Gisa. *comming hither.* Nehe. 11. 21.
Gittah-hepher. *digging a winepresse.* Iosh. 19. 13.
Gittaim. *two presses.* a citie. 2. Sam. 4. 3. Ne. 11. 33.
Gittite. *winepresse.* The citizens of Gath so called. 1. Chro. 13. 13. and 2. Sam. 21. 19.
Gizonite. *shewing.* 1. Chro. 11. 34.
¶ Gnidon. *or age.* an Ile. 1. Mac. 15. 23. By it Paul sailed going to Rome Act. 27. 7. there called Gnidum.
Goath. *the touching, or bowing.* Iere. 31. 39.
Gob. *Grashoppers.* a city called also Gezer. 2. Sam. 21. 19, 20.

Gog. *a roofe of an house.* Sonne to Shemaiah. 1. Chr. 5. 4. Also a people. Ezek. 38. 2. and 39. 1, 6. 17. Reuel. 20. 8.
Golan. *a passing ouer* a city. Deut. 4. 43. Iosh. 20. 8.
Golgotha. Matth. 27. 33. Mar. 15. 22. Ioh. 19. 17. called Caluarie. Luke 23. 33.
Goliath *a captiuity, or passing ouer.* a giant of whole stature and defiance, looke 1. Sam. 17. 4, to 52. a reward to him that should kill him. 1. Sam. 17. 25. David cutteth off his head, and bringeth it to Ierusalem. 1. Sam. 17. 51, 54. Eccles. 47. 4. He taketh Goliaths sword of Abimelech the priest. 1. Sam. 21. 9.

Goliah
Goliath the Gittite is slaine by Elhanah. 2. Sam. 21. 19.
Gomer. *consuming a consumer, or wanting.* The sonne of Iaphet. Gene. 10. 2. Ezek. 38. 6. Also a measure, looke Homer, & Omer. Also the daughter of Diblaim wife to Hosea the Prophet. Hos. 1. 3.

Gomorrhe
Gomorrah. *a rebellious people.* One of the fiue cities destroyed with brimstone & fire from heauen. Gen. 19. 24. read Ge. 10. 19. & 13. 10. & 14. 8. to 13. looke Sodom.
Goren Atad. *a thornie corne floore* A place where the Israelites lamented Iaakob. Gen. 50. 10.
Gorgias. *terrible, or swift.* 1. Mac. 3. 38. and 4. 1, 18. and 5. 59.

Gossen
Goshen. *a drawing neere.* a parcell of Egypt. where Israel was appointed by Pharaoh to dwell. Gen. 45. 10. and 46. 28, 34. & 47. 4, 6. Also a citie in the tribe of Iudah Iosh. 10. 41. and 15. 51.

Gosam
Gozan. *a fleece of wooll, or a passing ouer.* A riuer. 2. King. 17. 6. 1. Chro. 5. 29. Also a city. 2. King. 19. 12. Isa. 37. 12.

Greece
Grecia. *deceiuing, or making sad:* after the Greeke, *strong* in Hebrew *Iauan.* a countrey. Isa. 66. 19. Ezek. 27. 13. Acts 20. 2. The people called Grecians. Acts 6. 1. looke Greeke in the second Table.

Gudgodah *the happinesse of felicity.* Deut. 10. 7.
Guni *a garden, or couering.* Naphtalis sonne. Gen. 46. 24. of him came the Gunites. Num. 26. 48.
Gur. *a whelpe.* a city neere Ibleam. Iehu slew Ahaziah King of Iudah. 2. King. 9. 27.
Gur-baal *the whelpe of the gouernour.* a place where the Arabians dwelt. 2. Chr. 26. 7.

Hai Ai
Hay Ay
Ahasthari
Habaia
Habacuc
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Hani. *a heaping vp together.* a city. Gen. 12. 8. Iosh. 12. 9. Ezra 2. 28.
Hashtari. *a runner.* Ahers sonne. 1. Chron. 4. 6.
Habaiah. *the hiding of the Lord.* Ezra 2. 61.
Habakkuk. *a wrestler,* a Prophet Habak. 1. whom God appointed to carry Daniel food. Da. 14. 33 to 40.
Habakkuk in the person of the faithfull heerth pitifully complaine, that the wicked do persecute the iust. Habak. 1. 2.
Habazaniah. *a hiding of the shield of the Lord.* The father of Iezeniah. Iere. 35. 3. Habazinias
Habelsonne
Habel. *vanity* or *a gaping.* sonne to Adam. A keeper of sheepe, whose offring was accepted of God: whereof his brother Cain enuying him, slew him. Gen. 4. 4, 8. his faith & righteousnesse. Heb. 11. 4. The first martyr, his bloud crieth for vengeance. Mat. 23. 35. & 11. 51.
The bloud of Abel speaketh better things, then that of Habel. Heb. 12. 24.
Habiah. *idem as Ahiah.* Nehe. 7. 63. Habaiah
Habor. *a fellow, or partaker.* a citie. 2. Kings 17. 6. and 18. 11. and 1. Chro. 5. 26.
Hacaliah. *mourning of the Lord* father to Nehemiah. Nehe. 1. 1. and 10. 1. Hacholiah
Hachiliah
Hachilah. *hope in that, or a hooke in that.* Chil. 1. Sa. 23. 19. Hachalia
Hachila
Haclamon. *a wise man, or the warning of a gift.* 1. Chr. 11. 11. and 27. 32.
Hadad. *ioy, or reuenging.* a king of Edom. Gene. 36. 35. & 1. Chron. 1. 46. Also Ismaels sonne. 1. Chro. 1. 30. called Hadar. Gene. 25. 15. Also one whom the Lord raised vp against Salomon. 1. King. 11. 14. to 18.
Hadadezer. looke Adadezer. Hadarezer
Hadadrimmon. *the voice of height.* A towne. Zech. 12. 11.
Hadashah. *newes, or a moneth.* a citie. Iosh. 15. 37.
Hadassah. *a Myrtle tree* a name of Ester. Est. 2. 7.
Hadid. *a reuyeing, or sharpe.* Nehe. 11. 34.
Hadlai. *louering, or leeing.* 2. Chr. 28. 12. Hadali
Hadoram. *their praise.* Gen. 10. 27. 1. Chr. 1. 21.
Hagab. *a grashopper.* Ezra 2. 46. Hagaba
Hagabah. *idem.* Ezra 2. 45. Nehe. 7. 48. Hagoba
Hagar. *a stranger, chewing the cud, or fearing.* Sarahs handmaid. Gen. 16. 1. who conceiuing by Abram despiseth her mistresse. Gene. 16. 4. God foretelleth that her seede should be multiplied. Gen. 16. 10. She is sent away with her sonne Ismael. Gene. 21. 14. Of her came the Hagarims, which were driuen out of y land by the Reubenites. 1. Chr. 5. 10 Of whom & of the Hagarites, spoke more Gal. 4. 24, 25. & Psal. 83. 6. & 1. Chr. 27. 31. Agar
Agarims
Agarite
Hagedolim *one of the great men.* Nehe. 11. 14. Haggedolim
Haggai. *pleasant, or turning in a circle.* A Prophet. Hag. 1. 1. The Temple rebuilded through the incouragement of him and Zechariah. Ezra 5. 1, 2. & 6. 14. He reproueth the Iewes for being so careful for their owne houses, & so negligent for the Lords. Hag. 1. 4. Aggeus
Haggeus
Haggeri. *idem* as Hagar 1. Chr. 11. 38. Agarai
Haggi. *idem* as Haggai. The sonne of Gad. Gen. 46. 16. Of whom came the Haggites Num. 26. 15. Aggi
Aggites
Haggiah. *the Lords feast.* The sonne of Shimea. 1. Chron 6. 30. Aggia
Hakatan
Hecatan. *little.* Ezra 8. 12.
Hakkoz. *a thorne, the Summer, or an end.* Neh. 7. 63. and 3. 4, 21.
Hakoreim. *as cold as yce, or balde.* 1. Chro. 12. 6.
Hakupa. *a commandement of the mouth.* Ezra 2. 51.
Halah. *a moist table.* a place. 1. Chr. 5. 26. also 17. 6.
Halak. *part.* a mt. Ios. 11. 17. and 12. 7.
Haliah. *griefe, or the looking for of griefe.* Iosh. 15. 38
Hali. *sickenes, a beginning, or precious stone.* Iosh. 19. 25
Halicarnassus. *the theefe dwelling place by the sea side.* 1. Mac. 15. 23.
Hallelu iah. *praise ye the Lord.* Reuel. 19. 1.
Hallohesh. *saying nothing, or an inchanter.* Ne. 10. 24 Allehia
Halloesh. *idem.* Shallums father. Nehe. 3. 12. Halohes
Ham. *crafty, or heate.* sonne to Noah Gen. 5. 32. He mocketh his father being drunken. Ge. 9. 22. He is the father Cham

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father of Canaan. Ge. 9. 18, 22. Hys children. Gen. 10. 1. Ch. 1. 8. He is cursed of his father. Gen 9 24.

Aman — Haman. making an vproare, preparing, or troubling. Sonne of Hammedatha, exalted by king Ahasuerus and honored of all, but Mordecai. Es. 3. 1, 2. For that Mordecai would not doe him reuerence, he getteth licence to put all ye Iewes to death. Es. 3. 5. He is hanged vpon ye gallowes which he had prepared for Mordecai. Es. 7. 9, 10. His ten sonnes hanged. Es. 9. 14.

Hemath — Hamath. anger, heate, or a wall. A citie. Num. 13, 22. the citizens called Hamathites. 1. Chr. 1. 16.

Hamathi. idem. Sonne to Canaan. Gen. 10. 18.

Hamathzo-ba — Hamathzobah. the anger, heate, or the wall of an armie. A citie that Salomon ouercame. 2. Chr. 8. 3.

Hemdan — Hamdan. heate of iudgement. Gen. 36. 26.

Amelech — Hammelech. a king, or counseller. Jer. 38. 6.

Amadadatha — Hammedatha. troubling the law. Father to Haman. Esth. 3. 1.

Hamoneth — Hammoneth. of rest. 1. Chr. 9. 32.

Hamnon. a heate, or the sunne. A citie. Josh. 19. 28.

Hamoth dor — Hamoth dor. indignation, or heate of generation. A citie. Josh. 21. 32.

Hamonah. his multitude, or his vproare. Ezr. 39. 6.

Hamon-gog. the multitude of the roote of an house. Ez. 39. 11.

Hemor Emor — Hamor. an asse, or dire. The father of Sherhem. Ge. 33. 19. Hee for the loue of his sonne, perswadeth his people to be circumcised, to ioyne themselues in friendship with Iaakob. Gen. 34. 20, to 25. Hee demandeth Dinah of Iaakob to bee wife to his sonne. Gen. 34. 8. hee, his sonne, and all the Sechemites slaine by Simeon and Leui. Gen. 34. 25.

Haniel — Hanaiel. grace, or the mercie of God. Num. 34. 23.

Hanoli — Hanoli godly, or mercifull. Gen. 46. 12. of him came the Hanochites. Num. 26. 32.

Hanital — Hanniul. hearts of the dewe. 2. Kin. 23. 31. 24. 18.

Anna — Hanan full of grace. 1. Chr. 3. 23, 38. and 11. 43.

Hanna — Hannah. mercifull, or taking rest, or gracious. The wife of Elkanah. 1. Sam. 1. 2. She obteineth of God a sonne. 1. Sam. 1. 11, 20. She went not vp to Shiloh to worship, vntill she had weand Samuel. 1. Sam. 1. 22. She had three sonnes and three daughters after Samuel. 1. Sam. 2. 21.

Ananeel Hananeel Haniel — Hananeel. the mercie of God. Jeremiahs vncles sonne. Jerr. 32. 7.

Hananeel. grace from God, or grace of God. The name of a towre. Nehe. 3. 1. and 12. 39.

Hanani — Hanani giuing, gracious, mercifull, or godly. The father of Iehu. 1. King. 16. 7. Also a mans name. 1. Chr. 25. 4.

Hananias Avanias Hanania — Hananiah. the grace of the Lord, or the mercie of the Lord. Certaine mens names. 1. Chr. 3. 19. Es. 4. 32. Chr. 26. 11. & 32. 24. Also a false Prophet. Jerr. 28. 1.

Hanes — Hanes. inuisument of grace. A citie. Isa. 30. 4.

Haniel. the gift of God. 1. Chr. 7. 39.

Hannathon. the gift of grace. A citie. Josh. 19. 14.

Hanoch — Hanoch. dedicated. Sonne to Reuben. Gene. 46. 9. Of him came the Hanochites. Num. 26. 5.

Hanon — Hanun. idem. Sonne to Nahash king of the Ammonites, who despitefully returned the messengers of Dauid, whom he sent to comfort him, which afterward was reuenged. 2. Sam. 10. 2, 3, 4. 1. Chr. 19. 2, 3, 4, 5.

Aphses Hararites — Happizzez. taking away, or destroying. 1. Chr. 24. 15.

Hara. a hill or a seruing birth. 1. Chr. 5. 26. The citizens called Hararites, and Harites. 2. Sam. 23. 11. 1. Chr. 11. 34, 35.

Rabith Arch Arec Arakhim — Harabbith. vsurie. A citie. Josh. 19. 20.

Harahel. a diuision, or wandring, or smelling sweete. The sonne of Asla. 1. Chr. 7. 39.

Harakhim. the apothecarie. Nehe. 3. 8.

Haran. high, or lofte. 1. Chr. 23. 9. Ez. 27. 23. — Horan

Haranah. thrown downe. Ezra 2. 26. — Harama

Harao. anger, or being angry. Father of Lot. Gene. 11. 27. He died in Ur of the Caldees. Gen. 11. 28. — Aran

Haran — Also a citie where Terah Abrahams father died. Gen. 11. 31, 32. from whence Abraham departed into Canaan. Gene. 12. 4, 5. where also Laban Rebekahs brother dwelt, vnto whom she sent Iaakob. Gen. 27. 43 and 28. 10. And is called Charran. Acts 7. 2. Also Calebs sonne by Ephah. 1. Chr. 2. 46. — Haran

Harbona. destruction, or his sword now. Esth. 1. 10, and 7. 9. — Harbonah

Harod. feare. a well. Judg. 7. 1. — Harad

Haraphah. a medcine, or a mouth of a mount. A Philistim, a father of Giants. 1. Chr. 20. 4. His foure sonnes slaine by Dauid & his seruants. 2. Sa. 21. 22. — Rephaim

Hareph. winter, or reproch. 1. Chr. 2. 51. — Raphaim

Harem. liberte. A towne. 1. Sam. 22. 5.

Harim. destroyed, or dedicated to God. A Priest vnto whom the third lot fell. 1. Chr. 24. 8.

Harhas. anger, or the heate of confidence. 2. King. 22. 14. 2. Chr. 34. 22.

Harhohish. heate, or anger of the Lord. Father to Uzziel. Nehem. 3. 8. — Hathaiah

Harhur. made warme, or the heat of liberty. Ez. 2. 51.

Harnepher. the anger of a bull, or anger increasing. 1. Chr. 7. 36.

Harosheth. workemanship, or a wood. A citie where Sisera dwelt. Judg. 4. 2. — Haroseth

Harsha. idem. Ezra 2. 52. — Harsa

Harum. high, or throwing downe. 1. Chr. 4. 8.

Harumaph. destruction. Nehe. 3. 10.

Haruphite. slander, or vnmade, or in the Syrian tongue, sharpe. 1. Chr. 12. 5. — Haraphites

Harus. carefull. the father of Amons mother. 2. Kin. 21. 19. — Harus

Hasadiah. the mercie of the Lord. The sonne of Zerubbabel. 1. Chr. 3. 20. — Hazadia Asadiah

Hazar-shual. a wolues house. A citie. 1. Chron. 4. 28. Josh. 15. 28. and 19. 3. — Hasadia Hazar-sual

Hasenna. a bramble, or an enemie. 1. Chr. 9. 7. — Asena

Hashabiah. the estimation of the Lord. 1. Chr. 9. 14. — A sabia

Hashabniah. the silence of the Lord. Neh. 3. 10. & 9. 5. — Hasabnia

Hashem. named, or putting to. 1. Chr. 11. 34. — Hassem

Hashmonah. the hasting of a gift. Num. 33. 29, 30. — Hasmona

Hashub. esteemed, or numbred. 1. Chr. 9. 14. — Hasub

Hashubah. estimation, or thought. 1. Chr. 3. 20. — Hasubah

Hashum. silence, or their hasting. Ezra 2. 19. — Hasum

Hashupha. stem, or made bare. Ezra 2. 43. Nehem. 7. 46. — Hasupha

Hasrah. wanting. 2. Chr. 34. 22. — Hasra

Harach. fearing. Esth. 4. 5. — Hathach

Harhath. feare. 1. Chr. 4. 13.

Hatipha. rabberie. Ezra 2. 54.

Hatira. a bending of sinne. Ezra 2. 42. Neh. 2. 45.

Hatticon. middle, between the middle, or preparation. Ez. 47. 16. — Thichon Hatichon

Hattil. an howling for sinne. Ezra 2. 57.

Hattush. forsaking sinne. Ezra 8. 2. 1. Chr. 3. 22. — Hatus

Hauah. liuing, or giuing life. The wife of Adam. Gene. 3. 20 and 4. 1. looke Heuah. — Heuz Heuah

Hauilah. grieuing, or speaking to him. A countrey. Ge. 2. 11. Also the sonne of Cush, the sonne of Ham. Gen. 10. 7.

Hauran. a hole, liberty, or whitenesse. A citie of Damascus. Ez. 47. 16.

Haueth-air. townes of light. Num. 32. 41.

Hazael. seeing God. He whom God commanded Eliah to anoint king ouer Syria, that hee might take vengeance of Israel for their idolatry. 1. King. 19. 15. Hee asketh Elisha whether his maister Ben hadad should

should recouer of his sickenes. 2. Kin. 8. 9. Elisha foretolde him what euill he should doe to Israel. 2. Kin. 8. 12. He strangleth Ben-hadad his master. 2. Kings 8. 15. He discomfiteth the Israelites. 2. Kin. 10. 32. Receiuing of Iehoash king of Iudah a great summe of money, he departeth from Ierusalem. 2. King. 12. 18. He taketh Gath. 2. Kin. 12. 17. He afflicteth the Israelites. 2. Kin. 13. 3. He dieth. 2. Kin. 13. 24.

Hasaiah — Hazaiah, *looke* Hazarah.

Hazar *imprisoned, or bound.* A citie. Ioshu. 15. 27. Ezek. 47. 16.

Hazardar — Hazar-addar, *an imprisoned generation, or fainers.* Numb 34. 4.

Hazaiah — Hazarah *seeing the Lord.* Neh. 11. 5.

Hazar-Enan — Hazar-enan, *an imprisoned, or bound soothsaying.* Numb. 34. 9.

Hazar-maueth. Gen. 10. 26.

Hazar-shual, *looke* Hasar-shual.

Hazersusah — Hasarsusah, *the hey porch, or entrie of an horse.* A citie. Iosh. 19. 5. called Hazar-susim. 1. Chr. 4. 31.

Hazelphuni — Hazelelponi, *the shadowe of the countenance.* The daughter of Etam. 1. Chr. 4. 3.

Hazarim — Hazerim, *porches.* Deut. 2. 23.

Hazeroth, *palaces.* Num 11. 35.

Hazezon-thamar — Hazezon-tamar, *drawing neere bitternesse.* A place where the Amorites dwelled. Gene. 14. 7. called Hazazontamar 2. Chr. 20. 2.

Hazasontham — Haziel, *idem* as Hazael 1 Chr. 23. 9.

Hoziel — Hazo, *seeing, or prophesying.* Gen. 22. 22.

Asau — Hazor, *bay.* Iosh. 11. 1. and 15. 23, 25. and 19. 36.

Hazor — Nehr. 11. 33.

¶ Heber, *a companion, or partaker.* Sonne to Beriah Gene. 46. 17. Of him came the Heberites. Num. 26. 45.

Hebron *fellowship.* a double caue in the lande of Canaan, wherein Sarah was buried, which caue Abraham bought to burie in. Gen. 13. 18. and 23. 2, 19. reade more Genes. 35. 27. Iosh. 10. 36, 37. and 14. 15. Also a citie. Iudg. 1. 10. Iesh 15. 14.

Hegai — Hege *sighing, or speach.* Ester 2. 3.

Helam, *the armie of the mother.* 2. Sam. 10. 16.

Helbah, *milke, fat, or griefe in that.* Iudg. 1. 31.

Helbon, *idem.* Ezek. 27. 18.

Helcath, *a portion, or a dividing* Iosh. 19. 25.

Helcias — Helcias, *the portion, or gentlenesse of the Lord.* Susannas father. Dan. 13. 29. Also the name of a man. 1. Esd. 8. 1.

Helchias — Helchiah — Hilkiah, *the world, or rustinesse.* Mens names. 1. Chr. 27. 15. Zech 6. 10.

Heled — Heleb *idem* 2 Sam. 23. 29 and 1. Chr. 11. 30.

Heleb *a part, or portion.* Iosh 19. 2.

Helem, *dreaming, or healing* 1 Chr. 7. 35.

Heleph, *a changing, or passing ouer.* Iosh. 19. 33.

Helez *armed, or set free.* Mens names. 2. Sam. 23. 26. 1 Chr. 2. 39.

Helias, *looke* Eliiah.

Heliodorus, *the gift of the sunne.* Treasurer to Seleucus. 2. Macc. 3. 7.

Helkath — Helkias — Helkiah, *the gentlenesse, or portion of the Lord.* Eliakims father. 2. Kin. 18. 18.

Helon, *a window, or griefe.* The father of Eliab. Num. 1. 9, and 2. 7.

Heman, *their trouble, or a tumult.* Lotans sonne. Gen. 36. 22. Homan. 1. Chr. 1. 39.

Heman, *much, or making an vproare.* A wise man. 1. Kin. 4. 31. 1. Chr. 2. 6. Also an excellent singer, whom Dauid appointed ouer the singers that pertained to the house of God. 1. Chr. 6. 33. and 25. 1.

Hemdan, *to be desired, or heate of indignation.* Gen. 36. 26.

Hena, *a troubling.* A citie. Isa. 37. 13. — Ena Ana

Henadad, *grace of the beloued.* Neh. 3. 18, 24. 10. 9.

Henoch *taught, or dedicate.* Mans sonne, of whom the city Henoch was so called. Gen. 4. 17. Also the father of Methusaelah. Ge. 5. 21. who walked with God after he begate Methuselah 300. yeeres. Gene. 5. 22. Reade Eccles. 44. 16. and 49. 14. and Heb. 11. 5. Iude 14. Wisd. 4. 10, 11. — Enoch Hanoch

Hepher, *a digger, or deliuer.* 1. Chr. 4. 6. Also the father of Zelophehad Num. 26. 33. & 27. 1. Of him came the Hepherites. Num. 26. 32.

Hephzi-bah, *my pleasure, or delight in her.* By this name Christs Church gathered of Iewes and Gentiles is called. Isa. 62. 4. Also Manasses mother. 2. Kings 21. 1.

Hercules, *Iunos glory.* The money that should haue bene offered to Hercules, was giuen to the making of galleys. 2. Mac. 4. 19, 20.

Heres, *the sunne, or earthen pot.* The name of a mount in Aialon, where the Amorites dwele vntil the family of Ioseph made them tributaries. Iudg. 1. 35. — Hares

Hereth, *a carpenter.* 1. Chr. 9. 15. — Heres

Hermas, *Mercurie, or gaine.* One whom Paul greeteth. Rom. 16. 14. — Herman Hermes

Hermogenes, *begotten by Mercurie.* A man, who forsooke Paul. 2. Tim. 1. 15.

Hermon *dedicated to God.* A mountaine. Deu. 3. 9. Iosh. 12. 5, and 13. 5. — Harmon

Hermonim, *idem.* Psal. 42. 6. — Hermon

Herode, *the mouse of prode.* Surnamed Ascalonite, or Herode the great. Hee caused the innocents to bee slaine. Matth. 2. 1, 16. From whose persecution Christ fled into Egypt. Mat. 2. 13, 14, 15. Also this Herods tombe was surnamed Antipas, who was Tetrarch of Galile. Lu. 3. 1. His opinion of Christ. Matt. 14. 1, 2. Mar. 6. 14. Lu. 9. 7. He celebrateth his birthday. Mar. 6. 21. He beheaded Iohn Baptist. Mat. 14. 10. Mar. 6. 16. He maketh friendship with Pilate. Lu. 23. 12. He pronounced Iohn. Mar. 6, 20. Christs answere to them that told him, Herode wo'd kill him. Lu. 13. 31, 32, 33. Christ called him a Fox. Lu. 13. 32. Herod and his men of warre mocke Christ. Lu. 23. 11.

Also the sonne of Aristobulus surnamed Agrippa, who slew Iames, and put Peter in prison. Actes 12. 1, 2, 3, 4. His horrible end. Acts 12. 23.

Also the sonne of this Herode, surnamed Agrippa the yonger, before whom Paul preached and pleaded. Acts 25. 13. and 26. 1.

The Herodians sent by the Pharises to tempt Christ. Matth. 22. 15, 16. 23.

Herodias, *idem.* Aristobulus daughter, whom Herode the Tetrarch married, being his brothers wife. Matth. 14. 3, 4. and Mar. 6. 17, 18.

Herodion. *Iunos song.* Rom. 16. 11.

Heshbon, *a number, or thought.* A citie of Sihon king of the Amorites. Num. 21. 26. Isa. 15. 4 Ier. 48. 2. — Hesbon

Heshmon, *a hastie message.* A citie. Iosh. 15. 27. — Hasmon

Hesron, *the arraie of my, or diuision of a song.* Sonne of Reuben, looke Hezron. Of him came ¶ Hesronites. Num. 26. 6. Also the sonne of Pharez, of whom came another family of Hesronites. Num. 26. 21. Also a city called Hazor. Iosh. 15. 25.

Heth, *feare, or astonied.* Canaans sonne. Gen. 10. 15. and 1. Chr. 1. 13. whole posteritie Rebekah forbiddeth Iaakob to marry withall. Gen. 27. 46. and 28. 1. Of him came the Hittites. Gen. 23. 3.

Hethlon, *a house to be feared.* Ezek. 47. 15. and 48. 1. — Ethalon

Heush, *looke* Hauah. 1. Chr 11. 3. — Hezekia

Hezekiah; *looke* Hiskiah. A godly king of Iudah. — Ezekias

2. Kings

2 King. 16. 20. & 17, 1. He breaketh downe the brasen Serpent. 2. King. 18. 4. He perileth vnto Sanctherib. 2. King. 8, 13, to 17. Hee sendeth to Iſai the Prophet, concerning Sanctherib. 2. King. 19. 2. Iſa. 37. 2. He obtaineth of God victorie againſt Sanctherib. 2. king. 19. 14. to 35. 2 Chr. 32. 20. Iſa. 37. 15, to 36. He receiueth preſents from the king of Babel. 2. King. 20 12. and is reproued therefore, and for ſhewing his Ambaſſadours his treaſures. Iſa. 39. 1, to 8.

Hezekiah being ſicke vnto death, receiueth a ſigne of his recouerie. 2. King. 20. 1, to 12. & 2. Chron. 32. 24. Iſa. 38. 1, to 10. His prayer. Iſa. 38. 10.* He reckoneth all things which his predeceſſors had taken out of the Temple, and eſtabliſheth pure religion among his people. 2. Chron. 29. 2, 3.* His exhortation to the Leuites. 2. Chro. 29. 5, to 12. The Paſſeouer kept at his commandement. 2. Chron. 30. 1, to 14. Hee prayeth for the people which were not ſanctified. 2 Chr. 30. 18.

Hezekiah ordeineth Prieſts and Leuites to ſerue in the Temple, and appointeth for their maintenance. 2. Chr. 31. 2, 3, 4. He exhorteth the people to put their truſt in God. 2. Chr. 32. 7, 8. He dieth 2. King. 20. 21. and 2. Chr. 32. 33. Hee is praiſed. 2. King. 18. 3, to 9. 2. Chr. 29. 2. Eccius. 48. 17.*

Hizciiah — Hezekiiah. *idem.* the ſonne of Neriah. 1. Chr. 3. 23.

Hezir *a hog, or conuerted.* 1. Chr. 24. 15. Neh. 10. 20.

Aſari. Eſri. Hezrai. *an entrie, or hay.* 2. Sam. 23. 35.

Hezro. *idem* 1. Chr. 11. 37.

Hezron. Hezron, as Hefron. Gen. 46 9, 12. Joſh. 15. 3.

Heddai Hiddai *a praiſe, or a crie.* 2. Sam. 23. 30.

Hidekel Hiddekel, *a ſharpe voice.* a riuer called alſo Tigris. which inuironeth Meſopotamis, whoſe chiefe force beginneth in the region of the greater Armenia. Gen. 2, 14. Dan. 10. 4.

Hieropolis. *a holy, or ſacred citie.* Col 4. 13.

Hiel. *the Lord liueth, or the life of God.* He that reedified Jericho. 1. Kin. 16. 34.

Hilen. as Helon, looke Holon.

Elkia Helchia Helkiah — Hilkiah. *the Lords gentleneſſe.* Eliakims father. 2. Kin. 18. 18. Iſa. 22. 20. Alſo a mans name. Neh. 1. 21. Alſo a Prieſt. 2. King. 22. 4 Alſo Jeremiahs father. Jer 1. 1. Alſo the ſonne of Shallum. 1. Chr. 6. 13.

Helkia — Hilkiah. *idem.* A Prieſt. Neh. 12. 7.

Hellel — Hillel, *praiſing, or foolſhneſſe.* The father of Abdon Iudge of Iſrael. Iudg. 12. 13.

Hymenæus — Himenæus, *a wedding ſong.* An enemie vnto Paul, & therefore by him deliuered vnto Satan. 1. Tim. 1. 20.

Hinne — Hin. A meaſure of moiſt things. Exod. 29. 40. Ezek. 45. 24.

Hiras Huram — Hirah. *libertie, or anger.* Gen. 38. 1.

Hiram. *the height of life.* A king of Tyrus that ſent Dauid timber and workemen for to build his houſe. 2. Sam. 5. 11. whome alſo Salomon vſed to the building of the Temple. 1. Kin. 5. 1.* & 2. Chr. 2. 3. & 1. Kin. 9. 11, to 15. Alſo a cunning workeman, who wrought all Salomons worke of braſſe. 1. Kin. 7. 13.*

Hircanus. *the poſſeſſor of a cuie.* A noble mans name. 2. Mac. 3. 11.

Hethites Chittites — Hittites. *broke aſunder, or aſtonying.* a people deſcended of Heth. Gen. 15. 20 looke Heth. God commandeth them to be vtterly deſtroyed. Deut. 20. 17. They became tributaries vnto Salomon. 1. Kin 9. 20, 21.

Heui Hiuites Heuites — Hui. *liuing, or declaring.* The ſonne of Canaan. Ge. 10. 17. Of him came the Hiuites. 1. Chr. 1. 15. They are ſlaine by the Iſraelites. Joſh. 11. 19, 20. as God commanded. Deut. 20. 17. The remnant became tributaries. 1. Kin. 9. 20.

Hezeki Hezekiah Ezekias Hizciiah — Hizkiah. *ſtrong, or apprehending.* 1. Chr 8. 17.

Hizkiah. *the ſtrength of the Lord.* Mens names. Ezra 2. 16. Zeph. 1. 1.

Hizkiiah. *idem.* A mans name. Neh. 10. 17.

Alſo a king of Iudah. 1. Kin. 18. 1. looke Hezekiah.

Hobab. *beloued.* The ſonne of Reuel, father in law to Moſes, who refuſed to go with Moſes into the land of promiſe. Num. 10. 29, 30. looke more Iudges 1. 16. and 4. 11. and 1. Sam. 15. 6 Jer. 35. 2. — Obab

Hobah. *a biding.* A place whither Abram purſued the foure kings, which had taken Lot priſoner. Gen. 14. 15, 16. — Hoba

Hod, *praiſe, or confeſſion.* 1. Chr. 7. 37.

Hodaiah. *the praiſe of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 3. 24. — Hadaiia

Hodaniah. *idem.* 1. Chr. 5. 24. and 9 7. — Hodania

Hodeſh. *a table, or newes.* One of Shaharaims wiues. 1. Chr. 8. 9. — Hodes

Hodiah. *the praiſe of the Lord.* 1. Chron. 4. 19. Neh. 10. 13. — Hodia Hodiiah

Hodiiah. *idem.* Neh. 5. 9. and 10. 10. — Hodia

Hoglah. *pleaſantneſſe, or his compaſſion.* One of Zelophehads daughters Num. 26 33. & 27. 1. & 36. 11. — Hagla

Hoham. *woe be to them.* King of Hebron. Joſh. 10. 3.

Holon, as Helon. A citie. Joſh 21. 15. Jere. 48. 21. called Hilen. 1. Chr 6 58. — Helon

Holmadam. *God of their garment* Luke 3. 28. called Amon. Matth 1. 10. — Elmodam

Homam, looke Hemam.

Homer. A kinde of meaſure. Leuit. 27 16. Eze. 45. 11. called Omer. Exod. 16. 32, 33, 36. — Gomer

Hophni. *a fiſt, or a little fiſt.* One of the ſons of Eli. 1. Sam. 1. 3. who with his brother Phineas abuſed the prieſthood. 1. Sam. 2. 13, to 18. God foreſheweth their deaths. 1. Sa. 2. 34. as came to paſſe. 1. Sa. 4. 4, to 12. — Haphni Ophni

Hor *a hill, or ſhewing.* A mount Nu. 20. 22. & 33. 38.

Horam *their hill.* King of Gezer. Joſh 10. 33.

Horeb. *all alone, or forſaken.* A mountaine called alſo Sinai. Exod. 3. 1. Deut. 1. 2. whither Elijah fledde from Jezebel. 1. King. 19. 8. — Chorebah

Horem. *an offering dedicated to God.* A citie. Joſh. 19. 38.

Hor-gagidgad. *the hill of felicitie.* A place. Numb. 33. 32, 33. — Horgadgad

Hori. *a prince, chiefe or free borne.* Lotans ſonne. Gene. 36. 22. 1. Chron. 1. 39. Alſo Shaphats father. Num. 13. 6.

Horites. *idem.* A people Gen. 14. 6. and 36. 20, 21. — Horims *princes, or being angry.* giants which Eſaus poſteritie chaſed from mount Seir. Deut. 2. 12, 22.

Hormah. *dedicated, or conſecrated.* A citie. Numb. 14. 45. and 21. 3. Judg 1. 17. — Horma

Horonaim. *angers, or ragings.* A citie of the Moabites. Iſa. 15. 5.

Horonite. *anger.* Nehe. 2. 10, 19.

Hoſa. *truſting, or hauing ſure confidence.* 1. Chr 16. 38 & 26. 10, 11. alſo a citie Joſh. 19. 29. & 1. Chr. 26. 16. — Hoſhah Hoſah Hozah

Hoſanna. *Saue I pray thee, or keepe. or preſerue I beſeech thee, or giue ſaluation.* Pſal. 118. 25. This prayer the people applied to Chriſt, at his laſt entrie into Jeruſalem. Mat. 21. 9. Mar. 11. 9, 10. — Hoſhiah-na

Hoſea, looke Hoſhea. A Prophet. Hoſ. 1. 1. By taking a wife of fornications, hee ſheweth the people of Iſrael their idolatrie. Hoſe. 1. 2. — Oſee

Hoſhai h. *the ſaluation of the Lord.* Jezaniahs father. Jer. 42. 1. alſo a mans name. Neh. 12. 32. — Oſiah Hoſhaiah

Hoſhama. *heard, or he obeying.* 1. Chr. 3. 18. — Hoſaiah

Hoſhea. *ſaluation, or a ſauiour.* The ſonne of Nun. Deu. 32. 44. looke Joſhua. Alſo a king who ſlewe Pekah ſonne to Remaliah traiterouſly, & reigned in his ſtead. 2. Kings 15. 30. and crauing ayde of So king of Egypt, was impriſoned, and his kingdome tranſported to the Aſſyrians. 2. King. 17. 3, 4. — Hoſea

Hotham. *a ſeale.* The ſonne of Heber. 1. Chr. 7. 31.

Hothir. *excelling, or remaining.* The ſonne of Heman. 1. Chr. 25. 4.

Hoziel Hoziel. *seeing God.* 1. Chr. 23. 9.

Hukok Hukok. *an engraver, a scribe, or lawyer.* A citie. 1. Chr. 6. 75.

Hul. *sorow, infirmitie, or sand.* The sonne of Aram. Gen. 10. 23.

Hulda Huldah. *the world, circle of the world, or west.* A prophetesse, wife to Shallum. 2. Kin. 22. 14. to whom king Iosiah sent for counsell 2. Chr. 34. 21, to 29.

Hupham. *their chamber, or banke.* Beniamins sonne, of whom came the Huphamites. Numb. 26. 39. called Huppim. Gen. 46. 21. 1. Chr. 7. 12, 15.

Huppa Huppah. *a chamber couer, or banke.* 1. Chr. 24. 13.

Huppim. *a chamber, couered, or the sea shore:* looke Hupham.

Hur *libertie, or prince, or whitenesse.* Iudahs sonne. 1. Chr. 4. 1. called Onan. Gen. 38. 4 and 46. 12. and 1. Chron. 2. 3. Also Ephrathah eloeft sonne. 1. Chron. 2. 19, 20. and 4. 4. Who with Aaron stayed vp the handes of Moses vntil Amalek was discomfited. Exo. 17 12. and 31. 1. Moses in his ablence, committed matters to be decided by Aaron and him. Exod. 24. 12. Also one of the kings of Midian whom the Israelites slew. Num. 31. 8.

Huram *their libertie, their whitenesse, or their holes.* The sonne of Bela. 1. Chr. 8. 5. looke Hiram.

Huri *being angry, libertie, whitenesse, or a hole.* The sonne of Abihail. 1. Chr. 5. 14.

Husa. Ousa Hushah. *hasting, or holding peace.* The sonne of Ezer. 1. Chr. 4. 4.

Husai Hushai *a meaning, or hasting* A friend of Dauids. 2. Sa. 15. 32 He confoundeth the counsel of Ahitophel. 2 Sam. 17. 5, to 15. He sendeth to Dauid to shew him what was done therein. 2 Sam 17. 15 to 23. He beareth Dauid tidings of Absalomes death. 2. Sam. 18. 21 Also the father of Baanah. 1. Kin. 4. 16.

Husam Husham. *their hasting, or their silence.* The third king that reigned in Edom. Gen 36. 34. 1. Chr. 1. 45.

Husathite Hushathite. *hasting, holding peace, or sanctuaries.* A kinred descended of Hushah. 1. Chr. 4. 4. and 27. 11. Num. 26. 20.

Husim Hushim. *idem.* Dans sonne. Gen. 46. 23. Also one of the wiues of Shaharaim. 1. Chr. 8. 8.

Huzab Huzzab. *A streetes, or populous.* Num. 22. 39.

Huzzah. A Queene of the Assyrians. Nah. 2. 7.

Iadason Hydaspes *the knowledge of a sheep, or knowledge of change.* A riuer Iudæa. 1. 6.

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Iakob Iaakob. *a supplanter, or deceiuer, the heele, or the footstep.* The sonne of Isaak. Gen. 25. 26. His nativitie. Gen. 25 26. A plaine man. Gen. 25. 27. He bureth Esaus birthright for red pottage. Gen. 25. 31. He stealeth from Esau his blessing by his mothers subtiltie. Gen. 27. 18. He is blessed of Isaak. Gen. 27. 28. Esau interpreteth his name. Gen. 27. 36. Rebekah maketh him to flee to Haran. Gen 27 43. Isaak foretelleth how great a people should come of him. Genes. 28. 3 4. He goeth to Haran. Gen 28 10 His dreame of a ladder. Gen. 28. 12. Kissing Rahel he wept. Ge. 29. 11. Her serued seuen yeeres for her. Gene. 29. 18, 20. The yeeres ended, he asketh his wife of Laban, and Leah is giuen vnto him. Gen 26. 21, to 27. He serueth other seuen yeeres for her. Gen. 29. 27, 28. He loueth her more then Leah. Gen. 29. 30. He telleth Laban what his wages shall bee. Gene. 30 32. He came but with a staffe to Laban. Gen. 32. 10. but after became very rich. Gen 30. 43. Labans sonnes murmure against him. Gen. 31. 1. He fleeth by Gods commandement from Laban and is pursued. Gen. 31. 13, to 24. Laban is commanded of God not to speake ought saue good vnto Iaakob Gen. 31. 24 They sweth, bee chid with Laban. Gen 31. 36, to 42. Hee erecteth a pillar as a couenant betweene him and Laban. Gen. 31. 44, 45. He offereth sacrifice vnto God vpon mount Gilead. Gen. 31. 54. Going forth on his iourney hee is met by Angels. Gen. 32. 1.

Iaakob sendeth messengers before to pacifie his brother Esau. Gen. 32. 3, 4, 5. He is afraid of Esau. Gen. 32. 7. His prayer for deliuerance out of danger. Gen. 32. 9, to 13. Wrestling with the Angel he preuaileth, to the end he might vnderstand, that hee should asswage his brothers wrath Gen. 32. 24, 25.

Iaakob is called Israel, and why. Gene. 32. 28. and 35 10 He erecteth an altar vnto the Lord at Shechē. Gen. 33. 20. He reproueth his children for slaying the Shechemites. Gene. 34. 30. Hee commandeth his familie to put away the strange gods. Gene. 35. 2. God promiseth him great posteritie. Gene. 35. 11. He buildeth an altar at Beth-el. Gen. 35. 1, 14, 15. Hee commeth to Isaak vnto Hebron. Gene. 35. 27. His children. Gen. 35. 23, to 27. and 36. 8, to 28. and Exod. 1. 2, to 6.

Iaakob dwelt in the land of Canaan. Genes. 37. 1. He rebuketh Ioseph for his dreames before his brethren, but noteth them secretly. Gene 37. 10, 11. Hee sendeth his ten children into Egypt for corne. Gene. 42. 1, 2, 3. He reioiceth that he should see Ioseph. Gen. 45. 28. God comforteth him. Gen. 46. 2.

Iaakob and his familie goeth into Egypt. Gen. 46. 6, 7. Acts 7. 14. He is asked of Pharaoh his age. Gen. 47. 8. He willeth to be buried with his fathers. Gene. 47. 30. Being sicke, he calleth to minde Gods promises, and blesseth Iosephs children. Gene. 48. 1, to 21. Hee foretelleth the Israelites deliuerance out of Egypt. Gen. 48. 21.

Iaakob blesseth his children, and foreshweth them things to come. Gen. 49. 1. He being 147. yeere old, died. Gen. 47. 28. and 49. 33. was buried in Canaan. Gen. 49. 29, to 32. and 50. 1, to 14. is praised. Eccius. 44. 23, 24. Before his birth God loued him. Rom. 9. 13. His faith. Heb. 11. 21.

Our election by the onely free grace of God confirmed by Gods calling Iaakob, & refusing Esau. Rom. 9. 11, 13. Gala. 1. 2, 3. and that also we ought to trust in God onely. Psal. 12. 1.

Iaakobah. *idem.* 1. Chr. 4. 36. Iaakoba

Iaakan. *tribulation, labour, or violently taking away possession.* 1 Chr. 1. 42. Deut. 10. 6. Iakan

Iaala. *ascending, a little Doe, or little goate.* Nehe. 7. 58. Ezra 2. 56. Iaeon

Iaalam. *hid, or heire, or little goate.* Gen 36. 5. Iabala

Iaami. *answering, afflicting, or making poore.* 1. Chr. 5. 12. Iaalah

Iaareshiah. *a little bed, the bed of the Lorde, or the Lord hath taken away peuertie.* 1. Chr. 8 27. Ialam

Iaasu. *doing, or my doer.* Ezra 10. 37. Ianai

Iahsiel *Gods work, or the doing of God.* 1. Chr. 12. 47 Iaresiah

Iaazaniah. *the nourishment of the Lord, or the weapons of the Lord.* Jeremiahs sonne Iere. 35. 3. Also the sonne of Azur. Eze. 11. 1. Iasi

Iaazer. *a helper, or aider.* A citie. Numb. 21. 32. 1. Chr. 6. 81. Isa. 15. 8. Iahel

Iaaziah. *the strength of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 24. 26. Iaazer

Iaaziel *the strength of God.* 1. Chr. 15. 18. Iaazia

Iabal. *falling away, or bringing, or building, or a cheeke.* Lamechs sonne by Adah: father of such as dwell in tents, and such as haue cattel. Gen. 4. 20 Iaziel

Iabbok. *a making emptie, a scattering, or a wrestling.* A foord Gen. 32 2 2 Deu. 22. 37. Iobel

Iabesh. *drought or confusion.* The father of Shallum. 2. King. 15. 10. Of him the citie Iabesh Gilead tooke name. Iudg. 21. 8 1. Sam 31. 11. The inhabitants were smitten, and why. Iudg 21. 10. 400 maides of Iabel

Iabeth-

Iabes-galaad Iabesh-gilead returned to giue vnto the Beniamites to wife. Iudges 21.12.

Iabes Iabez. *sadnesse, sorow, or griefe.* The name of a citie, and of a man 1.Chro.2.55. and 4.10.

Iabin. *vnderstanding, or building* king of Hazor, who Iosh. slew. Iosh 11.1,10. Another of Hazor, of y former Iabins linage, who oppressed the Israelites twenty yeres. Iudg.4.2,3 slaine by Barak. Iudg.4.23,24

Iabneel Iabneel. *Gods building, or vnderstanding.* a citie of Iudah. Iosh.15.11. and 19.33.

Iabne

Iachan Iabneh. *building, or vnderstanding.* a city. 2.Chr.26.6

Iacan. *wearying out, or pressing* 1.Chr.5.13.

Iachin. *preparing, or stabulity.* The sonne of Simeon. Gen.46.10. of whom came the Iachinites. Num.26.12. Also a Priest. 1.Chr.10. Also one of the pillars which Salomō placed in the porch of the temple. 1.kin.7.21.

Iadan Iada. *knowing.* 1.Chro.2.28.

Iedaiah Iadiau. *his hand, or his confession.* Ezra 10.43.

Iedaa Iadiah. *knowing the Lord.* Ezra 2.36.& Nehe.7.39

Iaddua *knowen.* Nehe.12.11.

Iahel Iael. *a late Doe, or Goate, or ascending.* The wife of Heber, who slew Sisera. Iudg.4.21.

Iagar. *a husbandman, or stranger, or fearing, or gathering together.* a city of Iudah. Iosh.15.21.

Iahallel Iahaleel *euerlasting.* A name of God Psal.68.4.

Ialoleel Iahalleli. *praising God, or the clearnesse, or light of God.* The father of Ziph. 1.Chr.4.16.

Ichaleleel Iahath. *broken in pieces, or fearing,* or in the Syrian tongue. *descending.* The sonne of Gershom. 1.Chr.6.20,43. Also Benaiahs sonne. 1.Chr.4.2 Also an ouerseer of the worke of the Temple. 2.Chr.34.12.

Iaza Iahaz. *brawling, or striffe.* a place where Siton by the Israelites was discomfited. Deut.2.32.

Iahasa Iahazah. *scoulding, or contention, or the ende of the Lord.* a citie. Iosh 13.18. and 21.36.

Iahasia Iahaziah. *the vision of the Lord.* Ezra.10.15.

Iahseel Iahaziel *God hasteth, or diuideth.* Sonne to Naphtali. Gen.46.24. and 1.Chr.7.13. of whome came the Iahzeelites. Num.26.48.

Iahzeel

Iasiel Iahaziel. *seeing God.* The name of certaine men. 1. Chr.16.6. and 23.19. and 24.23. Ezra.8.5.

Asael

Iahasiel Iahdiel. *Gods vnity, Gods ioy, or Gods sharpnesse, or after the Syrian & Hebrue, Gods reuiuing.* 1.Ch.5.24

Ieddo Iahdo. *I alone, or I one, or his ioy, or his sharpnesse of wit, or* in the Syrian tongue, *his newnesse.* the sonne of Buz. 1.Chro.5.14.

Iabelel Iahehel. *waiting for God, or beseeching God, or hope in God, or beginning in God.* Sonne of Zebulun. Gen. 46.14. Of whom came the Iahleelites. Num.26.26.

Achoel

Iahiel

Iahleel

Iamai Iahmai. *warme, or making warme.* The sonne of Tola. 1.Chro 7.2.

Iemai

Iasa. Izza Iahor. *idem* as Iahaz. Num.21.23.

Iassa Iahzah. a citie. 1.Chr.6.78.

Iacinus Iahziel looke Iahaziel. and 1.Chr.7.13.

Iair. *illuminated, or lightned, a riuer, or the running water of the riuer.* Sonne of Segub. 1.Chr.2.22. Also the sonne of Manasseh. Deut.3.14. Numb.32.41. of whom came the Iairites, 2.Sam.20.26. Also a Iudge in Israel. Iudges 10.3.

Iairus. *idem* as Iair. a ruler of the Synagogue. Mat. 5.22. whose daughter Christ raised from death. Mat. 9.18,19,23.24,25. Mark. 5.35.* Luke 8.41,42,49.*

Iacim Iakim *rising, or confirming, or establishing.* 1.Chr.8. 19. and 24.12.

Ialon *tarying or murmuring.* 1.Chr.4.17.

Iambri. *rebellious, or waxing bitter, or changing.* 1. Mac.9 36,37.

Iambres Iambres. *a rebell, bitter, or changing.* and after the Hebrew, *the sea with pouertie or want.* He that with Iannes withstood Moses. 2.Tim. 3.8. Exod.7.11,12, 22. and 8.7,18,19.

Iames. *a supplanter, or maintainer.* Sonne of Zebedeus, who with his brother Iohn, were called from being fishermen, to be Apostles. Matth.4.21,22.& 10.3. Mar.1 19,20. Luk.5.10,11. and 6.14. Christ called them *boanerges* Marke 3.17. They were with Christ many times. Matth.26 37. Mar.1.29.& 5.37.& 9.2.& 13.3. and 14.33. Luk.9.28. They require a request of him. Mar.10.35. and Christ rebuketh them, and why. Lu.9.54,55,56, Iames saw Christ after his resurrection. 1.Cor.15.7. He was put to death by Herode. Acres 12.2. Also the name of the sonne Alpheus an other Apostle. Matt.10.2. Mar.3.18. Luke 6,15. He wrote a general Epistle vnto the Iewes. Iam.1.1.&c. and was superintendent of the Church of Ierusalem. Acres 15.13, to 22. and 21.18.

Iamin. *right hand, or Southwinde.* Simeons sonne. Gen.46.10. Of him came the Iaminites. Num.26.12. Also other mens names. 1.Chro.2.27. and Nehe.8.7.

Iemuel

Iemlech Iamlech. *reigning, or after the Syrian speech, asking counsell.* 1.Chro.4.34.

Iamnites. *building, or vnderstanding.* citizens of Iamnia. 2. Mac.12.8,9,40. and 1.Mac.10.69. and 15.40.

Iamuel. *God is his day, or the sea of God.* Sonne of Simeon Gen.46.10. Exod.6.15.

Ianne Ianna. *answering, beginning to speake, afflicted, billed, or poore.* The father of Melchi. Luke 3.24.

Iannes. *idem.* One of Pharaohs enchanters. looke Iambres.

Ianoah Ianonah. *resting, tarying, or deriuing.* a citie of Ephraim. Iosh.16.6.

Ianohah

Ianum. *sleeping.* a citie. Iosh.15.53.

Iaphes Iapheth *enlarged, or faire, or perswading, or enticing* sonne of Noah. Gen.5.32. He is diuided of his father. Gen.9.27. His children. Gen.10.2, to 6.& 1.Chr.1.5,6,7

Iaphie Iaphia. *making fee, appearing, or lightning.* Sonne of Dauid. 2.Sam 5 15. and 1.Chro.3 7. Also a mans name. Iosh.10.3 Also a citie. Iosh.19.12.

Iephia

Iapia

Iephlet Iaphlet. *deliuered, or banished.* 1.Chr.7.32.

Iaphleti. *idem.* Ieth. 16.3.

Ioppe Iapho. *fairenesse, or comlinesse.* The name of both a hauen, & city. Iosh.19.46.& 2.Chro.2.16. called Ioppa. Ac.10.5,8.& 11.5. The Barbarians now cal it Sappho.

Iabra Israh. *a wood, a bony combe, making bare, powring out, watching diligently.* Sonne of Ahaz. 1.Chr.9.42.

Iara Iareb. *a reuenger.* King of Assur. Hose 5.13.

Iared, looke Iered.

Iarephel. *health of God, medicine of God, or God letting loose.* a citie. Iosh.18.27.

Ierimoth Iasha. *the moone, or table, or a sweet smel.* 1.Chr.2.34.

Iarib. *fighting, chiding, multiplying, or auenging.* Sonne of Simeon. 1.Chro.4.24. Also a Priest Ezra 10.18.

Iarmuth. *fearing death, or seeing death, or throwing downe of death* a citie, ouer the which Piram was king. Iosh.10.3. looke Iosh.15.35. and 21.29.

Iasen Iashen. *ancient, or sleeping.* 2.Sam.23.32.

Iasher. *righteous.* Iosh.10.13. and 2.Sam.1.18.

Iosebeam Iashobeam *the people sitting, the controuersie of the people, or the captiuity of the people.* A valiant man of Dauids. 1.Chro.11.11. Also mens names. 1.Chro. 12.6. and 27.2.

Iosebeam

Iasub Iashub. *a returning, a controuersie, or a dwelling place.* The sonne of Issachar. 1.Chro.7.1. called Iob. Gen.46.13. Of whom came the Iashubites Num.26. 24. Also a mans name. Ezra 10.29.

Iasubilchem Iashubi-lehem. 1.Chr.4.22.

Iason. *healing.* The sonne of Eleazer. 1.Mac.8.17. Also the brother of Onias, who laboured by vnlawfull meanes to be high Priest. 2.Mac 4.7,8. He slewe his owne citizens, and returned with shame into his countrey. 2.Mac.5.6,7,to 11. Also a Cyrenian, whose fiue

bookes were abridged into one volume. 2. Mac. 2. 23. Also he whose house was assaulted, for ỹ he had receiued Paul & other brethren into his house. Ac. 17. 5, to 9

Iasper. A precious stone. Exod. 28. 20. Reuel. 21. 19.

Iahniel. *a gift of God.* The fourth sonne of Methelemiah. 1. Chro. 26. 2.

Iathir. *a remnant, or excellent.* A citie. Iosh. 15. 48. and 21. 14. and 1 Chr. 6 57.

Ithri, Ithro, Ithron. *idem.*

Iouan. *making sad.* Sonne of Iapheth. Gene. 10, 2. and 1. Chro. 1. 5. His sonnes. Gen. 10. 4. & 1. Chr. 1. 7. Also Greece. Isa. 66. 19. looke Grecia.

Iazer. *an aide, or helper.* A land. Num. 32. 1, 3. Also a citie. Num. 32. 35. Iosh. 21. 39.

Izziel. *the strength of God.* 1. Chr. 15. 18.

Iaziz. *brightnesse, or* in the Syrian tongue, *a departing.* 1. Chr. 27. 31.

¶ Ibhar. *chosen.* 2. Sam. 5. 15.

Ibleam. *the ancient of the people, or the people decreasing, or clapping them.* A city. Iosh. 17, 11.

Ibneiah, looke Iobamah.

Ibniiah. *idem.* The sonne of Reuel. 1 Chr. 9. 8.

Ibri. *passing ouer, or being angry, or being with yong.* 1. Chr. 23. 29.

Idzan. *the father of a target, or the target, or weapons of a father, or the father of coldnesse.* A Iudge of Israel. Iudges 12. 7, 8, 9.

¶ Ichabod. *where is glorie, or no glory, or wo vnto glorie.* The name of Phineas sonne. 1. Sam. 4. 21, 22. Ipho-ther to Ahiah. 1. Sam. 14. 3.

Iconium, *comming.* A citty of Cilicia. Actes 13. 51. where Paul preached. Actes 14. 1.

¶ Idolah. *the hand of slander, or an oth, or cursing: or* after the Hebrew and Syrian, *the hand of God.* A city. Iosh. 19. 15.

Idbash. *flowing with hony, or the hand of destruction.* 1. Chr. 4. 3.

Iddo. *his hand, his power, or his confession.* Mens names. 1. Chro. 6. 21. & 27. 21. looke Ieddo. Also a prophet. Zech. 1. 1. 1. kings 13. 2.

Idumeans. *red, earthly, or bloody.* A people descended of Edom. 1. Esd. 4. 50. looke Idom.

¶ Iearim. *a leape, or woods.* A mount. Iosh. 15. 10.

Ieaterai *searching out.* 1. Chr. 6. 21.

Ieberechiah. *speaking well of the Lord, or bowing the knee to the Lord.* Zacharias father. Isa. 8. 2.

Iebus. *a treading vnder foot, or a tumbling, or rolling, or a manger:* Ierusalem so called. Iudges 19 10. Also called of Chananeus sonne, Iebusi, that is to say, *troden vnder foote, tumbled, or mangers.* Iosh. 18. 16.

Iebusi. sonne to Canaan. Gen. 10. 16.

Iebusites *idem.* as Iebusi. Inhabitants of Iebus. Ge. 15. 21. whom God commaunded the Israelites to destroy. Deut. 20. 17. They could not vtterly destroy the Iebusites. Iosh. 15. 63. Dauid prouideth preferment vnto those that could smite them. 2. Sa. 5. 8. Salomon made them tributaries vnto him. 1. kings 9. 20, 21.

Iecamiah *the resurrection of the Lord, or the confirmation of the Lord, or the remengement of the Lord.* 1. Ch. 3. 18

Iecholiah. *the perfection of the Lord, or power of the Lord.* 2. kings 15. 2. and 2. Chr. 26. 3.

Ieconiah *stability of the Lord.* The sonne of Iehoiakim. 1. Chr. 3. 16. called also Iehoiachin. 2. kings 24. 6. was taken prisoner. 2. kings 24. 12. according to the prophecie. Iere. 22. 28. *and is called Coniah. Ier. 37. 1, 2 was exalted. 2. Kin. 25. 27. *Iere. 52. 31. *is called Matt. Luke 3. 27.

Iedaiah. *the hand of the Lord, or confessing the Lord.* 1. Chr. 4. 37.

Iedeiah. *one Lord, the ioy of the Lord, or* after the Hebrue & Syrian, *the renuing of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 24. 20,

Iediael. *the science of God, or knowledge of God.* 1. Chr. 26. 2.

Iedidiah. *beloued.* Iosiahs mother. 2. Kings 22. 1.

Iedidiah. *beloued of the Lord, or loning to the Lord,* 2. Sam. 12. 25.

Iedidi. *the knowledge of God, or the vnitie of God, or ioy of God: or* after the Hebrew and Syrian, *the renewing of God.* 1. Chr. 7. 6.

Iediiah. *the feare of the Lord, or vision of the Lord,* 1. Chr. 26. 31.

Iediuthun. *confessing his law, belonging to the law, or giuing praise.* A musician. 1. Chr. 16. 38., 42. and 9. 16

Iedo. *a witnesse, decked, passed ouer, or a praye.* 2. Chr. 9. 29. looke Iddo.

Iegar-sahadutha. in the Syrian, *the heape of witnesse.* Genes. 31, 47.

Iehaleel. *praysing God, or the clearenesse of God.* 1. Chr 4. 16. and 2. Chr. 29. 12.

Iehaziel. *seeing God, or the vision of God.* 1. Chr. 12. 4. and. 16. 6.

Iehdeiah. *together, onely the Lord, or ioy:* or after the Hebrew and Syrian, *one Lord.* 1. Chr. 27. 30.

Iehel. *God hath take away, or heaping vp.* Ez. 8. 13.

Iehezekel. *the strength of God.* 1. Chr. 24 16.

Iehiah. *the Lord liueth.* A porter for the Arke. 1. Chr. 15. 24.

Iehiel. *God liueth, God hath taken away, or God heaping vp.* 1. Chr. 15. 18. and 23. 8. and. 26. 21.

Ihrikiah. *the strength of the Lord, or the taking the Lord.* 2. Chr. 28. 12.

Iehoadah. *the congregatiõ of the Lord, the passing ouer of the Lord, the testimony of the Lord, the backing, or pray of the Lord.* or after the Hebrew & Syrian, *the taking away of the Lord.* Sonne of Ahaz. 1. Chr. 8. 36.

Iehoadan. *the pleasure, or delights of the Lord.* or after the Hebrue & Syrian, *the tome of the Lord.* Mother of Amaziah king of Iudah. 2. king. 2. 14. 2. Chron. 25. 1.

Iehoahas. *the taking of possession of the Lord, or the Lord seeing.* Iosiahs sonne. 2 kin. 23. 30. 2. Chr 36. 1. Depoled & carried captiue into Egypt, where he died 2. king. 23. 33. 2. Chr 36. 3. His captiuitie was foretwed. Ez. 19. 4. He is called Iohanan. 1. Chr. 3. 15. Also the sonne of Iehu king of Israel. 2. king. 10. 35. for his wickednesse deliuered into the handes of the Syrians. 2. kings 13. 1, 2, 3. and by prayer deliuered. 2. kings 13. 4, to 9.

Iehoash. *the fire of the Lord, or the offring of the Lord.* 2. kin. 11. 2. who became king of Iudah. 2. kin. 11. 21. & 12. 1. Preserued by Iehosheba, from being destroyed by Athaliah. 2. king. 11. 3. Hee is made king by Iehoiada. 2. kings. 11. 4. * He causeth the siluer of dedicated things to be imployed to the repairing of the Temple. 2 kin. 12. 2, to 17. & 2. Chr. 24. 2, to 14. After the death of Iehoiada, he became an idolater. 2. Chr. 24. 17, 18. He causeth Zechariah to be stoned to death for reproouing him. 2. Chron. 24. 20, to 23. He was slaine by his owne seruants. 2. kin. 12. 20 2. Chro. 24. 25, 26. He is called Simeon. Lu. 3. 30. Also Iehoahaz sonne, a wicked king of Israel. 2. kings 13. 10, 11. He discomfited three times Ben-hadad the sonne of Hazael. 2. kings 13. 25. He tooke Amaziah king of Iudah, brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, and spoyled the Temple. 2. King. 14. 13, 14. He dieth. 2. kings 14. 16.

Iehohanan, *the grace, mercie, or gift of the Lord.* A porter 1. Chro. 26. 3.

Iehoiachin. looke Ieconiah.

Iehoiada. *the knowlege of the Lord.* An high priest, who made a couenant with Iehoash ỹ king & his people in the Lords behalfe. 2. kin. 11. 17. looke Iehoash.

Iehoiakim. *the rising, auenging, or establishing of the Lord.* A name giuen to Eliakim the sonne of Iosiah. 2. king.

Iathan'el
Iahniel
Iether
Iathir
Iethrai
Ionia

Iasher
Iaaser
Iaser
Iazez

Iiblean
Ieblaam

Ibnia
Hebri

Abezan
Abesan

Iedalah
Iedala

Idbas
Iedebos
Iaddo
Addo Ieedo

Edomites

Iarim
Ieathrai
Iethrai
Barachi.h
Barachia

Iecamia
Iechonia
Iechoiia
Iechelia
Iecoliah
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Ioachim
Ioiada
Ioacim

2.King.23.34.& 24.Chr.36.4. 1.Esd.1.37. Hee rebelleth against Nebuchad-nezzar, and is taken prisoner. 2 King.24.1,to 7. 2.Chr.36.6,7,8. As was prophesied of. Jere.22.18,19. Dan.1,1,2. Woze of him. Jerem. 36.1.* He is called Jechi. Luke 3.28.

Ioiarib — Ioiarib Ioholarib, *the sighing, chiding, or multiplying of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 9.10.

Ionadab, looke Ionadab. A subtill man, who was friend to Amnō. 2.Sa.13.3,4,5. Also ye son of Rechab, who ioined with Iehu to destroy Idolatry. 2.Kin.10.15

Ionathan — Iehonathan, *the gift of the Lord, or the gift of a dove.* Sonne of Uzziah. 2.Chron.27.25. Also the sonne of Shimea. 1.Chr.20.7. Also Dauids vncle, a man of counsell and vnderstanding. 1.Chr.27.32.

Ioram — Iehoram, *the height of the Lord, or throwing downe of the Lord.* Son of Iehoshaphat king of Iuda. 1 kin. 22.50.& 2.kin.8.16,to 25.& 1.Chr.21.1.* Also Ahabs sonne, a wicked king. 2.King.3.1,2. who threatned to cut off Elisha his head. 2.King.6.31. Of his warre, and Ahaziahs with Hazael king of Aram. 2.King 8. 25.* both slaine by Iehu. 2.Kin.9.14,to 29.

Iosophat — Iehoshaphat. *the Lord is the iudge, or the iudgement of the Lord.* Sonne of Asa king of Iuda. 1.Kin.15.24 1.Chr.3.10. Matth.1.8. A vertuous king. 2.Chr.17. 3.* Who ioyned in affinitie with Ahab. 2.Chr.18.1. He seeketh counsell at the Prophet of God. 2.Chron. 18.6. and taketh his part. 1.king 22.8. He enquireth of Elisha what should happen vnto him. 2.kin.3.12,to 20. Crying vnto the Lord for aide against his enemies, he is heard. 2.Chr.18.31. He is reproued by the Prophet Iehu, for helping wicked Ahab. 2.Chr.19.2. Hee ordereth the iudges & ministers to doe their duetie. 2.Chr.19.6.* The Moabites & Ammonites warred against him. 2.Chr.20.1. His prayer. 1.Chr.20.6. He ioyneth in friendship vo Ahaziah, & is reproued for it by Eliezer. 2.Chr.20.35,36,37. He dieth. 2.Chr.21.1.

Iosibba — Iehosheba, looke Iothabeth.

Iosuah — Iehoshua. *the Lord, or saviour, or the Lords salvation.* Certaine mens names. 1.Chr.7.27. Hag.1.1. Zech. 3.1. looke Iesus.

Iosua — Iesus.

Iehoua — Iehouah *the Lord.* One of ye names of God. Ex.6.3.

Iehouah-iireh. *the Lord seeth, or will see, or the Lord provideth.* Gen.22.14.

Iehouah-nissi. *the Lord my banner.* Exod.7.15.

Iehouah-shalom. *the Lord of peace.* Iudg.6.24.

Iehosabad — Iehozabad. *hauing a downe, or the Lords downe.* Certaine mens names. 2.King.12.21. 1.Chr.26.4.

Iozabad — Iehozadak. *iust is the Lord, or the iustice of the Lord.* Gens names. 1.Chr.6.14. Hag.1.1.

Iehosedech — Iosedech

Iosedec — Iehu. *he, or he that is, or being.* A Prophet who prophesied against Baasha. 1.Kin.16.1,2,3,4. He anointed king Iehoshaphat. 2.Chr.19.2. Also a captaine who was anointed king of Israel by Elisha, to destroy the house of Ahab. 2.Kin.9.2,3,to 11.& 1.Kin.19.16, 17. He destroyeth Ioram, and Ahaziah. 2.Kin.9.14, to 29. and also Iezebel. 2.King.9.30.* He slayeth the 70. sonnes of Ahab. 2.King.10.7. and the 42. brethren of Ahaziah. 2.Kings 10.14. Seeming to sacrifice to Baal, he slew all Baals priests. 2.King.10.18,to 26. He destroyed Baal and his house, and caused it to be made a iakes. 2.Kings.10.26,27,28. God approueth Iehu his doings against the house of Ahab. 2.Kin.10. 30. Hee walked not in the law of God with all his heart. 2.King.10.31. Hee dieth. 2.Kings 10.35. The promise which God made vnto him. 2.Kings 10.30. was accomplished. 2.Kin.15.12.

Iehubba — Iehubbah. *an hiding, or beloued: or* in the Syrian tyre ach, *sinne, or binding.* 1 Chr.7.34.

Iehaba — Iehucal. *mighty, perfect, or wasted* Jer.37.3.

Iuchal — Iehud. *praising, or confessing.* A citie of Dan. Iosh. 19.45.

Iehudah — Iehudah. *confessing, or praise.* Iaakobs son by Leah. Gene.29.35. By whose counsel Ioseph was sold. Gen.37.26,27. Iudah marrieth Shuah a Canaanite. Genes.38.2. Hee committeth incest with Tamar his daughter in law. Gen.38.18. He confesseth his fault, and ingratitude towards her. Gen.38.26. He offereth himselfe to bee Iosephs bondman, that Beniamin might be returne to Iaakob. Gene.44.33. His children. Gen.46.12. He enioyeth the kingly honour and priuiledge of the first borne, which appertained vnto Reuben. Gen.49.4,8,to 12. His childrens portion. Ios.15. 1,2.* His posterity. 1.Chr.2.3.* & 3.1.* & 4.1.* The tribe of Iudah is made captaine for the warre, after the death of Ioshua. Iudg.1.2,3,4,to 22. They with other Israelites bringe Dauid vnto Ierusalem. 2. Sam.19.14,15.* They onely follow Dauid. 2.Sa.20 3. Their idolatry and wickednes. 1.Kin.14.22,23,24

Iehudi — Iehudi. *praising, or confessing.* Jer.36.14,21.

Iehudia — Iehudiah. *a praising, or confessing of the Lorde.* 1. Chr.4.18.

Iehus — Iehush. *keeping counsell, or after the Syrian, fighting.* 1.Chr.8.39.

Iehiel — Iehiel. *God hath taken away, or God keeping vp together.* 1.Chr.5.7.

Ichia — Ieiiah. *the Lord liueth.* 1.Chr.15.24.

Iecabzeel — Iekabzeel. *the congregation of God.* A citie. Nehe. 11.25.

Iecamia — Iekannah. *the Lord shall arise, the establishing, or vpholding of the Lord.* 1.Chron.2.41.

Iekamia — Iekamiam. *the people shall arise.* 1.Chr.23.19.

Iekdeam — Iekodeam. *the crookednes, or burning of the people.* A citie. Iosh.15.56.

Iekoniah — Iekoniah. *the prouision or stabilitie of the Lord.* Ezr. 2.6. looke Ieconiah.

Iecuthiel — Iekubiel. *the hope or congregation of God.* 1.Chr.4.18.

Iemima — Iemimah. Job 42.14.

Gemini — Iemini. *the right hand.* A land belonging to the tribe of Beniamin. 1.Sam.9.4.

Iemuel — Iemuel. *Gods day, or the sea of God.* Ge.46.10. Exo. 6.15.

Isphlet — Iephlet. *deliuered, or banished.* 1.Chr.7.32.

Iephte — Iephtah. Heb. 11.32. looke Iphtah.

Iephunne — Iephunneh. *beholding.* Num.13.7.& 1.Chr.7.38.

Iere — Ierah. *the moone, the moneth, or smelling sweete.* Gl. 10.26.

Ierameel — Ierahmeel. *the mercie of God, or after the Hebrewe or Syrian, the beloued of God.* Sonne of Hezron. 1. Chr.2.9. Of him came the Ierahmeelites. 1.Sam.27. 10. Also the sonne of Kish. 1.Chr.24.29. also the sonne of Hammelech. Jer.36.26.

Ierahmeelites — Ieramoth. and Ieremoth, and Ierimoth. *idem, as* Iarmuth. Mens names. Ezra.10.26,27,29. and 1.Chro. 7.7. and 12.5.

Ierimoth — Iered. *ruling, or comming downe.* The sonne of Mahalaleel. Gen.5.15. 1.Chr.1.2. Luke 3.37. Also the sonne of Ezra by Iehudiah. 1.Chr.4.18.

Iared — Iremai. *my height, or fearing, or throwing forth waters.* Ezra.10.33.

Iermai — Ieremiah, looke Izmeiah. Certaine mens names. 2. Kin.23.31. 1.Chr.5.24. Also a prophet: his flocke and wife her prophesied. Jere.1.1,2,3. God imboldeneth him to preach. Jer.1.7. He is forbidden to pray for the Iewes. Jer.11.14. He is persecuted. Jere.18.18. and 20.2. Being mocked for preaching, hee complaineth vnto God. Jere.20.7,8. Hee is taken of the Priestes, and accused before the gouernours, he answereth that hee had declared nothing but the word of God. Jere. 26.8,&c. He sendeth bonds to certaine kings, and admonisheth them to be subiect vnto Nebuchad-nezzar. Jere.27.3. Hee is taken going into the land of Beniamin. Jere.37.12,13. smitten and put in prison. Jer.

37.15,16. He is deliuered by Zedekiah, Ier. 37.17. He is cast into the dungeon. Ier. 38.4,5,6. Taken out a-gaine. Ier. 38.10,13,12,13. Ieremies of Nebuchad-nezzar. Ierem. 39.11,12. hauing leaue to go whither he would. Iere 40.4. dwelleth with the people which were left in Ierusalem, vnder Gedaliah. Ierec. 40.6. He admonisheth the residue of the people not to go into Egypt. Ier. 42.14,15.* He lamenteth king Iosiah. 2. Chr. 35.25.

Ieria
Ierian

Ierish. *the feare, vision, or throwing downe of the Lord.* 1. Chr 23.19.

Ierechai. *fighting, chiding, or multiplying.* 1. Chr. 11. 46.

Ierico

Iericho. *the moone, moneth, or his sweet smell.* A rich and faire citie of Beniamin, whither Iosiua sent spies. Num. 22.1. Iosh. 2.1. This people hauing leene the spies, were astonished. Iosh 2.11. God deliuereth Iericho into the handes of Iosiua, and how. Iosh. 6. 1.* The walles thereof fell downe by faith. Iosh. 6. 20. Heb. 11.30. Iosiua curseth those that should build it Iosh. 6.26. It is reedified by Hiel. 1. Kings 16.34. Elisha dwelt in it. 2. Kings 2.18.

Ieruel

Ierusel. *the feare, or vision of God* 1. Chr 7.2.

Ierimoth, looke Iaramoth.

Ieroth. *pannes, kettles, or cauldrons, or bowling out or breaking asunder.* 1. Chr. 2.18.

Ieroa
Iara

Ieroah. *making a sweet smell, breathing the moone, or the moneth* 1. Chr 5.14.

Ieroboham

Ieroboam. *fighting against, chiding, or increasing the people.* Sonne of Nebat. 1. King. 11.26. who rebelled against Salomon. 1. King. 11.27. Ten tribes promised by the Prophet to be giuen him. 1 King. 11.35. He fleeth from Salomon into Egypt. 1. King. 11.40. After his returne, he with the people, desireth Rehoboam to release them of the seruitude which they endured vnder his father. 1. King 12.3,4. He buildeth Sichem and Penuel. 1. King. 12.25. Not sticking vnto Gods promise, hee set vp two golden calues in Beth-el & Dan, causing the people to commit idolatrie. 1. King. 12.26.* and as he was sacrificing vnto them, was reproued by the Prophet Iuda. 1. King. 13.1,2,3. His hand which he stretched out against the Prophet dried vp, and restored againe. 1. King. 13.4,5. His threatning of signes could cause him leaue his wickednesse. 1. King. 13.33 For money he made priests of the vile places. 1. King. 13.33. He constituted priests for deuils, reiecting the Priests of the Lord. 2 Chron. 11.15. His wife is sent to the Prophet, to know if his sonne should recouer of his sicknesse. 1. King. 14.2,3. Vnto whom the destruction of her husband & his house is foreshewed, and the maner of the childs death to be a signe thereof. 1. King. 14.5 to 17. Ieroboam dieth, and Nadab his sonne succeedeth. 1. King. 14.20. His house is destroyed by Baasha, according to the word of the Lord. 1. King. 15 25, 26, 27. to 31. Reade Eccius. 47.23,24,25. Howe his sinne is condemned, looke 2 kin. 16.19,26. & 2. kin. 3. & 10.29. & 13.2. & 14 24. & 15.9. & 17.21. & 23.15.

Ieroboam

Against Ieroboam, reade Amos 7.11.

Also the sonne of Ioash a wicked king of Israel. 2. King. 13.12. & 14.23. by whom notwithstanding the Lord preserued Israel for his promise sake. 2. Kin. 14. 24 25, 26.27. He dieth, and Zacharias his sonne succeedeth. 2. Kin. 14.29.

Iehoram
Ioram

Ieroam. *high, mercifull, or after the Syrian, beloued.* Father of Elkanah 1. Sam 1.1. 1 Chr. 6.27, 34. also the father of Ihne-iah. 1. Chr 9.8.

Hieronymus
Ierome

Ieronymus. *a holy name.* A gouernour who [illegible] Timotheus, & troubled the Iewes. 2. Mac. 12.2.

Ierubbaal

Ierubbaal. *Let Baal auenge, or an idole ouercome.* looke Gideon.

Ieru-beseth

Ieru-beseth. *idem.* 2. Sam. 11.21.

Ieruel. *the feare of God, or the vision of God.* A wilderuesse. 2. Chr. 20.16.

Hierusalem

Ierusalem. *the vision of peace, or the perfect vision, or perfect feare.* The head cuite of Iudah, builded (as Lyranus on the 28 chap. of Genesis writeth) by Melchisedech, and called by him Salem, that is, *peaceable*, because hee was king of peace and iustice. Hebr. 7.1,2. Psa. 76.2. Other thinke it was first builded by Iebus sonne of Canaan, & called after his name. Gen. 10.16. Iosh. 18. 28. Eusebius saith it is called Hieron Salomonis, that is, Salomons Temple, and afterward by corruption Hierusalem. Called also Solyma, Luza, Bethel, Hierus, & last of all, Aelia, or Ælia (saith Volateran) of Helius Hadrianus Emperour, by whom it was repaired and enlarged. Sometime it consisted of two parts: the higher, with the Temple placed on the top of Sion, and called of the builder, the citie of Dauid: the lower ioyned to the Temple. 1. Chr. 11.4,5,6,7 8. It was in compasse about fiue miles and an halfe. Eusebius.

Ierusalem, called Bethel, and before Luz, wonne by the tribe of Iudah. Iudg. 1.21, 22, 23. The Temple in Ierusalem chosen of God for an habitation. 1. kin. 8, 13.* 2. Chr. 6.1, 2. Of the gates. Ezek. 48. 31. God threateneth it, and the inhabitants, destruction for contemning of his word, & preachers 2. kin. 21.12, 13, 14, 15. & 23.27. Ezek. 21. 2. Iere. 19.3. The burning of it signified by a vision. Ezek. 10 2. The vision of reuiuing of the citie and Temple. Ezek. 40.1,2.* The filthie thereof past, and the calamitie present. Ezek. 19, 10.* Of the destruction of it, and the women. Isa. 3.1, 17. After the destruction of it, there should scarce be left one man for vii. women. Isa. 4.1. Signed in heauen ouer it 2. Macc. 5 2. The captiuitie of it figured. Ezek. 3.25. God threateneth to deliuer it into the handes of the king of Babylon. Ierem. 34.1. and that it shalbe burned. Iere. 32.28, 29. Ezek 15 1. and 24.3.* Ierusalem besieged by Rezin and Pekah Isa. 7.1. The destruction of it prophesied. Isa. 22.1. & 29. 3. It is taken and burnt by the Caldeans. Ierem. 52. 7.* 2. Kin 24.14. and 25.8,9. 2 Chr. 36.6. to 19. according as was prophesied. Ierem. 34. 2. Why it was brought into captiuitie. Ierem. 22.9 God threatneth the Prophet the certaintie of Ierusalems destruction. Ezek. 23. 27.* The Iewes bewaile the destruction of Ierusalem. Psal. 79.1. Of the destruction and reedifying thereof. Dan. 9 25. Zech. 1.16.* & 12.2.* Who inhabited there after the reedifying. 1. Mac. 11.2. Antiochus made newe lawes in Ierusalem, forbidding the keeping of Gods lawes. 1. Macc. 1.43.* A complaint of the Church, vnder the figure of Ierusalem. Baruch 4.19. Ierusalem is moued to repent for the returne of her people, and vnder this figure the Church. Baruch 5 1.* The abominations of Ierusalem, notwithstanding Gods benefites. Ezek. 16.2,3.* Shee confesseth why she is iustly punished. Iere. 10 19.* Christ foretelleth howe she should die at Ierusalem. Luke 13.33. He rideth into Ierusalem vpon an asse. Matth. 21.1. He foretelleth her destruction: the maner, and why. Matth. 24. 16. Her commaundeth his Apostles not to depart from Ierusalem, but to waite for the holy Ghost which her had promised them. Luke 24. 49. Actes 1.4. Hee weepeth for Ierusalem Luke 13 34. and 19 41. Paul preached at Ierusalem Rom. 15 19. Paul commaunded to goe out of Ierusalem, and why. Acts 22.18. Of the new Ierusalem. Reuel. 3.12. The holy Ierusalem. Reuel 21. 10.* The celestiall Ierusalem, the mother of vs all, and the habitation of the Elect. Gal 4. 26. Heb. 11. 10. and 12.22. Psal. 122.3. Isa. 33.20. and 54.1.* and 65.19. Ezek. 16.3. Tob. 13. 16.* Baruch 5.1.*

Against

Against Ierusalem and the inhabitants therof, looke wo∫t. Iſa.1.3 5 1. * 8 8.1. * 34.1. * 65.12. Ier.4.3. & 7.3,4. * 21 3.9. * & 17.3,4. & 21 4. * & 23.12,8 25.1, & 32.& 38,18.& 39.1,to 9. Eze.4.1. * & 5.1 * & 23 2. * Zeph.3 1. Ierusalem was prophecied to be deſtroyed of the Romans. Dan. 9.26. Zech 14.1. * Mat. 23.37.& 24 15. Luke 13.34,35.& 19.43,44.& 20.16. & 21.6,24. Ioh.11.48. which came to paſſe, by Titus & Veſpaſian the 41. yeere after Chriſte aſcenſion, being from the incarnation of Chriſt 73 yeres, Ioſephus. Ierusalem put for the people inhabiting that city. Mat.3.5. Ierusalem called the citie of the great King. Mat.5.35. and the holy citie. Mat.4.5. and 27.52.

Ierusa
Ierushah — Ierusha. *poſſeſſion, or baniſhment.* The mother of Iotham. 2. kings 15.33. and 2. Chron. 27.1.

Ieſaiah
Ieſaias
Ieſaia
Eſaias
Eſaiah
Iſaiah
Iſay — Ieſhaiah. *the health, or ſaluation of the Lorde.* The name of certaine men. Ezra 8.7,19. 1. Chr. 3.21. and 25.3. and 26.25.

Also a Prophet. Iſai. 1.1. he foreſeeth Hezekiahs victory againſt Sanacherib 2. king. 19.6.7. he reneweth Hezekiah his ſickeneſſe, and his recouery. 2 kin. 20.1, to 12. he reproueth Hezekiah, for ſhewing the ambaſſadors of the king of Babel his treaſures. 2. kings 20. 14. to 19. Iſaiah ſeth the glory of God. Iſa. 6.1,3. he is ſent to the Iewes. Iſa. 6. & 9. Chriſt ſtanding vp to reade, had the booke of Iſaiah deliuered him. Luke 4. 16,17. Iſaiah is prayſed. Eccluſ. 48.23,24,25,26.

Ieſebeab
Iſbaab
Iaſer
Ieſiſai
Ieſeſi
Ieſimon
Iſhaia
Iſuaia
Ieſua
Ieſia
Iezia
Iſmiel — Iesheb'ar. *the ſitting, or captiuitie of the father.* 1. Chro. 24.13.

Iether. *right, ſinging, hauing a reward, or ruling.* 1. Chro. 2.18

Ieſhihai. *ancient, or reioycing exceedingly.* 1. Chro. 5.14.

Ieſimon. Num. 21.28.

Ieſhohaiah. *the Lord preſſing, or the meditation of God.* 1. Chr. 4.36.

Ieſhua. *a Sauiour.* 1. Chr. 24.11. looke Ieſus.

Ieſiah. *a diſtilling from the head of the Lorde, or a ſprinkling of the Lord.* Ezra. 10.25.

Ieſmael. *the hearing of God, or aſtoniedneſſe of God.* 2. Chr 4.36.

Ieſſe. Mat. 1.3 looke Iſhai.

Ieſus
Ieſhua — Ieſus, *a ſauiour, or the Lord a ſauiour, or the ſaluatio of the Lord.* The Meſſias, the ſon of God, borne of the virgin Marie. Matth. 1.20.21. Luke 1.31. Reuealed vnto the wiſe men. Mat. 2.1,2 Herods opinion of him Mat. 14.1,2. Mat. 6.14,16. Luke 9.7,8,9. hee would not haue his Apoſtles reueale openly that hee was Chriſt vntil our redemption was full finiſhed. Mat. 16. 20. Mar. 8.27. & 9.9. Luk. 9.21,36. the Centurion confeſſeth Ieſus, & they alſo that watched with him. Mat. 27.54. to acknowledge him, is the gift of God. Matth. 16 17 the lawe was giuen by Moſes, but grace and trueth came by Ieſus Chriſt. Ioh 1.17. Ieſus name is aboue euery name. Phil. 2.9,10,11. hee that confeſſeth that Ieſus is the ſon of God, in him dwelleth God and he in God. 1. Ioh. 4 15. to know the father to bee the onely very God, & whom he hath ſent Ieſus Chriſt, is life eternall. Ioh 17. 3. of Ieſus Chriſt the whole family in heauen and earth is named Ephe. 3.14,15. The teſtimony of Ieſus is the ſpirit of prophecy. Reu. 19.10. we ought to confeſſe the Lorde Ieſus with our mouth, and beleeue in heart. &c. Rom. 10.9,10. Looke Chriſt in the ſecond Table.

Iesus
Iehoshua
Ioshua — Also the name of the ſonne of Iozadak Zecha 3.1. * Eccluſ. 49 12. Ezra. 3.2. Hag. 1.12,14. & 2.2. looke Iehoshua and Ioshua. Alſo the ſon of Syrach the author of Eccleſiaſticus. Eccluſ. 50. 27. alſo Moſes ſucceſſor. Acts 7.45. Eccluſ. 46.1. Looke Ioshua. alſo one of Pauls workefellowes called Iuſtus. Col. 4.11.

Iether. *exceeding, remaining, or ſearching out diligently, or a ſmall rope.* Eldeſt ſonne of Gideon. Iudges 8. 20. alſo the ſonne of Ezra. 1. Chr. 4.17.

Iethreth *giuing.* Exo. 36.40.

Iethro. *idem* as Iether. Father in lawe of Moſes. Ex 3.1. who with Moſes wife and children came vnto him into the wilderneſſe of Sin. Exod. 18.1,2,3.

Iehuel
Iehus — Ietur. *an order, or keeping.* Gen. 25 15.

Ieuel. *God hath take away, or God heaping vp.* 1. ch. 9.6

Ieuſh. *a moth gnawen about, preſſing downe, or gathered together.* ſonne of Eliu. Geneſis 36.5. Alſo the ſonne of Billan. 1. Chr. 7.10. alſo the ſonne of Shimei. 1. Chr. 23.11.

Ieuz. *idem.* as Ieuſh. 1. Chr 8.10.

Ieus
Iudei — Iewes *prayſing, or confeſſing.* A people. Actes 2.5, looke in the ſecond Table, Iewes and Iſraelites.

Iezraiah. *the nouriſhment, or weapons of the Lorde.* Ierem 40 8. and 42 1.

Iezonias
Ieser
Hiezer
Hiezerites
Iezrel — Iezebel. looke Izebel.

Iezer. *the yſſue of helpe, or woe bee to helpe.* Sonne of Naphtali. Geneſis 46.24. alſo the ſonne of Gilead, of whom came the Iezerites. Num. 26.30.

Iezrel. *the ſprinkling of God, or the diſtilling downe from the head of God.* 1. Chr. 12.3.

Iezroar — Iezohar. *cleare, or white.* 1. Chr 4 7.

¶ Igal. *redeemed, or defiled.* The ſonne of Ioſeph. Num. 13 8. alſo Nathans ſonne. 2. Sam. 23.36.

Iegedaliah
Igal — Igdaliah. *the greatneſſe of the Lord.* Ierr. 35 4.

Igeal. *a redeemer, redeemed or defiled.* 1. Chr. 7.22.

Iegeal
Iebsam
Iebſem — ¶ Iibſam. *their draught, or their confuſio, or baſhfulneſſe.* 1. Chr. 7.2.

Iedlaph — Idlaph. *a diſtilling from the head, or the dropping of an houſe or after the Hebrew and Syrian, a hand ioyned together.* Gen. 22.22.

Iim-abarim
Ie-abarim — Iie-abarim. *heapes of Hebrewes, or paſſers ouer, or heapes of angry men, or toward men:* or after the Hebrew and Syrian, *heapes of wheate.* Num. 33.44.

Wilde cats
Imna
Imnah
Iamna — Iim. *idem.* Num. 33.45. and Ioſh. 15.29.

Iim. Iſa. 13.22

Iimn. *a forbidding, or let, or troubled ſea.* 1. Chr. 7.35.

Aion
Hion — Iimnah. *the right hād, nibring, or preparing:* or after the Syrian. *appointing.* Son of Aſher. Ge. 46. 17. and 1. Chr. 7.30. of whom came the Iimnites. Num. 26.44.

Iephtah
Iephthe
Iephthahel
Iephthahel
Iekes
Acces
Icmla — Iion. *a beholding, a fountaine, or eye,* A citty, north from Iordan. 2. kings 15.29. and 1. kings 15.20. and 2. Chr. 16.4.

Iiphtah. *opening.* A city in Iudah. Ioſhua. 15.43.

Iiphta-el. *God opening.* A valley which bounderh the tribe of Zebulun. Ioſhua 19.14,27.

¶ Ikkeſh *froward, or wicked.* 1. Chr. 11.28. & 27.9.

¶ Illyricum. *a making merry.* A countrey adioyning vnto Italie. Rom. 15.19.

Imla
Imlah — ¶ Imla. or Imlah. *a repleniſhing, or circumciſion.* 2. Chr. 18.7. and 1. Kings 22.8.

Immanuel
Emmanuel
Emmer
Iamra — Immanuel. *God with vs.* A name of the Meſſias Iſa. 7.14 and 8.8. Matth. 1.23.

Immer. *ſaying, or ſpeaking:* or after the Syrian, *a lambe.* 1. Chr. 9.12. Ezra. 2.37. 59. Ierr. 20 1.

Amri
Omrai — Imrah. *a rebel waxing bitter, or changing.* The ſonne of Zophah. 1 Chr. 7 36.

Inri. *ſaying, or ſpeaking, exalting, or bitter,* or after the Syrian. *a lambe.* 1. Chr. 9 4 Nehe. 3 2.

¶ India in Hebrew Hodu is *a praiſing, or confeſſion, or comely or fine.* a large country & rich containing the third part of Aſia as Oneſicritus thinketh, lying on the south part of the weſtn Hetrok reade Strab. lib. 15. and Plin lib. 6. cap. 16. it is mentioned. Eſter. 1. 1.

Iobab
Iobab — Iob. *willing, or voluntary, or fatherhood, or hauing a father.* Dauids ſiſters ſonne. 1. Sam. 26.6. & 1. Chr. 2.16. who afterward became Dauids chiefe captaine. 2. Sam. 2.13. and ſlewe Abner and Amaſa cowardly.

1.Sa.3.17.& 20.9,10. He seating to loose Dauids fauour, became the instrument of Uriahs death. 2.Sa. 11.6.* By subtiltie, he reconcileth Absolon to his father.2.Sam.14.2.* He thrust through Absalom hanging by the haire in an oke. 2. Sam. 13. 18. He reproueth Dauid, for lamenting the death of Absalom, and why. 2. Sam.19. 5, to 9. Dauid chargeth Salomon to put Ioab to death, and why. 1. Kings 2.5,6. which is accomplished. 1. Kings 2.28.to 36.

Iechonias

Ioachaz. *the preparing*, or *stablishe of the Lord.* Sonne of Iosiah. 1. Esd. 1. 34. looke Iehoahaz.

Eliacim
Eliachim
Ioahe

Ioachim. *the rising*, or *the establishing of the Lord.* The 18. Priest. Iuoeth 4.6. and 15.8.

Ioahaz

Ioah. *brotherhood*, or *hauing a brother.* 2. King. 18. 18. and 2. Chro. 34.8.

Ioahaz. *apprehending, possessing*, or *seeing.* Iosiahs Recorder. 2. Chr. 34.8.

Ioanna

Ioanna. *the grace, gift*, or *mercie of the Lord.* Sonne of Rhesa. Luke 3.27. Also the wife of Chusa, who followed Christ. Luke. 8.3.

Ioas

Ioash *disagreeing, disswaring, furie*, or *burning.* Father of the Ezrites and Gideon. Iudg. 6.11. who mocked those that honoured Baal. Iudg. 6.31.

Ioas

Also Ioash with Ain. *idem* as Ieush, the sonne of Becher. 1. Chro. 7.6. Also hee who was ouer Dauids store of oyle. 1 Chr. 27.28. Also Ahaziahs sonne, who was hid from being slaine of Athaliah. 2. kin. 11. 2, 3. looke Iehoash. Also the sonne of Iehoahaz. look Iehoash Also a citie. 1. Chro 4.22.

Iotham.

Iotham. looke Iotham. Sonne of Ozias. Mat. 1.9. Called Iorim Luke 3.29. and Iotham the sonne of Azariah. 1. Chron. 3. 12. Who, his father being a leper vnto his death, gouerned the land of Iudah. 2. kings 15.5. and afterward became king. 2. kings 15, 7, 32. 2. Chro. 26. 21, 23.

Iob *sorowful*, or *hated*, or *fighting, howling one*, or *abiding enimitie.* A mã vpright & iust, feating God. Iob 1. 2. his children & substance. Iob 1. 2. 3. Seeing his children vsed feasting, he offereth sacrifice for them respecting the disorder vsed at feasts. Iob 1. 4. 5. Satan bereaueth Iob of his substance and children. Iob 1. 13 to 20. He praiseth God in his affliction. Iob 1. 21, 22. His three friends come to visite him. Iob 2. 11.* His wife tempted him. Iob 2. 9. He is reprehended of Eliphaz, and why. Iob 4. 1.* He saith that his paine is more grieuous then his fault. Iob 6. 1, 2, 3. Hee complaineth that his friends forsooke him. Iob. 6. 14. Hee craueth time to repent. Iob. 10 20.* He declareth his patience. Iob. 12. 4. hee reproueth his friends with their owne words. Iob. 13. 4. he describeth his misery. Iob. 19. 3.* hee prophecieth of the resurrection. Iob. 14. 14. and 19. 26, 27. he rehearseth the innocency of his life. Iob 31. 1.* his repentance. God restored to him twise as much as he had lost: his death. Iob 42. 6.* Iobs patience alledged, for the example of the godly. James 5. 11.

Iobab

Iobab *idem* Sonne of Iokt an. Gen. 10. 29. Also the sonne of Zerah. Gen. 36 33. Also a king. Iosh. 11. 1.

Iobadiah
Iobania

Iobamah. *the building of the Lord, or the vnderstanding of the Lord*, or *a sonne by adoption.* Sonne of Iehoram. 1. Chro 9 8.

Iochabed

Iochebed. *glorious.* wife to Amram, and mother to Moses, Aaron and Miriam. Exod. 6. 20. Num. 26. 59. who preserued Moses by putting him into an arke of reedes. Exod. 2 3.

Ioel

Ioel. *willing*, or *bringing*, or *swearing.* Elders sonne of Samuel. 1. Sa. 8. 2. called also Ioha. 1. Chr. 6. 28, 33. also the father of Shemaiah. 1. Chr. 5. 4. also a prophet. Ioel 1. 1. also the sonne of Izrahiah. 1. Chr. 7. 3.

Ioelah. *a lifting vp, prospering*, or *taking away slander.* 1. Chro. 12. 7.

Ioezer

Ioezer. *helping.* 1. Chro. 12. 6.

Iogbehah

Iogbehah. *an exalting*, or *high.* a citie. Num. 32. 35. Iudges 8. 11.

Iogbaa
Iegoahah

Iogli. *a declaring, a passing ouer, a turning backe*, or *a reioycing.* Num. 34. 22.

Ioha

Ioha. *making lauhy.* 1. Chr. 8. 16. and 11. 45.

Iohanan. *the grace of God*, or *gift*, or *mercie of the Lord.* Sonne of Kareah. 2. kings. 25. 23. who foretold Gedaliah his death Iere. 40. 13, 14, 15, 16. he pursueth Ishmael. Ier. 41. 11, 12.* he with the Captaines and the people aske counsell of Ieremie. Iere. 42. 1.* he carieth the remnant of Israel into Egypt, contrary to the minde of Ieremy. Ier. 43. 5. 6, 7.

Iehonas
Ioannan

Iohanan. *idem.* or *gracious, holy*, or *mercifull.* One that fled from Saul vnto Dauid. 1. Chron. 12. 4. Also Eliashibs sonne. 1. Esd. 9. 1. also the sonne of Mattathias. 1. Mac. 2. 1.

Iohn

Iohn. as Iohanan. Sonne of Simon. 1. Mac. 13. 54. and 16. 1. who slewe those that lay in waite for his life. 1. Mac. 16. 21, 22.* also the father of Eupolemus. 1. Macc. 8. 17. also the brother of Ionathan taken prisoner by Bacchides. 1. Mac. 9. 35, 36, 38.

Iohn
Iohannes

Iohn. the sonne of Zacharias: his linage, holinesse, and faith. Luke 1. 5. to 26, 57.* Matth 3. 3, 4. hee is prepoocted of, to come in the spirit of Elias. Luke 1. 17. A messenger to prepare the way before Christ. Matt. 3. 1. Iohn 1. 23. and bare witnesse of him. Iohn 1. 6. Hee was replenished with the holy Ghost in his mothers wombe. Luke 1. 15. The neighbours abashed at his natiuitie. Luke 1. 65, 66. He was circumcised. Luke 1. 59. his name giuen him by God. Luke 1. 13, 60, 63. his dwelling in the wildernesse till hee began to preach repentance. Luke 1. 80. He sent vnto the Messias, but not the Messias. Iohn 3. 28. He reproueth to newnesse of life. Mat. 3. 2. Luke 3. 3. He giueth rules to be obserued, to the people, to Publicanes, and to souldiers. Luke 3. 10 to 15. Moouing the Pharises to repentance by fearing them with the iudgement to come. Mat. 3. 7. to 13. L. 3 16, 17. his ioy fulfilled, hauing heard that Christ preached. Iob 3. 29 he pointed with his finger vnto Christ the lambe. &c. Iohn 1. 29. he baptizeth in Enon. Iohn 3. 23. his disciples reproue Christs, for that they failed not. Mat. 9. 14. Mar. 2. 18. Lu. 5. 33.* were offended, that Christ had moe disciples then their Maist. Iohn 3. 26 hee teacheth his disciples to pray. Luke 11. 1. he reputeth himselfe vnworthy to vnloose Christs shoe latchet. Iob. 1. 27. he saith he is neither Christ, Elias, nor any of the prophets. Iohn 1. 20, 21. He sendeth his disciples to Christ. Matth 11. 2. Christ pronounceth him more then a Prophet. Mat. 11. 9. The Iewes said he had a deuill. Mat. 11. 18. he feared not to reproue Herod for his incest Mat. 14. 4. Herod did much for Iohn Baptists sake, and heard his preaching gladly. Mar. 6. 20. why he was put in prison and beheaded. Matth. 14. 4, to 12. Mat. 6. 7. to 30. the people held him as a Prophet. Mat. 21. 26. Christ affirmeth that Iohn Baptist is Elias which should bee sent, according to Malachies prophecie. Matth 11. 14. all the Prophets and the lawe prophecied vnto Iohn. Matth 11. 13. From the time of Iohn Baptist, the kingdome of heauen suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force Matt. 11. 12. Christ by Iohns testimonie, proueth that he was sent of God. Iohn 5. 33.

Iohn

Iohns Baptisme put for his doctrine. Matt. 21. 25. Luke 20. 4. Acts 18. 25. and 19. 3.

Iohn

Also the name of Zebedeus sonne, who with his brother Iames, were called by Christ as they were mending their nets. Matth. 4. 21. and became Apostles.

Matth.

Matth. 10. 2. They are rebuked of Christ, and why. Luk 9. 54, 55. Iohn forbade one to cast out deuils by the name of Iesus, but Christ reproued him, and why. Marke 9. 38, 39, 41. Christ reuealeth vnto him who should betray him. Iohn 13. 23, 26. He went with Iesus into the hall of the hie Priest. Ioh. 18. 15. Christ commendeth his mother vnto him. Iohn 19, 26, 27. Running to the sepulchre with Peter, he ouerranne him. Iohn 20. 3, 4. Hee affirmeth that what he wrote was true. Iohn 19. 35. and 21. 24. He was banished into the Ile of Patmos. Reuel. 1. 9. The Angel forbiddeth Iohn to honour him, and why. Reuel. 19. 10. and 22. 9. In his time were deceiuers entred into the world, which denied Christ to be come in the flesh. 2. Iohn 7. He wrote what he had heard, seene, and handled. 1. Iohn 1. 1, 2, 3. and why. 1. Iohn 1. 4.

Also the name of one called Barke. Acts 15. 37.

Ioiarib. *the battell, chiefe, or multiplying of the Lord.* Ezra 8. 16.

Iokadam
Iucadam
Iekodeam
Iecmeam
Iecmaam
Iachanam

Iokdeam, *the crookednesse, or burning of the people.* A citie in the tribe of Iudah. Iosh. 15. 56.

Iokim, *that made the sunne stand.* 1. Chr. 4. 22.

Iokmeam, *the rising, confirmation, or remengement of the people.* A citie. 1. King 4. 12.

Iokneam, *possessing, or building vp of the people.* A citie. Iosh. 12. 22. and 19. 11.

Iechsan
Iocsan
Iecsin
Iectan
Iactan

Ioksan, *hardnes, or an offence, or after the Syrian, a knocking.* Abrahams sonne by Keturah. Gen. 25. 2.

Iokzan, *a little one, or wearinesse, or strife.* The sonne of Eber. Gen. 10. 25.

Ichabdab
Ionas

Ionab, *voluntarie, or willing.* Iooke Iehonadab.

Ionah, *a done, or culuer, or a destroyed, or rooting vp, or multiplying of people.* The name of a Prophet, the sonne of Amittai. 2. Kin. 14. 25. Ionah 1. 1. who being sent vnto Nineueh to preach, fled. Ionah. 1. 2, 3. & cast into the sea, was swallowed vp of a great fish Iona. 1. 15.* and againe cast vpon the dry land. Ion. 2. 10. He is sent againe to Nineueh. Ienah 3. 1, 2. The Ninevites repent at his preaching. Ion. 3. 5.* Mat. 12. 41. Lu. 11. 32. Hee is angry that God spared Nineueh. Ion. 4. 1. And therefore God reproueth him. Ion. 4. 9, 10. 11. Christ by his example forethe with, how hee should rise againe the third day. Mat. 12. 40.

Ionas *idem.* Ioseph's father. Luke 3. 30.

Ionathas
Iehonathan

Ionathan. *the gift of the Lord.* Saules sonne, who with his armour bearer, by Gods helpe, put the garison of the Philistims to flight. 1. Sam. 14. 1, to 24. He should haue bin put to death by his fathers ordinance, but was preserued by the people. 1. Sam. 14. 45. Hee maketh a couenant with Dauid. 1. Sam. 18. 1, 2, 3. He reuealeth to Dauid his fathers wicked purpose. 1. Sam. 19. 1, 2, 3. He excuseth Dauid. 1. Sam. 20, 28, 29. He promiseth Dauid to declare his fathers wil, by shooting of three arrowes. 1. Sam. 20 20.* Hee is slaine. 1 Sam. 31. 2. and bewailed of Dauid. 2. Sam. 1. 4, 17.*

Also the sonne of Gershom, Michals idolatrous priest. who afterward for gaine, became priest vnto the Danites. Iudg. 18. 3, 4, 20 30.*

Also Dauids brothers sonne, reade Iehonathan.

Also the name of Iudas Maccabeus his brother. 1. Mac. 2. 5. constituted gouernour ouer the Iewes after the death of Iudas. 1. Mac. 9. 31. He warreth against his enemies 1. Mac. 11. 60. Tryphon taketh him by decrite, and putteth him to death. 1. Mac. 12. 42 * and 13. 17, to 25. After him, Simon his brother succeedeth. 1. Mac 13. to 17.

Ioppe
Iora

Ioppa, Iooke Iapho. and Act. 9. 36. and 10. 5.

Iorah, *shewing, declaring, or casting forth, or done suddenly at a time:* or after the Syrian, *a caldron.* Ezra 2, 18.

Ioram, Iooke Iehoram.

Iorden

Iordan, *the riuer of iudgement, or the shewing or casting forth of iudgement, or a going downe:* or after the Syrian, *a caldron of iudgement.* A riuer of Iudah so named of his two spring heads. Dan 3 for it diuideth Galile from Iudea, & falleth into the dead sea. Mat. 3. 5, 6. Iu 13. 30. Psal. 42. 6. The plaine of Iorden wastred euery where. Ge. 13. 10 His banks filled, all the time of haruest. Ios. 3. 15.* Naaman washed himselfe therein, and became whole of his leprosie. 2. Kin. 5. 14.

Ioram, *the Lord exalting, or the exaltatio of the Lord.* The sonne of Ahab. Lu 3. 29 called Iotham. Mat. 1. 9

Ioram
Iesu
Iesus

Iosaphat, Iooke Iehoshaphat, and Mat. 1. 8.

Iose, *sparing, being, or lifted vp.* The sonne of Eliezer. Luke 3. 29. is called Achaz Mat. 1. 9.

Iosph. *encreasse, or encreasing, or perfect.* The eleuenth sonne of Iaakob. Ge. 30. 24. He is beloued of his father, & hated of his brethren Gen. 37. 4. his dreame, Gen 37. 9, 10. He is cast into a pit, afterward sold vnto the Ishmaelites, and then vnto Potiphar. Gen. 37. 23.* & 39. 1. His particolloured coate is brought vnto his father, and hee knoweth it Gene. 37. 31, 32 33. Potiphars house blessed for Iosephs sake. Gene. 39. 3, 5. He is made ruler thereof. Gene 39 4. Hee was faire and well fauoured. Gene 39 6. Imprisoned by false accusation of his mistresse. Gene. 39. 14, to 21. He hath charge ouer the kings Butler and Baker his fellow prisoners. Gene. 40. 4. Hee interpreteth Pharaohs dreames. Gene. 41 25, to 37. Hee is made ruler ouer all Egypt vnder Pharaoh. Gene 41. 40, to 46. Hee solde corne vnto all countreys in the famine. Gen. 41 57. He speaketh roughly vnto his brethren. Gene 42. 6, 7. He putteth them in ward. Gen. 42. 17. He chargeth them with theft, to proue them. Gen. 44. 4.* He comforteth them, and discloseth himselfe. Gen 45. 1, 3, 4. Hee testifieth that he was solde into Egypt by Gods prouidence for their safegarde. Gen. 45. 5. He met his father Israel in Goshen. Gen. 46. 29. He visiteth him being sicke. Gene. 48. 2. He is blessed of him. Gen. 49 22, to 27. He is displeased that his father in blessing his children, preferreth Ephraim before Manasseh. Gene. 48. 17. Hee honoureth his father at his death Gene. 50 1. Hee obtaineth licence of Pharaoh to bury his father in Canaan. Gen. 50. 7, to 14 He pardoneth his brethren. Gene. 50 17, to 22. He dieth and is embalmed. Gen 50. 26. Moses departing out of Egypt, caused his bones to be carried with him. Exod. 13. 19. which were buried in Shechem. Iosh. 24. 32. His children diuided into two tribes, and therefore albeit the tribe of Leui wanted, yet the twelue tribes had still their full number. Iosh. 14. 3, 4. The Amorites became tributarie vnto the familie of Ioseph. Iudg. 1. 35. He was blessed of Moses. Deut. 33. 13. He is prayed. Eccius 49. 15. His faith. Heb. 11 22.

Also a disciple of Christ a rich man of Arimathea. Mat. 27. 57. Luk 23. 50, 51. He asked the body of Iesus, and buried it in a tombe prepared for himselfe. Matth 27. 58, to 61. Iooke Marke 15. 43, to 47. Luke 23 52.* Iohn 19 38.*

Also the name of him that was presented with Matthias, to succeede in the roome of Iudas. Acts 1. 23.

Also Maries husband the mother of Christ. Mat. 1. 16, 18.* Luk. 1. 26. & 3. 23 He with Mary went to Bethlehem, to be taxed. Luke 2. 4, 5. At the warning of the Angel, he fleeth into Egypt Mat. 2. 13, 14, 15. & returneth & dwelleth in Nazareth Mat 2. 19.* he and Mary hauing lost Christ at Ierusalem, returne to seeke him. & found him di puting with Doctors. Lu. 2. 43.*

Also the father of Ianna. Luke 3. 24.

Also the father of Iuda. Luke 3. 30

Also

Also the father of Semei. Luke 3 26.

Ioses and Iose. The brother of Iames. Matth. 13. 55. Marke 6. 3. Also another who solde his land, and gaue it to the Apostles. Act. 4. 36, 37.

Iosabad / Iezabad — Iosabad. *hauing a dowry.* One that went with Dauid when he fled from Saul. 1. Chron. 12. 4.

Iehoshabeath — Iosabeth. *the fulnes of the Lord, the oth of the Lord, or the Lord returning the houre.* The daughter of king Ioram. 2. King. 11. 2. and 2. Chro 22, 11.

Iehosheba — Iosabeth. *being, forgetting or owing.* 1. Chro. 4. 34.

Iehoshabat — Iosabhah. *the equitie or plainenesse of the Lord, or the Lord seeth vpon.* 1. Chro. 11. 46.

Iosa — Iosaphat, as Iehoshaphat. The sonne of Ahilud, Dauids recorder. 2 Sam. 8. 16.

Iosia — Iosbekashah. *it is requiring, beseeching, or a hard sitting.* 1. Chro. 25. 4.

Iehoshaphat — Iosiah. *the fire, or burning of the Lord.* The sonne of Zephaniah. Zech. 6. 10. Also the sonne of Amon. 1. Chro 3. 14 Of whom Iosua prophecied that he should destroy the idolatry of Ieroboam. 1. King. 13. 2. He became king of Iudah. 2 king. 21. 26. His care to repaire the Temple. 2. King. 22. 2, to 8. 2. Chro. 34 8, to 18 He rent his clothes after he heard the booke of Deuteronomie read. 2. King 22. 11. 2. Chron 34. 19. He sendeth to inquire of the Lord, by Huldah the Prophetesse. 2. king. 22. 13.* 2. Chro. 34. 21, to 19. he causeth Deuteronomie to be read vnto the people, putting downe Idoles, and causeth Baals priests to be put to death. 2 Kin. 23. 2. to 21. & 2. Chr. 34. 29.* he keepeth Passeouer. 2. Kin. 23. 21. to 26. & 2 Chro. 35. 1, to 20. Fighting with Pharaoh Necho, he is hurt and dieth. 2. Chro. 35. 20, to 25. & 2. Kin. 23. 29. Ieremiah lamenteth his death. 2. Chro. 35 25 his praise. 2 Kin 22 2. & 23. 25. & 2. Chro 34. 2. Eccles. 49. 1, 2, 3, 4. his sonne Iehoahaz succeedeth him. 2. Kin. 23. 30. 2. Chro. 36. 1.

Iosibi / Iosabia — Iosibiah. *the seat, alteration, or captiuity of the Lord.* 1. Chro. 4 35.

Oshea / Iosua — Iosuah. *id. m. as Iesua, or Ieshuia.* The sonne of Nun. Iosh. 1. 1. called Oshea. Numb. 13 9. Being Moses minister, he went vp with him vnto the mount. Exod. 24. 13 and descended from thence with him. Exo. 32. 17. Enuying Eldad and Medad for Moses sake, hee would haue them forbidden to prophecie. Numb. 11. 28, 29. He and Caleb for commending the land of Canaan had bene stoned to death, if God had not defended them. Numb. 14 6, to 11. They are promised to liue, and enter into the lande of Canaan. Numb. 14. 38. Deuteron. 1. 36. 38. Iosua is ordained captaine against Amalek. Exod. 17. 10. and to be Moses successour. Deuteron. 31. 7. and 34. 9. and is encouraged by God himselfe. Deu. 31. 23. Iosh. 1. 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 He is magnified of God before the Israelites. Iosua 1. 5. None able to withstand him all his life. Iosua 1. 5. God commandeth him to meditate in the booke of Deuteronomie day and night, and why. Iosua 1. 8. Hee sendeth spies vnto Iericho Iosua 2. 1. He commeth to Iordan with the people. Iosh. 3. 1. God commanded him to loose the shooe off his foote, when he spake with him Iosh 5. 13, 14, 15. Gods deliuerers the citie of Iericho into his handes. Iosh 6. 2.* He humbleth himselfe before God. and why. Iosh. 7. 6. to 10. he taketh the citie of Ai Iosua 8. 1, 2. he causeth Deuteronomie to be read to all Israel. Iosua 8. 34, 35. The Kings depose Iordan assemble against Iosua. Iosh. 9. 1, 2. he ouercommeth fiue Kings of the Amorites. Iosh. 10. 5, to 28. he ouercame many Kings, and countreys Iosh. 11. 1, to 15. hee left nothing vndone that Moses had cõmanded Iosh 11. 15. he and all his house serue the Lord. Iosh. 24. 15. hee is commanded to deuide the land of promise vnto the residue of Israel. Iosh. 13. 7. his possession. Iosh. 19. 49, 50. he exhorteth the people not to ioyne with the Gentiles, & why. Iosh. 23. 2.* his death. Iosh 24. 29. he is prayed by the name of Iesus Eccles. 46. 1, to 9. Acts 7. 45.

Also a Beth-shemite, in whose field the Arke stayed, when it returned from Ekron. 1. Sam. 6. 14.

Iosiah, looke Iosiah.

Iosiphiah — Iosiphiah. *the encrease of the Lord, or the Lord finishing.* Ezra 8. 10.

Iosaphias — Iosphias

Iotbatha — Iotbath. *his goodnesse, or his daughters going out of the way, or a desert turning away.* A land of running waters. Deut. 10 7.

Iethebatha — Iotbathah. *idem.* 33. 33.

Ioatham — Iotham. *absolute, or perfect.* Sonne of Vzziah. 2. King 15. 7, 32. looke Iotham. also the youngest sonne of Ierubbaal. Iudg. 9. 5, to 22.

Iothan — Iozachar, *remembring, or of the malekinde.* 2. King. 12 21.

Iozabad — Iozadah. *endowed, or hauing a dowrie.* One that helped Dauid against the Amalekites, that burnt Ziklag. 1. Chro. 12. 20, 21.

Iosabad — Iphdiah. *the redemption of the Lord.* The sonne of Shashak. 1. Chro 8. 25.

Iephdeia — Iphtah. *opening.* Gileads sonne, who fled from his brethren. Iudges 11. 3. he sendeth messengers to the king of Ammon Iudg. 11. 12. and being replenished with Gods spirite, assaileth the Ammonites. Iudg. 11. 29. his rash vow. Iudg. 11. 30, 31. he ouercommeth the Ammonites. Iudges 11. 32, 33. Accoũting to his vow, he offereth his onely daughter in sacrifice to the Lord. Iudg. 11 39. Whom the daughters of Israel lamented foure dayes a peere. Iudg. 11. 40. hee was reuenged of the Ephraimites. Iudg. 12. 1, to 7. hee dieth. Iudg. 12. 7. he is prayed. Heb. 11. 32.

Iephdiah — Iphdeiah

Iephdiah

Iephthah

Iphthah

Iri — ¶ Ir, *a watchman, a city, a making bare, a powring out a heape of vision, or a yong colt.* 1. Chro 7. 12.

Hir — Ira *idem.* 1. Chro. 11. 28. 2 Sa. 23. 26. also a Iairite. 2. Sam. 20. 26. or Ithrite. 2. Sam. 23. 38.

Iras — Irad. *a wild asse, the heape of going downe, the going downe of a heape, or a heape of gouernement: or* in the Syrian, *a dragon.* Sonne of Henoch Gen. 4. 18.

Iran — Iram. *a cry of them, or the watchings or making bare of them, or the powring out of them, or an high heape.* A Duke of Edom. Gen 36. 43.

Hiram — Iri. *fire, or light.* 1 Chro. 7. 7.

Vri — Iriah. *the feare, vision, or throwing forth of the Lord.* An officer that apprehended Ieremiah fleeing to the land of Beniamin. Ierem. 37. 13.

Irijah — Irmeiah. *exalting the Lord, or the Lords height.* A head of the halfe tribe of Manasses. 1. Chron. 5. 24. also a Prophet. looke Ieremiah.

Iriah — Iroel. *the health, medicine, or exalting of God.* A citie. Iosh 18. 27.

Ieremias — Ir shemesh. *a citie of the sunne:* or in the Hebrew and Syrian. *a citie of bondage.* A citie belonging to the tribe of Dan. Iosh. 19 41.

Ieremia — Iru *idem* as Ir. Caleb sonne. 1. Chro. 4. 15.

Ieremiah — ¶ Isaiah, looke Iesaiah.

Irephel — Iscah. *anointing, couering, or shadowing,* or in the Syrian, *eyeing,* daughter of Haran. Gen. 11. 29.

Irshemes — Ithacar, or Issaschar. *a wages, or reward.* Sonne of Iaakob by Leah. Gen. 30. 18. he is blessed of his father. Gen. 49. 14, 15. and of Moses. Deut. 33. 18, 19. his portion. Iosh. 19. 17. to 24.

Hir-semes — Ishai. *a gift, or an oblation, or a debtour,* or *being.* father of Dauid. Ruth 4. 17, 22. 1. Sa 16. 1, 11, 12. & 20. 27. 2. Sam. 23. 1. He sendeth Dauid to his brethren with foode. and to Saul with presents. 1. Sam. 17. 17. and 16, 20. his sonnes and daughters. 1. Chr. 2. 13, 14, 15, 16. He is called Iesse. Mat. 1. 6 Luke 3. 32. Christ promised to come of his stocke. Isa. 11. 1.

Issachar — Isbak. *it is voide, or made voide:* or in the Syrian, *forsaking.*

Iesse

Iesai

Isbac

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Iſhboſeth

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Iſaia
Iſuia

Iſmahel
Iſmael

Samaias
Iſmaia
Iſmerai
Iethuel
Iſpan
Iſtob
Iſiuah
Ieſias
Iſſui Iſui
Ieſua
Ieſoites
Ieſmachia
Iſpa

forſaking. Abrahams ſonne by Keturah. Gen. 25. 2.

Ish-boſheth. *a man of ſhame, or the delay of a man.* Saules ſon made king over Iſrael by Abner. 2. Sam. 2. 9. 10. he is traiterouſly ſlaine by Rechab & Baanah, who for their labour were ſlaine by Dauid. 2. Sam. 4. 5. * his head buried in Abners ſepulchre. 2. Sa 4. 12.

Iſcariot. *an hireling, or a man of death.* Iudas the traitours ſurname. Lu. 22. 3. looke Iudas.

Iſhi. *ſaluation, or hauing regard.* 1. Ch. 2. 31. 34. 20, 42

Iſhiah. *it is the Lord.* 1. Chr. 12. 6.

Iſhibenob. *ſitting in propheſie, or taking captiuitie in propheſie.* A giant. 2. Sam. 21, 16, 17.

Iſhiiah. *it is the Lord.* Ezra 10. 31.

Iſhma. *put vnto, named, or marueiling, or deſolation.* 1. Chr. 4. 3.

Iſhmael. *God hath heard, or the hearing of God,* Son of Abram by Hagar. Gene. 16. 3, 15. What maner of man he was. Gene. 16. 12. Abraham prayed for him, & was heard. Gen. 17. 18, 20. God heard Iſhmael in his diſtreſſe. Gen. 21. 17. hee became an archer. Gen. 21. 20. his generation and death. Gen. 25. 13, to 19.

Iſhmaiah. *hearing the Lord, or obeying the Lord.* 1. Chr. 12. 4.

Iſhmerai. *a keeper, or keeping.* 2. Chr. 8. 18.

Iſhod. *a comely man.* 1. Chr. 7. 18.

Iſhpan. *hid, broken in ſunder, or a cony.* 1. Chr 8. 22.

Iſh-tob. *good man.* 2. Sam 10. 8.

Iſhuah. *plainneſſe, or plaine, equall, putting, or put.* Gen 46. 17. and 1. Chr. 7. 30.

Iſhui. *idem.* 1. Chr. 7. 30. Gene. 41. 17. Of whome came the Iſhuites. Num. 24. 44.

Iſmachiah. *eliauing to, or leaning vpon, or ioyned to the Lord.* 2. Chr. 31. 13.

Iſpah. *a Iaſper ſtone.* 1. Chr 8. 16.

Iſrael. *a prince of God, or preuailing with God, or one that wreſtleth with God.* The name of Iaakob giuen him by God. Gen. 32. 28. 35. 10. And the people deſcended of him are called Iſrael. Deu. 4. 1. & 5. 1. or Iſraelites, whom God called his ſeruants. Le. 25. 55. They would haue returned to Egypt, & why. Num. 14. 3, 4. What maner of kingdome they ſhould enioy. Numb. 23. 24. Their iourneys. Numb. 33. 1. to 50. God foreſees the wrech that they ſhould become idolaters. Deut. 31. 16. For the offence of one perſon many of them were ſlaine. Ioſ. 7. 1, 5, 11, 12. No man mooued his tongue againſt them. Ioſhu. 10. 21. The promiſes made vnto them touching the lande of Canaan, accompliſhed. Ioſhua 21. 43, 44, 45. They chuſe the Lord for their God, and forſake idoles. Ioſhua 24. 16, 21, 24. God ſolde them into the hande of Iabin Iudges 4. 2. and for their idolatry were ſeuen yeeres oppreſſed of the Midianites. Iudges 6. 1, to 7. They are deliuered by Deborah and Barak Iudges 4. 3. * They are deliuered into the handes of the Philiſtims and Ammonites. Iuges 10. 7. They commit idolatrie with Gideons Ephod. Iudges 8. 27. They confeſſe their ſinne, and put away their idoles. Iudges 10. 10, 15, 16. They conſult for the puniſhment of the villanie done to the Leuites wife. Iuges 20. 2. They ſend to require paſſage thorow the Land of Edom. Num. 20. 14. to 22. the Iſraelites being 40000. men, are thriſe ouercome by 26700. Beniamites, but at length get the victory. Iudg. 20. 17. * They ſware not to marry their daughters to the Beniamites. Iudges 21. 1. They are diſcomfited by the Philiſtims. 1. Samuel 4. 2. They deſire a king. 1. Samuel 8. 5, 19, 20. Being afraide of the Philiſtims, the hide themſelues. 1. Samuel. 13. 6. They are vnprouided of weapons. 1. Samuel 13. 22. Afraide of Goliah. 1. Samu. 17. 24. Deliuered from famine and warre by the miraculous worke of God. 2. Kings 7. 6, 7. The lepers declare vnto them the prouidence of God. 2. King. 7. 10. Iſrael is ſmitten by Hazael King of Syria. 2. kin. 10. 32 deliuered into the hands of Shiſhak. 2. Chron. 12. 1, 2. * their hunger and captiuity propheſied. Hoſea 9. 2. * They are threatned. Amos 2. 6. * Their captiuity into Aſſhur, and why. 2. King. 17. 6. * God promiſeth to deliuer them from the Gentiles Ezek. 36. 5. The ende of their kingdome for their idolatrie. 2. king. 17. 17. 18. Why they went into captiuity. Ezekiel. 39. 23. Of their deſtruction, and how they were deliuered by Aarons prayer. Wiſedom. 18. 20. * Iſrael reproues. Micah 6. 3. * God promiſeth to gather the diſperſed ones. Ierem. 50. 4. 5. Why they were elect of God, and why reiected. Ierem. 15. 11. * Gods benefites toward them, and their vnthankefulneſſe for the ſame. Hoſea 11. 1. * Their calamitie them to come, deſcribed. Amos 8. 2. * The Iſraelites ſhalbe reiected for their idolatry, and at the laſt returne and beleeue in Chriſt. Hoſea 1. 1. * which ſhall be when the fulneſſe of the Gentiles ſhall be come in. Hoſea 2. 16. Rom. 11. 25. of their exaltation. Micah. 5. 7. 8. Their vaine confidence. Hoſea 12. 1. * Ezec. 20. 18. Their proſperitie foreſhewed. Ierem 30. 10. & they and their prophets carnall Hoſe. 9. 7, 8. Who are true Iſraelites. Rom 9. 7, 8 Peace and mercy vpon the Iſrael of God. Galat. 6. 16. God will take from the true Iſraelites all worldly confidence. Micah 5 10. * Nathanael a true Iſraelite, & why Ioh 1. 47 Iſrael inexcuſable. Rom 10, 19, 20, 21. Iſrael hath obteined by grace, that which they could not by workes. Rom. 11. 5, 6, 7. A remnant of Iſrael ſhalbe ſaued. Rom. 9. 27. & they were obſtinate for a time that the Gentiles might receiue the fauth of Chriſt. Rom. 11. 25. Chriſt the true Iſrael. Iſai 49. 3. Iſrael is the people of God. Exod. 3. 14, 15. and 5. 1. and 6. 6, 7. and 19 5, 6. Leuit. 20. 24, 25, 26. Deut 4. 20, 37. and 7. 6, 7, 8. and 9. 29. and 10. 15. and 14. 2. and 26. 15, 18, 19 & 32. 9, 36, 43. 1. Sam. 10 19. 12. 12, 22. 2. Sam. 7. 7. & 1. kin 3. 9 & 8. 16, 23. Iſa. 19. 25. and 43. 1. * Ier. 13. 11. Eze. 17. 16 Ten tribes of Iſrael ſeparated themſelues from the houſe of Dauid. 1. kin. 12. 20. according to ꝑ word of Ahiiah. 1. kin. 11. 30, 31.

Iſſachar, looke Iſhacar.

Iſſhiah. *it is the Lord.* Certaine mens names. 1. Chr. 7. 3. and 23. 20. — Ieſiah

Iſhijah. *idem.* 1. Chr. 24. 21. — Ieſia

Iſſuah, looke Iſhuah. — Ieſias

Iſſui, looke Iſhui. — Ieſium

Italy. A countrey ſo called of the king Italus, or Italis, which ſignifieth *with calues*, for that it abounderh with calues. Act. 27. 1. Whither Paul ſailed. Act. 27. 6 — Italy

Ithai *idem* as Ietai. 1. Chr. 11. 31.

Ithamar. *Wo de to the chaunge, or woe to the hand, or an Iſle of the hand or finger, or the chaunge of an Iſle.* Aarons ſon. Ex. 6. 23. & 38. 21. Anointed Preeſt. Le. 8. 2. * — Ethai

Ithiel. *idem* as Ietiel. Pro. 30. 1.

Ithlah. *hanging vp, or heaping vp.* a city in the tribe of Dan. Ioſh. 19. 42. — Etheel Iethlah

Ithmah. *an orphant, a marueiling, or perfection.* 1. Chro. 11. 46. — Iethela Ithma

Ithnan. a city of the tribe of Iudah. Ioſh. 15. 23. — Iethna Iethnan

Ithra. *a remnant, or excellent.* 2. Sam. 17. 25. — Iethra

Ithran. *idem.* Gen. 36. 26. 1. Chr. 7. 37. — Iethran

Ithream. *the excellency, or remnant of the people.* 2. Sa. 3. 5 — Iethream

Ithrite. *exc lling or a remaining.* 1. Chro. 11. 40 and 2. Sam 23 38. — Iethrite

Ittah-kazim. *an houre, or time of a prince: or now a Prince.* A citie in the tribe of Zebulun. Ioſh 19. 13. — Tacaſin

Itrai. *ſtrong my ſigne, or a plough ſhare, or a comming to.* 2. Sam. 15. 19. and 23 29. — Ithai Itai Ethai Iuai

Ittiel. *God with me, the ſigne of God, the comming of God, or the plough ſhare of God* Neh. 11. 7. — Ithiel Ethiel

Iturea.

Aua
Iua

Iucal
Iehucal
Iudas

Iudas Maccabeus

Iscariot

Iudith

Iulia

Iewes. *kept*, or in the Syrian tongue, *of a mountain or full of hilles*. A region neere to the desert of Arabia whereof Philip was Tetrarch. Lu. 3. 1.

¶ Iuah. *iniquitie*. a citie where an idole was honoured. 2. King. 18. 3, 4.

Iubal. *bringing*, or *fading*, or *a trumpet*. The sonne of Lamech, who was the inuenter of the harpe and Organs. Gen. 4. 21.

Iubile. *idem*. The peere of Iubile was euery fiftieth peere. Leuit. 25. 10, 11, 12.

Iuchal. *mighty*, or *perfect*. Iere. 38. 1.

Iuda. *confession*, or *praise*. The sonne of Ioanna. Lu. 3. 26. also the sonne of Ioseph. Lu. 3. 30.

Iudah. *idem*. looke Iehudah.

Iudas *idem*. Sonne of Mattathias, called otherwise Maccabeus. 1. Mac. 2. 3. &c. 9. 1. Mac. 2. 4. &c. also the sonne of Calphi. 1. Mac. 11. 70. also he who betrayed his master Iesus Christ, surnamed Iscariot. Matt. 10. 4. Lu. 6. 16. Mar. 3. 19. Dauid in ꝑ person of Christ complaineth of him. Psalm. 55. 12, 13, 14. and of his dissolute life Psal. 41. 9. Christs watchword of his treason. Ioh. 6. 70. Good for him if he had neuer bin borne. Mat. 26. 24. his treason was by the instigation of the deuill. Ioh 13. 2. he is offended at ꝑ expense of ointmẽt bestowed on Christ. Ioh. 12. 3. after he had taken ꝑ sop Satan entred: Christ willeth him to execute his treasõ quickly. Ioh. 13. 27. Christ foretelleth him ꝑ he would betray him. Matt. 26. 21, 23. Iudas a theefe. Ioh. 12. 6. not cleane for want of faith. Iohn 13. 11. he promiseth the ye priests to deliuer Christ vnto the. Matt. 26. 14, 15, 16. his token a kisse. Mat. 26. 48. Lu. 22. 48. Christ calleth him friend. Mat. 26. 50. He ꝑ his company fell downe backward. Ioh. 18. 6. he repenteth of his treason, & bringeth againe the reward. Mat. 27. 3, 4, 5. his miserable end. Act. 1. 18. he had fellowship in the ministration, & was numbred with the Apostles. Act. 1. 17.

Also the sonne of Iaakob. Matth. 1. 3. looke Iudah, or Iehudah also ꝑ brother of Simon, and cousin to Christ. Matt. 13. 55. also the brother of James. Luke 6. 16. Iohn 14. 22. whose Epistle is cade Iude 1.* Iuda and Silas, are sent with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch. Acts 15. 22. also a rebel of Galile. Acts 5. 37.

Iudea, as Iudah. a countrey Matth. 3. 1. Acts 2. 9. sometimes is taken for ꝑ whole lande of the twelue tribes, sometime for Iuda and Beniamin onely, according to the separation of Galile, Samaria, and other countries. Historiographers account Iudea to appertaine vnto the Philistims, but Galile, and Samaria vnto Phenice. After the death of Salomon, the twelue tribes departed from Roboboam vnto Ieroboam, so as by that meanes the two tribes, Iuda and Beniamin which clane to the house of Dauid, are called in scripture (but chiefly in the Prophets) one while the house of Dauid, another while the kingdome of Iuda and Ierusalem, and sometimes Beniamin, looke Ierusalem, and 2. Kin. 2. 1. 12. and 23. 27.

Iudeth. *praising*, or *confessing*. A widow, daughter of Merari Iudet. 8. 1. her chaste widowhead commended. Iude. 8. 4, 5, 6, to 10. she reproueth the ancients of Bethulia, for limitting the mercy of God vnto time. Iudet 8. 11, to 16. 8 exhorteth them to moue the people to patience. Iudet. 8. 16, to 32. she giueth counsell. Iudet. 8. 32. her prayer. Iudet 9. 2. * she is taken of the watch and brought to Holofernes. Iudeth 10. 11. * she craueth licence to pray. Iudet. 12. 5. she cutteth off Holofernes head, & bringeth it to Bethulia Iudet. 13. 8. * she praiseth God. Iud 16. 2, to 18. 9 dieth. Iud. 16. 23

Iudith. *idem* The wife of Esau. Gen. 29. 34.

Iulias. *full of soft cotten*, or *full of haires*. Rom. 16. 15

Iulius. *idem*. A Centurion. Acts 27. 1.

Iunia. *of Iuno*.

Iushabhesd. *a dwelling place, the seate of mortis, or the changing of mercie*. 1. Chro. 3. 20. Iosabhesed
Iosabhesed

Iustus. *iust or vertuous*. a godly man. Acts 18. 7. Another called Iesus. Col. 4. 11.

Iuttah. *turning away*. A city. Iosh. 15. 55. * 21. 16. Iuttah

Izebel. *wo to the house*, or *to the ysle of a house*, or in the Hebrew and Syrian, *the ysle of a dunghil*, or *wote the dunghil*. Wife to Ahab. 1. Ki. 16. 31. she caused the Prophets of the Lord to be slaine. 1. King. 18. 4. she threatneth Eliiah, for the destructiõ of Baals priests. 1. King. 19. 2. she counterfeiteth Ahabs letters to the Elders of Israel, to put to death Naboth for his vineyard. 1. King. 21. 8, to 17. Elliah foretelleth her death. 1. King. 21. 17. * her ill end. 2. Kin. 9. 30. * Iezabel
Iezabel
Iesabel

Izcharites. *cleareneſſe, oile*, or *pertaining to moue*. A kinred Num. 3. 27. descending of Izhar. Exo. 6. 18. or Izchar. Num. 27. 19. Iesaricites
Ishar
Iesaar

Izhak, or Itschac. *laughter*, or *lauging*. Abrahams sonne by Sarah. Gen. 17. 16. & 21. Chr. 1. 28. who was the seede promised by God. Gene. 15. 4. Many people promised to descend of him. Gene. 17. 16. borne according to Gods promise. Ge. 21. 1, 2, 3. Rom. 9. 7 To be offered vp in sacrifice. Gen. 22. 9. He taketh Rebecca to wife. Gen. 24. 67. and 25. 20. God bleſſeth him. Ge. 25. 11. To auoide the famine he dwelt in the land of Abimelech. Gen. 26. 1. Christ promised to Izhak. Gen. 26. 3. He calleth his wife sister. Gen. 26. 7 Abimelech reproueth him, and why. Gene. 26. 10. Izhak became rich. Gene. 26. 12, 13. His heardmen and the Philistims striue for welles. Gene. 26. 17, 18, to 22. God was with Izhak. Gene. 26. 24. He maketh an Altar to God. Gene 26. 25. Abimelech seeketh his friendship. Gene. 26. 26, 27, to 34. Her willeth Esau to kill venison for him, that he might bleſſe him before his death. Gen. 27. 3, 4. He was stricken with feare, to see the prouidence of God in preuenting the same. Gene. 27. 33. He bleſſeth Iaakob and Esau. Gene. 27. 38, 39, 40. He dieth, and is buried by them. Gene. 35. 29. His children. 1. Chr. 1. 34. His faith Heb. 11. 20. His prayse Ecclus. 44. 22. Isaac
Ishac
Ishahac
Isaak

Izhar, as Izcharites. Isaar

Izhari, as Izhar. 1. Chro. 24. 22. Isari

Izrahiah. *the Lord ariseth*, or *the cleareneſſe of the Lord*. 1. Chro. 7. 3. Izrahia
Izrahiah

Izreel *the seede of God the dropping downe of Gods friendship*, or *the sprinkling vpon the shepherd of God*. A citie. Iosh 15. 56. 1. King. 4. 12 Hos. 1. 4, 5. Izreelites

Izreelah. *idem*. A city Iosh. 19 18. Iesraelah

Izrites. *a sifting*, or *making of earth*, or *tribulation*, or *making narrow*, or *from full*. Abinred descended of Iezer. Num. 26 49. Izerites
Iesrites

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Kab. A measure containing about three of our wine quartes, which of Doues dung was solde for fiue pieces of siluer at the siege of Samaria. 2. Kin. 6. 25. Cab

Kabzeel. *the congregatiõ of God*. A city. Iosh. 15. 21. Kadesh. *holineſſe*. A city otherwise called En-mishpat. Gen. 14 7. Cabseel
Cades

Kadesh-barnea. *holineſſe of an inconstant sonne*, or *holineſſe of corne*, or *holineſſe of troubled cleanneſſe*. A place. Num. 13. 26. and 20. 1. and 33. 36. and 33. 36. Cades Barnea

Kadmiel. *God of ancientneſſe*, or *God of rising*. Ezra 2. 40. and 3. 9. Cadmiel
Cedmiel

Kadmonites. *ancient*, or *chiefe*. a people. Ge. 15. 19. Cadmonites

Kahath. *a congregatiõ, a wrinkle*, or *bluntneſſe*. Son of Leui. Gen. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16. called Koath. 1. Chro. 6. 1. of him came the Kohathites. Num. 26. 57. Their portion. Iosh. 21. 4. 20 to 27 Cedmonites
Kahathites
Caath
Choath

Kain *a poſſeſſion*, or *poſſeſſed*. Adams sonne. Ge. 4 1. He, offended that his brothers sacrifice was more accepted of God, slew him. Gene. 4. 3, to 9. looke more 1. Iohn Cebath
Cahath
Cain

1. Ioh. 3. 12. his children. Gene. 4. 17. he is cursed and despaireth. Gen. 4. 11, 12, 13. Woe pronounced to the followers of Kain. Iude 11.

Kenan — Kainan. *a buyer, or owner.* Gen. 5. 9.

Kellai — Kallai. *light, roasting by fire, or my voice.* Neh. 12. 20.

Celai — Kamon. *a rising, or he establishing.* a citie. Iudg. 10. 5.

Camon — Kamuel. *God hath risen, or God hath raised vp, or established him.* Nahors son by Milcah. Gen. 22. 20, 21.

Kemuel — Kanah. *of reedes.* A riuer. Ioh. 16. 8. and 19. 28.

Camuel — Kareah. *balde, or Ice.* The father of Iohanan. 2. Kings 25. 23.

Chemuel — Karka. *a floore, or dissoluing coldnes.* a city. Ios. 15. 3

Kanath — Karta. *a calling, reading, or meeting.* a city. Ios. 21. 32

Karea — Kaziz. *a cutting a sunder, or an end.* a valley. Ios. 18. 21.

Caree — ¶ Kedar. *blacknes, or sadnesse.* Both a mans name, and a people. Gen. 25. 13. Ier 49. 28. Isa. 21, 17.

Karcaa — Kedemah. *ancient, or the first.* Gen. 25. 15.

Carcaa — Kedemoth. *ancters, or the chiefe, or a burning, or the crookednesse of death.* A wilderne and a city. Deu. 2. 26. Ioh. 13. 18.

Carthan — Kedesh. *holinesse.* A citie. Ioh. 12. 22. and 15. 23.

Cathis — looke Kadesh.

Kedes. Cades — Kehelatha. *a whale, a congregation, or the Church.* A mansion. Num. 33. 22.

Kehelatha — Keilah. *dissoluing, dunding, or cutting that, or his fastening.* A citie. Ioh. 15. 44.

Ceilatha — Kelaia. *the voice of the Lord, or the easing, or resting of the Lord.* Ezra 10. 23.

Ceila — Kelita. *succour, a gathering together, or a bending of the voyce.* Ezra 10. 23. Nehe. 8. 7. and 10. 10.

Celaia — Kemuel. looke Kamuel.

Celitah — Kenan. looke Kainan.

Celita — Kenath. *a buying, a possession, or a bewayling.* A city. Num. 32. 42.

Camuel — Kenaz. *that birds nest, or this bewayling possession, or buying.* The son of Eliphaz. Ge. 36. 11. 42. Ios. 15. 17.

Cainan — Keni. *a possession, a buying, a birds nest, or bewailing.* Moses father in law. Iudg. 1. 16.

Canath — Kenites. and Kenezites. *idem.* A people. Num. 24. 21, 22. and 32. 12.

Cenaz — Keren happuch. *the horne, or childe of beautie.* Iob 42. 14.

Cenes — Kerioth. *cities, callings, readings, or meetings.* A city. Ioh. 15. 25. Iere. 48. 24.

Keren-hapuch — Keros. *crooked, or crookednesse.* Ezra 2. 44.

Karioth — Keturah *smelling sweet, perfuming, or contended for.* Abrahams second wife. Gen. 25. 1.

Carioth — Keziah *as pleasant as Cassia, or fine spices.* Iob 42. 14

Ceros — ¶ Kibroth hattaauah. *the graues of lust.* A mansion. Num. 11. 34. and 33. 16.

Ceturа — Kibzaim. *congregation.* A citie. Ioh. 21. 22.

Kezia — Kidron. *making blacke, or sad.* A riuer in the valley betweene Ierusalem and mount Oliuet. 2. Sam. 15. 23. Ioh 18. 1. looke Cedron.

Kibzaim — Kinah. as Keni. A city. Ioh. 15. 22.

Cedron — Kir. *a wall, a blocke, or coldnes, or a meeting.* A citie. Isa. 15. 1. Amos 1. 5.

Cina — Kir-hareseth. *a wal of workmanship.* a city. Isa. 16. 7.

Kir-hareseth. *idem.* A city. Isa. 16. 11.

Kir-heres. *a wall, blocke, or coldnes, or meeting of the sunne.* A city. Iere. 48. 31.

Kithares — Kiriath. as Kerioth. A city. Ioh. 18. 28.

Ciriath — Kiriathaim. *idem.* A citie. Ioh. 13. 19.

Cariathaim — Kiriath-arba. *the fourth citie.* A city builded by Arba, called Hebron. Ge. 23. 2. Ios. 14. 15. 15. 13. and 21. 11. 1 Chron. 6. 55. At this citie the virgine Marie visited her cosin Elizabet. Luk. 1. 39 where also the 4. Patriarks, Adam, Abraham, Izhak, & Iaakob were buried. Gen. 25. 10. and 35. 29. and 49. 30. and 50. 13.

Cariathbee — Kiriath-arim. *a city of cities, townes, or watchers: or in the Hebrew or Syrian, a citie of enemies.* A citie

Ciriath arba — Ezra 2. 25.

Kiriathbaal — Kiriath-baal. *a city of an idole, of a ruler, or possessor.* A citie. Ioh. 15. 60.

Kiriathiearim — Kiriath-iearim. *a city of woods.* a city. Ioh. 9. 17. and 15. 60.

Kiriathsannah — Kiriath-sannah. *a city of a blackbery tree, or in the Hebrew and Syrian, a citie of enmity.* A citie called also Debir. Ioh. 15. 49.

Carith-senna — Kiriath-sepher. *a city of letters.* A city, called also Debir. Ioh. 15. 15.

Kiriathsephar — Kish. *hard, or sore, or straw to thatch.* The sonne of Abiel. 1. Sam. 9. 1 and 1. Chron 8. 30. 33.

Cis — Kishion. *hardnesse, or soreness* &c. Ioh. 19 20.

Kisson — Kishon, as Kith. a riuer, or brooke of Galilee neere the hill Tabor. Iudg. 4. 7. 1. King. 18. 40.

Kison — Kithlish. *it is a wall: or in the Hebrew and Syrian, the company of a lionesse, or as pulled away by violence.* A city. Ioh. 15. 40.

Cethlis — Kitron. *making sweete, or perfuming, or abiding together, or a bond: or after the Syrian, a knot.* a citie. Iudg. 1. 30.

Citron — Kittim. *breaking small or golde.* Gen. 10. 4.

Cethim — ¶ Koa. *hope. a congregatiō, a lune, or a rule.* Ezr. 23. 23.

Coa — Kohath. looke Kahath, and Gen. 46. 11. of him came the Kohathites. Num. 26. 57, 58.

Cehath — Kolaiah. *the voice of the Lord.* Mens names. Nehe. 11. 7. Iere. 29. 21.

Caath — Korah. *bald, baldnesse, Ice, or frost.* Gene. 36. 5. and 1. Chro. 2. 43.

Colaia. Colia — Kore *crying, calling reading, or a partridge.* 1. ch. 9. 19

Corah — Korhites. *idem.* a people. Num. 26. 58.

Core — ¶ Kushaia. *hardnes, his grauity, or his office.* 1. ch. 15. 17

Corathites — I.

Kushaiah — Laadah. *to gather, to assemble together, or to testifie: also passing ouer, or robbing, or for the decking: or after the Syrian, taking away.* 1. Chro. 4 21.

Cusaia — Laadan *for pleasure, deuouring, iudgemēt, for decking, or for a witnesse: or after the Syrian, vnto the time.* 1. Chro. 7. 26. and 23. 7.

Lada — Laban. *white, shining, gentle, or brittle.* Brother to Rebekah. Gen. 24 29. He runneth to meete Iaakob. Gen. 29. 13. he giueth his daughter Leah vnto Iaakob in stead of Rahel. Gene. 29. 23. He deceiueth Iaakob. Gen. 31. 7. He pursueth him. Gen. 31. 23 He maketh a couenant with him. Gene. 31. 44. * Also the wildernesse, where Moses read Deuteronomie vnto the Israelites. Deut. 1. 1.

Leedan — Labana. *the Moone, whitenesse frankincense, or brittle.* 1. Esd 5. 29. Ezra 2. 40. Nehe. 7. 48.

Ladan — Lacedemonians. *a lake of deuils, or a well of mad men.* A people. 2. Mac. 5. 9.

Lebana — Lachish. *walking, or he going flood still. or being to thy selfe.* a city. Ioh. 10. 3. taken by Iehuah. Ioh. 10. 32. reade Ioh. 15. 39 and 2. King. 14. 19. and 2. Chro. 11. 9. Nehe. 11. 30.

Lebanah — Lael. *to God, or to the mighty* Num. 3. 24.

Lachis — Lahad. *praising, to praise, or to confesse.* 1. Chro. 4. 2.

Laad — Lahamam. *the bread of them, or the warre, or the flesh of them.* A citie. Ioh 15 40.

Lehamam — Lahmi. *my bread, or my flesh.* a mightie Gyant. 1. Chro. 20. 5.

Lehemam — Laish. *a Lyon,* a city, whose inhabitants the tribe of Dan destroyed. Iudg. 18. 27, 28. reade Isa. 10. 30. called also Leshem. Ioh. 19 47.

Lahmi — Lamech. looke Lemech.

Laish — Lamuel. *God to them, or God with them, or with whom is God.* Prou. 31. 1.

Lemuel — Laodicea. *iust people.* a city in Asia, first called Diospolis, afterward Ros, last of all Laodicea. Reuel. 1. 11. Colos. 4. 16.

Lappidoth. *lightnings, or lampes.* Husband to Deborah.

Lapidoth

Thalaſſa

Laſa

Laſthenes

Lea

Libanus
Libanon

Libni
Leboni
Lecha
Lahabim
Laabim
Lechi

Lamech

Leſem

Letuſim
Latiſſim
Leui
Leuites

rah. Iudges 4.4.

Laſca. *thicke, or wiſe.* A city on the banke of Creta. Acts 27.8.

Laſha. *to call, or to anoynt.* a citie. Gen. 10, 19.

Laſthenes. *the ſtrength of a ſtone.* 1. Mac 11.31.

Lazarus, *the helpe of God.* A begger. Luke 16.20.* Alſo the brother of Mary and Martha, who was ſick, for the glory of God. Iohn 11.1, 2, 3, 4. Being dead & buried, he is raiſed vnto life by Chriſt. Ioh. 11.43, 44. After which the Phariſees reſorted vnto his houſe, to ſee him. Iohn 12.9. The the Prieſtes would haue put him to death, and why. Iohn 12.10, 11. his riſing againe, turned many to the faith. Iohn 12.42.

¶ Leah. *painfull, or wearied.* Labans eldeſt daughter. Gen. 29.16. God ſeeing her deſpiſed, maketh her fruitfull. Gen. 29.31.* ſhe bargaineth with Rahel for her ſons Mandzakes, to lie with Iaakob. Gen. 30.14, 15, 16. The people wiſhed Ruth as fruitfull as Leah. Ruth 4.11.

Lebana, or Lebanah, looke Labana.

Lebanon. *idem.* A place of Syria, ſo called, for the great ſtore of frankincenſe there. Deut. 1.7. Ioſh. 11. 17. Iudg. 3.3 1. King. 7.2.

Lebaoth. *of a lioneſſe, a ſigne of the heart, or vnto the entring in.* a citie. Ioſh. 15.32.

Lebbeus. *praiſing, or confeſſing.* an Apoſtle of Ieſus Chriſt ſurnamed Thaddeus. Mat. 10.3.

Lebnah. as Labana. a citie. Ioſh. 15.42.

Lebonah. *idem.* a citie. Iudg 21.19.

Lecah. *walking, or going.* 1 Chr. 4.21.

Lehabim. *inflamed, or flames, or ſword.* Sonne to Miztraim. Gen. 10.13. 1 Chr. 1.11.

Lehi. *the iaw.* a place where Samſon ſlew a thouſand men. Iudg 15.9, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Lemech. *poore, humbled, or ſmitten.* Methuſhaels ſonne. Gen. 4.18. He had two wiues. Gene. 4.19. He boaſteth of his murthers vnto his wiues. Gene. 4.23. Alſo the ſonne of Methuſhelah. Gen. 5.25.

Lehem. *a name, or portion, or they put vnto, or a precious ſtone.* a citie. Ioſh. 19.47.

Letuſſim. *hammer men, or fie men.* The ſonne of Dedan. Gen. 25.3.

Leui. *ioined, or coupled, or added to him.* Iaakobs third ſonne by Leah Gen. 29.34. 1. Chr. 2.1. Of him came the Leuites Exo. 4.14. & 1. Chr. 6.1.* he and Simeon ſlew the Shechemites. Gen. 34.25, 26. and are reproued therefore. Gen 49.5, 6, 7. They are bleſſed. Deut. 33.8, to 12. God choſe y tribe of Leui, to be his prieſts. 2. Sam 2.28, 30 They are appointed to keepe the Tabernacle. Num 1.47.* and 2.33. They beare the Arke before the people. Ioſh 3.6. They are ſeparated from the other tribes, and why. Deut. 10.8, 9. Eleazar the chiefe captaine of the Leuites. Num. 3.32. Their purgation and oblation. Leuit. 8.12.* Of their offices. Numb. 4.2.* They are numbred. Num. 3.16.* They muſt be nourished. Deut. 12.18, 19. They purge the houſe of God vnder Hezekiah 2 Chr. 29.5. They are numbred, that returned to Ieruſalem with Zerubbabel Neh. 12.1.* Dauid numbreth them, and aſſigneth to them offices. 1. Chr. 23.3.* The adminiſtration of holy things giuen to them Numb. 3.8. Moſes deliuereth Deuteronomie to them. Deut. 31.9.

They had no inheritance, and why. Deut. 10.9. & 18. 1, 2. The firſt fruits muſt be brought to them. Deu. 26. 2, 3. They muſt offer to God the tenth of their tithes. Num. 18.26. Hezekiah commanded to giue them the tithes. and why. 2. Chron. 31.4. Cities aſſigned vnto them. Num. 35.2 Ioſh. 21.2, to 43. the ſelling of their houſes, & cities. Leu. 25.31, to 35. They put to death idolaters at Moſes commaundement. Exod. 32.28. They are driuen out of Iſrael by Ieroboam. 2. Chr. 11.14 & Leuite tan about the countrey, and became Michahs prieſt. Iudg. 17.7.* And of the Leuite, that had a wife to his concubine. Iudg. 19.1, 2.*

Leummim. *countreys, or without waters.* Gen. 25.3. Laumim

¶ Libnah, as Labana. a city. Num. 33.20. Ioſh. 10. 29. and 2. Kings 8.22. Iſa. 37.8. Libna

Libni. *idem.* The ſonne of Gerſhom. Exod. 6.17. 1. Chro. 6.20, 29. Of whom came the Libnites. Numb. 3.21. and 26.58. Libnas Lobni

Licia. *a wolfe.* a prouince of Aſia. 1. Mac. 15.23. Lycia

Linus. *a wer.* 2. Tim. 4.21.

Liſtra. *diſſoluing.* a citie. Acts 14.6. Lyſtra

Liuiathan. *a coupling together, an fellowſhip, or deliuered to himſelfe.* A fiſh, called a whale. Iob 40.20. 2. Eſd. 6.49. Pſal. 104.26. Iſa. 27.1. Leuiathan

¶ Lo-ammi. *not my people.* Hoſe. 1.9.

Lobin. *whitenes, &c.* as Labana. Reade Libni. Libni

Lod, *nativitie, or generation.* a city. 1. Chro. 8.12.

Lod hadid. *riſing, ſpring, or riſing ſharpe, or after the Hebrew and Syrian, a new nativitie, or generation.* a city. Ezra 2.33.

Lois. *bitter.* Grandmother to Timothie. 2. Tim. 1.5.

Lo ruhamah. *without mercy.* Hoſ. 1.6.

Lot. *wrapped, ſpyned, or couered, or bound together.* Loth
ſonne to Haran, Abrams brother. Gen. 11.27. He and Abram are rich. Gene. 13.2, 6. Lot choſe Sodome to dwell in. Gene. 13.11, 12. Hee is taken priſoner, and deliuered by Abram. Gen. 14.12, to 17. Two Angels his gheſts. Gen. 19.1, 2, 3. He would rather ſuffer his daughters to be defiled, then his gheſts ſhould ſuffer iniurie. Gene. 19.8. He is commended. 2. Pet. 2.7, 8. Foretelling the deſtruction of Sodome to his ſonnes in law, they mocked him. Gene. 19.14. He and his houſe commanded to depart out of Sodome. Gen. 19. 15. He is deliuered for Abrahams ſake. Gene. 19.29. Being deliuered, he went and dwelt in a caue with his two daughters, where hee fell to horrible incest. Gen. 19 30.* Zoar preſerued at his prayer. Gene. 19. 20, 21, 26. His wife turned to a pillar of ſalt. Gen. 19. 29. Is an example for vs, to put no truſt in worldly things, and diſtruſt God. Luke 17.32, 33. Lots dayes. Luke 17.28, 29. The land of Ar, giuen to the children of Lot for a poſſeſſion. Deut. 2.9.

Lotan, as Lot. Gen. 36.20. 1. Chr. 1.38.

¶ Lubim. *the heart of a man, or heart of the ſea.* A Lybia
countrey. Nah 3.9. the people called Lubims, 2. Chro. Lybians
12.3. Iere. 46.9. looke Lybia.

Lucifer. *bringing light.* Iſa. 14.12.

Lucius. *of light.* a Prophet. Acts 13.1. Rom. 16.21.

Lud. *nativitie, or generation.* Sonne to Shem. Gen. 10.22. Of him the countrey of Lydia in Aſia the leſſe, tooke name: looke Lydia, and Iſa. 66.19.

Ludim. *idem.* Miztraims ſonne. Gen. 10.13.

Luhith. *a ſtore made of boards, or greenneſſe.* a hill. Luith
Iſa. 15.5. Iere. 48.5.

Luke. after the Hebrew is interpreted, *a riſing to* Lucas
him. A Phiſitian, who became an Euangeliſt. Col. 4. 14. 2. Tim. 4.11.

Luz. *an almond, a departing, or bending.* A citie Luza.
called alſo Beth-el. Gen. 28.19. Ioſh. 16.2. and 18.13. taken by the family of Ioſeph Iudg. 1.23.

¶ Lybia. *groſſe, or fat.* A countrey lying from Egypt to the Weſt Ocean: ſo called of the Moores. Act. 2.10. looke Lubim.

Lycaonia. *a wolfe.* A prouince of Aſia where Barnabas and Paul preached. Acts 14.6.

Lydda. *a ſtanding pond of water.* A city of the Philiſtims on the banke of the great ſea, called Diospolis. 1. Mac. 11.34. Acts 9.32, 35.

Lydia. *idem.* a countrey in Aſia the leſſe on the Eaſt ioyning to Phrygia: on the North to Myſia: on the South by ſome part of Caria. 1. Mac. 8.8. called alſo Lud.

Iſai.

Isa. 66. 19. of the people. Jere 46. 9. Also a godly woman who believed the Gospel. Acts 16. 14.

Lysania — Lysanias. dissolving sadnesse. The Tetrarch of Abilene. Luke 3. 1.

Lysias. dissolving King Antiochus deputie. 1. Mac. 3. 32. 2. Mac. 11. 1. 1. Mac. 6. 27. * and 7. 2, 3, 4.

Lysimachus, dissolving battel Menelaus brother. 2. Mac. 4. 29.

Also the sonne of Ptolemeus. Esther 11. 1.

Lystra, as Lysias. A citie. Acts 14. 6.

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Maacha — Maacah pressed downe, worne, or fastened. 2. Sam. 10. 6.

Maacha — Maachah. idem. Abishaloms daughter 1. Kin. 15. 2. 2. Chr. 11. 20. Also Calebs concubine. 1. Chr. 2. 48.

Maachati — Maachathi. broken, &c. as Maacah. Deu 3. 14. Josh. 13. 11. and 1. Kin. 25. 23.

Maaddi — Maadai, yerely, pleasant, decked, satisfying, or passing over: or after the Syrian, taken away. Ezr. 10. 34.

Maaia — Maaiah. silliness, or the pleasantnes, or decking of the Lord, or the testimony, or counsail of the Lord. Ne. 12. 25.

Maai, a belliе, or heaping up Neh. 12. 36.

Maakah, looke Maachah.

Maale-Acrabim — Maaleh-akrabbim, or Maaleth-akrabbim. Num. 34. 4. Josh. 15. 3.

Maarath — Maarah. a desert, a making emptie, a powring out of water, or watching. A citie. Josh. 15. 59.

Maasi — Maasiah. my worke. 1. Chr. 9. 12.

Maasia — Maaseiah. the worke of the Lord. 1. Chr. 15. 18. and 2. Chr. 26. 11.

Maasias — Maasiah, or Maaziah. the defence, strength, or sure trust of the Lord. 2. Chr. 23. 1. and 1. Chr. 24. 18.

Maasiah — Maath. wiping away, defacing, breaking, or fearing, or after the Syrian, a smiting. Luke 3. 20.

Mooz — Maaz. wood, or of wood. 1 Chr. 2. 27.

Maaziah — Maziah. the strength, or succour of the Lord. 1. Chr. 24. 11. and Neh. 10. 8.

Machbanai — Macbannai, or Macbanai. a wretch, or my poore sonne, or the powerfull or understanding. 1. Chr. 12. 13.

Machabæus — Maccabeus. smiting, or after the Greeke, a warriour. the sonne of Mattathias. 1. Mac. 2. 4. Of whom looke more in Iudas.

Macedonia, a burning, or a worshipping, or a crooked-nesse: but after the Greeke, loftie, or excelling other. A countrey in Greece. Reade Esther 16. 10. 1. Mac. 1. 1 2 Macc. 8. 20. Acts 16. 9. 10, 12. and 19. 21, 22, 29. Rom. 15. 26. 1. Cor. 16. 5. 2. Cor. 1. 16. and 8. 1. and 9. 2. and 11. 9. and 1. Thes. 4. 10.

Machbena — Machbenah. powerfull, the smiting of his sonne, the powerfull or understanding, or the smiting of the builder. 1. Chr. 2. 49.

Machabani — Machi. poore, or a smiter. Num. 13. 16.

Machir. selling, or knowing. Ge. 50. 23. 2. Sam. 9. 4

Machirites idem. Num. 26. 29.

Machmas. a smiter, or a poore man taken away. A citie. 1 Mac 9. 73.

Machnadebai — Machnadebai a smiter, or a poore man vowing of his owne accord Ezra 10. 40.

Machpelah. double. Gen. 23. 9.

Madai. a measure, iudging, or a garment. Gen. 10. 2.

Medan — Madan. strife, iudging, a measure, or a garment. Gen. 25. 2.

Medmenah — Madmannah. a measure of a gift, the preparation of a garment, or a dunghill. A citie Josh. 15. 31. Jere. 48. 2. Isa. 10. 31. Also a man. 1. Chr. 2. 49.

Madmen — Madon. a chiding, or a garment, or his measure. A citie. Josh. 11. 1. and 12. 19.

Magbis — Magbish. exceeding other, or height. Ezra 2. 30.

Magdala — Magdala. a tower or greatnesse. A citie. Mat. 15, 39.

Magdalene — Magdalene. magnified, or exalted, or a tower. The surname of Marie the sister of Martha. Luke 8. 2. & 24. 10. Iohn 20. 1. 18.

Magdiel. preaching, or declaring God, or the apple, or chosen fruit of God. Gen 36. 43.

Magog. covering, or melting. A man, a people, and a countrey. Gen. 10. 2. Ezr 38. 2. and 39. 6. Reuc. 20 8.

Magbiah. a body thrust hard together, or gathered together, or the moth of the body, or of the garment. Nehem. 10. 20. — Magpias, Magphies

Mahali. infirmitie, or sicknes, or a company of dauncers, or a harpe: or after the Syrian, pardon. Exo. 6. 19. Num 3. 20 and 1. Chron. 23. 23. Of whom came the Mahlites. Num. 3. 33. — Maheli, Mahelites

Mahalah. idem, Gilreads sister. 1. Chr. 7. 18. Also the daughter of Jeremoth. 2. Chron. 11. 18. Also Esaus third wife Gen 28. 9. — Malah, Malahath, Mahelah

Mahaleel. praising God, or Gods illumination. The sonne of Kenan Gen. 5. 12. Lu. 3. 37. Also the father of Shephatiah. Neh 11 4. — Malaleel, Malaleel, Mahalaleel

Mahanaim. tents, or a company of souldiers, or two armies or campes. The place where Gods Angels met Jaakob Gen. 32. 1. 2. Josh. 13. 26

Mahanch-dan. the tents of iudgement. A place. Iudges 18. 12.

Maharai, hasting, or a hill, or from my hill. 2. Sa. 23. 28. and 1. Chr. 11. 30.

Mahath. wiping away, breaking, or fearing, or after the Syrian a feasting. 1. Chr. 6. 35. and 2 Chr 29. 12.

Mahauite. declaring a message, blotting out, shaking, or the marrow in bones. 1. Chr 11. 46. — Mahumite

Mahazioth. seeing a signe, or seeing a letter. 1. Chron. 25 4. — Masioth

Maher-shalal-hash-baz. Isa. 8. 3. [illegible]

Mahlah, as Mahalah. The daughter of Zelophehad. Numb. 26. 33. — Mahele

Mahli, and Mahlites. looke Mahali.

Mahlon, as Mahali Ruth 1. 2. — Mahalon

Mahol. idem. 1. King. 4. 31.

Maian. numbred, rewarded, or prepared. Father of Meiea. Lu. 3. 31. — Menam, Menna

Mahaz. an ende, or ending, or keeping, or watching, or waxing hote. A place. 1. Kin. 4. 9. — Makaz, Maces

Makkedah. a burning, or worshipping, or a crooked-nesse. A citie. Josh 10. 10, 28. and 15 41. — Mukeda, Makadah

Makkeloth. Churches, companies, or congregations. A mansion. Num 33. 25. — Makeloth, Maceloth

Malachi. my messenger, or Angel A Prophet. Mal. 1. 1. and 2 Esd. 1. 40. — Malachias

Maleh-leannoth. looke the title of Psal. 88.

Malcham. their king, or their counsellour. A mans name. 1. Chr. 8. 9. also an Idole. Zeph. 1. 5. — Malchom, Molchom

Malchiah. the Lord my king, or the Lord my counsellour. 1. Chr. 6. 4. Ezra 10. 25. Jer. 21. 1. — Melchia, Melchias

Malchiel. God is my king, or God is my counsellour, or God is my kingdome. Ge. 46. 17. 1. Chr. 7. 31. of whom came the Malchielites. Num. 26. 45. — Melchiel, Melchielites

Malchisua as Malchiah 1. Chr. 9. 12. and 24. 9. — Melchisa

Malchishua, my king the saviour, or the king of health, or the mighty king. Saules sonne. 1. Sam. 14 49.

Melchi-zedek. king of righteousnesse. The king of Shalem. to whom Abram gaue tithe of all his spoiles. Ge. 14. 18, 19, 20. read Heb. 5. 6. * 7. 1. 2. * looke Shem. — Melchi-zedec, Melchisedec

Malchus. my king, king dom, or my counsellor. The high priests seruant, whose eare Peter smote off. Joh. 18 10

Maleleel, looke Mahaleel.

Malhah, as Mahali. daughter of Zelophehad. Josh. 17. 3 looke Mahlah.

Malluthi. fulnesse, or circumcision. 1. Chr. 25. 4. — Malothi

Malluch. reigning, or counselling. Mens names. Ezra 10. 29. 32 Neh 10. 4. 27. — Maloch

Mamre. a rebell, bitter, or changing, or set with trees. A mans name. Gene. 14. 24. also a plaine neere Hebron, Gen. 13. 18. — Mambre

Manaer.

Mamzer. *a bastard, or one borne of an harlot.* Deut. 23.2.

Manna — Man *part, portion, or gift, or meate prepared, or what is this?* Food sent vnto the Israelites frō heauen. Exo. 16.15. God rained Man and Quailes vnto the Israelites. Exod. 16.13. Num. 11.31. The sunne melted it, and being kept longer then God appointed, it putrified. Exod. 16.20,21. It fell not on the Sabbath, & why. Exo. 16.25,26. It was reserued, and why. Exod. 16.32. The Israelites loathed it. Nū. 11.6. It ceased after they had taken of the corne of Canaan. Iosh. 5.12. Man not the true bread, but a figure thereof. Iohn 6.31,32,33,35,49,58. Of Man reade Psa. 78.24,25. Wis. 16.20,21. 1. Cor. 10.3. Reu. 2.17.

Menahem — Manahem. *a comforter.* He that slew Shallum king of Israel, and reigned in his stead. 2. King. 15.14. He dieth. 2 King. 15.14.

Manahen. *their comforter, or leader, or the preparation of heate, or a gift not registred.* Acts 13.1.

Manasses Manasseh — Manasseh, looke Manasseh. Iosephs sonne. Gen. 41.51. Iaakob reckoned Manasseh and Ephraim among his children. Gene. 48.5. Manasseh is blessed by Iaakob. Gen. 48.19,20. The habitation of halfe his tribe. Iosh. 13.29,30. Iosua commandeth them to goe armed before their brethren. Iosh 1.13,13,14. and 4.12. The portion and heritage of the children of Manasseh. Iosh. 22.7,8. They destroy not the Canaanites vtterly, but made them tributaries. Iudg. 1.27,28.

Also Hezekiahs sonne, who succeeded his father. 2. Kin. 20.21. Mat. 1.10. He became wicked and idolatrous. 2 King. 21.1,to 19. and 2. Chr. 33.1,to 21. Hee is called Esaias. Luke. 3.28.

Manahthites. *my ladie of rest, or my prince of rest.* A people. 1. Chr. 2.54.

Mandrakes. A kinde of fruit. Gen. 30.14,15. Cant. 7.13.

Mina — Maneh. A kind of weight. Ezek. 45.12.

Manoah — Manoah. *rest, or a gift.* The father of Samson. Iudg. 13.2.

Manoe Maonathi — Maon. *a dwelling place, or a place of offence, or of sinne.* A citie. Iosh. 15.55. Also a man. 1. Chr. 2.45.

Marah — Mara. *bitter, or bitternesse.* The name of Naomi. Ruth 1.20. Also a mansion. Exod. 15.23. Num. 33.8.

Marolah Merala — Maralah. *sleepe, or drunkennesse, or the bitternesse of ascending, or a sacrifice killed, or a sacrifice of Myrrhe, or a Lasse of Myrrhe, or teaching sacrifice, or asscension.* A citie. Iosh. 19.11.

Maran-atha. 1. Cor. 16.22.

Marcus — Marke, *filed, or made fine, or wiped from the rustinesse.* Barnabas sisters sonne. Col. 4.10. 2. Tim. 4.11. Peter calleth him his sonne. 1. Pet. 5.13.

Mardechai, looke Mordechai.

Maresah Meresa — Maresha. *from the head, from the beginning, or an inheritance, or the bitternesse of the field.* A citie. Iosh. 15.44. Mich. 1.1. Also a man. 1. Chr. 2.42.

Maria — Marie as Miriam, the virgin, wife to Ioseph, mother of Christ. Matth 1.16. Her wonderfull conception by the holy Ghost. Luke 1.26,to 39. She visiteth her cousin Elizabeth. Luke 1.40. And is called blessed of her. Luke 1.42. Her song. Luk 1.46,to 56. She bringeth forth Christ at Bethlehem Luke 2.7. goeth into Egypt, and returneth to Nazareth. Matth. 2.13.* She seeketh her sonne, and findeth him in the temple, disputing among Doctors. Luk. 2.44.* She is called Christs mother Iohn 2.3. and 19.25,26.

Also the mother of Iohn Mar. 12.12.

Also the wife of Cleophas, the virgine Maries sister. Iohn 19.25. who bestowed great labour vpon Gods preachers. Rom. 16.6. the mother of James & Ioses. Matth 27.56.61.

Also the mother of Zebedeus children, Iohn and James. Matth. 27.56 and 4.21. Mar. 1.19.

Also the sister of Lazarus and Martha, surnamed Magdalena, who anointed the Lord, and wiped his feet with her haire. Iohn. 11.2.& 12.3. Mat. 26.7. she meeteth Iesus comming to her house. Iohn. 11.29. She was very attentiue to heare the word. Luk. 10.39.* Christ casteth her why she wept. Iohn 20.15. Out of her Christ cast seuen deuils, & she followed him ministring to him of her substance. Luk. 8.2,3. She runneth to the Sepulchre. Mat. 27.61. and 28.1. Iohn. 20.1,2. Christ being risen againe, forbiddeth her to touch him, & why. Iohn 20.17. Shee sheweth to the Apostles the resurrection of Christ. Mar. 16.9.10. Iohn. 20.18.

Maroth. *bitternesse.* A citie. Mic. 1.12.

Mars streete. looke Acts 17.19,22. — Areopagus

Marsena. *the bitternes of a bramble, or myrrhe of the enemie, or shewing the bramble, or enemie.* Est. 1.14. — Marsana

Martha. *stirring vp, bitter, or prouoking:* or after the Syrian, *a lady.* Sister of Mary and Lazarus. Luke 10.38,39. cumbred about much businesse Luk. 10.40. and serued supper. Iohn. 12.2. her faith. Iohn. 11.22,24, 27. her distrust verse 39.

Mashal. *a parable, gouerning, or ruling.* A citie. 1. Chr. 6.74. — Masal

Mashmannah. *I ù fatnesse, or hu oyle, or touching, or taking away, a gift, or number.* 1. Chr. 12.10. — Masman Mishmannah

Mashrecah. *an hissing, or drawing of vantsie, or touching vantsie, or a vine.* A citie. 1. Chron. 1.47. Gene. 36.36. — Masreka Masreca

Massa. *a burden, a taking vnto, or sometimes, or prophesie.* Gen. 25.14.

Massah. *tentation.* A place. Exod. 17.7.

Mathathias. looke Mattithia, and Luke 3.25,26.

Mathusala looke Methushelah, and Luke 3.37.

Matred. *a wand descending, or the wand of gouernment, or after the Syrian. labour.* Gen. 36.39.

Matri. *rain, heaping, custody, or a prison.* 1. Sa. 10.21

Mattan. *hu gift, or the liue, or the death of them, or after the Syrian, expectation, or hope.* 2. King. 11.18. 2 Chr. 23.17. — Mathan Matthan

Mattanah. *idem.* A place Num. 21.18. — Mathana

Mattani, or Matthenai. *idem* Ezra 10.33. — Mattenai

Mattaniah. *the gift of the Lord, or the Lord of the loynes:* or after the Syrian & Hebrew, *the hope of the Lord.* Iehoiakims vncle called also Zedekiah. 2. King. 24.19. also the sonne of Micah. 1. Chr. 9.15. — Matthonias Matthania

Mattatha. *hu gift.* Lu. 3.31. — Matthatha

Mattenai, looke Mattani.

Matthan, as Mattan. Mat. 1.15. — Mathan

Matthat. *a gift, or giuing* Lu 3.24,29.

Mattattah. *hu gift.* Ezra 10.33. — Matthatah

Mattathias, as Mattaniah. Father of Iudas Maccabeus. 1. Mat 2.1.* Also other men. Lu. 3.25,26. — Mathathias

Matthew. *giuen, or a reward.* An Apostle and Euangelist, named also Leui, whom Christ called. Mat. 9.9,10. Mar. 2.14. Lu. 5.27.

Matthias. *the gift of the Lord.* 1. Mac. 14.19. Also the Apostle chosen in the roume of Iudas. Act. 1.26. — Matthathias Mathathias

Mattathia. *a gift of the Lord.* The eldest sonne of Shallum. 1 Chr. 9.31. also another. 1. Chr. 15.18. — Mathathia Mattithiah

Mazzaroth. The morning starre. Iob 38.32. — Lucifer

Mauzzim. *strengthened, or strength, or succours.* An idole. Dan. 11.38. — Maoxim

¶ Meah. *an hundred cubites.* A towre. Neh 3.1. — Mea

Mearah. *a denne, or a cause, a making emptie, a pewring out of water, or watching.* Iosh. 13.4. — Maara

Mebannai. *a sonne, a building vnderfoot, or vnderstanding.* 2. Sam. 23.27. — Mobonnai

Mecherathite. *selling, or knowledge.* 1. Chr. 11.36.

Mechonah. *a stone of a pillar, or prouision.* A citie. Nehe. 11.28. — Moconah Mochona

Medad.

Medad. *measuring, or the waters of the beloued.* Nu. 11.26.

Medam, looke Madan.

Medaba Medeba. *the waters of griefe, or waters springing vp.* A citie Num. 21.30. Ioth. 13.9,16.

Medes. *a measure, abounding, or a garment:* in Hebrue, *Madai.* A people. Est. 6.2. Ila. 13.17. Actes 2.9.

Megeddo Megeddon. Megiddo, or Megiddon. *a declaring of a message, an apple, or the chosen fruit.* A citie. Ioth. 12.21. Zechar. 12.11.

Mehetabel. *how good is God? or God doing well.* Ge. 36.39.

Mahida Mehida. *a riddle, sharpnes of wit, or shauing the hand:* or after the Syrian, *the hand smiten.* Ezra 2.52.

Mahir Mehir. *a reward.* 1. Chr. 4.11.

Mahuiael Mehuiael. *reaching, or declaring God, or God blotting out:* or after the Syrian and Hebrue, *smitten of God.* Gen. 4.18.

Aman Mauman Maiercon Meltias Mehuman. *troubled, making an vproare, or a multitude.* Ester 1.10.

Meiarkon. a citie. Ioth. 19.46.

Melatiah. *deliuerance of the Lord.* Neh. 3.7.

Melea. *a spurne, or shee counseller:* or after the Hebrue *supplying, or supplied.* Luke 3.31.

Meleia Melchi. *my king, or my counsell.* The name of men mentioned. Luke 3.24, 28.

Melchi-zedek Milico Milich Melchi-tedec, looke Melchi-sedec.

Melech. *a king, or counseller.* 1. Chr. 8.35.

Melico. *his kingdome, or counsel.* Neh. 12.14.

Malistar Malstar Melita. *flowing with honie.* An Ile betweene Epirus and Italie looking toward Cicilia. Actes 28.1.

Melzar. *the circumcision of a narrow place, or of a bond, or of a fleshed.* Dan. 1.11.

Memphis. *from the mouth, or after the Syrian, a couerer, or ouerwhelmer.* a countrey. Psal. 9.6. Iuuer. 1.10

Memucan. *prepared, sure, made poore, or smitten.* Ester. 1.14.

Menahem, looke Manahem.

Menassich Manasseh Menasseh. *forgetter, or forgetfulnesse.* looke Manasseh, and also Ezra 10.33.

Mene, Mene, Tekel, Vpharsin. Dan 5.25.

Menestheus Menestheus. *chearefulnesse, anger, or the strength of God.* 2. Esa 4.21.

Meonenim. *charmers.* Iudg. 9.37.

Meonothai. 1. Chr. 4.14.

Mephaath. *an appearance of waters, or the force of waters.* A citie. Ioth. 21.3. and 13.18.

Mephibosheth Mephibosheth. *shame of mouth.* Sonne of Ionathan, lame of his feet. 2. Sam. 4.4. comforted & well intreated of Dauid for his fathers sake. 2. Sam. 9.6. & Siba by false accusation, obteineth all that hee on possesse. 2. Sam. 16.4. Which being knowen, the lands are diuided betweene him and Siba. 2. Sam. 19.29.

Merob Merab. *fighting, chiding, or multiplying:* or after the Syrian, *the office of a master.* Sauls eldest daughter. 1. Sam. 14.49. promised to Dauid to wife, but giuen to another. 1. Sam. 18.17, 18.19.

Meraioth. *bitternesse, rebellious, or changing.* 1. The sonne of Zeraiah. 1. Chr. 6.6. Also the sonne of Ahitub. 1. Chr. 9.11.

Marari Merari. *bitter, slirred vp, or prouoked.* The sonne of Leui. Gen. 46.11. Exo. 6.10. Of whom came the Merarites. Numb. 26.57.

Mercurius. *of merchandise.* One of the heathen gods to whom Paul was likened. Actes 14.12. Also one whom Paul greeteth Rom. 16.14.

Maroel Merimoth Marimoth Mered. *a rebel, or rebellious, going downe, or bearing rule.* 1. Chr. 4.17, 18.

Meremoth, or Merimoth. *bitternesse, or myrrhe of death.* Exo 10.36. Nehe. 3.4. and 10.5.

Mares Meres. *distilling downe from the head,* or after the Syrian, *an impostume.* Ester 1.14.

Merib-baal. *rebellion, or fighting against Baal.* The sonne of Ionathan. 1. Chr. 8.34.

Meriboch Meribah. *strife, or contention.* A place. Exo. 17.7. Num. 20.13. Ezek. 47.19.

Merodach Baladan. *bitter contention without iudgement.* Baladans sonne, king of Babel. Isa. 39.1. called Berodach Baladan. 2. King. 20.12.

Meron. *heights.* A riuer. Ioth. 11.5.

Meronothite Meronothi. *my singing, reioycing, or crying out:* or in the Syrian, *bearing rule.* 1. Chr. 27.30.

Meres Meroz. *secret, or leanues.* a citie in Galile. Iud. 5.23

Mesa Mesha. *a burden, or a taking, or saluation.* Sonne of Caleb. 1. Chr. 2.42. Also a king of Moab. 2. King. 3. 4.5. Also a citie. Gen. 10.30.

Misach Meshach. *prolonging, or drawing, or hedging in waters Dan. 1.7.*

Meshech. *idem.* Sonne of Iapheth. Gen 10.2. Of whom the country of Meshech tooke name. Ezek. 27. 13. Psal. 120.4.

Mosoch

Meselemia Mosolomia Meshelemiah. *the peace the perfection, or the recompsing of the Lord.* Heus names. 1. Chr. 9.21. and 26.1.

Meselabel Meshezabel. *God taking away, flowing, or after the Syrian and Hebrew, the saluation of God.* Nehe. 3.4. and 10.21.

Mesellamoth Meshillemith. *peaceable, perfect, giuing againe, or the parables of death.* 1. Chr. 9.12.

Mesellamith Meshillemoth. *a making peace, perfection, a giuing againe, or the parables of death.* 2. Chr. 28.12.

Mosollamoth Meshillam. *a peacemaker, or peaceable, perfect, giuing againe their parables, or their power.* 2. Kin. 22.3. Nehe 3.4.6,30,&c.

Mesulam Mesobaite. *the standing place of the Lord, the Lords standing, or a little Doe.* 1. Chr. 11.47.

Meshillam Mesopotamia A countrey, parcel of the greater Asia and Syria, betweene Babylon & Arabia, & betweene the two riuers Tigris and Euphrates, as the Greeks word Mesos, *middle,* & Potamos, *a riuer* (whereof it is compounded) to vnderstand. Act. 2.9. & 7.2. Iuuer. 2.34. & 5.7.

Methusael Methusael. *asking death, or his death, or a graue.* Gen. 4.18.

Methusalah Methusalah. *he sent his death, or the weapons of his death:* or after the Hebrue and Syrian, *speeding his death, or the speede of death.* The father of Lamech. Gen. 5.25,26,27.

Mithgammah. *the bridle of bondage.* 2. Sam. 8.1. and 1. Chr. 18.1.

Mehunim Munim Meunim. *dwelling places, afflicted, offending, or answering.* 1. Esd 5.31. Ezra 2.50.

Mezahab. *gilded, or the waters of gold, or what gold.* Gen. 38.39.

Mibhar Miamin. *the right hand, or preparing waters.* Ezra 10.25.

Mibsam Mibhar. *chosen, or youth.* 1. Chr. 11.38.

Mibsam. *smelling sweete, or confounding them.* Gen. 25.13. and 1. Chr. 4.25.

Mibzar. *defending, walled, forbidding, taking away, or gathering grapes.* A Duke. Gen. 36.42.

Micah. *poore, lowly, smiting, or smitten, or who is here as this place? or waters here.* Heus names. 2. Samu. 9.12. 1. Chron. 5.5. Iudg. 17.1. and 18.13, to 26. 2. Chr. 34.20.

Micha Michas Michael. *Who is God or who is like God, or the lowlinesse of God, the powrtie of God, the smiting of God, God smitten.* Sonne of Bethar. Num. 13.14. Also the sonne of Israhiah. 1. Chron. 7.3. Also an Archangel. Dan. 12.1. Iude. 9. Reuel. 12.7.

Michaias Michaeas Michaiah. *who as the Lord, or who is like the Lord or*

the lowlines,or powerty of the Lord,or the smiting of the Lord, or the Lord smiting. sonne of Imlah a Prophet. 1.kin.22.8,to 29. 2.Chr.18.7,to 28. When he prophesied with.1.1. Also the father of Achbor.2.kin.22.12.

Michol — Michal.who is perfect? Daughter of Saul. 1.Sam. 14.49. the lourd Dauid.1.Sam.18.20. 2 was giuen to him in marriage 1.Sam.18.27. How she saued his life.1.Sa.19.11.to 18. She was giuen vnto Phalti to wife.1.Sam.25.44. Hee sendeth to Ishbosheth for her. 2.Sam.3.14. Seeing Dauid bounce before the Arke,she contemneth him, and therefore became barren all her life.2.Sam.6.20.* 2.Chr.15.29.

Machmas / Mechmas — Michmath.a smiter,a poore man taken away,the smiter stroking, or a poore man touching, or taking away. A citie.Neh.11.31.

Machmethah / Mechmethah — Michmethah, the gift of a smiter, or poore man, or the death of a smiter.A citie.Iosh.16.9.

Mochori — Micri. a selling,or knowledge.1.Chr.9.8.

Maddin — Michtam.Psal.16.

Madian — Middin.iudgement,striuing,or chiding.A citie.Iosh. 15.61.Iudg.5.10.

Madianites — Midian idem Abrahams sonne by Keturah.Gen.25. 2.of him both countrey & people tooke name Gen.37. 28.Exo.2.15.Nu.25.6.& 31.2.3 Iudg.6.1.& 7.14.15

Magdal-eder. the tower of the flocke. A place by Bethlehem.Gen.35.21.

Magdalel — Migdal-el, the tower of God,or the greatnes of God. a citie.Iosh.19.38.

Magdalgad — Migdal-gad. a happie tower,or a tower compassed about, or greatnesse of happinesse, or the greatnesse compassed about.A citie.Iosh.15.37.

Magdalum — Migdol, a tower,or greatnesse.A citie.Jer.44.1.

Magron — Migron. feare, a barne, or from the throate. A citie. Isa.10.28.

Maiman — Miamin.the right hand,or prospering waters.1.Chr. 24.9.

Macelloth — Mikloth, by rod wands,staues,vpsers,or looking downward.1.Chr.8.32.& 9.37.

Miknia — Mikneiah the possession of the Lord,or the buying the cattel,or herd of the Lord.1.Chr.15.18.

Melalai — Milalai circumcision,or my talke.Neh.12.36.

Melcha — Milcah.a Queene,or woman of counsel Daughter of Haran. Ge.11.29. and 22.20. Also the daughter of Zelophehad. Iosh 17.3.

Milcha — Milcom. their king, or their counseller. An idole of the Ammonites.1.Kin.11.5.

Mello — Millo.fulnesse,or a filling. A place. Iudg 9.6.and 2. Sam.5.9

Miniamin / Mnni — Miniamin,as Miamin Neh.12.17. Mnni. prouision, or gift,or number. The name of a region. Iere 51.27.

Minneth / Mennith — Minnith idem A citie.Iug.11.33.Eze.27.17.

Maria / Marie — Miriam. exalted.the sea of bitternes,or the myrrhe,or mistres of the seas or after the Syrian and Hebrue, the lady of the sea. Daughter of Amram, sister to Moses and Aaron. Exod.15.20. Num.26.29. She watcheth Moses, to see what would become of him Exo.2.4,to 9. She with other women giue thankes to God for their deliuerance. Exo.15.20.21. For her murmuring she is striken with leprosie,and at Moses prayer healed againe.Num.12.* She dieth at Kadesh.Num.20.1

Marma — Mirma.deceit,highnesse,or extolling himselfe.1.Ch. 8.10.

Mikael — Mishael. who demandeth, or who requireth? or lent, or who demanding,requiring, or lending? or God hath taken away,or gone backe. Daniels companion,called also Methach.Dan.1.7.

Misal — Misgah.A citie. Iosh.19.11.

Masal — Mishal parables,gouerning,or ruling. A citie.Iosh. 21.30.

Misham. their sauiour, hauing a regard vnto them, taking away,or touching the people.1.Chr.8.12. — Misaham / Misaan

Mishael.demanding,requiring required,or lent, or a graue, hell, or pits, or the taking away, or touching of God.A citie.Iosh.19.26. — Misal / Messal

Mishma. a hearing, or diligent hearing, or obeying. Gen.25.14.1.Chr 4.25. — Misma / Masma

Mishmanah. fatnesse, his oyle,or touching, or taking away prouision,or taking away a gift.1.Chr.12.10. — Masmana

Mishraites spread abroad,touching a companion, taking away a fried,or taking away a shepherd,or malice. a familie descended of Kiriath-iearim.1.Chr.2.53. — Misrahethites

Mispar.a numbring,a shewing,a scriuener,or the bul of tribute.Ezra 2.2. called Misereth. viz. numbring, shewing,or the augmenting of tribute.Neh.7.7. — Mespher / Mesperath / Mespharath

Mispereth-maim. burning,or hot waters,or the burnings of waters. A place to boyle water vpon the fire, and make salt thereof. Iosh 11.8. — Mistereph-roth-maim

Mithkah sweetnesse,or pleasantnesse. Num.33.28. — Mithca

Mithrite. a gift, or the loine: or after the Syrian, hope,or looking for.1.Chr.11.43. — Mithranite / Mathanite

Mithridath,assisting, or beholding the lawe,or breaking the Lawe,or the going downe of death. Ezra 1.8. and 4.7.1.Esd.2.11. — Mithridates / Mithridath

Mitylenes, cleanlinesse. or the wiping of the winepresse. An Isle against Asia, distant from the nearest borders thereof 5700. paces.Acts 20.14. — Mitylene

Mizar.little. A hill.Psal.42.6.

Mizpah,or Mizpeh. a watch tower,or looking glasse, or iudgement,or a couering. A place. Gen.31.49. Iosh. 11.3,8.and 13.26. builded by king Asa.1.Kin.15.22. The Israelites consult there against the Beniamites. Iudg.20.1,to 11. Thither also Samuel assembled the Israelites,to pray for them.1.Sam.7.5.

Mizraim Gen.10.6. — Mitzraim

Mizzah. a dropping, or distilling from the head, or a sprinckling by that: or after the Syrian, a consuming, or consumption.Gen.36.13. — Mitza / Meza

¶ Moadon.a diligent seeker,or beholding,or remembring Acts 21.16.

¶ Moab.of the father. Lots son by his eldest daughter, of whom came the wicked Moabites.Gene.19.37. and 36.36.they are ouercome by the Amorites Num. 21.29. Israel forbidden to warre with them.Deut.2. 9. Israel falling to idolatrie,become subiects to them. Iudg.3.12,13,14. Ehud slayeth 10000. Moabites. Iudg.3.29. Chemosh Moabs abomination.1.Kings 11.7. The Israelites commit whoredome with the daughters of Moab. Numb 25.1. Moabs curse foreshewed. Isa.16.2. They which Dauid slew not, became tributaries,2 Sam.8.2. Iehoshaphats & Iehorams miraculous victorie against Moab.2.Kin.3.5.* — Moab

Molalph. nativitie,or generation. A citie. Iosh 15. 26.and 19.2. — Molada

Molech. reigning, or a counsellour. An idole of the Ammonites.1.Kin.11.7. The Israelites forbidden to offer their children to it. Leuit.18.21. vpon paine of death. Leuit.20.2,3,4,5. It was destroyed by Iosiah. 2.Kin.23.10. — Moloch

Molecheth.1.Chr.7.18. — Molecath

Moled.nativity or generation,or a circumcised hand. 1.Chr.2.29. — Moled

Mordechai. bitter, contrition. or worne myrrhe. or teaching contrition: or after the Hebrue and Syrian, most pure myrre. He who brought vp Ester. Ester 2. 5.* who bewailed the Iewes destruction. Ester 4.1.* and was exalted. Ester 6.2.* Also the name of another. Ezra 2.9 Neh.7.7. — Mardechai / Mardocheus / Mordecai

Morith.stretching a place.Gen.12.6.Deu.11.30.

Moriah.the feare of God. A mountain where Isaak should haue bene offered. Gen.22.2.2.Chr 3.1. — Moriah / Moria

Molera

Mosera, *learning discipline, or a bond:* after the Syrian, *a gaining, or tradition.* a mountaine where Aaron died, and was buried. Deut. 10.6. Called Hor. Num. 20.22.* and 33.38.39. Deut. 32.50.

Moseroth. *idem.* Num. 33.30,31.

Moseth
Moses
Moyses
Mosch

Mosheh. *drawen vp, or drawen forth, or taken out.* Sonne of Amram. Exod. 6.20. Moses borne, and miraculously preserued. Exod. 2.2,to 11. He slayeth an Egyptian. Exod. 2.11,12. hee would haue pacified two Hebrewes. Exod. 2.13. he fleeth into the land of Midian, and why. Exod. 2.14. where hee marrieth a wife, and hath two sonnes. Exod. 2.15.* Keeping sheepe, he seeth the Angel in a bush. Exod. 3.2. God lendeth him to Pharaoh to deliuer the Israelites, and preuaileth to be with him. Exod. 3.12. Hee receiueth tokens to assure his vocation. Exod. 4.3. he refuseth the charge committed to him, and why. Exod. 4.10. He with his wife and children goe toward Egypt. Exod. 4.20. Almost killed by the Angel in the Inne, for omitting the circumcision of his sonne. Exod. 4.24. Hee and Aaron hauing done their message to Pharaoh, are repulsed, and the Israelites more grieuously oppressed. Exod. 5.1,2.* his rodde turned into a serpent. Exod. 7.10. hee complaineth that the people were not immediatly deliuered after his message done. Exod. 5.22. his song. Exod. 15.1. to 20. While he prayeth, the Israelites ouercome Amalek. Exod. 17. 11.* hee condescendeth to the counsaile of Jethro his father in law. Exod. 18.24. The matters of greatest importance are brought to himselfe. Exod. 18.22. He chargeth not to touch mount Sinai, and why. Exod. 19. 13. he sanctifieth the people. Exod. 19.14. he and Aaron ascend vp to Sinai. Exod. 19.24. Hee consecrateth the olde Testament, and how. Exod. 24.8. Hee is with God in the cloud 40. dayes and 40. nights. Exod. 24.18. being angry he breaketh the two Tables of the Law in pieces, and burneth the golden calfe. Exod. 32.18.* he desireth to be raised out of the booke of life, if God would not pardon his peoples sinne. Exodus 32.32. God speaketh to him face to face. Exod. 33.11. Hee desireth God to conduct the people, and him in the way. Exod. 33.13,14,15. God commandeth him to stand in a place to see his backe parts. Exod. 33. 21.* Hee might not see Gods face, and liue. Exodus 33.20. Hee returneth from the mount with new Tables. Exod. 34.1,to 29. Speaking to the people, why he vsed to couer his face. Exod. 34.33.* 2. Cazinth. 3. 13. he murmureth and reuileth to conduct the people. Numb. 11.11,to 16. Hee witheth all the people could prophecie. Numb 11.29. He was Gods faithfull seruant. Num. 12,7. Heb. 3.2. Hee and Aaron hearing the peoples murmuring, fell on their faces. Num. 14. 5. he appeaseth Gods wrath. Num. 14.13,to 21. Hee fell on his face, hearing the rebellion of Dathan, &c. Numb. 16.4. God, by destroying Korah and the rest, declared that he had sent Moses to gouerne. Num. 16. 3,5,28. fearing to be slaine, he fleeth to the Tabernacle. Nu. 16.42,43. The people destroyed, for murmuring against Moses. Num. 16.49. Why he and Aaron entred not into the land of promise. Num. 20.12. Hee sendeth messengers to the king of Edom. Nu. 20.14. he receiueth the Law to the Israelites. Deut. 1.3. Hee desireth God to appoint a gouernour to succeede him. Num. 27.16.* The land of promise is shewed to him. Num. 27.12. Hee constituteth others to helpe him in the gouernement. Deuter. 1.9,to 19. Hee abideth vpon Horeb 40. dayes and 40. nights, without any sustenance. Deut. 9.9. His incouragement to the people that should warre. Deuter. 20.1. He commaundeth to erect vp an Altar after that they had passed Jordan, and caused the Law to bee written thereon. Deuter. 27.2,to 9. De prepareth himselfe to die, comforteth the people, and giueth them precepts. Deut. 31.2, to 14. He and Joshua are charged to compile a song, and to what end. Deuter. 31.14,to 22. He ascendeth mount Abarim, to see the land of promise. Deut. 32.49. being about to die, he blesseth all the tribes of Israel. Deut. 33.1.* He dieth and was buried by God. Deut. 34.5, 6. Israel bewaileth his death 30. dayes. Deut 34.8. His sepulchre vnknowen. Deut. 34.6. He is praysed. Eccius. 45.1,to 10. Hee had impediment of speech. Exo. 4.10. Aaron was his spokesman. Exod. 4.16. No Prophet like Moses. Deut. 34.10. He blessed thrice with what he din vpon Sinai Deut. 9.7.* and 10.1,to 12. He became mediatour betweene God and the people. Deut. 5.27. he was meeke. Num. 12.3. he is angry that the Midianites women were preserued. Nu. 31.14,15. His iuste age when hee died. Deut. 34.7. The fault of his parents, and of himselfe. Heb. 11.23, 24,to 29. Moses faithfull in Gods house, but not like Christ. Heb. 3.2, to 7. Jannes and Jambres resisted him. 2. Timoth. 3.8. The Iewes beleeue that God spake vnto him, but not vnto Christ. John 9. 29. Moses and the Prophets the Scripture of the old Testament. Luke 16.29,31. The Iewes would not obey him. Acts 7.39. Moses, in whom the Iewes trust, shall accuse them in that they beleeue not Christ, of whom he wrote. John 5.45.* Moses was wont to be read in the synagogues euery Sabbath day. Acts 15.21. he foretolde the comming of Christ. Deu. 18.15. Acts 3.22, and 7.37. He and Elias appeared at the transfiguration of Christ. Matth. 17.3. The confessing of sinnes after the Law of Moses. Leuit. 16.21,27.

Mosa, *found, vnlearned, the end, expressing, or making cleane.* 1. Chro. 2.46. — Mosa

Mosah. *a clouding, a subtill inuention, vnlearned, or a pressing downe.* A citie. Josh. 18.26. — Mosah, Amosa

¶ Muppim. *out of the mouth:* or after the Syrian, *a couering.* Gen. 46.21. — Mophim

Musach. *anointing, a couering, or an offering.* looke 2. King. 16.18. where it is written a baile.

Mushi. *departing, taking away, touching, going back, or caried away violently,* Sonne of Merari. Exo. 6.19. of him came the Mushites. Num. 3.33. and 26.58. — Mushites

Much-labben. Psal. 9. in the title.

¶ Myrrhe, *a gum.* Exo. 30.23. Psal. 45.8. Mat. 2.11.

Myrtus. *a Myrtle tree.* Neh. 8.15.

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Naam. *faire, or pleasant.* 1. Chro. 4.15. — Naham

Naamah. *faire, beautifull, comely, or greatly moouing.* Gen. 4.22. and 1. King. 14.21. — Noema

Naaman. *idem.* Sonne of Beniamin. Gene. 46.21. Also a captaine, who was healed of leprie by Elisha. 2. King. 5.1, to 20. — Noeman

Naarah. *a maide, a yong man, or shaking off, or watching.* 1. Chro. 4.5. — Naara

Naarath. *idem.* A citie. Josh. 16.7. — Naarath

Naariah. *the childe of the Lorde, the shaking of the Lord, the watchman of the Lord, or the Lord watching.* 1. Chro. 3.22. — Naaria

Naasson, looke Naashon.

Nabaioth. *buds, or fruits, or prophecies.* Gen. 25.13. — Nebo

Nabal. *a fole, or mad.* A rich man, husband of Abigail, reade 1. Sam. 25.2, to 40. — Naboth

Nabat. *beholding.* Father of Jeroboam. 1. King. 11. 26. Eccius. 47.23. — Nebat

Nabathites. *speaking, prophecying, or budding forth.* — Nabathees, Nabuhites

Naboth. *a speech, prophecie, speaking, prophecying, fruitifying, or budding forth.* De that refused to sel Ahab his vineyard, and therefore was stoned by Jezebels wicked practise. 1 King. 21.1,to 17.

Nachon. *ready* or *sure*. A mans name. 2 Sam. 6.6. called Chidon. 1. Chro. 13.9.

Nadab, *a prince*, or *liberal vowing*, or *of his owne accord*. The sonne of Aaron. Exo. 6.23. he and Abihu ge. saw God, and in what likenes Exo 24.9,10. They offering strange fire, are deuoured. Leu. 10.1,2. also the sonne of Ieroboam, who reigned ouer Israel. 1. King. 14.20. like his wicked father. 2. Kin. 15.26. slaine by Baasha, who reigned in his stead. 1. King. 15.27,28.

Nagge — Naggai. *clearenesse*, or *light*. Luke 3.25.

Nahaliel. *the inheritance*, *flowing streame*, or *valley of God*. Num 21.19.

Nahalol — Nahallal. *praysed*, *bright*, or *a shote*. a city. Iosh. 19. 15. and 21.35. Iudg. 1.30.

Nahan. *a comforter*, or *repentant*, or *the leader of them*, or *the rest of them*. 1. Chro. 4.19.

Nahum — Nahamani. *idem*. Nehe. 7.7.

Nahari, as Nahathon. 2. Sam. 23.37.

Naas — Nahas. *a snake*, or *serpent*, or *soothsaying*, or *prophecying*, or *like brasse*. a citie. 1. Chro. 4.12.

Nahas — Nahath *idem*. king of the Ammonites. 1. Sam. 11.1.

Naas — Nahathon. *a noise*, *weighing*, *a making warme*, or *driuer*: or after the Syrian, *a strangling*. Brother of Elisheba. Exo. 6.23. Nu. 1.7. Ruth 4.20. Mat. 1.4. Lu. 3.32.

Naasson — Nahath. *rest*, or *a leader*: or after the Syrian, *a going downe*. Gen. 36.13 and 1. Chro. 6.26.

Nahshon — Nahbi. *very secret*, or *hid*, *my beloued*, or *resting with me*, or *a leader with me*. Num. 13.15.

Nachor — Nahor. *hoarse*, *angry*, or *drie*: or after the Syrian, *strangled*. The sonne of Serug. Gen. 11.22. Also the sonne of Terah. Gen. 11.26,29. and 22.20.*

Nahesson — Nahshon, looke Nahashon.

Nahum, as Naham, a Prophet. Nahum 1.1.

Naim. *fairenesse*, *beautifulnesse*, *pleasantnesse*, *trouble*, or *the moouing of them*, a citie. Luke 7.11.

Naioth. *fairenesse*, *heauy*, *comelinesse*, or *a dwelling place*. a place. 1. Sam. 19.18.

Nanea. According to the Persian tongue *Diana*. 2. Mac. 1.13.

Noemi — Naomi, as Naamath. Wife of Elimelech. Ruth 1. 2.* and 2.1.* and 3.1.* and 4.14,15.16.

Naphis — Naphish. *a soule*, or *resting*: or after the Syrian, *multiplying*. Gen. 25.15.

Nephthali — Naphtali. *my wrestling*, *comparison*, *likenes*, or *crookednes*. Iaakobs sonne by Rahel. Gen. 30.8. his children. Gen. 46.24. Num. 26.48,49,50. 1. Chron. 7.13. he is blessed. Gene. 49.21. Deut. 33.23. his portion. Iosh. 19.32, to 40. Naphtali could not driue out the inhabitants of Beth themesh, &c. but made them tributaries. Iudg. 1.33.

Nephthalim — Also a citie. Tob 1.2.

Naphta. Dan. 9.46.

Naphthuim — Naphtaim, looke Naphtuim. The sonne of Mizraim. Gen. 10.13. and 1. Chro. 1.11.

Nephthuim — Narcissus. *astonied*, or *neglecting*. Rom. 16.11.

Nathan *giuen*, *giuing*, or *rewarded*. a Prophet who foretolde Dauid, that his sonne should builde Gods Church, meaning Christ, of whom Salomon was but a figure. 2. Sam 7.13,14 he reproueth Dauid for his aduultery. 2. Sam. 12.1, to 16. hee is praysed. Eccius. 47.1. Hee making obeysance, sheweth Dauid how Adonijah vsurped his kingdome. 1. King 1.23, to 28.

Also Dauids sonne. 2. Sam. 5.14. Of whose stocke the virgin Marie descended. Luke 3.31.

Nathanael — Nathaneel. *the gift of God*. The sonne of Ihai. 1. chr. 2.14. also the name of a true Israelite. Iohn 1.45.*

Nane. *a posteritie*, *a sonne for euer*, *a remayning for euer*, or *fairenesse*, or *dwelling place*: or after the Syrian, *a fish*. Father of Iesus. Eccius 46.1.

Nazaret — Nazareth. *separated*, *crowned*, or *sanctified*. a citie where Christ was conceiued and brought vp. Matth. 2.23. Luke 1.26. The deuill confesseth Christ to bee of Nazaret. Luk. 4.34. The inhabitants regarded not their Prophet Iesus. Matth. 13.57. but would haue cast him headlong from their hill. Luke 4.27.

The law of the Nazarites. Numb. 6.2. Samson a Nazarite from his mothers wombe. Iudges 13.5. and so was Samuel 1. Sam. 1.11.

¶ Neah, *moued*, or *mouing*. a citie. Iosh. 19.13. — Non

Neapolis, *a new citie*. a citie. Acts 16.11.

Neariah, looke Naariah.

Nebai. *fruitfulnesse*, or *budding forth*, *speaking*, or *prophecying*. Nehe. 10.19.

Nebalat. *prophecie*, *cloaked talke*, *hidden*, or *budding forth*, or *prophecying cloakingly*. a citie. Nehe. 11.34. — Nebalath

Nebaioth, looke Nabaioth, and Isai. 60.7.

Nebat, looke Nabat.

Nebo, as Nebai. a citie. Num. 32.3,38. & 1. chr 5.8.

Nebuchad-nezzar. *the mourning of the generation*, or *wailing of iudgement*, or *the sorowing of powerne*. A king of Babel. 2. king. 24.1. He receiueth power ouer all kingdomes. Iere. 27.6. he conquereth Egypt. 2. kin. 24.7. Ieremi. 46.2,13. He destroyeth Ierusalem. 2. King. 24.2,3,4.* and 25.1. Iere. 39.1.* According to the prophecie. Isa. 7.8. Ierem. 25.9. and 32.28.* He dreameth Dan. 2.1.* he erecteth an image, and commaundeth to honour it. Dan. 3.1.* Hee dreameth againe. Dan. 4.2. He dwelt seuen yeere among wilde beasts. Dan. 4.29. He is bewayled in mockage. Isai. 14.4.* — Nebuchadnezzar

Also a great King of the Assyrians in Nineueh, some thinke him to be Cambyses. Iudet. 1.5.* & 2.1.* — Nebuchodonosor

Nebuhazhon. *speech*, *prophecie budding*, *springing*, or *flowing*: or after the Heb. & Syr. *fruit*, or *budding forth of deliuering*. a prince of Nebuchadnezzars. Ier. 39.13. — Nebuzarban

Nebuzar-adan. *a budding forth*, *a prophecie of forraine iudgement*, or *the building forth of the state of a pillar*. Chiefe steward to the king of Babel. 2. King. 25.8. Ierem. 39.13. — Nebuzaradan

Necho — Nechoh. *lame*, or *smiten*. surname to Pharaoh. 2. King. 23.29.* — Nechao

Nedabiah — Nedabiah. *the vow of the Lord*, or *the prince of the Lord*. 1. Chro. 3.18. — Nadabia

Neginoth. Psal. 4. in the title.

Neginothai. Habak. 3.19.

Nehelamite. *a dreamer*, or *a dreame*, *a valley of waters*, or *the inheritance of waters*. Ierem. 29.24.

Nehiloth. Psal. 5. in the title.

Nehemia. *comfort*, or *the rest of the Lord*, *penitent Lord*: or *Adonijah vnstable Lord*. Nehem. 1.1. Butler to king Artexhashta. Nehe. 1.11. & 2.1. hauing obtained a letter of the king sent to Ierusalem, and builded vp the walles. Nehe. 2.8. He reproueth the breakers of the Sabbath. Neh. 13.15. and those that had married straunge wiues. Nehe. 13.25. He is praysed. Eccius 49.13. surnamed Tirshatha Neh. 8.9. and 10.1. — Nehemias

Nehum. *a comforter*, *penitent*, or *a leader of them*. Nehe. 7.7. — Nahum

Nehushta. *brasen like the ayre*, *soothsaying*, or *a serpent*. 2. King. 24.8. — Nehusta

Nehushtan. *brasen*, *made of copper*, *a soothsaying*, or *men of the serpent*, or *a gift*. The name that Hezekiah gaue in contempt to the brasen serpent. 2. King. 18.4. — Nehustan

Neiel, *commotion*, or *moouing of God*. A citie. Iosh. 19.27. — Nehiel

Nekoda, *painted*, *diuers*, or *inconstant*, *painted*, *a shepheard*, or *made crooked*. A citie. Ezra 2.48,60. Nehe. 7.50 — Nekodah

Nemuel. *God sleeping*, or *the sleeping of God*. Certaine mens names. Num. 26.9.12. — Namuel

Nepheg. *weake*, or *staked*. The sonne of Ishar. Exo. 6.21,

6.21. And Dauids ſonne.2.Sam.5.15.

Nephuſhim — Nephuſheſim *diminiſhed,*or *torne in pieces.*Nehe.7.52.Ezra 2.50.

Nephuſim — Nephthalim,and Nephthali,looke Naphthali.

Ephthar — Nephthar.2.Mac.1.36.

Nephthoah — Nephtoah.*open,*or *opening.* A fountaine.Ioſh.15.9. and 18.15.

Nephthuim — Nephtuim.*idem.*Gen.10.13.

Nephuſim,looke Nephuſheſim.

Ner.*a candle,*or *light,* or *land ſowen euery other yere.* Father of Abner. 1.Sam.14.50,51. 1.Chr.8.33. 2. Sam.3.6.*

Neregel — Neregal.*ſearching out, a footman,* or *a candle couered,*or *land ſowen euery other yeere couered.*Ier.39.3.

Nergel — Nergal.*idem.*An idole.2.King.17.30.

Nereus — Nereas,as Neri or after the Greeke.*great.*Rom.16.15.

Neri,as Ner. Luk.3.27. who is alſo called Iechonias.Mat.1.12.

Neriah — Nerias. *the light or candle of the Lord, or the lande ſowen euery other yeere of the Lord.*The father of Baruch. Baruch 1.1. Ier.32.12.

Nathaneel — Nathaneel, diuers mens names.Nu. 1.8.Ezra 10.22. 1.Chr.15.24. and 2.Chr.35.9.

Nathania — Nethaniah. *the gift of the Lord.*2.King.25.23. and 1.Chr.25.2. and 2.Chr.17.8. Ier.36.14.

Nathan-melech — Nethan-melech.*the gift of a king,*or *the gift of counſel.*2.King.23.11.

Nathinei — Nethinims. *giuen,*or *rewarded.* 1.Chr.9.2. Ezra 2. 43,58.

Nathinims

Netopha — Netophah. *a drop,* or *dropping downe from the head,* or *gumme that droppeth downe from trees,* or *the bending of the mouth.*Ezra 2.22.

Nethophathi — Netophathi.*idem.* A certain familie which had their poſſeſſions in the fieldes.Nehem.12.28. 1.Chr.2.54. and 9.16.

Netuphati

Naſia — Neziah.*a conquerour,*or *euerlaſting,*or *ſtrong.* Ezra 2.54.

Neſib — Nezib.*ſtanding,*or *a ſtanding place,*or *an aduancing of any title or right:* or after the Syrian,*a plant.* A citie. Ioſh.15.43.

Nibhaz — ¶ Nibhaz. *fruſtifying,* or *budding forth a viſion,* or *ſpeaking,*or *propheſying a viſion.*an idole.2.Kin.17.31.

Nobahaz

Nebſan — Nibſan, *preach, propheſie, the ſpringing forth of oft ſleeping,* or *of changing,* or *ſpringing forth of a tooth or ſworde.* A citie. Ioſh.15.62.

Nicanor. *a conquerour,*or *victorious.* 1.Macc.3.38. and 7.26.* and 2.Mac.15.1.*

Nicodemus. *innocent blood,* after the Greeke, *the victory of the people.* A Phariſee & ruler of the Iewes, who came to Chriſt by night to be taught of him.Ioh. 3.1.* trade Ioh.7.50 * and 19.38.*

Nicolas. *a victour,*or *ouercommer,*or *the victories of the common people.* A deacon.Acts 6.5. who (as ſome thinke) held that wiues ſhould bee common. The ſect was called Nicolaitans.Reu.2.6.

Nicopolis. *a citie of victorie,*or *victorious citie.* A citie of Thracia.Tit.3.12.

Niger. *blacke, purple,*or *darke.* The ſurname of Simon.Acts 13.1.

Nilus, in Hebrew Shihor. *blacke.*or *troubl'ous.* A famous riuer in Egypt.Exo.7.15 Ioſh.13.3. Ier.2.18.

Nimrim. *a leopard,a rebellio,a bitternes,*or *a change.* A citie.Iſa.15.6.

Nemrod — Nimrod. *a rebell,*or *rebellious, a ſinner,*or *tranſgreſſour,*or *an apoſtata.*Sonne of Cuth.Gen.10.8,9.

Nineue — Nineueh. *faire, beautiful,*or *a dwelling place.* A citie

Niniuites — builded by Athur. Gen.10.11. The deſolation thereof propheſied.Nahum 3.1.Zeph.2.13.Tob.14.4. Their repentance after Ionas preaching.Ionu.3.5.* They ſhall condemne the Iewes,and why.Mat.12.41.

Niſan. *a banner, appearing,* or *taying flight:* or after the Syrian. *a miracle.*a moneth.Nehe.2.1.

Neſroch — Niſroch. *flight, a tender or delicate trying,*or *banner:* or after the Syrian,*thy table.*An idole.2.King.19.37. Iſa.37.38.

¶ No.*a ſtirring vp,*or *a forbidding.*a countrey.Eze. 30.15.Nahum 3.8.looke Alexandria.

Noadia — Noadiah. *the witneſſing or teſtification of the Lord,* or *the company of the congregation of the Lord,* or *the decking of the Lord,* or *the Lord paſſing ouer:* or after the Syrian & Hebrewe, *the taking away of the Lord.* Ezra 8.33.Nehe.6.14.

Noe — Noah. *a ceaſing,*or *reſt.* Sonne to Lamec. Gen.5. 29 Luke 3.36. 1.Chron.1.4. His three ſonnes. Gene. 6.10.God foretold him of the flood.Gene.6.13. He is both commanded to enter the Arke.Gene.7.1. and to come forth. Gene.8.16. He erecteth an alter to God. Gen.8 20. God bleſſeth him Gen.9.1. and promiſeth neuer to deſtroy the world with flood againe.Gene.9. 9,to 18. He planteth a vineyard, and being drunken is deſpiſed of his ſonne Ham. Geneſ.9.20,to 26. His yeeres.Gen.9.28,29. Hee is praiſed. Eccluſ.44.17, 18. His faith.Heb.11 7.

Noah the preacher of righteouſneſſe.2.Pet.2.5.

Nobe — Nob *preach,propheſie,ſpeaking propheſying,fruſtifying, ſpringing forth,*or *barking,* or *barked at.* A citie deſtroyed by Saul.1.Sam.22.11,9 21 1.Iſa.10.32.

Nobe — Nobah.*barking,*or *barked at.* A citie.Numb.32 42. Iung.8.11.

Nod.*fugitiue* A countrey Gen.4.16.

Noda — Noda. *vowing of his owne accord,* or *principall.* 1. Chr.5.19.

Nogi — Nogah.*brightneſſe,*or *cleareneſſe.*1.Chr.14.6.

Noha — Nohah.*reſting,*or *a guide.*1. Chr.8.2.

Nomades. *men wandering here and there.* A people without certaine abiding.2.Mac.12.11.

Non,looke Nun.and 1.Chr.7.27.

Nopha — Noph. *a hony combe, a diſtilling from the head, a lifting vp,*or *a ſtiue.* A citie. Iſa 19.13. Ier.2.16.Ezek. 30.13.

Non — Nophah.*fearefull,*or *binding.*Num.21.30.

¶ Nun.*ſonne,poſteritie, ſtocke, euerlaſting,*or *remaining for euer:* or after the Syrian,*a fiſh.* Father of Ioſhua.Num.13.9.Exod.33.11. 1.Chr.7.27.

Nympha — ¶ Nymphas. *a bride.* A worthy man whom Paul ſaluteth.Coloſſ.4.15.

O

Obadias — Obadiah. *ſeruant of the Lord.* The gouernour of Achabs houſe.1.Kin.18.3.to 17. and 2.Chr.17.7. Alſo a Prophet Obad.1.1.Another.1.Chr.3.21.

Obda — Obal. *the frowardnes of antiquitie,*or *flowing.*Gen. 10.28.

Obed — Obed *a ſeruant,*or *a workeman.* Boaz ſonne.Ruth 4.17.Mat.1.5.Luke 3.32. 1.Chr.2.12.

Obed-edom — Obed-edom. *the ſeruant of Edom,*or *a ſeruant Edomite.* A Gittite 2.Sam.6.10,11. and 1.Chron.15.21 and 16.38.

Vbil — Obil. *borne,*or *brought,led away,caried.ſorrowful,*or *waxing olde.*1.Chr.27.30.

Oboth — Oboth,*dragons,wombes, fathers,*or *deſires.* A place. Num.21.10,and 33.43.

Ocran — ¶ Ocran.*troubles,*or *troubling* Num.1.13.

Oded — ¶ Oded. *ſuſtaining,*or *hiſing vp.*2 Chr.28.9.

Odares — Odometas.*the ſonne of praiſe,*or *witneſſe of a coffer.* 1.Macc.9.66.

Odarcn

Odallam — Odolla. *a witneſſe,*or *ornament to them,* or *witneſſe,* or *ornament of his miſerie.* or *the paſſing ouer,*or *praye of his miſerie.*A citie.2.Mac.12.38.

¶ Og *roſting bread,*or *a mocke:* or after the Syrian, *holding downe,*or *hindred* A great giant king of Bahan.Num.21.33.*Deu.3.1.to 14. Pſal.135.1.

Ahod ¶ Ohad *praising, or confessing.* Ge 46.10. Exo.6.15.
Ohel. *a tabernacle, or tent, or light.* 1. Chr.3.20.
Ohel-moed. *the tabernacle of the congregation.* Exodus 33.7.
¶ Oliuet. A hill two miles on the East side from Ierusalem, the brooke Cedron running betweene, taking name of the plenue of Oliues growing thereupon. Matt.21.1. and 24.3. Luke 22.39. Ioan 18.1.
Holofernes Olofernes. *a strong captaine.* Chiefe captain to Nabuchodonosor. Iudith 2 4.° to chap.15.
Olympas. *heauenly.* Rom.16.15.
Olympius. *idem.* 2. Mac 6.2.
¶ Omar. *speaking, or exoling.* Gen.36.11.
Gomer Omr. *a measure.* Exod.16.16.° Ezek.45.11.
Homer Omri *a bundle, a rebellion, or butter people.* 1. King. 16.16, to 29.
Amri ¶ On. *sorow, strength, or iniquitie.* A countrey. Gen. 41.45,50. Also a man. Num.16.1.
Hon Onam *sorow, strength, or iniquitie of them.* Genes. 36.23. 1. Chr.1.40. & 2.28.
Oman Onan, as On. Gen.38.4.
Aunan Oncsimus. *as profitable.* Col.4.9. Philem.10.
Onesiphorus *bringing profit.* 2. Tim.1.16 & 4.19.
Onias. *the strength of the Lord, or a stop.* Eccius.50. 1, 1 Mac.12.7.
Onix. A precious stone. Gen.2.12. Exod.25.7.
Oon. *griefe, strength, or iniquitie of him.* A citie. 1. Chr 8.12. Ezra 2.33. Nehe.11.25.
Ophel. *a tower, darkenesse, or a little white cloude.* 2. Cro 27.3 and 33.14 Neh.3.21.
Ophir. *ashes, or a fructifying.* Iokтans sonne. Gen. 10.29 Also a trigon in Iudea, where is store of golde. 1. King. 9 28.
Ophni. *fleeing, wearinesse:* or after the Syrian, *a folding together.* A citie. Iosh 18.24.
Ephrah Ophrah *dust, leade, or a shame* A citie. Ioth.18.23.
Ophera Iudg.8.27.
¶ Oreb. *a crowne pleasant, a cōmander by faith, mingling together, or the morning* a prince of Madianites slaine on the rocke Oreb. Iudg.7.25. Psal.83.11.
Aran Oran. *a coffer, a covering, or the slander of them.* 1. Chr 2.25.
Ozan. Iob 9 9 and 38.31.
Orman. *reuiving, the light of the sunne, or light, or slander remaining for euer.* 1. Chr.21.15 & 2. Chr 3.1.
Orpha Orpah. *a necke, or hinder part of a necke, stiffnecked, the raising of the mouth, or the making bare of the mouth* Ruth 1.4.
Orthosias Orthosias. *upright, or rectified.* A towne at the foote of Libanus. 2. Mac. 15.37.
Orthosiada ¶ Oras 3 Esd.1.39. and 13.40. looke Hosea.
Osiea. Num.13 9. looke Iosh ua.
¶ Othni. *my time, or my houre.* 1. Chr.26 7.
Othniel. looke Othoniel.
Otholia Otholith *time to the Lord.* 1. Chr.8 26.
Athaliah O honiel. *the time, or houre of God* Iosh ua 15.17. Iudg 3.11. and 1 Chr.27.15.
Othniel Idex ¶ Ox *pleasant, or mirrie.* Iudeth 8.1.
Ozia Azia Azariah ¶ Oziah. *the strength of the Lord.* Vzzias names. 2. Chr.15.2. and 27 20.
Arama Ozem. *the hasting of them, or fasting.* 1. Chron.2.15.
Asom Ozen *id. em.* 1. Chr.7.25.
Ozem Ozia Ozias. *the strength or bucke goat of the Lord.* 2. Esd. 1.2. Iudeth 6.15. and 7.30
Ozias Ozziel. *the strength, or bucke goate of God.* Iudeth 8. 2. looke Vzziel.
Vzziel Ozzelites. *idem.* 1 Chr.25 23.
Ozni. *an eare, my harkening, or a goldsmiths balance.* Gamus of Gad: of him came the Oznites. Numb.26. 16. called Esbon Gen.46.17.
Azriel Ozzia. *the helpe of God.* 1 Chr.27.19.

P

Pasrai. *a gaping, or an opening.* 2. Sam.23.45. Phasi
Padan Aram. A citie of Syria where Laban dwelt. Gen.25.20. Mesopotamia
Padon. *his redemption:* or after the Syrian, *the yoke of an oxe.* Ezra 2.44. Phadon
Pagiel. *God hath met, or the meeting, or the requiring pardon of God.* Num 1.1. Phegiel
Pahath Moab. *a duke of Moab* Ezr.2.6. Neh 3.19. Phahathmoab
Pallal *thinking, or iudging* Neh 3.25.
Palestina. *strowed, or couered,* viz. with ashes, or dust, or *decay put to, a double decay, or the drinke of decay, or he fell drinking.* A countrey in Syria towning to Arabia. Exod.15.14. Psal 6.8. Isa.14.29. Of the people, looke Philistims. Pala Phalel Palistie
Pallu, or Palu. *marueilous, wonderful, or hidden.* Ez. 46 9. and 1. Chr.5.3. Of whom came the Palluites. Num 26 4. Phalu
Paki. *deliuerance, or banishment.* Num 13.10. Phalti
Pakiel. *deliuerance, or banishmēt of God* Nū 34.26. Phaltiel
Pannag. A place Ezr.27.17. Phalitus
Panthcus The moneth of April 2. Mac.11.30. Xanticus
Paphus. A citie of Cyprus, dedicate sometime to Venus, where the maidens vsed before marriage, in the honour of Venus to prostrate themselues on the sea shore Acts 13.6. Xanthicus Paphos
Patah, *a cowe, increasing, or stirring vp.* a citie. Ios. 18.13. Aphara
Paran. *fairenesse, praise, springs.* A plaine wildernesse. Gen 14.6. and 21.21.
Paras. *Persia* A countrey Ezr.38 5.
Parmashta. *the breaking of a foundation.* or after the Hebrew & Syrian *a bull of one yeare olde.* Ester 9.9. Pharmashta
Parmenas. *continuing* Acts 6.5. Phermesta Parmenias
Parnach. *a bull smiting, or sinne, or broken* Nū.34.25 Pharnach
Paroh. *vengeance.* Exod 8.1. looke Pharaoh. Pharao
Parosh. *a flea or gnat.* Ezra 2.3 Neh.3.25. Pharos
Parthians. *fliers for feare, or banished men.* A people. Acts 2 6 Ier.66.19.
Parush. *fresh, or flourishing:* or after the Syrian, *fleeing.* 1 Esd.4.17.
Paruim. 2. Chr 3.6. and 1. King 9.28. Ophir
Pascha. *thy broke peece, or thy diminishing* 1.ch.7.33. Pasah
Pas-dammim. *a portion, or diminishing of blood.* A place. 1. Chr 11.13. Phasech Pasdomim
Pascah *a passing ouer, or an halting.* 1. Chron.4.12, Ezra 2.49. Phasca Phasse
Pashur. *increasing libertie, or spreading out whitenesse.* 1. Chr 9.12. Ezra 2.38. Ier. 20.3. Phashur
Patara. *white limed or bringing death.* A citie of Lycia a prouince of Asia. Acts 1.21. Phashhur
Patmos *deadly, or bringing death,* an Ile Reuel. 1.1. Pathmos
Pathros. *a morsel of dough, or persuasion of decay, or an inlarging of distilling from the head.* A countrey. Isa.11.11. Ierr.44 1 15. Pathures
Pathrusim. *id. m* Gen.10.14. Phethrusim
Patriarke. *the chiefe of the fathers.* Heb 7.4.
Patrobas. *pertaining to the father.* Rom.16 5. Patroba
Patroclus. *of the father, or the glory of the countrey.* 2. Mac.8.9.
Pau. *howling, sighing, or appearing.* A citie. Gen.36 39 Phau
Paul. *Ierome saith* Or *marueilous, or wracklous:* Other thinke, Deb 2 Greeke *the enuy into the flocke,* the Greeke word signifieth, *rest, or hathe hath a rest,* and the Latine, *little.* An Apostle of Christ descended of the tribe of Beniamin. Rom.11.1. Phil.iij 3.5. brought vp with Gamaliel. Acts 2. 3. A Pharise, and sonne of a Pharise Acts 13.6. Marueilously conuerted Acts 9 3 to 23. and 22 6 to 17 & 29.12, to 19. He persecuteth the Church. Acts 8.1 and 9.1. Gal.1.13 1. Tim.1.13. An elect vessell of God, &c Acts 9.15.

and

and 22,14.ordeined to preach Christ to the Gentiles. Galat.1.15,16.He did many things against the name of Iesus.Acres 26.9,10. Baptized Acres 9 18.Deliuered out of darkenesse, by the light of God, and why. 2. Corinthians 4.6,7. Hee preached openly that Christ was the sonne of God, &c. Acts 9.20. * Hee and Barnabas separated to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.Acres 13.2. A teacher, preacher, maister, Apostle of the Gentiles, and minister of Christ. Rom. 11.13.and 15.16. Galat.2.8.1.Timoth.2.7. 2.Tim. 1.11. And an Ambassadour of Christ. 2. Cor.5.20. He did obtaine the office of Apostleship, by the mercie, will, and grace of God. 2 Corinth.1.1. and 4.1.Eph. 3.2.3.Tim.1.1,9. Titus 1.3.and not by man. Galat. 1.1. but by the commaundement of God. 1.Timoth. 1.1. He learned the Gospel by reuelation of Christ, and not of any other.Galat.1.12.Sent to preach, not to baptize. 1.Corinth.1.17. The Churches of Iudea glorified God for him. Galat.1.23. The dispensation of the Gospel committed to him, he was constrained to preach it. 1. Corinth. 9. 16, 17. By reuelation hee ascended to Ierusalem, to conferre of the Gospel with the Apostles. acres 22.18,19. Galat.2.2. He accounteth all things losse and dung, in respect of the knowledge of Christ Philip 3.8. Hee exhorteth vs to conuert to God by good workes. Acres 17.30,31.and 26.20 to serue the Lord with all modestie, teares and tentations. acres 20.19. testifying that Iesus is the Christ. acres 18.5. teaching nothing but that which Moses and the Prophets had foretolde. Acres 13. 16,to 42. and 26.23. 1.Corin.1.23,24. He preacheth Christ to the Thessalonians. acres 17. 11,12. and openly. acres 17.22.* He preacheth till midnight. acres 20.7. He preacheth in Antioch. acres 11.23. He teareth his garments,seeing the people about to sacrifice to him. acres 14. 14. His valiant stomacke in offering himselfe into dangers for his flocke. acts 19.30. Three yeeres he ceased not, with teares to giue warning of false prophets. acres 20.31. He feared no dangers to preach the Gospel. acres 20. 23,24. as appeared by his sufferings. 1.Corinth 4.9. and 2.Cor. 4.9.and 11. 24.and 12.7. and 2.Timoth.2.10. and 3.11. He was ready to be bound, and to die for Christes sake. acres 21.13. His affection to the Iewes Rom.2.3. and 10. 1.2 11.14. and to the Philippians and Corinthians. Phil.1.8. and 2.Cor.6.11. Christ sheweth him what afflictions he should suffer for his name. Acres 9. 16. God encourageth him to preach to the Corinthians. Acres 18.9. In prison the Lorde encourageth him to constancie. acres 23. 11. The Angel comforteth him not to feare the danger of the Sea, and why. acres 27.23.He exhorteth the Antiochians not to contemne the Gospel. acres 13 40, 41. Trauailing through Galatia and Phrygia,he strengthened the disciples. Acres. 18.23. He visiteth all the cities where he had preached, to confirme them. acres 15.32. Hee comforteth those that sailed with him to Rome. acres 27. 9,10. What care he had, that the Corinthians should auoide contention. 2.Corinth. 12 20, 21. and for all Churches. 2 Cor.2.12 and 11.28. Colossi 2.1.and 1. Timoth.1.3 Before Festus he witheth all that heard him, such as he was, except his bonds. acres 26. 29. The spirit witnessed in euery citie, the afflictions that abode him at Ierusalem. acres 20.22,23. Some counsell him not to goe thither. act.21.4. He disputeth before Felix,of righteousnesse, temperance, & iudgement to come. acres 24.26.He his conueied by night through a wall, bowne in a basket. acres 9. 25. and 2 Cor. 11.33. Persecution against Paul and Barnabas. Acres 13.50. He is preferred to Felix. Acres 23.33.and before Festus,accused by the Iewes.Acts 25.6,7. Festus obiecteth madnesse to him. Act.26.24. Through God hee is deliuered both from Iewes and Gentiles.Acts 26.22.many men bow his death, wherof he is aduertised. Acres 23.12,13,to 23. He is beaten and imprisoned by the Iewes.Acres 21. 30.to 35. Brought to iudgement.Acres 18.12. Commaunded of God to goe out of Hierusalem,and why. Acres 22.18. Forbidden to preach in Asia. Acres 16.6. His race in the course of the Gospel.1.Cor.9.20. * Hee preacheth from Ierusalem to Illyricum. Rom. 15. 19. Hee willeth Peter,and tarieth with him 15.daies. Gal.1.18. He withstood Peter at Antioch. Galat.2.11. He calleth himselfe the least of the Apostles, and why.1.Cor. 4.9.and 15.9.and a follower of Christ. 1.Corinth. 11 1. and willeth to follow his example. 1.Corinth.4. 16.Philip 3.17. and 1.Thess.1.6.and 2.Thess.3.9. He approued by his life, that which he taught by his preaching. 1.Corinth 9.27. He that despiseth his doctrine despiseth God. 1.Thess.4.8. Howe hee behaued himselfe in preaching the Gospel.1.Corinth.2.1.* He desireth to be ayded with the prayers of the faithfull. Rom.15.30 and 2.Cor.1.11. Hee would not iustifie himselfe. 1.Cor.4.4. He knewe Christ after his resurrection. 2.Corinth.15.8. Some things hard to be vnderstoode in his Epistles. 2.Peter.3.16. Hee had a Scribe that wrote out his Epistles, and indicted them himselfe.Colos.4.18 and 2.Thess.3.17.He was not chargeable to any man, but wrought for his liuing.Acres 18 3.and 23 33,34.& 1.Cor.4.12.9.6. and 2.Cor.11.9.& 12.13.& 1.Thess.2.7.9.and 2.Thes. 3.8.He preacheth at Iconium.Acts 14.1. At Lystra, Acres 14 6 At Berea.Acres 17.10.At Athens.Acres 17.15.and at Corinth.Acts 18.1. Called Saul. Acres 7.58.and 8.1,to 5.and 9.1.

Pedahel,*the redemption of God.*Num.34.28. Pedael

Pedahzur, *a strong redeemer,* or *a stone redeeming.* Num.1.10 and 7.54. Phedael Pedazur

Pedaiah,*the Lord redeeming.*2.king.22.1. 1.Chro. 3.18. Phadaiah Pedaia

Pekah.*opening.*The sonne of Remaliah.2.king.15. 25.to 32. Ahaiah Phacee

Pekaiah,*the Lord opening.*The sonne of Menahem. 2.king.15.23.to 27. Peccaiah Phaceia

Peked,*noble,* or *rulers.* Esr.23.23. Phacedaia

Pekod.Iere 50.21.

Pelaiah, *the miracle,* or *secret of the Lorde.* Mens names.1.Chro.3.24 Neh.8.7.and 10.10. Phelcia

Pelaliah, *thinking on the Lord,* or *entreating the Lord,* or *the iudgement of the Lord.*Nehe.11.12. Phelelia

Pelatiah,*the deliuerance, setting free,* or *banishment of the Lord.*Mens names. 2.Chr.3.21.and 4.42.Ne. 10.22.Eze.11.1.13. Phalatias Phaltias Phelcia

Peleg, *a diuision.* Gen.10.25.& 11.18.1.Chr.1.19. Luke 3.35. Paleg

Pelet.*deliuerance,* or *banishment.* 1.Chro.12.3. Pholet

Peleth,*decay,* or *iudging.* Num.16.1. Phaleth

Pelethites,*idem.* 2 Sam 8.18. Phelethites

Pelonite,*falling, hid,* or *secret.*1 Chro.11.27.

Peniel, *seeing God,* or *the face of God.* a place neere the foord Jabbok Gen.32.30. Phanuel Penuel

Peninnah, *a precious stone,* or *our face.* One of the wiues of Elkanah.1 Sam.1.2,to 7. Phenenna

Pentecost *the fiftieth*(viz.day)A feast of the Iewes looke Whitsunday in the second Table.

Penuel, or Peniel Father of Gedor. 1.Chron.4.4 Also a citie. 1.king 12 25 Iudg.8.8.17.

Peor *a gaping* or *opening,* a hill Num.23 28. Phogor

Perath, * riuer called Euphrates.Ge.2.14.De.1.7

Peres.Daniel 5.28. Phares

Peresh, *a horseman casting ouer to be slaine,* or *declaring* 1.Chro.7.16. Phares Phares

Phares — Perez. *a diuision.* Iudas sonne by Tamar. Gen. 38. 29. and 1. Chron. 4. 1. of his posterity were rulers of Ierusalem. 1. Chro. 27. 3. Nehe. 11. 4. looke Phares.

Perez-Oza — Perez-vzzah. *the diuision of Vzzah, or the diuision of strength, or of a goate.* A place so called, and why. 2. Sam. 6. 7, 8.

Pergen — Perga. *very earthly.* A citie. Acts. 13. 13.

Pergamos — Pergamus *height.* A citie of Asia. Reuel. 1. 11.

Perida. looke Peruda.

Pherezites — Perizzites. *Rurall, or dwelling in vnwalled villages.* A people. Gen. 13. 7. and 15. 20. which God commanded to be destroyed Deut. 20. 12. Iuseh discomfiteth them. Iudg. 1. 4. Salomon made the remnant of them tributaries to him. 1. King. 9. 20, 21.

Persepolis *a citie of Persia.* 2 Mac. 9. 2.

Persis. *breaking, dividing, a horse hoofe, or a crooked wose.* A countrey. 2. Chro. 36. 22.

Persis. *idem.* A faithfull woman. Rom. 16. 12.

Peruda — Perudah. *a separation, or diuision.* A mans name. Ezra 2. 55. called Perida. Nehe. 7. 57.

Pharida — Peter. *A stone, or rocke.* The surname of an Apostle of Christ, otherwise called Simon & Cephas. John 1. 41, 42. Mat. 16. 18. surnamed also Bar-Iona. Mat. 16. 17. He and John vnlearned. Acts 4. 13. He & Andrew called by Christ. Mat. 4. 18. John 1. 41. * Mar. 1. 16, 17, 18. His fait, in the name also of ꝑ other Apostles. Joh. 6. 68, 69. Mat. 16. 16. Through faith he walked on the sea, and staggering therein beganne to sincke. Matth. 14. 29, 30, 31. Christ prayeth that his faith might not faile, and why. Luke 22. 32. Christ reproueth him, for being an offence to him. Mat. 16. 23. and that he could not watch an houre with him. Matt 26. 40. Christ foretold him he could not follow him then, but should afterward. John 13. 36. He stroke off Malrus his eare. Matth 26. 51. John 18. 10. He denieth Christ thrise. John 18. 17, 25, 27. Luke 22. 57, 58, 60 Marke 14 68. * Matth. 26. 70, 72, 74. and repented. Matth. 26. 75. Marke 14. 72. Luke 22. 62. Christ admonisheth him with what death he should glorifie God. John 21. 18, 19. Christ reproued his curiositie in demanding what John should do. John 21. 21, 22. Christ, thrise willing him to feede his sheepe, declareth the loue and care that Pastors ought to haue of Christes flocke. John 21. 15, 16, 17. He had commission of God to preach to the Iewes Galat. 2. 8. and so he did Acts 2. 14. * and 3. 12. * By a vision is shewed to him, that God had purified the Gentiles by faith, so as the Iewes might holdly accompanie with them. Ac 9 10. 3. * He sheweth the cause why he preached, and kept company with Gentiles Acts. 11. 4. to 19. He is imprisoned and deliuered. Acts 5. 18, 19. and 12. 3. 4, to 18. Sicknesses, healed with his shadowe. Actes 5. 15, 16. He raiseth Tabitha to life, Actes 9. 40. and lodgeth in Ioppa with Simon a tanner. Actes 9. 43. Christ healeth his wiues mother. Matth. 8. 14. 15. He was witnesse of Christs sufferings, and an Elder, beseeching all Elders to doe their duties. 1. Pet. 5. 1, to 12. He heard, the creeple. Act. 3. 4. *

Phathaia — Phethaiah. *the Lord opening, or the Lord openeth, or the gate of the Lord.* A Leuite. Ezra 10. 23.

Phathaiah — Pethahiah

Pethahiah — Pethor. A citie Num. 22. 5.

Phathmel — Pethuel. *a morsel of God, or a perswasion of God, or the inlarging of God.* Joel 1. 1.

Phelthai — Peulthai. *my worke, or my worke.* 1. Chro. 26. 5.

Phaleg — Phalec. looke Peleg.

Phalu. *marueilous, or hid.* Gen 46. 9.

Phalti. *deliuerance, or banishment.* 1. Sam. 25 44.

Phamel — Phamel, as Penuel Luke 2. 36.

Pharao — Pharaoh *spreading abroade, vncouering, or making bare: or* after the Syrian, *vengeance, or reuenging:* and in the Egyptian, *a king.* Name, to all the kings of Egypt until Salomon, and of some afterward. The first was plagued for Sarai. Gen. 12. 17. * Another whose dreames Ioseph expounded. Gen. 41. 1. * who sent for Iaakob into Egypt. Gen. 45. 17, 18. another who not knowing Ioseph is cruell to Israel. Exod 1. 8. * another, who resisted Moses and Aaron, and would not let the Israelites depart. His tyranny, and blasphemie. Exod. 5. 1. * to Chapter 15. another, whose daughter Salomon married. 1. king. 7. 8. another surnamed Nethoh. 2. king. 23. 29. * 2. Chron. 35. 20 * and 36. 1, to 5. Ezekiel 31. 2. * and 32. 2. * another surnamed Hophra. Jere. 44. 30.

Pharathon. *bearing fruit, fructifying, or increasing, or a howe.* 1. Mac. 9. 50. — Phara

Pharaes. *a diuision.* Luke 3. 33. Gen. 36. 29. and 46. 12. Matth. 1. 3. looke Peres. — Pharez

Phariseus. *idem.* A sect of the Iewes which afflirmed the resurrection. Matt. 3. 7. looke Pharise in the second Table.

Pharpar. *diminished the of fructifying fruit, or a bul of a bull.* A riuer of Damascus. 2. king. 5. 12. — Pharphar

Pharsites *diuided.* A family descended of Pharez. Num. 26. 20. — Pharezites

Phaselis. *a passing ouer, or hating of nativitie.* A place. 1 Mac. 15. 23. — Phaselida

Phebe. *clcare, or bright.* Rom. 16. 1. — Phœnice

Phenice. *red, purple, or palme.* a countrey of Syria, where Tyre and Sidon are placed. 1. Esa 2. 17. Ac. 11. 19. also a hauen of candy. Actes 27 12. — Phicol

Phibeseth. *the mouth of treading wader foote, despite, or from the mouth.* a citie in Egypt Ezek 30. 17. — Phileds

Phichol. *the mouth of all, or the perfection of the mouth.* Gen. 21. 22.

Philarches. *the louer of a prince.* 2. Mac. 8. 32.

Philadelphia. *the loue of the brother, or of brotherhood.* a citie. Reuel 1, 11. — Philistines

Philemon. *kissing with God.* Phile 1.

Philetus. *beloued, or amiable.* One that fell from the faith, affirming that the resurrection was alreadie past 2. Tim. 2 17.

Philip. *a warriour, or war like, or a louer of horses.* A Phrygian. 1. Mac 5. 22. and 13. 20. also an Apostle. Matt 10 3. John 1. 43 Hee declareth to Nathanael, that the Messias Christ was come. John 1 45. He desireth to see the father. John 14. 8. He preacheth in Samaria, &c. Acts 8. 5. also a Deacon. Actes 6. 4. calleth Philippe the Euangelist and had foure daughters virgins which did prophecie. Actes 21. 8, 9. also Herods brother the Tetrarch. Luke 3. 1. whose wife Herod married. Mat. 14. 3. — Philistims

Philippi. *warlike men, or louers of horses.* a citie. Acts 16. 12.

Philisthims, as Palestina. A people. Gen. 10 14. and 21. 32. Shamgar slewe 600. Philistims with an ore goad. Judges 3. 31. God deliuereth Israel into their hands, for idolatry. Judg. 10. 6, 7, 8 and 13. 1. God, to afflict them, mooued Samson to marrie a Philistim. Judg. 14. 2. Samson burneth their corne, and kils. Jud. 15. 4, 5. They put out his eies. Ju 16 21. Their battell against the Israelites. 1. Sam. 4. 2. They carry the Arke to Ashdod, and set it by Dagon their God, and are plagued therefore. 1. Sam. 5. 1 They returne the Arke with gifts. 1. Sam. 6. 4, to 13. They at the prayer of Samuel were discomfited. 1. Sam. 7. 9, 10. They warre against Saul. 1. Sam. 13 17. Jonathan and his harnesse bearer put them to flight. 1 Sam. 14 1, to 24. after the death of Goliath, they flee, and are slaine by the Lord. 1. Sam. 17. 51, 52. God gaue them into Dauids hands. 1. Sam. 23 4. They assembled to fight against Saul, 1. Sam. 28. 1. They slay the Israelites.

rael fled, with Saul and his sonnes. 1. Sam. 31. 1, 2.* They wage battell against Dauid, and are discomfited. 2. Sam. 5. 17.* Dee maketh them tributaries. 2. Sam. 8. 1. De and his seruants slay many of them. 2. Sam. 19 8. looke Haraphah. God stirreth them up against Iehoram. 2. Chro. 21. 16.

Philologus. *a louer of learning, or a louer of the word.* Rom. 15. 15.

Philometor. *a louer of the mother.* The seruant of Ptolemeus. 2 Mac. 4. 21. and 9. 29.

Phinees

Phinehas. *a bold countenance.* The sonne of Eleazar. Exod 6. 25. Hee slewe Zimri and Cozbi committing fornication before the people, which appeased Gods wrath. Num. 25. 6, to 16. De stood before the Arke of God, when the Beniamites were destroyed. Judg. 20. 28.* De is praysed. Eccius. 45. 23.* Also one of the sonnes of Eli. 1. Sam. 1. 3. looke Eli.

Phygellus. *fugitiue.* 2. Tim. 1. 15.

Phylacteries. Matth. 23 5.

Phinon.

¶ Pinon. *a precious stone, or beholding, or the mouth of everlasting, or the mouth of the sunne* or after the Hebrew and Syrian, *the mouth of a fish.* Gen. 36. 41.

Phasga

Pisgah. *a hill, Bright, or prouision.* A mountaine. Num. 21. 20. and 23. 14.

Pharam

Piram. *a wild asse of them, the cruelty of them, or the bull of the mother.* Iosh. 10. 3

Pharaton

Pirathon. *to breaking, or making bare: or after the Syrian, his reuenguments.* A citty. Judg. 12. 15. The citizen called a Pirathonite. Judg 12. 13.

Pharathonite

Phison

Pithon. *the changing greatnesse of the mouth, or an enlarging* a riuer. Gen. 2 11. Ecclus. 24. 29

Pisidia. *a pitch tree, or blacked with pitch.* a prouince of Asia the lesse. Acts 13 14. and 14. 24.

Pispha

Pisa. *the diminishing of the mouth, or a mouth diminished* 1. Chro. 7. 38.

Phithom

Pithom *a mouth full of them, or a perfection of the mouth, or the perswasion of them.* A citie. Exod 1 11.

Phithon

Pithon *a mouth full of him, the perswasion of him, or a gift of the mouth.* 1. Chro. 8. 35. and 9. 41.

Phochereth Asebaim

¶ Pochereth Hazzebaim. *the banishing of the mouth of a Doe, or the cutting of the mouth of warfare.* a city. Ezra 2. 57.

Phochereth Sabaim

Pocherethzebaim. *the banishing of the mouth of drunkards.* Nehe. 7. 59.

Pollux. Acts 28. 11.

Pontius. *a hand, or of the sea* One surnamed Pilate, a gouernour of the Iewes, placed ouer them by the Romanes: vnder whom Christ suffered. Matth. 27. 2. Mar. 15. 1 Luke 23. 1. Iohn 18. 28.*

Pontus. *the sea.* A countrey of Asia. Actes 2. 9. and 18 1.

Porcius Festus. *a fat full calfe.* looke Festus.

Posidonius. *giuing drinke.* 2. Mac 14. 19.

Periphar Phutiphar

P. phar. In the African tongue. *a bull.* Syrian, Hebrew, or Chalde, *a fat bull, or the fructifying of fatnesse.* Gen 37. 36. and 39 1.

Phutiphar

Poti-pherah Hebrew and Syrian. *scattering abroad fatnesse, or the making bare of fatnesse, or reuengement of fatnesse* Gene 41. 45, 50.

Priscilla. *ancient.* Rom. 16. 3. Acts 18. 12.

Proselytes. *strangers.* looke in the second Table.

¶ Ptolemeus. *a furrow, or hanging vp waters, or an assembly of waters* Greeke, *warlike.* Esther. 11. 1.

Phua Phuah Puuah

¶ Puah, or Pua. *a mouth, a corner, or a bush of haire.* The sonne of Issachar. Gen. 46. 13. 1. Chro. 7. 1. also a midwife. Exod. 1. 14.

Publicane. They which tooke to farme of the Romanes, the reuenues of the city: Gentlemen, yet much disliked of the Iewish common people. Matth. 5. 46. see more in the second Table.

Publius. *common.* Acts 28. 7.

Pudens. *shamefast.* 2. Tim 4. 21.

Phul *decay, or a beame.* King of Assyr. 2. Kin. 15. 19. also a countrey. Isa. 66. 19.

Phul

Punites. *beholding, or my face.* A familie descended of Pua. Num. 26. 23.

Phunites

Punon. *a precious stone, or beholding.* a place. Num. 33. 42, 43.

Phunon

Pur, or Purim *lot, or lots* looke Ester 3. 7. and 9 26.

Phur Phurim

Put. a countrey. Ezek. 27 10. and 30. 5. Heb 3 9.

Phut

Puthites *decaying, a mouthfull, or breath.* a family descended of Shobai. 1. Chro. 2 53.

Phut

Puriel. *Africke of God.* Syrian and Hebr *the fatnesse of God.* Exod. 6. 25.

Phuriel

Puteoli. A city of Italie. Acts 28. 13.*

Phuteoli Puteolus

Q.

Quadrin. *halfe a farthing.* Marke 12. 42.

Quartus. *the fourth.* Rom. 16. 23.

Quintus Memmius. *the fift defiled.* a Romane Embassadour. 2. Macc. 11. 34.*

R.

Raamah. *a breaking.* Gen. 10 7.

Raamiah. *thunder of the Lord, or euil from the Lord, or a follow of shepheard from the Lord.* Nehe 7. 7.

Raamias Raamia

Rameses, looke Rameses.

Rabbath, or Rabath. *much, great, a chiding, or a fighting against.* a city of Iudah. Iosh 15. 25 and 15 60.

Rabbah

Another of the Ammonites. 2 Sam. 11. 1. and 12. 29. 1. Chro. 20 1. Jere. 49 2. Deut. 3 11.

Rabbath

Rabbi. *master* Matth. 23. 7. John 1. 38.

Rab-mag *dissoluing the multitude, or melting.* Jere. 39. 3, 13.

Rabboni *master.* John 20. 16.

Rab-saris. *master, or set ouer Eunuches.* 2. Kin 18 17. Jere. 39. 3, 13.

Rabshakeh *master, or seruant the drinkers the kisse of the master drinking much, or a great sacke.* 2. Kin. 18. 17

Rabsaces

Raca. Matth. 5 22.

Racha

Rachab, looke Rahab.

Rachal. *to whisper, an apothecary, or factor.* A citie. 1. Sam. 30. 30.

Radai. Radday. *ruling, or comming downe.* 1. Chro. 2. 14.

Radai

Ragau. *a companion, or shepheard, his euill, or his breaking asunder.* a citie. Judeth 1. 5.

Raguel. *the shepheard of God, a friend of God, or the breaking asunder of God.* Tob 3. 7.

Rahab. *proude, or strong, or broad, or enlarged or a streete.* Iosh. 2 1. Mat 1. 5. Heb. 11. 31. Jam. 2 25.

Rahab

Raham *mercy, or compassion: or after the Syrian, a friend* 2. Chro. 2. 44.

Rahel. *a sheepe.* Daughter of Laban. Gen. 29. 10. She keepeth her fathers sheepe. Gen. 29. 9. She meeteth with Iaakob. Gen 29 11, 12. She was beautiful and well fauoured Gen. 29 17. Iaakob serueth two seuen yeeres for her Gen 29. 18, to 30. Being barren, she giueth her maide to Iaakob. Gen. 30. 3. She resteth children of Iaakob. Gen. 30. 1. God maketh her fruitfull. Gene. 30. 22. She hideth away her fathers idoles. Gen. 31. 19 34 35. She dieth at Beniamins birth. Gene. 35. 16, to 20. Her children. Gen 46 19. The people at Boaz marriage, pray God to make Ruth as fruitfull as Rahel and Leah. Ruth 4. 11. Rahel weeping for her children, would not be comforted &c. Matth. 2. 18. Jere. 31. 15.

Rachel

Rakkath. *emptinesse, fruite, or vine.* A citie. Iosh 19 35.

Rachath Recceath

Raken. *voide, vaine, or diuers picture.* 1. Chr 2 16.

Racem

Ram. *high, or casting away.* Ruth 4. 19 1. Chro. 2. 9. Luke 3 33. Also a mans name. Job 32 2.

Aram

Ramah. *high, or cast away.* a city. Iosh. 19. 36. Mat. 2. 18. 1. King. 15. 17.

Rama

Ramath. *idem.* A citie. Iosh. 19. 8.

Ramathe.

UMI

Ramatha — Ramathe. *idem.* a citie. 1. Mac. 11. 34.
Ramathite. *lofte, exalted, or cast away.* a citizen of Ramath. 1. Chro. 27. 27.
Ramathaim Zophim. a citie. 1. Sam. 1. 1.
Ramath lehi. a place. Judg. 15. 17.
Rames — Rameses. *thunder, a hurting in the teeth of a moth, blotting out, euill, or broken in sunder of a moth.* a city. Gen. 47. 11. Exod. 1. 11. Judeth 1. 9.
Remeia — Ramiah. *exaltation of the Lord.* Ezra 10. 25.
Ramoth. *seeing, or beholding death.* a citie. Deut. 4. 43. Josh. 13. 26. and 20. 8. 1 King. 4. 13. and 22. 4.
Raphah — Rapho. *release, or medicine, physicke, or medicine, or a recreating or a Giant.* 1. Chro. 8. 2, 3, 7.
Raphael. *the physicke of God.* An angel. Tob. 3. 17.
Raphu, as Rapha. Num. 13. 10.
Razias — Razis. *the secret of the Lord, or the mysterie of the Lord.* 2. Mac. 14. 37.*
Reaia, Raga — ¶ Reaiah. *the vision of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 4. 2. & 5. 5.
Rebe — Reba. *the fourth, or lying by.* Num. 31. 8. Josh. 13. 21
Rebekah. looke Rebkah.
Rehab — Rechab. *a rider, or riding, or a cart drawn with foure horses.* Father of Jonadab. 2. King. 10. 15. Jerc. 35. 2. 1. Chro 2. 55. also the sonne of Rimmon. 2. Sam. 4. 2.
Rahelaia — Reelaiah. *a shepheard to the Lord, or a companion to the Lord himselfe.* Ezra 2. 2.
Regem — Regem *stoning, stoned, or purple.* 1. Chro. 2. 47.
Regem-melech — Regem-melech. *stoning the king, a counsellour of the king, or the purple of the counsellour.* Zech. 7. 2.
Rei — Rei. *a companion, a shepheard, euill, or my breaking asunder.* 1. King. 1. 8.
Rehoboam — Rehabeam. *dilating the people, the breadth of the people, or a fauour, or fauouring with the people.* Salomõs sonne, who succeeded him. 1. kin. 11. 43. Mat. 1. 7. 1. chr. 3. 10. Following the counsell of yong men, rather then of graue counsellours, he is depriued of the kingdome of Israel. 1. King. 12. 13, to 21. 2. Chro. 10. 14. 16. He reigneth ouer Iudah and Beniamin. 1. King. 12. 21. He is forbidden by the Prophet to wage battell with Jeroboam. 1. Kin. 12. 22. and 2. Chron. 11. 2. He buildeth cities. 2 Chron. 11. 5. His wiues and children. 2. Chron. 11. 21. Forsaking the Lord, he is punished by Shishak, and dieth. 2. Chron. 12. 1.* He is buryed. Eccles. 47. 23.
Rehabia — Rehabiah. *the breadth of the Lord, or the streete of the Lord.* 1. Chro. 23. 17 and 24 21. and 26. 25.
Rohobia — Rehob. *breadth, or dilating, or a streete.* a city. Num. 13. 22. Josh. 19. 28. 30.
Rohoboth — Rehoboth. *breadth, or roumth, or largenes, or streetes.* a citie. Gen. 10 11. also a well. Gen. 26 22.
Reum — Rehum. *pitifull, or pused, or godly, or after the Syrian, a friend.* Ezra 2. 2. and 4. 8.
Recem — Rekem. *veuile, vaine, or diuers pictures.* Num. 31 8.
Rechem — Josh. 13 31.
Remelia — Remaliah. *the exaltation, the greatnesse of the Lord, or cast away from the Lord.* 2 King. 15. 27.
Rameth — Remeth. *highly or cast away.* a city. Josh. 19. 21.
Remmon *a pomegranate apple, or high.* a city. Josh. 19. 7, 13.
Remphan. *prepared, or fit in array.* an idole. Ac. 7. 43.
Remuel — Remuel. *God hath risen vp, or raised vp, or God hath established him.* 1 Chron. 27. 17.
Raphael — Rephael. *the physicke, or medicine of God.* 1. Chron. 26. 7.
Raphaia — Rephaiah. *the physicke, or medicine of the Lord, or the recreating of the Lord.* 1. Chro. 3. 21. & 7. 2.
Raphah — Reph h. *the releasing of the snare.* 1 Chro. 7. 25.
Raphaims — Rephaims *Giants, physitions, or reserued or releassed.* A people of Moab Gen 14. 5. 2 15. 20. 2. Sam 21. 13.
Raphidim — Rephidim *bending things, or latter slaked hands, or the medicine of the hands.* a place or mansion. Exo. 17. 1. Numb. 33. 14.

Resa — Resa *affliction, or a morning, or a head.* Luke 3. 27. — Rhesa
Resen. *a bridle.* a citie. Gen. 10. 12.
Reu — Reu. *his shepheard, a companion, a friend, or euill, or a breaking asunder.* Gen. 11. 18. 1. Chron. 1. 25. called Ragau. Luke 3. 35. — Rehu
Reuben — Reuben, *seeing his sonne, the vision of his sonne, or the sonne of vision.* So named because the Lord did see his mothers affliction. Iacobs sonne by Leah. Gen. 29. 32. of him came the Reubenites. Num. 26. 7. He lieth with his fathers concubine. Gen. 35. 22. He deuiseth how to rid Ioseph out of his brethrens hand. Gen. 37. 21. He chargeth them with the death of Ioseph. Gen. 42 22. He is rapt vp of his dignitie, and why. Gen. 49 4. He is blessed Deut. 33. 6. His genealogie. Gen. 46. 9. Exod. 6. 14. 1. Chro 5. 1. His tribe, with others, are sent to their possessions. Iosh. 22. 1. They ouercome the Hagarims. 1. Chro. 5. 10. For their idolatrie they are punished by the Assyrians. 2. King. 10. 33. 1. Chro. 5 26. — Ruben
Reuel — Reuel. *a shepheard of God, the friend of God, or the breaking asunder of God.* Moses father in law. Exo. 2. 18. Also Esaus sonne Gen. 36 4. 1. Chro. 1. 35. — Raguel, Rahuel
Reumah. *high, or elevated.* Gen. 22. 24. — Roma
Rezeph. *a pauement, a stretching out, a burning coale, or a fiery stone.* a citie. 2 King. 19. 10 Isa. 37. 12. — Reseph
Rezin. *affection, a runner, or a post messenger.* 2 King. 15. 37. Ezra 2 48. — Rasin, Razin
Rezon. *smal, leane, secret, or a secretary, or a prince.* 1. King. 11. 23. — Razon
¶ Rhegium. *a breaking.* a citie. Acts 28. 13.
Rhesa, Iohe Reia.
Rhodes. *a rose.* Acts 11. 13.
Rhodes. *idem.* An Ile. Act. 21. 1. 1. Mac. 15. 23. — Rodus
Rhodocus. *a chariot of the colour of roses.* 2. Macc. 13. 21. — Rhodocus
¶ Ribai. *strife, or increased, or chiding, multiplying.* 1. Chro. 11. 31. 2. Sam. 23. 29.
Ribkah, or Ribka. *fed, or blunt, contention, or couenation hindred.* Daughter of Bethuel. Gene. 22. 23. A faire damsell. Gen. 24. 16. Giuen in marriage to Isaak. Gen. 24. 57.* Being barren, Isaak prayeth for her, and obteineth his petition. Gene. 25. 20, 21.* By subtilitie shee causeth Iaakob to preuent Esau of the blessing. Gen. 27. 9, to 30. She sendeth Iaakob to Laban, and why. Gen. 27. 42.* Rebekah was with child by one, either by our father Isaak. Rom. 9. 10. — Rebekah, Rebecca
Riblah. *a skolding, or greatnesse to him, or chiding confirmed, or chiding flowing downward.* a citie of Syria. Num. 34. 11. 2. King. 23. 33. — Reblatha, Ribla
Rimmon. *a pomegranate apple, or exalted.* A citie. Iosh. 15. 32. also a place. Num. 33. 19. — Rimon, Remmon
Rimnah *a song, or reioycing.* 1. Chro 4. 20. — Rimna
Riphath. *medicine, or release.* Gen. 10. 3. — Ripoth
Rissah. *a sprinkling vpo, or the dropping of an house.* A place. Num. 33. 21. — Rissa
Rithma. *a Iuniper tree, a sound, or a noyse.* A place. Num. 33 18. — Rithmah, Rethma
Rezi, as Rezin. 1. Chro. 7. 39. — Rezia, Resia
Rizpah, as Rispha. *stretched out.* 2. Sa. 3. 7. & 21. 10 — Raspha
¶ Roboam, looke Rehabeam. — Respha
Rogel. *a spie, or footman, or searching out, or a searcher out, or an accuser: or after the Syrian custome:* a fountaine, or well. Jos. 15. 7. 2. Sam. 17. 27. 1. kin. 1. 9. — Regelim
Rogelim *idem* a citie. 2 Sam. 19. 31. — Roglim
Rohgah. *filled, drunken with talke, or filled with separation.* 1. Chro. 7. 34. — Roga
Romamti ezer, or Rememthi ezer *exalting ayde, or I haue exalted my palace.* 1. Chro. 25. 4. — Romanthiezer
Rome. *preuailing, mighty, or strong, or exalted, or high.* A citie, looke Roma and Romans in the second Table. — Romethiezer, Roma

Raphaia
Ros
Ruphus
Ruma

Rophaiah. *the physicke, or medicine, or recreation of the Lord.* 1. Chr. 4 42.

Rosh. *a head, or top, or the beginning.* Gen. 46.21.

Ruben, looke Reuben.

Rufus. *red.* Mens names. Mar. 15.21. Rom. 16.13.

Rumah. *hie, exalted, or cast away.* A citty. 2. Kin. 23.36.

Ruth. *watered, filled, or made drunken.* Wife of Mahlon. Ruth 1.4. She findeth favour in the eyes of Boaz. Ruth 2.10.* 2 13.* is married to him. Ruth 4. 9,10 13. beareth him a sonne named Obed. Ruth 4. 13.* 1. Chr. 2. 12. Mat. 1. 5.

S

Sabbat

Saba, looke Sheba.

Sabbath *rest,* looke in the second Table.

Sabbeca
Sabbatha
Sabbah
Sabathacha
Sabbeca
Bachar

Sabdi. *a dowrie, having a dowrie, or flowing with abundance.* 1. Chr. 8. 19 and 27. 27.

Sabeans. *leading unto captivitie, or goings about, or drunken men, old men.* A people. Iob 45. 14. called Shabeans. Iob 1. 15.

Sabtah *a going about, or compasse.* Syrian, *olde age.* Gen. 10. 7.

Sabteca or Sabtecha. *the cause of souring.* Syri. and Heb. *the souring of old age.* Gen. 10. 7. 2 1. Chr. 1. 9.

Sacar. *wages, a price, or drunkennesse,* 1 Chr. 11. 35. and 26 4.

Sadoc. *iust, or iustified.* 1 Esd. 8. 2. 2. Esd. 1. 1. looke Zadoc.

Sadducees. *iust men, or iustified.* after the Syrian, *cur, or schismes.* A sect among the Iewes, which denied the resurrection. Matth. 3. 7. Acts 23. 8. looke the second Table.

Safe
Salamine
Salamnia

Sela. Luke 3. 35. looke Shelah.

Salamin. *mooued, or broken in pieces, or flatting.* An Ile of Cyprus. Acts 13. 5.

Salathiel 2. Esd. 5. 16. Luk. 3. 27. looke Shealtiel.

Salcah
Salchah
Salcha

Salcah, or Salchah. *thy basket, or thy lifting vp.* A citie. Iosh. 12. 5. and 13. 11. Deut. 3. 10. 1. Chr. 5. 11.

Salem. Iuneth 4. 4. Heb. 7. 1. looke Shalem.

Salim. Iohn 3 23. looke Shalim.

Sellai
Selui
Sallu
Sellu

Sallai. *an exaltation, or treading vnder foote.* Syri. *a basket.* Nehe. 11. 8. and 12. 20.

Sallu *idem.* 1. Chr. 9. 7.

Salma. *peace, perfection, retribution, or a garment.* 1. Chr. 2. 11, 51. 54.

Salmanasar. 2. Esd. 13. 40 looke Shalmaneser.

Salmah

Salmon. *a peacemaker, perfect, or ginning againe.* Ruth 4. 20. Luke 3. 32.

Salmone. *a flowing, a commotion, or a breaking in pieces* A high hill in Candy, bowing to the Seawarde. Acts 27. 7.

Salom, as Salem. Genesis 14. 18.

Salomon, Looke Shalomoth. 2. Sam. 5. 14.

Salu, as Sallai. Num 25. 14.

Samaias as Semaiah. Neh 9 12.

Samaria. *a keeping, an adward stone, a brier, a thorne or the dregs thereof.* A countrey, and citie of Syria, betweene Iudea, and middle Galile. 1. King. 13. 32. Isa. 7. 9. and 10 11.

Samaritanes. *keepers, murmurious hard, thorny places, or dregs.* Citizens or inhabitants of Samaria. Matt. 10. 5. Samaria, the head citie of the ten tribes of Israel builded. 1. King 16 24. Besieged of the King of Aram 1. King. 20. 1. 2 Kinges 6 24. Wonne by the King of Assur, and the people carried away. 2. King. 17. 5. * Against Samaria is prophesied, Isa. 8. 4. and 9. 9. Esa. 23. 9. * Hosea 8. 1. * and 13. 1. * and 14. 1. Amos. 3. 9. and 6. 1. Micah. 1. 1. * They would not receive the word of God. Luke 9. 52. 53. But after words did. at Philips preaching. Acts 8. 5. 6 14. Simon Peter and Iohn preach there. Acts 8. 9. The Samaritanes compassion on the wounded man, Luke 10. to 33. By the byliary of them, the Gentiles calling is described. Iohn 4. 5. to 43. The Iewes abhorred them. Iohn 8. 48. and medled not with them. Iohn 4. 9.

Samgar-nebo. *pepper of a stranger prophesying, or pepper of a stranger speaking.* Iere. 39 3. Semégarnabu

Samos. *full of grauell.* An Ile in the Aegean Sea, acts 20. 15.

Samothracia. *full of grauell or, rough.* An Ile in the bosome of Pacilia, of the kingdome of Thracia, so called because the Samians and Thracians inhabited there. acts 16. 11.

Samson, looke Shimshon. The Sonne of Manoah, Iudg. 13. 2. * Hee marieth a daughter of the Philistims. Iudg. 14. 2. * He is deceiued by Dellah. Iudg. 15. 4 * Hee gouerned Israel 20. yeeres. Iudg 15. 20. He is commended Heb. 11 32. Sampson

Samuel, looke Shemuel. Sonne of Elkanah. 1. Sam. 1. 20 offered to God, by his mother. 1. Sam. 1. 22 * Fauoured of God and men. 1. Samu. 2. 26. God calleth him thrise, reuealeth to him his will, & maketh him his Prophet. 1. Sam. 3. 4. * He iudgeth Israel in Mizpeh. 1. Sam. 7 5. His offices described. 1. Sam. 7. 16. Being old, he maketh his sonnes Iudges ouer Israel. 1. Samu. 8. 1. God commaundeth him to anoynt Saul. 1 Sam 9. 15. 16. which he doeth 1. Sam. 10. 1. He declareth his innocencie to his people. 1. Sam. 12. 2, 3. He reproueth them of their ingratitude. 1. Sam. 12. 7. * And Saul for neglecting Gods commaundement. 1 Sam. 15. 17, to 24. He prayeth and mourneth for him. 1. Sam. 15 11. 35. He heweth Agag in pieces. 1. Sam. 15. 33. God sendeth him to anoynt David king, which he feared to doe. 1 Sam 16. 1, 2. All his sayes of Philistims were brought vnder. 1 Sam. 7. 13. He dieth, and is bewailed. 1. Sam. 25. 1. One in the likenesse of Samuel raised by a witch. 1. Sa. 28. 8. * He is prayed. Eccles. 46. 13. * Heb. 11. 32.

Sanballat. *a bramble bud in secret, or after the Syrian and Hebrew, an enemie hid in secret.* Nehe. 2. 10. and 13. 28. Sanaballat

Sancherib. *the bramble of destruction, or the bramble of a sword* Syrian & Heb. *the sword, or destruction of the enemie* King of Assur, who threatned Hezekiah & blasphemed God. 2 King. 18. 13. * Isa. 36. 4. * 2. Chr. 32. 1. * The Angel destroyeth his armie, & he is slaine by his owne children. 2. King. 19. 35. * and 2 Chr. 32. 21. Isa. 36. 16. * Eccles. 48. 18. to 23. Senacherib Sannacherib

Sansannah. *a bough, or a bramble a bramble.* Syri. and Heb. *a bramble of the enemie.* A citty. Iosh 15. 31. Sensenna

Saph. *a basen to wash ones feete in, a standing cup, a cup of gold, a threshold, a post, an end, a bulrush, or the sea.* 2. Sam. 21. 18. and 1. Chr. 20. 4. Sippai

Saphir. A precious stone. Exo. 24. 10 & 28 Reue 21. 19.

Sapphira. *declaring, or numbring:* or after the Syrian, *feare.* Acts 5. 1.

Sarah. *a lady, or dame, or princesse,* the meaning of many. Daughter of Asher. Num 26. 46. Also Abrahams wife, who her name was changed. Gen. 17 15 God promiseth her a childe, being old. Gen 17. 19. 2 18 10. and thee had one accordingly. Gene. 21. 1, to 8. She would not haue Ishmael beare with her sonne Isaak. Gen. 21. 10. she dieth, and is bewailed of Abraham. Gen. 23. 2. * Her faith. Heb. 11. 11 she is the free woman. Gal 4. 22. she calleth her husband Sir, or Lord. Gen 18. 12. 1. Pet. 3. 6. Sara Saraha Sarai

Sarai *my dame, or mistresse.* The name of Abrahams wife before it was changed. Gen. 11. 29 she is taken into Pharaohs court for her beautie, and after released againe. Gen. 12. 15. * She gaue Hagar to her husband, by whom he had Ishmael. Gen. 16. 1. *

Saraph. 1. Chron 4. 22.

Sardi.

Sardis
Sardi. *the prince of pleasauntnesse, the song of ioy, or that which remaineth:* or after the Syrian, *a diuers sort,* A citie. Reue. 1. 11.

Sardites
Sarditesthe *taking away of dissention.* Syri. *a diuers sort.* A kinred descended of Sered. Num. 26. 26.
Sardius. a pretious stone. Reu 21. 20.
Sardonix a pretious stone. Reuel. 21. 20.
Sarepta. Luke 4 26. looke Zarephath.
Sargon. *taking away defence, or garden:* after the Syrian, *a net.* Isa. 20. 1.
Sarid. *left, or remaining, or the hand of a prince, or a song of the hand.* A citie. Iosh. 19. 10.
Saron. *the plaine field of him, or his song.* A fertil region, betweene mount Tabor & the riuer Eber, stretching forth from Cesarea vnto Ioppa, as Ierom witnesseth Acts 9. 35

Sara
Sarra, as Sarah. Daughter of Raguel. Tob. 3. 7. * giuen in mariage to yong Tobias. Tob. 7. 13. * to whom her parents declare ‖ surety of a good wife. Tob. 10. 13
Sarsechim. *a setting before of coueringes.* One of Nebuchad-nezzars princes. Ier. 39. 3.

Sarug
Saruch. *palme trees, a twig cut off from a tree,* or *a bough.* Luke 3. 35. Gen. 11. 20.

Serug
Satan. *contrary, or an aduersarie, or enimie.* Iob 1. 6. Mat. 4. 10. Mar. 8. 33. looke in the second Table.

Sathan
Sathrabuzanes, 1. Esd. 6. 3.

Sathrabuzanes
Satyrs. Monsters hauing the head of a man, and the body of a goate: called Gods of the woods. Isa. 13. 21. some translate them *Apes.*

Shaul
Saul, as Shaal. The sonne of Kish. 1. Sam. 9. 2. The first king of Israel. 1. Sam. 10. 1. * ‖ 11. 5. * Hee commandeth to put Dauid to death. 1. Samu. 19. 1. * Hee chargeth his seruants of conspiring against him. 1. Sa 22. 7 8. * he goeth to Keilah to fight with Dauid. 1. Sam. 23. 8. Pursuing Dauid he was inuaded of the Philistims. 1. Sam. 23 27, 28. pursuing Dauid, he is deliuered into his hãds. 2. Sa. 24. 7. * ‖ 26. 2. * Hauing driuen all sorcerers out of the land, he seeketh counsel at a witch 1. Sam. 28 3. * He slayeth himselfe. 1. Sa. 31. 4. His head caried into the land of the Philistims. 1. Sam. 31. 9. Dauid mourneth for him. 2. Sam. 1. 4. * Why he died. 1. Chr. 10. 13. The men of Iabesh Gilead burie his bones, and fast seuen dayes. 1. Sam. 31. 13. which is commended by Dauid. 2. Sam. 2. 5 His house waxeth weaker, and Dauids stronger. 2. Sam. 3. 1. God tooke away his mercie from him. 2. Sam. 7. 15. Seuen of his sonnes hanged, & why. 2. Sam. 21. 1. to 11. Dauid burieth his and Ionathans bones. 2. Sam. 21. 13, 14. Paul is mentioned. Acts 13. 21.
Also the name of Paul. Acts 7. 58. looke Paul.

Sausa
Susa
Sauth. *reuiuing, or the lifting vp of vanity.* 1. Chr. 18. 16.
¶ ceun. *set in order, or prepared.* Acts 19. 14.
Scribe. *a writer.* Mat. 4. 20. looke in the 2. Table.
Scythians, *tanners, or coblers.* A people. Colos. 3. 11. Iudeth. 3. 10.
Scythopolis. *a citie of tanners, or coblers.* This citie is 600. furlongs from Ierusalem. 2. Macc. 12. 29. the citizens, Scythopolitans. 1. Mac. 12. 30.

Saba.
¶ Seba, as Sheba. Gen. 10. 7. called also Sheb. 1. Chr. 1. 9. Also a countrey. Psalm 72. 10. Isa 43. 3. looke Sheba.
Secacah. *a tale shadowe, a couering, a defence, anointing.* Syrian *a beholding.* A citie. Iosh. 15. 61.
Sachacha
Sechu. *a defence, a bough, or saying nothing.* A citie. 1. Sam. 19 22.
Socho
Secundus. *the second.* Acts. 20. 4.
Sedecias. Baruch 1. 1. looke Zedekiah, and Zidkiah.
Sele sophim. *a field where men may see feare off.* a place. Num 23. 14.
Segub. *made strong, or exalted.* 1. King. 16. 34.

Seim. *mes sures.* Gen. 18. 7.
Seir. *brisled, hairie, a kid, or a deuill, or temperat.* A hill Gen. 14. 6. a countrey. Gen. 32. 3. & a mans name. Gen 36. 20. 1. Chr. 1. 38.
Seirath. *idem.* a place. Iudg. 3. 26.
Sela. *a rocke.* a citie. 2. King. 14 7.
Selah *idem* a citie. Iudg. 1. 36.
Selah. Psal. 3. 2.
Sela-hammahlekoth. 1. Sam. 23. 28.
Seled. *affliction* or after the Syrian, *a warning, or rosting.* 1. Chr. 2. 30.
Seleucia
Seleucia. *troubled, broken in pieces, or flowing ouer.* a citie builded by Seleucus Nicanor. 1. Maccab. 11. 8. through which Paul wandred. Acts. 13. 4.
Seleucus *idem.* 1. Mac. 7. 1. 2. Mac. 3. 3.
Selcuchus
Sem, looke Shem.
Semachiah. *cleauing, or ioyning vnto the Lord,* 1. Chr. 26. 7.
Samachias
Semei *hearing, or obeying.* Luke 3. 26.
Senaah. *a bramble, or enemie.* A citie. Ezra 2. 35. Nehe. 3 3.
Asna
Senehadem. a roche. 1. Sam. 14 4.
Senes
Senir *a sleeping candle, or the prospering of a candle, or prospering of a teacher, or a changing.* a hill. 1. Chr 5 23. called Hermon, Shirion, and Senir. Deut. 3 8, 9.
Shenir
Sennacherib, looke Sancherib.
Senuah, as Senaah. Nehe. 11. 9.
Senua
Seorim, *gates, estimations, haires of the head, tempests, deuils, haurie, or goates.* 1. Chr. 24. 8.
Sehorim
Sephar. *a booke, a scribe, a declaring, a number.* Syri. *a hauen.* a mount of India. Gen. 10. 30.
Sepharad. *a booke descending, or ruling, the ende of rule, or the perfection of going down:* a country thought to be Spaine. Obad. 1. 20.
Bosphorus
Sepharuaim. *bookes, scribes, declarings, numbers.* Heb. and Syri. *a hauen of the sea.* A citie. 2. Kin 17. 24.
Sepharuims. *idem.* Citizens of Sepharuim, who burne their children in fire to their idoles 2. King. 17. 31.
Sephardites
Serah. *sauouring, or the mistresse of sauour, or the song of sauour.* Gen. 46. 17.
Sara
Seraiah. *my prince of the Lorde, or the song of the Lord.* 2. Sam. 8. 17.
Saraiah
Seraphims. *burning, or fierie.* Certaine Angels Isa. 6. 2.
Saraias
Sered after the Syrian, *a diuers sort.* Gen. 46. 14.
Sared
Sergius. *a net.* A prudent man surnamed Paulus. Acts 13. 7.
Serug, looke Sherug.
Sarug
Serug
Seruiah. or Sellach, looke Shiſhach.
Seth, looke Sheth. Ecclus 49. 16 Luk. 3. 38.
Sethur. *hid, or destroying.* Num. 13. 14.
Satcur
¶ Shaalabbin. *the vnderstanding, or sonne of a sixe, or the vnderstanding of one looking backe.* a citty. Iosh. 19. 42.
Saclabin
Selebin
Shaalbim *looking back on the hearts, a fish in the sea, or a sixe in the sea.* a place. Iudg. 1. 35. 1 King. 4 9.
Salabim
Salebim
Shaalbonite. *the sonne. or building of a sixe, or the building, or path of vnderstanding.* 2. Sam. 23. 32. 1. Chron. 11. 33.
Saalbonite
Salabonite
Shaal, or Saul. *asked, lent, a graue, or hell,* looke Saul, and Ezra 10. 29.
Shea Saul
Saaph
Shaaph. *flying, or thinking* 1. Chro 2. 47, 49.
Saarath
Shaaraim, as Seorim. A citie. 1. Chr. 4. 31.
Saraim
Shaashgaz. *which maketh a passage ouer, regarding, passing ouer, or pressing a fleece of wooll.* Esther 2 14
Saasgaz
Sulagaz
Shabbethai *my rest.* Nehem. 8. 7. and 11. 16. 1. Esd. 9. 14.
Sebethai
Sabathai
Shabeans, looke Sabeans.
Sachia
Shachia, looke Shelah.
Sechia
Shachir. *wages.* 1. Chro 11. 35.
Sachar
Shadrach. *a tilde tender dugge, a fine field:* or after the
Sidrach

Shageth
Sage
Saharaim
Saharimah
Salem

Salim
Salisa
Sallecheth
Sellum
Sallum
Salmai
Salmanasar

Salmon
Shalmah
Shalma
Sama
Samarias
Samariah
Samhur
Samaoth

Samed
Samad
Semer
Somer
Samgar

Samir

Shammah
Samma
Semma
Sammai
Semei
Sammoth

Sammua
Samserai
Samsari
Saphara
Saphan

Saphat

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Sar i
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Sar sar
Sarazer
Saron
Safai
Sisai
Safac
Sefac
Saue cariathaim
Saul

Saal
Shaakiel
Salathiel

Saba
Shaba

the Syrian, *thy sending*. Dan. 1. 7.
Shage. *ignorant, comprehending, or touching softly.*
Syri. *much, or multiplying*. 1. Chr. 1. 34.
Shaharaim. *black, troublous, or going early*. 1. Chr. 8. 8.
Shaharaimath. a citty. Iosh. 19. 22.
Shalem. *peace*. a citty. Gen. 14. 18. Psal. 76. 2. Hebr. 7. 1, 2.
Shalim. *foxes, fists, or pathwayes*. a land. 1. Sam. 9. 4.
Shalishah. *three, or principall*. a land. 1. Sam. 9. 4.
Shallecheth. 1. Chr. 26. 16.
Shallum. *peaceable, or a peacemaker, or perfect, or giuing againe*. 2. Kin. 15. 10. and 22. 14.
Shalmai. *my garment*. Nehe. 7. 48.
Shalmaneser. *peace, bound, retribution, taken away, or going backe now*. 2. Kin. 17. 3.
Shalman. *peaceable*. Hose. 10. 14.
Shalmon. *idem*. Boaz father. Ruth. 4. 21. Mat. 1. 5. called Salma. 1. Chr. 2. 11.
Shama. *hearing, or obeying*. 1. Chr. 11. 44.
Shamariah. *the keeping, hardnesse, or throne of the Lord*. Ezra 10. 32.
Shamhuth. *desolation, perdition, a stonie nesse, iniquity there, the name of iniquitie, or the destroying iniquity*. 1. Chr. 27. 8.
Shamed. *destroying, or wearing out*. 1. Chron. 8. 12.
Shamer. *a keeper, hardnesse, a throne, or dregges*. 1. Chr. 7. 34.
Shamgar. *desolation of the stranger, named a stranger, there a stranger, or fleeing, or considering with a mans selfe of a name*. A iudge in Israel. Iudg. 3. 31.
Shamir, as shammar. a citty. Iosh. 15. 48. Iudg. 10. 1 Also the sonne of Michah. 1. Chr. 24. 24.
Shamma. *desolation, perdition, destruction, or astonishednesse there*. 1. Chr. 7. 37.
Shammah *idem*. Gene. 36. 13. Also the sonne of Iesai. 1. Sam. 16. 9.
Shammai. *my name, my desolations, or perdations, or the heauens*. 1. Chr. 2. 28. 44.
Shammoth. *names, desolations, or perdations*. 1. Chron. 11. 27.
Shamma. *hearing, or obeying* Num. 13. 5.
Shamsherai. *the name of a conquerour, or there a finger, or conquerour*. 1. Chr. 8. 26
Shaphan. *a come, or one hid, a lip or laid vp, or the bankes, or breaking of things*. 2. King. 22. 3. and 25. 22 1. Chr. 5. 12.
Shaphat. *a iudge, or iudging*. 1. Chr. 3. 22. and 5. 12. and 27. 29.
Shaphir. a citty. Micah. 1. 11.
Sharai. *my lord, or prince, or my song*. Ezra. 10. 40.
Sharar. *the nauill, thought, singing, or the Lord*. 2. Sam. 23. 33.
Sharezer. *a treasurer, or he that seeth the narrowe strieghts, or the treasure of one singing*. 2 King. 19. 37. Isa 37. 38.
Sharon. *a plaine field, or his song* a citty. 1. Chron. 5. 16.
Shathai. *fixe, reioycing, mercie, silke, flaxe, or lumen*. Ezra. 10. 40.
Shashak. *a sacke of flaxe, the sixt sacke, the kisse, or cup of ioy* 1. Chr. 8. 14. 25.
Shauch Kiriathaim. *the plaine of Kiriathaim*. a place of helpe. Gen. 14. 5. 17.
Shaul, as Shal. Gene names. Gen. 36. 37. 38. 46. 10. 1. Chr. 4. 24. and 6. 24. locke Saul.
Sheal. *idem*. Ezra. 10. 29.
Shealtiel. *asked, or lent of God*. 1. Chron. 3. 17 Hagg. 1. 1. Matth. 1. 12.
Shear-iashub. Isa 7. 3.
Shearaim. *the gate of the Lord*. 1. Chr. 8. 38.
Sheba. *captiuitie, or compassing about: or after the Syri. an old man*. Gen. 10 7. Also a countrey. Isa. 43. 3 and 60. 9. 1. king. 10 1. Mat. 12. 42. Psal 72. 10 of the people. locke Shebam, and Joel 3. 8.
Shebat. *a scepter, or rod* Zech. 1. 7.
Shebaniah. *the Lord turning, or taking captiue, or the vnderstanding, or building of the Lord*. Ezr. 9. 4. & 10. 14.
Shebam. *compassing about. after the Syrian, olde men*. Num. 32. 3.
Shebarim. *breakings, hopes, or looking for*. a place. Iosh. 7 5.
Sheber. *a breaking, or hope*. 1. Chr 2. 48.
Shebna and Shenab. *sit downe now, knit together now, or taken captiue now, or building, or he which vnderstandeth*. Ite. 15. 22 2. King. 18. 18.
Shebnel. *the turning, the captiuity, or the seate of God*. 1. Chr. 23 16.
Shechaniah. *the habitation of the Lord*. 1. Chr. 3. 22 and 15. 24.
Shechem. *a part, or portion, or a shoulder*. a citie. Ge. 12. 6. Iudg. 9. 1. & 1. king. 12. 25. called Sychar. Iohn 4. 5 Also he that rauished Dinah. Gen. 34. 2.
Shedeur. *a field of light, or fire, or the light of the Almightie*. Num. 1 5.
Shegub. *exalted*. 1. Kings 16. 34.
Shechariah. *the morning of the Lord, or the blackenesse of the Lord* 1. Chr. 8. 26.
Sheia. *vanity, a lifting vp, or a tumult*. 2. Sa. 20. 25.
Sheir. *rough, or hairie*. Gen. 36. 20.
Shekel A kind of weight Gen. 23 15. Prou. 11. 32. Ezek. 45. 12.
Sheelah. *sending, or spoiling* Gen. 10. 24. and 11. 12. Luke 3. 35.
Shelah. *diffluing*. Gen. 38. 5.
Shelam. A river. Ezra 4. 17.
Shelanites. *diffluing*. A family descended of Shelah. Num. 26. 20.
Shelemiah. *the peace, perfection, or retribution of the Lord*. 1. Chr. 26. 14 Ezra 10. 39.
Sheleph. *drawing out*. Gen. 10. 26.
Sheleth. *a captaine, or a prince*. 1. Chr. 7. 35.
Shelomi. *peaceable, perfect, or giuing againe*. Num. 34. 27.
Shelomith. *idem*. Mens names. 1. Chron. 23. 9. 18. and 26. 25. Also a womans name. Leuit. 24. 11.
Shelomoh *peaceable*, locke Salomon.
Shelomoth. *peacemaking, perfectnes, or retribution*. 1. Chr. 24. 22.
Shelumiel, as Shelemiah. a head of the tribe of Simeon. Num 1. 6.
Shem. *a name, renowned, report, or put*. Noahs son. Gene 5. 32. Luke 3. 36 He is diuided. Gen. 9. 26. He is posterity. Gen. 10 21. and 11. 10, 11. 1. Chr. 1. 17. He is thought to be Melchizedek, locke Melchizedek.
Shema. *hearing, or obeying*. 1. Chr. 2. 43. Also a citie. Iosh. 15. 26.
Shemaah. *idem*. 1. Chr. 12. 3.
Shemaiah *hearing, or obeying the Lord*. Mens names 1. king. 12 22. 1. Chr 3. 22. and 4 37. Iere. 29 32.
Shemariah. *the keeping of the Lord*. 1. Chron 12. 5. Ezra 10. 32, 41.
Shemebar. *the name, or report of a strong man, or the name of a bird, or destroying strength* Gen. 14. 2.
Shemei *my name, or my desolation, or perdition, or the heauens* Zech. 12. 13.
Shemeiah, as Shemaiah. Ezra. 8. 16.
Shemer. *a keeper*. 1. king. 16. 24.
Shemida. *a name of knowledge, or the knowledge of the heauens* Num. 26. 32. Iosh 17. 2. 1. Chr. 7. 19.
Shen inith-lenarzeah. 1. Chr. 15. 21.
Shemiramoth. *the heights of the heauens, or the height of a name*. 1. Chr. 15. 18.
Shemuel. *appointed, or established of God*. Num. 34. 20.
Sebah
Sebaniah
Sabaniah
Sebama
Sabam
Sebarim
Seber
Sobna
Sebna
Sebuel
Sheariah
Sechenia
Sychem
Sedeur
Segub
Seharia
Soboriah
Sua
Siua
Seir
Sicle
Selah Sala
Sclah Sela
Selam
Selanites
Salmiah
Selemia
Saleph
Seles
Salomi
Selomith
Salumith
Salomon
Selomoth
Salemeth
Selumiel
Salamiel
Sem.
Sama
Samaa
Semaia
Ishmaiah
Semeia
Semeria
Semariah
Semeber
Semei
Semeia
Semar
Semida
Semiramoth
Semuel
Samuel

20.1.Chron.7.2.

Samuel — Shemuel.*heard of God*,looke Samuel.

Senazar — Shenazar.*the treasurer of a tooth*,or *of one sleeping*, or *the narrow streight of alteration*,or *an enemie of tribulation*. 1 Chr.3.18.

Sanir — Shenir.*a sleeping candle*,*the prospering of a candle*, or *prospering of the teacher*. a hil. Cant.4.8.Deut.3.9.Ezra.27.5.

Sephatia — Shephatiah. *the Lord iudgeth*, or *the iudgement of the Lord* 2.Sam.3.4.and 1.Chr.9.8.

Siphatia — Shephi. *a beholder*, *a bony combe*, *a garment*, or *a looking for*. 1 Chr.1.40.

Sephi — Shepho. *a desert a banke*, or *a breaking in sunder*. Gen.36 23.

Sephuphan — Shephuphan.*a serpent*.1.Chr.8.5.

Sera — Sherah. *flesh*, *consanguitie*, *leauen*, or *remaining*. 1.Chr.7.24.

Sarabia — Sherebiah.*the drought of the Lord*, *preuailing with the Lord*,or *singing with the Lord*.Ezra 8.18.

Seraiah — Shrraiah.*a prince of the Lord*.1.Chr 4.14.

Serug — Shrug *a bough*,or *plant*. Gen.11.20.

Sezbazzer — Shethbazzar. *ioy in tribulation*, or *an affirming of ioy*,or *ioy of gathering grapes*. Ezra 1.8.

Safsabasar — Shethai. *fixe*, *rescycing*, *merry*,or *flaxe*.Num.13.13

Safai — Shethan.*a lillie*,or *rose*,or *ioyfulnesse*,or *flaxe*.1.Ch. 2.31.

Sefan — Sheth. *set*,or *put*. The sonne of Adam. Gene.4.25. 1.Chr.1.1.looke Seth.

Seth — Shethar. *searching out*,*a remnant*,or *hid*,or *putrified*. Ester.1.14.

Setharbuzania — Shethar boznai. *despising me*,or *he which searcheth out my despisers*.Ezra.5.3.

Setrai — Shetrai *a gatherer of money* or *after the Syrian*,*a binding*,or *drawen together*, 1.Chr.27 29.

Sena — Shua.*vanity* or *lifting vp*,or *tumult*. 1.Chro.2.49.

Sue — Shuah *an oth*.or *abundance*.a well.Gen.26.33.

Sebah — Shibboleth *Iudges* 12.6.

Sibboleth — Shimah.*ouermuch captinitie*,or *much fasting*. A citie. Num.32.38.

Sibama — Shichiah.*the protection of the Lord*.1.Chr.8.10.

Sabama — Shichimites.as Sychem.Num.26.31.

Snachia — Shicron.*drunkennesse*,*a price*,or *his wares*. A citie. Iosh.15.11.

Shechemites — Shigaion. Psal.7.in the title.

Secron — Shihor, *blacke*,or *troublous*,or *morning*. a city.1.ch. 13 5.Iosh 13.3.

Sechron — Shihor-libnah.a citie.Iosh.19.26.

Zihor — Shihi *a sending*,*a bough*,*a weapon*,or *armour*.Syri. *spoyling* or *spoyled*.1.King.22.42.2.Chr.20.31.

Sihorlabanath — Shilhim.*idem*.A citie.Iosh.15.32.

Shilhi — Shillim.*peace*,*perfectnesse*,or *retribution*.Gene.46. 24.Num.26.49.

Salai — Shilo.or Shiloh.*dissoluing*,*putting off ones shooes*: or *after the Syrian*, *mocked*, or *deceiuing*. a citie. Iosh. 18.1.Psal.78.60.

Selhim — Shiloah,*as* Shilhi. a riuer at the foote of mount Zion. Isa.8.6.Iohn 9.7.

Silem — Shiloni.*tarying*,*or he which tarieth*,or *a peacemaker* or *abounding*: or *after the Syrian*, *mocking*, or *deceiuing*.1.Chron.9.5.

Salem — Shilonite.*idem* 1.Kings 11.29.2.Chr.9.29.

Silo — Shilshah.*three*,*the chiefe*,or *a captaine*.1.Chr.7.37.

Silo. Siloe — Shima.*hearing* or *obeying*.2.Sam.21.21.

Siloam — Shimea. *idem* Mens names.1.Chro.25.16.30.39.

Siloni — Shimeah.*named*, *put to perdition*, or *desolation*. 1. Chr.8 32.

Silonite — Shimeam.*the name of the mother*, *the name of feare*, *putting to feare*,or *put to his mother*,or *their feare*, *or there a mother*.1.Chr.9.38.

Silsa — Shimei. *hearing* or *obeying*, *the name of a heape*, or *destroying the heape*. Num.3.10. Alse one that curses Dauid. 2.Sam.16.5,to 14.and 19.18,to 24.1.King. 2.8,9,36.

Saluia — Shimeon.*hearing*,or *obedient*.looke Simeon. Also another. Ezra 10.31.

Simai — Shimma.*idem*.1 Chr.2.13.

Simon — Shimmeathites. A people, diligent learners of prophecies.1.Chr.2.55.

Simra — Shimmei,as Shimei,1.Chr.3.19.

Simeathites — Shimon. *pausing*,*rest*,or *a gift of prouiding*, or *fatnesse*,or *eyle*.1.Chr.4.20.

Semei — Shimrah. *hearing*,or *obedient*.a mans name.1.chro. 8.21.Also a womans name.2.Chr.24.26.

Simon — Shimri *keeping*,*a throne*, or *dregs*. 1. Chron.11.45. 2.chro.29.13.

Zimreth — Shimrith.*idem* Mother of Iehoiadah. 2.chr.24.26.

Simeath — Shimron.*keeping*,*a throne*,or *dregs of him*. The son of Issachar, of whom came the Shimronites.Gen.46. 13.Num.26.24.

Semaach — Shimron-meron. *a keeper of bitternesse*, or *strong myrrhe*.a city.Iosh.12.20.

Simri — Shimshon.*there the second time*.Because the Angel appeared the second time to his father. Iudg.13.24. looke Samson.

Zimri — Shinab.*the tooth of the father*,*the father of changing*,or *the sleeping of the father*.Gen.14.2.

Simrith — Shinar.*the watchings of one sleeping*,*the making bare of a tooth*,or *the changing of a cuise*. The countrey of Caldea. Gen.10.10. and 11. 2.Dan.1.2. Isa 11.11.

Simeathites — Shion. *a sound*, *a noyse*, or *the wall of strength*, or *griefe*.a city.Iosh.19.19.

Semeon — Shephei.*a multitude*.1.Chro.4.37.

Semeonites — Shiphrah,or Siphrah.*faire*,or *a pipe*: or *after the Syrian*.*doing well*,or *goodnesse*.Exod.1.15.

Semeron — Shiphtan.*a iudge*,or *iudging*.Num.34.24.

Semeron-meron — Shirion.*a brigandine*, or *the plaine field*, or *the song of a Doue*.A hil.Deut.3.9. Psal.29.6.

Semran — Shisha *fixe*,or *marble*,*pleasant*,or *the lifting vp of a gift*.1.King.4.3.

Semranites — Shithlah.*thy iuy*,*thy iuy*,or *thy fixe*,1.ki.11.4 and 14.25.Jere.25.26.

Simeon — Shittah.*a throne*.a tree. Isa.41.19.

Shimeon — Shittim. *spreadings out*,*turning aside*,*whippes*, or *thornes*. a kinde of ceuar impurrible. Exod.25.5.Also a place.Iosh.2.1.Joel 3.18.Num.25.1.

Simeonites — Shiza.*thy gift*,or *sprinkling on a gift*.1.Chro.11.42

Simon — Shoah.*tyrants*.Ezek.23.23.

Simeon-meron — Shobab *returned*. Syrian.*a sparke* 1.Sam.5.14.

Simeonites — Shobach.*a net*,*a lattise*,*by captiuitie*,or *thy conuersion*.Syrian.*a douchouse*.2.Sam.10.16,18.

Semran — Shobai. *a turning captiuitie*, or *sitting*. Ezra.2.42.

Semranites — Shobal *a path*,*an eare of corne*,*the thigh*,or *vain ancientnesse*.Gen.36.23.1.Chro.4.1.

Simeon — Shobek.*made equall to vanity*,or *put to emptinesse*: Syrian. *forsaken*.Nehe.10.24.

Simeonites — Shobi,as Shobai.2.Sam.17.27.

Simeon — Shobnah.*a builder*.2.Kings 18.18 looke Shebnah.

Simeonites — Shocho.*a defence*, *a bough*,or *slacknesse*. A city 2. Chro.11.7.

Semeon — Shochoh.*idem*.a citie.1.Sam.17.1.

Simeonites — Shoham.*a precious stone called Onix*.Syrian.*a keeping backe*,or *the delay of them*.1.Chr.24.27.

Semeonites — Shomer. *a keeper*, *an Adamant stone*, *a throne*, or *dregs*.2.king.12.21.1.Chro.7.32.

Semeonites — Shophach.*powring*,or *powred forth*,or *a vaine vial*, 1.Chro.19.16.

Sophach

Semeonites — Shophan.*a cony*,*hid*,*laid vp*,*wearying*,or *a breaking*. A city.Num.32.35.

Sophan

Semeonites — Shoshannim Eliab.45 in the title.

Semeonites — Shua *crying* or *saying* Gen. 38.2.

Sua,Shuah — Shuah.*speaking*,*praying*,*intreating*,or *humiliation*,or *a dash*,or *a swimming*. Abrahās son by Keturah.Ge. 25.2.

Suah

Sua

25.2. Also Hebers daughter. 1.Chr.7.32.

Sual — Shual. *a foxe, a pathway, or a little fist.* A country. 1. Sam.13.17.

Saul — Shubael. *the returning captivitie or seate of God.* 1. Chr.24.20 and 25.20.

Shebuel — Shuham. *the talking, or thinking of those things, a pit, or humiliation of those things, or a swimming, or budding forth of those things.* Num.26.42.

Suham

Salamite — Shulamite. Cant.6.12.

Sumathites — Shumathite. *renowned, or comfortlesse, or astonied.* 1. Chr.2.53.

Shumathites

Sunem — Shunem. *the sleeping of them, a changing, or vaine sleeping of them.* A citie. Ioh.19.18. 1.Sam.28.4 and 2.Kin.4.8.

Shunah Suah — Shunah. *a pit.* 1.Chr.4.18.

Suni — Shuni. *changed, or sleeping.* Gen.46.16. Num.26.15

Supham — Shupham. *wearing out those, or the beard, or lippe of those, or the banke, or shore of them.* Beniamins sonne: of him came the Shuphamites. Num.26.39.

Suppim — Shuppim. *idem.* 1.Chr.7.12. and 26.16.

Sur — Shur. *a wall, an oxe, or beholding.* A wildernesse towards Egypt. Gen.16.7. and 25.18.

Simri — Shuri. *a keeping, an adamant stone, a throne, or the dregs thereof.* 1.Chr.16.10.

Susan — Shushan. *a lilie, or rose, or ioyfulnesse.* The chiefe citie of Persia Neh.1.1. Dan.8.2.

Susanechaei — Shushanchaie. *lilies, or roses, or the ioy of the lame.* Ezra 4.9.

Shuthalah — Shuthelah. *a plant of greennesse, or moist drinke, or putting moistnesse.* Num.26.35. 1.Chr.7.20,21.

Sisa Sia — ¶ Siaha. *a mouing, or after the Syrian, helpe.* Ezra 2.44. Neh.7.47.

Sibechai — Sibbecai. *a bough, or of springs, or a cottage.* 2.Chro. 11.29. and 27.11.

Sobbochai

Sibma — Sibmah. *ouermuch captiuitie, much boarsenes, or fasting.* A citie. Ioh.13.19. Isa.16.9.

Succuth. *an idole.* Amos 5.26.

Sichem, looke Shechem.

Siddim. *the laboured field.* a vale. Gen.14.3.

Zidon — Sidon, looke Zidon. A citie in Phenice, built by Zidon the sonne of Canaan. Mat.11.21,22. Luke 4.26. Ezek.28.21.* Their idole was Ashtaroth. 1.Kin.11.5. and 2.Kin.23.13.

Sehon — Sihon. *a plucking vp by the roots, or a conclusion, a king of the Amorites.* Deu.2.2.* Numb.21.21,to 29.

Silas. *considering, or marking.* He that was sent with Paul to Antioch. Acts 15.32.

Silla — Silla. *exalting, or a treading vnder foote: or after the Syrian, a basket,* a place. 2 Kin. 12.20

Siloe — Siloam. *sent, sending, a bough, a weapon, or armours,* a poole. Ioh. 9. 7. also a towre. Lu.13.4. looke Siloah.

Siloah — Siloe. *idem* A well or fishpoole on the West side of the citie of Dauid, called also Gihon. 2.Chro 32.30. and Shelah. Neh.3.15.

Syluanus — Siluanus. *of the wood,* a companie of Pauls 2.Cor.1 19 1 Thes.1.1. and 1.Pet.5.12.

Emalchuel — Simalcue. *the king God, or the kingdome of God, or messenger of God.* 1.Mac.11.39.

Simeon, looke Shimeon. Iaakobs second sonne by Leah. Gen.29.33. he and Leui killed Shechemites, Gen.34.25.* and are reproued of their father. Ge 49 5,6,7. he is left for a pledge in Egypt. Ge.42.24 and deliuered. Gen.43.23. his children. Gen.46.10. Exod. 6.15. Num.26.12,13,14. his portion Ioh.19 1,to 10

Also a iust man who was assured by the holy Ghost he should not die, before he saw Christ Luke 2.25 to 36 also a Prophet called Niger. Acts 13.1.

Simon. *hearing, or obeying.* An Apostle of Christ. Matth.4.18. looke Peter. Also a leper which receiued Christ into his house. Mat.26.6 Luk.7 40. Another, whom the Iewes compelled to beare the Crosse. Mat. 27.32. another, a coniurer. Acts 8.9, to 25. another, a Tanner. Acts 9.43. & 10.6,32. another, a Canaanite. Matth.10 4. also the sonne of Onias the Priest. Ecclus.50.1. also Iudas Maccabeus brother. 1.Mac.2. 3.8 5.21. & 10.74.* & 13,14,15,16. chap. and 2.Mac. 14.17. also a Beniamite, who betrayed the treasure of the temple to appolonius. 2.Mac 3.4.5,6.

Sin. *a dart, or armour, or coldnesse.* a wildernesse. Exod. 16.1. Num.33.11.

Sinai. *idem* a mountaine. Gal.4.25.

Sin.i. *a bramble:* or after the Syrian, *enmitie.* a wildernesse. Exod.16.1 and 19.1. Num.33.15. Deu. 33.2.

Sinai. *idem.* Gen.10.17. — Sinis

Sinim. *the South countrey.* Isa.49 12.

Sippai. *a threshold, a waterpot, a siluer cup, or an end.* 2 Sam.21.18. 1. Chro 20.4. — Saph Saphai

Sirach. *a hissing, or a song of the brother, or an empty gift.* The father of Iesus. Ecclus 50.27.

Sirian, looke Serian.

Sisamai. *a horse, or swallow of waters, or a moth of waters:* or after the Syrian, *blindnesse.* 2.Q. br. 2.40. — Sisamoi

Sisera. *seeing a swallow, or seeing a moth, or horse.* Ezra 2.53. Nehe.7.55. — Sifera Sissera

Sitera. *idem* The king of Canaans chiefe captaine. Iudges 4 2.* — Sisara

Sitnah. *hatred, a well.* Gen.26.21.

Sithri. *my secret, or my refuge, or hid, or trembling aside.* Exod.6.22. — Zithri Sethri

Sitan. Ester 8.9. Baruch 1.8. — Sthan

¶ Smirna *myrrhe.* a citie in Asia. Reuel. 1.11. — Smirna

¶ Soam. *a measure, or vaile.* 2.Kng.17.4. — Sua

Socho. *a couering, or a bough.* 1.Chr 4.18.

Sochoh. *idem* a citie. 1.King.4.10. — Socho

Socoh. *tabernacles.* a citie. Ioh 15.48. — Socoth

Sodi. *my secret.* Num.13 11.

Sodom. *their secret, a heele, or their morter.* A city of Syria. Gene. 10.19. Sodom and Gomorah assaulted. Gen.14.11. Destroyed with fire and brimstone from heauen Gen.19.24. according as was foretold. Gen. 18 20,& 19.13. The Sodomites exceeding sinners. Ge. 13.13. The sinnes of Sodom declared. Ge.19.5. & 18. 16.49,50. Sodom & Gomorah turned to ashes. 2.Pet. 2.6. Iude 7. which yet shall haue easier iudgement, then they that contemne the Gospel. Mat.10.15. The Iewes threatned to be destroyed as the Sodomites, if they obeyed not God Deut.29.23. The Iewes vine, as the vine of Sodom & Gomorah. Deut.32.32. Iude Isa 1.2,10 and 3.9. and 13.19. Jer.49.18. Lam.4 6. — Sodom Sodomites

Solomon, looke Shelomoth. Dauids sonne by Barthsheba. Matth.1.6. 2.Sam.12.24. as was promised.2. Sam.7.11,12. 1.Chr.22.9,10 he is put to the Prophet Nathans gouernment. 2.Sam.12.25. He is loued of God. 2.Sam.12.24 he loueth the Lord. 1 Kin. 3.3. God promiseth him to performe his promise, if he walke in his wayes. 1.King.6.12. Dauid promiseth Bathsheba, that he should reigne after him 1.King. 1.13. What precepts Dauid gaue him before his death. 1.King 2.3 Solomon prayeth with wisdome of God. 1.King.3.5.9. He marrieth Pharaohs daughter. 1.Kin.3.1. His sentence on the two harlots. 1.King. 3.16. The number of his songs and prouerbs. 1.Kin. 4.32. his princes and rulers 1.King.4.2. The purueiance of his victuals. 1.King.4.22 The number of his horses. 1.King.4.26. His bookes. 1.King.4.33,34. Peace in his dayes. 1.King.4.24,25. His wisedome. 1.Kin.4.29,30 31. His workemen. 1.Kin 5 13. The forme of the Temple which he builded. 1.King. 6.2, to 11. Hee sendeth to the king of Tyrus for trees and workemen. 2.Chron.3.3,to 11. He brought into the Temple, the things that Dauid had dedicated. — Salomon

2.Kings

1.Kin.7.51. he prayeth that all that shoulo pray in the Temple, might bee heard. 1.Kin.8.23. God willeth him to walke before him in pureneſſe of heart. 1.Kin. 9.4. Solomons gift to Hiram. 1.King.9 11. which Hiram gaue him againe. 2.Chron.8.2. His chariots, horſes, and riches. 2.Chron.1.14.* Why hee was called Solomon. 1.Chr.22.9. God appeareth to him againe. 1.King.9.2. 2.Chron.7.12. The Queene of Sheba came to heare his wiſedome. 1.King.10.1,to 14.he exceeded all kings in riches and wiſedome. 1.King.10. 23.* he became an idolater. 1.Kin.11.1,to 9. God taſteth by enemies againſt him. 1.Kin.11.14,to 40. His death. 1.King.11.43. his realme diuided. 1.King.12. 20. His prayer to obtaine wiſedome. Wiſd.9.1,to the end of his booke. His praiſe and diſpraiſe. Eccliu.47. 23.* Solomons porch. Iohn 10.23. Acts 3.11.

Sopater. *keeping his father without danger, or the health of the father.* One that accompanied Paul into Aſia. Acts 20.4.

Sopher. *a ſcribe, ſhewing, or numbring.* Ier.52.25.

Sopheret *idem.* Ezra 2.55.

Sophonias, *looke* Zephaniah.

Sorai. *declaring, throwing forth:* or after the Syrian, *a cauldron.* 1.Chr.5.13.

Sorek. *a vine, or vineyard, or hiſſing.* A riuer. Iudg. 16.4.

Soſipater, as Sopater. Mens names. 2.Mac.12.19. Rom.16.21.

Soſthenes. *a mighty, or ſtrong ſauiour.* The chiefe ruler of the Iewes Synagogues. Acts 18 17.

Soſtratus, *keeping his army from danger, or the health of the army.* 2.Mac 4.27.

Sotai. *a concluſion in pleading, or a binding.* Ezra 2 55.

Sparta

¶ Sparta *ſowed, or ſowing.* The chiefe citie of Lacedemonia. 1.Macc.14.20. and 15.23. the citizens called Spartians. 1.Mac.12 2.

Stachys. *an eare of corne.* One beloued of Paul. Rom.16.9.

Stephana

¶ Stephanas. *a crowne, or crowned.* One whoſe houſehold Paul baptized. 1.Cor.1.16.and 16.15.

Stephanus

Stoicks. *idem.* a Deacon full of faith and of the holy Ghoſt Acts 6 5.8.* and 7.1.*

Stoikes. A ſect. Acts 17.18.

Storax. A ſweet gumme. Eccluſ.24.17.

Sua

¶ Suah as Shuah Gen.38.12.

Suah. *rooting vp, or treading vnder foot.* 1 Chr.7.36.

Sual as Shaul.1.Chr.7.36.

Sucoth

Succoth. *tabernacles, or tents.* A citie. Gen.33.17. Exod.12.37. Iudg.8 6. Pſal.60.6.

Sucoth

Succoth-beneoth. *the tabernacle of daughters, or the anointing of daughters.* A idole.2.Kin.17.30.

Sucoth-benoth

Sud. *my ſecret.* A riuer. Baruch 1.4.

Sodi

Sukkiins. *ounting, or owned, couered, or ſhadowed.* A people in Africa 2.Chr.12.3.

Sukin

Suphanie, *looke* Shupham.

Sur. *a guiding backe, or rebellion.* a citie. Iudit.2.28.

Suſanna. *a lilly, or roſe, or ioy fulneſſe,* Wife to Ioacim. Dan.13.1,2.* alſo a woman that followed Chriſt. Luke 8.3.

Suſi *a horſe, ſwallow, or moth.* Num.13.12.

Suſis. *idem.* a city. Eſt 11.3. looke Shuſhan.

Sichar

¶ Sychar. *a concluſion, or finiſhing.* A city. Ioh.4.5. looke Shechem.

Sichem

Sychem as Shechem, *looke* Shechem, and Act.7.16.

Sichim

Syluanus, Siluanus.

Synagogues. *looke* in the 2. Table, and Mat. 4.23.

Syntiches

Syntiche. *comming, or telling a tale.* Phil.4.2.

Syracula

Syracuſe. *drawing violently* A city of Sicilia. Acts 28.12.

Syria

Syria (Hebr. *Aram*) ſignifieth, *high, deſcending, or the ſlander of them.* A country in Aſia, hauing on the Eaſt the riuer of Euphrates: on the Weſt the middle ſea and Egypt: on the North Cilicia & Cappadocia: on the South Arabia: which Cyrenius gouerned, Luk. 2.2. The Syrians of Damaſcus ſlaine by Dauid, and their countrey tributary to him. 2.Sam.8.5,to 9. A ſmall army of them ouercame Iudah, for that they forſooke God. 2. Chr.24.23,24. They ayding the Ammonites againſt Iſrael, were ſlaine by Ioab. 1.Sam. 10.6,to 15. They tooke a little maid of the land of Iſrael, that ſerued Naamans wife. 2.King. 5.2. Eliſha foretold the Iſraelites that the Syrians would aſſaile them, if they went whither they were determined. 2. Kin.6 9. The Syrians beſieging Samaria, were chaſed away by the Lord. 2.Kin.7.6.* The Iſraelites in ſubiection to the Syrians. 2.King.13.3. are promiſed to be deliuered by Ioash. 2.kin.13.17. Laban was a Syrian Deut.26.4. looke Aram

Syrophenissa

Syrophenissian. *redneſſe, or purple, drawne, or drawing vnto it.* An inhabitant of Syrophenisſa. Mar.7.26.

Syrtes. *drawen, or drawing vnto it.* quicke ſands, or ſhelues neere the Egyptians ſea, made by the driſt of gruel and ſand, dangerous to paſſe by: they drawe violently vnto them all things that come nigh them: by which Paul ſayled Acts 27.17.

T

Thanach

Taanach. *breaking aſunder, or humbling thee, or anſwering to thee.* A city. Ioſh.12.21. Iudg.5.19. 1.Kin. 4.12.

Thanach

Taanoth-shiloth. *diſſoluing, or breaking a ſigtree, a little figtree going aſtray, or a little figtree of abundance, or peace.* A place Ioſh.16.6.

Thaanath-silo

Tabaoth. *rings, circles, drowned, good time, or a good houre.* Nehe 7 46.

Tebbaoth

Tabbaoth, *idem.* Ezra 2.43.

Tabaoth

Tabbath. *good, or goodneſſe.* a place. Iudg.7.22.

Thabor

Tabeel, *or* Tabeel. *good God.* Iſa.7.6.

Tabel

Tabeel. *idem* Ezra 4 7.

Tabel

Taberath. *a burning.* A place Num. 11.3.

Tabitha. *a Roebucke.* Acts 9.36.*

Thabor

Tabor. *a chuſing, or puritie:* Syrian, *contrition, or breaking aſunder.* A high mountaine in the middle tract of Galile. Ioſh.19 12. Iudg.4 6. Pſalm.89.12. Whereon Chriſt was tranſfigured. Matt.17.1. Mar. 9.2. Luke 9.28.

Thabremon

Tabrimon. *a good pomegranate apple, or high goodneſs, or a naual prepared, numbred, or rewarded.* 1 kin.15.18

Thadmor

Tadmor. *confeſſion, praiſe of bitterneſſe, or myrrhe of confeſſion, or praiſe.* Hebr. and Syri. *the praiſe of amaſter, or Lord.* A citie. 2.Chro 8 4.

Palmira

Thahan. *beſeeching, merciful, full of grace, or pitching tents.* 1.Chro.7.25. Of him came the Tahanites. Num. 26.35.

Thahan

Thahen

Tahpanes. A citie. Ier.2.16. looke Tahpanhes.

Taphnes

Tahash. *haſting.* Gen. 22.24.

Thahas

Tahath. *ſtore, or vnder:* after the Syrian, *a going downe.* A manſion Numb.33.26. Alſo mens names. 1.Chro.6.24.37.

Thahath

Tahrea. *anger, or wicked contention, or anger, or conſention of the ſhepheard.* 1.Chro.9.41.

Thahres

Tharaa

Tahpanhes. *the couer of confidence, or hidden confidence.* a city in Egypt neere Nilus. Jere.43.7. looke Tahapanes.

Thaphnis

Tahpenes *hidden temation, or ſleight, or a couered banner.* The wife of Pharaoh. 1.King.11.19,20.

Thaphpenes

Tahtim-hodshi. 2.Sam.24 6.

Thahtim-hodsi

Talith cumi. Mar 5.41.

Thalmai

Talmai. *a furrow, or delaying waters, or the aſſembling together of waters.* Num.13.23 Ioſh.15.14.

Thalmai

Talmon. *dew prepared, or dew numbred, or the gift of dewe.* 1.Chro.9.17. Ezra 2.42.

Telmon

Thamah

Tamath. *blotting out, or ſhauing, or wiping away, or after*

Thema

after the Syrian, *smiting*. Neh. 7. 55.

Thamar — Tamar. *a palme tree*. Gen. 38. 6.
Tamar. *idem*. Daughter of Dauid. 2. Sam. 13. 1, to 23. also a citie. Ezec. 47. 19.
Thamor — Tamor. 1. Esd. 9. 1. looke Tadmor.
Thammuz — Tammuz. *consumed, or a fire*. Jerome taketh it for Adonis, Venus louer. Other for Osyris, an idole of the Egyptians. Ezek. 8. 14.
Thanach — Tanach, as Taanach. A citie. Iosh. 21. 25.
Thanchumeth — Tanhumeth. *consolation*. Jer. 40. 8.
Thapheth — Tanis. *a motion, mouing, or moued*. a city. Iudet. 1. 10
Taphath. *a distilling from the head, a drop, or a little one*. 1. King. 4. 11.
Taphnes, as Taphenes. a citie. Iudet. 1. 9.
Thapuah — Taapuah. *an apple, a swelling in the body, or tying*. A citie. Iosh. 12. 17. and 15. 34. and 16. 8.
Tharah — Tarah. *an heire, a wretch, or a banished man*. A mansion Num. 33. 27.
Tharela — Taralah. *the searching out of slander, or the searching out of strength, or the turtle bird of slander or strength*. A citie. Iosh. 18. 27.
Tharea — Tarea. *bowling, doing euill, the chamber of guileful dealing, or the chamber of a companion: or after the Syrian, chance, or earthly, or lesser*. 1. Chr. 8. 35.
Tharelai — Tarpelaie. *sheewes, diligent and painfull*. Syrian, and Heb. *the hill of wonder, the keeper of decay, or the leafe of labour a people*. Ezra 4. 9.
Tharsis — Tarshish. *a beholding of the sword, a searching out of marble, the turtle bird of the sword, a iasper stone, or the sea*. Iauans sonne. Gen. 10. 4. also a region taken for Cilicia. 2. Chr. 9. 21. Isa. 66. 19.
Tharsus — Tarsus. *winged*. A citie in Cilicia. Acts 21. 39.
Tharthak — Tartak. *chained together, or shut vp*. An idole of the Auims 2 Kin. 17. 31.
Tharthan — Tartan. *searching out, or beholding a gift, or the gift of the turtle bird, or the law of the*. 2. Ki. 18. 17. Isa. 20. 1.
Thathanai — Tatnai. *rewarding, or a reward er*. Ezra 5. 3.
¶ Tebah. *a cooke*. Gen. 22. 24.
Tebalia — Tebaliah. *the baptisme of the Lord, or goodnesse to the Lord himselfe, or the sauce of the Lord*. 1. Chr. 26. 11.
Tebeth. *good, or goodnes*. a moneth. Esther 2. 16.
Thebez — Tebez. *an egge, or silken garment*. after the Syrian, *flaxe*. A citie where Abimelech was slaine. Iudges 9. 50. 2. Sam. 11. 21.
Thebes
Tehaphanes — Tahaphanches, as Tanis. a citie. Ezec. 30. 18.
Taphnis
Tehinna — Tehinnah. *a beseeching, mercifull, prayer, or very thankefull, or fauour*. 1. Chr. 4. 12.
Thehinna
Thecua — Tekoa, as Tekoah *a pipe, a noyse fastened*. A mans name. 1. Chr. 2. 24. and 4. 5. also a towne 6. miles from Ierusalem. 2. Sam. 14. 2. Amos 1. 1. The inhabitant called a Tekoite. 1. Chr. 11. 28.
Thecoa
Thecoite — Tel-abib. *a heape of new grene*. A place where the Iewes were kept prisoners. Ezec. 3. 15.
Thelabib
Thelah — Telah. *a moistening, or greennesse, or moistening, or making greene*. 1. Chr. 7. 25.
Thale — Telem. *a lambe, or the dew of them*: or after the Syrian, *the shadow of them*. A citie. Iosh. 15. 24. also a porter. Ezra 10. 24.
Thelharsa — Telharsha. *a heaping vp of deafenesse, or hanging vp of the plough*. Heb and Syri. *the word of doubtfulnes*. A place. Ezra 2. 59.
Thelmelah — Telmelah. *a heape of salt, or the doubtfulnesse of salt*. A place. Ezra 2. 59.
Thelmela
Theman — Tema. *a marueiling at perfection, or the Southwind*. Ismaels sonne. Ge. 25. 15 also a country. Job 6. 19.
Thema
Theman — Teman. *South, perfect*. Syri. *there*. The sonne of Eliphaz. Gen. 36. 11, 42. also a citie in Edom. Jere. 49. 7. Baruch 3. 22.
Themani — Temani. *moist, perfect, or the South*, Syri. *ordeined*.
Themanite — A country. Gen. 36. 34.
Temanite. *idem*. a man of that country. Job. 2. 11.
Temah. *noontide*. a country. Ezr. 48. 28.
Temani
Temeni — Temani, as Temeni. 1. Chr. 4. 6.
Temenni
Temnathah — Temnathah. *an image, or firme, or numbring*: or after the Syrian, *ordeined*. A citie. Iosh. 19. 43.
Themna
Tepho. *a place*. A fort troubled by Bacchides. 1. Macc. 9. 50.
Thopo
Terah. *smelling, breathing, or driuing away*. Abrahams father. Gen. 11. 26. 1. Chr. 1. 26. Iosh. 24. 2.
Tarah
Teraphim. *images, or firmes*. Iudg. 17. 5. Hos. 3. 4.
Thare
Terebinth. A tree whereout issueth the gum Turpentine. Eccius. 24. 18.
Therah
Teraphim
Terebint
Teresh, as Terah. Esther 2. 21.
Theres
Tertius. *the third*. Rom. 16. 22.
Tertullus. *declaring false things, a lyar, or wondrous*. An Orator against Paul. Acts 24. 1, 2, 10.
Tartullus
Tetrarch. *gouernour of the fourth part of a realme*. Luke 3. 1. Mat. 14. 1.
¶ Thaddeus. *praising, or confessing*. surname of Lebbeus one of Christs Apostles. Mat. 10. 3. Mar. 3. 18.
Taddeus
Thamnatha, as Temnathah. A fort troubled by Bacchides. 1. Mac. 9. 50.
Thamnata
Tharsias, as Tarshish. 2. Mac. 3. 5.
Tharshill. *idem*. A country. 1 Kings 10. 22. looke Tarshish.
Tharsia
Tharsis
Tharsians. *idem*. a people. 2. Mac. 4. 30.
Thasi. *forgetfull, forgetting, or a debtor*. 1. Macc. 2. 3.
Thasi
Thau. Ezek. 9. 4.
Thebez, looke Tebez.
Thebes
Thecua. *hope, a little rope, a line, or congregation*. A wildernesse. 1. Mac. 9. 33.
Thelasar. *taking away, heaping vp*. A region of Syria. 2. King. 19. 12.
Thelassar
Thelersas. *a heaping vp of deafenesse*. Heb. & Syr. *the wood of doubtfulnesse*. A place. 1. Esd. 5. 36.
Thelharsa
Theman, looke Teman.
Theodocius. *giuen to God*. One among others, sent to Iudas about a peace. 2. Mac. 14. 19.
Theodosius
Theodosius
Theodotus
Theophilus. *a friend of God, or a louer of God, or deuout, or louing God, or the beloued of God*. A worthie man, to whom Luke wrote his Gospel, and Acts of the Apostles. Luke 1. 3. Acts 1. 1.
Theos Philos
Thessalonica. *the other victory of God, or the putting of the other victorie*. A citie of Macedonia, where Paul preached the Gospel. Acts 17. 1. Reade Acts 17. 11. and 1. Thes. 1. 1.
Theudas. *flowing with water*. a rebel. Acts 5. 36.
Thomas, looke Tom. an Apostle of Christ, surnamed Didymus, who exhorted the Apostles to die courageously. Joh. 11. 16. He asketh Christ the way to the Father. Joh. 14. 5. He would not beleeue Christs resurrection, vntil he put his finger into his side. Joh. 20. 24, to 30.
Theodas
Thracia. *a sparke, or stonie*. a country in Europe. 2. Mac. 12. 35.
Thummim. *truth, or perfection*. Exod. 28. 30. Deut. 33. 8. Ezra 2. 63.
Thyatira. *a sweet sauor of labor, or sacrifice of contrition*. a citie of Lydia in Asia the lesse. Reu. 1. 11. Act. 16. 14.
¶ Tiberias. *a good vision, a nauil, or a breaking asunder*. a citie of Galile by the sea Tiberias, taking name thereof Joh 6. 1. Sometime called (as Ioseph. Antiq. 4. cap. 18. noteth) Gennesareth: it was builded by Herod the Tetrarch in honour of Tiberius Cesar, and called after his name.
Thebbath
Tebath
Tibni
Thidal
Thadai
Tiberius. *idem*. an emperour of Rome. Luke 3. 1.
Tibkath. *a killing, or a cooke, &c.* a citie. 1. Chr. 18. 8
Tibni *chaffe, or hay* 1. King. 16. 21.
Tidal. *breaking the yoke, or the knowledge of lifting vp*. Gen. 14. 1.
Thegla-phalasar
Tiglath Pileser. *hee hath taken away a marueilous captiuitie*. Syri. *he hath forbidden a marueilous captiuitie*. Looke Tilgath Pilneeler.
Theglath-phalasar

Tikua
Thicnath
Thecuath
Theglath-pilneſar
Theglath-phalnaſar
Thilon
Thamnah
Thamna
Thimna
Thamna
Thimnath-heres
Thamnath-hares
Thamnath-ſerah
Thamnath-ſera
Timothie

Tikuah, *hope, a little line, or congregation.* 2.Kin.22. 14 called Tokhath. 2 Chr.34.22.

Tilgath Pilneeſer. *forbidding ſnow falling.* King of Aſſyr. 1.Chr.5.6. called Teglath Paleer. 2.King.15. 29.

Tilon *murmuring.* 2.Chr.4.20.

Timnah, as Timnathah. A citie. Joſh.15.57.

Timna. *a forbidding, perturbation, or a perfect perturbation.* Eliphaz concubine. Gen.36.12 alſo a duke Gen.36.40.

Timnath-heres. *the image of the ſunne, a fained figure, the number of an earthen pot.* Syr. 3 Heb. *the ſun ordeined.* A citie. Judg.2.9. looke Timnath-ſerah.

Timnath-ſerah. *a figure enlarged, an image remaining, or a numbring the reſt.* Syr.3 Heb. *an ordeined ſtench.* a citie. Joſh.19.50. and 24.30. called beſore Timnath-heres.

Timon *honourable, or precious.* a deacon. Acts 6.5.

Timotheus. *the honour of God, or honouring of God, or precious to God.* A captaine. 1.Mac.5.6. alſo a Grecian, whom Paul circumciſed and wrote vnto Ac.16. 1,2,3. 1.Tim 1.2. 2.Tim.1.2. reade 1.Cor.4.17. and 16.10,11. 2.Cor.1.1. Phil.2.19,20,to 25. Rom.16, 21. 1.Theſſ.1.1. and 3.2.

Tiphſah *a paſſing over, a halting, or the paſſeouer.* Thapſus, a place where paſſeouer is kept. A citie. 1. King.4.24. 2.King.15.16.

Tiras *a deſtroyer.* Gen.10.2.

Tirathites, *ſinging.* 1 Chr.2.55.

Tirhakah. *a dull ſearcher out, or beholder, a hinderance of the law, or the dulneſſe of the turtle birde.* 2 king.2.King.19.9. Iſa.37.9.

Tirhanah. *a ſearcher of mercie, or the turtle birds of mercie.* 1.Chr.2.48.

Tiria. *a ſearch, or ſearching out, or beholding.* 1.Chr. 4.16.

Tirhatha. *diſſoluing the foundation, beholding drink, or beater, or the foundation of the turtle bird.* Hebr. and Syri. *beholding the yeere or time, or him that hath authority ouer vs.* Nehemiahs ſurname. Ezra 2.63. Nehem. 10. 1 looke Nehemiah.

Tirzah. *pleaſing wel, willing, pleaſant, or running,* Zelophehads daughter. Numb.26.33. and 27.1. alſo a king. Joſh.12.24.

Thesbite

Tithbite. *taking captiue, turning ſiting, or dwelling.* Elijahs ſurname of Thesbe a city of Manaſſe hon the Eaſt ſide of Iordan, neere mount Gilead. 1 Kin.17.1

Titus, *honourable.* a Grecke whom Paul circumciſed not, and why. Galat.2.3,4. Paul calleth him brother. 2.Cor.2.13. and naturall ſonne. Tit.1.4. Paul leaueth him in Creta, and why. Tit.1.5 reade 2.Cor. 8.6. alſo an Ambaſſadour of the Romanes, ſurnamed Manilius. 2.Mac.11.34.

Titus Manlius

Toofaite

Thoah

Thohu

Tob adonia

Tob-adonias

Tobia

Tobia

Tobi h

Thochen

Thogorma

Thogarma

Togarma

Taxite *a flattering, ſcattered, or going out.* A citizen of Tizi. 1.Chr.11.45.

¶ Toah, *a weapon or a dart.* 1.Chr.6.34.

Tob *good, or goodneſſe.* Judg 11 3.

Tob-adoniah. *a good gouernour, or a good Lord, or a good ſon of the pillar of the Lord.* 2.Chr.17.8.

Tobiah. *a good Lord, or the good ſeruice of the Lorde.* Ezra 2.60. Nehe.7.10. Tob.1.1.

Tobias, aut Tobit, *idem.* The name both of father and ſonne. Tob.1.1,9. reade the whole booke. Alſo the father of Hircanus.2 Ma.3 11.

Tobiah *idem.* a Leuite. 2.Chr.17.8. alſo a captiue. Zech.6.10.

Tochen, *the middle, or betweene the middle, or prepared.* a citie. 1.Chr.4.32.

Togarmah. *ſtrong, or hony, or ouermuch inhabited, or a very ſtranger, or fearing greatly, or doubtful highnes* & *ſonne of Gomer.* Gen.10.3. 1.Chron.1.6. Of him deſcended a people of Aſia the leſſe. Ezek.27.14. and 38.6.

Toha *fainting* 1.Sam.1.1. — Thoha

Toi. *erring.* King of Hamath. 2.Sa.8.9 looke Tou. — Thoi

Tokhath. *taking vnto him a ſigne.* 2.Chr.34.22. 2. King.22.14. — Thecuath

Tola. *a worme.* Mens names. Gen.46.13.1.Chron. 7.1. Iudg.10.1. — Thicua, Thola

Tolad. *natiuitie, or generation.* a citie. 1.Chr.4.29. — Tholad

Tolaites. *wormes, or little wormes* a familie deſcended of Tola. Num.26.23. — Tholaites

Tolman *faithfull, or that ſaith truth, or a workeman, or vnder maſter.* 1.Eſd.5.27. — Thomas

Tom. *a twinne, or deepeneſſe without bottome.* looke Thomas.

Topaz. *a precious ſtone.* Exod.28.17 Reu.21.20.

Tophel. *decay, or fooliſhnes.* a place. Deut. 1.1. — Thophel

Topher, or Topheth. *a timbrel, or tabret, a leading aſide, or an enlarging.* a place in the ſuburbs of Ieruſalem, where parents offred their children, halfe burnen in fire, to Molech. 2. Kings 23.10 Iſa.30.33. — Thopher, Thopheth

Tou, Thou, as Toi. 1 Chr.18.9. — Thogu

¶ Trachonitis. *ſtonie, or cruell.* A region of Syria. Luke 3.1. — Thochonites

Tripolis. *of three cities.* a citie. 2 Mac. 14.1.

Troas. *bored through.* a citie of Aſia the leſſe. 2.Cor. 2.12. 2.Tim.4.13. Acts 16.8. — Troada

Trogyllium. a citie in the yle Samos. Acts 20.15.

Trophimus. *nouriſhed, or brought vp.* A companion of Paul. Acts 20.4 and 21.29. 2 Tim 4.20.

Tryphena, or Tryphoſa. *delicious, or delicate.* Two godly women. Rom.16.12.

Typhon. *idem.* 1.Macc 11.39,& 15.17. and 12.39.*

¶ Tubal. *borne, or brought, or worldly, or confuſion, or ſlander.* Iaphets ſonne. Gene.10.2. 1.Chro.1.5. The Iewes called Italie by his name. Iſa.66.19. Ezc.27. 13. and 32.26. — Thubal

Tubal-kain. *worldly poſſeſſion, a birds neſt of the world. poſſeſſing confuſion, or imitating ſlander.* The firſt maiſter and ſmith Gen.4.22. — Thubal-cain

Tubieni. *ſtraw, or mixed with ſtraw, anſwering wel, or gratifying well.* Iewes ſo cal ed. 1.Mac.12.17. — Tubianei

Tubin, *meaſured wel, or a good meaſure, or good wine.* a citie of the Gadites. 1.Mac 5 13. — Thubin

¶ Tychicus. *caſual, or happening.* Pauls fellow ſeruant. Acts 20.4. Eph 6.21 Col.4 7 2.Tim.4.12.

Tygris. *the ſharpneſſe of ſwiftneſſe, or a ſharp ſound, or voice, or a mirrie ſound, or a merrie ſor ſines.* Hebr. and Syri *one voice, or one only ſwiftneſſe.* A riuer or flood which compaſſeth Melopotamia: of the which mention is made. Tob.6.1, Eccluſ.24.29. called Hiddekel. Gen.2.14.

Tyrannus. *ruling or a prince.* Hee in whoſe ſchoole Paul dayly diſputed Acts 19 9.

Tyrus. *a breaking, with a ſtaile, a ſiege, or binding, or ſinging, or ſtrength, or a rocke.* A citie by Libanus. The citizens called Tyriars. Eccluſ.46.18. Of both the which mention is made. 2.Sam.5 11. 1.Kin.5.1. Pſal.45.12. Pſal.83 7. Pſal.87.4 Iſa.23.1. Ier. 7. 4. Ezek.26.2. 9 27.3 * Ioe 3.4. Amos 1.9 Zech.9.2, 3. Matth.11.21. and 15.21. Mar.3.8 Luke 10.14,15. Acts 21.3,7. — Tyro

V

Vagezatha. *ſprinkling the chamber.* Hebr.3 Syr. wo *Oliue trees.* Eſter 9.9. — Vaizatha, Iezatha

Vaniah. *nouriſhment of the Lord, or weapons of the Lord.* Ezra 10.35 — Ouania, Vania

Vaſni. *ſecond, changed, a tooth, or my yeere.* 1.Chro. 6.20. — Vaſni, Vaſſeni

Vaſhti. *drinking, doubling, putting, or bumpe.* King Ahaſhuerosh wife. Eſter 1.9.* — Vaſthi.

¶ Vel.

¶Vel. *desiring God.* Ezra 10.34.

¶Vlam. *a porch, or a gallerie, or strength, or foolishnes of them.* Mens names. 1.Chr.7.16.and 8.39.

Olla — Vlla. *a lifting vp, a sacrifice killed on the altar, an infant, a little one, or a leafe.* 1 Chr.7.39.

Amah — ¶Vmmah. *darkened, couered, his people, or with him.* a citie. Iosh.19.30.

Hanni — ¶Vnni. *an answere, or song, or afflicted, or poore.* Certaine men. 1.Chr.15.18,20. Nehe.12.9.

Ani — ¶Vopsi. *a thing broken, or parched, a portion, a diminishing, or diminished.* Num.13.15.

Vaphsi — Vpharsin. Dan.5.25.

Vapsi — Vphaz. *pure golde.* A place Ierc.10 9. Dan,10.5.

Ophaz — ¶Vr. *fire, or light.* a citie. Gen.11.28.

Ophir — Vrbanus. *cruell, cowrteous, or gentle in speech.* Pauls fellow helper. Rom.16.9.

Vrban — Vri. *my light, or fire.* Mens names. Exodus 31.2.1. Chr 2.20.1.king.4.19. Ezra 10.24.

Hur — Vrias. *the fire of the Lord, or the light of the Lord.* Mens names. 2. Sam.11.3,6,7. ¶ 12.9. Ezra.8.33. Nehe.3.4. Isa.8.2. Iere.26.10. 2.kings 16.11. Matth.1.16.

Vrias — Vriel. *light, or fire of God.* 2.Chr.13.2. Also an Angel.2 Esd.4.1.

Vrim. *light.* Exod.28.30.

Aurim — Vthai. *mine iniquitie, or time, or frowardnesse, or an houre.* 1.Chr.9.4.

Huz — ¶Vz. *counsaile, or wood:* after the Syrian, *fastened.* Mens names. Gen 10.23. and 22.21. and 36.28. Also a countrey. Iob.1.1 Lam.4 21.

Hus — Vzai. *then, or he.* Nehe.3.25.

Vs — Vzal. *wandring, sailing, sailing forward, or distilling from the head.* Gen.10.27.

Vsai Ozi — Vzia. *the strength of the Lord, or the bucke Goate of the Lord.* 1.Chr.11.44.

Vsai — Vziah. *idem* Nehe.11.4.

Oza — Vzza, or Vzzah. *strength, or a goate.* Mens names, 2.king.21.18. 1.Chr.6.29 and 8.7. 2 Sam.6.3,to 9.

Ozen-Seera — Vzzen Sheiah. *an eare lappe of flesh, or an eare leppe remaining.* A citie 1.Chr.7.24.

Ozzi — Vzzi. *strong, my strength, or my goate.* Mens names. 1.Chr.6.5,51, and 7.2,7 Ezra 7.4. Neh.11.22. and 12.19,42.

Ozias — Vzziah, as Vzia. Mens names 1.Chr.6.24.2.chr. 26.1. * Ezra 10 21. looke Azariah.

Ozi — Vzziel. *the strength of God, or the buck goat of God.* Moaths sonne. Exod.6.18 Leui.10.4. 1.Chr.6.2. Of him came the Vzzielites. Nu.3.27. Also mens names. 1.Chr.4.42.87.7.8 25.4.2.Chr.29.14. Nehe.3.8.

Vziel — Vziel. *the strength of God, or the buck goat of God.* Moaths sonne. Exod.6.18 Leui.10.4. 1.Chr.6.2. Of him came the Vzzielites.

Oziel — Vzzielites. Nu.3.27. Also mens names. 1.Chr.4.42.87.7.8 25.4.2.Chr.29.14. Nehe.3.8.

Eziel — Z

Ozielites — Zaanaim. A plaine. Iudg.4.11.

Sennim — Zaanan. *a going forth.* A citie. Micah 1.11.

Zaenanim — Zaananim. *mouings, or a mouing, or one sleeping.* A countrey. Iosh.19.33.

Saanim — Zaauan. *trembling.* Gen.36.27.

Saauan — ¶Zabad. *a dowry, or endowed.* 1.Chr.2.36. and 7. 21. Ezra 10.27,33,34.2.Chr.24.26.

Sebad — Zabadiah. *a dowry, or endowed of the Lord.* 1.Chr.8.15

Sebadiah — Zabbai. *flowing.* Ezra.10.28.

Sebadia — Zabdi, as Zabad. Iosh.7.1,17. Nehe.11.17.

Zabdiel. *the dowrie of God, or endowed of God.* Certaine mens names mentioned. 1.Chr.27. 2.Neh. 11.14.and 1.Mac.11.17.

Zabud, as Zabad. 1.King.4.5.

Zabulon. looke Zebulun. The sonne of Iaakob. Ge. 30.10 and 35.23. Exod.1.3. he is blessed. Gen.49.13. Deu.33.18. His portion. Iosh 19.9.10,to 17. His children. Gen.46.14. Num.26.26,27. They could not expel the Canaanites, but made them tributaries. Iudg. 1.30. Also the countrie where the tribe of Zabulon dwelt. Matth.4.13,15.

Zaccai, *or* Zacchai. *pure, neate. or* after the Syrian, *iust, or made iust* Nehe.7.20.and 7 14. — Zachai

Zacchæus. *idem.* A man who lodged Christ. Luk.19. 2,to 11. — Zacheus

Zacchur, and Zaccur. *mindfull, remembring. or of the male kinde.* Mens names. Num.13.5. 1.Chron.4.26. and 24.27. and 25.2. — Zachur

Zachai, as Zaccai. Ezra.2.9. — Zachur

Zacharias. *mindefull of the Lord, or man of the Lord.* Ieroboams son, who succeeded him: slaine by Shallum.2.king.14.29.& 15.8, to 13. Also Iohn Baptists father Luke 1.5,to 23 his song. Luke 1.67,to 80. Also a priest. Luke 11.51. Matth.23.35.2.Chro.24.20,21. Of this name reade 2.king.18.2. Ezr.8.3.1. Esd.1.1. and 5.8.2. Esd.1.40.1.Mac.5.18.Io ohe Zechrish. — Zacheus

Zacher. *mindfull, or mem.* 1.Chr.8.31. — Zecheus

Zadok. *iustified, or iust.* Mens names. 2.Samuel 8. 17.and 15.24 1.king.2.35. Ezra.7.2. — Zacharias

Zaham. *detesting, or vncleane.* 2.Chr.11.19. — Zacharie

Zain. *latie, or a broken flaile.* A citie 2.ki.8.21. — Zachari

Zalaph. *a shadow, or ringing. or shaking.* He ? Syri. *a shadow ioyned together.* Nehe.3.30. — Zadoc

Zalmon. *darkues, or his image, or the shadow of a gift.* A mount. Iudg 9.48. Psal.68.14. Also one of Dauids worthies. 2.Samu 23.28. — Sadok

Zalmonah. *a gift of the shadow, or our image.* A mansion Num.33.41. — Zoon

Zalmunna. *a shadow forbidden, or a shadow or image of perturbation.* A king. Iudges 8.5. Psal.83.11. — Seira

Zambri. *singing, or a vine, or a thinking.* 1.Mac.2. 26. Num.25.14. — Seleph

Zamzummims *thinking wickednesse, or wickednes of wicked men.* A people. Deut.2.20. — Zelmon

Zanoah. *forgetfulnes, or casting from, or that rest, or that comfort.* a citie. Ios.15.24,56. also a mans name 1.Chr.4.18 Nehe.11.30. — Selmon

Zanuah. *idem* Nehe.3.13. — Zelmona

Zaphnath paaneah. *a man to whom secrets are reuealed, or* in the Egyptian tongue, *a sauiour of the world.* The name which Pharaoh gaue Ioseph. Gen.41.45. — Salmona

Zaphon. *the northeast winde, or hid, or a beholder.* A place. Iosh.13.27. — Salmana

Zara. *or* Zarah. *rising, or cleerenesse.* Gen.38.30. and 46.12. Num.26.20.1.Chr.2.4. — Zalmuna

Zarah. *leprosie, or a hornet.* A citie. Nehe.11.29. — Zamri

Zared. *a strange going down, or power spread abroad.* A riuer. Num.21.12. looke Zered. — Zom-zommim

Zarephath. *perplexitie of bread, or the perswasion of perplexity.* A citie betweene Tyre and Zidon. 1.King. 17.9. Obad.20. Luke 4.26. — Zom zu mims

Zaretan. *tribulation, or perplexitie, or a binding, or giuing perplexity.* A place. Iosh.3.16. — Zanoa

Zarhites. *cleare.* Two families, the one came of Zerah Simeons sonne. Num 26.13. The other of Zerah Iudahs sonne Num.26.20. — Zanoe

Zartanah, as Zaretan. A place by Iesrel. 1.kin.4.12. — Zanoa

Zattu. *an old tree,* a man Ezra 2 8 Nehe.10.14. — Zaphnathpaaneach

Zaza. *belonging to all, or all manner of wayes: a wilde beast, or shining bright, Syri. going backe.* 1.Chr.2.33. — Saphon

¶Zebadiah. *the dowry of the Lord, or the Lord hath endowed.* Certaine men. 1 Chron.8.17. and 12.7. and 26.2.2. Chr.19.11. Ezra 8 8. — Zareth

Zebah. *sacrifice, or a beast killed in sacrifice for victory, or a beheading, or a killing.* A king of Midian. Iudg.8 5. Psal.83.11. — Zarah

Zebedeus. *a dowrie, or endowed.* Father of Iames and Iohn. Matth. 4. 21. his wife maketh request to Christ for her two children Matth.20.20,21. — Sarai

Zebina. *a flowing, or flowring new, or* after the Syrian, *a selling, or buying.* Ezra 10.43. — Zarthana

Zeboim. *little Does, or Goates, or faire, or chiefe.* Syri. — Sarthana

Zacharie

Zachari

Zeboim. — Zarthan

Zacheus

Zachur

Zechur

Zacheus

Zacharias

Zacharie

Zachari

Zadoc

Sadok

Zoon

Seira

Seleph

Zelmon

Selmon

Zalmona

Salmona

Zalmana

Salmuna

Zalmuna

Zamri

Zom-zommim

Zom zu mims

Zanoa

Zanoe

Zanoa

Zaphnathpaaneach

Saphon

Zareth

Zarah

Sarai

Sareptha

Zarphath

Sarepras

Zarthan

Sarthan

Zarehites

Zareites

Zarthana

Sarthana

Zarthu. Zethua

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Zabadia

Zeba

Zebedes

Zabina

Seboim.

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Sophonias
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Zephania
Zephoniah
Sephath

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Zeraiah
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Zared
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Saredatha
Zereath
Zares
Sereth
Sarathafar
Zareth.ſar
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Serot
Sarua
Zaruia
Saruia

willing. A city. Ge. 10. 19. and 14. 2. a valley. 1. Sam. 13. 18. a village. Nehe. 11. 34

Zebudah. *endowed, or an endowing.* 2. king. 23. 36.

Zebulun. *a dwelling, or dwelling place, or abyding.* Iaakobs tenth ſonne. Gen 30. 20. looke Zabulon.

Zebul. *idem* Iudges 9. 28.

Zecharian, as Zachariah. A prophet. Zech. 1. 1. Many of this name. 1. Chro. 5. 7. & 9. 21, 37. & 15. 18, 20, 24 and 24. 25. & 26. 2, 11. & 27. 21. 2. Chro. 17. 7. & 20. 14. and 21. 2. and 24. 20 & 29. 1, 13. Ezra 8. 3, 11, 16. and 10. 26. Nehe. 11. 4, 5, 12. & 12. 35, 41. Iſa. 8. 2. 1. Eſdr. 1. 8. and 5. 8. and 8. 38. 2. Eſd. 1. 40.

Zedad, or Zedadah. *hu ſide, hu hunting, or hu traps.* A city. Ezek. 47. 15. Num. 34. 8.

Zedekiah, looke Zidkiah. The ſonne of Ioſiah, ſo named of Nebuchad-nezzer made king of Iudah. 2. kin. 24. 17. " Iere 37. 1. his deſtruction. 2. kings. 25. 1, 10 8. Iere. 52. 1, 10 12. & 39. 1, 10 8. which was foretold. Ier. 37. 8, 17. Eze. 12. 3, 10 12. & 17. 12. " and 21. 25, 26, 27. 2 Chro 36. 10. he ſendeth to Ieremie to pray for him and his people. Iere. 37 3.

Zeeb. *a wolfe.* Iudg. 7. 25. Pſal. 83. 11.

Zela. *a rib, a ſide, a halting.* a citie. Ioſh. 18. 28.

Zelek. *the ſhadow of one licking, or the ringing of one ſmiting.* 1. Chr. 11. 39. 2. Sam. 23. 37.

Zelophehad. *the ſhadow of feare, or the ringing of feare.* Num. 26. 33. & 27. 1, 10 8. 1 36. 2. " Ioſh. 17. 3, 4.

Zelzah. *moone tide.* a billage. 1. Sam. 10. 2.

Zemaim. *wooll, or pitch of trees.* a citie. Ioſh. 18 22.

Zemari. *idem.* Gen. 10. 18. 1. Chr. 1. 16.

Zemaraim. *idem.* a hill in mount Ephraim. 2. Chro. 13. 4.

Zemirah. *a ſong, or ſinging, or a vine, or a palme, or a thinking.* 1. Chr. 7. 8.

Zenam. *coldnes, or a target or weapons.* a citie. Ioſh. 15. 37.

Zenas. *living.* Titus 3. 13.

Zephaniah *the hiding of the Lord, or the ſecret of the Lord, or the beholder of the Lord.* a Prophet. Zepp. 1. 1. Other names. 2 kings 25 18. Ier. 37 3. 1. Chr. 6 36. Zech. 6. 10. 2 Eſd. 1. 40.

Zephat *looking glaſſes, a covering, a looking for, or a hony combe.* A city called alſo Hormah. Iudg. 1. 17.

Zeph. *a beholder, a covering a looking for, or a hony combe.* Gen 36. 11.

Zephon. *the northeaſt winde, or hid, or a beholder.* Num. 26. 15. called Zephion. Ge. 46. 16. Of him came the Zephonites. Num. 26 15.

Zer. *perplexitie, tribulation, or a bond, or a bringing together of ſtrength, or a rocke.* a city. Ioſh. 19 35.

Zerah. *riſing, or cleareneſſe.* Mens names Gene. 36. 13. 33 and 46. 12. 1. Chr. 2. 4. Mat. 1. 3.

Zeraiah. or Zerahiah. *the Lord riſing, or the cleareneſſe of the Lord.* Mens names. 1. Chr. 6. 6. 51. Ez. 7. 4. 1. Eſd. 8. 2.

Zered. as Zared looke Zared, and Deut. 2. 13.

Zereda. *perplexitie.* a citie. 1. king. 11. 26.

Zeredathah. *idem.* a place. 2. Chr. 4. 17.

Zererah. a place. Iudg. 7 22.

Zereſh. *ſcattering heritage.* Hamans wife. Eſt. 5. 10

Zereth as Zer. 1. Chr. 4. 7.

Zereth-ſhahar. *of the mourning, bringing together, or the forme of blackneſſe.* a citie. Ioſh 13. 19.

Zeri. *a bond, a bringing together, roſin, triacle, a rocke. or ſtrong* 1. Chr 25 3.

Zeror. *a bond, or abiding, or a little ſtone.* 1. Sam 9. 1

Zeruiah. *fiakt of l. proſie, or a hornet.* 1. king. 11. 26.

Zeruiah. *perplexitie, or tribulation of the Lord, or a bringing together, or forme of the Lord.* Abiſhais father. 1 Sam 26. 6 Alſo Ioabs mother. 2. Sam. 17. 25. after to Dauid. 1. Chro. 2. 16. Of her children Dauid complaineth. 2. Sam. 16. 10. and 19. 22.

Zerubabel. *repugnant to confuſion, or ſtrange from confuſion, or diſperſion of confuſion, or a circle of confuſion, or a ſtranger at Babel.* Sonne to Pedaiah. 1 Chr. 3. 19. Nephew to Shealtiel. Ezra 3. 2. Nehe. 12. 1. called Sheſhbazzar. Ezra. 1. 8. and 5. 14. and Beretchiah. Nehe. 6. 18. He re-edificth the temple in deſpite of all enemies. Ezra 3. 2. " Eſd 4. 6, 7. " He contended to proue what thing was ſtrongeſt 1. Eſd. 3. 4. " and 4 1. " and 5. 5. reade Pag. 1. 1. " and 2. 3, 5, 22. " Eccluſ 49. 11. Mat. 1. 12. Luke 3 27.

Zetham. *their oliue, or a place where oliue trees doe grow.* 1. Chr. 7. 10. and 26. 22.

Zethar. *that beholding, or ſearching out diligently, or the oliue tree of beholding, or that turtle bird.* An Eunuch Eſter 1. 10.

Zia. *ſweate, or ſwelling.* 1. Chr. 5. 13.

Ziba. *an hoſte, or armie, or ſtrength, or a ſhip comming.* ſeruant of Sauul. looke Mephibosheth.

Zibeon. *iniquitie, ſtanding, or ſwelling of ſinne.* after the Syrian, *dipped, or dipping in.* The ſon of Seir 1. Chr. 1. 38 Ge. 36. 20. Alſo the father of Anah. Ge. 36. 2

Zibia. *Gazelle, Doe, or a little Goate, or chiefe, or the Lord ſtanding:* Syrian, *willing.* 1. Chr. 8. 9.

Zibiah. *idem* Mother of Ioaſh. 2 kings 12. 1. 2. Chr. 24. 1.

Zicri. *a remembrance, or remembring, or mankind.* Mens names Exo. 6. 21. 1. Chro. 8. 19, 23, 27. & 9. 15. & 26. 25. 2. Chr. 17. 16. and 23. 1. and 28 7. Nehe. 11. 9.

Ziddim *huntings, or treaſons:* or after the Syrian, *deſtructions.* a citie. Ioſh. 19. 35.

Zidkiah. *the iuſtice of the Lord, or the iuſt of the Lord* The ſonne of Ioſiah. looke Zedekiah.

Zidkiah. *idem.* A falſe prophet. 1 kings 22. 11, 24. 2. Chr. 18. 10, 23. Another. Neh. 10. 1.

Zidon. *a hunter, or hunting, or the ſhip of iudgement.* Canaans ſonne. Gen. 10. 15. Alſo a citie on the ſeaſide in Phenice, in ꝑ border of Iudah, built by Zidon. Ge. 10 19. Ioſh 11. 8. and 19. 28. Luke 4. 26. looke Sidon.

Ziha. *brightnes, or whitenes, or drought.* Nehe. 11. 21.

Zi,m. Iſa. 13. 21. Ier. 50 39.

Ziklag *the powring out of water of a meaſure, or making narrow a meaſure.* A citie Ioſh 15. 31. and 19. 5. giuen vnto Dauid. 1. Sam. 27. 6. burnt by the Amalekites. 1. Sam. 30. 1.

Zillah. *a ſhadow, a roaſting, or a ringing* 1 or after the Syrian, *talke.* Gen. 4 19.

Zilithai. *my ſhadow, my ringing, or my roaſting:* or after the Syrian, *my talke.* 1. Chr. 8. 20.

Zilpah *a diſtilling from the head or the mouth, or good cheape, or contempt of the mouth.* Labans handmaide, which he gaue vnto Leah. Gen 29. 24. and ſhe to her huſband Iaakob. Gen 30. 9 10.

Zimmah. *thought, wickednes, or diſhoneſtie.* The ſonne of Iehath. 1. Chro 6. 20. alſo the ſonne of Shimei. 1. Chr. 6. 42.

Zimran. *a ſong, or ſinging, or a vine, or a thinking.* Ge. 25. 2.

Zimri *idem* Certaine men Nu. 25. 14. 1 kings 16. 9, 10. 18. 1. Chro. 2. 6. and 8. 36. and 9. 42. Alſo a countrey. Ier. 25. 25.

Zin. *weapons, a target, or coldneſſe.* A wildernes. Num. 13. 21.

Zina. *belonging to all, or all maner of wayes, or a wild beaſt, or ſhining bright.* or after the Syrian, *going backe.* 1. Chro 23. 10.

Zion. *a heape, or tombe, looking glaſſes, or drought.* A fort in Ieruſalem. Called alſo the mount of the Lord, and the holy mount: on the top whereof was a towre, called the citie of Dauid. 2. Sa. 5. 7, 9. 1. Chr. 11. 5, 6, 7. Pſal. 2. 6. The heauenly Zion deſcribed. Pſa. 87. 1. "

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Sion

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Nor

reade Ios.2.3.and 3.16,17.&c.

Zior.*lasse,*or *the shop of one watching.* A citie. Iosh. 15.54.

Ziph.*that mouth,that cheeke.*Syri.*false,*or *falsehood.* A citie. Iosh.15.24,55.Also a desert. 1.Sam.23.14.

Ziphites

The Ziphims discouered to Saul where Dauid was 1.Sam.23.19.and be prayeth Psal.54.1.*

Sipha

Ziph and Ziphah.*idem.* The sonnes of Iehaleel.1. Chr.4.16.

Sephon

Ziphion,as Zephon,broke Zephon.

Zephron

Ziphron.Heb.and Syri.*the fullhood of a song,*or *reioycing.* One of the cities which bounderh the land of Canaan on the North Num.34.9.

Ziphor

Zippor.*a bird,*or *sparrow,*or *crowne,*or *desert.* Syri. *a kidde,*or *early.*Num.22.2,4,10,16.

Sephor

Ziphorah.*a mourning,*&c.as Zippor. Daughter of Reuel, and wife of Moses. Exod.2.21.who seazing Gods vengeance,circumcileth her sonne. Exod.4.25. She and her two children meete Moses in the wildernesse.Exod.18.2,to 6.

Zipporah

Ziltai.*a shadowe, a ringing,*or *roasting:* or after the Syrian,*intreating.*1.Chr.12.20.

Sephora

Zilthai

Zir.*a floure,a yong spring,*or *a bush of haire curled,* or *sight.*Syri *a wing.*A place.2.Chr.20.16.

Salathi

Sis

Zira.*belonging to all,*or *all manner of way,*or *a wilde beast,* or *shining bright.* Syri. *going backe.* Sonne of Shiphtel. 1.Chr.4.37. Also the sonne of Rehoboam. 2.Chr.11.20.

Sisa

Zirah.*idem.*1.Chr.23.11.

Zira

Soan

¶Zoan,*mouing,*or *moued.* A citie in Egypt.Num. 13.23.Psalm.28.12,43.Isai.19.13.and 30.4.Ezek. 30.14.

Soar

Zoar.*little.*A citie called also Bela.Gen.13.10.and 14.2.and 19.22,23,30.Also a citie Isa.15.5.

Segor

Soba

Zoba.or Zobah.*an armie,*or *warring,*or *a commandement in that,*or *a swelling.* A citie. 2.Sam.8.3 and 10.6.

Zobebah.*an armie,*or *warfare in that,*or *swelling in that.*1.Chr.4.8.

Zobeba

Soboba

Zohar.*white,*or *bright* Father of Ephron.Gene.23 8.Also the sonne of Simeon.Gen.46.10.

Soar

Sohar

Zoheleth.*creeping much,*or *drawing* a place.1.Kin. 1.9.

Zoheth.*a separation,*or *that fearefull,*or *amazing,*or *that broken a sunder.* Heb.and Syri.*that going downe.* 1.Chr.4.20.

Zophah.*a viole,* or *binding a commandement,* or *a commandement of swelling.*1.Chr.7.35.

Supha

Zophai.*a beholder,*or *a honie combe,*or *a swimming,* or *a couer,*or *a looking for.*1.Chr.6.26.

Sophai

Zophad

Zophar.*the morning time, a crowne, a circle,* or *a sparrow:* or after the Syrian,*a kid.* Iob 2.11.

Sophar

Zorah.*leprosie,*or *a hornet.* A citie. Iosh.19.41.Iudg. 13.2,25.

Zarah

Sarai

Zorobabel,locke Zerubbabel.

¶Zuar.*little,*or *the commandement of the citie,*or after the Syrian,*a maker narrow.*Num.1.8.

Suar

Zuph. *a watch,* or *couering,* or *a honie combe,* or *a swimming,*or *looking for.*1.Sam.1.1.1.Chr.6.35.

Suph

Zur. *a rocke,* or *strong,* or *a former of any thing,* or *bound,* or *binding.* A king of Midian. Numb.25.15. and 31.8.

Sur

Zuriel. *the rocke of God,the strength of God,the forming of God,*or *the bond,*or *binding of God* Nu.3.35.

Suriel

Zurishaddai. *the rocke, strength, fashion,* or *figure of the almightie,*or *of one wasting.*Num.1.6.

Zurishaddai

Suriſaddai

Zuzims. *postes,* or *lintels ouer a doore,* or *shining.* Syri.*departing,*or *money.*Calde *strong.*A mighty people,which Chedorlaomer destroyed for rebellion.Gen 14.5,to 13.

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They that waited of the Altar, were partakers thereof: and they that preach the Gospel ought to be prouided for. 1. Cor. 9.13, 14. how, and why. 2. Chro. 31 4.
I Ambassadours. Preachers are Christs Ambassadors, praying vs by the Gospel to be reconciled to God. 2. Cor. 5.20. Ephes. 6.20.
Ambition sometime ioynes with hypocrisie. Luke 18.9, to, &c.
Ambition to be auoided. Matt. 18.1, 2, 3. and 23.8, 10, 11, 12. Luke 14.7, to 11. John 3.27. Rom. 12.10 and 1. Cor. 13.4. Iam. 3.1. Examples of Ambition. Mat. 20.20, &c. and 23.5. Iob. 19.10. Acts 8.18, 19, &c. and 25.9. and 3. Ioh. 9.
Ambition the mother of enuie. Acts. 13.45 1. Tim. 6.4.
Ambition a great plague to the Church. 1. Tim. 3 6. and 3 John 9. A cause of the end of vnbeliefe. Iob 5.44.
Amendement. God winketh at our sinnes, because we should amend. Wisd. 11.20.
Gods scourges are sent for our Amendement. 2. Esd. 16.15, 16. looke Repentance.
Amisse. Remember the end of what thou doest, and thou shalt not doe amisse. Eccles 7.36.
I Angel, signifieth a Messenger commonly taken for spirits celestiall which serue God to accomplish his heauenly will, and are of the nature of fire. Deb. 1.7. God the Father created Angels, by his sonne Iesus Christ. Col. 1.15, 16. Angels sent either to comfort and defend vs, or to dismay, and punish vs. Mat. 4.11. and 18.10. Gen. 19.11, 13.
The appearing of an Angel to Manoahs wife, was fearefull. Iudg. 13.3, 6.*
An Angel appeared to Moses in a flame of fire. Exod. 3.2. Acts 7.30.
The Law giuen by the ordinance of Angels. Act. 7.53. Gal. 3.17, 18, 19. Heb. 2.2.
Iaakob saw Angels going vp and downe by a ladder. Gen. 28.12.
The Angels desire to behold Christ. 1. Pet. 1.12.
Hagar comforted by an Angel. Gen. 16.7, 9, to 15. and 21.14, 17, to 20.
Abraham harboureth three Angels. Gen. 18.2, to 16.* and Lot harboureth two. Gen. 19.1, 2, to 26.
By a diffusion Angels God comforted Iaakob. Gen. 32.1.
The Angel conducted the seruant of Abraham to finde a wife for Izhak. Gen. 24. 7, 12, 27, 40.*
God spake to Iaakob by an Angel in a dreame. Gen. 31.11.
Iaakob wrestling with an Angel preuailed.

Gen.32.24,25.* He calleth vpon the Angel that deliuered him from all euill, to confirme his blessing to Ioseph's children. Gen.48.16.
Christ comforted by an Angel. 1.Kin.19.5,6. and willed to go to Ahaziah 2.Kin.1.15.
Abrahams sacrificing of his son is stayed by an Angel. Gen.22.11,12.*
God promiseth the Israelites the protection of his Angel. Exod.23.20. and 32.2.
An Angel went before the hoste of Israel Exod.14.19. and 32.34.
An Angel comforteth Ioshua. Iosh.5.13, 14,15.
An Angel appeareth to Gideon. Iudg.6. 11,to 28.
An Angel with a sword in his hand, in the way resisted Balaam. Nu.22 22,23,to 36.
An Angel reproueth the Israelites, and why. Iudg.2.1,to 6.
The Angel Raphael, guide to Tobias. Tob.5.6. to chapter 13.
An Angel protector of Iudeth to and fro. Iudet.13.11.*
By an Angel, 185000. of Sanheribs hoste slaine in one night. 2.Kin.19.35. Isai. 37.36. and 2.Chro.32.21. Ecclus.48.22.1. Mac.7.41.2.Mac.8.19. & 70000. Israelites striken with the pestilence. 2.Sam 24.15, 16,17. and three preserued in the fiery fornace. Dan.3.23,24,25.* & Daniel fed and preserued from the lions. Dan.6.16,to 23. & Cha.14 31,32,33,34.* and the vision of the 70. Weekes declared. Dan.9.21,25.* and Zacharie promise of a sonne. Luke 1.13.
The Angels minister to Christ in the desert. Mat 4.11. Marke 1.13. An Angel comforteth him in the garden Luke 22.43. He could haue had legions of Angels to haue deliuered him. but he would not. Matt.26.53. and why. Matt.26.24.
The Angels shew the women that Iesus is risen. Mat.28.5,6. Marke 16.5,6.* Luke 24.5,6,to 11. John 20.12,13.
Herod stricken by an Angel, died miserably. Acts 12.23.
The Apostles deliuered out of prison by Angels. Acts 12.7,to 12.
Peters Angel. Acts 12.15.
An Angel willed Philip to preach to an Eunuch. Actes 8.26.
An Angel sheweth Paul that none of them with him in the ship should perish. Acts 27.23,24.*
The Angel declared to the shepheards the birth of Christ. Luke 2.9,10,11.
The Angels reioyce at the conuersion of a sinner. Luke 15.7,10.
Christ farre more excellent then Angels, and why. Heb.1.4. yet inferiour in some respects. Heb.2.2.
Christes Gospel disobeyed, more worthy punishment, then that giuen by Angels. Hebrewes 2.2.
An Angel from heauen preaching any other saluation. then Christ, not to be beleeued. Galat.1.8.
An Angel refuseth worship. Reu.9.10. and 22.8,9. and would not let Manoah offer sacrifice to him, but to God. Iudg.13.16. and Paul exhorteth to beware of superstitious worshipping of Angels. Col.2.18.
The wife ought to couer her head for the reuerence of Angels. 1.Cor.11.10.
Angels appointed gardians of children. Matth.18.10. their nature is to comfort. 2. Esd.5.15. Luke 1.13,30. and 22.43.
Christ shall come to iudgement with all the Angels. Matth.25.31.2.Thess.1.7.
The children of God shall liue as Angels life, after the resurrection. Mat.22.30. Mar. 12.25. Luke 20.35,36.
Angels foode, what. Psal.78.25.
Diuers diuisions of Angels. Reuel.7.1. and 8.2. and 10.1. and 14.6. and 15.1. and 18.20.
Christ tooke not on him the nature of Angels, but of men. Heb.2.16,17.18.*
Sathan can transforme himselfe into an Angel of light. 2.Cor.11.14.
God spared not the Angels that sinned. 2. Pet.2.4. Iude 6. Of alluding to the fall of Angels. Looke Iob 4.18. and 15.15. Iis.14. 12,to 22. Ezek 28.2,to 20. Iob 8.44. Christians shall iudge the Angels that fell. 1. Cor 6.3.
Dauid compared to an Angel, and why. 1.Sam.29.9. 2 Sa.14.4,17,20. and 19.27.
Paul received of the Galatians, as an Angel, and as Christ himselfe. Gal.4.14.
Angels called the children of God. Iob 38. 7. Psal.34.7. Psal.91.11. Psal.103.20. and Gods armies. Iob 25.3. Gene.32.1,2. Iosh. 5.13,14,15. 2.kin.6.16,17. and 2.Mac.11. 6,to 14. and one, a watchman. Dan.4.10.
The Angel of Gods presence, whose name is wonderfull, counsellour, &c. is Christ. Isa. 9.6. and 63.9. The same Iosh ua worshipped. Iosh.5.14.
Angels for preachers, or ministers. Reuel. 1.20.
The Sadducees denie, that there are Angels. Acts 23.8,9.
Of Angels, reade Isa.6.1,2,3. Ezr.1.5.* Da.8.15,16. and 10.5,to 8. and 12.5.* Matt.6.6. Mat.1.20,to 24. Acts 1.10,11. and 5.19. and 10.3. Rom.8.38.
Of good Angels, looke Archangels, Seraphims, and Cherub.
Of euill angels looke Deuill, and Spirits, and Psal.78.49.
Anger, to bee banished from Christians. Ephe 4.31. Iam.1.21. Col.3.8.
God angry with the Israelites, and why. Deu.32.21. Iudg.2.12,13. with Moses, and why. Exod.4.14. Deu.1.37. with Aaron, and why. Deut.9.20. with Salomon, and why. 1.King.11.8.*
God being angry for our sinnes deliuereth vs into captiuitie. Iudges 2.14. 1.King.8. 33,46.
Gideon prayeth God not to be angry with him, and why. Iudg.6.39.
Christ looked on the Pharises angerly, and why. Marke 3.5.
We ought not to prouoke God to anger, and why. 1.Cor.10.22.
If Gods anger be once kindled, hee sendeth vs no seasonable weather. Deut.11.17. and 1.Kin 8.35.
True loue is not prouoked to anger. 1. Corint.13.5.
Haue no familiarity, neither liue with an angry man, and why. Prouerb.22.24,25.
Ecclus.8.15,16.
Meekenesse appeaseth anger. Prouer.15. 1,18.
To be angry with thy brother is damnable. Mat.5.22.
Be angry, but how Ephe.4.26.
A mans anger is according to his power and riches. Ecclus.8.18 20.
Ionah angry with God, & why. Iona.4.9.
God is the Lord of anger, and slow to anger. Nahu.1.2,3 Num.14.18 looke Wrath, Iealousie, Prouoking and Zeale.
Angwish The Israelites hearkned not vnto Gods message for anguish of spirit. Exo.6.9.
Christs anguish and agonie, at the mount Oliuet. Matt.26.37,38. Marke 14.33,35. Luke 22.44.
Answere, put for to speake. Matth.15.14. and 17.4. and 28.5. Mar.11.14. and 12.35. Luke 13.14. and 14.3. Euery Christian ought to giue an answere to any that aske of his hope, and how.1. Pet.3.15,16.
A soft answere allwageth wrath. Pro.15.1
What it is to answere a matter before we vnderstand the truety. Prou.18.13. Ecclus 11.7,8.
Antechrist Looke in the first Table.
Anointing. With the anointing oyle, not lawfull to anoint mans flesh. Exodus 30. 23,24,25. Leuit.30.31,32,33. Looke Ointing
Anointing, a signe that the Priesthoode should be euerlasting. Exod.40.15.
Saul anointed king. 1.Sam.9.16.* and 10 1. and Dauid, first by Samuel. 1.Sam. 16.13. then by the men of Iudah. 2. Sam.2. 4. and afterward by the Elders. 2.Sam.5. 3. and Salomon by Zadok, Dauid then liuing. 1.King 1.39.
Dauid washeth and anointeth himselfe, and why. 2 Sam.12,20.
Notwithstanding the plenty of Olive trees, the wicked shall not enioy the anointing of themselues with the oyle. Deu.28.40.
Dauid would not harme Saul the Lords appointed. 1.Sam.24.5,7.* He that layeth hand on the Lords anointed, is worthie death. 2.Sam.1.14,15,16. Psal.105.15.
Ruth washeth and anointeth her selfe, and why. Ruth 3.3. so did Iudeth. Iudet.10.3.
Cyrus called Gods anointed, and why. Isa.45.1.
Anoint thy head when thou fastest. Matt. 6.17.
The holy Ghost, the anointing of the faithfull. 1.Ioh 2.27. Of which anointing reade Psal.45.7. Psal 89.20. Isa.61.1. Dan.9.24 Luke 4.18. Heb.1.9.
The Apostles anointing the sicke, healed them Marke 6.13. This ceremony, why it is left. looke James 5.14. note i.
Apostles. What is meant by the worde Apostle, and how they were chosen out of the Disciples. Luke 6.13.
The Apostles the light of the world. Mat. 5.14. the salt of the earth. Mat 5.13. Marke 9.50. Luke 14.34,35. disposers of Gods secrets. 1.Cor.4.1. Ambassadours. Ephes.6. 20. Ministers of Christ. 1.Cor.3.5. and 4.1. Gods labourers. 1.Corinth.3.9. witnesses of the passion and resurrection of Iesus Christ, and

and predestined to preach the same to all nations. Luke 24.47,48. Acts 1.8, 2.32, 3.26. Mar. 16.15. Mat. 28.19, 20. &c.

Paul teareth himself the least of the Apostles, and why. 1. Cor. 15.9.

The Apostles faith proued by a tempest. Mat. 8.24, 25, 26. Mar. 4.37, 38. Luk. 8.23, 24. They are reproued that they did not fast. Mat. 9.14. mar. 2.18. Luk. 5.33. Christ foresheweth that they shall fast after his ascension. Mat. 9.15. mar. 2.20. Luk. 5.35. The power that Christ gaue the. Mat. 10.1. Christ commandeth them to preach the Gospel for nothing. Mat. 10.8. They are sent to preach the Gospel onely to the Iewes. Matth. 10.6. They trauell without money, staffe, &c. Mat. 10.9, 10. Luke 9.3. Mat. 6.8, 9.

The Apostles forbidden to salute any man by the way. Luke 10.4. Their iourney & preaching. Mat. 6.12. and the returne. Luke 10. 17. Christ foresheweth them the troubles they should suffer for the Gospel. Matth. 10. 16.* Mat. 13.9. Luke 12.11, 12. & the griefe whilest he was in the grave. John 16.16, 20. They confesse that during their preaching, they wanted nothing. Luke 22.35. Christ praieth for them, & for those that should beleeue by their preaching. John 17.9, 15, 20. He taught them his fathers will. Iohn 17.8. He foresheweth them they should be dispersed, and leaue him alone at his passion. John 16. 32. He speaketh plainely to them. Joh. 16.29. And foreseeth their beleefe. John. 16.30.

The Apostles reaped that which the Prophets haue sowen. John 4.38. Iesus manifesteth himselfe vnto the Apostles, as they were fishing. Joh 21.3, 4. Hauing receiued the holy Ghost, they spake diuers languages. Act. 2.4, 6. They preach in the Temple and in the houses. Acts 5.42.

The Apostles put in prison, and beaten for preaching Christ: and commanded to speake no more in that name. Act 4.3, 5, 18, and 5.40. They reioyce that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ. Actes 5.41. Their epistle to ye Gentiles. Act. 15.23, 1040

Apostles and diuers sorts of functions ordeined in the Church, to deliuer the Gospel, both to help our infirmities. 1. Cor. 12. 28. and to confound the wisedome of the world. 1. Cor. 1.27, 28.

The Apostles had the true vnderstanding of the Prophets. 2. Pet. 1.19.

Christ the foundation of the Prophets and Apostles. Ephe 2.20.

The 12. Apostles saw Christ after his resurrection. 1. Cor. 15.5, 6 so did 500. brethren at once. 1. Cor. 15.6.

The Apostles commaunded to preach the Gospel to all men. Mat. 28.19. Mat. 16.15. Joh. 15.8.* & 20.21. Act. 1.2. & 10.34. Their preaching spread throughout the world, therefore none can plead ignorance. Ro. 10.18.*

The Apostles shal iudge the twelue tribes of Israel. Mat. 19.28.

Iesus Christ is our Apostle, sent by the Father. Heb. 3.1.

Paul the Apostle of the Gentiles. Rom. 11.13. 1. Tim. 2.7. 2. Tim. 1.11. He vsed not alway the libertie of his Apostleship, as he might. 1. Cor. 9.4, 5, 15. * looke Paul.

Of false Apostles & markes to know them by. Rom. 16.17, 18. 2. Cor. 11.13 & 12.13.

Apparell. Women ought to be comely and not costly apparelled, and why. 1. Tim. 2.9, 10. 1. Peter 3.3 to 7. Isa. 3.16.*

No man to be the better regarded for his goodly Apparell. James 2.1, 2, 3.

Gorgeous Apparel and diet a cause of pride, meete for Courtiers, and pompeous Kings. Luk. 7.25. Looke Excesse, Garments, and Raiment.

Appearance. Man looketh on the outward Appearance: but the Lord beholdeth the heart. 1. Sam. 16.7 looke Likelihoodes.

Appeare. How the Lord appeared to Abraham, Iacob, & Moses, looke the first table.

How Christ shall appeare in iudgement. 2. Thess. 1.7, 8.

Of Appearings, visions, strange sights and hearings, reade Iob. 5.19, 14, 15. 2. Kin. 7.6, 7. 2. Ma. 3.24.* & 5.2, 3 & 10.29, 30 & 11.8.

Apple. God kept the Israelites as ye apple of his eye. Deut. 32.10. He that afflicteth the faithful, toucheth the apple of his eye. Zec. 2.8

Arke. Noah commanded of God to make an Arke, that he & his family should enter into it for feare of perishing. Gen. 6.14.* & 7.1, 7, 13.

The Arke rested on the mountaines of Ararat. Gen. 8.4.

Arke. Moses at Gods commandement made an Arke of wood, wherein he put the tables of the ten commandements. Deut. 10, 1, 2, 3, 5 Exod. 34 1, 24, 28 Exod. 31.18.

The forme of the Arke of couenant Exod 25, 10. the situation, Exod. 26. 30, 31, 32.

The booke of the Law put in the side of the Arke, wherof Deut. 31.26.* It stood still in Iorden, vntill the Israelites were gone ouer. Iosh. 3.14, 17. The order of the carying there of described. Iosh. 3, 3, 4 & 4.16, 20.*

From Gilgal the Arke is caried to Shiloh. Iosh. 18.1.

The Arke taken from the Israelites. 1. Sam. 4.3, 4, 10, 11.

The Arke being placed of the Philistims by the idole Dagon, he fell downe & broke, & they were plagued. 1. Sam. 5.1, 2, 3, 4. from Ashod it was remoued to Gath. 1. Sam. 5. 8. from thence to Ekron: but the Ekronites tasting like inconuenience thereby. 1 Sam. 5.10.* returned it to the Israelites with gifts, and so it stayed at Beth shemesh. 1. Sam. 6.3, 5, to 14. from whence some being slaine for looking into it. 1. Samuel 6.19, 20, 21. It was brought into Abinadabs house. 1. Sam. 7.1, 2. Where it stayed with small account, till Dauid with great solemnitie fetching it thence, placed it with Obed Edom, whom God blessed by meanes thereof. 2. Sam. 6.3, to 12. 1. Chron. 13.5.* whereupon from thence he brought it to his owne citie Ierusa. Samuel 6.12, & 20. and 1. Chron. 16.1. from whence when Zadok and Abiathar would haue remooued, Dauid commanded them to returne therewith 2. Samuel 15.24 to 30. Last of all, Salomon brought it with great solemnitie, & placed it in the Temple, 1 King 8.1, 6. 2. Chr 5 2, 7.

What things were in the Arke before Gods enemies had it in possession. Exo. 16, 33, 34. Deut 10. 2, 3, & 31. 26. Heb 9.4. Nu. 17, 10. and what after. 1 King 8.9. 2. Chr. 5.10.

Moses words at the going forward of the Arke, and when it rested. Num 10.35, 36.

Arme. The stretched out Arme of God heard of through the world. 1. Kings 8.42.

God foreshewed Eli, the cutting off of his Arme and his fathers house for euer. 1. Sam 2.31, 32.

Arme, for strength & power. Exod. 15.16. Iesus 11.17. Luke 1.51. John 12.38.

An Arme of flesh, for weake power. 2. Chron. 32.8.

Armour. Saith Dauids chiefe armour against Goliath. 1. Sa. 17.45, 46, 47. He contemned not the worldly armour which Saul would haue giuen him. 1. Sam. 17.38, 39. Of what armour Christ will be at his coming. Isa. 59.17, 18.

Not onely the Armour of righteousnesse, and light. 2. Cor. 6.7. Rom. 13.12. but also the whole Armour of God is to be put vpon vs. Ephe. 6.11, 10 19.

Arrogancie, looke High-minded, and Presumption.

Arrowes. Gods Arrowes sharpe. Psal. 45. 5. Isa. 5.28 2. Sa. 22.15. Iob. 6.4. Arrowes of famine. Ezek. 5.16.

The shooting of three Arrowes signe betweene Ionathan & Dauid. 1. Sam 20.20.

Of shooting Arrowes, looke 2. Kin 13.15, to 20.

God threatneth the Israelites, that he would beflow his Arrowes vpon them, and make them drunken with blood, if they forsake him Deut. 32.23, 24.

Ascend. No man Ascended to heauen but Christ. John 3.13.

Christ being not Ascended, forbiddeth Marie to touch him. John 20.17.

Of Christs Ascension, looke Christ.

Ashamed. Adam and Heua being naked, were not ashamed, before they disobeyed God. Gen 2.25.

The wicked more ashamed of men then of God. 2. Sam. 13.9.

Not to be Ashamed of Christ & his Gospel, or the professors of them. Luke 9.26. Rom. 1.16. 2. Tim. 1.8. ne yet of any affliction ye may happen thereby. Psal. 69.6. 2. Cor. 1.5, 6. but rather reioyce. 1. Pet. 4.13, 14.*

The hope of saluation maketh Christians not ashamed of any thing that happeneth for Christs sake Rom 5.5.

Christ not ashamed to call vs brethren, and why. Heb. 2.11 Nor God the Father, to be called the God of the faithful. Heb. 11.16

We ought to be ashamed of our former wicked conuersation. Rom. 6.21.

Sound doctrine and vpright life make the aduersarie ashamed of the truth ashamed. Matth. 5.16 and why. Tit. 2.7, 8. 2. Pet. 3.16.

Whereof not to bee ashamed. Eccles. 4. 21, 10 27 and 22.25 & 42.1, to 9. And whereof to be Ashamed, looke Eccius. 41.17.*

He that hopeth in God, shall not be ashamed. Psal. 25.2, 20, and 119.46.

The blessednes of Gods word, to bee excluded the godlies company, that they may be ashamed. 1. Thess. 5.14.15.

Ashes. Tamar put Ashes on her head, after she was deflowred. 2. Sam. 13.19. A ceremony.

monie in token of loue. Ioh.7.6. 1.Sam. 4.12. Eſa.4.1. Iob.42.6. Ierem.6.16. & 25.34. Iudg.4.10,11. & 9.1. Eſa.14.2. Ionah.3.6.

Man is but earth and Aſhes. Eccles 17. 33. looke Duſt and Earth.

Aske. God graunteth whatſoeuer we aske, according to his will. 1. Ioh.5.14,15. If our heart condemne vs not. 1. Ioh.3.19,20, 21,22. And if we Aske in faith in Chriſtes name, & to his glory. Matth.21.21,22. Ioh. 14.13,14. He willeth vs to aske, and we that haue. Mat.7.7,8. Mar.11.24 Luk.11.9,10. Ioh.16.23,24,26. For whatſoeuer two or three faithfull gathered together ſhall deſire in the name of Chriſt, it ſhall be giuen them. Mat.18.19,20.

The wicked obtaine not what they Aske, and why. Iames 4.3.

Whatſoeuer we Aske of God, it muſt be done in prayer. Phil 4.6.

Hanna asketh a ſonne of God, and obtaineth 1.Sam.1.17,19,20.

Salomon willed of God to Aske what he would, asketh wiſedome, and obtaineth that he Asked and more. 1.Kings 3.5,10 14.

Eliſha asked of Eliah, to haue his ſpirit double. 2.Kings 2.9.

God aſketh nothing at our handes, but feare, obedience, and loue. Deut.10.12.

Aſſes. The children of Iaakob vſed Aſſes. Gen.43.18.

Balaams Aſſe ſpeaketh. Numb.22.28. & 2.Pet.2.16.

Saul ſeeketh his fathers Aſſes. 1.Sam.9. 3.and 10.2.*

The 30. ſonnes of Iair, rode on 30. Aſſe-colts. Iudg. 10.4. and the 40. ſonnes & 30. nephewes of Abdon on 70. Aſſecoltes. Iudg. 12.14.

Samſon with a Iawbone of an Aſſe ſlew 1000. Philiſtims. Iudg.15.15.

The Aſſe and Lyon ſtoode by the Prophets bodie, ſlaine by the Lyon for diſobedience. 1.King. 13.24.

In the great famine of Samaria, an aſſes head ſold for 80 pieces of ſiluer. 2.Kin.6.25.

The Midianites left the Iſraelites neither fruit, foode, ſheepe, oxen, nor Aſſe. Iudg. 6.4.

Chriſt rideth vpon an Aſſe to Ieruſalem. Zech.9.9. Matth. 21. 2,5,6,7. Marke 11.7. Luke 19.35.

Aſſiſt. No man aſſiſted Paul at Rome at her firſt anſwering, but God. 2. Tim.4. 16,17.

Aſtoniſhment at Chriſts doctrine. Matt. 7.28.and 13.54. Mar. 1.27. Luke 4.22,33. at his miracles. Mat.9.8,33.& 12.23 & 15. 31. Mar.1.27.& 6.51.& 7.37. and at his anſwers. Mat.22.22. Marke 12.17.

Atonement Wee haue receiued by Chriſt. Rom.5.11.

Auarice, looke Couetouſneſſe.

Authoritie of Scripture. Acts 1.16.

Authoritie of a Pariſhour. 1. Cor.9.18.2. Cor.10.8. 2.Theſſ 3.9.

Authoritie of Magiſtrates, looke Kings, Iudges, &c.

Auenge. Luke 18.7. looke Vengeance.

Auoide. What company to Auoide. Rom. 16.17,18.

Awake. 1.Cor.15.34. looke Watch.

Audience. No women to be heard, where there is no audience. Eccles. 32.4.

Axe. The Axe not to boaſt it ſelfe againſt him that heweth. Iſa. 10.15.

The Axe taken for Gods vengeance. Lu. 3.9.

Ayde, Looke Helpe, or Succour.

Ayre. Satan is the prince that ruleth in the Ayre. Epheſ.2.2.

Signes in the Ayre foure dayes, 2. Mac. 5.2,3. looke Appearings.

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Babes in Chriſt. 1.Cor. 3.1.1.Pet.2.2.

Babblers. Againſt Babblers prattlers, & buſie bodies. Eccles 10.11. Eccl.32.5.1. Tim. 5.13.

Backebaiting. Eccles.21.28 Pſal.140.11 looke Tale-carrie, tongue, Slander, and Speaking euill.

Backpartes of God, what. Exod.33.23.

Balances, looke Weights.

Bald. God forbade the Iſraelites to make themſelues balde. Deut.14.1.

The 42. children that called Eliſha baldpate, ate deſtroyed of Beares. 2.Kings 2. 23,24 *Baldm. Ierus. 8. 22.*

Baskets. Eccles 18.33. looke Feaſts.

Banning, looke Curſing.

Baptiſme, by interpretation, *waſhing*, or *wetting.* Iudeth 12.7. Mat.3.6 Mar.7.4.

Noahs Arke a figure of Baptiſme. 1.Pet. 3,21.

Baptiſme ſucceeded Circumciſion, looke Circumciſion.

The Iſraelites Baptized in the cloude, and in the ſea 1.Cor.10 2.

John baptized with water to newneſſe of life. Mat.3.2,6,8. Mar 1.4.5. Luke 3.8.

Chriſt baptized by John. Matt.3.15,16. Mar.1.9. Luke 3.21. John 1.31,33.

Not Chriſt, but his diſciples baptized, Joh 4.1,2. They are commanded to baptize all that beleeue in him, & how. Mat.28.19,20.

Whoſoeuer ſhal beleeue and be Baptized, ſhalbe ſaued. Mark. 16.16.

There is but one Baptiſme. Eph.4.5.

By Baptiſme we are cleanſed and ſanctified. Eph.5.26,27. and vnited in one bodie. 1.Cor.12.13.

The inuiſible grace by faith, and not the outward ceremonie of Baptiſme, inſtituteth. Rom.3 22,& 29.and 4.1.* Eph.2.8,9. Gal. 2.16.* and 3.1.*

Lydia beleeued before ſhee was baptized Acts 16.14,15. and Paul. Act 9.17,18. and the Eunuch, Act. 8.38. and Cornelius with the Gentiles in his houſe. Act.10.47,48.

By Baptiſme we put on Chriſt Gal.3.27. We are dead and riſen with him. Rom.6.3. 4. In which places the Scripture attributing to the ſigne of Baptiſme that which is proper to faith it ſelfe, is well expounded. 1.Pet.3.21.

The Apoſtles baptized in the Name of Ieſus Chriſt. Acts 2.38.

Baptiſed vnto Johns Baptiſme. Act. 19.5.

Paul not chiefly ſent to baptize, but to preach the Goſpel. 1.Cor 1.17.

He baptized but Criſpus, Gaius, and the houſhold of Stephanas, verſe 14,16. & why.

verſe 15.

The Samaritanes baptized. Act.8.12. & many of the Corinthians. Act.18.8. and the Gaoler. Acts 16.33,34.

Chriſt was baptized with the holy Ghoſt. Mat.3.16,17.

Chriſt baptized with the holy Ghoſt and with fire. Luke 3.16. Mar. 1.8. Matth. 3.11. Ioh 1.33. Act.1.5. looke Act.2.18.33.& 6.6. and 8.15,16,17. and 9.17. and 10.44.

Baptized for dead. 1.Cor.15.29.

Baptiſme, one of the firſt principles of Catechiſme. Heb 6.1,2.

Infants not to be denied Baptiſme. Gen. 9.9. and 17.7,8. Mat.10.14,15,16. Rom.3. 3. and 4.21,22.*

To be baptized with Baptiſme, Mark.10. 38. Luke 12.50.

Barley. Ruth caried home the barley which Boaz gaue her. Ruth 3.15,17.

The dreame of the cake of barley expounded. Iudg 7.13,14. looke Bread.

Barren. No woman ſhould bee barren, if we could keepe Gods commandements. Exodus 23.26.

Sarah was barren, and God made her fruitfull. Gen.11.30. and 21.1,2. and Rebekah likewiſe. Gene.25.21. and Manoahs wife. Iudg. 13.3,24. and Eliſhabs holleſe. 2.King.4.16. and Elizabeth. Luke 1,7,13, and Hannah. 1.Sam.1.5,6,20 when Peninnah was barren. 1.Sam.2.5.

Leah fruitfull, and Rahel Barren. Gen. 29.31.

Barrenneſſe and fruitfulneſſe not in man or womans power, but in God. Gene.16.2. and 20.18.and 30 2.

Barrenneſſe a great reproch among the Iewes. Luke.1.25 looke Wombe.

Baſes of braſſe in Salomons Temple. 1. Kings 7.27.to 38.

Basket. Paul conueied from his enemies out of a windowe by a Basket. Acts 9.24,25. 2 Cor.11.32,33.

Baſtard. A Baſtard ſhall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. Deut.23.2. Ezra. 10.44.

Baſtards plants ſhall take no deepe roote, and why. Wiſd.4.3,4,5,6.

Beards. Pyzeſtes forbidden the ſhauing of their Beards. Leuit.19.27. and 21.5. Iſa. 15.2.

Dauids ſeruants Beards halfe ſhauen off by Hanun in reproch. 2.Sam.10.2,3,4.

Beare. Dauid ſlew a Lyon and a Beare. 1.Sam.17.34,to 38.

To beare his ſinne, what. Leuit.24.15.

Beaſtes. The Creation of Beaſtes. Gen.1. 24.and 2.19.

Adam gaue names to all Beaſtes. Gene. 2.20.

God prouided foode, both for man & beaſt. Gen. 1.29,30.

God puniſheth alſo the Beaſt, for ſhedding mans blood. Gen.9 5.

The male and female of euery Beaſt, taken into the Arke. Gen.7.8,9.

Death threatned to man and Beaſt, that approched nigh Sinai, whileſt God ſpake to Moſes. Exod 19.13.and 34.3.

Beaſtes cleane and vncleane. Leuit.11.2. to 13.

to 13. and Deut. 14.4. to 22.
The cities being accursed, men, women, children and beasts are destroyed. Iosh. 6, 17.
All the beasties in Egypt died. Exod. 9.3, 4,6.
The harme of any mans Beast to another man, how to be recompensed. Exod. 22 5.
The vision of foure Beasts. Reue. 4.6.
Euery man a beast by his owne knowledge Iere. 10.14. and 51.17.
God calleth princes or gouernours kine of Beasts. Amos 4.1.
The condition of man and beast. Eccles. 3.19,20
Paul fought with beasts. 1. Cor. 15.32.
Beaten. Paul & Silas beaten with rods. Act. 16.22,23,37.
Paul thrise beaten with rodes. 2. Corin. 11.25
The Apostles beaten. Acts 5.40.
The officers of Israel beaten vniustly. Exod. 5.14,16.
Offenders beaten. Deut. 25.2,3.
The seruant that knoweth his masters will and doeth it not, shalbe beaten with many stripes: and he that knoweth it not, with few, Luke 12.47.48.
Beautie, see Faircneſſe.
Bed. Ogs bed described. Deut. 3.11.
A woman of good estimation made a bed, a table, &c. for Elisha 2. King. 4.8,9.10.
At our going to bed, at our vprising, &c. to thinke vpon Gods lawes, and teach them our children. Deut. 11.18,19. and 6.6,7,8,9.
Bees. Samson found a swarme of Bees with honie in the body of a Lyon. Iudg. 14. 6,8.
Before. Solemne feasting before the Lord Exod. 18.12. and offring. 1 Sam. 11.15. and 1.19. and couenant making. 1. Sam. 23.16, 18 2 Sam. 5.3.
Beggers. A Beggers life miserable, though sweet with shamelesse creatures. Eccius 40. 28,29,30. see Poore.
Beguile. see Deceiue.
Beginning. The world had a beginning by God, who is without beginning. Gene. 1.1 Iohn 1.1,3.
Kings haue no better beginning nor ending then other men. Wis. 7.1,107.
The beginning of wisedome is the feare of the Lord. Psal. 111.10.
Beleeue. They that come to God must beleeue that God is. Heb. 11.6.
None can beleeue in Christ, that haue not heard of him. Rom. 10.14.
Those beleeue who are borne againe from aboue, of God, which haue that gift of God Matth. 16.17. Iohn 6.65. for it is his onely gift. Matth 13.11, to 18. to whom God hath giuen a minde to know him. 1. Iohn 5.20, to whom the Father hath giuen the sonne who are drawen by him, and haue heard of him. Iohn 6.39,44 Whose heart is opened by the Lord, to attend to his preachers Actes 16.14. who are ordeined of God to beleeue vnto eternal life. Act. 13.48. who are planted by him. Mar. 15.23. who are taught of God. Iohn 6.45. and to whom the doore of faith is opened Act. 14.27.
The end of the Euangelists care & paines in writing was, that wee should beleeue, and be saued. Iohn 20.30,31. 1. Iohn 1.2,3.
He that shall beleeue, and be baptized, shal be saued: but hee that will not beleeue, shall be damned. Marke 16.16.
To beleeue in the light, that we may bee the children of light. Iohn 12.36.
He that beleeueth in Christ, beleeueth in God, and remaineth not in darknesse. Iohn 12.44,46.
They blessed, that haue not seene, and yet beleeued Christ Iohn 20.29.
Abraham beleeuing, was reputed righteous Gene. 15,6.
By beleeuing in Christ, we ouercome the world. 1. Iohn 5.5. 1. Cor. 15.57. we receiue remission of our sinnes. Act. 10.43. He is the perfection of the Lawe to iustifie beleeuers. Rom. 10.4.
He that beleeueth that Iesus is the sonne of God, ouercommeth the world. 1. Iohn 5.5 and 1. Cor. 15.57.
The raising of Lazarus from death, caused many Iewes to beleeue in Christ. Iohn 11.40,44,45. and 12.11.
Christ knewe from the beginning, who should beleeue. Iohn 6.64.
The Iewes beleeue not Christ, because they are not of his sheepe. Iohn 10.26.
After Christ had turned water into wine, his disciples beleeued in him. Iohn 2.9.11.
Mary blessed, because she beleeued Gods message. Luke 1.45.
Why the Apostles beleeued. Iohn 16.30.
To beleeue with the heart vnto righteousnesse. Rom. 10.10.
The Eunuch beleeuing with all his heart, that Iesus Christ was the sonne of God, was baptized. Acts 8.37,38.
Hee that beleeueth in Christ, confesseth that God is true. Iohn 3.33. and receiueth the record that God witnessed of Christ at his baptisme, and transfiguration. 1. Iohn 5. 10. Matth. 3.17. and 17.5. 2. Pet. 1.17.
Whosoeuer beleeueth not God, hath made him a liar. 1. Iohn 5.10.
Beleeuers are the children of God. Iohn 1. 12. and borne of God. 1. Iohn 5.10.
All things possible to him that beleeueth. Marke 9 23.
What tokens followed them that beleeued. Marke 16.17,18.
Hee that beleeueth in Christ, shall neuer hunger nor thirst. Iohn 6.35. nor perish, but haue eternall life. Iohn 3.15,16,36.
The vnspeakable ioy, and glorie reserued for beleeuers. 1. Pet. 1.7,8. Isa 35.1. They entred into Gods rest. Heb. 4 3. * They shall not be ashamed. 1 Pet. 2.6. Rom. 9.33. At the comming of Christ, they shall rise againe with him. 1. Cor 15. 3.
They that beleeued confessed their sinnes and shewed their workes. Acts 19.18.
Paul beleeued, and therefore spake boldly. 2. Cor. 4 13 Eph 1.3.12.
Christ a stone to stumble at, and a rocke of offence to those that beleeue not. 1. Pet. 2.8
Albeit wee beleeue not, yet abideth God true in his promise. 2. Tim. 2.13.
Who so beleeueth in the Lord, keepeth his commandements. Eccius. 32.24. and he that beleeueth not, cannot bee established in the truth, nor please God. Isa. 7.9. Heb. 11 6. Sundry sorts of beleeuing. Luke 8.12,13. Acts 8.13. looke Faith and Vnbeliefe.
Beloued. Christ the beloued sonne of God, in whom hee is well pleased. Marke 1.11, Matt. 3.17. & 17.5. 2 Pet. 1.17. Luke 9.35.
Dearely beloued. Luke 7.2. 1. Pet. 2.11. 2. Peter 3.1. 1. Iohn 4.1, 3. Iohn 2.5,11. Iude 3. Col. 3.12.
Benefits. Gods Benefites on man, to what ende. Deut. 4.32, to 41. & 8.2. * & 29.2, to 10. 1. Sam. 7.8,21. Ieremi. 2.2. * Isai. 63.12.* Mat. 8.4. Mar. 1.44. Luke 5.14. Act. 14.17.
Benignitie, looke Kindnesse and Bountifulnesse.
Benevolence shewed for charities sake. Ruth 2.8, to 18. Roman 9.1. and 10.2,3. In these words, looke Loue, Almes, & Bountifulnesse, Almes called a benevolence. 2. Cor. 9.5.
Beseech, looke Pray.
Beware of dogges, and of concision. Phil. 3.2.
Bewayling, looke Buriall, dead, and Mourning.
A Byword, looke Prouerbe.
Bigamie, or hauing two wiues together. Gene. 4.19. and 26.34, &c.
Bill of diuorcement. Deut. 24.1. Matth. 5. 31. and 19.7.
Binde. Samson bound and deliuered to the Philistims. Iudges 15,10,12,13.
Of *Binding* and Loosing, looke Keyes.
Binde not two sinnes together. Eccl. 7.8.
Bond. Loue the bond of perfectnesse. Col. 3.14.
Paul in bonds for the Gospel. Col. 4.3.
Remember them that bee in Bondes, as though ye were bound with them. Heb. 13 3
Bound in spirit, what. Acts 20.22.
Albeit Paul was bound, yet Gods word was not bound. 2. Tim. 2.9.
Birdes. Birdes created by God, and power giuen them to ingender. Gene. 1.21,22.
How Birdes and foules should bee offered in sacrifice. Leuit. 1.14.*
What they ought to doe that finde a birds nest Deut. 22.6. looke Beastes.
Birthright. Esau selleth his birthright to Iaakob for a messe of pottage. Gene. 25.29, 33.*
Birthday. Herod solemnizeth his birthday, Mar. 6.21. Mat. 14.6. and Pharaoh. Gene. 40.16.
Bishoppe, signifieth one watching ouer, or superintendent, who is called in Scripture by diuers names, as an ouerseer. Act. 20.28. A watcher ouer Gods people. Isa. 62.6. one that hath charge of soules. Act. 1.20. A shepeherd. Iohn 21.15,16,17. 1. Peter 2.25. A minister of the Gospel. Rom. 15.16. A dispenser of Gods secrets. 1. Cor. 4.1. A worker. 2. Cor. 6.1. A labourer. Mat. 9.37. an embassadour. Ephe. 6.20.
Of the institution of Bishops. 1. Tim. 4.14. Tit. 1.5. Act. 14.23.
Bishops called Elders and Ministers indifferently. Acts 20.17. Titus 1.5. Rom. 13. 16.1. Cor. 3.5.9. Cor. 3.6. and 4.1. Ephe. 3.7. Col. 1.23.1. Tim. 3.1. & 4.6. & 5.1, 2. Pet. 5.1.

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What maner of men ſhould be elected Biſhops. 1. Tim. 3. 2, to 8. Tit. 1. 6, to 10. Ac. 6. 3

A Biſhop ſhould be an enſample to others. 1. Tim. 4. 12. 2. Tim. 1. 13. Tit. 2. 7, 8.

A Biſhops tips ſhould preſerue knowledge Mala. 2. 7.

What is to be required in a Biſhop. Tit. 1. 9. 10, 11. 2. Tim. 2. 2. He muſt not be carefull for worldly things. 2. Tim. 2. 4. What ſhould be his exercise. 1. Tim. 4. 7, 8. * What order of diſcipline hee ſhould vſe. 2. Cor. 2. 1, to 12. and 1. Tim. 5. 20, 21.

Biſhops to vſe a moderation in rebuking ſuch as go aſtray 1. Tim. 5. 1, 2.

A Biſhop ought not to lay hands ſuddenly on any man. 1. Tim. 5. 22.

Many Biſhops in Philippi. Phil 5. 1.

Biſhops authority. Ephe. 3. 2. Col. 1. 25. * 2. Thes. 3. 9. Tit. 1. 5, 13. looke Keyes.

Chriſt the Biſhop of our ſoules. 1. Pet. 2. 25 looke Paſtor, Elder, Preacher, and Miniſter

Bitterneſſe, Anger &c. not to be in Chriſtians. Ephe. 4. 31.

Bitternes of deuation of ſoule. Rim. 4. 27.

Bitter waters made ſweete. Exod. 15. 25. Eccius 38. 5.

Blameleſſe. Paul liued blameleſſe. 1. Thes. 2. 10. ſo would hee haue all Chriſtians to doe Phil. 2. 15.

Blaſphemie is the ſinnie, ſlaunder, or opprobrie that is done againſt God. The blaſphemie of the Phariſes. Matth. 12. 31, 32. Mar. 3. 28, 29, 30. Luke 11. 15. Of Pharaoh Exod. 5. 2. & 10. 10. 20. Of Sancherib. 2. Kin. 19. 3, 6. Of Holofernes. Iudeth 6. 2, 5. Of Nebuchad-nezzar. Daniel 3. 15. Of the high Prieſts. Mat. 27. 25, 29, to 44. reade 2. King. 18. 19. 32. & 19. 10, to 14. Matth. 3. 8. Num. 16. 2. 32. * 2 Sam. 12. 14. 1. Kin. 20. 23. 2. King. 1. 2, 10. 1. Chron. 20. 7. 2. Macc. 15. 5, to 14. 1. Joh. 5. 16, 17. Reu. 13. 5. Zech. 5. 3, 4. Acts 26. 11.

The Blaſphemer ſtoned. Leuit. 24. 14, 15, 16.

Blaſphemie againſt the holy Ghoſt ſhall neuer be forgiuen. Matth. 12. 32. Mar. 3, 29. Luke 12. 10.

Paul was a blaſphemer. 1. Tim 1. 13.

The name of God vainly blaſphemed. Iſa. 52. 5. and for that cauſe God puniſheth the world. Iſa. 5. 18. * Numb. 11. 20, 33. Pſalm. 98. 2. 7. Reu. 3. 16, 17.

All blaſphemie ſhould bee banished from Chriſtians. Ephe. 4. 30.

The names of blaſphemie are in ye crown of Antichriſt. Reu. 13. 1. *

Blaſting of corne, Mildewatge. ſent vs of God for ſinne. Amos 4. 9. Hag. 2. 17, 18. 1. Kin. 8. 37.

Blemiſh. Nothing that hath blemiſh to be offered to the Lord. Leu. 22. 21, 22.

Bleſſe. To bleſſe, put for to praiſe. 2. Cor. 1. 3. Lu. 1. 68. and to giue thankes 1. Cor. 14. 16. and to conſecrate and to prepare. 1. Cor. 10. 16. and to curſe or blaſpheme. 1. King. 21 10, 13. Job. 1. 5.

God bleſſed man and wife. Gen. 1. 28. and 5 2.

God bleſſed the ſeuenth day and halowed it. Gen 2. 3. Exod. 20. 11.

God bleſſed Noah & his ſonnes. Gen. 9. 1.

Shem and Japhet are bleſſed. Genes. 9. 26, 27.

God bleſſeth Abraham. Gene. 24. 35 and promiſeth to bleſſe Iſhak. Gene. 26. 3. and bleſſeth Laban for Iaakob's ſake. Genes 30. 30.

God bleſſeth Iaakob. Gen. 35. 9. and Sarah. Gen. 17. 16. and Putiphar for Joſephs ſake. Gen. 39. 6. and the Leuites, for ſlaying the Idolaters Exo. 32. 28, 29. and Samſon. Iudg. 13. 24, 25.

God bleſſeth him that taketh no uſurie of his brother. Deut. 23. 20. and that grudgeth not to lend that may doe him good. Deut. 15. 9, 10.

God bleſſeth the Iſraelites in all things. Deu. 2. 7.

The maner of bleſſing the people preſcribed to the Prieſt. Num. 6. 23 *

Chriſt bleſſed yong children. Mark. 10. 16 and his Apoſtles, aſcending vp to heauen. Luke 24. 51.

The Angel bleſſed Iaakob. Gen. 32. 29.

Iſhak bleſſeth Iaakob and Eſau. Gene. 27. 27, to 41.

Iſhmael at the requeſt of Abraham. Gen. 17. 20.

Rebekah bleſſed of her parents. Geneſis 24. 60.

Laban bleſſeth his daughters at the departing. Gen. 31. 55.

Iaakob gaue euery of his children a ſeuerall bleſſing. Gene. 49. 3. * and bleſſeth the children of Joſeph, and how Gen. 48. 15.

Moſes bleſſed euery tribe of Iſrael. Deu. 33. 1. * and the tabernacle, and all that Bezaleel and Aholiab had done Exod. 39. 43.

Aaron bleſſed the people, after hee had made oblation. Leu. 9. 22.

The Leuites ſeparated to bleſſe their brethren in the name of the Lord. Deut. 10. 8.

Joſhua bleſſeth the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe Manaſſeh. Joſh. 22. 1, 6. and Caleb. Joſh. 14. 13.

Dauid bleſſeth the people. 2. Sam. 6. 20.

The houſe of Obed edom, bleſſed for the Arkes ſake. 2. Sam. 6. 12.

Salomon bleſſeth all the congregation of Iſrael 1. King. 8. 14, 15.

Abrahams ſeruant bleſſed the Lord, for his proſperous iourney. Gene. 24. 27.

Melchiſedech bleſſed God for Abrahams victorie. Gene. 14. 19, 20.

Bleſſings to thoſe that keepe Gods cõmandements. Gro. 23. 25. Leu. 26. 3, to 14. Deut. 7. 11, 12, 13. * Deut. 11. 13, to 16. and 28. 1, to 15. and to thoſe that feare God. Pſa. 128. 1. *

Bleſſings pronounced vpon mount Gerizim. Deut. 27. 12.

The Lord bleſſe thee: a maner of ſalutation. Ruth. 2. 4. bleſſed bee he or thou of the Lord. Ruth. 2. 19, 20. and 3. 10. Gen. 47. 7.

Dauid deſireth God that his houſe might be bleſſed. 2. Sam. 7. 29.

Wee ought to bleſſe the Lord after our meales. Deut. 8. 10.

Samuel bleſſed the ſacrifice before the people did eate thereof. 1. Sam 9. 13.

Paul bleſſed God. 2. Cor. 1. 3, 4 and ſo did Peter. 1. Pet. 1. 3.

Iael bleſſed, and why. Iudg. 5. 24, to 28.

Saul bleſſed thoſe that betrayed Dauid vnto him. 1. Sam. 23. 21.

Dauid confirmed the peoples bleſſing of Salomon. 1. King. 1. 47, 48.

The Queene of Sheba bleſſed the Lord. 1. King. 10. 9. and 2. Chr. 9. 8.

Iaakob tearmeth his preſent to Eſau, a bleſſing. Gene. 33. 10. 11.

To bleſſe a mans ſelfe in his heart, is to flatter himſelfe. Deut. 29. 19.

Iſhaks bleſſing to Iaakob irreuocable. Gene. 27. 33.

God promiſeth to bleſſe Abraham. Gene. 12. 2, 3. which he performed. Gene. 13. 2. and 21. 2, 3. Mat. 1. 2, 16. Act. 2. 18, 21, 25.

Bleſſed be the Lord, a terme ſometime vſed of the wicked. Zech. 11. 5.

The faithfull are bleſſed with faithfull Abraham. Gal. 3. 9.

The kingdome of heauen is prepared for the bleſſed. Mat. 25. 34.

Wee ought to bleſſe thoſe that curſe vs. Luk. 6. 28. 1. Cor. 4. 12, 9 why. 1. Pet. 3. 9.

Bleſſing and curſing ought not to proceed out of one mouth. James 3. 10.

The Bleſſed of God are called ſheepe. Mat. 25. 33, 34.

The deſcription of a bleſſed man. Pſal. 1. 1, 2. and 119. 1. * Mat. 5. 3, to 13.

A bleſſed thing to giue, rather then to receiue. Acts 20. 35. *

Bleſſed bee the man that truſteth in the Lord. Jere. 17. 7, 8.

Iudge none bleſſed before his death. Eccius. 11. 28.

Bleſſed are they that are not offended at Chriſt. Luke 7. 23.

Blinde. Two blinde men healed. Matt. 9. 27, to 32. Mat. 10. 46. * Luke 18. 35. *

Chriſt healeth the blinde with his ſpettle. Mat. 8. 22, 23, to 27. John 9. 6.

The blinde borne for the glorie of God. John 9. 1, 3.

If the blinde leade the blinde, both fall into the ditch. Mat. 15. 14.

We ought to lay no ſtumbling blocks before the blinde. Leuit. 19. 14. Deut. 27. 18.

God puniſheth with blindneſſe thoſe that obſerue not his commandements. Deut. 28. 28, 29. Examples. Gen. 19. 11. & 2. kin. 6. 18, 2. Mac. 3. 27. and 10. 30. Luke 24. 16. Act. 9. 8. and 13. 11.

Of the blindnes of heart. Iſa. 6. 9. 10. and 59 10. Hoſe. 2. 6. Pſalm. 69. 23. John 12. 40. Mat. 13. 14, 15. Mar. 4. 12. Lu. 8. 10. Act. 28. 26. Rom. 11. 7, 8, 10 and 1. 21. * 2. Cor. 4. 4. Ephe. 4. 18.

The cauſe of the blindneſſe of the Iewes is vnbeliefe. Rom. 11. 20.

Vnlearned Paſtours called blind guides Mat. 15. 14.

Rewardes blinde the eyes of the wiſe. Exod. 23. 8. Deut 16. 19. Eccius. 20. 28.

Bliſters, looke Scab.

Blocke, looke Stumble.

The ſtumbling blocke of iniquitie. Ezek. 14. 1.

Blood. The life of the fleſh is in the blood Leuit. 17. 11. and there for God forbade the Iewes to eate blood. Deut. 12. 16. Gene. 9. 4. Leuit. 7. 26, 27. and 19. 26. Deut. 15. 23.

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The Israelites did eate blood. 1. Samu. 14 31,to 35.

The Jewes might not offer blood with leavened bread. Exod.23.18.

The blood stricken upon the Israelites houses. Exod.12.7,13.

The atonement of our soules was made with blood. Leuit.17.11. and without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb.9 22.

Blood of bulles and goates could not take away sinnes. Heb 10.4. and 9.13.

The olde Testament was ordeined with blood of beastes, but the new with Christes blood Heb.9.12,19,23.* Christes blood speaketh better things then that of Abel. Heb.12.24.* for thereby we have remission of sinnes, & are sanctified. Mat.26.28. Heb. 10.10,18.* 1.Pet.1.2.& 1.Joh.1.7. Reu.1.5.

For such as prophane the blood of Christ, there remeyneth no more sacrifice for sinne. Heb. 10 29. and 6.4,5,6. and 1. John 5.16.

Water and blood issued out of Christes side. John 19.34.

God punisheth those that shed the blood of his servants. Deut.32.41.42.

Shedding of mans blood revenged both on man and beast. Gen 9.5 6.

The blood of Abel cryed to God for vengeance. Gen.4 10.

Manasseh shedde innocent blood exceedingly. 2.Kings 21.16. which was the cause of the destruction of Jerusalem afterward. 2.King.24.2,4.* and 23 1.*

Of water converted into blood. Exod.7. 17,19,20.

Blood taken for murther for sinne. concupiscence, and all that is not of the spirite. Iosh.20.5. Psal.5.14. John 1.13.

Blood for the redde colour of the grape. Deut.32.14.

To take away the blood, for appeasing of Gods wrath by punishing the murtherer. 2.Kings 2,31,32. 2.Sam 1.16.

The Moabites seeing water as redde as blood, & thinking it to be the blood of their enemies, were emboldened to their owne destruction. 2.Kings 3.17,22,23.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdome of heaven. 1.Cor.15.50.

Woe to them that builde up Sion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquitie. Mic. 3.10. and 7.2. Heb 2.12.

Boast. Many will boast of their owne goodnesse. &c Pro.20.6.

We ought not to boast of to morow. Pro. 27.1. James 4.13,16

Love boasteth not it selfe. 1.Cor.13 4.

Wee ought not to boast of other mens labours. 2.Cor.10.15.

Boast not thy selfe against the branches. Rom.11 18.

Body. The Church is the body of Jesus Christ. Ephe.1.22,23.

All the faithfull are one body in Christ, & one anothers members. Ro.12.5. eph.4.1,4.

Our Bodies are the members of Christ. 1.Cor.6.15. The temples of the holy Ghost consecrated to God. & not to fornication. 1. Cor 6 13,19. The vessels of our bodies to be kept in holinesse and honour. 1.Thes.4.4. that God may be glorified therby. 1.Cor.6.20.

He that committeth fornication, sinneth against his owne body. 1 Cor.6.18.

Before wee can beare the image of the heavenly holy, we must beare the image of the earthly. 1.Cor.15.35,to 50.

Paul calleth his body the body of death. Rom.7.24.

Sinne must not reigne in our mortal bodies. Rom.6.12.

Our bodie called earthen vessels. 2. Cor. 4.7. earthly houses 2. Cor.5 1. and tabernacles. 2 Pet.1.13.

Being at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. 2. Cor 5 6

Paul chastiseth his body, & whip. 1. Cor. 9.25,26,27.

Our corruptible bodies shall rise incorruptible. 1.Cor 15 53.54. The glory of the heavenly bodies differeth from the earthly. 1.Cor 15.40.

Bodily exercise profiteth little. 1. Tim.4.8.

Bold. By Christ we may be bold to enter into the holy place. Heb.10 19. and are willed to goe boldly to the throne of grace for mercy. Heb.4 16.

Bondage It is a bondage to line under the ceremonies of the Law. Galat.2.4 & 4.1,3.

Bond, looke Bande.

Bond men, bond women, and bond servants, looke Servitude, Captivitie, & Misles.

Bone. Woman being made of a rib of man, is called Bone of mans bones. Gen.2.22,23

The Israelites are commanded not to break a bone of the Paschall lambe. Exod 12.46.

Josephs bones carried out of Egypt. Exo. 13.19.

The bones of two Prophets, saued from burning with others 2. Kings 23 18.

The king of Edoms bones burnt in despite. Amos 2.1.

Booke. The booke of ye Law found in the Temple. 2 Kings 22.8,10.

Five men wrote in 40. dayes 204. bookes. 2. Esd 14 42,44.

The bookes of the Law burnt and cut in pieces. 1. Mac 1.59,60.

Many bookes and much reading wearieth the flesh. Eccles.12.13

To be registred in the booke of life, what. Phil.4.3. Luke 10.20 Reuel.3.5. & 20.12. and 21.27. and to be put out of the booke of life. what. Exod.32.32,33. Psal.69.28.

Mans conscience a booke, wherein is registred his sinnes. Reue.20.12.

2000. Markes worth of bookes of curious arte burnt. Actes 19.19.20.

Borne of God. who. 1. John 5 1.

Wee must be borne of water, and of the spirit. John 3.3.4,5.

The faithfull are borne anew by the word of God 1. Pet 1.23. John 1.12.

He that is borne of God, sinneth not, and who. 1. John 3 9.

As new borne babes wee must desire the sincere milke of Gods word. 1. Pet.2.1,2.

Bounder. Those are cursed that remoove the ancient bounder. Deut 27.17 & 19.14. Pro.22.28. and 23.10. reade Hos.5.10.

Bountifulnesse. Those that have true love are bountifull. 1.Cor.13.4.

Gods bountifulnesse toward man. Tit.3. 4,to 8. Ezek.18.30,31,32. and especially to vs Gentiles. Rom.11.22.

Bowes, looke Arrow s and Swords.

Bow. Wee ought to bow our hearts vnto the Lord. Josh.24.23.

Bath sheba bowed her selfe vnto her husband David. 1. Kings 1.16. and Salomon to her. 1. Kings 2.19.

God bowed the heavens, & came downe. 2. Sam.22.10.

The children of Israel bowed downe and worshipped God. Exod.4.31.

Abraham bowed himselfe vnto the Hittites. Gen.23.7.

Bowels of mercy, looke Tender, & Mercy.

Branches. The Jewes the natural branches of the Olive tree Rom.11 17,to 28.

Brasen serpent, looke Serpent.

Bread, for all things necessary to this present life Ge.18.5,6,7,8 & 21.14. Judg.19 5 2. Kin.6.22,23. Mat.4.4. 26.11. Mar.6 36.

The heart is strengthened with bread. Psal.104.15,

Man ought to eate bread, in the sweate of his face. Gen.3 19.

Man liveth not by bread onely, but by ye. Deut.8 3. Mat.4 4 Luke 4.4.

The Lord rained bread from heaven. Exodus 16 4,15.

God will blesse our bread, and our water, if we obey him. Exo.23.25. and we shal eate our bread in plentifulnesse. Leuit.26.5.

The flasse of bread. Leuit.26.26.

The Canaanites were but as bread for the Israelites, and to be. Num 14.9.

The bread of affliction. 1. Kings 22.27.

The bread of teares Psal.80.5.

The bread of sorow. Psal.30.20.

The bread of adversitie. Isa 30.20.

Want of bread in a little land of Egypt and Canaan. Gen.47 13.

An offering of bread Leuit 2 1.

The shew bread. Leuit.24 5,to 10. whereof 1. Sam. 21 6

Elisha with twenty loaues of barley bread in time of dearth fedeth 100. men. 2. Kin 4. 42,43.

The bread of life is the flesh of Christ. John 6 48,51.

The bread in the Lordes Supper doeth declare vnto vs, that we are made one bread with him. 1. Cor.10.16,17.

Vnleauened bread, looke Passeouer.

Vnleauened bread of sincerite & trueth. looke 1. Cor.5.8.

Of breaking of bread from house to house. Actes 2.42,46.

The bread of the Gospel was the Jewes first. Mat.15 26.

Jaakob sesteth of God onely bread and clothes. Gene.28 20. and so should Christians Pro.27.24.* Mat.5.25 1. Tim.6.8.

Breath of God taken for his wrath. power, and spirite. Psal 18.15. Job 33.4. Psal. 33 6.

Brethren dying without issue. the next to marrie his wife and whip. Deut 25.5. Mat. 22,24. Mar.12.19.

Vnitie of brethren acceptable to God and man. Eccles.25.1. Psal 133.1,2,3.

The 7. brethren and the mother tormented vnder

vnder Antiochus. 2. Mac. 7. 1.*

The princes heart not to be lifted vp a-bove his brethren. Deut. 15. 20.

Of Ioseph's brethren. Gen. 37. 4, 11.* and 42. 3, 6.* and 43. 3.* and 14 4, 14.*

Iaakob called those of his household, brethren. Gen. 31. 32. and strangers also brethren. Gen. 29. 4.

Dauid called his men of warre, brethren. 1. Sam. 30. 23.

The Apostles and the elect, Christ calleth brethren. Matt. 28. 10. Heb. 2. 11, 12.

Christ made like vnto brethrē in all things, except sinne, and why. Heb. 2. 17. and 4. 15.

All Christians are brethren. Matth. 23. 8. Rom. 1. 13. & 8. 29. 1. Cor. 6. 6. & 8. 11. Eph. 6. 21. Col. 4. 15. and 1. Thess. 5. 14.

Christ the first borne among many brethren. Rom. 8. 29.

We ought to lay downe our liues for the brethren. 1. Ioh. 3. 16.

Brethren for kinsfolkes of Christ. Mat. 12. 47. Ioh. 7. 3. 1. Cor. 9. 5. Gal. 1. 19. They beleeued not in him. Ioh. 7. 3, to 6. Luk. 8. 20.

False brethren. 2. Cor. 11. 26. Galat. 2. 4. and 2. Sam. 20. 10. looke Brother.

Bribes. Against bribes and extortion. Ier. 22. 13. Micah 3. 10.

Samuel was no bribe taker. 1. Sam. 12. 3, 4, 5. looke Gifts and Rewards.

Bridle of bondage, looke 2. Sam 8. 1.

Brimstone. Burning with brimstone and salt threatned. Deut. 29. 23.

The Sodomites destroyed with fire and brimstone. Gen. 19 24.

The torment of the wicked in ꝑ lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. Reu. 21. 8.

Brother. Not to defraude or oppresse our brother, and why. 1. Thess. 4 6, 7, 8.

How often our brother repenting, is to be forgiuen. Mat. 18 21, 22. Luk. 17. 3, 4. & how he is to be corrected. Mat. 18. 15, 16, 17.

Not to destroy our brother for meats sake. Rom. 14. 15. but rather neuer to eate meate, then to offend him. 1. Cor. 8. 12, 13.

Who so hateth his brother, is in darkenes. 1. Ioh. 2. 11.

Brotherly correction. Ecclus. 19. 13, to 18. looke Correction.

Brotherly kindnesse to bee embraced. 2. Pet. 1. 7 looke Fruites of Faith.

Of brother'y loue. Rom. 12. 10. 1. Thes. 4. 9. 1. Pet. 1. 22 Heb. 13 1.

¶ Buckler. God promiseth Abrahā to be his buckler. Gen. 15. 1. looke Protector & Shield.

Buffeted. Christ buffeted. Mat. 26. 67.

To be buffeted for our faults. 1. Pet. 2. 20.

Buggerers, looke In est and Adultery.

A strewes of buggery in Iury. 1. kin. 14. 24.

Build. Those that disobey God shall build an house, and not dwel therein. Deut. 28. 30.

None building an house, forced to the warre vntill he had dedicated it. Deut. 20 5.

Salomon built many cities and houses. 1 Kings 9. 17. to 20.

To build, for to make. Gen. 2. 22.

To build, for to beare children. Gen. 16. 2. Rut 4. 11. looke House.

Christ hath builded his Church, as it was foretold. 2 Sam. 7. 13.

Building vsed for teaching. Matth. 21. 42. 1. Cor. 3. 14. 17. Gal. 2. 18.

The faithfull are Gods building. 1. Cor. 3. 9.

The Gospel is the foundation of Christs building. 1. Cor. 3 11, 12.

The stone which the builders refused, is made the head of the corner. Matth. 21 42. Mar 12 10 Luk 20 17. Act. 4. 11, 1. Pet. 2. 7

To build, for to exalt or preserue. Ier. 12. 16. and 31. 4.

Building vp Zion with blood. Micah 3. 10.

Bundle. The bundle of life. 1. Sam. 25. 29.

Burdens. The Pharises ouerlade other men with burdens. Mat. 23. 4.

We ought to beare one anothers burthen. Gal. 6. 2.

Euery one shall beare his owne burthen. Gal. 6. 5.

Christs yoke easie, and his burthen light. Matth 11. 30. 1 Ioh 5. 3.

No burden to be caried on the Sabboth day. Ier. 17. 21.

Burden, for great calamity. Isa. 13. 1.

Burie. We are buried in Christ by baptisme into his death. Rom. 6 4.

Sara buried. Gen. 23. 19. and Abraham. Gen. 25 8, 9. Iaakob. Ge. 50. 13 & Moses. Deut. 34. 6 & Samuel 1. Sam. 25. 1. & Saul and his sons, 1. Sa. 31. 13. & Asahel. 2. Sam. 2. 32. & Abner. 2. Sa. 3. 32. & the disobedient prophet which was slaine of ꝑ lion. 1. kin. 13. 28, to 31. and Iohn Baptist. Mat. 14. 12. and Christ by Ioseph of Arimat. Mat. 27 59, 60.

Abraham purchased a field to burie in. Gen. 23. 4.*

Burned. All ꝑ cities of the Beniamites burned for committing whoredom Iudg. 20. 48.

Ai burned. Ios. 8. 28. & Hazor. Iosh. 11. 11. & Iericho. Ios. 6. 24. & the tower of Sichem, with about 1000. men & women. Iudg. 9. 49.

The priests daughter that played ꝑ whore, was to be burnt with fire. Leuit. 21. 9.

Achan stoned, and after burned with all that he had. Iosh. 7. 24, 25.

Murmurers against God burned. Nu. 11. 1.

Zimri burned himselfe. 1. Kings 16. 18.

Idolatrous groues commanded of God to be burned. Deut. 12. 2, 3. which Asa obserued. 1. kin. 15. 12, to 15. & Iehu. 2. kin. 10. 11, to 36

The Gentiles in burning their children to idoles, not to be followed. Deut. 12 31.

Samsons wife and her father burned. Iudges 15. 5, 6.

Calisthenes was burnt for setting the holy gates on fire. 2. Mac 8 33.

Burnt offerings, looke Offring & Sacrifice.

Busibodies. Against busibodies & prattlers. 1. Tim 5. 13. looke more Light housiues.

Butter, looke Milke.

Abraham set butter and milke before the three Angels. Gen. 18. 8.

Buy. We must buy as though we possessed not. 1. Co. 7. 30.

Of buying & selling. Gene. 23. 15.* & 33. 19. Leuit. 19. 11, 35, 36. & 25. 14.* Deut. 15. 12. & 25. 13, to 17. 2. Sam. 24. 21.* Pro. 11. 1, 24, 26. & 16. 8, 11. & 20. 10, 14, 23. Isa. 23. 2, 8, 18. & 58. 9, 13. Ier. 9. 3, 10. & Eze. 45. 10, 11, 12. Mic. 6. 10, 11, 12.* Ecclus. 7. 13. and 26. 30. and 27. 2. Mat. 7. 2. Luke 14. 18, 19. 1. Co. 7. 30. 1. Thes. 4. 6.

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¶ Cake, looke Barley.

Caldron. Ten Caldrons for the Temple. 1 Kings 7. 38.

Calfe. The Israelites honor ꝑ golden calfe. Ex. 32. 4. which Moses abolished. Ex 32. 20.

Ieroboam and Hoshea, made two calues of gold. 1 Kings 12. 28.

The Calfe honoured of the Israelites at Beth-auen, transported into Assyria. Hose. 10. 5, 6.

The Calues of our lips the best sacrifice. Hos. 14. 3. Heb. 13. 15.

Call. The Lord called Samuel foure times. 1. Sam. 3. 4.

Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Mat. 9. 13. Mar. 2. 17. Luke 5. 32. 1. Tim 1. 15.

As many as God shall call, shall be saued. Acts 2. 39, 41.

Many called, but few chosen. Matth. 20. 16. and 22. 14.

Many called to saluation both of Iewes and Gentiles. Rom. 9. 24.

Whereunto we are called. Eph. 1, 1, 18.* 1. Thes. 4. 7. 1. Pet. 2. 9.

We are not called for our workes sake, but according to his eternal purpose. 2. Tim. 1. 9. 1. Pet. 1. 1, 2, 3. we are called to saluation by ꝑ preaching of ꝑ Gospel. 2. Thes. 2. 13, 14.

Let vs endeuour our selues to attaine the reward of our high calling in Christ. Phil. 3. 13, 14.

Of the calling of the Iewes. Hose. 3. 4, 5. Rom. 11. 25, 26. & 2. Co. 3. 16. & Gentiles. Zeph 3. 8. Rom. 15. 8.*

Of calling to euerlasting saluation. Ro. 8. 29, 30. & 11. 29. 1. Co. 1. 9, 24. Eph. 4. 1. 1. Tim. 2. 12. & 5. 24. 1. Thes. 5. 24. 1. Pet. 5. 10.

Of calling to preach. Mat. 4. 18, 19. Mar. 3. 14. Luk. 6. 13. Rom. 1. 1. 1. Co. 1. 1. Gal. 1 15. to follow Christ. Matth. 8. 22. and 9. 9. Ioh 1. 43.

Callon God in trouble, and he will heare thee. Psal. 17. 6. 1. Sam. 22. 4, 7 for hee is nigh to all that call vpon him faithfully. Psal. 145. 18.

Such as call on the Lord with pure heart, are to be followed. 2. Tim. 2. 22.

They that called vpon Baal, scorned. 1. Kings 18. 24, 26, to 30.

Whosoeuer shall call on the Name of the Lord, shalbe saued. Rom 10. 13 They that beleeue not in him, call not vpon him in truth. Rom. 10. 14.

Abraham called vpon ꝑ Name of the Lord. Gen. 12 8 & 13. 4 & 21 33. & Iaakob. Gen. 33. 20. and Moses. Exod. 34 5. 9. and Samson. Iudges 15. 18. and 16. 28. looke Name.

Candlesticke. The forme of ꝑ Candlestick of the Tabernacle Exod. 25. 31. & 37. 17. the situation thereof. Nu 8 4. Exod. 26. 35. & 40. 24. The vision of ꝑ golde candlestick. Zec. 4. 2.

Ten golden candlestickes that Salomon made. 2. Chro. 4. 7.

The vision of the seuen golden candlestickes. Reue. 1. 12, 20.

By the Candlestick is vnderstood the office of a pastour Reue. 2. 5.

Canticles, looke Songs.

Captiue. How to take a captiue woman

to

to wife. Deut. 21. 10, to 15.

Naamans captiue maid put him in minde of Elisha. 2. Kin. 5. 1, 2, to 5.

Our naturall inclination leadeth vs captiue to sinne Rom. 7. 23.

Captiuitie threatned to those that disobey Gods commandements. Deu. 28. 47, 48. and deliuerance when they turne to him. Deut. 30. 1, 2, 3. to 11. That foretolde Hezekiah of the captiuitie. 2. Kings 20. 16, to 19.

Jeremie foretold y Jewes of the 70. yeres captiuitie. and why. Jere. 51. 1, 11, 12. *looke Bondage, Egypt. and Babylon.

Care, or carefulnesse. God careth for his people. Leu. 26. 3, to 14. Examples. Gen. 12. 17.* and 21. 24, 29. looke Affliction.

Wee must not be carefull for any worldly thing. Matth. 6. 25.* Luke 12. 22. Phil. 4. 6. but onely cast our care vpon God, for he careth for vs. 1. Pet. 5. 7. Psal. 55. 22.

Our hearts must not be oppressed with cares of this life, and why. Luke 21. 34.

Christs care ouer his Apostles and ministers. Matth. 10. 1, 2.*

Paul had a care for all Churches. 2. Cor. 11. 28.

The cares of this worlde choke vp Gods word. Mat. 4. 19.

Against worldly carefulnesse and trusting in any thing but God. Prou. 7. 4, 5, 6. Eccle. 25. 2. to 22. Deu. 8. 1, 2, 3. Job 7. 4, 5, 6. Psal. 145. 15.* Pro. 10. 3, to 6. and 14. 25. Mat. 13. 22. Mat. 16. 2, 3. Lu. 8. 14. and 12. 11. 12. and 14. 12, 15. 1. Cor. 7. 21, 32. Heb. 13. 5, 6

Of godly care, Matt. 6. 33. Lu. 1. 28. and 2. Cor. 11. 10.

Of fleshly care. Matt. 6. 13, 20, 21. and 20. 21. and 26. 51. Lu. 9. 33. 54, 55, 56. & 11. 38. Rom. 8. 6.

Careles people bee soone conquered. Judg. 8. 11. and 18. 10, 27. Looke Securitie.

Caried. God caried the Israelites vpon Egles wings out of all dangers Exod. 19. 4. Deut. 32. 11, 13.

Of being caried vp into heauen. looke Ascending.

Carnall. Paul calleth the Corinthians carnall. and why. 1. Cor. 3. 1, to 5.

Temporall goods called carnall things. 1. Cor. 9. 11. looke Flesh and Fleshly.

Carpenter. Jesus Christ was a Carpenter. Mat 6. 3.

Cast off. The Israelites cast off God, by crauing a King. 1. Sam. 10. 19.

Cattell and vnreasonable beasts ought not to bee ouer hardly dealt withall. Gen. 33. 13. Exod. 23. 11, 12. Num 22. 23, to 34 Deut 5. 14 and 20. 20. Pro. 12. 10. Eccles 7 22.

Cave. Abraham bought a cave to burie in. Gen 23. 9, to 19.

Elijah fleeing from Jezebel, dwelt in a cave at Horeb. 1. Kings 19. 8. 9.

The Israelites so plagued for their idolatrie, that they were forced to dwell in caues. Judg 6. 2.

Cause. God iudged Davids cause, in punishing Nabal. 1. Sam 25. 33. 39.

To Celebrate, looke Feastes, Passeouer, and Sanctifie.

Censer. looke* Num 16. 6, 18, 18.*

Centurion A Centurion is a captaine ouer 100 souldiers: such Moses constituted. Exo. 18. 21. 25. Deut. 1. 13, 15.

Christ healeth the Centurions seruant. Matth. 8. 5, to 14. Lu. 7. 2 11.

The Centurion, and those who watched with him, confessed Jesus to be the sonne of God. Matth. 27. 54.

Ceremonies. All the Jewes ceremonies but a shadow of the spirituall seruice. Exo. 33. 2, 3, to 17. Num. 15. 31.* Deut. 16. 1. Ezek 20. 7, 8.* 31. Coz. 10. 1. Heb. 7. 11. 18. 5 and 9. 8.

And therefore being ordained to continue but till the manifestation of Christ. Heb 9. 10, 11. are now fully abrogated by him. Hebr. 10. 5, 6, 7.

God reiecteth the faithlesse ceremonies of the Jewes. Isai. 1. 11, to 16.* & 43 23. 24. & 46. 1.* & 66 3. 4. Jer. 7. 13.* & 50. 8.* Jer. 7 4.* and 14. 12. Hos 6 6. Amos 5. 21, 22, 23.* Mic. 6. 6, 7, 8. Mal. 1. 8, & 2. 2.* Ier. 7 3. to 8.* Mat. 9 13. 1 15. 2, 3, 4, to 12. Joh. 4. 20, 21, to 27. Acts 13 38, to 42. Rom. 8. 1, to 9 Ephe. 2. 8.* and Col. 2. 8, 14. *looke Tradition.

Chaff. As chaffe and wheate ought not to be mingled together, no more ought fables with truth. Jere. 23. 28.

I Changed. Those whom Christ shal finde alive at his comming, shall bee changed. 1. Cor. 15. 51. 52, 53.

Charet. Elisha calleth vnto Elijah, my father my father, the Charet of Israel. 2. Kin. 2. 12.

Sisera warred against the Israelites with 900. charets of yron. Judges 4. 3, 13.

Salomon had 1400. charets. 1 Kin. 10 26.

Charets of yron were in vse among the Canaanites, as appeareth. Judg. 1. 19.

Chargeth Ahab chargeth Michaiah to tell him truth. 1. King. 22. 16.

Paul chargeth the Thessalonians, that his Epistle sent to them, should not bee kept secret from any brother. 1. Thess. 5. 27. He chargeth also Timothie to be fervent in his vocation. 2 Tim. 4. 1, 2.

Chargeable Paul laboured, because hee would not be chargeable to any. 1. Th. 2, 6, 7

Charmers, looke Magicians, and Sorcerers.

Charme, looke Loue.

Chaste. Men chaste three maner of wayes Mat. 19. 12. looke Eunuch.

Chasten. As many as the Lord loueth, hee chasteneth. Heb. 12 6. Reuel. 3 19.

Blessed is the man whom the Lord chasteneth. Job. 5. 17.

Children should be chastised betime Pro. 13. 24 and 19. 18 and 22. 15. & 23. 13. looke Correction and Childe

Chastise Example of Chastity in Joseph. Ge. 39. 7, 12.* in Sarah Tobias wife. Tob. 1. 13.* In Judeth. Iudet. 8. 4, 8. In Anna Lu. 2. 37, 49. In Susan. Dan. 13 23, to 26*

Example of chastitie in mariage, looke Tob. 8. 4 to 9.

We must auoide all things that corrupt chastitie. Eccius. 9. 3 to 12.

Of chastitie, looke more. Wisd. 4. 1, to 7. Ieuet. 15 11, 12, 13. and 16. 21, 22,* 1. Coz. 7. 8. 9. 27. 29. 34, 38, 40.

Chance, looke Happe.

Change. Of changes of golde. Exod. 28. 14. and yron. 2. King. 25. 7. Ezek. 7. 23.

Chaire, looke Seate.

Cheere. Dissembling prophets and such as commend wine or good cheere, be meete for the wicked. Micah 2 11.

A ioyfull heart maketh a cheerefull countenance. Pro. 15. 13. & causeth good health. Pro. 17. 22.

Cherefish Jewes, looke Confesse.

Chiefe shepheard, looke Shepheard.

Child. and women with child. The punishment of him that hurteth a woman with childe. Exod. 21. 22.

The wife of Phinehas being with child, hearing of the taking of the Arke, fell in travell immediatly. 1. Sam. 4 19.

Women with child rippe vp. 2. Kin. 15. 16.

Woe foretolde to the women with child at the destruction of Jerusalem. Mat. 24. 19.

The Angels haue charge of little children. Mat. 18. 10.

We must be children concerning malice, but not in vnderstanding. 1. Cor. 14. 20. Mat. 18. 2, to 7.

Children being brought to Christ, he receiued them, and blessed them. Mat. 19. 13, 14, 15 Mat. 10. 13, 14 15. 16.

Little children were deuoured of beares. 2. Kings 2. 23, 24.

Wherein the duetie of parents and children consisteth. Psal. 78. 5. 6. 7.

Woe to that land whose gouernor is a child in wisedome and counsell. Eccles 10 16, 17.

The childe shall not be punished for the fathers offence. Jerem. 31. 29, 30. Ezek. 18. 4, 5. Lamen 5. 7.

Little children who. 1. John 2, 12.

The captiuity of the children of Israel, and their deliuerance out of Egypt is foreshewed by God. Gen. 15. 13, 14.

The 12. children of Jaakob. Gen. 35 22.

Jaakob sendeth his children into Egypt to buy corne. Gen. 42. 1, 2

The children of Jaakob knewe not their brother Joseph. Gen 42 8.

The names of the children of Israel and their children. Gen. 46 7, 8 to 28.

Jaakob foresheweth the deliuerance of the children of Israel. Gene. 48. 3, 4, 21. and so doeth Joseph. Gene. 50. 24.

The names of the children of Israel which entred into Egypt, are rehearsed. Exod. 1. 1, to 7.

The children of Israel oppressed with burdens, to the end they might not multiply. Exo. 1 9, 10, 11 The more they were oppressed, the more they grew. Exod. 1. 12. They complaine to God of their bondage, and are heard. Exo. 2. 23, 24, 25. They depart out of Egypt with Josephs bones Exo 12. 37. and 13. 19. After they had dwelt there 430. yeres, Exo. 12 40. they passe dry foote through the red sea. Exo. 14. 22.

Why God led not the children of Israel by the land of the Philistims, but another way. Exod. 13. 17, 18.

The voyage of 12 children of Israel in the wilderness to mount Sinai, and Gods goodnes in feeding them, and fighting for them. Exo. 15 22.* and 16. and 17. & 19. chapters.

The children of Israel must be for warres, are numbred. Num 1, 2, 3.*

The children of Israel lothe Manna, and are punished. Num. 11.1,4,6,31,33.* They commit whoredome with the daughters of Moab. Num. 25.1,2,3.*

The children of Israel being ready to enter into the land of Canaan, are again numbred. Numb. 26. 2.*. They fight against the Midianites. Num. 31. 2, to 13. They are loued of God by meanes of Election, and not for any goodnesse in them. Deut. 7 6. to 12. They passed drie foote through Iordane. Ios. 1.16,17. They haue an ouerthrowe at Ai. Ioshu. 7.5.

The children of Israel serue Eglon the king of Moab 18. yeeres. Iudg. 3.14. They commit idolatrie. Iudg 3.7. And are oppressed for their wickednesse seuen yeeres of the Midianites. Iudg. 6.1,10?. Their idolatrie and repentance. Iudg. 10.6,10. Their ruine for their incredulitie. Iuneth 5.6,7.

How children ought to be brought vp. Eccles. 30.1, to 14. With what instruction, and to what ende. Deut. 4 9,14. & 32.46. as the children of Abraham Genes. 18.19. Not as the sonnes of Eli. 1. Samu. 2.22.* or of Samuel. 1. Kin. 15,6.

God punisheth the children that imitate their fathers in wickednesse. Deut 4.25,26, 27 Lam. 5.7.

Samuels children imitated not their father in godlinesse 1 Sam. 8.3.

Sanacherib murdered by his owne children. 2. King. 19.36,37.

Gideon had 70. children of diuers wiues. Iudg 8.30. all but one slaine by Abimelech. Iudg 9.5.

Ibzan Iudge of Israel had 60. children. Iudg. 12.8,9.

Abdon Iudge of Israel had 40. men children. Iudges 12.13.14.

Children eate mans flesh in the Women.

Burning of children in the honor of idols forbidden. Deuter. 12 30 31. & 18.10.to 15. Leuit. 20 2,to 6. and yet vsed. 2. Kings 16.3. and punished. 2 King. 17.7.*

The true children of Abraham, are those that imitate him in true faith. Rom. 9.8.

God hath predestinated vs to be his adopted children by faith in Christ. Ephes. 1.5. Gal. 3.26. John 1.12,17.

Wee are the children of God, and therefore ought to be holy. Deut. 14.1,2. 1. Pet. 1, 15,16.

Those are the children of God, that are led by his Spirit. Rom. 8.14.

The children of the resurrection, are the children of God. Luke 20.36.

The children of God, are heires of God, and coheires with Christ Iesus. Rom. 8.17.

The worlde knoweth not the children of God, and why. 1 John 3.1.

The prodigal chide. Luke 15.11.*

The parable of two children, by which Christ teacheth that the Iewes promised to doe the will of God, and yet did not. Mat. 21. 28, to 33.

Children to bee reserued at the winning of certaine townes Deut. 20.14.*

To children in malice, &c. the kingdome of God appertaineth Mat. 19.14.*

As a childe is trained vp in youth, so shall he haue him in age. Pro. 22.6.

A law to punish disobedient children. De. 21.19. to 22. Pro. 20.20. looke Chastes.

Of the duetie of children, young folke, and parishioners towarde their father and mother, pastour, and other superiors, looke Gen. 4 7. and 9.23. and 22.1, to 14. and 27.3.* and 28.1, to 11. and 37.2.* Exo. 20 12. and 21.1, to 16. and Leu. 19.3,32. and 20.9. and 21.9. Numb. 30.3,4. Deut. 5. 16. and 21. 18. and 27.16. Iudg 14.2.1. Sam. 2.11.* and 3.1.* 8.3.2. Sam. 18.6. and 1. kin 2.3.2 King. 2. 15 and 13.1,2. and 21.1.2.& 22.1,2.2. Chr. 34.1,2. Iob 1.5,18. and 7.1,2,3. and 32.1.* Prou. 1.3,4,5, &c. 4.1. and 6.20. and. 10.1. and 13.1. and 15.1,20. and 19.26,27.& 20. 20.* and 22.6. and 23.20,21,22. and 28.7, 14. and 30.11,17,19. Iere. 35.6.* Ezek. 22. 7,10,11. Tob. 1.4. and 4.2,to 6.* & 14.12.* Eccles 3.1,2,to 19. and 6.18.*& 7. 29. and 8.1,7,9,10 13. and 22.3. and 23.18,19. and 25.1, to 6. and 32 9,10.11,12. Matt. 4.18, to 23. and 5.44.* and 10.21. and 15.4. Marke 10.7,13,14,15,16,19. Lu. 2.49 51.& 18.15. 16,17. Acts 7.14. and 22.3. Ephes 6.1,2,3. Col. 3.20. and 1. Tim. 6.1,2. and 2. Tim. 3. 2.& 1. Pet. 5.5. looke more in Sonnes, Daughters, and Parishioners.

Chosen. God hath chosen vs to saluation before the beginning of the world. Ephes. 1. 4.2. Theff 2 13.

God chose the Iewes onely, because hee loued them De. 4.37. and 7.7, to 12. and 10. 15. to the end they should be a holy and precious people to himselfe. Deu. 7.6 and 14.2.

Many are called, but fewe are chosen. Mat. 20.16 as appeareth by the Israelites. Heb. 3 16,17.*

God iustifieth his chosen in Iesus Christ. Rom. 8.33.34.

Saul and Dauid chosen of the Lord, to be kings ouer Israel. 1. Sam. 10.24. and 2. Sam. 6 21.

Paul a chosen vessell of Christ. Act. 9.15.

Howe Gods enemies haue persecuted his chosen, contrary to their expectation, looke Iere. 37.21.

God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise. 1. Cor. 1. 27.

Christ, is as much to say, as anointed: yet that name is proper to our Sauiour, because that by spiritual vnctiō, he was consecrated of God to be the onely Priest, King, & Prophet, which should appease his wrath by his onely sacrifice. Heb. 9.13,14. and 10.12,14. reigne ouer all things. John 18.37. & 2.10. Colos. 1.20. and declare his fathers will vnto vs. John 8 26,40. Acts 7.37.

Christ God eternall. John 1.1,2. and 5.19 Prou. 8.22,to 32. begotten before all creatures. Col. 1.15. whereunto the father, and the holy Ghost beareth witnesse in heauen. 1. John 5.7. and the spirit, water and blood in earth. 1. John 5.8. which witnes also was by voyce from heauen by God the father at his baptisme and tranfiguration confirmed. Matth 3.17. and 17.5.

Christ the image of God the Father. Wisd. 7.26. and 2. Cor. 4.4. Col 1.15. Heb. 1.3.

In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisedome and knowledge. Col. 2.3.

In Christ dwelleth all the fulnesse of the Godhead bodily. Col. 1.19.

All things were created by Christ. John 1.3.

God purposed from euerlasting, not onely to create heauen and earth, but also in time by Christ to gather together in one, all things that were in them. Ephe. 1.9.10,11.

Christ is promised to Adam to dissolue all the power of the deuil. Gen. 3.15.

Christ promised to Abraham. Gene. 12.3. and 18.18. and 22.18. to Isaak. Gen. 26.3, 4. to Iaakob. Gen. 28.14. and to Dauid. 2. Sam. 7.16.

Christ is to be heard. Deut. 18.15,18.

Christ was prophesied to bee borne of the virgin Mary. Isai. 7.14. and 9.6. Ierem. 31. 22. Isa. 49.8.

The comming of Christ was foreshewen of Balaam. Num. 24.16,17. and of Isaiah. Isa. 40.9.

Hannah prophesied of the comming of Christ. 1. Sam. 2.10.

Of the comming of Christ, and of his victory against death, sinne, and hell. Isa 25.8. and 35.5.* Hos. 13.14. Hab. 3.3. Rom. 6.9. 1 Cor. 15.54,to 58. 2. Tim. 1.10. Heb. 2 14. 1. John 5.4.5,11,12. Reuel 7.17. and 21.4.

The brasen serpent bare a figure of Christ. Num. 21.8,9.

Isaak, in that he should haue bene offered of his father, bare a figure of Christ. Gene. 22.8, to 15.

Christ descended of the seede of Dauid, whose kingdome endureth for euer. 2. Sam. 7.11,12,16. Luke 1 32.33.

The Prophet Isaiah very greatly desired Christ his comming. Isa. 62.1,2,3.

Many Prophets & righteous men haue desired to see the comming of Christ. Matth. 13.17. Luke 10.24.

Prophesies of Christes kingdome, his Church, and of the word of God. Mic. 4.1,2.* Hag. 2 10. Zech 3 6.* Obad. 1.7,21.

Christ descended of Iudah. Gen. 49.8 9, 10.to 13 Deut. 18.15. Matth. 1.3,16 Luke 3.23.33.

The nativitie of Christ couertly foretolde. Iere. 33.14,15,to 19 Isa 8.3,4. Eze. 44.2.

Christ is conceiued by the holy Ghost. Mat. 1.18,to 24. Luke 1.35,38. borne of the virgin Mary. Mat. 1.24.25. Luke 2.7. John 1.14. Galat. 4 4. in Bethlehem Matth 2.1. Luke 2.4, to 8. according to the prophesie. Mic. 5.2.

The incarnation of Christ brought ioy to the faithfull. Isa. 4.2.* Baruch 3.34.37.

Christ like his brethren, looke Brethren.

Christ was circumcised, and named Iesus. Mat. 1.21,25. Luke 2.21. He is presented in the Temple. Luke 2.22,to 24. he came of the Iewes. Matth 1.1, to 17. Luke 3.23.* Rom. 9.5.

The wise men came to worship Christ, and offered presents. Mat. 2.1.2,11.

Christ fleeth into Egypt. Matt. 2.14. and after Herods death returneth againe. Mat. 2 19. to 23. is brought vp at Nazareth, and therefore called a Nazarite. Mat. 2.22,23.

Christ at the age of xii. yeeres, disputeth with the Doctors. Luke 2.46. Was subiect vnto

vnto Marie and Joseph. Luk. 2. 51. went neuer to schoole. Ioh. 7. 15. was baptized. Matth. 3. 16. Mark. 1. 9. Luke 3. 21. hauing fasted fortie dayes and fortie nights, he was tempted of the deuill, and comforted of Angels. Matth. 4. 1, 2, 11. Mark. 1, 12, 13. Luk. 4. 1, 2, 13.

The Nazarites could not beleeue that Christ was the true Messias, because he descended of so base a flocke. Mat. 13. 54. * Mat 6. 2, 16. 7. Luke 4. 22, to 31.

Christ was sent to saue all men by the preaching of the Gospel. Isa. 60. 1, to 8. Luk 2. 32.

Christ was not sent to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Mat. 9. 13. Mark. 1. 32, to 40. 2. 17. Luke 5. 32. to the ende he might loose the workes of the deuill in them. 1. Ioh 3. 8. and might saue them. 1. Tim. 1. 15. finally that they by beleeuing should be made righteous by him, waiting for eternall life. Titus 2. 11 * Isa. 42. 6, 7, 16. Psalme 69. 6.*

Christ came at the very prefixed time for to offer himselfe in sacrifice for sinnes. Psal. 40. 7, 8.

Christ came to deliuer vs from the power of the deuill. Luke 1. 71. and from the darknesse of this world. John 12. 46.

Christ is not come to destroy, but perfectly to accomplish the Law. Mat. 5. 17.

Christ was made a little inferiour to the Angels, by suffering of death, that he might bee crowned with glorie farre aboue them, and destroy death for all men. Heb. 2. 9.* and 1. 2, 3, 4.*

Christ more worthy of glorie then Moses, and why. Heb. 3. 3, to 7. Greater then Dauid Mat. 22. 43, 44. Mar. 12. 36. Luk. 20. 42. or Salomon. Mat. 12. 42.

Christ constituted by God, Lord ouer all things in heauen and earth, and head of his Church, &c. Ioh. 3. 35. & 17. 2. 1. Cor. 15. 25, 27. Ephes. 1. 20, 21, 22. & 4. 8 & 5. 23. Col. 1. 18. Heb. 2. 8. Hos. 1. 11.

God is the father of Christ. John 8. 16, 18, 19, 28. the head of Christ. 1. Cor. 11. 3.

Christ knoweth his father, and keepeth his word. Ioh. 8. 55. and none knoweth the sonne but the father. Mat. 11. 27.

The father is alwayes with Christ. John 8. 29.

He that hath knowen and seene Jesus Christ, hath knowen and seene God. Ioh. 14. 7, 9, to 12.

Christ speaketh the words of the Father. John 3. 34.

The Father willeth vs to heare Christ. Mat. 17. 15. Mar. 9. 7.

Who so heareth not the Gospel of Christ, shall perish euerlastingly. Acts 3. 23. Heb. 2. 2, 3.

Christ was replenished with grace and trueth. Ioh. 1. 14.

Christ preacheth & healeth diseases. Mat. 4. 17, 23. Mar. 1. 14, 15.

Christ hauing sent his Apostles to preach, preacheth also himselfe. Matth. 11. 1.

Christ prayeth in mount Oliuet by night, and preacheth in the temple by day. Luke 21. 37.

Christ preacheth out of a ship. Mat. 13. 1, 2, to 10. Mar. 4. 1, to 35. Luke 8. 4, to 19.

Christ preacheth in a Synagogue vpon a text of the Prophet Esaiah. Luke 4. 16 &c.

The people are astonied at his wisedome. Luke 2. 47. Mat. 7. 28, 29. Marke 6. 2. Mat. 13. 54. Luke 4. 22. and 8 25. Luk. 4. 32. Joh. 7. 46.

Christ spake nothing but parables, and why. Mat. 13. 34, 35.

Great multitudes follow Christ. Mat. 8. 1

His comming and preaching was in great humilitie. Mat. 18. 4, 11. and 11. 29.

Christ was demanded by whose authority he did those things that he did. Matt. 21. 23. Marke 11. 28. Luke 20. 2.

Christ preferred not the obedience of his carnall mother, before the commandement of his heauenly Father. Luke 2. 48, 49. Neither could the care that hee bare vnto her, withdraw him from preaching the Gospel. Mat. 12. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50. Marke 3. 31, 32.* Luke 8. 20, 21.

Christs will is, that his should bee partakers of his glory and kingdome. Joh. 17. 24.

Where Christ first preached the Gospel. Isa. 9. 1, 2 Mat. 4. 13, to 17. Luk. 4. 14.* Joh. 2. 1, to 12.

Christ sighed to see the Jewes infidelitie. Mar 8. 12.

Christ had compassion on the multitude, to see them dispersed like stray sheepe. Matt. 9. 36.

Christ is wearie. Joh. 4. 6. hungrie. Mat. 4 2. doeth weepe for Jerusalem. Luke. 19. 41. wept and groned, when he raised Lazarus. John 11. 33, 35, 38.

Of Christ his powertie. Matth 8. 20. Luke 9. 58.

Christ became poore, that wee might bee made rich. 2. Cor. 8. 9.

Women ministred of their substance to relieue Christs necessitie. Luk. 8. 2, 3.

It was prophesied in how great meekenesse and humilitie Christ should liue. Isa. 42 1. &c. Mat. 12. 18, 19, 20.

Matthew maketh Christ a banquet. Mat. 9. 9, 10. Mar. 2. 14, 15. Luk. 5. 29.

Christ bidden to a banquet by a Pharisee, refuseth not to goe. Luk. 14. 1.

Christ and his mother, and his disciples dined at a wedding. John 2. 12.

Christ supped with Lazarus. John 12. 2.

Christ dined with a Pharisee. Luk. 11. 37

Christ termed a glutton, and a drinker of wine. Mat. 11. 19.

Christ eateth with publicanes & sinners, and is reproued of the Pharises Mat. 9. 11. Mar. 2. 15, 16.

Christ interpreteth the Scriptures vnto the two disciples going to Emmaus. Luke 24 15, to 52.

Christ reputeth that which is done vnto his afflicted members, to be done vnto himselfe. Mat. 25 35.

Christ payed tribute. Mat. 17. 27.

Sundrie opinions of Christ. Matt. 16. 14. Mar. 8. 28. Luk. 9. 19. John 7. 12, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46.

The Pharises are asked whose sonne Christ was. Mat. 22. 42.

Christ asketh his Apostles whome they thought him to be. Mat. 16. 15, 16. Marke 8. 29. Luke 9. 20.

The people tooke Christ for a Prophet. Mat. 21. 46.

Christ publisheth openly that he was sent of God, and that hee was the sonne of God. Joh. 5. 18. & 7. 29. & 8 18. Proouing the same by the testimonie of John Baptist and the Scriptures. John 5. 32, 33, 39.*

Many that were present at Lazarus raising from the dead, beleeued on Christ. John 12. 10, 11. John 11. 45.

The virgin Mary, in her canticle, maketh mention of Christ promised. Luk. 1. 47, 54, 55. and so did Simeon. Lu. 2. 25, to 36. and Anna confesseth that Christ was come. Luke 2. 36, 37, 38.

The Samaritans came to see Christ, and beleeued in him, confessing him to be the saiuour of the world. Joh. 4. 28, 29, 41, 42.

The miracles that Christ did, testified that he was come. Mat. 11. 5.

Officers sent to fetch Christ, but they brought him not, and why. John 7. 32, 46.

The Jewes sought meanes to take Christ but could not, before his houre was come. John 7. 30.

The people and chiefe rulers durst not confesse Christ, looke Confesse.

Christ committeth not himselfe vnto the Jewes, because hee knew them to be hypocrites John 2. 24.

After Christ had raised by Lazarus from the dead, hee walked not openly among the Jewes John 11. 54.

Christ hid himselfe for feare of being stoned by the Jewes John 8. 59.

Christ ascended to Jerusalem at the feast of Tabernacles. John 7. 10.

Christ deliuereth himselfe very miraculously out of the hands of the Nazarites. Lu. 4. 28, 29, 30.

Christ healed all maner of sicknesses, both corporall and spirituall. Matth. 4. 24. Joh 7. 23.

Both winds and sea obeyed Christ. Matt. 8. 26, 27. Mat. 4. 39, 41. Luk. 8. 24, 25.

There can be no concord betweene Christ and the deuill. 2. Corin. 6. 15. Christ stronger then Satan. Mat. 12. 28, 29. Mar. 3. 34, 27. Luk. 11. 20, 21, 22.

Christ of his owne will layde downe his life for his sheepe. John 10. 15.

Caiaphas prophesied that Christ should die for the people. John 11. 49, 51.

Christ deliuered to death, by the determinate counsell of God. Acts 2. 23.

Christ right heartily longed to bee baptized for vs, with the baptisme of his death. Luke 12. 50. for the loue hee bare towardes vs Ephe. 5. 2. Phil. 2. 8.

Peter would haue dissuaded Christ from death. Mat. 16. 22. and Pilates wife would haue had her husband not to deale with him. Mat. 27. 19.

The chiefe Priestes consult how they might put Christ to death. Matth. 26 3, 4. Mar. 14 1. Luk. 22. 2.

Judas selleth Christ for 30. pieces of siluer. Matth. 26. 14, 15. Mat. 14 10, 11 Luke

22.3,to 7.Zech.11.12.

Christ his soule was heauie,euen vnto the death.Mat.26.38.

Christ through his manhood,fearing death, sweat water and blood.Luke 22.44.

Christ praying against death, willingly condescended vnto his fathers will.Mat.26. 39,42,44.45.

Christ offered himselfe vnto Iudas. John 18.4.is apprehended by the Iewes. Matth. 26.50.craueth that his disciples might escape free.and why. John 18.8,9.

Christ very wisely reproueth him that smote him.John 18.23 Isa.50.5,6.*

Christ answered not one word to his false accusers. Mat.26.59,60,63. and 27.12,14. Psal.38.13,14.

Christ confesseth that he is the Christ promised.Mat.26.63,64.

Pilate beareth witnesse of Christs innocencie. John 14.4.Mat.27.24 Lu. 23.4.22. His innocencie is prophesied of.Psal.8.23. Isa.53.* and his wounds. Psalme 22.16. Zech.13.6.

The people being perswaded by the high Priests, asked Christ to bee crucified. Mat. 27.20.22,26.

Christ is mocked Mat.27.29.

Pardon is promised to the enemies of Christ,if they repent. Isa.50.10.

Christ is led vnto his death. Mat.27.31. and suffered without the gate of Ierusalem. Heb 13.12.

Pilate in ꝑ superscription affirmed Christ to bee the King of the Iewes: albeit the priests ꝛc.denied it not.Mat.27.37 Marke 15.26.Luke 13.38.John 19.19 to 22.

Christ was crucified concerning his infirmitie.2.Cor.13.4.

Christ crieth to God on the crosse.Mat.27 46.Psal.22.1.*

The Iewes reuiled Christ. Mat.27.39, to 45.

The ignominie and glory of Christ is prefigured in Iosua the high Priest. Zechar. 3.1.*

The passion of Christ is foreshewed. Dan. 9.26 Zech.3.7. Isa.53.1.* Mat.16.21. and 20.18,19.

Christ is obedient vnto the death. Phil. 2.8.

Christ died & was buried. Mat.27.50,59, 60.Mar.15.37,46.Luk.23.46,53. John 19. 30,40.* Rom.5.6,8. and 6.3.and 8.32. and 1.Cor.15.3. and 2.Cor.5.15.and 1.Thes.5. 8.10 whole death argueth Gods great loue towards vs miserable sinners.Rom.5.6,8.

Christ by his owne oblation, once for all hath purchased full satisfaction for our sins. Rom.4.25. Hebrewes 9.12.* Isa.53.8.that through faith in him, wee should enioy eternall life. John 3.15.and that therefore wee should not line vnto our selues,through sinne, but vnto him through righteousnesse.2.Cor. 5.15.

The Iewes crucified Christ through ignorance. Luke 23.34.Acts 3.17.

Of Christ his descending into hell, reade Psal.16.10.Isa.53.10.11,12. Act.2.27,31. Eph.4.9.and 1.Pet.3.18,19.

Christ rose againe the third day from the dead.Mat.28.6.Mark.16.6.Lu.24.2,5,6.7. John 20.5,7,8. Actes 2.24,31,32. and 10. 40,41.and 13 29,30,33.Rom.4.24,25 and 8.11.and 14.9,1.Cor.15.3,4.*1.Thess.4.14 2.Tim.2.8. according as it was prophesied. Psal.3.5. and 16.9,10.and 49.15 Ionah 2. 2.Mat.12.40 and 16.21. and 17.22,23.and 20.19.Mar.8.31.and 9.31.and 10 34.Luke 11.30.and 18.33.Joh.2.19,21,22.

Of the vertue of Christs his resurrection, looke Hos.6.2.1. Cor.15.20,21,22. Colos.1. 18.Reue.1.5.Rom.4.25.Acts 26.23.

Of whom Christ was seene after his resurrection. Mat.28.9. Mar 6 19. 1.Cor 15. 5,6,7,8.

Of Christ his triumph. Psal.68.18.Hole 13.14.Col 2 15.

Of the exaltation and abasing of Christ. Isa.52.13,14.

Christ ascended into heauen. Mar 16 19. Lu 24.51.Acts 1.9,10,11.Ephe.4.8,9,10. sitteth at the right hand of God the Father. Mark.16.19. Actes 7.55.Col.3.1.Heb.1.2, 13.and 10.12.and 12.2.1.Pet.3.22.

Albeit Christ filleth all in all things, yet counteth he himselfe not perfect without his Church,which is his fulnesse.Ephe.1.23.

Christ shall appeare the second time Heb. 9.28 with whom wee shall appeare in glory. Col.3.4.

How Christ shall appeare, and of the maner of his iudgement, looke Matt. 3.12. and 16.27,28. and 24.30,31.* and 25.31,32.* Luk.21.27. John 5.22,23.Acts 1.11.2.Cor. 5.10.1.Thes 4.16.Looke Comming.

Christ ordeined of God to bee iudge of quicke and dead. Actes 10.42.1.Cor.15.51, 52.1.Thes.4.15,17,2. Tim.4.1

God hath giuen vs victorie by Christ ouer sinne,death,and hell.1.Cor.15.57.

The father hath reconciled all things vnto himselfe by Christ. Col.1.20.

John auoucheth that Christ is come. 1. John 1.1,2.

What ioy those that beleeue in Christ doe purchase. Isa.35.1.*

An exhortation to come to Christ with an vpright heart,and assured faith. Hebr.4.11, 12.*Isa.1.1.2,3.*

Those that craue any thing of God by Christ shall bee heard. Isai 65.24 John 14. 13.

Christ is set fourth vnto vs for an example of life. Eph 2.5,6,7.& 1.Pet 2.21.and also that we should be clothed with his righteousnesse, and followe his steppes. Rom.13. 14.

An exhortation to moue vs to folow Christ. Hebr 13.13,17.* & to haue no confidence in worldly things. Mat.8.19,20,21,22. Luk.9. 57,58,59.* as hee did when the people would haue made him king. John 6.15.

If we remaine in Christ, wee must walke as he walked.1.John 2.6.

Christ foreshewed his Apostles that hee should not alwayes bee with them corporally.Matth.26.11 but by vertue of his spirit bee would,to the ende of the world. Mat. 28.20.

Christ receiued the charge of the faithfull of God his father.Zech.11.4.

The kingdome of Christ is euerlasting. Psa. 72.5.Isa.9.7. and 32.17. and 33.20.and 65. 20 Jere. 33.20.*Dan.2.44.and 7.27. Luke 1.33.Gen.49.10.

The Gentiles shalbe called to the kingdome of Christ by the Gospel. Mich.4.2. Acts 26.23.

Christ his power shall bee farre spread abroad Zech.9.14.

The wicked are not able to hurt either Christ or the faithfull Psa.91.1.*and 92.9.*

Christ confesseth to his father that he hath executed his charge, and taught those that he hath commanded him. John 17 4,6 8.

Christ hath so taught the Gospel vnto all, that if any perish, hee perisheth through his owne negligence. John 3.16,to 22.

Whosoeuer knoweth not Christ accursed bee he.1.Cor 16.22.

Christ was a minister to the Iewes,to declare his fathers truetth in his promises: to the Gentiles, to declare his fathers mercie, Rom 15.8,9,10,11,12.

As well Gentile as Iewe hath accesse to God the Father,through Christ by one spirit. Ephes 2.18.

The names of Christ. Isa.9.6.

Christ our aduocate,1.Joh 2.1.entreateth he autn,to appeare in the sight of God for vs Heb.9.24. alwayes maketh intercession for vs.Rom 8.34.

Christ the Lambe of God offered for a redemption.John 1.29,36.Reue.5.8,9.

Christ our Apostle and high Priest.Hebr. 3.1.

Christ the head of euery man, and God Christs head 1.Cor.11.3.

Christ Lord of the Sabbath. Matthewe 12.8.

Christ the ruler of Israel.Micah.5 2.

Christ was the desire and expectation of the Gentiles.Isa 51.5.

Christ is a Sanctuarie, a light, a glorie, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation, a rising againe of the godly, a stumbling blocke, a rocke of offence to fall on, a snare, a net, a fall, a signe, which shall bee spoken against by the wicked. Isa.8.14, 15.and 28.16.Lu.2.32,34.1.Pet.2.4,6,7, 8.Mat.21.42,44. Luk.20.11,17,18.1.Cor. 3.11,12. Ephe.2.14,20.

Christ is the saluation of God. Luk.2.30. the Sonne of man. Mat.8.20.and 12.8,32. and 20.18,28.Mar.2.10.looke Sonne of man

Christ the fountaine of grace and vertue Zech.13.1 the brit e of all things,the brightnesse of Gods glorie,and the ingraued forme of his person. Hebr 1.2,3.the portion of our inheritance.Psalme 16.5.our righteousnesse, wisedome,sanctification, and redemption. 1. Corint.1.30. Isa.42.13. and hope of glorie. Colos.1.27. the true light of men. John 1. 4.9. and 8.12.and 1.John 2.8 our master. Matth 10.24. Luke 6.40 46. John 13,13, 16.and 15.20. our mediatour. Hebr 8.6. and 9.15. Heb.12.24. and 1.Tim.2.5. the physitian of sicke sinners.Matth.9.12.Marke 2 14,17.Luk.5.27,31,32. the doore, by which the faithfull enter into life euerlasting. John 10 7,9. the good shepheard. John 10 11,14. spirituall meate,drinke, and Becke. 1.Cor.

10 3,

10.3,4. the first borne among many brethren Rom 8.29.

Christ is the chiefe shepheard. 1.Pet.2. 15. and 5.4. the Prince of the kings of the earth Reu.1.5. and the one Lord and King over all the earth. Zech.14.9. the husband of bridegrome of his Church. Matth.19.15. and 25.1,5,6,10. Ioh.3.29. Mat 2.19,20. Reu.21.9. the atonement and reconciliation for our sinnes. Rom.3.25. and 5.10,11. 1. Ioh.2.1,2. and 4.10.

Christ hath power and authoritie to forgiue sinnes. Mat.9.2,5,6. Mat.2.10. Luke 5.20,24.

Christ confesseth that he is the King of the Iewes. Matt.27.11. Mat.15 1. Luke 23.3.

Christ is the Sauiour of the world. Luke 2.11. 1. Ioh 4.14. the saluation and light of the Gentiles, and all beleeuers Isa.49.6. the word of life. Ioh 1.1,4,14. and 1. Ioh 1.1. the way, the trueth and the life. Ioh 14.6.

Christ was a graft of the roote of Ishai, and borne of the virgine Marie. Isai.11.1. Matth.11.16. Luke 3.23,31.

Christ is the vine, and we are the branches. Ioh 15.4,5,6.

Christ was anointed. Psal.45.7. Isa.61.1.

Adam a figure of Christ Rom.5.14.

To proue that Christ in his humane nature did increase in wisedome & stature, and was ignorant of the last day: but his diuine nature did not increase, but knew all things, these directions may satisfie. Isai.7.14,15, 16. and 8.4. and 53.3. * Psal.139.6. Marke 11.12,13. and 13.32. Luk.2.40,52. Matth. 26.39. and 27.46. Marke 10.40. Matth.20. 23. Ioh 5.19,30. and 11.33,34. and 14 10, 27. Phil.2.5,6,7. Heb.2.16,17,18. and 4. 15. and 2.13. and 5.7,8. and 1. Peter 2.24. Reu.19.12.

Christ the surname of others besides Iesus Christ: as Saul was called the Christ or the anointed of the Lord. 1. Sam.26.11. and 2. Sam.1.14. and so was Dauid. 2. Samuel.23.1. & was Cyrus. Isa.45.1.

False Christs foretolde. Mat.24.23.24.

Christians. The professors of the Gospel first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11.26

Christians are taught of God. Isa.54.13. Ioh 6.45 Ier.31.33.

The puritie of Christians, by meanes of the knowledge of the Gospel. Isa.11.6,to 11

The ioy of Christians, by reason of their deliuerance by Christ. Isa.9.3. and 61.10,11.

A thanksgiuing of the Christians for Gods great mercies shewed them by Christ. Isai. 12.1.*

Christians are a chosen generation, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar and precious people vnto God. Titus 2.14. 1. Pet.2.9.

Wee ought not to be ashamed to suffer as a Christian. 1. Pet.4.16.

Christians are Gods workemanship, ordeined to good workes. Eph.2.10.

What the exercise of Christians ought to be. Acts 17.11.

Christians are free, and how. 1. Pet.2.16. Ioh 8.32,36.

Christians hated of the world. Matth.10. 22. Luke 21.17.

Church signifieth a Congregation: it is taken in the new Testament, for the compony of the faithfull assembled in the name of Christ. So the whole flocke of Christians, dispersed through the world, is called a Catholike or vniuersall Church.

The Church is the house of God. 1. Tim. 3.15. the body of Christ Eph.1.23. Col.1.18

The Church of God is holy Isa.4.3. the spoule of Christ. Psal.45.10.* Reu.21.9,10.

Head of the Church, see Christ.

Christ gaue himself vnto the death for his Church, and why. Ephe.5.25,26,27,29.

The Church is free from sinne, death, and hell. Isa.11.8,9.*

The Church is confirmed in faith by the hope of Gods promises. Michah 7.20.

The Church tooke his beginning at Ierusalem. Isa.2.3. and so became the ioy of the whole earth. Psal.48.1,2.

The Church of God should bee gathered of all nations, and therein receiue remission of sinnes. Psalm.65.1,2,3.* Isa.33.23,24. and 60.1,22.*

Christ vnder the name of Ples, speaketh to the Church gathered of the Gentiles. Isai. 49.1.* looke Christ.1.Tes.3.11,12.

The gates of hell shal not preuaile against the Church and faith which is in Iesus Christ. Matth.16.18.

Christ prayeth for the Church. Ioh 17. 9,20.*

In the Church are good and bad vessels of gold, & vessels of earth, hypocrites mingled with the saints. Mat.13.24,to 31. and 47,to 51.2. Tim.2 20.*

Diuers gifts, administrations and operations in the Church. 1. Cor.12.4,5,6,10.*

Women ought to keepe silence in the Church. 1. Cor.14.34.

The Church of God is not contentious. 1. Cor.11 16.

One maner of doctrine ought to be in all Christian Churches 1. Cor.14.33.

Phebe was a sister and minister of the Church of Cenchrea. Rom 16.1.

Church discipline. Matth.18.15,16,17. Zech.14.20,21.

Who were forbidden to enter into the congregation or the Church by Moses Lawe. Deut.23.1,2,3

The Church described vnder the figure of Ierusalem. Psal.122.2.* Ezek.48.31.* her preseruation described vnder the same figure. Zech.14.1,2.

The new name of the Church, wherein the will of God shalbe performed. Isa.62.2.

The complaint of the Church for her reiection. Psal.89.38,to 53. Isa.49.21. looke Persecute.

Christ being the protector of his Church, threatneth the enemies, and comforteth his. Zech.14.12 Mich.4.11,12,13.

The restauration of the Church is prophecied. Amos 9 11.*

Many good gifts and blessings were promised to the Church after the preaching of the Gospel. Isa.60.1,2.*

The ioy of the Church, for the hope of Gods promises. Isa.61.10,11.

The felicitie of the Church in the latter daies. Isa.33.20.* and the eternitie thereof. Isai 33 20.

The Church of the faithfull are the children of God, borne through his worde and made saints by his spirit. Ioh.9 1 John 1. 1,4,12,13 and 3.1,3,to 22. Rom.8.16. and 9.9. Gal.3.7,8. and 4.6 Ephe.1.1,to 10.

The Churches members, are both Iewes and Gentiles. Isa 43.9. Iohn 10.16. 1 Cor. 12.13,14. Ephes.3.6.

God euermore a defender of his Church. Exod.13.21.& 29.45,46. Leu 26.4 Num.b. 25.13. Deut.7.19,to 25. and 23.14. and 31. 3,6,8 also 1. King.6.23. Psal.90.1,2. Isai. 43.3. Ierem.46.27,28. Zephath 8.20. and 28. 20. Iohn 14 14,26,2. Tes.6.16,17.

The Church ought to finde her ministers necessaries, and not oppresse them. Deut.12. 19. and 14.27,29. and 25.4. Ezek 7.24. Matth.10.10. Luke 10 7,11. Rom.15.27.1. Cor.9.7,11,14. Galat.6.6.

The Church ought to pray for her preachers. Acts 4.24,to 31. and 12 5. Rom.15. 30. Colos.4.3,4. Ephe.6.18. 2. Thes.3.1,2. Heb.13.8.

The faithfull that dwelt together in one house called a Church. Rom.16.5. Col.4.15.

Satan doth what hee can to hinder the Church. Zech.3.1.

The Church is knowen by Gods worde, locke Matth.7.24. and 16.13,to 19. Iohn 6.68. and 8.47. and 10.27. and 5.39. Acts 2 42. Rom.10.17. 1. Cor.3.11,12,13. Ephe. 5.25,26. 1. Tim.3.15.

The Church once sanctified ought not to defile her selfe againe. Cant.5.3.

Eight seuerall vocations in the Church. 1. Cor.12 28.

One praying and the rest consenting thereto, was vsed in the primitiue Church. 1. Cor.14.16.

Lysimachus the wicked Church-robber slaine. 2. Mac.4.42.

Of the materiall Church, and the vse thereof, looke Synagogue, Temple, and House of God.

Chaste life. Deut.30.19. looke Chosen, Freewill, and Free choise.

Circumcision, is sometime taken for the people circumcised. Gal.2.7. Tit.1.10. but most commonly for a sacrament of Gods couenant with Abraham vntil the comming of Christ, that God would be the God of him and his seed, that should trust in him. Gene. 17.9.* Leuit.12.3. Iohn 17.22,23.

Wholeouer neglected or despised circumcision, was not counted any of Gods people. Gen 17.14.

Abraham and all his housholde circumcised. Gen.17 23.*

Izhak circumcised. Gen 21.4.

God commanded circumcision the second time, and why. Iosh 5.2.to 10.

The Shechemites are by a wile procured to be circumcised. Gen.34.13,14,15.*

John Baptist circumcised. Luke 1.59.

Christ circumcised. Luke 2.21.

The Apostles thought it not meet to burden the Gentiles with the lawe and circumcision. Acts 15.10,19,24,28.

Paul Circumcised Timothy, and why. Acts 16.1,2,3.

Paul Circumcised not Titus who was a Gentile, and why. Gal. 2.3,4.

False Apostles constrained the Galatians to be circumcised, and why. Gal 6.12,13.

Circumcision is bondage. Gal. 2 4.

In Christ Iesus, neither circumcision nor vncircumcision, auaileth any thing. 1. Cor. 7. 19. Gal. 5.6. and 6.15.

Moses wife circumcised her sonne in a time of necessitie. Exod. 4.25.

Of the Circumcision of the heart & eares of the faithfull. Deut. 10.16. and 30.6. Iere. 4.4 and 6.10. Actes 7.51. Rom. 2.29. wherewith Christ hath circumcised the faithfull. Col. 2.11,12,13. and in stead of the other, hath instituted Baptisme. looke Baptisme.

The Iewes did circumcise themselues, and became Apostates. 1. Mac. 1.16.

Children newe circumcised, slaine with their mothers. 2. Mac. 6.10.

Circumcision maintained in the Apostles time. Titus 1.10. notwithstanding their Edict to the contrary. Actes 15.24,28. Looke Concision.

Circumspect. By meditating Gods Law we are made circumspect Psal 119 11.

Cities. The first cities before and after the flood, were builded by the wicked. Gen. 4.17 and 11.4.

Cities and suburbs giuen to the Leuites, and why. Num 35.2,10 9.

Cities of refuge, see Refuge.

God commanded the idolaters and their cities to be vtterly destroied and burnt. Deu. 13.12,to 17.

The fort of Zion became the citie of Dauid. 2 Sam. 5.7,9.

God is the defender of cities. 2. King. 19. 34. and 29.6. Psal. 127.1.

The portion of the citie of Ierusalem. Ezekiel 45.6.

If God spared not the citie where his Name was called vpon, he will not let other goe free. Iere. 25.29.

No euill in the citie, which the Lord hath not appointed. Amos 3.6.

A citie that is set on a hill, cannot be hid. Matth. 5.14.

We haue here no continuing citie. Heb. 13.14.

The description of the new and heauenly citie Ierusalem, of which God is the founder. Heb. 11.10 & 12.22. Reu. 3.12. & 21.10.*

Cities threatned by Christ. Matth. 11.21. and 23.37. Luke 19.43.44.

Citie, for the people of the citie of Ierusalem. Matth. 21.10.

Clay. God is our father, and we are the clay. Isa. 64.8. Job 10.9. see Man.

Cleane beasts &c, See Beasts.

None cleane that is borne of a woman. Job 25.4.

The Scribes and Pharises made cleane the vtter side of vessels: but their hearts were full of briberie and excesse. Matth. 23.25.

The Apostles were made cleane onely by giuing credite to Gods word. John 15.3. and 13.10.

Those that bee pure and cleane in heart, shall see God. Matth 5.8.

Cleaue. God commaundeth vs to cleaue vnto him by faith. Deut 13.4. and 11.22.

Those that cleaue vnto the Lord shall bee preserued, but idolaters shall bee destroyed. Deut. 4.3,4.

Wee ought to cleaue vnto that which is good, & abhorre that which is euil. Ro. 12.9.

Clarkes and *Clergie*, see Elders.

Cloake, see Mantell.

Cloth, and *Clothes*. God clothed Adam and Heua. Gen. 3.21. see Foode.

The Israelites being sanctified, washed their clothes, Exod. 19.14.

The high Priest ought not to rende his clothes for the dead Leuit. 21.1,10,11.

Gide clothed w Gods spirit. Iudg. 6.34

We ought to clothe the naked. Matt. 25. 36,43.* Isa. 18.7. see Tearing.

Cloude. The Temple is filled with a Cloude. 1. King. 8.10,11.

God rideth in the cloudes in his glorie. Deut. 33.26.

The glory of God appeared in a cloude. Exod. 16.10.

The Israelites were guided in their iourneys by a cloude. Exod. 13.21, 22. Num. 9. 1,22. Exod. 14.19,20.

God spake vnto Moses in a cloud. Num. 11.25. Deut. 31.15.

A cloud rising out of the West, is a signe of raine. Luke 12.54.

The vision of the white cloud Reu. 14.14

Cluster. A cluster of grapes of exceeding bignesse and weight. Num. 13.24.

Coadiutors in the Gospel. Ro. 16.3. Col. 4.11. 1. Cor. 3.9.

Coales of fire were kindled at the Lords wrath. 2. Sam. 22.8,9.

We ought to heap coales of fire vpon our enemies head. Rom 12.20. Prou. 25.21,22.

Coate. Iosephs coate dipped in goates blood. Gen. 37,31,32,33.

He that hath two coates, let him part with him that hath none. Luke 3.11.

Of Aarons coates. Exod. 20 39,40.

Samuels coate. 1. Sam. 2.19.

Christ his coate was without seame. Joh. 19.23.

God made Adam coats of skinnes. Gen. 3.21. see Raiment, Garment and Apparel.

Cockatrice. Isa. 11.8.

Cold. God will spue out of his mouth, those that are neither cold nor hote. Reue. 3.16.

Collections. see Gatherings, and Almes.

Colledge There was a Colledge in Ierusalem. 2. King. 22.14. 2. Chro. 34.22.

Cumbred. see Care. 2. Cor. 11.28.

Comlinesse, see Fairenesse.

Come neere. When God will come neere vnto vs. Deut. 4.7. and 33.3.

Comfort. Christ willeth vs to be of good comfort, and why. John 16.33.

Dauid comforteth himselfe in the Lord. 1. Sam. 30.1,6.

Moses comforteth the Israelites in the Lord. Deut. 31.6.

God is the God of all comfort, and comforteth vs, and maketh vs able to comfort others in all tribulation. 2. Cor. 1.3,4. Example in Iaakob. Gene. 28.15.

Examples of comforting one another, in Ioseph. Gene. 50.19,20,21. and 45.3, to 16 in Dauid. 2. Sam. 12.24. in Ionathan. 1. Sam. 23.16,17. in Paul. 1. Thes. 4.18. and 5.14. and 2.11,12. 2. Thes. 2.16,17. and in Christ. John 14.1,3.* John 14.1,19.

Comforter. Christ promiseth vs the holy Ghost to be our Comforter. John 14.16. and 15.16. and 16.17.

Iobs wife was a wicked comforter vnto him. Job 2.9. & his friends miserable comforters. Job 16.1,2.

Commandements. All men ought to feare God, and keepe his commandements. Deut. 6.1,2,to 7.

How diligent the faithfull ought to be in the studie of God Commandements, and teaching their children the same. Deut. 6.7, to 16.* Deut. 11.18,19,20.

Sinne tooke an occasion by the Commandement, and reuiued. Rom. 7.1,9.

The newe Commandement of Christ, is mutuall loue. Joh. 13,34,35. and 14.21,23. 1. John 3.23. whereby the Law is fulfilled. Rom. 13.9,10. Matt. 22.37,38,39,40. Keeping the commaundements, obteineth life. Matth. 19.17.

The obseruation of Gods Commandements, profiteth vs where circumcision doth not 1. Cor. 7.19. Iewish fables, and commandements of men to be auoyded. Titus 1. 14.

To feare God and keepe his commandements, is the whole duety of man. Eccles. 12.13.

The commandements of God ought to be done in charitie. 1. John 3.14,15,17,18. and 1. John 5.2.

He that keepeth Gods commandements, dwelleth in God, & God in him. 1. Joh. 3.24.

Hee that loueth God, keepeth his Commandements. 1. John 5.3.

Who so beleeueth in the Lorde, keepeth his commandements. Eccius. 32.24.

The new commandement of Christ, the old commandement of God. 1. John 2.7,8.

God will not forsake those that keepe his commandements. 1. Kings 6.13.

Dauid exhorteth Salomon to keep Gods commandements, and why. 1. King. 2.3.4.

Paul affirmeth that the commandements, which he had taught, were of the Lord, and not of himselfe. 1. Cor. 14.37. and Moses likewise. Exod. 20.1,22.

Blessings or cursings to those that obserue or breake the commandements. Deut. 11.16,17,21,26,27,28. Exod. 23.22,25.* see Blesse, and Curse.

Comming. Of the first comming of our Sauiour Iesus Christ. Mal. 3.1,2.

Of the great desire that the Prophets haue had for Christ his comming. Isa. 62.11

Of the comming of Christ, and the tokens thereof, looke Christ.

Christ foreshewed that his comming should shortly bee published throw all the world, by preaching of the Gospel, and the vertue of miracles. Matth. 16.28.

Of the second comming of Christ Reuel. 6 16. which should be sudden. Mat. 24 37,38. Luke 17.26,27. 2. Pet. 3.10. Reuelat. 3.3. Matth.

Matth.24.27. Of the terriblenesse thereof, looke more. Mala.4.1,2,3.* Zeph.1.14,15, 16.* Mat.16.17.and 24.30,31.and 25.21.* Iu.17.24.* and 21.27 1.Thes.4.16.

Christ shall come from heauen as hee ascended thither. Acts 1.11.

The faithfull waite for the comming of Christ.1.Cor.1.7.Heb.9.28.

Christ shall not come before there be a departing first, and the man of sinne be discloſed.2.Thes.2.1,to 4.

The comming of the Lord driueth neere. Iam.5.8.

Why the Lord slacketh his comming. 2. Pet.3.9.looke Iudge, and Iudgement, & Day of the Lord.

Comma. An example, that wee ought not to commit our selues into the handes of the wicked, if wee may conueniently shunne it. Neh.6.3.

Of committing sinne, looke Transgression, Trespasse, and Sinne.

Commodities. Three commodities come vnto vs by prophesying: that is, by reading, preaching and expounding the Scriptures vnto vs in our mother tongue: where but one is reaped otherwise.1.Cor.14 3,4.

Common, for polluted or vncleane. Actes 10.14 Mar.7.2.

All things were common among ỹ faithfull in the primitiue Church, and how.Actes 2.44.and 4.32.

The common people be neuer long pleased with any superiour. Eccles.4.15.

The cõmon wealth prospereth when godly princes haue the gouernement. Pro.28.2, 10,12.28. and 29,2,4,7,8,14.by good counsell, and not by oppression. Pro.11.14,18.

Commotion. A commotion in Ierusalem, at Christs comming thither Mat.21.10.

Communicate, for to be a partaker with the faithfull in Gods worde and Sacraments, whereof, and of the communion of Saints, looke 1.Cor.11.12,to 26.* Ephel.4.4,5,6. and 5.30.Col.2.19.Rom.12.5. Phil.2.1,2. looke Fellowship, and Supper of the Lord.

Communication. In profitable and honest communication, the faithfull ought to be occupied. Exod.18.7,8. & 22.28. Psal.15.2.* Pro.13.2.3,5. & 24.28,29* & 25.11,12.and 29.11.Eccle.5.1,2,5,6.Eccles.7.14.Mat.5. 37.& 12.31,to 38.Eph.4.25,29,31. & 5.3,4, 11,19,20.Col.3 8,17.1.Pet.3 9,10,15,16

Euill communication, looke Tongues.

Companie. Good companie wee ought to embrace.Gen.19 17.Psal.25.4.5.& 31.6,7. Pro.11.20. Amos 5.14,15. Eccles.6 35, 36,37.38 Eccles.8.8,9.and 9.16,17,18,19 and eschew and abhorre the contrary.Leu.7. 21 Num.16.26.& 25.1.* Iosh.23.12. and 2. Chro.19.2.Iob 31.3.Psal.36.1,to 5.Prou. 2.10.and 4.14. and 6.12. and 20.26.and 22. 26.and 23.3,6 and 24.16.Eccles.4.1.Iere. 16.3,5.Eccius.11.7.8 13.1.Mat.7.13,14. Actes 2.39. 2.Cor.6.14.Ephes.5.7.2.Thes. 3.14,15. 2.Tim.4.15.Reue.18.1.

Vnlawfull companying ought to be punished by death, looke Leu 18.20 and are cursed.Deu.27 20.Exod.22.19.

Compassion. God had compassion of the Israelites groninges. Iudg.2.18.

Of Gods mercifull compassion towards man. Ionah.4.11. Exod.33.19. Deu.32.36. Gen.39.2.2.King.13.4,5.Iudg.2.18. looke Mercie.

Compelled. Iosiah compelled his subiects to serue the Lord. 2.Chron.34.33. looke Discipline.

Competent. The wise man desired of God but a competent liuing,& why. Pro.30.8,9.

Complaine. Moses complaineth to God for that hee had not deliuered Israel out of captiuity so soone as he would haue had him. Exod.5.22,23.

Ioshua complaineth to God, because his people were put to flight at Ai. Iosh.7.7,8,9

Gideon complaineth to God, for that the Israelites were afflicted by the Midianites. Iudg.6.13.

Complaints of the Prophets for want of righte ous men. Mic.7.1,2,3. Psal.53.3.*

God beareth the complaints of the distressed. Exod.3.24 Psa.9.12.and 18.9 Neh.e 9. 9.look: Crie and Mourne.

Conceite. We ought not to be wise in our owne conceit. Iob.37.24 Pro.26.12. Rom. 12.1.

There is a generation pure in their owne conceite, & yet are not washed from their filthinesse. Pro.30.12.2.Pet.2.10 see Flatter.

Conception and fruitfulnesse the gifts of God. Gen.4.1.17. and 16.4,19.36. & 20.18. and 21.2. and 25.23.and 29.32.* and 30.5, to 25. Exod.2.2. Iudg.13.7. 1.Sam.1.20. 2.Sam.12.24.Hosh.1.3,6,8.Lu.2.24.

Concision. Paul calleth the doctrine of circumcision, concision. Phil.3.2,3.

Concord betweene man and wife, and alle betweene brethren is agreeable to God and man. Ecclus.25.1.

Paul exhorteth to vnitie and concorde. Rom.12.2. and 15.6. and declareth that the Spirit hath distributed to euery man seuerall gifts, that concord might be nourished. 1.Cor.12.11.

Concord of the faithfull preferred before all sacrifices Mat.5.24.looke Vnitie.

Concubine, for a married wife. Iudg.19.1,2, 24. but they had not ỹ superioritie of controlling ỹ houshold, as the wife had. Gen.25.1,6.

Dauid had both wiues and concubines. 2. Sam.5.13.

Dauid left ten concubines at Ierusalem, which Absalom lay withall. 2.Sam.15. 16. and therefore Dauid afterward neuer accompanied with them 2 Sam.20.3.

Salomon had 700.wiues and 300.concubines.1.Kings 11.3.

Concupiscence is that euill inclination that is by nature in man sithence his fall, which traineth him vnto euill. Gen.8.21. which we had not knowen to haue bin sinne, if the law had not forbidden it. Rom.7.7.

Concupiscence ought to be resisted ỹ mortified, and how. Galat.5.16,18. Colos.3.5. 2. Pet.1.4. and 2.10. and 3.3. Eccius.18.30, 31. Rom 13.14.

Euery man is drawen vnto sinne, by his owne concupiscence. Iames 1.14,15.

Of the fruits of concupiscence. Iam.4.1, 2.looke more of concupiscence in Couet, Desire, and Lust.

Condemne. Hee that is mercifull will not condemne innocents. Mat.12.7.

Who can condemne Gods chosen. Ie 50. 9.Rom.8.33.34.

As all men are condemned by Adam, so are they iustified by Christ. Rom.5.18.

The Ninenites and Queene of Sheba shall condemne the Iewes, and why. Matth. 12.41,42. Lu.11.31,32.

Hee that beleeueth in Christ, shall not bee condemned. Iob.5.24. and he that beleeueth not, is condemned all ready. John 3.18. looke Iudge.

No condemnation to the faithfull, which walke after the Spirit. Rom.8.1.

We are here chastened of the Lord, to the end wee should not bee condemned with the worlde.1.Cor.11.32.

The law is the ministerie of condemnation. 2.Cor.3.7,8.

A cõdemned person ought to giue God glory, and humbly confesse his faults. Iosh.7.19

Blessed is hee that is not condemned in his conscience, and fallen from his hope in the Lord. Ecclus.14.2.

Condition. The condition of all men is alike. and how. Eccles.9.1,to 7.

The condition of men & beasts alike, and how they differ, looke in the margent. Eccle. 3.19,20.

The lawe of God giuen vpon condition, how, looke in the margent. Rom.3.27. and 8.1,2.

Confesse. Pharaoh confessed that God was righteous, and that hee and his people were wicked. Exo.9.27.

Iethro confessed the God of Israel to bee the true God, and why. Exod.18.11.

Naaman being healed of his leprie, confessed that there was no God but in Israel. 2.King.5.15.

God punisheth the faithfull, vntill they confesse their sinnes. Num.21.7.

Achan confessed his sinne vnto Iosh ua. Iosh 7.20.

Moses confesseth vnto God the sinne of his people, and by his feruent prayer mitigateth Gods wrath. Exod.32.31,32.*

The high Priest was commanded to confesse his and the peoples sinnes, vpon the head of the Scape goate. Leuit.16,18.22.

God requireth at our hands confession of our sinnes, before we can be purged. Numb. 5.6,7,to 11. Leu.5.5.*

The Israelites confesse before the Lorde in Mispeh.1.Sam.7.6.

Of confessing of sinnes before God.1.kin. 8.46,to 49. Psal.32.5.

How to confesse our sinnes truely. Ierem. 14.20,21,22. Dan 9.4,to 20. Psal.41.4.and 51.3 and 25 7. and 19.12.1.Esd.9.8.Lu.15. 18,19.and 18.13.looke Prayer.

Those that were baptized of Iohn, confessed their sinnes. Matth.3.6.

Many that beleeued, came and confessed and shewed their works. Acts 19.18,19.

If we confesse & acknowledge our sinnes, God is faithfull to forgiue vs our sinnes, according to his promise. 1. John.1.9.

Wee ought to confesse our sinnes one to another. James 5.16.*

God dwelleth in him, that by true faith confesseth Christ to be the sonne of God. 1. Iohn 4. 15. which confession is the gift of God. Mat. 16. 16, 17.

Wee ought not to bee ashamed to confesse our sinnes. Eccles. 4. 26.

Many of the chiefe of the Iewes durst not confesse Christ publikely for feare of the Pharises Iohn 7. 13. and 12. 42.

Christ will not confesse those before his Father, that are ashamed to confesse him before men. Matth. 10. 32, 33. Luke 9. 26. and 12. 8. Mar. 8. 38.

It was foreshewed that the Gentiles should after their receiving of the Gospel, confesse one God, and yeeld due praises vnto him. 2. Sam. 22. 44, 45, 49, 50.*

To confesse and forsake sinne, obtaineth mercie, but he that hideth his sinnes shall not prosper. Pro. 28. 13.

Of Christians is required confession with mouth, and faith in heart to iustification. Rom. 10 9, 10.

To confesse, put for to praise or give thanks. Lu. 2. 38. and 10. 21.

Wee ought not to bee ashamed to confesse Christ. 2. Tim. 1. 8. Heb. 4. 14.

Fasting, prayer, confession of sinnes, and willingnesse to heare Gods word. Nehe. 9. 1, 2, 3. Looke Faith.

Confidence, looke Trust, and Hope.

Confirmeth. God confirmeth his promises to the that walke in his wayes. 1. Kin. 2 3, 4.

God will confirme his in the truth vnto the end. 1. Cor 1. 8.

Conformable. Paul was conformable to all indifferent things, and why. 1. Cor 9. 22. and 10. 23, 24, 33.

Confusion God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. 1. Cor. 14 33.

Confusion of tongues. Gen. 11. 9.

Congregation, looke Church.

Conturation, looke Rebellion.

Coniurers, looke Witches.

Conscience. The conscience of the wicked is alwayes fearefull. Wisd. 17. 10. but the righteous is as bold as a lion. Prou 28. 1.

The praise of a good conscience. Psa 15. 23. and 17. 22.

But consciences are repelled by the Gospel. Psa. 12. 25.

Saint Paul reioyced that hee enioyed a quiet conscience. 2. Cor. 1. 12. & exhorted Timothie, to seeke to enioy the like. 1. Tim. 1. 19

The faith of Iesus Christ quieteth a good conscience. Rom. 5. 1.

Who so doth any thing against his conscience, is condemned, & why. Rom. 14. 2 1, 22, 23.

We ought not to wound the conscience of our weake brethren, & why 1. Cor. 8. 7, to 13.

Albeit S. Pauls conscience did not condemne him, yet durst he not iustifie himselfe. 1. Cor. 4. 4.

The fruits of a quiet conscience. Lu 2. 29 Act 20 26. Rom 9. 1. 1. Pet 3. 15, 16, 21.

We ought to count to enioy a quiet conscience, both toward God and man. Act. 23. 16.

True repentance purchaseth a quiet conscience. Iob 11. 13. to 19.

Obedience is refused not to honor Vzzah of pride, but for conscience sake. Esa. 3. 2, 3, 4.

Blessed is hee that is not condemned in his owne conscience. Eccles. 14. 2.

The booke of a mans owne conscience, shall be his accuser at the last day. Reue. 20. 12. Rom. 2. 15, 16. Iohn 8. 9.

Consecrated. The Leuites consecrated their handes to God, by slaying the Israelites. Exod. 32. 29.

The law of the consecration of the Nazarites. Num 6. 2, 13, 18, 21.

Of the consecration of Aaron & his sonnes. Exod. 30. 19, 20, 30.* Leu. 8. 9. looke Aaron.

How the high Priestes were consecrated, looke Priests.

Of the consecration and purifying of the Leuites. Num. 8. 6.*

Consolation. Christ the consolation of Israel. Luke 2. 25. looke Comfort.

Conspiracie, looke Treason.

Constellation. Looke Signes of heauen.

Consult. The wicked consult against the godly Psal. 83. 5.

Consuming. To whom God is a consuming fire. Deut. 4. 24. Heb 12. 29.

Contemne. God will punish those that contemne his word, lawes, and preachers. Isai. 28. 14.* Ezek. 33. 30, 31, 32, 33. Prou. 5. 10. Example in Manasseh. 2. Chron. 33. 10, 11. looke Despise, and Mat. 7. 6.

Content. To bee content with foode and raiment, & to count no riches but godlinesse, and why. 1. Tim. 6 6. to 10.

To be content with the state whereto wee are called, without grudging. Phil. 4. 11.

Contention. Nothing to bee done through contention or vainegloyr. Phil. 2. 3.

A contentious man apt to kindle strife. Prou. 26. 21.

The lot causeth contentions to cease. Pro. 18. 18.

Contention, a worke of the flesh. Gal. 5. 20

The Lord hateth them that raise contentions Prou. 6. 19.

Hatred stirreth vp contentions, but loue coureth all trespasses. Pro. 10. 12.

To the wicked the godly seeme contentious. Iere. 15. 10. Looke Quarelling, Debate, Dissention, Strife, and Roman. 13. 13. and 1. Cor. 1. 11.

Continencie, a speciall gift of God. Matt. 19. 11. and 1. Cor. 7. 7.

Continue. We ought to continue in goodnesse for many causes. Gene. 19. 17. Iob. 2. 3. Pro. 3. 27, 28. & 23. 17. Eze. 18. 17, 19, 20.* & 33. 7, 12 Eccle. 11. 3.* & 11. 20.* Mat. 24. 13 Lu. 9. 62. Iob 8. 31, 32, 61. Act. 2. 42. and 11. 23. & 13. 43. & 14. 22. 2. Tim 3. 14. Heb. 3. 12.* 2. Pet. 2. 20, 21, 22. 1. Iob. 2. 19. Reu. 2. 25, 26. Looke Perseuere.

Controuersies decided by the Iudge. Deu. 25. 1. 2, 3.

Conuersation. The conuersation both of Iew and Gentile, before they knew Christ. 1. Pet. 4. 3. Ephe 2. 1, 2, 3. Rom. 1. 24.*

Christ hath redeemed vs from our vaine conuersation. 1. Peter 1. 18.

Good conuersation the sacrifice of faith. Phil. 1. 12, to 18.

The summe of Christian conuersation. Phil. 4. 8, 9.

The conuersation of Christians ought to be in heauen. Phil. 3. 20. It ought to be holy & honest, especially among ſ ignorant & enemies of the word. 1. Pet. 2. 12. 2. Pet. 3. 11.

Considering the end of the Apostles conuersation, wee ought to followe their faith. Heb 13. 7.

Conuersion. To shewe our conuersion, whiles we may sinne. Eccles. 18. 20.

An exhortation to true conuersion. Ioel 2. 12.*

God is mercifull to such as conuert vnto him. 2. Chr. 30. 9.

Except we conuert, we cannot enter into the kingdome of God. Mat. 18. 3.

Hee that feareth the Lord, conuerteth in heart. Eccles. 21. 6.

Coppersmith. Looke Alexander.

Coard. A threefold coard not easily broken. Eccles. 4. 12.

Cornehoorders. Against Cornehoorders, looke Amos 8. 4, to 8.*

Correct. God correcteth the faithfull for their wealth, and triall of their faith. Iob 1. 11, 12. and 42. 11, 12. Looke Chasten.

Of brotherly correction, exhortation, and warning, reade Gen. 37. 21, 22. Leu. 19. 17. Psa 1. 22, 23 24, 25.* Pro 9. 7, 8, 9. & 10. 17. & 12. 1. & 15. 31. Psa 17. 10. & 22. 15. & 25. 8, 9, 10, 12. & 27 5, 6. & 28. 23. & 29. 1. Eccles. 7. 7. Eccle 19. 13, to 18. & 20. 1, 2. & 21. 6, 7. and 31. 31. Matt. 18. 15, to 18. Luke 17. 3. Galat. 2. 11.* & 6. 1. 1. Tim. 5. 24, 25, 26. Heb. 3. 7, 8, 12, 13. Iam. 5. 9, 10, 11 looke Discipline.

The correction of the wicked, a warning for the godly. Deut. 13. 10, 11. & 17. 12, 13. & 19 19, 20. & 21. 18, 19, 20, 21. Prou. 19. 25. & 21. 11. Eccles. 23. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. Act. 5. 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13. 1. Tim. 5. 20.

The corrector or rebuker ought to bee blameleſſe himselfe. Matt. 7. 3, 4, 5. Lu. 6. 39. Iohn 8. 7, 9. 1. Tim 3. 2. Tit. 1. 6, 7.

Of correction of children. looke Chasten.

Corrupt. The earth was corrupt before God. Gen 6. 11.

All mankinde through Adams fall corrupted. 2 Esd. 9. 19. & 7. 48. and 3. 21. Gen. 3. 6, 7. Rom 5. 12.*

The mount of corruption, why so called. 2 King 23. 13.

Couenant. God maketh a couenant with Noah. Gen. 6. 18.* & 9. 9, to 18 and with Abraham Gen. 15. 18. and 17. 2, to 22.

Abraham maketh a couenant with Abimelech, and why Gen. 21. 23, to 33.

The Israelites make a couenant with God. Exod. 24. 3, 7, 8. and God with them. Exod. 19. 5, 6.

Elijah grieued, that the Israelites had forsaken Gods couenant. 1. Kings 19. 10, 14.

Iehoiada maketh a couenant betweene the Lord, the king, and the people. 2. Kings 11. 17.

Ishaks couenant with Abimelech. Genes. 26. 28. 31. And Iaakobs with Laban. Gene. 31. 44, to 49.*

Dauids couenant with Ionathan. 1. Samuel 20. 16. for the which he well entreated Mephibosheth 2. Sam. 9. 7.

God promiseth a new couenant to the faithfull. Iere. 31. 31, to 34. Esa 42. 5, 6. and 49. 8. Luke 2. 31.

The godly ought not to make any couenant with the wicked, and why. Exo.23.32, 33.and.34.12,15,16.looke Mariage.

Ahab maketh a couenant with Benhadad king of Syria.1.King.20.34,42.

The Israelites for making Couenants with the wicked, are punished Iudg.3.6,8.

The Fathers couenant with God, bindeth the children.Deut.29.14.15.*31.13.

The people make a couenant with the Lord, and seale it.Nehe.9.38.

The couenant of sale, what. Num.18.19. looke Testament.

Couet. We ought not to couet our neighbours wife nor any thing that is his. Exod. 20.17. Deut.5.21.

Paul couetted no mans siluer, gold, or apparel. Acts 20.33. looke Desire.

Couetous. The miserable state of a couetous rich man. Eccles.6.2,3.

Couetousnesse is vnsatiable. Pro.27.20. the roote of all euill. 1.Tim.6.10.

Idolatrie. Ephes.5.5. Col.3.5. not to bee named among Christians. Ephe.5.1. where of Christ willeth vs to take heede and beware. Luke.12.15.1035. Ped.13.5.

Iudges ought to hate couetousnesse. Exo. 18.21.

An exclamation against couetous magistrates. Isa.3.14.*

Woe to those that are couetous, Isa.5.8. Habak.2.6,9,12.

We ought to pray that our hearts may be inclined to Gods testimonies, and not to couetousnesse. Psal.119.36.

Couetousnesse infecteth all sorts of people. Iere.6.13. and 8.10.

Nothing worse then a couetous man, and why. Eccius.10.9.

The couetous man enuieth himselfe. Eccius.14.3,4, to 17. and wherunto he is resembled, looke Partridge.

The children of Eli, being couetous, perverted iudgement. 1.Sam.2.12,to 18.

The couetousnesse of Gehazi punished. 2.kings 5 20,27.*

Against couetous preachers, which make marchandise of Gods people. 2.Pet.2.3.

The couetous Pharises mocked Christ, for reproouing their couetousnesse. Luk.16.14.

Paul vsed no colloured couetousnesse, or flattering words. 1.Thess.2.5.

The couetous, &c. shall not inherite the kingdome of God. 1.Cor.6.10

Couetous wretches, instead of releeuing Gods children, vse to reuile them. 1.Sam. 25.10,11.

Of Couetousnesse, and the punishment thereof, looke more Iosh 7.21. 1.Sam 8.3.1. king.22.1,2,3.* Psal.37.* Pro.1.10,to 20. and 11.1,24.26,28,29. and 28.8,20 22. and 30.8,9,14,15. Eccles.2.26. and 4.8. and 5.9, 10,12 to 17 Isa.33.6. and 56.11. Amos 8.4, 5,6.* Mich.6.10.* Eccles.31.5,6,7,24. 2.Mac.4.7, to 36. Mat.16.19,20,21,24.* Mat.26.14,15,16. and 27.3, to 11. Ioh.12, 6 Acts 5.1,2, to 11. and 8.18. to 25. and 24. 26,27. 1.Tim.6.17. and 3.3,8 Tit.1.7.

Out of the heart proceede euill thoughtes, couetousnesse, &c Mark.7.22.

Counsell. Dauid prayeth that Ahitophels wicked counsell might bee turned to foolishnesse. 2.Sam.15.31. which came to passe. 2. Sam.17.1,7,10,15.

Those that disobey Gods commandements shalbe without counsell. Deut.32.28.

No counsell can resist God. Prou.21.30.

The counsell of God is beyond mans reach. Rom.11.33,34.

The difference betweene aged and young mens counsell. 1.king.12.6,7,9,10,11.

Ruth followed the counsell of her stepmother Naomi. Ruth. 3.1, to 6. In doubtfull matters we ought to aske counsell of Gods word, and prophets. Gene.25.22,23 Leuit. 24.12. Numb.9.8. and 15.34.35, and 27.5. Deut.17.8,to 14. and 21.5.* Iudg.1.1. and 20.18,to 24 and 20. 2,3,4.1. Sam.9.9. and 10 22. and 23.2,11,12. and 30.7.8.2. Sam. 2.1. and 5.19. and 21.1. and 1.king.14.2,3. and 22.5,8,to 39.2.kin.3.11,13. and 8.8, to 16 and 22.13,14. Psal.119.9. Pro.3.1, to 7 Isa.8.19,20. and 9.13. and 25.1,9. and 45. 11, Isa.30.1,2. and 37.1,2. Eze.14.1,2. Jer. 7.2,3. Tob.4.19. Eccius.8.9. and 9.16. and 37.15,16. Luke 16.29.

At the dead, sorcerers, and false prophets, we ought not to aske counsell. Leuit.19.31. and 20.6. Deut.18.10, to 15. and 1.Sam. 28.7,15.*and 2.kin.1,2,3. 2.Chro.18.5,21. Isa.8.19. Dan.2.27. and 4.4. and 5.7.8.

Good counsell of whomsoeuer, not to bee disdained. Exod.18.19 24.

God confoundeth wicked counsels. Psal. 33.10,11. Gen.11.7, 8. and 37.21. and 50. 20. Num.22.4,12,20.* and 23.8.*and 24. 5.* and 2.Sam.15.2.31.* and 17.14. Neh. 4.15. Est.7.4 8.* Iob 5.12. Psa.2.1,2,3,4. Psal.20.8. Psal.21. 8,9, 12. Isai. 7.4, 5,7. and 19.3. Matt.27.62.*and 28.2,3,4 Acts 5.17,27, 38,39.* and 9 22,24.25. and 22. 30. and 23.1. and 27.42.*

God worketh all things after the counsell of his owne will. Ephe.1.11.

The reward of following euill counsell, 1. kings 12.13, to 16.

Paul reuealed to the Elders of the Church, the whole counsell of God. Acts.20.27.

The Pharises, and Herodians take counsell against Christ. Mat.12.14. and 22.15, 16. Mar.12.13. and 3.6.

Ieroboam taketh counsell to withhold the people from the true seruice of God. 1. king. 12.27,28,29.

Iezebels wicked counsel against Naboth, 1.king.21.5,7,to 11.

We ought not to bee guided by our owne counsels. Pro.23.2.

God threatneth them that leane to their owne counsell. Eze.11.21.

Of generall Counsels, looke in Doctours and Doctrine.

Counsellers. Euil counsellers purchase hatred to their prince, where good might happen. 2.Sam.10.3.

Wicked counsellers make a wicked king. 2.Chro.22.3,4,5.

Countenance. A mans countenance, garments, and gestures, doe bewray his disposition. Eccius.19.27.28.

Counterfeit. The wicked can counterfet. Eli.5.10. looke Dissembler, and Fayning.

Countreys, looke Nations.

Court. The forme of the Court of the Tabernacle. Exod.29.9,10, to 20. and 38.9, to 21. and of the situation thereof. Exod.40.33.

Courtiers should reade the Scriptures. Acts 8.28.

The Court of the Temple of Salomon. 2.Chro.4.9,10.

Courteous. Christians ought to be courteous one to another. Ephes.4.32.

Cowardnesse. God will punish those that transgresse his commandements, with cowardnesse and faint hearts. Leuit.26.36,37. Deut.28.65,66.67. and 32.25.

Cowards or faint hearted might not goe to warre, and why. Deut.20.8.

Craft. looke Subtilnes.

Create. God created all things of nothing. Genes.1.1.*by Christ Col.1.16. for his will and pleasure, and for mans sake. 2.Esd.6. 55. Reu.4.11. looke Man.

Creator and Creatures, God is our Creator Deut 32.18.

The Creator may bee knowen by his workes. Wisd.13.5. Rom.1.19,20.

Gods power declared by his Creatures. Iob.12.7,8.

The creation of Gods wonderfull workes commended. Eccius.42.15.*and 43.1,27.*

Gods creatures must conforme themselues to his will. Isa.45.9.

Those that trust in creatures, are deceiued. Isa.30.16.

Christ was begotten before all creatures. Col.1.15,17.

Euery creature of God is good. 1.Tim. 4.4.5.

Euery creature gaue glory to the Lambe, Iesus Christ. Reu.5.13.

Creatures subiect to vanitie: howe, and why. Rom.8.19,20,to 24.

Christ commanded his Apostles to preach to euery creature Mark 16.17. which commandement they haue fulfilled. Colos.1.23. Rom.10.18.

The regenerate ought to become newe creatures. 2.Cor.5.17. Gal.6.15.

Creeples from their mothers wombe, healed by Peter and Paul. Act.3.2,7.*14.10.

Cry. The cry of the Ekronites went vp to heauen. 1.Sam 5.10,12.

Habels blood cried vnto God for vengeance. Gen.4.10.

The cries of Sodome and Gomorah ascended to God. Gen.18.20,21.

The Lorde heareth the cries of the afflicted. Deut.26.7. Exod.3.2.

The Israelites crying to the Lorde, were deliuered. 1.Sam.12.10,11. Iudg.10.10. and 11.2,3.

Moses crying to the Lord for Israel against Pharaoh was heard. Exo.14.15,16.* and Samuel, against the Philistims. 1.Sa. 7.8.9.

Dauids enemies cryed to the Lord, but he answered not. 2.Som.22.42.

The hyred seruant oppressed, crying to God, is the heard Deu.24.14.15. Iam.5.4.

Christ will auenge his elect that crie to him perseuerantly. Luke 18.1.7.

Why God heedeth not rong ruuens that cry

to him, much more his chosen. Luk. 1 2. 22, to 25. Psal. 147. 9.

He that stoppeth his eare at the crying of the poore, shall cry himselfe, and not be heard. Pro. 21. 13.

All crying, euill speaking, &c. to be banished from Christian. Ephe. 4. 31.

Crosse. Christ is led with his Crosse to bee crucified Matth. 27. 31, 33. Mark. 15. 20, 22 Lu. 23. 26, 33. Iosh. 19. 16, 17. He creepeth on the crosse, that he was forsaken. Mat. 27. 46. Psal. 22. 1, 2. What anguish he endured on the crosse. Psal. 22. 14.

To beare the crosse of Christ. Mat. 16. 24 Mar. 8 34, 38. Luke 9. 23, 24, 25, 26. els not to enter into Gods kingdome. Mark. 10 21. 23, 24, 38. Mat. 20. 16, 20, to 24.

He that taketh not his crosse to follow after Christ, is not worthy to be Christes disciple. Mat. 10. 38.

The crosse of affliction is commended, and why. Mat. 5. 3, to 12. Iob 5. 7. Prou. 10 27. and 12. 1. Eccles. 2. 1, to 6.

Crosse, put for preaching of ỹ Gospel. Ph. 3. 18 for the benefit of redemption. 1. Cor. 1. 17. and for Christ crucified. 1. Cor. 1. 18, 23.

Paul reioyced nothing more then in the crosse of Christ. Gal. 6. 14.

The crosse of affliction is layd on all true beleeuers. Gen. 4. 8. and 27. 41.* and 37. 18. Exod. 2. 15. 1. King. 19. 2. Matt. 10. 9, 10, 16.* and 24. 9. Mark. 13. 9, 13. Luke 23 26 and 21. 17. Iob. 15. 18. and 16. 2. Act. 9. 14 Gal. 4. 29. 1. Thessal. 3. 3, 4. 2. Tim. 3. 12. 1. Pet. 4. 12. and that by the prouidence of God. Ps. 37. 37. for their wealth and prosite. 2. Samu. 3. 14, 15, 16. Iob 5. 15, 16, 17.* and. 33. 16, 17. Prou 3. 12. Jerem. 46. 27, 28. 1. Cor. 11, 29, 32. Heb. 12. 6, to 12. 1. Pet. 4. 13. Reu. 3, 10, 12. to traine them thereby to the knowledge of God Exod. 1. 12.* 2. Chro. 32. 20.* Prouerb. 6. 23. Iudeth 8. 9.* Matth. 7. 13. Luke 24. 19, 25, to 33. Iohn 12. 25, 26. Acts 14. 19, 20.* Rom 8. 17. 2. Chron. 4. 8. to 13. and 5. 1, 2, 3.* Phil. 2. 8, to 12. 2. Thess. 1 5, 6. Heb 2. 9, 10. and 12. 2, 3 and so to preserue them till the comming of Christ. Prouerbs 27. 3. and 27. 21. Eccles. 27. 5. 8. 2. Thessa. 1. 7. 1. Peter 1. 7, 9. and therefore is not onely to be borne patiently. Matth 5. 5. and 10. 28, 38. John 15. 11. Luke 21, 19. John 16. 20. Acts 5. 41. and 16. 25. 2 Corinth. 8. 2. Coloss. 1. 11, 12. Heb. 10. 36. James 1. 2, 3. 2. Peter. 4. 13. 16. 2. Thessal. 1. 4. but also most ioyfull to bee imbraced of them. Iob. 5. 17.* Psal. 89. 33. 34, to 38. Prouerb. 23 28. Isa. 26 1.* Jerem. 3. 24, 31, 32.* Matth. 5. 4, 6, 10, 11, 12. Iob. 15. 2, 7, 8, 11. Iob. 16. 20. 22, 33. 1. Corinth 10. 10, 13. 2. Cor. 1. 4, 5, 9 to 7.

The Crosse was layd vpon Dauid for his adultery. 2. Sam. 12. 10. to 19.

The foolishnesse of the preaching of the crosse. 1. Cor. 1. 23. is the power of God to saluation in those that beleeue. 1. Cor. 1. 18.

How the crosse of Christ is made of none effect 1. Cor. 1. 17. looke Affliction, Persecution, and Tribulation.

Crowne the crowne of life is promised to those ỹ endure tentation. Ia 1. 12. Re. 2. 10.

The crowne of Gods ministers are those whom they winne vnto Christ by their preaching. Rom. 3. 11. Phil. 4. 1. 1. Thess. 2. 19.

The crowne of righteousnes shalbe giuen vnto all that loue the appearing of Christ. 2. Tim. 4. 8.

Crowne of glory. 1. Pet 5 4.

The Crowne of thornes, put on Christes head. Matth. 27. 29.

Of Dauids crowne which hee tooke from the head of the king of the Ammonites. 1. Chron. 20. 2.

¶ Crucifie. true Christians crucifie the flesh. Gal. 2. 19. and 5. 24.

Paul preached Christ crucified. 1. Cor 1 23. In respect whereof hee esteemed not the knowledge of any thing. 1. Cor. 2. 2.

Saint Paul was crucified to the worlde, and the world vnto him. Gal. 6. 14.

Christ was crucified. Matth. 27. 35. Mar. 15 24. Luke 23. 33. John 19. 18. 1. Cor. 2. 8.

Cruelties. The earth was full of cruelty. Gen. 6. 11 looke Tyranny.

¶ Cubite. A cubit a cubite is counted but for one foote and a halfe, yet some thinke the common cubite of the Hebrews did containe 2. foote and a halfe whereof two doe make a Geometrical cubite, that is fiue foote by the standard after which measure it is thought the Arke was made. Gen. 6. 15, 16.

2000. cubites, or a mile, a distance between the Arke and the armie, when they should passe Iordan. Iosh. 3. 4.

Cup, for the wine in the Lordes supper. Matth. 26. 27. 1. Cor. 11. 25.

The Cup and bread signifie that we are toynt partakers of the fruites of Christs passion: that is, one body, and coheires with him of euerlasting saluation. 1. Cor 10, 16, 17.

Cup, taken for the death of Christ. Mat. 20 22, 23. and Mar. 10, 38. and for the wrath of God. Mat. 26. 39. Mar. 14. 36. Luke 22. 42.

Curious questions. 1. Tim. 5, 13. Luke 12. 29 1. Tim. 6. 5. Matth. 24. 36. John 9. 2. and 14. 21. and 21. 20, 21, 22. Acts. 1 6, 7, 8 Acts 17. 19, 21. Rom. 9. 22. and 11. 33. Coloss. 2. 16* 1. Thess. 5. 1. 2. Tim. 2, 14. and 1. Pet. 4. 15. looke Disputation.

We ought not to bee curious in Gods workes and why. Eccles 3. & Deut. 29. 29.

Curious artes are to be auoided. Col. 2. 8. 18. Acts. 19, 19, 20.

Curse. Rebekah feared not to take vpon her the curse of Isaak. Gen. 27. 13.

The curse which Iotham asked to fall vpon the Shechemites came to passe. Iudges 9. 19, 20, 57.

The Israelites desired Gods curse, if they gaue of their daughters to the Beniamites to wife. Iudges 21. 1, 18.

Of the curses of God on the transgressors of his commandements. Leuit. 26. 14, to 42. Deut. 28. 15.* and 11. 28. Iob. 27. 13.*

Of the maner of cursing. Deuter. 27 13, 14, 15.*

Dauid desireth Gods curses to fall on Ioab for slaying Abner. 2. Sam. 3. 9.

God turneth the curse of Balaam, into a blessing Num. 23 5, 11. Iosh 24. 9. 10.

God cursed the earth, when he sent the deluge. Gene. 8. 21.

The earth was cursed for mans sinne. Ge. 3. 17. the serpent for enticing Heuah. Gen. 3. 14. Cain for killing his brother. Genesis 4. 8, 11.

God promiseth Abram to curse those that curse him. Gen. 12 3.

Cursed is he that curseth Iaakob. Gene. 27 29.

Balak sendeth for Balaam to curse Gods people. Num. 22. 5, 6.

Goliath cursed Dauid. 1. Sam. 17. 43.

Iohna cursed ỹ Gibeonites. Iol. 9 23, 27.

The Shechemites cursed Abimelech. Iudges 9. 20, 27.

Dauid cursed those that stirred vp Saul against him. 1. Sam. 26. 11.

Cursed is he that fulfilleth not all the commandements of the law. Galat. 3. 10. Deut. 27. 26.

Cursed is he that hangeth on a tree Deu. 21. 23.

Christ was cursed for vs, and why. Galat. 3. 13. 14.

We ought not to curse. Leu. 19. 14 Rom. 12. 14. but bleese, euen those, that curse vs. Matth. 5. 44. Luke 6. 28.

Dauid cursed not Shimei, who cursed him. 2. Sam. 16. 5, to 14.

Those that shall stande on Christes left hand, shall be accursed. Matth. 25. 41.

The Pharises called those cursed that beleeued in Christ. John 7. 49.

Whosoeuer cursed the name of the Lord, was stoned to death. Exod. 22. 17. Leuit. 20. 9. Mat. 15. 4.

Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, &c. Jerr. 17 5, 6.

Cursed be he that doeth the worke of the Lord negligently. Jerr. 48. 10.

Of cursing, looke more. Gen. 9. 25. Num. 5. 18.* Iosh. 8. 34. Pro. 26. 2. Jerem. 29. 17, 18. and 49. 13. Zech. 8. 13.

The godly haue cursed, and how. Jrer. 22, 14, 15. Job. 3. 1.*

Curtaines of the Tabernacle. Exod. 26. 1. to 15. and 36 8, to 20.

Customes of the Hebrewes. Genes. 32. 32. and 43. 24. 25. Judg. 11. 34, 37, 39, 40. Ruth. 4. 7. and 2. Chr. 35. 24.

Custome is a name to the wicked. Wisd. 14. 15. looke Accustomed.

Custome is an ill president. John 18 39. Mat. 27. 15.

Against custome contrary to the truth. looke Exod. 23. 2. Leuit. 18. 30. Deut. 12. 32 2. kings 17 39, 40. Matth. 25 9. Mar. 7. 8, 9. 1. Cor. 11. 16 Jere. 10. 3.

A good custome Acts 25. 26.

Cutting our selues, looke Baldc.

Baals Priestes cut themselues, 1. kings 18. 28.

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Daintie looke Wanton, Diet, and Apparel,

Damnation, looke Condemne, and Hell.

The Damned are called Goates. Matth. 25. 33.

Danger. He that loueth danger shall perish therein Eccius. 3. 27.

No man ought rashly to put his life in danger. Eccles 8. 8.

God deliuered the Israelites out of great danger. Exod. 14. 2, 3, 4, 16.*

Darkenesse

Darkeneſſe vpon the vvrepe. Gen. 1. 2.

The ix. plague of Egypt was palpable darkeneſſe. Exod. 10. 21, 22. and why. Wiſd. 18. 4.

Darkneſſe ouer all the land of Iurie, when Chriſt died. Mat. 27. 45. Mar. 15. 33. Luke 23. 44.

In God is no darkeneſſe. 1. Ioh. 1. 5.

We Gentiles were darkeneſſe. Eph. 5. 8. but now are light. 1. Theſ. 5. 5.

The light ſhineth in darkeneſſe, and the darkeneſſe comprehended it not. 1. Ioh. 1. 5.

The vvorkes of darkneſſe. Rom. 13. 12, 13.

God will lighten things that are hidde in darkeneſſe. 1. Cor. 4. 5.

If we walke in darkneſſe, we haue no fellowſhip with Chriſt. 1. Ioh. 1. 6.

Whoſoeuer hateth his brother, is ſtill in darkeneſſe. 1. Ioh. 2. 9.

There is no communion betweene light and darkeneſſe. 2. Cor. 6. 14.

The Lorde will lighten the darkeneſſe. 2. Sam. 22. 29.

The dayes of darkeneſſe. Eccles. 11. 8.

Darkneſſe put for ignorance of God. Ioh. 3. 19. Mat. 4. 16. for the vvhole corruption of mans nature. Epheſ. 5. 8. for ſinne. Rom. 13. 12. Epheſ. 5. 11. 1. Ioh. 1. 6. for blindneſſe of minde. Mat. 4. 16. Luke 1. 79. Ioh. 8. 12. and 12. 46. Acts 26. 18. Col. 1. 13. 1. Theſſ. 5. 4. 1. Pet. 2. 9. 1. Ioh. 2. 8.

Vtter darkeneſſe. Mat. 8. 12 and 25. 30.

Of darke ſpeeches, looke Parables, and Riddles.

Dare. Who dare ſtand againſt God. Wiſd. 12. 13.

Daughter. What care an honeſt man ought to haue of his daughter. Eccl. 42. 9, 10, 11. and 26 10.

Like mother, like daughter. Ezek. 16 44.

Daughter of Zion, for all the number of the faithfull. Cant. 3. 11. reade Iſa. 3. 16.

Daughters for cities. Ezek. 16 46. Matth. 21. 5. for citizens. Luke 23. 28.

A wiſe daughter is an heritage to her huſband. Eccl. 22. 4.

The daughters of Princes, wore a garment of diuers colours. 2 Sam. 13 18.

Of the daughter ſold to be a ſeruant, reade Exod. 21. 7. to 12.

No man ought to perſwade his daughter to whoredome. Leuit. 19. 29.

Iphtah offered his onely daughter in ſacrifice. Iudg. 11. 31, 39. looke Children and Women.

Daunced. The Iſraelites daunced before the golden calfe. Exod. 32, 18, 19.

The Beniamites tooke of the daughters of Shiloh, when they kept their ſolemne feaſts of dauncing. Iudg. 21. 21, 22, 23.

Dauid daunced before the Arke. 2. Sam. 6 14, 16. 1. Chro. 15. 29.

To ſhun the woman that is a daunceer & a ſinger: & why. Eccl. 9. 4. reade Ecc. 15. 20. Iudg. 11. 34. 1. Sam. 18. 6. & 29 5. Eccles. 3. 5. Matt 14 6. Marke 6. 22. Luke 15. 25. looke Piped.

Day. The day was created by the vvord of God. Gen. 1. 3, 5.

Two great ligles to diuide the day and the night. Gen. 1. 16, 17, 18.

Day and night ſhal not ceaſe to the vvorlds end. Gen. 8. 22.

God is the life and length of dayes to the faithfull. Deut. 30. 20.

The longeſt day that euer was or ſhal be, in Ioſhuahs time. Ioſh 10. 13, 14.

God will prolong their dayes that obſerue his lawes. 1. Kings 3. 14.

The Lord the Iudge be Iudge this day: a hinde of the Iudg. 11. 27.

How a man may lee good and long dayes. 1. Pet. 3. 10.* Pſal 34. 12.*

Redeeme the time, becauſe the dayes be euill. Epheſ. 5. 16.

Superſtitious obſeruation of Dayes reproued. Gal 4. 10. Col. 2. 6, 16, 17.*

All dayes ought to be alike among Chriſtians. Rom. 14. 5, 6 Mat. 12. 1, to 9. Mat. 2. 27. Luke 13. 15, 16 Ioh. 5. 10, 11.

One day with the Lord is as a thouſand yeeres. 2. Pet. 3. 8.

A day for a yeere. Ezek. 4. 6.

The day of ſaluation. 2. Cor. 6. 2.

The day of the Lord is at hand. Rom. 13. 12. It is vnknowen. Mat. 24. 36, 43 & 25. 13. 1. Theſſ 5. 2. it will be fearefull. 2. Cor 5. 10, 11. Mal. 4 1, 5. Amos 5. 18. reade 2. Theſſ. 2. 1, 2, 3. Zech. 14. 7. looke Iudgement.

The great day of Gods wrath is come. Reuel. 6. 17.

Sunday called the Lords day, and why. Reuel. 1. 10.

The day of death vnknowen. Eccle. 9. 12.

Daily bread, looke Foode.

Widowes neglected in the dayly miniſtring. Acts 6. 1.

We ought to releeue one brethren deſtitute of dayly foode. James 2. 15.

The dayly ſacrifice of Chriſtians. Malac. 1. 11.

Chriſt taught dayly in the Temple. Mat. 26. 55. Luke 19. 47.

Scriptures ſearched dayly. Acts 17. 11.

Paul died dayly. 1. Cor. 15. 31.

Deacons. Of Deacons, and what men they ought to be. 1. Tim. 3. 8, to 14.

Deacons ordeined in the Church by the Apoſtles and why. Act. 6. 2, 3, to 7. of their office. Rom. 12. 8.

Dead. The dead raiſed vp by Eliiah. 1. Kin. 17. 22. by Eliſha. 2. kin. 4. 35. by Chriſt. Mat. 9. 25. & 22. 52, 53. Mar. 5. 41. Luke 7. 22, 15. by Peter. Act. 9. 36.* by Paul. Acts 20. 9, 10, 11, 12, 30. and by touching the dead bones of Eliſha 2. Kings 14. 21.

The dead is not to be ſought vnto Deut. 18. 11. Iſai. 8. 19, 20. looke Praying for the dead.

The Iewes might not cut or make themſelues balde for the dead, and why. Deut. 14. 1, 2.

The high Prieſt might not be preſent at the buriall of the dead. Leuit. 21. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Faſting and prayer with teares, cannot profite the dead. 2. Sam 12 22, 23.

The dead ſhal heare the voice of the ſonne of God, and liue. Ioh 5. 25.

Dead mens bones burned. Amos 2. 1.

To be dead to ſinne, how. Rom. 6. 2.

The faithfull ſeeme dead vnto the world, when they before God, doe liue in Chriſt Ieſus. Col. 3. 3, 4.

Chriſt riſing from the dead, was made the firſt fruits. 1. Cor. 15. 20. and firſt borne of the dead. Col. 1. 18.

We are buried by baptiſme as dead with Chriſt. Rom. 6. 4.

Being dead with Chriſt, from the ordinances of the world, wee are not burdened with traditions, and why. Col. 2. 20.*

Widowes that liue at pleaſure, are dead being aliue. 1 Tim 5. 6.

Of the burial and bewayling of the dead, looke Mourning.

Deafe. God maketh dumme and deafe. Exod. 4. 11.

Curſe not the deafe. Leuit. 19. 14.

Chriſt healed a deafe man. Mar. 7 32.*

Dealing plainely, looke Simple.

Deare. Luk. 7. 2. Act. 20. 24. looke Beloued and Precious.

Dearely beloued, looke Beloued.

Dearth, looke Famine.

Death. God foretolde Adam, that whenſoeuer he did eate of the tree of knowledge, he ſhould die the death. Gen. 2. 16, 17.

Death followeth the breach of Gods commandements. Deut. 30. 17, 18, 19.

The death of Adam and all his poſteritie vnto Noah. Genes. 5. 5.* Of Noah. Gen. 9. 29. Of Terah Abrahams father. Genes. 11. 32. Of Abraham. Gen. 25. 8. Of Sarah. Gene. 23. 2. Of Debojah Rebekahs nourſe. Gen. 35. 8. Of Iſhak. Gen 35. 29. Of Iakob. Gen. 49. 33. Of Ioſeph and all his brethren. Exod 1. 6. Of Aaron. Numb. 20. 28. and 33. 38 Deut. 10. 6. and 32. 50. Of Moſes. Deut. 34. 5. Of Ioſhua. Ioſh. 24. 29. Of Gideon. Iudg. 8. 32. Of Iphtah. Iudg. 12. 7. Of Samſon. Iudg. 15. 30. Of Saul and his children. 1. Sam. 31 6 as was foreſhewed him by the Deuil. 1. Sam. 28. 19.

The death of Saul and Ionathan, is told vnto Dauid. 2. Sam. 1. 4.

The death of the ſonne of Dauid, begotten in aduiterie. 2 Sam. 12. 18.

The death of Dauid 1. Kings 2. 10. Of Salomon. 1. Kings 11. 43.

The death of beaſtes the firſt plague of Egypt. Exod. 9. 3, 4, 6. Death of the firſt borne. the tenth Exod. 11. 5 and 12 29.

We muſt ſtriue for the truth, and defend iuſtice to the death. Eccl. 4. 28.

The remembrance of death is very bitter to ſome, and acceptable to other. Eccl. 41. 1, 2.

Death is better then a bitter life. Eccl. 30. 17.

Iob deſireth death. Iob 6 8, 9.

The day of death is vncertaine, and therfore we ought to watch Luke 12. 39, 40, 45, 46. Mat. 13 33, to 37. Iam. 4. 13, 14, 15. Eccles. 9. 12.

Dauid deliuered from the ſentence of death, which he pronounced againſt himſelf, was yet puniſhed for his offence. 2. Sam. 12. 11, 13, 14.* and 16 21, 22.

Death is ſwallowed vp in victory. Oſ. 13. 14. and 1. Cor. 15 54. by Ieſus Chriſt. 1. Cor. 15. 57. Heb. 2. 14, 15.

The woman of Zarephath imputed the cauſe of the death of her childe, to be brought

sinnes. 1. Kings 17. 18.

Christ goeth to the Father by suffering death. John 14. 2.*

God is glorified by the death of his saints. John 21. 19 Phil. 1. 20.

Paul would gladly receiue death, to confirme the doctrine which he taught. Phil. 2. 17, 18.

Paul foretolde that his death was at hand. 2. Tim. 4. 6.

Paul willingly conformed himselfe to Christs death, that he might attaine to the glory of the resurrection by him. Phil. 3. 10, 11, 20

Pauls death brought fruit to the Corinthians. 1. Cor. 4. 12.

Christ foretelleth his Disciples of his death Matth. 16, 21. and manner thereof, John 12, 32, 33. and how moe should beleeue the Gospel after his death, then if he had bene alwayes present. John 12. 24.

Christ his soule heauie, euen to the death, Matt. 26. 38. Mar. 14 34, 35, 36

Christ condemned to death. Matth 27. 22, 23, 26. Mar. 15. 13, 14, 15. Luke 23, 23, 24. deliuered to death for our sinnes. Rom 4. 25. Heb. 9. 15.

God hath reconciled vs to himselfe by the death of his Sonne. Col. 1. 20, 21, 22.

Death is the wages of sinne. Rom. 6. 16, 23. James 1. 15.

The sting of death. 1. Cor 15. 56.

The death of Iesus Christ hath saued vs from death. Rom 5. 6, 7, 10 19.

Peter preacheth the death and resurrection of Christ. Acts 2. 23, 24. 40.

Second death. Reu. 20. 14. & 21. 8 Joh. 5. 24, 25.

Christ compareth his death vnto baptisme. Luke 12. 50.

Death, and the time thereof is appointed for all men. Deuter. 31. 14. Iosh. 23. 14. 1. Sam 26. 10 Iob 14. 5. Psal 89. 48. Eccles 3. 2. and 8. 8. Eccles. 17. 2. John 7. 30. and 8, 20. Rom 5. 12 Heb 9. 27.

Death of the faithful called a sleepe. Deut. 31. 16. Mat. 9. 24 & 27. 52. John 11. 11, 12, 13. Acts 7. 60 & 13. 36. 1. Cor. 7. 39. and 11. 30. 1. Thess. 4. 13.

Playing vpon instruments, vsed at the death or burial of any. Matth. 9. 23.

Sudden death, or euerlasting damnation, or both prepared for the wicked. Gen. 7. 21, and 14. 15. & 19 24. 25 Exod 15. 28. Numb. 16. 31, 32, 33. 49.* Esther 7. 8, 9. and 2. Kin. 1. 10. 12. &c. Mat. 9. 55, 56.

Wee ought rather to suffer death, then commit idolatry. Dan. 3 16, 17, 18.

Precious is the death of Saints. Psal. 116. 15

After death commeth the iudgement. 2. Esd. 14. 15. Heb. 9 27.

Through enuie of the deuill came death into the world. Wisd. 2 24. by Gods sufferance. Eccius. 11. 14. None is to be iudged blessed before his death, and why. Eccius. 11. 28.

Of death and of those that be the occasion of their owne death, looke Die, and Kill.

Drow fell with the Manna. Exod. 16, 13, 14.

The heauens dropped the deawe vnto Gods people. Deut 33. 28.

Izhak prayeth God to giue Iaakob the deaw of heauen. Gen. 27. 28.

God gaue neither deaw nor raine in three yeeres together. 1. King. 17. 1.

Moseth blesseth the tribe of Ioseph with the deaw of heauen. Deut 33 13. and prayeth, that his doctrine may drop as the raine, and his speach as the deaw. Deut. 33 2.

Debate betweene Abrahams & Lots herdmen Gen. 13. 7, 8. looke Contention.

Debtes. The widowes debtes paid by the encrease of the ople. 2 Kin. 4. 1, 2, to 8. looke Lending.

Deceiue our brethren wee may not. Leuit. 19. 11. looke Defraude.

Michal deceiued her father with an image. 1. Sam. 19. 13.

A lying spirit in the mouth of all Ahabs prophets, to deceiue him 1. kin. 22. 20, 22, 23.

Iaakob deceiued Esau. Gene. 27. 36. and Laban Iaakob. Gen. 31. 7.

Dauid deceiued Saul. 1. Sam. 20. 1, 5.* and Achish king of the Philistims. 1. Sam. 27 8, to 12.

Let no man deceiue vs with paine words. Ephes. 5. 6.

How mans heart may deceiue him. Deut. 11. 16, 17. through pride. Obad. 3.

Men are deceiued, for want of the knowledge of the Scriptures. Matt. 22. 29. Mar. 12. 24 looke Error and Errour.

Euill men and deceiuers shall wax woorse and woorse. 2. Tim. 3. 13.

Christ counted a deceiuer, and those that beleeued in him, deceiued. Matth. 27. 63. John 7 47.

Gods preachers also are counted deceiuers. 2. Cor 6 8.

Who be moste de deceiuers, looke 2. Joh. 7. 2. Tim. 3. 1, to 10.

Decrees, looke Ordinances.

Dedication of the Temple by Salomon. 1. Kin. 8. 63, 64.* confirmed by God. 1. Kin. 9 3.

Of the dedicating of a new house. Deut. 20. 5.

Of the dedicating of the Temple in the time of Ezdras. Ezra 6. 16, 17.

Of the dedication of the wall at Ierusalem. Nehe. 12. 27.

Of the dedication of the altar vnder Iudas Maccabeus. 1 Mac. 4. 56.

Feast of dedication. John 10. 22. looke Sanctifie.

Deedes. Good deeds are tokens of amendment of life. Mat. 3. 8 9, 10. Luke 3. 8, 9. Act. 26. 20. looke Doe, and Workes.

Deepe. The deepe. Gen. 1. 2. is a masse or lumpe of earth without forme, mingled confusedly with the waters.

The deuils craue that they may goe out into the deepe Luke 8. 31.

Defend, looke Humble.

Deferre. To deferre turning to God, looke Repentance, and to Put off.

Defile. How the name of God is defiled. Leuit. 18. 20. and 19. 12.

How the Priests of the Law were defiled. Leuit. 21. 1. Ezek. 44. 25 looke Pollute.

Defoure, looke Ravish.

Defraude not one another. 1. Thess. 4. 6. looke Deceiue.

Degree, looke Estate.

Deliuer. God deliuereth his out of aduersitie. 2. Sam. 4. 9. and 22. 1, 4.*

God sent Gideon to deliuer the Israelites. Judg. 6. 14, 16.

Joseph foretold the deliuerance of the Israelites. Gen. 50 24.

God sheweth Moses, how the deliuerance of Israel should be brought to passe. Exod. 3. 20, 21, 22.*

The Israelites are commanded to celebrate the day of their deliuerance. Exod. 12. 2, 14.

Moses sheweth Iethro how God had deliuered Israel from Pharaoh. Exod. 18. 8.

God deliuered Paul out of the mouth of the Lion. 2. Tim. 4. 17.

Christ hath deliuered vs from sinne, the deuill, and the law. Luke 9. 56. 2. Tim. 1. 9. and being deliuered, we are become seruants to righteousnesse Rom. 6. 16, 17, 18.

Samson called his victory, a great deliuerance. Judg. 15. 18.

God promised Ahab to deliuer the hoste of Ben-hadad into his hand. 1. King. 20. 13.

Delight. God delighteth in Christ and his chosen. Mat. 3. 17. and 17. 5.

Delusion. God sendeth strong delusions to vnbeleeuers. 2. Thess. 2. 11.

Denie. A stone pitched on ende, for a witnesse against the Israelites, that afterward should denie their God. Josh. 24. 26, 27.

Peter stoutly promiseth that he would neuer denie Christ, and yet did. Matth. 26. 35, 70, 72, 74.

If wee denie Christ, he will denie vs. 2. Tim. 2. 12. Luke 12. 9.

He is an Antichrist that denieth that Iesus is Christ. 1. John 2. 22.

Depart. All that call on Christ must depart from iniquitie. 2. Tim. 2. 19.

We ought not to depart from God, to serue idoles. Deut. 11. 16. 1. Sam. 12. 20, 21.*

Samson being departed from God, his strength departed from him. Judg. 16. 19, 20.

Paul and Barnabas departed asunder. Acts 15. 36, 37, 38, 39.*

Depose. Asa deposed his mother, and why. 2. Chro. 15. 16.

Descend. God descended to see the affliction of his people. Exod. 3. 8. and to see the tower of Babel. Gen. 11. 7.

Of Christ his descending into hell, looke Christ.

Desert, looke Mercie.

Desire, looke Concupiscence.

Despaire. The children of Israel despaire. Exod. 5. 21.

Comfort for such as despaire. Ezekiel 33. 11, to 20. Psalm. 103. 8, to 19. Looke Comfort.

The 4. lepers despairing to bee famished, declare Gods prouidence to the Samaritanes. 2. Kings 7. 3, 4. 8.*

The punishment of desperate wicked men. Jere. 16. 12* and 18. 12.*

Despise. The wicked despise gouernment. Jude 3.

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Who so despiseth God and his word, shall be devided of him, and destroyed. 1. Sam. 2. 30. Prou. 13. 13.

God hath chosen the despised things of the worlde, to confound the mighty. 1. Corinth. 1. 27, 28.

He that despiseth the faithfull minister of the Gospel, despiseth God. 1. Thess. 4. 8. looke Contemne.

Destroy. God destroyeth dumbe creatures for mans sinne. Zeph. 1. 3.

God destroyeth Sisera and all his chariots. Iudg. 4. 15.

Destruction threatned to the Israelites. Deut. 28. 48, 51, 53.

Pryde goeth before destruction. Prou. 16. 18.

Covenant making with idolaters, bringeth destruction. Iudg. 2. 2, 3.

Deuils. God forbiddeth to offer to deuils. Leuit. 17. 7.

Deuil, signifieth a cursed speaker or an accuser. Iude 9 Reu. 12. 9, 10.

The Israelites consecrated their children vnto idoles and deuils. 2. Kings 17. 16, 17. Deut. 32. 17.

Deuils cast out, looke Fasting, and Matth. 17. 20, 21.

Deuil in the maide, looke Diuination.

Deuils know and confesse Christ. Matt. 8. 31. Luke 4. 41. Acts 19. 15.

The Iewes sayd that Christ had the deuil. Mar. 3. 22. Mat. 9. 32.

Wee ought not to reiorce that deuils are subdued vnto vs, but rather &c. Luk. 10. 20.

The Gentiles sacrificed to deuils. 1. Cor. 10. 20.

Those that sacrifice to deuils, are deuils fellowes. 1. Cor. 10. 20.

Doctrine of deuils, looke Doctrine.

Christ healed the possessed, and chased out the deuils Mat. 8. 33. 9. 32, 33. & 12. 22. & 17. 18. Mar. 1. 25. 5. 1, 10 14. Luk. 8. 26, to 34. and 11. 14.

The deuill possessing the serpent, seduceth the woman. Gen. 3. 1, to 7. and is vanquished by Iesus Christ. Gen. 3. 15.

The deuil cannot hurt when he will, nor so much as he would. Mat. 8. 31, 32, 33. Mar. 9. 22. Luke 4. 33. Reu. 2. 1, 3, 10. and 7. 2. 3.

The deuil called the prince of this world. Ioh. 14. 30. and 16. 11. and of darknes. Eph. 6. 12. and that ruleth in the aire. Eph 2. 2.

The deuil is our aduersarie. 1. Peter 5. 8. Mat 13. 39.

The deuill is a murtherer, liar, and father of lies and hate. John 8. 44. and the king of pride. Job 41. 25.

The children of the wicked are the seed of the deuil. Matt. 13. 25, 38, 39. and his detained captiues 2. Tim. 2 26.

Christ hath destroyed the deuils power ouer vs Heb. 2. 14. and therefore he appeared. 1. Ioh. 3. 8.

Wee may ouercome the deuill with faith, and the word of God. 1. John 2. 14.

Wee ought not to giue place to the deuil. Eph 4. 27.

Christ calleth the Iewes the children of the deuil. John 8. 44.

Iudas betrayed Christ by the procuration of the deuill. Ioh. 13. 2.

Euerlasting fire prepared for the deuill and his Angels. Mat. 25. 41.

The deuill laboureth continually for the destruction of men. Zech. 3. 1. 2. Matth. 4. 3. to 12. Luke 8. 12. and 22. 31. Reu. 2. 10 his power is of God. 2. Chron. 18. 21. Iob. 1. 12. and 2. 6, 7 Matth. 8. 32. Mar. 5. 13. Col. 2. 16 2. Tim. 2. 26.

Deuilish wisdome, what. Iam. 3. 15 16.

Deuices. God confounded the deuises of the wicked. Iob. 5. 12, 13. Dan. 6. 8, 15, 24. * and 13. 61. and 14. 31, 42.

Desert, looke Wildernesse.

I Die. Moses died vpon mount Abarim. Deut. 32. 49, 50.

Gideon feared to haue died, because hee had seene an Angel. Iudg. 6. 22. so did Manah. Iudg. 13. 22, 23.

Aaron died on mount Hor. Numb. 20. 23, no. 24, 25, 26, 28.

How Samson died. Iudg. 16. 30.

The children of Israel wish to die. Exod. 16. 3. Num. 14. 2, 3, 4. so did Moses. Num. 11 14, 15. and Elijah. 1. king. 19. 3 4.

Whether we liue or die, we are the Lords. Rom. 14. 8. Phil. 1. 21, 22.

Thomas exhorteth his fellowes to die with Christ. Ioh. 11. 16.

Christ earnestly desired to die for vs, that the Gospell might the sooner bee preached through the world. Lu. 12. 49, 50, 51.

Christ died for our sinnes, and rose again for our iustification. 1. Corint. 15. 3, 4. Rom. 4. 25.

To eate any thing that dieth alone, forbidden, and why. Deut. 14 21.

Christ died for all men, and why. 2. Cor. 5. 15.

Christ died for vs, declaring his loue. 1. John 3. 16. that we might enioy the grace of God Heb. 2. 9.

We must be ready to die for our brethren by Christs example. 1. Ioh. 3. 16.

Those that beleeue not in Christ shall die. Ioh 3. 36. as contrariwise. Ioh. 6. 40.

To die in the Lord, and die the death. Numb. 14. 13. Mat. 7. 10.

Be good to thy friend before thou die. Ecclus. 14. 13, to 16.

The seede that sinneth shall die. Eze. 18. 4.

Herod died miserably. Acts 12. 23 so did Antiochus. 2. Mac. 6. 5, 6.*

To goe to the fathers, and enter into the way of all the world, is for to die. Gene. 15, 25 Iosh. 23. 14.

Diet. Moderate diet commended. Prou. 15. 16, 17 and 27. 27. Dan. 1 12, to 17. Eccles. 39. 19, to 31. and 37. 28.

Difference betweene man and beast, looke Condition.

Difference betweene a bodie and a spirit. Luk. 24. 39.

Difference of meates. Matth. 15. 11. Acts 10. 13, 14, 15. Rom. 14. 14, 17.

Digge. A law for him that diggeth, or speeth a well. Exod. 21. 33.

Whoso diggeth a pitte, shall fall therein. Eccles 27. 26. Prou. 26. 27. Psalm. 57. 6. Eccles. 10. 8.

How the prouder digge pits for the godly, looke Psal. 119. 85.

Dinner. Better is a dinner of greene herbes with loue, then a stalled ox with hatred. Prou. 15. 17.

Direct. We ought to direct our heart & bee to the Lord. 1. Sam 7. 3.

The Lord directeth both our tongues and doings. Psal. 16 1, 9. 33. 3 19. 21. looke Prepare.

Dissensions ought not to bee among Christians 1 Cor. 1. 10, 11. & 3. 10, 11. looke Contention, Debate and Strife.

Disciple. The Pharises in scorne willed him that was borne blinde and healed, to be Christs disciple. John 9 28.

The disciples were afraid on the sea. Mat. 14. 26, 30. Mar. 6. 48, 49, 52.

The disciples of Christ would bone disswaded him from going to Iudea, and why. John 11. 8.

Christs disciples being an hungred, plucked the eares of corne to eate on ye Sabboth day. Matt. 12. 1, 2.

Christes disciples forbade one to cast out deuils, and why. Mar. 9. 39.

The disciple offended at the waste of ointment. Matth. 26. 7, 8, 9. Mar. 14 3, 4, 5. John 12 3, 4, 5, 6.

Christ foretold his disciples that they would forsake him. Mat. 26. 31. Mar. 14. 28. Ioh. 16 32. and so they did. Mat 26. 56. Mar. 14. 50.

Some of the disciples doubted of Christes resurrection. Mat. 28. 17.

Christ came among his disciples, the doores being shut. John 20. 26.

Christs disciples knowen by mutuall loue. John 13. 35.

Who so giueth any thing more the Christ, cannot be his disciple. Mat. 10. 37.

Who so giueth a cuppe of drinke to a disciple of Christ, shall not lose his reward. Mat. 10 42. looke Apostles.

Discipline Of the commodity of discipline, and discommodity of the contrary. Pro. 13. 13, 14, 18. Wisd. 6. 17, 18, 19 *

Fooles despise discipline. Pro. 15. 5.

An order of discipline described in Ezra. chap. 7. 11, to 27. 1. Esd. 8. 25.

Discipline of the Church Mat. 18. 17.

Discord, looke Contention.

Disdaine. We may not disdaine to bee taught, no not of our inferiour. Exod. 18. 24. Acts 18. 24, 26.

Diseases. The diseases of Egypt, with all other plagues, are punishments of ye breach of Gods commandements. Exodus 15. 26. Deut 7 12, 15 and 28 35, 59. & 29. 22. Mat. 9. 2. John 5. 14. 1. Cor. 11. 30.

Intemperance breedeth diseases. Ecclus. 31. 19 20. * and 37. 29.

Christ healed a man that had bene diseased 38 yeeres. Ioh. 5. 5, to 10. looke Sicknesse, and Infirmities.

Disguising rayment forbidden both man and woman. Deut. 22. 5.

Disobedient to God and his word, subiect to many curses. Deut. 28. 15. * Ierr. 26. 4, 5, 6. Deut. 30 17, 18.

Achan for disobedience slaine to death. Ioh 7. 11. 24, 15, 18, 25. *

The Israelites for disobedience, were carried captiue into Syria. 2. King. 17. 6, to 24.

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A prophet for his disobedience was slaine by a lion. 1. King. 13.24.

All men for the disobedience of Adam, were subiect vnto sinne, death, & damnation. Rom. 5.12.

Disobey. Wholesome disobeyed the pleasis of Iudges, was put to death. Deu. 17.9, 10, to 14.

Of disobedience & the punishment thereof, looke more. Gene. 3.2.* and 19.14.* Leu. 10. 1.* and 26.15.* Num. 14.10. & 16.1, 2. and 20.2.* Deu. 1.28. & 27.15.* 1. Sam. 12.9. and 13.9, to 15. & 15.23. & 28.7.* 2. Sam. 6. 6, 7. 1. King. 11.1, to 14. and 13.1, to 25. & 13. 7.8, to 19. & 20.31.* 2. Chr. 7.19.* & 26.16.* Iso. 24.5, 6.* Iere. 11.3.* & 13.11.* and 17. 23.* & 35.13, 17. Ionah 1.3.* Matth. 14.28, 29, 30. & 17.8, 14. Act. 7.39. to 43. Rom. 2.1, to 10. Gal. 3.10. looke Rebellion.

Dispisers The Apostles and Ministers of Christ are dispisers of Gods secrets. 1. Cor. 4.1. and manifold graces, 1. Pet. 4.10. and ought to be faithful distributers of the same. 1. Cor. 4.1, 2. Looke Apostles, Bishops, and Ministers.

Disputation Vaine disputatiõs, foolish questions, and brawlings about the Law, ought to bee auoided, and why. Tit. 3.8, 9, 10, 11. 1. Tim. 6.3, 4, 5, 20, 21.

Dissemble. Peter, Barnabas, & the Iewes dissembled. Gal. 2.11.*

Saul dissembled as though hee heard not what the wicked spake against him, and why. 1. Sam. 10.27.

Dissemblers can thinke one thing, & speake another. 2. Sam. 13.10, 22, 26, to 29. and 16. 16, to 20.* and 17.15.*

Dissembling prophets be meet for the wicked. Micah 2.11.

Dissimulation ought not to be vsed among Christians. 1. Pet. 2.1.

Ieremie dissembled, and why. Ier. 38.16, 27. looke Counterfeit.

Distrust, looke Vnbeliefe.

Divination or soothsaying ought to be punished with death. Leuit. 20.27. it ought not to be vsed. Isa. 8.19.

Paul dispossessed a spirit of divination. Acts 16.16, 17, 18. looke Soothsayers.

Divine. Ioseph counterfeited himselfe to diuine and prophesie. Gen. 44.15.

Division. looke Strife, and Contention.

Division of tongues, looke Tongues.

Divorced. None ought to be divorced. 1. Cor. 7.27 except for fornication. Matth. 19.9

Moses suffered a bill of divorce. Deu. 24. 1, to 5. Malac. 2.16. Matt. 19.7, 8. Mar. 10.4, 5. contrary to the first institution. Matt. 4.5, 6, 9. Mar. 10.6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.

Doe. God doe so to thee, and more also: a kinde of adiuration vsed of the Hebrewes. 1. Sam. 3.17.

The obseruers of Gods commandements, shall prosper in all their doings. Deu. 29.9.

We must doe, as wee would bee done to. Mat. 7.12. Luk. 6.31. Tob. 4.15.

We are commanded not onely to heare, but also to doe Gods commandements. Deut. 4.1, 5, 6, 10. 13, 40. & 5.1, 27, 31. and 6.1, 2, 3, 24, 25. and 7.11, 12. 9.8, 1. & 10.12. Iosh. 22. 5. Iere. 7.3, 4. for, Not euery one that sayeth, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdome of heauen, but he that doth the Fathers will. Matth. 7.21. For, not the hearers, but the doers of the Law shalbe iustified. Rom. 2.13. Luk. 6.46. Acts 26.19, 20. and 1. Iohn 2.4. and 3.6. for the either heare Gods word and doe it not, deceiue themselues. James 1.22. and are foolish builders. Mat. 7.26, 27. Luk. 6.49. but the doers are wise builders. Matth. 7.24, 25. Luke 6. 48. and are blessed. John 13.17.

Good doers commended. Matth. 25. 34.* called Christ friends. Ioh. 15.14. & Lukes Gospel contayneth all that Iesus did and taught. Acts 1.1.

We ought to doe all things to the glorye of God, and in Christs name. Matth. 5.16. 1. Cor. 10.31. Col. 3.17. and 1. Pet. 4.11.

Doe good to all, but chiefly to them of the houshould of faith. Gal. 6.10.

The glory of well doing, pertaineth to God. 1. Sam. 25.34 looke Workes and Welldoing.

Dore. Christ is the Dore. Ioh. 10.1, 9. Act. 14 27.

God standeth at the Dore, and knocketh. Reu. 3.20

Dore of vtterance. Col. 4 3.

Doctors. The holy Ghost is the Doctor of the Apostles, and all the faithfull. Ioh. 14.26 Psal. 51.10, 12, 13.

Paul the Doctor of the Gentiles, in faith and veritie. 1. Tim. 2.7. 2. Tim. 1.11.

Christ ordeined Doctors in his Church. 1. Cor. 12.28. and why. Ephes. 4.11, to 17.

Doctors and such as turne men to righteousnesse, shall shine as the starres for euer. Dan. 12.3.

Doctors ought to be guided by the rule of the same worde they preach. Rom. 12.6. 1. Pet. 4.10, 11.

What Doctors should come in the latter dayes. 1. Tim. 4.1, 2, 3. Pet. 2.2. looke Disputations.

Doctrine is the gift of God. Rom. 12.7.

Wholesome doctrine. Tit. 2.1.*

Doctrine of deuils. 1. Tim. 4 3. 2. Pet. 2.1, 3. Iude. 4.

The Iewes call the Gospel new doctrine. Mar. 1.27.

Wee ought not to approue any that teacheth other doctrine then of Christ. 2 Iohn 10.11.

We ought not to bee caried about with strange doctrines. Heb. 13 9.

The Scriptures are written for our doctrine. Rom. 15 4.

The forme of doctrine which God hath giuen, is exactly. Rom. 6.17.

They that followed Christ, were astonied at his doctrine. Mar. 11.18.

Paul exhorteth to attend to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. 1. Tim. 4.13, 15, 16.

An vnle of locke, is a doctrine of vanitie. Ier. 10.8.

True doctrine ought to be taken out of the Scriptures. Acts 28.23.

True doctrine chiefly maintained by humilitie. Phil. 2 1, 2, 3. to 9.

No doctrine but Christs ought to bee receiued. Col. 2.8, 9.

We must hearken to the word of God, and not to the doctrine and precepts of men. Exod. 23.13, 21, 22. Deut. 4.2. & 12.30, 31, 32, and 13.1, 2, 3, 8. Iosh. 1.7, 8. Psal. 12.4. Pro. 5.1, 2, 10 15 & 30.5, 6. Isa. 8.19, 20. & 29.13, to 17. Iere. 2.8, 11, 13, 17, 18.* & 23.16, 17, 18.* Ezek. 13.2, 3, 6, 7. Mat. 5.19. & 7.15, 16, to 21. & 15.9 & 16 6, 12. & 17.5. & 24.4, 5, 11, 23, 24. Mar. 7.6, to 14. Luke 16.13, 15. Ioh. 13.16, 20, 35. Acts 15.5, to 30. Acts 20.32. Rom. 16.17, 18. 1. Cor. 1.12, 13. & 3.5, 6, 7, 18, 21. & 7.12, 25, 35. Gal. 1.8, 9, 10. Ephe. 4. 14, 15. Phil. 3.2, 16, to 19. Col. 2.4, 6, to 9. 1. Tim. 1.3, to 7. & 4.1.* & 6.3. 2. Tim. 1.13. and 2.14, 15, 16.* Heb. 13.7, 9. 1. Ioh. 2.18, 19.* and 3.7. and 4.1, 2, 3, 6. 2. Ioh 7. to 11. Iam. 2.1, to 4. & 3.2. Pet. 3.16, 17, 18. Reuel. 22.18, 19.

Dogges. Iezebel was eaten with dogges. 2. Kin. 9.36.

Dogges of whelpes put for the Gentiles. Mat. 15.26. Mar. 7.27.

Dogges also for stubborne enemies of the Gospel, Matth. 7.6. and for false prophets. Phil. 2.3.

The dogge is returned to his own vomit. 2. Pet. 2 22 Pro. 26.11.

Hezael asked Elisha, if he were a dogge, and why. 2. Kings 8.13.

A dead dogge, for a despised person. 2. Sam 9.8.

Vnpreaching pastours called dumbe and greedie dogges. Isa. 56. 10, 11.

Of dogges. 2. Sam. 3.8. Iob 30.1. Psal. 22, 16, 20. Eccles. 9.4. Tob. 5.16. and 11.4. Luke 16 21. Reue. 22.15. looke Hire.

Domage, looke Hurt.

Dumbe. God maketh eloquent, dumbe and deafe. Exod 4 11.

The dumbe healed, looke Deuil.

Zacharie becommeth dumbe, for his incredulitie. Luke 1.18, 19, 20.

Heliodorus suddenly striken dumbe, is healed again at the praier of Onias. 2. Mac. 3.29. 33.

Dumbe creatures spoken vnto. Ezek. 3. 25. and 36.1. Micah 6, 1, 2.

Dumbe creatures punished for mans sake. Zeph. 1, 2, 3.

Dominion. Christs dominion endureth euer. Dan. 14 5 13 is farre about all principalitie, power &c Ephe. 2 21. looke Kingdome, Lordship, Power, and Rule.

Double tongued persons ought to bee abhorred, and why. Eccles. 28. 14.*

Double hearted. Eccius 2 33. & 3 28.

Doue sent out of the Arke Gen. 8.8.

Doues dung sold for fuel. 2 King 6.25.

Dough. The 3 first fruites caried vnleauened dough or halle out of Egypt. Exo. 12.39.

Dowrie. Leahs dowrie, Gen. 30 20.

Dowrie of virgins, Exo. 22. 16, 17.

Shechem offereth Iacobs daughter a large dowrie. Gen. 34.11, 12.

Dragon. The Dragon Satan bound for 1000. yeeres. Reue. 20.2.

Of the Dragon that fought with Michael and his angels. Reue. 12.7.

Daniel slayeth the Dragon without sworo or staffe. Dan 14. 26. 27.

Dragons taken for great and monstrous fishes.

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ashes. Psal. 148.7.

Draw. None can beleeue in Christ, except the Father draw him. Joh. 6.44.

Dread, looke Feare.

Dreame. Iaakob dreamed hee saw a ladder. Gen. 28.12.

Abimelech by a dreame kept from touching Sarah to defile her. Gen. 20.6.

Laban warned by a dreame, to speake well to Iaakob Gen. 31.24.

God willeth Salomon by a dreame, to aske what he would. 1. King. 3.5.

God spake to the Prophets by dreames. Num. 12.6. 1. Sam. 28.6.

Ioseph rehearseth his two dreames to his brethren. Gen. 37.5, 9 to 12.

Of the dreames of Pharaoh, looke Gen. 41.1, to 8.

A souldier expounded his fellowes dream. Iudg. 7.13, 14.

God is the interpreter of dreames. Gene. 41.16. Dan. 2, 28, 30.*

Of dreames, reade more Gen. 31.3, to 14. and 40.5.* and 46.2. to 5.1. Sam. 3.4.* 2. Sam. 7.4, to 18. Iob 7.14 and 33.15, to 18. 2. Macc. 15.11, to 18. Matt. 1.20, to 24. & 2. 12, 13, 19, 22.* Acts 16.9.

Dreames that doe leave from God, ought not to be regarded. Deu. 13.1, 2, 3, 5. Ier. 23. 16, 25, to 28.* & 27.9, 10. Eccius. 32.2, to 8.

Dreames make fooles to haue wings. Eccius. 34.1.

Pilates wife was troubled in her dreame, for Christ. Matt. 27.19.

Dreames come by the multitude of busi nesse Eccles. 5.2.

Yong men shall see visions, and olde men shall dreame dreames. Acts 2 27.

Dresse. God put Adam in Paradise to dresse it and keepe it. Gen. 2.15.

Drinke, Drunkennesse, & Drunkards. The Israelites murmured, and contended with Moses for want of drinke. Exod. 15.24. and 17.1, to 8.

Eliah being fed by rauens, dranke riuer water. 1. King. 17.5, 6.

God willeth Gideon to take none to warre with him, that kneeled downe to drinke water. Iudg. 7.4, to 7.

Strong drinke was forbidden Aaron and his sonnes. Leuit. 10.8, 9.

Strong drinke is raging. Pro. 21.1.

A Prophet is commanded not to drinke nor eate in Beth el. 1. King. 13 9.

Dauid being very dry te would not drinke of the water, which his three worthies fetched. 2. Sam. 23.15, 16, 17.

The Israelites dranke of the red licour of the grape in the lande of promise. Deut. 32.14.

What drinke was to bee accounted vncleane. Leuit. 11.32, 33, 34.

The Iewes did drinke the spirituall drink that we drinke of. 1. Cor. 10.3, 4.

The Apostles filled with the holy Ghost, counted drunke. Acts 2, 13.

Christ also called a drinker of wine. Mat. 11.19.

Eli iudged Hannah to bee drunke, when he saw her lips moue, and heard no voyce. 1. Sam. 1.12, to 19.

Noah being drunke, was mocked by his sonne Ham. Gen. 9.21, 22.

Lot being drunke, committed incest. Gene. 19.33, 35, 36.

Dauid would haue made Uriah drunke. 2. Sam. 11.13.

Amnon being drunke, was slaine by his brother Absalom. 2. Sa. 13.28.

Benhadad being drunke, was discomfited by Ahab. 1. King. 20.16, 20, 34.

Elah being drunke, was slaine by Zimri. 1. King. 16.8, 9, 10.

Nabal was drunke. 1. Sam. 25 36.

Holofernes being drunke, was slaine by Iudeth. Iudeth 13.2, 8.

Princes ought to abhorre drunkennesse. and why. Pro 31.4, 5.

Christians must abhorre drunkennesse, Luke 21.34. Eph. 5.18. Rom. 13.13. 1. Cor. 6.10. & 11.21. 1. Pet. 4 3. Matt. 24.49.

Drunkennesse condemned. Pro. 30.1.

Wee ought not to keepe company with drunkards, and glutions, and why. Prou. 23 20, 21. 1. Cor. 5.11.

A woe against drunkards. Isai. 5.11, 12, 22. and 28.1. Joel 1.5 Hab. 2.15.

A drunken woman is a great plague. Eccius. 26 8.

A labouring man, giuen to drunkennesse shall not be rich. Eccius. 19.1.

Drunkennesse a worke of the flesh. Galat. 5.21.

Gods arrowes drunke with his enemies blood. Deut. 32.41, 42.

Dropsie healed on the Sabbath day. Luke 14.2, 4.

Dust. Man is dust, and to dust he shall returne. Gen. 3.19. and 18.27. Eccle. 12.7. looke Man.

The Hebrewes in token of sorow, vsed to cast dust or ashes on their heads. 2. Sam. 1. 2. looke Ashes.

Paul and Barnabas shooke the dust from their feete against the vnbeleeuing Iewes. Act. 13.51. as Christ willed his Apostles to doe. Mat. 10.14, 15. looke Earth, and Tearing of Clothes.

Duetie. Wherein the whole duetie of man consisteth, looke Eccius. 12.13.

Dwell. Moses foreshewed that the Israelites should dwell in safety. Leuit. 26.5. Deut. 11.29, 30, 31.

God dwelt with the Israelites vpon mount Sion. Exod. 15.17.

Paul dwelt in Rome by himselfe two yeeres. Acts 28.16, 30, 31.

The dwelling of Israel in Egypt, was 430. yeeres. Exod. 12 40, 41.

What it is to dwell in Christ. 1. John 2. 6. Ioh. 6.56.

The Spirit of God assureth vs that hee dwelleth in vs. 1. John 3 24.

We dwell in Christ Iesus, if we confesse him to bee the Sonne of God. 1. John 4.11, 13, 15, 16.

Christ assureth vs, that in his Fathers house are many dwelling places. Joh. 14.2.

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Eare. The eare of seruants which would not bee let at liberty, bored with an awle. Exod. 21.6 Deut. 15.17.

All eares hearing of Eli his punishment, shall tingle. 1. Sam. 3.11.

He that hath eares to heare, let him heare. Mat. 13 9. Mar. 4 9. Luke 8.8.

God giueth to those that loue him, eares that can and will hearken to his word. Deu. 29 2, 3, 4.

Rebels haue neither eyes, nor eares to see or heare withall. Ezek. 12.2.

Mole and eares taken for Princes and Priests. Ezek 22.2.

It was lawfull to gleane eares of corne vpon necessitie. Deut 23.25. Mat. 12 1.

Early. Elkanah and his wiues rose early, and worshipped. 1. Sam. 1.19.

Of early rising. Gene. 19.27. & 20.8. & 21. 14. & 22.3. & 28.18. Exo. 8.20. & 9.13. 1. Sa. 17.20. Isa. 37.36. and 50.4. 2. King. 3.22. Ier. 32.33. Matt. 20.1. Mar 16.2.

The murtherer riseth early to kill the poore, and needy. Iob 24.14.

Earnest. Gods Spirit the earnest of our inheritance. 2. Cor. 1.22. & 5.5. Ephe. 1.13, 14. and 4.30. Rom. 8.15, 16, 17. Gal. 4.5, 6.

Earth. God separateth the earth from the waters, which first were mingled together. Gen. 1.2, 9.

God gaue the earth vertue to bring forth herbes and trees. Gen. 1.11.12.

The earth cursed, see Cursed.

Adam was driuen out of Paradise to till the earth. Gen. 3.23.

The earth corrupt before God. Gen. 6.11.

Noah got his liuing by tilling the earth. Gen. 9.20.

By whom the earth was ouerspread. Gen. 9.19. and 10.32.*

All the earth is the Lords. Exod. 9.29. and all that is therein. Psal. 24.1.

The earth and fruits thereof cursed to the disobedient. Deuteron. 28.15, 16, 17, 23, 38, to 43.

Moses calleth heauen and earth to witnesse. Deut 32.1.

Naaman craueth that hee might carry of the earth of the land of promise, to sacrifice thereon to the true God. 2. King. 5.17.

The earth and all that is therein, shall burne at the day of iudgement, and afterward there shall bee a new earth, wherein righteousnesse shall dwell. 2. Peter 3.10, 13. Reue. 21.1. Isa. 65.17. & 66.22.

Why art thou proud, O earth and ashes? Eccius. 10.9. looke Dust.

Earthquake. The earth trembled at the deliuerie of the Law. Exo. 19.18. Psa. 68.8. Heb. 12.26. and when God spake to Eliah. 1. King. 19.11, 12.

Earthquakes foreshew that God is angry, and will punish the vngodly. 2. Sam. 22.8. Psa. 18.7. Isa. 13 13. & 24.18, 19, 20. & 29 6. As appeareth by Korah Dathan, & Abiram Num. 16.1, to 36. and Uzziah. 2. Chron. 26. 16.* Amos 1.1. Zech. 14 5.

The earth quaked at the death of Christ. Mat 27.51, 54. when hee rose againe. Matt. 28.2. and after the Apostles prayers. Act. 4. 31. and 16.26.

Earthquakes precede great alteration of Religion Reue. 6.12 & 8.5 & 16.18. and also are signes of Christ his speedie coming vnto

vnto iudgement. Ioel 3.12. Matth.24.7. Mar.13.8. Luke 21.11.

Earthly. The first man of the earth earthly. 1. Cor. 15. 47, 48.

Easter, looke Passeouer.

Eate, He that will not worke must not eate. 2. Thess 3.10, 11, 12.

The Apostles had no leasure to eate. Mar. 6.30, 31.

The faithfull are forbidden to eate no meate, for they doe all to Gods glory. 1. Cor. 10 25, 31.

To eate the flesh of Christ, looke Supper of the Lord.

The Israelites sate downe to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play. Exod. 32.6.

The minister may eate and drinke at his Churches charge. 1. Cor. 9.4, 7, 10 16.

We ought not to eate any thing that dieth alone. Deut. 14.21.

What the Iewes should eate and offer, and where. Deut. 12.11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26.

God sendeth plenty of foode to eate, to those that loue him. Deut. 11.13, 14, 15.

Hannah so vexed with bitternesse, that she could not eate. 1. Sam. 1.6, 7.

Samuel blessed the sacrifice before the people did eate. 1. Sam. 9.13. looke Fasting, Fare, Foode, and Women.

Ebrewes might not eate bread with the Egyptians. Gen. 43, 32.

Abram called an Ebrew. Gen. 14.13. and Ioseph. Gen. 39.14.

Paul boasteth of his being an Ebrew, and why. 2. Cor. 11.16, 17, 18, 22. * Phil. 3 5.

Edge, looke Garment.

Edifie. Christians ought to exhort & edifie one another. 1. Thess 5.11. with that which is good to edifie withal. Rom. 15.2. 1. Tim. 1.3 4.5.

Effeminate, looke Wanton.

Egle. The Iewes forbidden to eate of an Egle, Deut. 14.12.

The properties of an Egle. Deut. 32.11. 2. Sam. 1.23. Ier. 4.13. Lam 4.19. Hos. 8.1. Psal. 130. 5. Ier. 49.16. Obad. 1.4. Prou. 30.19. Exod. 19.4 Mica. 1.16. Matt. 24.28. Luke 17.37.

The parable of the two Egles, and the signification. Ezek. 17.2, 3, 7.

Elders ordained by election throughout all Churches. Acts 14.23. Tit. 1.5.

Pauls exhortation to the Elders of Ephesus. Acts 20.17.*

What manet of men Elders ought to be. Titus 1.6, to 10.

What Elders are worthy of double honour. 1. Tim. 5.17.

Receiue no accusation against an Elder vnder two or three witnesses. 1. Tim. 5.19. looke Bishops.

Elect. The elect are few in number. Mat. 7.14. and 20.16. and 22.14.

Elected to saluation from the beginning of the world. Ephe. 1.4. 1. Pet. 1.2. Reuel. 17.14.

The Elect of God cannot be condemned. Rom. 8.33, 34.

Gods purpose is by his election. Ro. 9.11

S. Paul knewe that the Thessalonians were Elect, 1. Thess 1.4 *

Those that are Elect depart from iniquitie. 2. Tim. 2.19.

The Elect onely beleeue. Acts 13.48.

The Elect feare God, and be mindfull of pleasing him. Mal. 3.16.

Election. Israel hath obteined by free Election, that which hee could not by workes. Rom. 11.5, 6, 7.

Election proceedeth from grace, and not of workes. Rom. 9 11, 12, 13.

The Iewes being enemies to the Gospel for our sakes touching the Election, are beloued for their fathers sake. Rom. 11.28.

Election lieth in God & not in vs. Rom. 9. 11, 16.

We must make our Election sure by good workes. 2. Pet. 1.10. looke Chosen, and Predestination.

Eloquence. Aaron appointed to assist Moses in stead of eloquence. Exod. 4.10, 14, 16.

Elements. The Elements shall melt with heate. 2. Pet 3 10.

The powers of the Elements were known to Salomon. Wisd 7.17.

All the Elements serue the will of God. Wisd. 19.17. looke Rudiments.

Embrace. Esau embraced his brother Iaakob. Gen. 33.4. So did Ioseph both his brother Beniamin. Gen. 45.14. & his father Iaakob Gen. 46.29. and Iaakob embraced Iosephs children. Gen. 48.10.

There is a time to embrace, and a time to abstaine. Eccles. 3.5.

Wisedome will bring them to honour that embrace her. Prou. 4.8.

The right hand of Christ embraceth his Church Cant. 2.6.

King Eupator embraceth Iudas Maccabeus. 2. Mac. 13.24.

Embawming, looke Gen. 50, 2, 26.

Enchanter, looke Finger.

The punishments of Enchanters. Deut. 22.15. Looke Sorcerers, Soothsayers, and Witches.

Enclined. God is more Enclined to mercy, then to wrath. Mich. 7.18. &c.

God *Encourageth* Ioshua and the Israelites. Ios. 1.6, 7, 18. Deu. 31.6, 7, 8, 23. Peter and Paul. Acts 10.16. & 8.9. & 23.11.

The godly haue needs of encouragement in their faith. Mat. 9.22. Luke 1.36. Act. 11. 23. and 14.22. and 15.36. and 16.5. and 18. 23, 27. and 20.1, 2, 6, 17.*

The *Encrease* of the doctrine of Christ ought to bee attributed vnto God onely. 1. Cor. 3.6, 7.

Ende. When the ende of all transitorie things shall come. 1. Cor. 15.24.

The ende of all things is at hand 1. Pet. 4.7.

The wise will consider their end. Deu. 32. 29. & so shal they not bee amisse. Eccles. 7 36

The ends of the world are come vpon vs. 1. Cor. 10 11.

Ending, looke Beginning.

Endued. Christ willeth his Apostles to abide in Ierusalem, till they were endued with the holy Ghost. Luke 24.49.

Endure, looke Continue, and Persevere.

Enemies. God deliuereth the disobedient into the hands of their enemies. Deut. 28.25

God threatneth to take vengeance of his enemies. Deut. 32.42, 43.

If we feare God, hee will make our enemies to feare vs. Leu. 26 7, 8. Deut. 6.2, 13, 14. & 11.13, 22, 25. and 28, 1, 7.

God made Iaakobs enemies afeeble of him. Gen. 35.5, 6.

God deliuereth Lots enemies into Abrahams hands. Gen. 14.20.

God deferreth to afflict, lest the enemie should swell. Deut. 32.27.

If we loue God, he will lay his curses on our enemies. Deut 30 6, 7.

God sold the Israelites into the hands of their enemies. Deut 32.30, 41. Iudg. 2.14. and 3 7, 8, 12, 14 and 4.2. and 6.1. and 10.7, 8. see Aduersary.

Saul became Dauids enemie, because he saw that God was with him. 1. Sam. 18.11, 12, 15.

Dauid fled to his enemies, and there liued in more safetie then among the Israelites. 1. Sam. 21.10.* and 1.2.*

We ought both to loue our enemies, & doe them good. Mat. 5.44. Luke 6.27. 2. Kin. 6. 22, 23. (& not to reioyce at their hinderance. Pro. 24.17.) that wee may winne them to amendment. Deut. 23.4, 5. Prou. 25.21, 22. Rom. 12.20, 21. Examples in Dauid toward Saul. 2. Sam. 1.17. 1. Sam. 24 5, 6 & 8. & 26.8.* & to ward Shimei. 2. Sam. 16 5, 10, 11 to 15 Example also in Christ. Luk. 23 24. and in Steuen. Act. 7.34. And God hath reconciled vs to himselfe, euen when wee were his enemies. Col. 1.21.

Christ hath many and diuers enemies. John 15.18. Acts 20.30.

Christs enemies compared to woolues. Matt. 10 16. Act. 20.29. They are not to be feared. Matt. 10.26. for they fall into great destruction. Mat. 10 15. & 22.7. 44. Luke 19 27. 1 Cor 15.25 Heb. 1.13.

Who bee the enemies of Christ his crosse. Phil. 3.18.

Gods enemies constrained to speake well of God & the godly, sometimes against their conscience. 1. Sam. 24.17, 18.* & 26.21, 24, 25. Exod. 9.27. & 10 16, 17. 2. Mac. 9.12.

Enprisonment, see Prison.

Ensample, see Example.

Entising, see Flattering.

Enuie of the Philistims, see Welles

Rahel enuied Leah. Gen. 30.1.

The Egyptians enuied the encrease of the Israelites. Exod. 1.12.

Labans sonnes enuied the prosperity of Iaakob. Gen. 31.1.

The brethren of Ioseph enuied him. Gen. 37.4, 8, 11.

Dauid feared not of the enuie of his brother Eliab. 1. Sam. 17.28.

Saul enuied Dauid, because the chiefe people of the victorie was ascribed to him. 1. Sam. 18 8, 9.

Enuious talkes ought to be shunned. Pro. 23.6.

Christ was deliuered vnto Pilate through the enuie of the hie Priests Matt. 27 18.

Hee that is endued with charity, enuieth no man. 1. Cor. 13.4.

Enuie is forbidden Christians Gal. 5.21. 1. Pet.

.1.Pet.2.1.Prou.14.13 Mat.7.1.Lu.5.30. Rom.1.29. and 13.13. Phil.1.15. 1.Tim. 6.4. Tit 3.3. James 4.5.

Though enuie of the deuill came death into the world. Wisd.2.24.

Examples of enuie. Matth.20.24 Luke 15.25.* Acts 7.9. ann 17.5.

Where enuie and strife is, there is confusion and all maner of euill workes. Iam.3.14.16

What should an enuious man doe with money. Eccl.14.3.

The wicked enuie the godly. Dan 6.4. see Hate.

Epicures and Stoikes disputed against S. Paul. Acts. 17.17.18.

Epicures and Atheists are described. Wisd.2.1 to 23.2. Pet 3.3.4. Ephe.2.12. Rom.1, 21.* Of their punishment. Rom 2.8,9.12. Reu.20.15. and 22.15.

Epistle. The 2. of Corinthians are the Epistle of Iesus Christ, and of Saint Paul. 2. Cor. 3.2.3.

Peter warneth vs to beware of the difficultnesse in Pauls Epistles. 2. Pet. 3.16.

Pauls Epistle to the Romanes. was written out by one Tertius. Rom. 16,22.

Equall, Iesus Christ being in the forme of God, thought it no robberie to bee equall with God. Phil. 2.6.

Equalitie among Christians how to be vsed. 2. Cor. 8 14.

Erre. Why the Israelites erred in their hearts. Psal. 95,10.

Couetousnesse causeth many to erre from the faith. 1. Tim. 1.6. and 6.10.

They erre that imagine mischiefe and will not be reformed. Prou. 14,22. Eccles. 17 1.

God causeth no man to erre. Eccles. 15. 12.

Who so conuerteth him that hath erred from the truth, doth saue a soule from death. James 5.19.

The wicked thinketh it not enough to erre themselues, except they drawe others with them. Wisd. 14.21.* Isa 30.10.28.

Errour and darkenesse are appointed for sinners. Eccles 11,16. Rom. 1.27.

In the latter dayes men shal giue heed to spirits of errour. 1. Tim. 4.1.

The last errour shalbe worse then the first. Mat. 27.64.

How to discerne the spirit of errour from the spirit of truth. 1. Ioh. 4.6.

Estate. No estate exempted from the reading and expounding of the Scriptures. Nehe. 8.8,13.

Eschew. We ought to eschew euill, and doe good. Eccles. 4.20 and 1. Pet. 3.11.

Esteeme. Paul esteemed not to know any thing saue Iesus Christ, and him crucified. 1. Cor. 2.2.

Eternall life. Mat. 19.16,17. and 25.35, 36,46. Mar. 10.17 to 32. Luk. 18.18, to 31. Ioh. 4.36 and 5.39.& 6.68. and 10.28. and 12.25. 1. Tim. 1.16. and 6.12. looke Life.

Eternall iudgement. Heb. 6.2.

Eternall redemption. Heb 9.12.

Eternall inheritance. Heb 9.15.

Eternall glory. 1. Pet. 5.10.

Eternall fire. Iude 7.

Euer. Taken for the continuance of this world. Eccles. 2.4. for fiftie yeeres. Exo. 21 6. for the time til Christs first comming. Ezec. 12.14,17. 1. Chro. 17.12. for so long as a promise is kept. Exod. 32.13. and for many times, or often. Ioh. 18 20 but simply for a time without end, as 1. Thes. 4.17.

Of euerlasting life, looke Life.

Euidence hidden in the ground, and why. Iere. 32.14.

Euil. All the imaginations of the thoughts of mans heart are euil continually. Gen 6.5. and 8 21.

How wee may take the euill fourth of the mits of vs. Deut. 13.5.

No euill can come to those whom God fauoureth. Psal. 23.4. and 91.10. and 121 7.

Euill shall hunt the cruell man to destruction. Psal. 140 11.

Hee that followeth euill, seeketh his owne death. Prou. 11.19.

The feare of the Lord causeth man to depart from euill. Pro. 16.6.

Woe to them that speake good of euill, and euill of good. Isa. 5.20. Michah. 3.2.

Of the two euils which Gods people committed. Iere. 2.13.

Euery man ought to turne from his euill way, &c. and why. Iere. 25.5.

All prouocation to euill, is infectious. Prou. 6.27,28,29. and to be shunned. 1. Thessal. 5. 22.

Adam eating the forbidden fruite, knewe good and euill. Gene. 3.5,7.

We ought not to render euil for euil. Pro. 20.22. and 24.29. 1. Pet. 3.9. Rom. 12.17. 1. Thes. 5.15.

Nabal rendred Dauid euill for good. 1. Sam. 25 7, to 11.

The euill pretended against Ioseph in selling of him, turned to good. Genesis 50.20. Rom. 8.28.

Wee ought not to doe euill, that good may come thereof. Rom 6.1.

Iehoram acknowledgeth that the euill of Samaria came by Gods prouidence. 2. Kin. 6.27.30.33.

We are euill by nature. Matth. 7.11. Luk. 11.13,48. Gen. 6 5.

We ought not to follow a multitude to do euill. Exod. 23.2.

The Iewes accuse Christ for an euil doer Iohn 18.30.

The worshipping of idoles is the beginning, the cause, and the end of all euill. Wisd. 14.16.*

To put farre the euill day, for being careles of Gods wrath, and liuing in all voluptuousnesse. Amos 6.3.

Worldlings are wise to doe euill, but not to doe well. Iere. 4.22.

The wicked proceede from euill to worse. Iere. 9.3.

No euill in a citie, looke Citie.

We must not companie with euill men, nor emule them. Pro. 24.1.

Cease from doing euill. Isai. 1.16. Looke Good.

Euil gotten goods purchaseth shame. Actes 1.18.

Eunuches or gelded men, might not enter into the congregation of the Lord. Deut. 23. 1,2,3. Leuit 21.18.*

Eunuche were chiefe officers vnto Princes. 1. Sam. 8.15. Act. 8.27. looke Chaste.

Exalt. Who so exalteth himselfe shalbe brought low. Luk 14.11. he y humbleth himselfe shalbe exalted. Phil. 2.8,9 Luk 18.14.

God exalted the kingdome of Dauid. 2. Sam. 5 12.

Examine. Wee must examine our selues, whether we be in the true faith, or no. 2. Cor. 13.5. and not to come to the Lords Supper before. 1. Corint. 11.28,29.* Looke Trie and Prooue.

Exemplar, looke Fashion.

Example. God by his owne example, prouoketh vs to be holy. Leuit. 11.44. and 19.2. and 20.7. and 21.8.

Christ gaue vs an example. John 13.15. Phil. 2.5, to 9. 1. Pet. 2.21.*

Bishops example, looke Bishops.

Paul willeth vs to followe his example. Phil. 3.17. 1. Tim. 1.16. 2. Thess 3.9.

The old Testament was a paterne or example to be accomplished in the new Heb. 8. 5. and 9.23.

The newe Testament is an example or paterne of things to bee performed in the euerlasting kingdome of Christ. Heb. 9 24.

An example of Gods compassion toward man. Ionah. 4.10,11.

The euill example of men in authoritie, causeth inferiours to sinne. Iere. 50.6.

The afflictions of the Iewes are written for our example. 1. Cor. 10.6,11.

Excesse of wine breedeth drunkennesse. Ephes. 5.18.

Excesse was one of the sinnes of Sodome. Ezek 16.49.

Incommodities growing by excesse. Eccles. 31.16.* and 37.29,30.

Against excesse of apparell and fare. Eccles. 11.4. Acts 12.21,22,23. Luke 16.19.* 1. Pet. 4.3,4. looke Apparell, Drunkennesse, and Gluttonie.

Excommunicate. Those that professed Christ, excommunicate out of the Synagogue Ioh. 9.22,34. and 12.42. and 16.2.

The manner how Paul did excommunicate. 1. Cor. 5.4,5.

Paul excommunicated Hymenens and Alexander. 1. Tim. 1 20.

The faithfull ought to excommunicate from their fellowship all that liue disorderly. Pro. 22.10. Mat 18.8.9 17. Rom. 16.17,18 2. Thess. 3.6.1. Tim. 6.5.2. Tim. 2.19 and 3. 5. Titus 3.10,11.2. Ioh. 10.

How a disordered person Excommunicated, should bee entreated of vs. 2. Thessal. 3. 14.15.

An excommunicate thing, what? Iosh. 7.1.

Excuses of the vngodly. Eccl. 32.18. will not preuaile. Mat. 8.21.& 25.44. and 27.24.

Exercises of wise men, and the commodity thereof. Eccles. 39.1. to 12.

The daily exercise of Christians ought to be in meditating in Gods Law. Act. 17.11. Psal. 1.2.

The exercise of an Elder or Bishop. 1. Tim. 4.7, to 17.

Execrable. An execrable thing, what? Iosh

Ioſh.6.17.
Who ſo loueth not Ieſus Chriſt, let him be had in execration, that is, excommunicate to death.1.Cor.16.22.
Exhort. God exhorteth Salomon and his people.1.King.3.9,to 10.
Moſes exhorteth all men to obey God, for that he is bountifull vnto ſuch. Deut.4.1,to 14.*
Exhortation muſt follow doctrine. Col.3. 16 1.Tim.6.2.& is neceſſary in the Church. Acts 2.40.and 11,23.and 13.15.Rom.12.8. 1.Tim.4.13. 2.Tim.4.2.Tit.1.9.and 2.15. Heb.13.22.
Before wee can exhort and admoniſh one another effectually, wee muſt be replenished with goodneſſe and knowledge.Rom 15.14
How diligent Paul was to exhort to take heede of falſe prophets.Acts 20 31.
We ought to exhort or admoniſh one another.1.Theſſ.5.11,14.Heb.3.13.
Exorciſts. Looke Witches.
Experience. He that hath good experience can talke of wiſedome. Eccluſ.34.9.& 25.6.
Miſerable experience was mans deſtruction.Gene.3.7.
Patience bringeth experience: and experience hope Rom.5 4.
Extortioners compared to the horſe leaches two daughters. Pro 31.15.looke Oppreſſion
Eye. The eyes of God were alwayes vpon the land of promiſe, that is, he made it fruitfull.Deut.11.12.
The Philiſtims put out Samſons eyes. Judg.16.21.
Nahaſh the Ammonite demanded y right eyes of the men of Iabeſh.1.Sam.11.2.
Zedekiah hath both his eyes put out.2.kin. 25.7.
The eyes of Adam and Heuah were opened.Gene.3.7.
The woman ſeeing the tree pleaſant to the eyes, ate therof contrary to Gods commaundement.Gen.3.6.
God opened the eyes of Hagar to ſee the well of water.Gen.21.19.
God opened the eyes of Baalam to ſee the Angel.Num.22.31.
Gods eyes are vpon the hautie to humble them.2.Sam.22.28.
Such as diſobey God, ſhall looke in vaine for comfort, till their eyes fall out. Deut.28. 65.
Eyes able to ſee Gods benefites, looke Eares.
Wee may not doe what ſeemeth good in our owne eyes, Num.15.39.Deut.12.8.
Saul being little in his owne eyes, was made King.1.Sam.15.17.
Hee that hideth his eyes from the poore, ſhall haue many curſes. Pro.28.27.
All things are naked and open vnto Gods eyes.Heb.4.1.
God promiſeth that his eyes and heart ſhould be perpetually in the Temple.1.Kin. 9.3.
Of the ſingle eye and wicked eye. Mat.6. 22,23.Luke 11.34.
Of the euill eye that is grieued to looke on his needie brother.Deut.15.9. Alſo the euill eye put for enuie.Mat.20.12.
The light of the body is y eye. Lu.11.34.
An eye for an eye.Mat 5.38.Exod.21.24. Leuit.24 20
The eye hath not ſeene.1c.1.Cor.2.9.
Job was the eyes of the blind.Job.29 12, Rebels haue no eyes, looke Eares.
Whence are red eyes.Pro.23.29.
Euery eye ſhall ſee Chriſt at the day of iudgement.Reue.1.7.
God ſhall wipe away the teares from the eyes of all the faithfull. Iſa.25.8.Reue.7.17. and 21.4.
Luſt of the eyes.looke Luſt.
Paul prayeth for the illumination of the eyes of the faithfull.Epheſ.1.16,18.
Dauid prayeth God to turne away his eyes from vanitie.Pſal.119.37.
Job made a couenant with his eyes, and why.Job 31.1.
Of prohibition of eyes, looke more.Gen.6. 2.and 34.1,2.and 39.7.2.Sam.11.2.and 13 1.Iſa.3.16.Pro.23.30,31.33.Eccluſ 9.5, 7,to 10.and 20.28.and 25.23.and 42.11,12 13.and 26.11,12. 2.Pet.2.14.Mat.5.29.
Eyes lift vp in prayer towardes heauen. Iohn 11.41.and 17.1.

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Fables. Prophane and olde wiues Fables, 1.Timot.1.4,to 8.and 4.1,2,7. 2.Tim.4.4. looke Doctours.
The Apoſtles in their doctrine were not directed by deceiueable Febles.2.Pet.1.16*
Face. The Iſraelites appeared before the face of the Lord.Deut.31.11.
The Face or preſence of God, went with the Iſraelites.Exod.33.14.
Moſes hid his face, for hee was afraide to looke on God.Exod.3.6.
Moſes could not ſee Gods face, and liue. Exod.33.20.
Moſes ſpake to God face to face.Exo.33. 11.Deut.5.4.and 34.10.
The Lord paſſed before Moſes face.Exo. 34.5.6.
Wee ſhall ſee God face to face, after this life.1.Cor.13.9,10,12.
Gideon ſaw an Angel face to face. Judg. 6.22,23.
God will hide his face from thoſe that forſake him.Deut.31.16,to 19.
Wee muſt pray feruently, that Gods face may ſhine vpon vs.Num.6.25.
Seeke the face of God.Pſal.27.8,9.
God will ſet his face againſt,1c. Leu.17. 10.and 20.2,to 7.and 26 17.
The face of God hidden.Iere.33.5.
Faileth. God neuer faileth thoſe that truſt in him.Deut.14.28.
Faining. Chriſtians ought to loue without faining.1.Pet.1.22.
Dauid fained himſelfe mad, and why. 1. Sam.21.11,12,13.*
Faint hearted. looke Cowardneſſe.
Fairenesſe. Saul was a goodly yong man and a faire.1.Sam 9 2.
Dauid was faire and of a comelie diſage. 1.Sam.16.12.
Abſalom excelled in fairenceſſe, and comely proportion.2.Sam.14.25.
The ſonnes of God ſaw the daughters of men, that they were faire. Gen.6.2.
Abraham and Iſhak feared to bee ſlaine for their wiues ſakes, becauſe they were faire Gen.12.11,12,13.and 20.2.and 26.7.
Rahel was a faire woman.Gene.29.17.ſo was Abigail. 1.Sam.25.3.and Bathſheba. 2.Sam.11.2. and Tamar Abſalams ſiſter. 2.Samuel 13.1 and Tamar, his daughter. 2.Sam.14.27.and Abiſhag. 1.Kings 1.3,4. looke Fauour.
Faith. The definition of Faith.Heb.11.
The faith of God put for his truetb in accomplithing that which he hath ſpoken Rom 3.3.
Faith put for the gift of working miracles. 1.Cor.12.9.and 13.2.
Such as haue faith in God ſhall proſper. 2.Chron.20.20.and 1.Sam.12.20.*
Except the word of God bee mixed with faith, the hearing there of doth profit nothing. Heb.4.2.
Without faith, it is impoſſible to pleaſe God.Heb.11.6.
God doeth vnto vs according to our faith, Mat.9.29.
Faith commeth by hearing of the word of God.Rom.10.17.and it is the worke of God in vs. Epheſ.1.18 19.of the which Chriſt is the author and finiſher by the holy Ghoſt. 1.Cor.12.5,9,11. it is giuen vs for Chriſts ſake.Phil.1.29.2.Pet.1.3,4. and therefore commeth not of our ſelues.Mat.16.17.Mat. 9.24.Epheſ.3.17.
Wee ought not in matters of faith, to bee led by mans wiſedome, but by Gods truetb. 1.Cor.2.3,4,5.
The efficacie of faith, which onely iuſtifieth. Iſai.5.3,11,12. Habac.2.4. Mat.5.36. and 16.16.Lu.1.45.and 7.50.and 8.48.Joh. 5.24.Act.10.43.and 13.39.and 16.31.Rom 3.23,24,28.and 4.5. and 5.5. Gal.2.16,21. and 3.11,22.and 5.6 Epheſ.2.8. Phil.3.9. 1.Pet.2 6,7.Heb.4.2.
Faith was counted vnto Abraham for righteouſneſſe.Gen.15.6.
The readineſſe of Abraham to offer vp his ſonne, declared his faith.Gen.22.2,11.
Eliſha endued with ſtrong faith, feared not thoſe that were ſent to apprehend him.2. King.6.16,17,18.
The faith of Gideon ſtrengthened by the fleece of wooll. Judg.6.36,to 41.
Ionathan with his armour bearer diſcomfited the Philiſtims through faith. 1.Sam. 14.6,to 24.
Dauid by faith, feared not to fight with Goliath.1.Sam.17.26,32*
The faith of Daniel and his companions. Dan.3.17.
Of the faith and conſtancie of ſeuen brethren and their mother. 2 Mac.7.1.*
Of the faith of Ieſus Chriſt, and his hope in tentation. Pſal.3.4.5.6.*
God confirmeth the Iſraelites faith, by recoyding to them his benefits. Deut.8.2,3.*
God trieth our faith by ſignes and wonders.1c.Deut.13.1,2.
Abrahams faith proued.Gene.22.1.
Of the faith of Eliiah.1.Kings 17.1,22. 2.Kings 4.1,42,43.
Faith is neceſſary for him that will come to Chriſt.Heb.11.6.

Faith purifieth the hearts. Acts 15.9.
Of Faith proceedeth the obteruation of Gods commandements. Eccius. 32.23,27.
We ought to pray in the Holy Ghost, to be edified in faith and loue. Iude verse 20.21.
True faith is that, that worketh by loue, and bringeth forth good workes. Galat. 5.6. 2. Pet. 1.5, to 16.
Against the faith of the Church, the gates of hell shall not preuaile. Mat. 16.16, 18.
All the chosen are regenerated by faith, and freely iustified. Rom. 3.24, 25, to 29.* 2. Cor. 5.17.
The ende of our faith is the saluation of our soules. 1. Pet. 1.9.
Those that are iustified by faith, are at peace with God. Rom. 5.1, 10.
Paul by faith waited for the hope of righteousnesse. Gal. 5.5.
We are raised vp from sinne by faith Col. 2.12.
Wee are by grace saued through faith in Christ Ephes. 2.8, 9. 2. Tim. 3.15.
We know God by faith, 1. Iohn 2.3.
Wee haue boldernesse, and free accesse to God by faith in Christ Ephe. 3.12.
By faith wee resist the deuil, and ouercome both the world and him. 1. Iohn 4.5. 1. Pet. 5.9.
We are blessed of God by faith. Gal. 3.14.
We are preserued vnto saluation by faith. 1. Pet. 1.5.
Christians see God by faith, not with their bodily eyes 2. Cor. 5.7.
Faith maketh vs to reioice in tribulation. Rom 5.2, to 5.
The holy Ghost is receiued by faith, looke Holy Ghost.
By our inclination to good workes, wee learne whether wee haue true faith or no. Phil. 2.1. Iohn. 2. 3, 4, 5.
The breastplate and shield of faith is loue. Ephes. 6.6.1. The. 5.8.
The true knowledge of faith, the summe of Christianitie. 1. Thes. 3.5.*
Faith vnfained is knowen by loue. 1. Tim. 1.5.
Faith, hope and loue continue: other gifts cease. 1. Cor. 13.8, 13.
What things the fathers attempted and what they enioyned by faith. Heb. 11.4.*
Of Abrahams faith. Rom. 4.17.*
Of the faith of Iohn Baptist. Iohn 1.31, 33, 34. Of Andrew verse 37.40. Of Philip and Nathanael verse 43.45.* and of Peter. Mat. 16.16.
The faith of the Thessalonians. 1. Thess. 1.8.
Let vs follow the faith of the Apostles, looke Conuersation.
Christ prayed that Peters faith should not faile. Luke 22.32.
The theefe saued by faith. Luke 23.43.
The faith of the Centurion and those that watched Christ. Mat. 27.54.
Peter and Iohn by faith healed a creeple borne. Acts 3.2.6.7.
A sinfull woman for her faiths sake, is forgiuen. Luke 7 47.50.
By faith wee receiue the forgiuenesse of sinnes. Acts 26.18.
Felix and Dymilla his wife, instructed in the faith. Acts 24 25,26.
The godly glorified God for Pauls conuersion to the faith. Gal. 1.22,23.
The faith of the leper. Matth. 8.2. of blind men. Mat. 9.27,28,29. and 20.30.* Marke 10.46.* Luke 18.35.* Of the ruler of the Synagogue. Matth. 9.18,19. Of the woman with the issue of blood. Mat. 9.22,22. Of the father of him that was possessed. Mat. 9.24. Of the Canaanitish woman. Matt. 15.22,to 29 Mat. 7.24, to 31. Of the ruler in Capernaum. Iohn 4.50 Of the Pauim Centurion. Mat. 8.6, to 14 Luk. 7.2, to 11. Of a man lame borne. Acts 14.8, 9, 10. Of the sicke of the palsie. Mat. 9.2 Mar. 2.5. Luk. 5.20. and 7.2, to 12.
Sicknesses are healed by faith. Matt. 14. 39 Marke 6.56.
Christ tried the Apostles faith by a tempest. Mat. 8.24, 25, 26.
Peter walketh vpon the water by faith. Mat. 14.28, 29.
Faith as much as a graine of Mustard seede. Matth. 17.20. and 21, 21. Luke 17.6. Iohn 15.7,8.
Christ reproueth his Apostles for want of faith. Mat. 6.30.
The Apostles desired Christ to increase their faith. Luke. 17.5.
Whatsoeuer we aske in faith shalbe granted. Mat. 21.22. Mar. 11. 24.
The doore of faith opened vnto the Gentiles. Acts 14.27.
The Pharises neglecting faith, iudgement, &c. tithe mint, rue, &c. Matth. 23.23. Luke 11.42.
We ought to draw neere to Christ with a true heart in assurance of faith. Heb. 10. 22, 23.
Moses exhorteth the people to haue faith, in the victorie promised them. Deut 20.3.
Paul exhorteth to be stedfast in faith. 1. Cor. 15.1, 2. Acts 14.13, 22.
An exhortation vnto faith and good workes. Psal. 37.3, 4, 5.
All men haue not faith, 2. Thes. 3.2.
When the sonne of man commeth, shall he finde faith on the earth? Luke 18.8.
Of seeing and examining our faith, looke Examine.
Wee must light the good light of faith. 1. Tim. 6.12. and perseuere therein. Col. 1.23. Iohn 15.4. and growe from faith to faith. Rom. 1.17.
Whatsoeuer is not of faith, is sinne. Rom. 14.23. Matth. 12.33, 34. Rom. 10.14. Heb. 11.6.
Faith taken for the doctrine of the Gospel. Acts 6.7. 1. Tim. 3 9. and 4.6. and for a full perswasion of Christian liberty in things indifferent. Rom. 14.22.
Reuolters from the faith. Heb. 6.4, to 9. and 2. Pet. 2. 20, 21, 22.
Good instructors in the faith. 1. Tim. 4.6.
God will persayne in vs his work of faith. Psal. 138.8.
Of faith, hope and loue. 1. Cor. 13.13.
Wee must doe good to all, but specially to those of the houshold of faith. Gal. 6.10.
By no worldly thing can man assure him-selfe of Gods fauour but onely by faith. Eccius. 9.1, 2, 3.
Fruits of faith, looke Fruits.
Faith obtaineth that which the sacrifices prefigured Gal. 3.23.
The lawe of faith giuen vpon condition. Rom. 3.27. and 9.31. Looke Beleeue, Works, and Iustifie.
Faithfull. Samuel was a faithfull Prophet. 1. Sam. 3 19, 20.
God foreseeing that hee would stirre vp a faithfull Priest. 1. Sam. 2.35.
Moses was a faithful seruant of the Lord. Numm 12 7 Heb. 3.5.
God is faithfull. 1. Cor. 1.9. 2. Thess. 3.3. 1. Iohn 1 9.
All the faithfull are one bodie in Christ. Rom. 12.4, 5.
The faithfull are called the house of God. 1. Peter 4.17. a chosen generation borne of God, a royall and holy Priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, and a spirituall house, and why. 1. Pet. 2. 2, 5, 9. The Temple of the liuing God. 1. Cor. 6.16. beloued of God Iude 3: 21. citizens of God. Iohn 3. 1, 10. made free by Christ. Iohn 8.36. Ephe. 1.2. and coheires with Christ of his euerlasting kingdome. Tit. 3.7. Rom. 8.17.
The faithfull in afflictions humble themselues to God. Iob 1.20, 21.
God promiseth to be a father to the faithfull 2. Cor. 6 18.
God is carefull for the faithfull. Psal. 101. 6, 7, 8.
The Prophet exhorteth the faithfull to godlinesse and patience. Psal. 37.28.*
God exhorteth the faithfull vnto faith and patience by the example of Abraham. Isai. 51.2.*
The confession of the faithfull. Psal. 15.9.
The faithfull put their trust in God only. Psal. 146. 3, 4, 5, 6.*
The faithfull acknowledge their persecutions to come by Gods prouidence. Psalme 38.1.*
The hopes of the faithfull, and torments of the vnfaithfull. Isa. 65. 13, 14.*
Prayers of the faithfull against persecuters. Looke Persecution.
God spareth the faithfull for their great-nesse. Mal. 3. 17, 18.
The faithfull praise God, by whose grace they serue not Idoles. Wisd. 15. 1, 2.*
A comparison betweene the faithfull and the infidels. Psal. 37. 1, 34.*
The faithfull and vnfaithfull mingled together in the Church. 2. Tim. 2. 20.
The faithfull ought to haue fellowship with an vnbeleeuer. 2. Cor. 6. 14, 15, 16.
Vnto the faithfull all things are pure. Titus 1. 15.
The faithfull ought to bee stedfast in the doctrine which hath beene taught them. 1. Iohn 2. 27.
The faithfull desire to bee remooued from the bodie, & to dwell with God. 2. Cor. 5. 4, 8.
The faithfull be strangers in this world. Heb. 11. 13, 16.
The faithfull ought to bee ready alwayes, to render a reason of their hope. 1. Peter 3. 15, 16.

The congregation of the faithfull, to be gathered by the preaching of the Gospel, is prophesied of. Isa. 11.12.

The faithfull ought to be united in Spirit. Act. 2.44 * and 4.32.

Among the faithfull of ꝑ primitiue Church, there was none that lacked any thing necessarie. Act. 4.34.35.

The Lorde knoweth how to deliuer the faithfull out of affliction. 2. Pet. 2.5.6.7.9.

Life promised to the faithfull. Prouerbes 10.16.

The faithfull hope onely in the mercie of God. Psal 52.9

The faithfull are the children of Abraham by promise. Rom. 9.8.

The faithfull shall not come into condemnation. John 5.24. looke Beleeuers, Children, of God, Church, Saints, and Conuersation.

Faithfulnesse is required in the disposers of the secrets of God. 1. Cor. 4. 2. Matth. 28. 19, 20.

God will reward euery man according to his faithfulnesse. 2. Sam. 16. 23.

Of the faithlesse, looke Infidelitie

False. We are forewarned of false prophets, who are knowen by their fruits. Matt. 7. 15, 16. & 24. 4, 5, 11, 24. Acts 20. 31. Phil. 3. 18. Deut. 13. 1, to 6. Jere. 23. 9, 16, 25, to 35.*

False witnesse. Exod. 20. 16. and the punishment. Deut. 19 16, 21.

We ought not to be false witnesses, or credite a false tale. Exod. 23. 1.

False prophets termed woolues. Act. 20. 29 and deceitfull workers 2. Cor. 11. 13. who vnder the colour of the Gospel, serue their own bellies. Rom. 16. 18.

How a false prophet may be knowen. Deu. 18. 22.

Foure hundred false prophets assembled before Ahab 1. Kings 22. 6. 2. Chro. 18. 5.

Of the doctrine and conuersation of false prophets. Ezek. 22. 25. Jerem. 23. 9, 25, to 35.*

False prophets flatter Gods people. Jere. 6. 14. and 14. 13, 14.

Of false friends. Eccles 37. 1, to 7.

No degree but dealeth falsly. Jere. 6. 13. and 18 10.

Fall. We ought not to reioice at our enemies fall, and why. Pro. 24. 17. 18.

The righteous shall see the fall of the wicked. Pro 29. 16. and 11. 5.

Christ the fall and rising againe of many in Israel. Luke 2. 34.

We must take heede we fall not from the grace of God. Heb. 12. 15.

It is better to fall into the handes of God then man. 2 Sam. 24. 14.

It is better to fall into the handes of the wicked, then to sinne before God. Dan. 13. 23.

It is a feareful thing to fal into the hands of God. Heb 10 31.

Saul fell downe with the Prophets and praised God. 1. Sam. 19. 24

Abraham did fall on his face and laughed. Gen. 17. 17.

Ruth fell on her face before Boaz. Ruth 2, 10,

Moses and Aaron fel on their faces before the Lord Nu 20. 6. so did Joshua. Josh 7. 6.

Moses fell downe before the Lord, praying for the Israelites. Deut. 9 18.

The ought to help vp an oxe or an asse that is fallen. Deut. 22. 4.

To fall taken for to die. 2. Sam. 3. 34. to be deceiued. Eccles 13. 1. Luke 6. 39. and to be dishonoured. Ester 6. 13.

The iust man falleth seuen times, and riseth again, but the wicked fall into mischiefe. Pro. 24. 16.

He that thinketh hee standeth, must take heed lest he fall. 1. Cor. 10. 12.

A man may fall with his tongue, and not with his will. Eccles. 19 16.

Where the tree falleth, there it lieth. Eccles. 11. 3.

To fall on the necke. Gen. 45. 14.

Familie. looke Flocke.

Familiar. Saul sought vnto a witch that had a familiar spirit. 1. Sam. 28 7.

Famine threatned to the disobedient. Lev. 26. 16. Deut 28. 23 & 32. 24. looke Amendement.

Famine sent vs by reason of our sinnes. 1. king. 8. 35.

Abraham to auoide famine in Canaan, went into Egypt. Gen. 12. 10. Izhak for the same cause, sojourneth among the Philistims. Gen. 26. 1, 6 *

Seuen yeares famine in Egypt and all lands thereto adioyning. Gen. 41. 30, 54.

How Joseph dealt in the time of famine. Gen. 47. 14, to 29.

Three yeres famine in the time of Dauid. 2. Sam. 21. 1. Another great famine in the time of Ahab. 1. Kings 18. 2. Another in the time of Jehoram. 2. Kings 6. 25, to 29.

Famine propheſied. Jere. 14. 1, to 7. Ezek. 9. 10 11.* and 12. 16, 18, 19 Hos. 9. 2.*

In the famine God enriched Izhak with plentie. Gen. 26. 1, 13, 14, 15, 16.

The widow of Sarepta relieued in the famine. 1. Kings 17. 12. 14. 15, 16.

Elisha foretolde the Shunammite of the famine of seuen yeeres. 2. Kings 8. 1, 2.

Elimelech fleeing the famine sojourned in the land of Moab. Ruth 1. 1, 2, 3.

Elijah foretolde the famine vnto Ahab. 1. King. 17. 1.

In the famine Elisha maketh the bitter pottage sweete. 2. Kings 4 41.

A famine in Jerusalem in the time of Zedekiah. 2. King. 25. 3.

Agabus foretold of an vniuersall famine. Acts 11. 28.

A famine of the word of God Amos 8. 11.

The arrowes of famine Ezek. 5. 16. looke Hunger.

Fasune. The fasune of Christ in the Gospel. Matth 3 12 Luke 3. 17.

Fashion. God commandeth Moses to make the tabernacle according to the fashion he had shewed him in the mount. Exod. 25. 9, 40.

The fashion of this worlde goeth away. 1. Cor. 7. 31.

Fasting. How we should fast. Matth. 6. 16, 17, 18.

What fasting the Lord requireth. Isa. 1. 16, 17. and 58. 6, 7.

Fasting and sacrifices do not please the obstinate. Jere. 14. 12.*

Fasting without true workes of mercie, unprofitable. Zech. 7. 9, 10, 11.*

A question concerning fasting. Zech. 7. 3, 5, 6, 7.

Lunatike deuils are not cast forth but with prayer and fasting. Matt. 17. 15, 18, 20, 21. Mat 9. 29.

Daniel prayed vnto the Lord with fasting. Dan 9 3.

After fasting and prayers, hands were laid on Paul and Barnabas. Acts 13. 2, 3.

Prayer and fasting at the ordaining of Elders. Acts 14. 23.

Pauls often fastings. 1. Cor. 11. 27. and 6. 6.

Anna fasted and prayed fourescore and foure yeeres continually Luke 2. 37.

Sarra Raguels daughter fasted & prayed to God with teares. Tob 3. 10.

The children of Israel fasted before ꝑ Lord. Judg. 20. 16. Against they fasted, confessing their sinnes. 1. Sam 7 6. looke Confession.

Jehoshephat proclaimed a generall fast throughout all his dominion. 2. Chr. 20. 3.

Citizens proclaimed a fast. Ezra 8 21.

Turne to the Lord with fasting and mourning. Joel 2. 12, to 18.

The Ninevites proclaimed a generall fasting. Jonah 3. 5, 6, 7.

Moses fasted forty dayes & forty nights. Exod. 34. 28. so did Elijah. 1. Kin. 19. 8. and Christ likewise. Matt. 4. 2. Of whole fasting reade Psal. 35. 13. and 69. 10. and 109. 24.

David and his men wept, and fasted vntill euen 2. Sam. 1. 12.

The inhabitants of Jabeth Gilead fasted seuen dayes. 1. Sam. 31. 13.

David fasted, and prayed vnto God, for the childes life. 2. Sam. 12. 16.

Ahab fasted, and lay in sackecloth, and God pitied him. 1 King. 21. 27. 29.

Judeth (sauing a few dayes) fasted all her widowhood. Judeth 8. 6.

Ester fasted and prayed three dayes and three nights. Ester 4. 16

A generall fast proclaimed. Jerem. 36 9.

Christs disciples reproued, because they fasted not, and excused. Mat. 9. 14, 15.

Fasting a ceremonie appertaining to burials. 1. Sam. 31. 13.

The wicked Elders obey Jezebel in proclaiming a fast. 1. King. 21. 9, 11, 12.

The hypocrites cast God in the teeth with their fasting. Isa 58 3.

An example of true and false fasting. Luk. 18. 11, to 14.

Of fasting more for feare then for deuotion. Jere. 36. 6.

Fastings, not prayers of the wicked regarded. Eccles. 34. 18, 27 *

Of measurable abstinence, the daily fast of Christians. Eccles. 31. 22.* and 37. 28, 29, 30 Matt. 15. 11, 18, 19, 20. Luke 21. 34. Rom. 13. 13, 14. 1. Corinth 9. 5. Gal 4. 16, to 20.* Phil. 3. 18, 19 1. Thes 5. 5, to 9. 1. Tim. 4. 8. Col. 3. 5. 8. 12, 13 1. Pet. 1. 13, to 17. and 5 5, 6. 8. 2. Pet. 1. 5, to 9 1. John 2. 16, 17. Ephes 5. 3, 4, 5, 18. looke Abstinence.

Fathers ought not to prouoke their children to

to wrath. Ephe. 6. 4. Col. 3. 21.

Fathers are charged to teach their children the law of God. Deut. 11. 19.

God commandeth the childe to honour his Father and mother. Matth. 15. 4. Mar. 7. 10. looke Children.

Cursed is hee that honoureth not his Father and mother. Deut. 27. 16.

He that smiteth his Father or mother, shall die the death. Exod. 21. 15.

Of them that curse Father or mother. Leviticus 20. 9 Pro. 20. 20. and 30. 11.

Fathers and mothers must not bee loued more then Christ. Matth. 10. 37. Luke 14. 26. Neither shall they bee followed in euill. Matth. 15. 2, to 12. Acts 7. 51. and 1. Pet. 1. 18.

The childe ought not to die for his Father, nor the Father for his children sinne. Deu. 24. 16. Jere. 31. 29, 30.

The childe ought to aske his Father what God had done for him. Deut. 32. 7.

Iesus Christ onely knoweth the Father, and reuealeth him to whom it pleaseth him. Matth. 11. 27.

The spirit of God emboldeneth vs to call God our Father. Gal 4. 6.

Christ willeth vs to call no man Father in earth, and why. Matth. 23 9.

Ioseph was the supposed Father of Christ. Matth. 13. 35. Luke 3. 23.

God is our Father. Deut. 32. 6. Isa 63. 16. 2. Esdras 12. 29. 1. Cor 6. 18. and him must wee honour and feare. 1. Peter 1. 17, 18.* Mala. 1 6.

He that knoweth Christ, knoweth the Father. John 14. 7.

Iob was called the Father of the poore, and why. Job 29. 16.

Father taken for a chiefe gouernour, or prince. 1. Chron. 2. 24. For Preachers and Prophets. 2. king. 2. 12. and 13. 14. 1. Cor. 4. 14, 15. Gal. 4. 6, 19. Phil. 2. 10. For aged men. Leuit. 19. 32. 1. Timoth. 1. 2, 3. &c. for magistrates. Exod. 22. 28. Deut. 16. 18. Rom. 13. 4. and for predecessors. Matth 23. 30, 32. Acts 15. 10. Heb. 1. 1.

Fatherlesse. God doeth right vnto the Fatherlesse. Deut. 10. 18.

We ought to be a father of the Fatherless. Eccl. 4. 10. after the example of God. Psa. 61. 5. and 146. 9.

The Iewes are led captiue for vexing the Fatherlesse and widow. Eze. 22 7.

Of oppressing or reliuing of the Fatherlesse, looke Widow.

Fat. Israel being waxed Fat with store, forsooke God. Deut. 6. 10, 11, 12. and 8 7, 8, 9, 10.* and 31 20, 21. and 32. 15.

God commaunded the Israelites not to eate the Fat of the beasts offered. Lam. 7. 23, 24, 25. and 3. 17.

The Fat of Lambes, Rammes, Goates, wheate, &c were Gods blessings on the land of promise. Deut. 32 14.

Fat for plentifull Eccles. 38. 11. for wealthie. Psal. 22. 29. Pro. 28. 25.

The Fatte of the land, what. looke Gene. 45. 18.

Fatnesse, for the spirit of wisedome, knowledge, and zeale Jere. 31. 14.

Jsaak blessed Jaakob with the Fatnesse of the earth. Gen. 27. 28.

Fauour. Whoso is mindfull of mercie and trueth, shall finde Fauour in the sight of God and man. Pro. 3. 34.

Louing Fauour is better then siluer or gold. Prou. 22. 1.

Grace & Fauour of men commeth of God. Gen. 38. 4. Exod. 11. 2, 3. and 12. 35, 36.

Ruth found Fauour in the sight of Boaz. Ruth 2. 2, 9, 10, 13. reade 2 Kings 25. 27.* Psal. 105. 19, 20, 10 23. Jere. 40. 2, 3, 4. Dan. 1. 9. Nehe. 1. 11. and 2. 5, to 9.

Gideon craueth a signe of God, to knowe whether hee were in his Fauour or no. Iudg. 6. 17.

Such as Fauour the wicked, are worthie death. Rom. 1. 31.

Fauoured. Joseph was a well fauoured person. Gen. 39 6. looke Faire.

If Feare in affliction is expelled by calling to minde Gods benefites, power, and promises Deut. 7. 18, 19.

Wee must make an end of our saluation, with Feare and trembling. Philip. 2. 12. 1. Pet. 1. 17.*

We ought to Feare God. Deut. 4. 10. and 14 23. Reue. 14. 7. Exod. 20. 18, 20.

Whom we ought to Feare, and whom not. Matth 10. 28. Luke 12. 5. and 1 Pet. 2. 17.

Whosoeuer feareth God, and worketh righteousnesse, is accepted with him. Acts 10 35.

The mercie of God is alwayes on them that Feare him. Luke 1. 50.

Princes and Iudges must Feare God. Deut. 17. 19. Exod. 18. 21.

God delighteth to haue his people to feare him. Deut. 5 29.

Iosua exhorteth the Iewes to Feare the Lord. Josh 24 14.

The Israelites hauing seene the mightie power of God, Feared the Lord Exo. 14 31. and 19. 16. Deut. 5. 25, 29, 128.

Moses Fearing the wrath of God, prayed vnto him for the Israelites. Deut. 9. 18, 19.

The people and commodities of the Feare of God. Psal. 103. 13. & 128. 1.* Pro. 10. 27. and 14, 27. and 19. 23. and 22. 4. and 28. 14. Eccles. 1. 11, to 34. and 2.* and 34. 13, to 18

Of the Feare of God. Mal. 3. 16.

He that Feareth God, will neither speake nor doe euill. Leuit. 19. 14.

Adam after hee had sinned, was afraid of God. Gen. 3. 7, 10.

Joseph feared God Gen. 42. 18. so did the midwiues in Egypt. Exodus 1. 17, 20, 21.

The seruants of Pharaoh that feared God, were preserued from the haile. Exod. 9. 10.

Obadiah feared God. 1. King. 18. 3, 12.

Euery man ought to feare his father and mother. Leuit. 19. 4.

Let vs feare, lest by forsaking Gods promises, we perish through infidelitie. Heb. 4. 1, 3.

To feare that obserue not Gods commandements, shall feare their life day and night. Deut. 28. 66.

The brethren of Joseph feared him. Gen. 45 3. and 50. 15, to 22.

Saul was afraid of Dauid, because God was with him. 1. Sam. 18. 28, 29.

The people feared Salomon for his wisedome. 1. Kings 3. 28.

Dauid seeing Vzzah stricken, Feared. 2. Sam. 6. 6, 7, 9, 10.

Jaakob Fearing Esau, falleth to prayer. Gen. 32. 7, 9, to 13.

The Israelites afraid at the challenge of Goliath. 1. Sam. 17. 11, 24.

Samuel was afrayd to annoint Dauid king. 1. Sam 16. 2.

Saul was afrayd of the hoste of the Philistims. 1. Sam. 21. 5.

Elijah fled for Feare of being slaine by Jezebel 1. king. 19. 23.

Wee ought to Feare them to whom Feare belongeth. Rom. 13. 7.

The people being afrayd of Gods wrath, followed Saul & Samuel with one consent. 1. Sam. 12. 7. Jsrael dwelt without feare all the dayes of Salomon. 1. Kings 4. 25.

Commendation of the feare of God which was in Abraham. Gen. 22. 12, 16, 17, 18.

Elisha feared not the king of Syria his armie 2. Kings 6. 14, 15.

Perfect loue expelleth feare. 1. Joh. 4. 18. God threatneth, that they shall bee afraid in their chambers, who prouoke him by idolatry. Deut. 32. 21, 25.

The meanes to feare God, is to heare his word Deut. 4. 10 and 6 2.

The king of feare. Job 18. 14.

Feare for imbracing. Psal 72 5. for zeale. Psal. 119. 53. for reuerence. Josh 4. 14 for obedience towards men. Rom. 13. 4 7. 2. Cor. 7. 15. Ephe. 5. 6. 1. Pet. 3 14.

A godly feare. Psal. 119. 120.

The feare of the Lord. Pro. 8. 13. Psalm. 34. 11, 12.

What feare is. Wisd. 17 11.

The honourable seede are they that feare the Lord. Eccles. 10. 20.

Who so feareth God, departeth not from him Jere. 32. 40.

Foure things to bee feared. Eccles. 26 5.

The elect feare God. Mal. 3. 16.

Those that feare God, shall haue no euill report. Judeth 8. 8.

Blessed is the man that feareth alway. Psal. 112. 1. Pro. 28. 14.

God giueth wisedome to such as feare him. Eccles. 43. 33.

The beginning of wisedome is the Feare of the Lord. Psal. 111. 10.

None sayd, hen that feareth the Lord. Eccles 2. 11. Neither shall any euill happen to them Eccles. 33. 1.

We ought to eat in the Feare of the Lord. Eccles. 9. 18.

Pouertie is the Feare of the rowdie. Prou. 10. 15.

Feare the Lord, and honour his ministers. Eccles 7. 29.

The people of the Feare of God, abound riches, strength, and beautie. Eccles. 40. 26, 27.

He that feareth God, converteth in heart. Eccles. 21. 6. and is vpright without hypocrisie. Pro. 14. 2.

Job feared God and eschewed euill. Job 1. 1. 8 Prou 14. 16.

Of worldly and carnall Feare. John 9. 22.

and 12.42. and 19.8.

Cornelius feared God with all his houſe-hold. Acts 10.2.

Simeon feared God. Luke 2.25.

Iuſt gement and righteouſneſſe followe the feare of God. Iſa 5.7.

Miniſters muſt not feare, looke Miniſters.

Of childly feare. Jerem. 36.16. Mat. 5.33. Act. 9.31. & 10.2.2. Cor. 7.1. Eph. 5.21. Col. 3.22. 1. Pet. 2 17.

Of naturall feare. Mat. 14 26. Iſa. 24.17

Of ſeruile feare. 2. Tim. 74.33,33. Jeſh. 1. 16. Jere. 36.16. Rom. 8.15. Luk. 1.74. and 1. John 4.18. Reue. 21.8.

We ought not to feare the reproach of men, and why. Iſa. 51.7,8.

He that feareth inconueniences, ſhall never doe his duetie. Eccles. 11.4.

That which the wicked feareth, ſhal come vpon him. Prou. 10.24.

Eſther was trained vp in the feare and knowledge of God. Eſt. 14.5.

Of the perſecution of thoſe that feare the Lord. 2. Eſd. 16.62, to 66. and how God will deliuer them. verſ. 66. and punish the wicked. verſe 68.

It is a fearefull thing to fall into the hands of the liuing God. Hebr. 10.31. looke Timorous.

Feaſt. The Iewes feaſts were many, looke Sabboth and Paſſeouer: and looke Pentecoſt in the firſt Table.

The feaſt of bleſwing of hornes or trumpets. Leuit. 23.24. Numb. 29.1, to 7. and 2. Chro. 5.3, 13.

The feaſt of humbling, reconciling, and cleanſing ſinnes. Leuit. 16. 29, 30. and 23.7. Numb. 29.7, to 12.

The feaſtes of boughes or boothes, or Tabernacles, called alſo the feaſt of gathering fruites. Exodus 23.16. Leuit. 23.24, to 37. Numb. 29 12.* Deut. 16.13, to 16. and 31. 10, to 14. Ezra 3.4. Nehe. 8.1, 2, 14, 15.* 1. Eſd. 5.51, 52. 2 Mac. 1.9, 11.* & 10.5, to 9. John 7.2.

The feaſt of the newe moone. Numb. 28, 11, to 16. and 1. Sam 20.5, 24. Ezek. 45.18, 19. & 46.7. with other feaſtes: as Eſt. 9.21.* 2. Mac. 15.36, 37.

The dedication of the Temple was alſo counted a ſolemne feaſt among the Iewes. 2. Kings 8.65. John 10.22.

What þ Iewes ſhould offer at euery feaſt. Exo. 23.14, to 20. Leuit. 23.2.* Num. 20.3.* God hateth the Iewes feaſtes, for that they were prophaned. Iſa. 1.11, to 15. and 66.17. Amos 5.21, 22. and 8.5, 10. Mal. 2.8, 13.

Why Chriſt was not apprehended on the feaſt day. Matt. 26.5.

Jeſus on the feaſt day, drone buyers and ſellers out of the Temple. John 2.14, 15 16.

Abraham made a feaſt when Iſhak was weaned. Gen. 21 8.

Whom wee ought to bid to our feaſtes: and howe wee ſhould behaue our ſelues in feaſting. Eccius 9.17, 18. Exod. 18.12. Lu. 14.12, 13, 14. Tobit. 2.1, 2. and 4.16, 17. 1. Cor 5.8.

The poore ought to bee remembred at our feaſtings. Nehe. 8.10.

Job feared miſoppor and abuſe in his children feaſting. Job 1.5.

Iſhak made a feaſt to Abimelech. Genel. 26.30, 31. and Joſeph to his brethren. Gene. 43.31, 32. and Salomon to all his ſeruants. 1. Kings 3 15.

Of feaſtes vſed at three hearing. Gene. 38.12. 1. Samu. 25 4, 11, 36. 2. Samu. 13. 24, 28.

Pharaoh made a Feaſt on his birth day. Gene. 40. 20. ſo did Herode. Matth. 14. 6. Marke 7.21.

Weeding feaſtes. Gene. 29.22. Judg. 14. 10. John 2.2, to 11.

Dauid made a Feaſt vnto Abner. 2. Sam. 3.20.

Adonijah made a Feaſt vnto his brethren. 1. Kings 1.5, 9, 25, 41, 49.

The loweſt roomes at Feaſts. Luke 14.8, to 12.

Matthewe made a great Feaſt for Chriſt, his diſciples, and others. Luke 5.29. Marke 2.15. Matth. 9.9, 10.

The chiefe places at Feaſts. Mat. 23. 6, 7.

The office of a Feaſt-maker, Eccl. 32, 1, 2 looke Solemne.

Feaſting, for faſting. Iſai. 22.12, 13.

Feeble. We ought to comfort the feeble minded. 1. Theſſ. 5.14.

Hannah barren, and feeble, had children. 1. Sam. 2, 5.

Feede. Iaakob was fed of God all his life long. Gen 48.15.

How Dauid did feed Iſrael. 2. Sam. 5.2. Pſal. 78, 72.

Iudges and gouernors ought to feede Gods people fed. 2. Sam. 7.7.

Chriſt commaunded Peter to feede his ſheepe. John 21.15, 16, 17.

Peter willeth the Elders of the Church, to feede the flocke of Chriſt. 1. Pet. 5.1, to 5.

Thoſe that feede a flocke are worthie to eate of the milke. 1. Cor. 9.7.

The greene paſtures & waters for Chriſtians to feede on, are to bee found in the Scriptures. Pſalme 23. 23. John 6. 27, 55. 56.

Feete. It was a courteſie in olde time, firſt to waſh the feete of ſuch as a man bad bayed. Gen. 18.4. & 19.1, 2. and 24.32, 33. Judg. 19.21. Gen. 43.24.

Abigail humbleth her ſelfe to waſh Dauids ſeruants feete. 1. Sam. 25.41.

The feete of the Iſraelites did not ſwell in the wildernes. Deut. 8.4.

God maketh the feete of his choſen, to bee like Hindes feete to doe his will. 2. Samu. 22.34.

Joſhua cauſeth his chiefe men of warre to ſet their feete on the neckes of Kings. Joſh. 10.24, 25.

Ruth ſlept at the feete of Boaz. Ruth 3. 4, 8, 14.

Aſa had a diſeaſe in his feete. 1. King. 15. 23. 2. Chro. 16.12.

A ſinfull woman waſhed Chriſtes feete. Luke 7.37, 38.

Chriſt waſhed his diſciples feete. Joh. 13, 5, 14, 15.

Job was feete to the lame. Job 29.15.

Fellow-helpers, looke Coadiutors.

Fellow ſeruant. Tychicus a fellow ſeruant in the Lord Col. 4.7.

Fellowſhip. The faithfull continued in the Apoſtles doctrine and Fellowſhip, Acts 2.42.

To haue Fellowſhip with God and his Sonne, is to beleeue in Chriſt, and to walke in the light. 1. John 1. 3, 5, 6, 7.

The vnfruitfull Fellowſhip of Chriſts members. Pſal. 14.7. and 15.1.*

Righteouſneſſe hath no Fellowſhip with vnrighteouſneſſe, nor light with darkeneſſe, nor the godly with infidels. 2. Corint. 6. 14.* Ephel 5.7, 8. and 1. Theſſ 5 5, 6.

Feuer. God will ſmite ſuch as diſobey him with feuers. Deu. 28.22.

Chriſt healed Peters mother in lawe of a feuer. Matth. 8 14, 15. Marke 1. 30, 31.

Field. The Iſraelites might not ſowe their field with mingled ſeed. Leuit. 19.19.

Of him that hurteth his neighbours field or vineyard. Exod. 22.5.

Wee ought not to remoue the markes or bounds of the field. Deut. 19.14.

Abſalom cauſeth Joabs field to bee ſet on fire. 2. Sam. 14. 13.

The field of blood. Acts 1.19.

The field which Jeremie bought of Hanameel. Jere. 32.7, to 16.

Fight. looke Warre.

Figge. The parable of the Figge tree. Mat. 23.32, 33.

The curſing of the figge tree. Mat. 21.19, to 23. Mar. 11.13, 14.

The parable of the vnfruitfull figge tree. Luke 13.6, to 10.

The Figge would not bee king ouer other trees. Judg. 9.10, 11.

Fill. God will fill vs with all good things, if we loue him. Deut. 11.13, 14, 15.

Wee ought not to ſeeke God, when wee are filled with his benefites. Deut. 8.10, 19. and 6.10, 11, 12. as did the Iſraelites. Deu. 32.15.

Finde. To ſeeke God and to find him, and to loſe him. how. 1. Chro. 15.2, 4, 15.

Gods iudgements cannot be found out by man. 2. Eſd. 5.40.

Finger. A giant ſlaine that had 24. fingers and toes. 2. Sam. 21. 20, 21.

Tables written with the finger of God. Exod. 31.18.

Pharaohs enchanters confeſſe that Moſes miracles were brought to paſſe by the finger of God, and not by ſorcerie. Exodus 8. 18, 19.

The finger of God, what. Luke 11.20.

Firmament. Gen. 1.6.7, 8. Pſal. 150.1.

Firſt. The firſt borne of man or beaſt, dedicated to God. Exo. 13.2. 13, 14 and giuen for a parcell of the Leuites inheritance. Num. 3.12, 13.

The firſt borne of man might bee redeemed, and how. Exod. 13.13.

The firſt foale of an aſſe was redeemed with a lambe. Exod. 13.13.

Chriſt was the firſt borne of euery creature. Rom. 8.29 Col. 1.15.

How the firſt fruites ought to bee offered. Deut. 26.2, 3, to 12.

The firſt fruites pertained to the high Prieſt. Num. 5.9. See Tithes.

Christ the first fruits, first borne, and first begotten of the dead. 1. Corint. 15. 20, 21, 22. Col. 1. 18. Reue. 1. 5.

All the first borne of Egypt are slaine. Exod. 12. 29.

The first borne are the Lords. Exod. 22. 29, 30 and 34. 19, 20. Leuit. 27. 26. Num. 8. 14, 16, to 20. Deut. 15. 19. 1. Sam. 1, 11, 20, 22, 28. Eze. 44. 30. Luk. 2. 23.

Of the firstlings or first fruits. Exo. 23. 16. and 34. 26. Leu. 23. 10 Num. 18. 13. Deut. 18. 4. 2. Chron. 31. 11. Nehe. 10. 34, 37. Pro. 3. 9, 10. Eze. 44. 30.

The prerogatiue of the first borne ouer his brethren. Gen. 4. 7. and 25. 31, 32, 33. Genes. 49. 3. Deut. 21. 15, 16, 17. 2. Chro. 21. 3.

We that haue the first fruits of the spirit, doe grone for deliuerance. Rom. 8. 21, 22, 23.

The first borne were otherwhiles reiected, and how, and why. Gen. 9. 22, 25. and 48. 14, 18, 19. and 49. 4.

If the first fruits be holy, the whole lumpe is holy. Rom. 11. 16.

Fishes created by the word of God. Gene. 1. 21, 22.

Preachers called Fishers. Ezek. 47, 10. Mat. 4. 19. Mar. 1. 17. Luk 5. 10.

Flame, looke Angel.

Flattering. How hurtfull flatterie is. Prou. 27. 6. and 28. 23 Eccles. 7. 7. Psal. 2. 15.

Against flatterers. Prou. 24. 24. and 18. 8. and 26. 22, 28. Mat. 11. 7. and 14. 4. and 18. 15 Rom. 16. 18. 1. Cor. 11. 17. 1. Thes 2. 5.

Flatterie of false prophets, looke False

Worldlings flatter both God and themselues. Psal. 78. 36. and 36. 2. looke Worldlings and conceit.

The nature of flatterers. Prou. 29. 5. Rom. 16. 17, 18. Psa. 41. 5, to 9. examples of flatterie. Mat. 22. 16. John 18. 22. Actes 3. 4. and 12. 22. and 24. 2, 3.

Harlots haue flattering lips. Judg. 14. 15, 16, 17. and 16. 5, 6, 10, 13, 15, to 19. Prou. 2. 16, to 20. and 5. 3, to 7. and 6. 24. & 7. 5, 21.

Absalom, by flatterie, sought to aspire to his fathers kingdome. 2. Sam. 15. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Flea. Dauid tearmeth himselfe a Flea, 1. Sam. 26. 20.

Flee. Christ willeth vs if wee be persecuted in one citie, to flee into another. Mat. 10. 23. so did Paul and Barnabas. Act. 14. 5, 6.

Elisha willed one of the sonnes of the Prophets to flee, as soone as he had anointed Iehu. 2. Kin. 9. 3.

God willed Elijah to flee from the presence of Ahab. 1. Kin. 17. 3.

Dauid fled. 1. Sam. 15. 14. and 19, 10, 12, and 22. 3, 4, 5.

Elijah fled from Iezebel. 1. Kin. 19. 3.

Moses fled from Pharaoh. Exodus 2. 15. Num. 16. 42. and Iaakob from Esau. Gen. 27. 43, 44.

The disciples fled. Mat. 26. 56.

Iosua seemed to flee before the people of Ai Iosh. 8. 9, 15, to 30.

The Syrians flee frō Ahab. 1. Kin. 20. 20

Sisera fled. Judg. 4. 17, 21.

Absalom fled. 2. Sam. 13. 29, 34.

The Philistims fleeing were slaine. 1. Sam. 17. 51, 52.

The Israelites fled before the Philistims 1. Sam. 31. 7.

Fleece. Of the experience of the Fleece of wooll. Judg. 6. 37, to 41.

Flesh taken for man simply. Matth. 24. 22. Act. 2. 17. Rom. 3. 20. and 7. 18. 1. Corin. 1. 29 Gal 2. 16. for the naturall affection of man. Matth. 26. 41. for the outward shew of man. John 8. 15. for outward pompe and ostentation, or for weake state and condition. 2. Corinth. 10. 2, 3 for the common course of nature. Galat. 4. 29. for this present life. 1. Pet. 4. 2. for the ceremonies of the lawe. Galat. 3. 3. for the mortall bodie. Phil. 1. 22. for the generation after the flesh. Phil. 3. 3, 4. 2. Cor. 5 16.

Flesh and blood taken for man or any thing in mans nature corrupted. Matth. 16. 17. John 3. 6. Roman. 7. 18. and 8. 5, 6. Gal. 1. 16 Ephe. 6. 12. and for men corrupt through sinne. 1. Cor. 15 50.

The Iewes might not eate any flesh borne of beasts. Exod. 22, 31. nor that touched any vncleane thing. Leuit 7. 19. neither might they cut their flesh for the dead. Leuiticus 19. 28.

Man and wife are but one Flesh. Gene. 2. 24. Matth. 19. 5. Mar. 10. 8. Ephe. 5. 31, 1. Cor. 6. 16.

The people fell a lusting for flesh, & God gaue it them. Num. 11. 4, 13, 18, 19. and punished them from their lust. verse 33, 34.

Hophni and Phinehas tooke from the people perforce, the flesh of the sacrifice. 1. Sam. 2. 13, to 16.

Elijah is nourished with bread and flesh by rauens. 1. King. 17. 6.

Flesh attributed to fishes. 1. Cor. 15. 39.

Man being destitute of Gods Spirit is but flesh, working fleshly whatsoeuer he doth Gene. 6. 3, 12.

All flesh is grasse. 1. Pet. 1. 24.

Iesus Christ being made man, became partaker of our flesh and blood, & why. Heb. 2. 14. 1. Joh. 4. 2.

The true knowledge of Christ is not reuealed by flesh and blood. Mat. 16. 17.

By the sinne of the flesh, is vnderstood fornication, and all such sinne as our nature is inclined to. Gal 5. 16, 17, 19, 20, 21.

The flesh naturally desireth fleshly things. John 3 6. Rom. 7. 14. and 8. 3, 5.

The wisedome of the flesh is death. Rom. 8. 6.

They that are in the flesh cannot please God Rom. 8. 8.

No goodnesse dwelleth in the flesh. Rom. 7. 18.

Those that liue after the flesh shall die. Rom. 8. 13.

The faithfull must banish from them all fleshly lusts. Rom. 13, 12, 13. 14. Gala. 5. 13. Eph. 2. 2, 3. 1. Pet. 2. 11. Gal 5. 24.

The deedes of the flesh are mortified by Gods spirit. Rom. 8. 3.

No trust in fleshly helpes Obad. 1. 7. Nahum 3. 9, 19.

Of the frailtie of the flesh. Eccles. 14. 17, 18.

The flesh appyoueth his owne counsels. Prou. 15. 21.

The flesh is deceiued by his owne wisedome. Prou. 14. 8.

The peruerse opinion of the flesh, shineth that God hath no regard vnto it. Iob. 35. 13.

The flesh is contrarie to the spirit. Galat. 5. 17.

Flesh of Christ, looke Supper.

For a stony heart, God will giue a heart of flesh. Eze. 11. 19.

Flies in Egypt. Exod. 8. 21, 24.

Flocke, looke Feede, and Foode.

The flockes of cattell are cursed to those that dislodge God. Deut. 28. 18.

We ought to know the state of our flocke, or family. Pro 27. 23. and to feede them with true doctrine, and good examples. 1. Pet. 5. 2, 3, 4. Actes 10. 2. & Rom. 16. 5. Ephe 6 4. 1. Tim. 3. 2. Tim. 4. 19. looke Houshold.

Christs flocke little. Luk 12. 32.

Flood. Noahs flood. Genesis 6. 17. & and 7. 10.

Floore. Christs floore. Matth. 3. 12. Luke 3. 17.

Flowre. Man is but a flowre of the grasse. Iam. 1. 10, 11. looke Grasse.

An offering of flower. Leuit. 2. 1.

Folde, looke Sheepfold.

Follow. We ought to follow goodnes. Gal. 5. 4. 18. 1. Thess. 5. 15.

We ought to follow Gods word. Deut. 13. 1, to 12. and obey it. Deut. 13. 4. 1. Sam. 12. 14.

Iosua and Caleb constantly followed the Lord. Num. 32. 12.

To follow Christs steps, is to suffer affliction patiently, as he did. 1. Pet. 2. 21.

Great multitudes followed Christ, and he healed them all. Mat. 12. 15.

Christ fed vs by miracle, how they shall want nothing that follow him. Mat. 14. 13, to 22. Mar. 6. 34, 37, to 45. Luk. 9. 11, to 18.

Who so will follow Christ, must haue no lets to stop him. Mat. 8. 22.

To followe strange gods, looke Whoring.

We ought not to followe a multitude to doe euill. Exod. 23. 2.

We ought to be followers of God as deere children. Ephe. 5. 1.

We ought not to follow that which is euill, and why. 3. John 11.

Paul willeth vs to bee followers of him 1. Cor. 4. 16. 2. Thess. 3. 7, 8.

The Thessalonians became followers of Christ and his Apostles, and howe. 1. Thess. 1. 6.

We ought to bee followers of them which through faith and patience inherite the promises. Heb 6. 12

Foode of Gods word preferreth them that be godly. Mat. 16. 26.

God ordeined foode for man and beast. Gene. 1. 29, 30.

Iaakob desireth of God foode and apparell. Gene. 28. 20.

The Midianites destroy all the foode of the Israelites both in field and house. Judg. 6. 1, 107.

God giueth foode and raiment to the fatherlesse. & Deut. 10. 18.

Christ willeth vs to aske our daily foode.

Matt.6.11. and not to be carefull for things of this life. Matth.6.25, & 31,33. looke Raiment.

The Succothites and Penuelites slaine for that they would not giue foode to Gideon and his men. Judg.8.5,9,16,17.

Fooles ought to bee scourged with rodds. Pro.26.3.

Fooles are the authours of contentions, Prou.18.6.

Fooles delight to talke what they list, uncontrolled. Prou.18.2.

Fooles are not to be taught. Pro.23.9.

Doctrine is very cumberlome for fooles. Eccius.21.19. and 22 7.

A fooles counsell is not to bee regarded. Eccius.8.17.

Riches profit not a foole. Pro.17.16.

The heart of fooles is in their mouth. Eccius 21 26.

Honour is vnseemely for a foole. Prouer. 26.1.

A foole thinketh his owne wit best. Prou. 12.15.

A foole is incorrigible. Pro.17.20.

Of the nature and qualitie of a foole, and how he should be regarded. Prou.12.16. and 26.4, to 15. Eccius 21.20.

Foolish Iewes regarded not God for all his benefits. Deut.32.5,6.

Christians may not vse foolish talking or iesting. Ephe.4.5,6.

The preaching of the Crosse is counted foolishnesse. 1.Cor.1.18.

To bee truely wise, is to bee accounted a foole in the world. 1.Tor.3.18,19.

God hath chosen the foolish things of this world, to confound the wise. 1.Cor.1.27.

Paul was counted a foole for Christ his sake. 1.Cor.4.10.

God hath made the wisdome of this world foolishnesse, by the foolishnesse of preaching. 1.Cor.1.21.

Dauid did very foolishly in numbring his people. 2.Sam.24.10.

The naturall man iudgeth the doctrine of the Gospel foolishnesse. 1.Cor.2.14.

Foolish questions, *See* Questions.

Foote of pride Psal.36.11.

Forbid. Christ would not that his Apostles should forbid any to doe a miracle in his name. Mat.9.39.

Forerunner. Christ our forerunner & high Priest. Heb.6.20.

Foreskinnes. Saul desired of Dauid a hundred foreskinnes. 1.Sam.18.25.

Forget God, looke Fill.

The Israelites hauing forgotten God, were plagued. Deu.32.17,18, to 27. & deliuered into their enemies hands. 1.Sam.12.9.

The chiefe butler of Pharaoh forgate Ioseph his friend. Gene.40.21,23.

Forgiue. We ought to forgiue. Ecclus.28. 1,2, to 9. Mat.5.23,24,25. and 6.12, 14,16. and 18.15,16,17.* Eph.4.26,32. and 5.21. Colos.3.12,13. Luk.17.3,4.

Ioseph forgaue his brethren. Gene.50.17, to 21.

God onely forgiueth sinne, and keepeth from sinning. Gen 20.6. Num.34.18. Exod. 34.7. Psalm.19.12. and 103,2,12. Isai 45, 25. and 44 22. and 51.12. Ier.31.34. & 33.8. Psal.3,8. & 17.7. and 32.1,2,5. and 49 7,8. and 51.14. and 79.9. Dan.9.9. Hose.13.4. Micah 7.18,19. Mat.2.7. Lu.5.21. through Christ Iesus. Isa.45.25. and 53.5,6.* Dan. 9.24. Matt.1.21. and 9.2,6. Mark.2.5,9,10. Mat.26.28. Luk.1.77. & 2.30,31. Luk.5.20, 24. and 24.47. John 1.29. Acts 4.12. and 10 43. and 13.23,38,39. 1.Cor.6.11. and 15.2, 3.1. Cor.5.18,19,21. Gal.1.4. Col.1.14. and 2.11,13. 1.Tim.1.15. Tit.2.14. Heb.1.3. & 9.13,14,22, 26,28. 1.Pet.1.9,10,11,18.* and 2.24. & 3.18. 1.4.1,13. 1.Joh.1.7,9. and 2.12. & 3.5. and 4.10. looke Sinne & Pardon.

Free forgiuenes of sinnes Rom.4.7 is annexed to the Gospel. Mat.16.19. Joh.20.23.

Foreknowledge. looke Counsell and Prouidence.

Furnace. Egypt is called the yron furnace. Deut.4.20.

Fornication. The bodie is not for fornication. 1.Cor.6.13.

We ought to abstaine from fornication. 1 Cor.10.8.1. Thess.4.3. Acts 15.20,29. Heb. 12.16.

To auoide Fornication, euery man may haue a wife. 1.Cor.7.2.

Fornicators shall not inherit the kingdome of heauen. 1.Cor.6.9.

Christians ought not to haue with fornicatours. 1.Cor.5.11.

Fornication ought not once to bee named among Christians. Ephes.5.3.

S. Paul excommunicated the fornicator. 1.Cor.5.1,to 6. whom upon amendement hee receiued againe and comforted. 2 Cor.2.1, 7,to 12.

Of fornications that deserue death. Lenit. 18.6,29.* looke Incest, and Whoredome.

Forsake. The Israelites forsooke God, and honoured the golden calfe. Exod.32.8 & serued Baalim and Ashtaroth. 1.Sam.12.10.

God will not forsake his people, for his name and promise sake. 1.Sam.12,20,21, 22. Deut.4.31.

God will not forsake them that walke in his wayes. 1.King.6.12,13.

God promised Ioshua that hee would not forsake him. Deut.31.8.

Israel forsooke God, looke Fill.

Those that forsake God, God will forsake them. 1.Kings 9 9.

Those that forsake God, shalbe consumed. Iosh.24.20.

The Israelites forsaking God, were deliuered into the Philistims hands. Judg.6.1, 13.and 10.7.

None forsaken that feare God. Ecclus.2. 11.

Those that forsake any commoditie for the loue of Christ shalbe well recompensed. Mat. 19.29.

We ought to forsake all that wee haue, to follow Christ, and why. Matt.16.24,25,26. Lu.9.23,to 27.and 14.33. Examples in Abraham. Gen.12.1,4,5. & 17.23. & 21.12,14. and 22,2, to 20. In Dauid. 1.Sam.17.45. 2.Sam.15.25,26,30,31. In Elisha. 1.Kin. 19.20,21. In Eleazar. 2.Macc.6.18.* In the Apostles. Matt 4.19,to 23. and 8.1,23.* Mar.10.28 and in Paul. Phil.3.7,8.

We forsake God, when we sweare by an other thing. Ier.5.7 and 4.2.

Forswearing, looke Othe.

Forte. The forte of Zion, was the citie of Dauid. 2.Sam.5.1,7. which was besieged. 1.Mac.6.18,19,48,51. and Simon the brother of Iudas enlarged it. 1.Mac.13.47,49.

Fortie. It rained fortie dayes and fortie nights. Gene.7,12.

Fortie persons and moe conspired the death of Paul. Acts 23.12,13,14.

The punishment of fortie stripes. Deut. 25.2,3.

In Sodome, fortie righteous could not be found. Gen 18.29.

Moses was in the mountaine fortie dayes and fortie nights. Exod.25.18.

Eli iudged Israel fortie yeeres. 1.Sam. 4.18.

Dauid reigned ouer Israel fortie yeeres. 1.King.2.11.

Salomon had fortie thousand stalles of horses. 1.King.4 26.

Israel was in the desert of Sin fortie yeeres. Num.14.33,34.

Christ was in the desert fortie dayes Mat.1.13.

The Temple was in building fortie and sixe yeeres. Joh.2.20.

Iesus appeareth vnto his disciples fortie dayes after his resurrection. Acts 1.3.

Signes seene in the ayre fortie dayes long. 2.Mac.5.2. *See* Fasting.

Fortune, looke Prouidence.

Foules, looke Birds.

Fountaines. Lenit.11.36. Gen.21.19. and 16.7 and 21.25, and 24.11,13,16. and 29.2, 10,11. Exod.2.15. John 4.6. looke Welles.

God willeth the Israelites to stoppe the fountaines of water of the children of Moab. 2.King.3.19.

Christ the fountaine of grace and heritie. Zech.13.1. Joh.1.17.

Foure. A riuer spring out of Eden, & was diuided into foure heads. Gen.2.10.

Abimelech laide waite against Shechem with foure bands of men. Judg 9.34.

Foure thousand Israelites sleine by the Philistims. 1.Sam.4.2.

Foure thousand fed, *See* Loaues.

The elect shall be gathered from the foure windes. Mat.13.27.

Lazarus dead foure dayes. John 11.39.

A vision of a sheete knit at the foure corners. Acts 10.11,12.

Foure beasts full of eyes Reue.4.6.

Foure Angels stand on the foure corners of the earth, holding the foure windes. Reue. 7.1.

Dauids sentence of foure fold restitution, and death also against himselfe. 2.Sam.12. 5,to 15.

Zacheus restored wrongfull gotten goods foure fold. Luke 19.8.

Foure things insatiable. Pro.30.15.

Foure hidden. verse 18.

Foure troublesome verse 21.

Foure full of wisedome. verse 24.

Foure comely in going. verse 29.

Foure things to be feared. Eccius.26.5.

Fourteene thousand 700. Israelites died of

of the plague, beſides them that died in the compiracie of Corah. Num. 16.49.

Chriſt fourteene generations in the geneologie from Abraham to Chriſt. Mat. 1 17.

Found Moſes found fauor in Gods ſight. Exod. 33.13,14.

God found Jaakob his inheritance in a waſte land, and roaring wildernesse. Deut. 32.9.10.

Foundation. Chriſt is the foundation of the Church. 1. Cor. 3.11.

Preachers muſt build vpon Chriſt the foundation 1. Cor. 3.10, to 16.

The foundations of the mountaines ſhall be ſet on fire in Gods wrath. Deut 32.22. & the foundations of the world were diſcouered at his rebuke. 2. Sam. 22.16.

Paul would not build vpon any mans foundation. Rom. 15.20.

Foxe. Chriſt called Herode a Foxe. Luke 13.32.

Foxes haue holes, but Chriſt had no reſting place. Mat. 8.20.

Samſon tied firebrands to 300. Foxes tayles. Judg. 15.4.5.

Foxes for heretikes. Cant. 2.15.

Falſe prophets like Foxes, and why. Ezek. 13.4.

Fraitie of man, ſee Man.

Free. God required of the Iſraelites free offerings. Exod. 25.2.

Free cities, ſee Refuge.

We ought to ſtand faſt in the libertie wherewith Chriſt hath made vs free. Galat. 5.1. that is, from ſinne. Rom. 6.7,18,22. and hom. 1. Pet. 2.16.

Freedome proclaimed to the Iſraelites in the yeere of Jubile. Leuit. 25.10,11.

Eliſha hauing freely receiued Gods gifts, beſtowed them freely to helpe Naaman. 2. King. 5.15,16.

Freewill. Of mans freewill before his fall. Geneſ. 1.26,31. and 2.15. Eccleſ. 15.14. to 18 and 17.1, to 7, 12. Wiſ. 2.23. Col. 3.9,10. Ephe. 4.23,24.

Of mans freewill after his fall, and how that without Gods ſpirit he can doe nothing but ſinne. Gen. 6.5. & 8.21. & 20 6. Deut. 29. 2,3,4. Pſal. 14.3. and 49.20. and 116.11. Pro. 16.1.9. and 19.21. & 20.9,24. and 21. 1. Iſa. 63.17. Jere. 10.23. and 24.7. and 31. 14,18. Ezek. 36.26,27. Hoſ. 13.9,14. Mat. 10.20. and 15.18,19. and 16.17,23. Marke 2.11,12 John 1.12,13. and 3.5,6,27. and 6. 44,45. and 15.2,4,5,6. Acts 16.14. & 26.18. Rom. 8.6,7. and 9.16. 1. Cor. 3.7. & 4.7. and 12.3. and 15.10. 2 Cor. 3.5. Eph. 2.1,2,3,5, 12. Phil. 1.6. and 2.13,21. and 4.13. Tit. 3. 3,to 9. Heb. 13.20,21. Jam. 1.14,17. and 4.8. Eccleſ. 17.14. Rom. 5.6. Gal 5.17.

Friends and neighbors ought to be loued. Leuit. 19.18.

The heartie counſell of a friend is moſt ſweete. Pro. 27 9.

Our friendes ought to bee entertained. Pro. 27.9. Eccleſ. 9.12. and cheriſhed. Eccleſ. 14.13, to 17.

The ſecrets of one friend, we may not diſcouer. Eccleſ. 27.16, to 22.

Beware of deceitfull friends, and why. Dead. 7. Mat. 7.2,4,5.

The propertie of a friend, and howe we ſhould eſteme him, and behaue our ſelues toward him. Eccleſ. 6.6, to 18.

Sweete talke multiplieth friends Eccleſ. 6.5.

Riches ingender friendſhip. Pro. 19 4, 6,7.

What things breake friendſhip, and what conſtancie and charitie ought to bee among friends. Eccleſ. 22.20, to 26.

How to behaue our ſelues with a friend that is our ſuperiour. Pro. 23. 1, 6, 7, 8.

Friends ought to be friendly one to another, and why. Pro. 8. 24.

The propertie of a true friend. Pro. 17.17 Eccleſ. 27.6. and a fained friend, Eccleſ. 27.1, to 6.

How a man may know a friend. Eccleſ. 22.8,9.

We ought not to giue our friend power ouer vs. Eccleſ. 33.18.

Friendſhip of this worlde, enimitie with God James 4.4.

We ought to make vs friends, by diſtributing our temporall goods to the poore, and why. Luke 16.9.

Chriſt called his Apoſtles friends. John 15.14. & calleth Judas friend. Mat. 26.50.

Of deceitfull and wicked friends. Deut. 13.6,8, to 12. 2. Sam. 3.27. and 15.7,10. and 20 9,10. Pſalm. 55.12,13,14. Jere. 9. 3, to 7. and 12.6,14. and 41.2,6,7. Dan. 11. 26,27,32.

Huſhai a faithfull friend to Dauid. 2. Samuel 15.37. and 16.16,17.

Froward, ſee Generation.

Fruits. The tree is knowen by his fruit Mat. 7.16,21. Luke 6 43.

Fruits of righteouſnes and of ſinne. Rom. 6.1.* and fruits of the ſpirit. Gal. 5.22 *

God placed the Iſraelites in the lande of Canaan, to eate the fruits of the fieldes. Deut. 32.13.

The ſpies ſent to Canaan, brought of the fruit. Num. 13.21,24.

Fruit of bodie, and fruit of ground, &c bleſſed to thoſe that loue God. Deut. 28.1,3. and curſed to thoſe that doe not. Deut. 28.18.

Fruit of the body eaten. Deut. 28.53. ſee Women.

We are deliuered frō the curſe of the law, that we ſhould bring forth fruit. Rom. 7.4.6.

Our motions to ſinne, bring forth fruit vnto death. Rom. 7.5.

God made Leah fruitfull Gen. 29.31. and Rahel. chap. 30.22. Ruth 4.11.

Of vncircumciſed fruit. Leuit 19.23.

What be the fruits of faith after regeneration. Zech. 8.16,17. 1. Joh 3.14 2. Pet. 1. 6,to 10 Nehe. 9.1,2,3.

Fruits of righteouſneſſe. Phil. 1.11. and fruits of mans inuentions. Michah 7.13. Looke Confeſſion, and Faith.

Fulfilling. Wherein the fulfilling of the Law conſiſteth. Pſal. 22.5. Deut. 11.12,14. Rom. 13.8. Gal 5.14. and 6.2.

Chriſt hath fulfilled the Law for vs. Mat. 3.15. Rom. 8.4. Matt. 5.7. ſee Chriſt, Obedience. and Faith.

Fulfil the meaſure put for making perfect and finiſhing all wickednes. Matth. 23 32.

Fulneſſe. The fulneſſe of Chriſt, is the Church. Epheſ. 1.23.

Chriſt came at the fulneſſe of time, and why. Gal. 4.4.5. Eph. 1.10.

Of Chriſt his fulneſſe we haue all receiued. John 1.16.

Full. Chriſt ful of grace & truth. Joh. 1.14

Woe be to them that be full, for they ſhall hunger. Luke 6.25.

The wicked full of vnrighteouſnes. Rom. 1.29.* and 3.10.14, to 19.

The wilderome of God is full of mercie and good fruits Jam 3.17.

The fulnesse of Chriſt. Eph. 4.13.

Funerals, ſee Mourning.

Furious men abound in tranſgreſſion. Prou. 29.22. looke Wilfull.

Furniture neceſſary for a Preacher. 2. King. 4.10. ſee Armour.

Fyre breaking out. Exod. 22.6.

Fire was not kindled on the Sabbath day. Exod. 35.3.

Of fire that ſhould neuer bee put out. Leuit. 6.12,13.

Fire was in the tabernacle by night. Exo. 40.38.

God conſumed Gideons ſacrifice by fire, and why. Judg. 6.21.

Fire from heauen conſumed Eliahs ſacrifice. 1. Kings 18.24,38,39.

Fire mingled with haile, the ſeuenth plague of Egypt. Exod. 9.24.25.

Sodom and Gomorah deſtroyed with fire and brimſtone from heauen. Gen. 19.24,25.

The murmurers againſt God, conſumed with fire. Numb. 11.1.

Nadab and Abihu deſtroyed with fire, and why. Leu. 10.1,2.

The two captaines ouer fiftie, were with their fifties conſumed with fire from heauen. 2. King. 1.10,12.

Of purifying by fire. Num. 31.20,23.

Ahaz conſecrated his ſonne in fire vnto idoles. 2. King. 16.3.

The fire wherewith the wicked ſhall bee tormented. Marke 9.44.

Euerlaſting fire prepared for the deuill and his angels. Mat. 25.25.

The faithleſſe ſhall be caſt into hell fire John 15.6.

The fire ſhal conſume tenaters and blaſphemers. Heb. 10.27.

God is a conſuming fire to the wicked. Deu. 4.9,10,24. Heb. 12.29. & a comfortable fire to the godly. Exod. 13.21,22. Nu. 9.15.

God came downe in fire, when hee deliuered the law. Exod. 19.18.

The glory of God appeared in mount Sinai. as a conſuming fire. Exod. 24.17.

Conſuming fire went out of Gods mouth. 1 Sam. 22.9.

Fire was kindled in Gods wrath againſt Iſrael. Deut 32.22.

Chriſt deſired that the fire of his Goſpel were kindled. Luke 12.49.

Euery mans worke ſhall be tried by fire. 1. Cor. 3.13,15.

Eliah was taken vp into heauen by a chariot and horſes of fire in a whirlewinde. 2. King. 2.11.

The Angel appeared to Moses in a flame of fire. Exod. 3.2.
The lake that burneth with fire & brimstone. Reuc. 21.8.
Of the fire hid in the pit, and miraculously both preserued and found. 2. Macc. 1.18, 19, 22, 24.*
Of the vnquenchable fire of hell, Matth. 3.12. and 5.22. Mar. 9 43.
Fire taken for warre. Num. 21.28. for the effect of Gods Spirit. Matth. 3.11.
Fiery triall, put for affliction. 1. Pet. 1.7. and 4.12.
Fiery law, so called because it doth terrifie, and fray the conscience. Deut. 33.2.

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Gage, see Earnest, and Pledge.
Garish attire, see Apparell.
Garments of linsie woolsie forbidden. Deu. 22.11.
The souldiers cast lots for Christ his garments. Matth 27.35.
Sicknesses healed by touching the hemme of Christs garment. Mat. 14.32. Mar 6.56.
Saul discerned not Samuel by his garments. 1. Sam. 9.18.
White garments. Eccles 9.8.
What a mans garment, &c. betokeneth, see Countenance.
We ought to hate the garment spotted by the flesh. Jude 23. see Vestures and Coates.
Gazing. Saint Paul was made a gasing stocke to the world 1. Cor. 4.9, 10.
Gate. Iudges were wont to sit in the gate to heare controuersies, and giue iudgement. Deut. 21.19. and 22.15. Gen. 34.20. Ruth 4.1, 11.
Gates put for greatest strength, and power, because the munitions of townes and cities were principally at the gates. Gene. 24. 60. Matth. 16.16, 18.
The straite gate leadeth to heauen. Matt. 7.13, 14.
Gathering. The tribe of Dan called a gathering holie. Ioth. 6.13.
The feast of Tabernacles after the gathering in of corne. Deut. 16.13.
Manna gathered euery day, saue the Sabbath. Exod. 16.4, 5, 15.*
S. Paul exhorteth to charitable gatherings for the poore saints. Rom. 12.13. & 15. 25, 26. 1. Cor. 16.1, 2. Act. 11.29. and 12.25.
Against those that gather riches and hope therein. Luk. 12.16, to 35. Eccles. 11.18, 19.
Gaine. Against such as teach for gaine. 1. Tim. 6.4, 5. Tit. 1.11.
Godlinesse is great gaine. 1. Tim. 6.6.
Of those that are greedy of gaine. Psa. 1. 29. see Couetousnesse.
Gelded folkes. See Eunuches.
Genealogie of Simeon. 1. Chr. 4.24. Gen. 46.10. Exod. 6.15.
The Genealogie of Beniamin. Gen. 46. 21. and 1. Chr. 7.6. and 8.1.
The Genealogie of Iudah. Gen. 38.3. and 46.12. and 1. Chr. 2.3. and 4.1, to 24.
The Genealogie of Issachar. Gen. 46.13. 1. Chr. 7.1.
A briefe Genealogie from Adam to Esau and Iaakob. 1. Chr. 1, 1, to 35.
Fables and Genealogies ought not to be heeded. 1. Tim. 1.4.
Generation, taken for successors. Matt. 1. 21. for condition or estate. Luke 16.8. for an age, or the people liuing in that age, or for a certaine time. Mat. 24.34. Luke 1.48. Deut. 3.10.
The generation of Ishmael. Gene. 25.12, to 19. of Izhak. Gen. 25.19. of Iaakob. Gen. 46.8, to 28. of Iesus Christ. Matt. 1.1. Luke 3.23.*
Christians a chosen generation 1. Pet. 2.9
The Israelites a froward and crooked generation. Deut. 32.5.
The Pharises and Sadducees, a generation of vipers. Matt. 3.7. and 12.34. Luk. 3.7.
Of foure wicked generations, looke Psal. 30.11, to 15.
Our generation and creation is of God. Deut. 32.11.
To all creatures on earth, God gaue certaine of continuall generation, Gen. 1.11, 12, to 29.
Gentiles maners and abominations to be auoyded. Ephes. 4.17, 18, 19. Roman. 1.21.* Deut. 14.1. Leuit. 18.26.*
Gentiles called sinners. Galat. 2.15. and whelpes, see Dogges.
The conuersation of the Gentiles before they knew Christ. Ephes. 2.11, 12. 1. Cor. 8. 1.* and 12.2.
The crosse foolishnesse to the Gentiles, see Crosse.
God suffred the Gentiles to walke as they listed vntill the preaching of the Gospel. Act. 14.16.
Iesus foretold that he should be deliuered into the hands of the Gentiles. Luk. 18.32.
Iesus Christ the expectation of the Gentiles. Gen. 49.10. Isa 60.9.
The election of the Gentiles. Psal. 18.49. and 80 9.
The conuersion of the Gentiles. Psal. 113. 4, 8. Isa. 2.2. Acts. 11.18.
The vocation of the Gentiles. 2. Sam. 22. 44, 50. Isa. 66.10. Zeph. 3.8.
The Gentiles pertaine to the kingdome of Christ. Psal 2 8. Rom. 15.12.
The Gentiles of themselues farre from Christ. Ephe. 2.12. and rightcousnes. Rom. 9.30.
The doore of faith opened to the Gentiles. Actes 14.27. Christ foretelleth their entrie. Mat. 8.11, & 13.18, 20, 21. conuersion. Mat. 24.14. Marke 13.10, 13, 14. spirituall worship. Iohn 4.20, to 24. as vnto whom hee was sent. Luke 2.30, 31, 32. Actes 2.39. and therefore calleth them his sheepe. John 10. 14, 16. because the Iewes would not enter. Luk. 14.19. to 25.
The calling of the Gentiles, by the preaching of the Gospel, after the Iewes refused it. Mat. 10.5, 6. Mar. 7.27. Actes 13.45, 46, 47. Galat. 3.8, 9.
The election of the Gentiles is free. Rom. 10.20.
Gentiles desire Philip that they might see Iesus. John 12.20, 21.
God purified the hearts of the Gentiles, and therefore they are cleane. Act. 15.9. and 10.11, to 17.
God reuealed the glorious mystery of his grace to the Gentiles. Col. 1, 26, 27. Matt 2, 1, 2, 9, 10, 11.
Christ sent his Apostles to instruct the Gentiles. Mat. 28.19, 20.
As many of the Gentiles as were ordained to life beleeued. Acts 13.48.
The Iewes forbad the Apostles to preach to the Gentiles. 1. Thess. 2.16. * Acts 11.1, 2, 3.
Paul a minister of the Gentiles. Rom 15. 16. their Apostle. Rom. 11.13. 1. Tim. 2.7. their teacher. 2. Tim. 1.11. sent to them. Act. 9.15. Gal. 2.7. Ephes. 3.2, 8 13.
The holy Ghost giuen to the Gentiles. Act. 10.45.
The Apostles Epistle to the Gentiles. Act. 15.23, to 30.
The offering vp of the Gentiles faith, called an acceptable sacrifice vnto God. Rom. 15.16. The glory whereof is due to God, verse 17, 18.
Saluation refused of the Iewes, came to the Gentiles to prouoke the Iewes to follow them. Rom. 11.11.
The Gentiles are citizens with the saints, and of the houshold of faith. Ephes. 2.19. and light in the Lord. Ephes. 5.8.
Saint Paul calleth the Gentiles a wilde oline tree. Rom. 11.17.
Iewes and Gentiles coniojned in one. Ephes. 2.13, to 18.
The Gentiles are become the children of God. Rom. 9.26.
The Gentiles ought not to boast of their election, and of the Iewes reiection. Rom. 11.18, to 26. but to remember what they were before they knew Christ. Ephe 2.11.*
There should moe Gentiles then Iewes, beleeue in Christ. Isa. 54.1.*
The Gentile Achith had a care of Dauid. 1. Sam. 29.9, 10 and 27.2 12. and 28 2. and Hiram the Gentile (who furnished Salomon with stuffe and workemen) bare him like good will. 1. King. 5.1, 5, 6, 7.*
Naaman the Gentile confessed that there was no God, but in Israel. 2. King. 5.15.
The Queene of Sheba being a Gentile, acknowledgeth the name of the Lord. 1. Kin. 10.1. to 11.
Gentlewomen, see Apparel.
Gentlenesse commended. Mat. 5.5, 25. and 11.29 and 18.1, 2, to 17. 1. Cor. 13.5. Gal. 5.22, 23. Ephe. 4.2. Col. 3.12. Titus 3.2. as a fruit of the spirit. Gal. 5.22.
Ghost. Christ yeelded vp the ghost vpon the Crosse. Matt. 27.50.
Gifts. The seruant of Abraham gaue gifts to Rebekah & her parents. Gen. 24.53. Voluntarie gifts required toward the making of the Tabernacle. Exo. 25.2, to 10.
What gifts God gaue Salomon 1. Kin. 3.5, 12, 13, 14. and 4.29.*
Asahel preferred of Gods gifts. 2. Sam. 2.18, 19, to 24.
Saluation is the gift of God. Eph. 2.8.
Iesus Christ giuen for vs, is the gift of God. John 3.16 and 4.16. Rom. 5.15, 16.
To giue the holy Ghost, is the gift of God. Acts 8.17, 18, 20. So is it to vnderstand and interprete the Scriptures. Luke 24. 45. and is to bee obtained by prayer. 1. Cor. 14.

14.12,13.

It is ꝑ gift of God with patience to beare affliction. Phil.1.29.

All things that we enioy, are Gods good gifts. Matt.25.15,to 31. Luke 19.12,to 28. 1.Cor.4.7. Iam.1.17.2.Pet.1.3.

Christ ascending into heauen, gaue diuers gifts to the edification of his Church. Ephe. 4.8,11,12.

The gifts of God are without repentance. Rom.11.29.

Euery man hath his ꝓper gift of God.1. Cor.7.7.

Gods gifres are diuers, according to his grace giuen vs. Rom.12.6.

Of the gift of tongues. Acts 2.4.1.Cor 12 28,30. and 14.1,to 12. and of healing.1.Cor. 12.28,30.

To sit on the right or left hand of Christ, is the gift of God. Matth.20.21,23. Marke 10.37,40.

The gifres of God must bee applied to his glapp. 1.Pet.4.10,11. lest we bee depriued of them, and cast into hell fire. Mat.25.27,28, 30. Luke 19.23,24,26.

Gifres blind the eyes of the wise. Eccius. 20.28. Therefore Iudges ought not to receiue them Deut.16.18,19. Exod.23.8.

Gifres for tribute. 2.Sam 8.2.

God measureth the gift by the heart. Mar.12 42,43,44.

Of gifts & ꝓsents, looke more. Ge.32.13. & 33 8,to 12 & 43.11,25,26.1.Sa.8.3.De. 27.25.2.Sa.8.10. 2.kin.5.15,16,22,23,27.

Giue, and it shalbe giuen vnto you. Luke 6.38.

Great and ꝓcious ꝓmises are giuen vs by Christ.2.Pet.1.4.

The holy Ghost teacheth vs that all things that we haue,are giuen vs of God. 1.Cor.2. 10,11,12.*

To whom much is giuen, of him shall bee much required. Luke 12.48.

It is a blessed thing to giue rather then to receiue. Acts 20.35.

God giueth all things. Gen.33.11.

God gaue the citie Iericho into the hand of Ioshua. Ioth.6.3,4,5.

God loueth a cheerefull giuer. 2.Cor.9.7.

God gaue Samuel to succeede Eli in the Priesthood. 1.Sam.1.27,28.

Girded. God girded Dauid with power to conquere his enemies.2.Sam.22.40.

Saint Paul willeth vs to stand girded with verity. Eph.6.14.

Gladnesse, see Ioy, and Reioycing.

Glasse. He that heareth ꝓ doeth not, is as he that beholdeth his face in a glasse. Iam.1. 23,24.

We see now through a glasse darkely, but then shall we see face to face.1.Cor.13.12.

Gleaning. Ruth gleaned corne after Boaz reapers. Ruth 2.3.

The gleaning of grapes of Ephraim, better then the vintage of Abiezer. Iudg. 8.2. see Widowes.

Glory. The glory of God appeared in the cloud. Exod.16.10.

The light of the glory of the Lorde, like deuouring fire. Exod.24.17.

The glory of the Lord appeared, when Ioshua and Caleb should haue bin stoned. Numb.14.10.

The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Exo.40.34,35.& the Temple.1.kin.8.11.

The glory of God appeared to Moses and Aaron. Num.16.42,44.

Moses besought the Lord to shew him his glory. Exod.33.18.

The Arke of God, called the glory of Israel.1.Sam.4.21.

Esaiah saw the glory of God after a loft. Isa.6.1,to 6.

God discomfiting Pharaoh & all his host, got glory to himselfe. Exo.15.11. Rom.9.19.

God filleth all the earth with his glory, by punishing the infidelity of his people. Num. 14.21.

God was the sword of the Israelites glory. Deut.33.29.

God chose the children of Israel vnto his glory. Deut.26.18,19.

Dauid did all that he did, to the glory of God.1.Sam.17.45,46,47.

The counsels of the wicked turne to Gods glory. Psal.66.10,11,12.

All people created to the glory of God. Deut.26.19.

The Philistims being plagued with Emerodes and Mice, their ꝓphets exhorted them to giue glory to the God of Israel. 1. Sam.6.2,to 6.

The glory of Christ, as the glory of the onely begotten Sonne. John 1.14.

Glory put for mercie. Rom.9.23.

The glory of God is reuealed to vs by the Gospel.2.Cor.4.6.

The sickenesse and raising of Lazarus, was the glory of God. John 11.4,40.

Glory to God in the high heauens. Luke 2.14.

Abraham gaue glory to God, when he constantly depended on his ꝓmises. Ro.4.20.

God did shew the riches of his glory vpon the elect, by his mercie. Rom.9.23.

All glory is due vnto God onely for whose pleasure all things were created. Reu.4.11. Phil.4.19,20.

Glory to the Lambe who was slaine for vs. Reu.5.12.

No man ought to glory in any thing but in God. Ier.9.23,24. & 1.Cor.1.31. 2.Cor. 10.17.

Christians ought to doe all things to the glory of God.1.Cor.10.31.

The good workes of man, set forth Gods glory. Phil.1.9,10,11.1.Pet.2.12.

The holy Ghost foretheweth Christ his sufferings and glory.1.Pet.1.11.

Our light afflictions are not worthy the eternall weight of glory, which they bring. Rom.8.18. 2.Cor.4.17.

Man is the image of Gods glory, and the woman is the glory of the man.1.Cor.11.17

The glory of the Ephesians was Pauls suffering. Ephes.3.13.

The Thessalonians were Pauls glory and crowne.1.Thess.2.19,20.

Paul preacheth the Gospel not for glory of men, but to please God. 1.Thessal.2.3,to 14.*

Christians should not be desirous of daine glory. Gal.5.26. looke Vaineglory, Confesse and Die.

The glory of the wicked is to their shame. Phil 3.19.

Glorified. God will be glorified. Leu.10.3. and therefore hee defended his people wonderfully. Exod.14.25.

How God is glorified. Exod.14.31.

We must glorifie God for deliuering vs from the Deuill and sinne, as the Israelites did, for their deliuerance from Pharaoh. Exo.15.1,2,to 20.

God is to be glorified in all things. Deut. 28.58. through Iesus Christ.1.Pet.4.11.

Wee ought to pray that the word of God may haue free passage, and bee glorified. 2. Thess.3.1.

Christ was glorified, when Iudas went to betray him. Ioh.13.31.

Christ desired his Father to glorifie him among men. John 17.1.

Benhadad glorified himselfe in ꝑ strength of his armie, and was discomfited. 1.Kin.20 3,11,25,30.

We ought to glorifie God, that suffereth as a Christian.1.Pet.4.14,16. Mat.5.10,11,12

God is to be glorified by the purity of our bodies.1.Cor.6.20.

Iesus Christ shall bee glorified by his Saints.2.Thess.1.18.

If we will be glorified, wee must suffer with Christ. Rom.8.17.

Of the glorifying of our bodies, Looke Phil.3.21. and Body, and Resurrection.

Gluttonie is a worke of darkenesse. Rom. 13.13. and of the flesh. Gal 5.19,21. to be auoyded. 1.Pet.4.3. by the example of Esau, who was prophane thereby. Heb.12.16.

Wee may not keepe company with gluttons or belly gods. Prou.23.20.

A prayer against gluttonie. Eccius.23. 1,6.

Of the rich Glutton. Luke 16.19.* Looke Drunkennesse and Surfeiting.

I Gnashed. The Iewes gnashed at Steuen with their teeth. Acts 7.54.

Of gnashing of teeth, looke more Matt.8. 12. and 13.50. and 24.30.

Gnat. The Pharises strained out a gnat, and swallowed vp a camel. Matt.23.24.

I Goe. God did goe before the Israelites to ouercome them. Deut.31.3.

How the Israelites did goe out of Egypt. Exod.12.37,38,39.

To goe into his Fathers, put for to die. Gen.15.15.

To goe into the number, put for being inrolled. Exod.30.13.

God. God is a Spirit. John 4.24.

God is one. Mar.12.29. Ioh.17.3.1.Cor. 8.6. 1.Tim.2.5. Alpha and Omega, beginning, and ending, first, and last. Reuel.1.8, 11,17.

God the Father tooke great delight in his Sonne. Matth.3.17.

Christ proueth that hee was God, and that the Father wrought by him. Ioh 5.17. and 10.31.

No man hath seene God, can see him, or know him as he is, but Christ. John 1,18. and 4.22.1.Tim.6,16.

One

One God, and Father of all, aboue all, through all, & in vs all. 1. Cor. 8. 6. Eph. 4. 6

God dwelleth not in Temples made with hands. Acts 17. 24. and 7. 48.

The name of God. Exod. 3. 14.

God filleth heauen and earth, and seeth all things. Iere. 23. 24.

Nothing hidden or vnknowen to God. Eccles. 16. 17, 18.

We liue, moue, and haue our being in God. Acts 17. 28.

The wicked thinke there is no God, or that God hath no regard to worldly things. Iob 22. 13, 14. & 24. 1. 2. * & 34. 19. Psal. 10. 4, 13. and 14. 1. and 53. 1. and 73. 11.

Nothing is certaine without God. Wisd. 17. 22.

All things are possible with God. Genes. 18. 14. Mat. 19. 26. Luk. 18. 27. Mar. 10. 27.

God needeth no mans help. Iob 26. 2, 3, 4. *

Because God hath made all creatures, they ought to humble themselues vnto his ordinances. Isa. 45. 9, 10, 11, 12.

All things are Gods. Psal. 24. 1. of God, through God, and for God. Rom. 11. 36.

God worth all things vnsearchably. Psa. 25. 2, 3.

Philip desired to see God the Father. Iob. 14. 8.

All workes of God are exceeding good. Eccius. 39. 16. Gen. 1. 31.

The God and Father of Christ, is our God and Father. Iohn 20. 17.

God was the Israelites God, and dwelt amongst them. Exod. 29. 45.

There is no God, but the God of Israel. Deut. 4. 35, 39. and 32. 39. 1. Sam. 2. 2.

The Lord sayd that he was y God of Israel, and bade them not to feare the gods of the Amorites. Iudg. 6. 10.

God chose the Israelites, to the ende hee would be their God. Exod. 6. 7. Deut. 4. 20.

God would be knowen to be the Lord, by signes and miracles. Exod. 7. 17.

Our God is God of gods, and Lorde of Lords. Deut. 10. 17, 21. Iis. 45. 1, 5, 12.

God was declared to be the only and true God of Israel, by sending fire to consume Eliahs sacrifice. 1. King. 18. 36, 37, 38.

Naaman the Syrian confessed, that the God of Israel was the onely true God. 2. King. 5. 15. So did Iethro. Exo. 18. 11. And Rahab. Iosh. 2. 11.

None other but God alone, that afflicteth and healeth, that killeth and giueth life. Deut. 32. 39.

God was the onely conducter of the Israelites. Deut. 32. 10, 12.

God is he that doeth all things in vs. 2. Sam. 22. 30.

Dauid did all things that God might be glorified. 1. Sam. 17. 45, 46, 47.

God giueth all things. Gen. 33. 11.

God careth for vs. 1. Pet. 5. 7.

Of the familiarity and bountifulnesse of God toward Abraham. Gene. 18. 10, 17, 18, 19, 24. * and 19. 29.

God was with Izhak for his fathers sake, and therefore willeth him not to feare. Gen. 26. 24.

God was with Iaakob in his way, and on him wee ought to depend. Gene. 28. 13, 15, 20. and 36. 4.

God was with Ioseph. Gen. 39. 2, 3 with Caleb. Iosh. 14. 12. and with Ioshua in whatsoeuer he did. Iosh. 1. 9. and with Ionathan 1. Sam. 14. 10, 15, 45.

God promised Gideon that he wou'd bee with him. Iudg 6. 12, 16.

God was to be knowen to be our deliuerer out of bondage. Exod. 16 & Deut. 5. 6.

God refused to conduct his people, for their idolatries sake. Exod. 33. 3.

God fought for Israel. Iosh 10. 42.

God deliuered into the handes of the Israelites, their enemies Deu. 2. 21. and 3. 2.

God will haue all victorie to be ascribed vnto him. Iosh. 24. 11, 12. for he deliuered the Philistims into the hands of Dauid. 2. Sa. 6. 24, 25. and Og into the hands of the Israelites. Deut. 3. 3. Therefore hee sent but three hundred men with Gideon. Iudg 7. 2, 4, 6, 7.

God was he that chased the Amorites, and other. Exod. 34. 11.

God gaue Hezekiah victory for his owne names sake, and for Dauid his seruants sake. 2. King. 19. 34.

God will not bestowe his grace alwayes in vaine. Iudg. 10. 10 to 14.

How Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the 70. Elders of Israel, saw God. Exod. 24. 9, 10, 11.

God appeared to Iosh̃a like a man with a drawen sworde in his hand. Iosh. 5. 13, 14, 15.

Manoah and his wife thought they had seene God, when they sawe but his Angel. Iudg. 13. 3. 22.

God ought to be followed. Ephe. 5. 1. and blessed, and why. 2. Cor 1. 3, 4.

The children of Israel not able to heare God speake. Exod 20. 18. 19.

The people seeing the sicke of the palsie healed, glorified God. Mar. 9 8.

How to offer to God our selues, and all that we haue. Rom. 6. 13.

We ought to feare, worship, and offer to God onely. 2. Kings 17. 36.

All knees shal bow vnto God. Isa. 45. 23.

We must loue and serue God with all our heart and soule. Deu. 6 3, 5, 13. & 11. 13 and submit our selues vnto him. Eccles. 14. 8. and by prayer seeke vnto him onely, and we shal finde him. Deu 4. 29, 30. 31. Eccius. 38. 2, 9.

Vnto God onely belongeth all honour and glory. Isa. 42. 8.

We cannot serue God and riches. Mat. 6. 24. Luke 16. 13.

We ought not to tempt God. Deut. 6. 16.

He that is of God, heareth Gods worde. Iohn 8. 47.

Hee that is of God, ought to walke as Christ walked. 1. John 2. 6.

All things are of God, by Iesus Christ. 2. Thess 1. 11, 12.

God, the giuer of all grace beginneth the good worke in vs, and perfourmeth it. 1. Cor. 4. 7. Phil. 1. 6. Heb. 13. 21.

God is to be acknowledged the author of all goodnesse. 1. Cor. 8. 6. 7.

God is he that iustifieth vs for the loue of Christ. Rom 8. 32, 33.

We are elected of God to be sanctified by his spirit. 1. Pet. 1. 2.

God hath raised vs vp to life with Christ, and why. Eph 2. 5, 6, 7.

God hath called vs vnto glory & vertue. 1. Pet. 1. 3.

The Phorises despised the counsell of God Luke 7. 30.

We are in God, and viue in him, if wee loue God and our neighbour. 1. Iob 2. 5. and 3. 24. and 4. 12.

Our God is the God of mercie, patience and comfort. Rom. 15. 5. 2. Cor. 1. 3.

God cannot lie. Titus 1. 2.

God will giue eternall life to those that he hath promised the same. Heb. 10. 23, 36.

Gods giftes, and calling are without repentance. Rom 11. 29.

Those that cleaue to God, shal liue, whereas those that follow idoles shal perish. Deut. 4. 3. 4.

God chastiseth him whom he loueth. Heb. 12. 6.

The first fruites ought to be offered vnto God. Exod. 23. 16, 19.

Iaakob going into Egypt, offred sacrifice vnto God. Gen. 46. 1.

Ioseph attributeth vnto God both his selling into Egypt, and the honour that he receiued there. Gen. 45. 8.

God suffereth the spirit of errour to possesse the mouth of false prophets. 1 King. 22 21, 22.

God sent an euill spirit betweene the inhabitents of Sychem and Abimelech, that they might destroy one another. Iud. 9. 23. 24

Of the prouidence of God toward the Samaritanes afflicted. 2. King. 7. 16. *

The mercie of God toward all men. Wisd. 11. 20, 26. and 12. 1, 2, 8, 10. *

None good but God onely. Matt. 19. 17. Marke 10. 18. Luke 18. 12.

God is loue. 1. Iob. 4. 16.

Preachers are Gods labourers. 1. Cor. 3. 9.

God onely conuerteth the heart. 1. King. 18. 37.

God touching our hearts, we shall follow. 1. Sam. 10 26.

God ruleth the steps and wayes of men. Prou. 20. 24. Ier. 10. 23.

Paul prayeth God to guide his iourney. 1. Thess. 3 11.

God beholdeth the heart, not outward appearance. 1. Sam. 16. 7.

God foreseeth things to come, and not idoles. Isa. 42. 8, 9.

God is the authour of peace, and not of confusion. 1. Cor. 14 33.

God onely is holy. Reue. 15. 4.

The description of God. Exod 34. 5, 6, 7. his power and benignitie. Isa 40. 10. *

The name of God is our protection. Psa. 18. 10.

How God is to bee sought for, and who finde him. Wisd. 1. 1, 2.

God onely forgiueth sinnes. Marke 2. 7.

God saueth without sword. 1. Sam. 17. 45

God is onely wise. Rom. 16 27.

God seeth and searcheth the heart, and reines. Actes 15. 8. 1. Thessal 2. 4. Reuel. 2. 23.

2.13. Pſal. 7.9. Jere. 11.20. & 17.11. & 17.10.
God onely was the finder of wiſedome. Baruch 3.32,36.
In puniſhing the wicked, God is eſteemed ſanctified. Iſa 5.16.
It was the will of God, that Rebekah ſhould be the wife of Iſhak. Gene 24.50,51.
Moſes the man of God. Deut 33.1.
Of thoſe that worſhip both God and Idoles. 2. King. 17.33.
The Iſraelites did chooſe to ſerue God, and reiected idoles. Joſh. 24.16,21,22,23, 24,31.
Satan called the god of this world. 2. Cor. 4.4
God made Moſes a god to Pharaoh. Exodus 7.1,2.
To ſanctifie God, what. Deut. 32.51.
God ſpeaketh by his preachers. Jerem. 7. 23.26. and 11.7,10.
How God is pacified. Dan. 4 24.
God is able to abate the pride of princes. Dan. 4.34.
God neuer faileth thoſe that truſt in him. Dan. 14.38. 2. Mac. 15.26,27.
What God requireth of vs. Micah 6.8.
God only gouerneth all things. 2. Eſd. 6.6
God is the preſeruer and giuer of kingdomes. 2. Chro. 36 23. Eſt. 16.16.
How God is tempted. Pſal. 78.18.
God is our father. Deut. 32.6. Mala. 1.6. 2. Eſd. 1.29.
Godhead. The fulneſſe of the godhead dwelleth in Chriſt. Col. 2. 9.
Godly. How we are partakers of the godly nature. 2. Pet. 1.3.
All that liue godly ſhall ſuffer perſecution. 2. Tim 3.12.
Godlineſſe cauſeth a king to bee bleſſed. Prou. 25. 2.4.
Godlineſſe, or vngodlineſſe doeth neither profit or hurt God, but man. Job 35.6,7,8.
Godlineſſe hopeth for eternall life. Tit. 1. 1,2.
Wee ought to exerciſe faith, true Godlineſſe, and holy conuerſation. 1. Tim. 4.7,8. 2. Pet. 3.11.
Gods. If we honour ſtrange gods, we ſhal periſh. Deut. 5.7, to 10.
The gods that are made with hands, are no gods. Act. 19.26.
Rahel ſtole away the gods or idoles of her father. Gen. 31.19,30.
Jaakob commaunded his houſhold to put away the ſtrange gods. Gen. 35 2.
Samuel exhorteth the people to put away the ſtrange gods, to ſerue the true God. 1. Sam. 7. 3.
Gods vſed for Iudges and Princes. Exo. 22.8. Pſal 82.1,6. for Angels. Pſal. 95.3.*
Gods the worke of mens hands. Deu. 4.28
Of the diuerſitie of the gods of the Gentiles. 2. Kin. 17.29,30.31.
Many be called gods, yet vnto vs there is but one. 1. Cor. 8.5,6.
The gods of the Gentiles are not to bee feared. Baruch 6 3,4,22,26.*
The true God blaſphemouſly compared to the gods of the Gentiles 2. King. 18.33, 34.35. and 19.10,12,13.
He that will ſerue the Lord, muſt put away ſtrange gods. Joſh. 24.23.
No mention may bee made of any other gods but the Lord. Exod. 23.13.
Who ſo ſacrificeth to other gods, ought to bee ſlaine. Exod. 22.20. looke Idolatrie and Superſtition.
Thoſe to whom Gods word is giuen, are called gods. Iohn 10.34,35.
Golde or ſiluer that appertained to idoles, may not be put to priuate vſe, and why. Deu 7.25,26.
The weight of golde that came yeerely to Salomon. 1. Kings 10,14. The Queene of Sheba's gift vnto him and of diuers things made of golde. 1. Kin. 10.10,16,17,18,21.
Gold and ſiluer as plentie as ſtones. 2. Chron. 1.15.
Golde or ſiluer cannot deliuer any from Gods wrath. Ezek. 7.19.
Joſhua reſerued the golde, ſiluer, &c. at the ſacking of Jericho, and put it into the treaſure of the houſe of the Lord. Joſh. 6.19.24.
If any man build gold on the foundation of Chriſt, his building will endure. 1. Corin. 3.12.
Chriſt ſent his Apoſtles to preach without golde, ſiluer, &c. Matth. 10.9. Mar. 6.8. Luk. 9.3.
Good. None good. Pſa. 14.3. & 53.1,3 Ro. 3.10, nor pure. Job 35.4. but God only. Mat 19.16,17. Mar 10.18. Luk. 18,19.
God ſaw all that hee had made, and loe it was very good. Gene. 1.31.
God made all his good to goe before Moſes. Exod 33.19.
Cleaue to that is good, and abhorre that is euill. Rom. 12.9. Gal. 4.18. 1. Theſſalon. 5 15.
Wee ought to be wiſe to good, and ſimple to euill. Rom. 16.19.
Do good to all, but eſpecially to the faithfull. Gal. 6.10.
Wee ought to doe good euen to our enemies. Luk. 6.35.
It is lawfull to doe good on the Sabbath day. Luk. 6.9,10
God will conſume idolaters after he hath done them good. Joſh. 24.20.
Danid did good for euill. 1. Sam. 24.5,7, 8. and 26.9.
Wee ought to doe that is good in the ſight of the Lord Deut. 6.18.
Good and euill. Deut. 30 15.
Our corrupt nature can not do that good we would. Rom. 7.18,19.
Good intent contrary to Gods word, is ſinne. 1. Sa. 13.11, to 15. & 15.11,13,19,20.
Uzzah for his good ment, contrarie to Gods commandement, was ſlaine by God. 2. Sam 6.6,7. looke Thoughts.
Goods of him that is taught, are to be imparted to the teacher. Gal. 6.6.
Shame is the rewarde of euill gotten goods. Act. 1.18. looke Riches and Bleſſings.
Goodneſſe. Ouercome euill with goodneſſe Rom. 12.21.
Mans heart vnreformed by God, is vnapt to goodneſſe. Hag. 1.14.
Gofhanke. It was not lawfull for the Jewes to eate of a Gofhanke. Deut. 14.12.
Goſpel is the glad tidings of ſalnation. Luk. 2.10. Rom 10.17.
The Goſpel declareth howe Chriſt died for our ſinnes, was buried, &c. 1. Corinth. 15. 1,to 5.
The Goſpel giueth eternall life by Chriſt vnto Gods chelen, according to his purpoſe and grace. Epheſ. 1.7,9. 2. Timot. 1.9. Tit. 2.11.
The Goſpel called the wiſedome of God. Matt. 11.19. 1. Cor. 2.7. the myſterie hidden from the beginning of the worlde. Epheſ. 3. 9. Col. 2.26. the adminiſtration of the ſpirit and righteouſneſſe. 2. Cor. 3.8,9. a myſterie, or ſecret. 1. Cor. 4.1. Col. 4.3. and the reuelation of the myſterie. Rom. 16.25.
Wee are ſaued by the Goſpel. 1. Corinth. 15.2.
The Goſpel is the new couenant. Jerem. 31,31.
The Goſpel preached by Chriſt firſt in Galile. Iſa. 9.2. Mat. 4 16.
It was ſayeteld that the Goſpel ſhould bee reuealed to the Gentiles. Iſai. 29.18. and preached. Iſai. 27.12,13 and howe ſinners ſhould receiue the ſame. Iſa. 29.24.
Whither the Goſpel traineth vs. Heb. 12. 22,23,24.
The Angel declared the Goſpel vnto the ſhepheards. Luk. 2.10.
The promiſe of eternall life reuealed by the Goſpel. Ephe. 1.5. Tit. 2.11.
The Goſpel which the Apoſtles heard in ſecrete, ſhould bee preached openly. Matth. 10.27.
Chriſt ſent his Diſciples to preach the Goſpel. Mat. 28.19,20. Mar. 16.15,16.
The Goſpel to be preached throughout all the world. Matth. 24.14. Mar. 13.10. and to euery creature. Mar. 16.15. and ſo it was. Col. 1.23.
Paul preached the Goſpel from Jeruſalem to Illyricum. Rom. 15.19.
The maieſtie of Chriſt is declared by the Goſpel. 2. Cor. 4.4.
None ought to bee forbidden to preach the Goſpel, albeit he be vnworthy, and why. Luke 9.49,50.
Who ſo loueth father or mother more then Chriſt, is not worthy to bee a miniſter of the Goſpel. Matt. 10.37,39. and 16.25. Marke 8.35.
The deceitfulneſſe of riches, &c. maketh the Goſpel to bee vnfruitfull in many. Mar. 4.15,17,19.
The Goſpel compared to ſeede ſowen. Matth. 13.3, to 10.18, to 24.
All thoſe to whom the Apoſtles preached the Goſpel, beleeued not. Rom. 10.16. Iſai. 53.1.
The Goſpel is hid to ſome through their incredulitie. 2. Cor 4.3,4.
The Goſpel from the time of John Baptiſt, ſuffereth violence. Matth. 11.12. Luke 16.16.
Thoſe that haue not beene faithfull in riches of iniquitie, are not to bee truſted with the Goſpel. Luke 16.11.
The Goſpel vnknowen to the wiſe Jewes, and yet knowen to the ſilly Apoſtles. Matth. 11.25.
The Goſpel compared to a treaſure hidden,

ven, and a precious stone found. Matth. 13 44,45.

The Pharises believe not the Gospel, neither will suffer other to believe Mat. 23. 13. Luke 11 52.

The Gospel bringeth dissention and death to the professors thereof. Mat. 10, 34, 35. Act. 14. 1, 2. to 7.

What they shall receive, who for the Gospels sake have forsaken all things. Matt. 19, 28, 29.

None but such as are called and chosen, receive the Gospel, and bring forth fruits. Mat. 20. 1, 8, to 17.

Our conversation must be such, as becommeth the Gospel. Phil. 1. 27.

The terrible judgement of God against such as contemne the Gospel. 2. Thess. 2. 10, 11, 12.

The Gospel is the more advanced by good workes. Col. 1. 6.

The Gospel prophesied of, to bee preached in diuers languages. Isa. 28. 11.

The Church is gathered by preaching of the Gospel. Isa. 60. 3.

The conscience is gladed with the word of the Gospel. Psa. 12. 25.

The Gospel of John why it is written. John 20. 30, 31.

Gouernour. Joseph Gouernour ouer the land of Egypt. Gene. 42. 6.

Against wicked gouernours of cities. Zep. 3. 3. looke Princes and Magistrates.

Of Grace. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Gene. 6. 8, 9. so did Moses. Exod. 33. 17.

Hannah desired to find grace in Elies sight 1. Sam. 1. 18.

By the rich grace of God wee are redeemed. Ephes. 1. 7. Tit. 3. 7.

The Prophets foretold of grace to come to vs by Christ. 1. Pet. 1. 10.

God determined before the beginning of the world to bestow his grace on vs. 2. Tim. 1. 9. that hee might bee glorified for so great grace bestowed. Ephe. 1. 4, 5, 6.

The grace of God appeared that we should liue holily, waiting for the blessed hope of eternall life. Tit. 2. 11, to 15.

Wee are saued not by workes, but by grace in Jesus Christ. Ephes. 2. 8, 9. John 1. 17. or else were grace no more grace. Rom. 11. 6.

The remnant of the Jewes shall be saued by grace. Rom. 11. 4, 5.

They make frustrate the grace of Christ, who seeke to be iustified by workes. Gal. 5. 4.

We ought to trust in the grace offered by the Gospel. 1. Pet. 1. 13. and not to receiue the same in vaine. 2. Cor. 6. 1.

Who so reiecteth the grace of God offred, can looke for no mercie. Heb. 10. 26, 27.

The Apostles wish grace & peace to those Churches they write vnto. Rom. 1. 7. 1. Cor. 1 3. 1 Pet. 1. 2.

We ought to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. 2 Pet 3. 18.

As we profit in the knowledge of God and Christ, so that the grace of God be multiplied vnto vs. 2. Pet. 1. 2.

Grace put for the doctrine of the Gospel. Titus 2. 11. Heb. 13. 9. 1. Pet. 5. 12. for faith and the fruits thereof. 1. Pet. 1. 5. For free gifts. 1. Cor. 1. 4. For spirituall gifts. 2. Pet. 3. 18. For the ministerie and preaching of grace. Gal 2. 9. For free longanimitie of God. 1. John 1. 17. For the whole calling of the faithfull. Heb. 12. 15. For the efficacie and power of the spirit. Acts 14. 26.

Of Grace, before and after meales, looke Thanksgiuing and Praiser.

Of the grace of God, looke Fauour, Gifts, and Mercie.

Gracious. God is gracious and mercifull, &c. Exod. 36. 6, 7.

Grafted. To what ende wee are grafted with Christ into his death. Rom. 6 3, 4, 5.

The Jewes were broken off, that the Gentiles might be grafted in. Rom. 11. 17, 19.

Grapes, looke Cluster.

It was permitted the Jewe to eate of his neighbours grapes, but not to carie any away Deut. 23. 24.

Grasse. God will send grasse to feede the cattell of those which loue him. Deuter. 11, 13, 15.

All fleth is grasse, and all the grace thereof is as the flower of the field. Isa. 40. 6. 1. Pet. 1. 24.

Grashopper, looke Blasting.

Graues. The graues did open at the death of Christ. Matth. 27. 52.

Jaakob set a pillar vpon Rahels graue, Gene. 35. 20. 1. Sam. 10. 2.

No man knoweth where Moses graue is. Deut. 34. 6.

Iosiah commanded, that none should touch the graue of y man of God. 2. Kin. 23. 17, 18.

The graues of lust. Num. 11. 34.

The graue described, Job. 10. 19, 21, 22.

The Lord bringeth downe to the graue, and raiseth vp. 1. Sam. 2. 6.

Graues. Michaiahs graues and molten image. Judg. 17. 3, 4.

Great. God is great. Deut. 10. 17.

Who shall be greatest in the kingdome of heauen. Mat. 18. 4. Mar 9. 34. Lu. 9. 46, 48.

God hath done great things for his people 1. Sam. 12. 24.

Saul foretold Dauid that hee should doe great things. 1. Sam. 26. 25.

Moses desired God that his power might be great. Num. 14. 17.

The *Greekes* seeke after worldly wisdome 1. Cor. 1. 22.

A prophesie of the kingdome of the Greeks Dan. 11. 2, 3.

Greeting. Of the greeting betweene Moses and Jethro. Exod. 18. 7.

Paul wisheth the faithfull to greete one another with an holy kisse. Phil. 4. 21. 1. Thess. 5. 26.

The Scribes and Pharises loued greetings in the markets, &c. Matth. 23. 7. looke Salutation.

Grieue not the holy Spirit of God Ephe. 4. 30.

It grieueth Gods enemies that his children prosper. Nehe 2. 10.

Grone. Euery creature groneth with vs, for the reuealing of the sonnes of God. Rom. 8. 22.

God heard the groning of the Israelites. Exod. 6. 5, 6. and had compassion on their gronings, for their Iudges sakes Judg. 2. 18.

Grewe. Samuel grewe and the Lord was with him. 1. Sam. 3. 19.

Grudging. looke Murmuring.

Grudgingly. We must not giue almes grudingly. 2. Cor 9. 7.

Guided. Wee must be guided by Gods word, and not by good intent. Eccles 4. 17.

Guile. No guile found in the mouth of Jesus. 1. Pet. 2. 22.

All guile ought to be laid aside of Christians. 1. Pet. 2. 1. looke Wrong

Gyants. Emims, Zamzummims, and Anak. Deut. 2. 10, 20. to 24. Num 13. 33. 34

Gyants were mighty men, and contemners of God Gen. 6. 4.

Dauid discomfited foure Gyants, the sons of Haraphah. 2. Sam. 21. 2, &c 16. 2.

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Habitation. The land of Canaan Gods holy Habitation. Exod. 15. 13.

Wee grow to bee an Habitation of God, by the building of the spirit. Ephe. 2. 22.

Hailestones. God destroyeth his enemies with Hailestones. Josh. 10. 11.

Hallowed bread, looke Bread.

Halte. Jaakob Halted on his thigh. Gen. 32. 31.

To halte betweene two opinions, what. 1. King. 18. 21.

Hand taken for strength. 1. Kings 18. 46. In 1. 66. Act 11, 21. for ministery or seruice. Leuit. 26. 46.

Tamar deflowred of Amnon, layd her handes on her head. 2. Sam. 13. 19.

The leprous hand of Moses became sound. Exod 4. 6, 7. so did the dryed hand of Jeroboam. 1. King. 13. 4, 6.

The Apostles reproued for eating with vnwashen hands Mat. 15. 2. Mar. 7. 2, 3, 4, 5.

The Pharises maruelle that Christ sate at dinner with vnwashen hands. Luke 11. 37, 38.

Pilate washed his handes in token of Christs innocency. Mat. 27. 24.

Paul willeth vs to worke with our owne handes. 1. Thess. 4. 11. as himselfe did. Acts 18. 3. day and night. 1. Thess. 2. 9. 2. Thess. 3. 8. to relieue himselfe and others. Act. 20. 34.

Paul willeth him that hath stolen, hence forth to labour with his hands. Eph. 4 28.

God will prosper our handie worke, if wee loue him. Deut. 30. 9. for he is the directour of the same. Psal. 90, 17.

Christ lifting vp his handes, blessed his Apostles Luke 24. 50, 51.

If our hand offend vs, wee ought to cut it off. Mat. 5. 29, 30.

Christ healed the dried hand on the Sabbath day. Mat. 12. 10, 12, 13.

The Apostles healed the sicke, by laying on their hands. Marke 16. 18. so did Christ. Lu. 4. 40.

Children brought to Christ that he might lay his hands on them. Mat. 19. 13. Marke 10 13. to 16.

Joshua replenished with wisedome, by the laying on of Moses hands. Deut. 34 9.

Paul recouered sight, by laying on of Ananias

nenias hands. Acts 9 17, 18.

Stretching forth the hands to God, taken for acknowledging the offence. 1. Kin. 8. 38.

Salomon praying, stretched out his hands toward heauen. 1. King. 8 22.

Moses praying, spread his hands vnto the Lord. Exod. 9. 29, 33.

So long as Moses held vp his handes to God, the Israelites prenailed, &c. Exod. 17. 11, 12.

Lifting vp the hands to heauen, a maner of swearing. Deut. 32. 40. Gene. 14. 22. Reuel. 10. 5.

To lift vp the hand against any, is to rebell. 1. King. 11. 26.

None can deliuer any out of Gods hands. Deut. 32. 39. nay aswell his handes. Amos 9. 2.

The Lords hand is not shortened. Num. 11. 23.

Gods hand was sore against the Iewes, when he deliuered them into their enimies hands. Judg. 2. 15.

The hand of the Lord was against the Philistims all the dayes of Samuel. 1. Samuel 7. 13.

The hand of God is vpon any when hee afflicteth them with any kind of plague. 1. Sam. 5. 7.

The faithfull are in Gods hands. Deut. 33. 3.

The hand of God for a cloud. Exo. 33. 23. Looke Laying.

What Gods right hand signifieth. Luke 22 69. Acts 7. 55.

Handwriting. Christ hath put out the handwriting of ordinances that was against vs. Col. 2. 14.

Hanged. The Philistims hanged vp Sauls body on the wall of Bethshan. 1. Sam. 31. 10.

The seuen kinsemen of Saul were hanged before the Lord. 2. Sam. 21. 1, 2, 6, 9.

Rechab and Baanah were hanged for murthering Ishbosheth. 2. Sam. 4. 5, 6, 12. *

Whosoeuer was hanged on a tree, ought to be buried the same day. Deut. 21. 22, 23. because he is curled. Gal. 3. 13.

Happe, looke Prouidence.

Happy. Ten things happy. Eccles. 25. 7, to 14. looke Blessed.

Hard. The things hard and perilous. Eccles. 26. 30.

Nothing too hard for God. Jerem 32. 27. Gen. 18. 14 *

Harden. Whom God will, he hardeneth. Rom. 9. 18. and 11. 7.

To harden our hearts, is to bee obstinate. 1. Sam. 6 6. John 12. 40.

God hardened the hearts of the Hiuites, and why. Iosh. 11. 20.

God hardened Pharaohs heart. Exod. 7. 3, 13, 14. and 8. 15, 32. & 9. 7, 12, 34, 35. and 10. 1, 20, 27. and 11. 10. and 14. 4, 8.

God hardened the spirit of Sihon, and why. Deut. 2. 30.

Heart hardened, taken for forgetful. Mar. 6. 52.

The hardnesse of heart is the fountaine of ignorance. Ephe. 4. 18. looke Heart.

Hare forbidden the Iewes to eate. Leuit. 6. 6. Deut. 14. 7.

Harlots. Two harlots pleaded before Solomon. 1. Kings 3. 16.

He that coupleth himselfe with an harlot, is one body with her. 1. Cor. 6. 16.

Harlots shall sooner enter into the kingdome of God then proud Pharisies. Matth. 21. 31, 32.

Of the behauiour of harlots. Prou. 9. 13, to 18. looke Whores.

Harnesse, looke Armour.

Harte. The Iewes might eate of a Harte, &c. Deut. 14. 5.

Harueſt. The lats of harueſt. Leuit. 19. 9, 10. and 23. 22.

Our haruest shalbe plentifull, if we please God. Leuit. 26. 3, 4, 5.

Whitsuntide was the feast of the first fruites of haruest. Leuit. 23. 16.

Samuel called vpon God in the time of haruest. 1. Sam. 12. 17.

Pray the Lord to send labourers into his haruest. Matt. 9. 38.

The Apostles reaped the haruest which the Prophets had sowen. John 4. 38.

The Lords haruest. Reuel. 14. 18. *

Hate. God punisheth those that hate him. Deut. 5. 9.

Wee ought not to hate our brother in our heart. Leuit. 19. 17.

Christ was hated of the world, and why. John 7. 7.

Christians are hated of all men for Christs names sake. Matt. 10. 22.

Wee ought to doe good to them that hate vs. Matt. 5. 44.

Dauid loued those that hated him. 2. Sam. 19. 6.

He that hateth his brother is a manslayer. 1. John 3. 15. and 2. 9, 11.

Isbah is hated of Abimelech and Phicol. Gen. 26. 27. and Iaakob of Esau. Gen. 27. 41. & Ioseph of his brethren. Gen. 37. 4, 5, 8.

The Egyptians hated the Israelites. Exod. 1. 12. Psal. 105. 25.

Amnon hated his sister, after he had deflowred her. 2. Sam. 13. 15. and therefore Absalom hated him. 2. Sam. 13. 22.

He that calleth vpon God, shall be deliuered from them that hate him. 2. Sam. 22. 18.

Wee ought to hate all for Christes sake. Luke 14. 26. John 12. 25.

Three sortes of men hated. Eccles. 25. 2. Looke Enuie and Malice.

Hautinesse, looke Pride or Nobilitie.

Haule mingled with fire, destroyeth cattel and other things in Egypt. Exodus 9. 18, 24, 25.

Haire. Not one haire of their heads perisheth, that suffer for Christ his sake. Luke 21. 8.

All the haires of our heads are numbred. Matth. 10. 30 Luke 12 7.

Absaloms haire polled yeerely, weied 200. shekels. 2. Sam. 14. 26.

Long haire comely for a woman, not for a man 1 Cor. 11. 14, 15.

Broyded haire forbidden. 1. Tim 2. 9. and 1. Pet. 3. 3.

Head. The people that feare God, shalbe made the head, and not the taile to any nation. Deut. 28. 13.

Christ is the head of whom the body of the Church dependeth, and is nourished. Ephe. 1. 22. & 4. 15. Col. 1. 18. & 2. 10, 19. 2. Samuel 22. 44.

Christ bruise the Serpents head. Gene. 3. 15.

The mans head must be bare when hee prayeth, and the womans couered. 1. Cor. 11. 4, 10.

The head for an honourable man, or prince. Isa. 1. 6. and 9. 15. Iones 9. 1. Num. 1. 4.

Heale. God onely healeth, and deliuereth from afflictions. Deut. 32. 39.

God healeth all our infirmities. Exod. 15. 26. Jere. 17. 14.

We are healed of our sinnes by Christ his stripes. 1. Pet. 2. 24.

Health. The health of Israel is the Lord. Jere. 3. 23.

To whom health is promised. Prouerbes 4. 22.

Health is the most excellent thing in the world. Eccles. 30. 15, 16.

Heape. The wicked heape sinne vpō sinne. Eccles. 3. 29.

Heape coales, looke Coales.

Heard of swine, looke Swine.

Heardmen. Strife betweene the Heardmen of Gerar and Isaak. Gen. 26. 20. looke Shepheards.

Heare. Samuel heareth God speake vnto him. 1. Sam. 3. 10, 11.

The Israelites would not hearken to Moses, and why. Exod. 6. 9, 12.

The Lord would not heare the Israelites, presuming to fight contrary to his commandement. Deut. 1. 42, 45.

All ought to heare and obey Gods voyce. Iosh 8. 35. 1. Sam. 12. 14.

Such as heare Gods voyce, are his chiefe treasure, &c. Exod. 19. 5, 6.

God commaundeth vs to heare the Prophet Christ. Deu. 18. 18, 19. Act. 17. 5. Luk. 9. 35. 2. Pet. 1. 17.

None can heare without a preacher. Rom. 10. 14.

Faith commeth by hearing the worde of God preached. Rom. 10. 17.

Christ exhorteth all that haue eares, to heare. Mat. 13. 9. Mar. 4. 3, 9. Luke 8. 8.

Preachers must speake whether the people will heare or not. Jere. 7. 27.

To heare put for to beleeue. Matth. 7. 24. John 10. 8, 16. 1. Tim 4. 16. 1. Joh. 4. 6 and for to vnderstand. 1. Cor. 14. 2.

Hearing onely is not sufficient. Mat 7. 21. Luk. 11. 28. Rom. 2. 13. James 1. 22. * looke Doe.

Diuers kindes of hearers. Matth. 13. 19, 20. * John 7. 40, 41.

They that heare Gods preachers, heare God himselfe. Luke 10. 16. and are of God. Joh. 8 47. and contrariwise. 1. Joh. 4. 6. looke Parishioners.

Famine of hearing, see Famine.

We ought to be swift to heare, and slowe to speake. James 1. 19.

God will not heare contemners of his word and preachers. Jere. 11. 11.

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Dauids enemies crying for ayde, were not heard, 2. Sam. 22. 42.

God heard Eliiah. 1. King. 18. 37, 38.

God will heare the cry of the afflicted and oppressed calling on him. Exo. 22, 23. 2. Samuel 22. 7.

Whom God doeth heare, and whom not. Iohn 9. 13.

God heard the voice of Ismael. Gen. 21. 17 of Leah and Rahel. Gen. 30. 6, 17. and of Iaakob in his tribulation. Gen. 35. 3.

Moses was heard of the Lord. Exod. 32. 14. Num. 14. 20 Deut. 9. 16, 19. 2 Samuel. 1. Sam. 7. 9. and Manoah. Iudges 13. 8, 9.

Heart comforted with bread. Iudg. 19. 5.

The heart of man is deceitfull and wicked aboue all things. Iere. 17. 9. Gene. 6. 5. and 8. 21.

To bleſſe a mans ſelfe in his heart, is to flatter himſelfe in his wickednesse. Deuter. 29. 19.

God knoweth the ſecrets of all hearts, and trieth them. 1. Sam. 16. 7. 1. Kin. 8. 18. Acts 15. 8. 1. Thes. 2. 4. 1. Iohn 3. 20. Reue 2. 23. 1. Chro 28 9. Pſal. 7. 9. Iere. 11, 20. and 17. 10. and 20. 12.

God ſhall make manifeſt the counſaile of the heart. 1. Cor. 4. 5.

Of the abundance of the heart the mouth ſpeaketh Luke 6. 45. Matt. 12. 34, 35.

What defileth the heart, and what not. Mat. 15. 11, 19. Mar. 7. 15, 18, 19, to 24.

The hearts are purified by faith. Act. 15. 9

God turneth and reneweth the hearts of men, and why. Ezek. 11. 19. and 36. 26, 27. Ier. 32. 39, 40. 1. King. 18. 37.

Salomon prayeth God to conuert the hearts of his people vnto him. 1. Kings 8. 58.

God gaue Saul another heart to bee a new man. 1. Sam. 10 6, 9.

With the heart man beleeueth vnto righteouſneſſe. Rom. 10. 9, 10.

God muſt open the heart, if any heare attentiuely. Acts 16 14. and reforme it, before it be apt to goodneſſe. Hag. 1. 14.

Where our treaſure is, there will the heart be alſo Mat 6 21.

Our heart will not condemne vs before God, if &c. 1. Iohn 3. 18, 19, 20.

Wee ought to ſpeake vnto our ſelues and make melodie vnto the Lord in our hearts. Ephe 5. 19. The word of God ought to bee laid vp in our hearts. Deut. 6. 6. and 11, 18.

Hannah prayeth in her heart to the Lord, to become fruitfull. 1. Sam. 1. 10. to 14. and hauing obteined, her heart reioyced. 1. Sam. 2, 1.

To beleeue in heart. 2. Eſd 1. 37.

God meaſureth our almes according to the heart. Marke 12. 31, to 44. Luke 21. 1, to 5.

Wee ought to draw neere to Chriſt with a pure heart. Hebr 10. 22. and follow them that call vpon God with pure hearts. 2. Tim. 2. 22.

It is God that ſtabliſheth our hearts in holineſſe. 1. Theſſ. 3 13. 2. Theſſ. 2 16, 17.

The Phariſies coueted rather to haue their cuppes then their hearts cleane. Matt. 23 25.

Chriſt mourned for the hardneſſe of the Phariſies hearts Marke 3. 5.

We ought to forgiue our brother from our hearts. Mat. 18. 34, 35.

We ought to loue AND ſerue God with all our heart. Deu. 6. 5, 13. and 10. 12. and 11. 1. Luke 10. 27.

Aſa his heart was vpright with the Lord. 1. Kings 15. 14. And ſo muſt ours be. Chap. 8, 61.

Ioſhua exhorteth to ſerue God with all the heart and ſoule. Ioſh. 24. 14, 23. and 22. 5.

We may not attribute to our vprightneſſe of heart, eternall life which God giueth freely Deut. 9. 4, 5.

Wee ought to turne to God in heart, if we looke to obtaine mercie. 1. Kings 8. 47, 48.

Dauid followed God with all his heart. 1. Kings 14. 8.

Hezekiah walked before the Lord with a perfect heart. 2 Kings 20. 3.

Our heart is turned from God, when we ſerue ſtrange gods, or truſt in any thing beſide God. Deut. 29. 18.

The idolatrous wiues of Salomon turned away his heart from God. 1. Kings 11. 3, 4.

Thoſe that turne their heart from God, ſhall haue their liues ſhortened. Deuter. 30. 17, 18.

The cry of a contrite heart vnto God. Pſal. 130.*

If wee returne vnto God with all our heart, he will turne vnto vs. Deut. 30. 9, 10.

Samuel exhorteth to turne to God, with all the heart, and to ſerue him onely. 1. Sam. 7. 3.

Iosiah turned to the Lord, with all his heart. 2. Kings 23. 25.

God promiſeth mercie to thoſe that conuert in heart. Deut 30. 1, 2, 3.

Salomon craueth of God an vnderſtanding heart. 1. Kings 3. 9.

The King is commanded to reade the Law, leſt his heart ſhould be lift vp. Deut. 17. 14.*

Our hearts ought not to be lift vp to forget God, and why. Deut. 8. 5, 14.

Pharaohs heart hardened. Exod. 9. 34.

God giueth to thoſe that feare him, an vnderſtanding heart. Deu. 29. 3, 4. and to thoſe that diſobey him, a faint heart. Leuit. 26. 36.

The Shechemites mooued the hearts of the Iſraelites to receiue Abimelech. Iudg. 9. 2, 3, 6.

The hearts of the Amorites and Canaanites fainted at the Iſraelites comming. Ioſh 5. 1.

The Iſraelites hearts melted, when they were diſcomfited at Ai. Ioſh. 7. 5.

Boaz comforted the heart of Ruth, by ſpeaking kindly. Ruth 2. 13.

Heart hardened againſt the poore, Looke Harden.

God giueth the diſobedient a trembling heart. Deut. 28. 65.

Sauls heart ſore aſtonied, when hee ſaw the Philiſtims aſſembled againſt him. 1. Sam. 28 5.

Dauid touched in heart, after he had cut off the lap of Sauls garment. 1. Sam. 24. 6.

Moſes willeth the Iſraelites to ſet their hearts to Gods word. Deut. 32. 46.

Wee ought not to ſeeke after our owne heart. Num. 15 39, 40.

The hearts of the ſimple deceiued by Abſalom. 2. Sam. 15. 2, 6, 7, 11.

We ought to loue one another with a pure heart. 1. Tim. 1. 5. 1. Pet. 1. 22.

Saint Paul walked in the ſimplicitie of his heart. 2. Cor. 1. 12.

Dauid fed the Iſraelites in ſimplicitie of heart. Pſal. 78. 72.

The thankeſgiuing of a true and faithful heart. Pſal. 103.*

God led Iſrael 40. yeeres in the wildernesse to proue their hearts. Deut. 8. 2.

Ioſiahs heart did melt, when he heard the Law read. 2. King. 22, 10, 11, 18.* 2. Chron. 34. 27.

They whoſe heart God had touched, followed Saul. 1 Sam. 10. 26.

The ſorrow of the heart hath ſlaine many. Eccius. 30. 23.

How a mans heart may deceiue him. Deu. 11, 16.

The pride of the heart deceiueth man. Obad. 3.

The heart of God for the purpoſe of his will, &c. 1. Chr. 17. 19.

Eyes and heart of God, looke Eyes.

The heart ought to holde faſt the worde of God. Pro. 4. 4.

Gods lawes written in the hearts of the faithfull. Heb. 8. 10.

One heart and one way expounded. Iere. 32. 39. Act. 4. 32. Ezek. 11, 19. & 36. 26, 27.

Woe to the double hearted. Eccius. 2. 13. and 2. 28.

Yee that ſeeketh the Lord, conuerteth in heart. Eccius. 21. 6.

The reward of them that ſet vp idoles in their hearts. Ezek. 14. 1, 3, to 11.

Of the keeping of the heart. Pro 4. 23.

Dauid was a man after Gods own heart. 1. Sam. 13. 14.

God ſoppeth his heart. Gen. 6. 6.

The heart is made holy and pure through Chriſt. Pſal. 51. 10.

Heart of the earth, for the inward part of the earth Mat. 12. 40.

Heart for the deſire of the heart. Mat. 6. 21. For the ſoule. 1 Pet. 1 4. For the conſcience. 1. Thes. 1. 3, 13. 1. Iohn 3. 20, 21 and for the will. Acts 4. 32.

Heathen. Such as refuſe admonition, ought to be vnto vs as Heathen men. Matt. 18. 17.

Heauen, and the Heauen of Heauens, is the Lords. Deut. 10. 14. and is called his throne and dwelling place, though it be not able to containe him. 1. Kings 8. 27, 30, 39, 43, 49. Mat. 5. 34. Acts 7. 49.

The Heauen called the firmament, made by the word of God. Gen. 1. 8.

The Heauens, created and preſerued by Gods worde, ſhall be diſſolued with fire. 2. Pet. 3. 5, 7, 12.

Paul taken vp into the third Heauen. 2 Cor. 12 2.

Heauen open. Matth. 3. 16. Acts 7. 56.

Heauen.

Heaven and earth are called to witnesse. Deut.32.1.*

God openeth the heavens, in giving raine in due season. Deut.28.12.

Whosoever worshippeth the hoste of heaven, ought to be stoned to death. Deut.17.2, 3,5.

Heaven and earth shall passe. Mat.24.35. Mar.13.31. Heb.1.11. Reu.21.1.

The heavenly kingdome prepared for the holy Angels and Gods elect. Matth.25.34. and 5.3, to 13.

Heauie. The hand of the Lorde heauie against them of Ashdod. 1.Sam.5.6.

The rich young man sorie to sell all, went from Christ heauie. Luke 18.22,23.

The Pharises did binde heauie burdens for other. Mat.23.4.

Christs soule heauie, euen to the death. Matth.26.38. his disciples eyes heauie also, verse 43.

Of heauinesse, and harme comming therefof. Psalm.31.10. Eccles.25.14. and 30.21. and 38.18, to 24. looke Sorow and Weping.

Heeles. The Israelites being warm fat, spurned with their heeles against God. Deu. 32.15.

Iudas lifted vp his heele against Christ. John 13.18. Psal 41.9.

Satan may bruise the heele of the godly, but not ouercome them. Gen.3.15.

Iniquity compasseth vs euen at the heels, when we are in miserie. Psal.49.5.

Hell. In hell there is no meate. Eccles. 14.16.

The discription of hell Isa.30.33.

How hell is prepared from the beginning for the deuill, and his Angels, and all wicked persons Matt. 25.30,41.46. Iob 10.21,22. Isai.66.15,16,24. Dan.7.11. Wisd.5.1,3, to 15. Matt.3.10,12. and 5.20. to 27. and 6.16. and 8.12,29. and 13.30,42. and 18 8,9. and 22.13. and 23.33. Mar.9.43, to 49. Luke 3. 9. to 17. and 10 15. and 16 23.* Phil 2.10. Heb.2.10.27. 2.Pet.2.4. Iude 6. Reue.6.8. and 19,20 and 20.10,14,15.

The gates of hell, looke Gates.

Hell taken for the graue. Gen.37.35.

Helpe. God did helpe Israel against the Philistims 1.Sam.7.10.

Our helpe in time of need, is Christ. Heb. 4.16.

The helpe of Israel is the Lorde God. Deut.33.26.

The Israelites cry to the Lord for helpe. Iudges 6.7,8.14.

God helpeth the faithfull oft times miraculously Hose.5.13.* 2. King.6.17. and 19. 35 2.Macca.10.29,30. and 11.8. looke Appearing.

Hennie. Christ would haue gathered the Israelites, as a henne her chickins. Matth. 23 37.

Herber. The weake may eate herbes: so that hee iudge not those that eate them not. Rom.14.2,3.

Herbes with their seedes, created by the word of God. Gen.1.11,12.

Heresie. There must be heresies, and why. 1.Cor.11.19 2.Pet.2.1.

Heresies are the workes of ȝ flesh. Gal.5.20.

Christ his religion counted heresie. Actes 24.14.

Heretikes, after twise admonition, ought we to reiect. Tit.3.10,11.

Heritage, looke Inheritance.

Hosres. Christ hath regenerated vs by the holy Ghost, that we should be heires of eternall life. Titus 3.5,6,7.

Iesus Christ is the heire of al good things. Luke 20.14. Heb.1.2.

Abraham the heire of the worlde by faith. Rom.4.13.

Christians heires of God, through Christ. Gal.4.7. Rom.8.17.

Heire of wormes, looke Proud.

Of heires, looke more First borne.

¶ *Hide.* God will hide his face from those that forsake him. Deut.31.17.18.

Elijah hidden to hide himselfe from the rage of Ahab. 1 Kings 17.3.

The Israelites did hide themselues for feare of the Philistims. 1 Sam.13.5,6.

He that hideth his sinnes shal not prosper. Prou.28.13.

High. The people sacrificed in high places before the building of the temple. 1.Kin.3.2

Ieroboam made an house of high places. 1.Kings 12.31,32,33.

Amaziah and Iehosaphat tooke not away the high places, which Ieroboam had erected. 2.Kings 14.4. 1.King 22.43 but Hezekiah did. 2.Kings 18 4,to 9.

Salomon offred incense in the high places before hee built the Temple. 1.king.3.3 and after also by the prouocation of his wiues. 1. kings 11.4,to 10.

Mountaines and high trees, for proude and lofty people. Isa.2.14.

We ought not to be high minded. Rom.12 16. and why. Prou.16.16. and 18.12. looke Abomination, Presumption.

Samuel willed Saul to goe vp into the high place. 1.Sam.9.19.

The heauens are not so high to finde as Gods perfection. Iob 11.7,8.

Holy. God onely is holy. Reu.15.1. Psal. 99 5,9.

God is holy, and hee onely will be honoured Iosh 24.19,20.

The Beth-shemites did confesse that the God of Israel was the holy Lorde God, 1. Sam.6.20.

God commanded his people to be holy vnto him. Exodus 22.33. Num.15.40.

The wicked count themselues as holy as the godly, and all degrees alike holy. Num. 16.3.

The Israelites an holy people of God. Deu.14.2,21 & 26.19. by hearing his word, and keeping his couenant. Exod.19.5,6.

Those whom God hath predestinate, are holy, in that they are iustified by Christ. Rom.8.30.

We ought to bee holy in conuersation, as he is holy that called vs. 1.Pet 1.15,16. and why. 2. Pet.3.10.11.

The place is holy where Gods worde is declared. Iosh.5.15 Exod.3.5. Actes 7.33. Psal.74.7,8.

The holy places whereinto Christ is entred for vs. Heb 9.24.

Giue not that which is holy vnto dogges. Matth.7.6.

Timothie knew the holy Scriptures of a childe. 2.Tim 3.15

Holy dayes. looke Feast.

Holy Ghost. No man can say that Iesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 1.Corinth. 12.3.4.

The Holy Ghost promised to the Apostles. Luke 24.49 John 14.16,26. Actes 1.8 and sent to them. Acts 2.4.

God giueth the Holy Ghost to them that feruently aske him Luke 11.13.

Our loue procedeth from the Holy Ghost, and by him is shedde abroad in our hearts. Rom.5.5. 1.John 4.13.

Iesus Christ was conceiued by the Holy Ghost. Luke 1.31,35.

Christ dispossessed deuils by ȝ Holy Ghost. Matth 12.28. Luke 11.20.

The Holy Ghost is giuen the faithfull, to answere the aduersaries in the truth. Mat. 10 19,20.

The Holy Ghost declared to the Prophets, the sufferings and glory of Christ. 1. Pet.1.11.

The Prophets spake as the Holy Ghost moued them. 2.Pet.1.21.

We are elect that we might be sanctified by the Holy Ghost. 1.Pet.1.2.

The sending of the Holy Ghost was prophesied of. Ioel 2.28,29

Christ promised to send the Holy Ghost. Luke 24.49. who was not sent till Christ was glorified. John 7.39.

The Holy Ghost called the comforter and spirit of truth. Ioh.14.16,17.26. Acts 1.8.

Christ baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. Matth.3.11.

The Holy Ghost is called the water of life. John 4.10. and 7.38.

Christ gaue his disciples the Holy Ghost. John 20.22,23.

The Holy Ghost was giuen to the Apostles according to Christes promise. Actes 2.4.

The Samaritanes receiued the Holy Ghost. Acts 8.17.

To whom the Holy Ghost is giuen. Gal. 3.2.

The faithfull are sealed with the Holy Ghost. Ephe.1.13. and 4.30. who is the earnest of the inheritance promised to confirme vs in the assured hope thereof. 2.Cor.1.22. Ephes.1.14.

The grace of the Holy Ghost powred vpon the Gentiles. Acts 10.44.45

Our bodies are temples of ȝ Holy Ghost. 1.Cor.6.19.

Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied. Luke 1.67.* so did Simeon. Luke 2.25,to 36.

Iohn Baptist filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth. Luke 1.15.

The Holy Ghost was not giuen vnto Iesus Christ by measure. John 1.16. and 3.34. Heb.1.9.

The Holy Ghost reproueth the world of sinne, of righteousnesse, and of iudgement. John 16.8.

The Holy Ghost beareth witnesse in our con-

consciences, that we are the sonnes of God. Rom. 8. 15, 16. and that God dwelleth in vs 1. Iohn 3. 24.

By the vertue of the Holy Ghost, we are made strong against death, sinne, and the deuill. 2. Tim. 2. 7.

How the Holy Ghost was the teacher of the Apostles Iohn 14. 26. and 16. 13.

The Holy Ghost witnesseth in our hearts, that repentance & remission of sinnes come by Christ. Acts 5. 31, 32.

The Holy Ghost forbade Paul to preach in Asia. Acts 16. 6.

The gifts of the Holy Ghost diuers, yet one selfe same spirit. 1 Cor. 12. 4, 11.

Both Iew and Gentile inspired with the Holy Ghost, hath accesse to the Father, by Christ his Sonne. Ephes. 2. 18. and 3. 6.

Sinne against the Holy Ghost neuer forgiuen. Mat. 12. 31, 32. Mar. 3 29.

Holinesse to the Lord, was a superscription in the high Priests mitre. Exod. 39. 30.

True holinesse required in Christians continually. Luke 1. 75. Eph. 4. 24. 1. Thes. 3. 13 and 4. 3, 4. 2. Cor. 7. 1.

Honestie is not to bee learned of vnhonest men. Ecclus. 3. 7, 11.

We ought to behaue our selues honestly, 1. Thes. 4. 12.

Honie. The Israelites sucked honie out of the stone, and oyle out of the harde rocke. Deut. 32. 13.

Honie in the carkase of a lion. Iudg. 14. 8, 9.

Ionathan tasting honie, contrary to his fathers edict, hardly escaped death. 1. Sam. 14. 26, 27.

Honie eaten temperately is very good. Pro. 24. 13. and 25. 26, 27.

Honour. We ought to honour the person of the olde man. Leu. 19. 32. Also maisters. 1. Tim. 6. 1.

We ought to giue honour to whome wee owe honour. Rom. 13. 7.

Wee ought to honour all men, namely, kings. 1. Peter 2. 17.

Elders worthy double honour. 1. Timoth. 5. 17.

In giuing honour wee ought to goe one before another. Rom. 12. 10.

Those that honour God, God will honour them. 1. Sam. 2. 30.

Those that receiue honour one of another, and seeke not the honour that commeth of God alone, cannot beleeue in Christ. Iohn 5. 43.

God gaue Salomon riches and honour vnasked. 1. Kings 3. 13.

Hannah and his wife purposed to honour the Angel. Iudges 13. 17.

Christ honoured his Father, and the Iewes dishonour him. Iohn 8. 49.

Whosoeuer honoured not the Sonne by beleeuing in him, dishonoureth the Father that sent him. Iohn 5. 23.

Eli honoured his children more then God. 1. Sam 2. 22. to 26.

Saul hauing sinned, coueted to be honored before the elders of his people, by Samuel. 1. Sam. 15. 30.

The husband ought to giue honour to the wife, and why. 1. Pet. 3. 7.

Honor is vnseemely for a foole. Pro. 26. 1

Humility goeth before honour. Pro. 15. 33

Wee must honour God with our riches, and first fruits. Pro. 3. 9, 10.

Hope is Gods gift. 2. Thess. 2, 16.

Hope is no hope, when the thing we hope for is seene. Rom. 1. 24.

He that hopeth, abideth with patience for that he seeth not. Rom. 8. 25.

Hope ought to bee certaine. Philip. 1. 20. Col. 2. 13. Heb. 3 6. and 10. 23.

Hope is strengthened by considering Gods benefits receiued. Matt. 16. 8, 9. Rom. 5. 2, 3, 4. 2. Cor. 1. 10.

We must hope in God. 1. Pet 1. 21.

Hope is one. Eph. 4. 4.

Wee are regenerate to a liuely hope, by the resurrection of Christ. 1. Pet. 1. 3. where by wee are made heires of eternall life Tit. 3. 7.

As we are called in one hope, so ought we to be one bodie and one spirit. Ephes. 4. 4.

Christ the hope of glory. Col. 1. 27.

We ought to reioyce in hope. Rom 12. 12. for thereby we are saued. Rom. 8. 24.

Hope is the helmet of saluation. 1. Thess. 5. 8. Ephe. 6. 11, 17.

The Scriptures confirme Christians in hope. Rom. 15. 4.

We must pray that wee may abound in hope, through the power of the holy Ghost. Rom. 15. 13.

Hope maketh not ashamed, and why. Rom. 5. 5.

Paul reioyceth for the Thessalonians hope in their great tribulations. 1. Thess. 1. 2, 3, 6.

Howe farre hope doeth extend it selfe. 1. Cor. 13. 13. and 15. 15.

The hope of the creature for the deliuerance of the children of God. Rom. 8. 20.

Hope put for faith. 1. Pet. 3. 15. For promise Heb. 6. 18. for things which are hoped for. Ephes. 1. 18. Col. 1. 5. Titus 2. 13. Rom. 8. 24.

Hope compared to an anker. Heb. 6. 19.

The hope of the hypocrites is vaine, & shall perish. Iob 8. 13. Wisd. 3. 10, 11. Neither haue they any hope after this life. 2. Esd. 8. 55, 56.* and 9. 9, to 14. Wisd 3. 18, 19. and 4. 19, 20. and 5. 14.*

Blessed is hee that is not fallen from his hope in God. Eccius. 14. 2.

Hope deferred is a fainting to the heart; Pro. 13. 12.

The hope of the faithfull must onely depend on God and his eternall worde. Genes. 26. 2, to 11. Iudg. 7. 1. 2, to 8.* 1. Sam. 4. 3. & 17. 32, 37.* & 22. 3. 1. Kin. 20. 28.* 1. Chron. 21. 1, 2, to 14. 2. Chro. 26. 7.* & 30. 15, to 17. Psalm. 9. 10. & 13. 5. & 21. 7. & 32. 1. 8 40. 4. & 62. 5.* & 65. 5. & 67. 1.* & 70. 1, 5, 6. and 91. 2. and 115. 9. & 42. 5. & 146. 3, 4, 5. Pro. 3. 5. and 22. 19. and 28. 25, 26. and 30. 5. Isa. 26. 3. and 30. 2, 3. and 31. 1. and 36. 4, to 11. and 40. 31. Ier 23. 37. and 7. 4, 8. and 9. 4. 23, 24. & 17. 5, 7. and 22. 13, to 18 and 39. 18 Lam. 3. 21, 24, 26. Ezek. 29. 16 Hose. 12 6.

The hope of the vngodly is vncertaine. 2. King. 18. 19.* and 19. 35. Wisd. 5, 4, 6.* Eccius. 5. 1, to 9. 1. Mac 2. 9, 44.

Hoarding, Looke Gathering.

Hoarshead, looke Honour.

Horne, taken for glory and estate. Iob 16. 15. Psal. 75. 5. and 89. 24. & 112. 9. and 148. 14. for strength. Deut. 33 17.

God is the horne of our saluation. 2. Sam. 22. 3.

God exalted the horne of his anoynted, when he sent his Sonne into the world. 1. Sam. 2, 10. Luke 1. 69.

Hannahs horne was exalted by becomming fruitfull. 1. Sam. 2. 1.

Blowing of hornes, looke Feast.

Zedekiah made hornes of yron. 1. Kin. 22. 11.

Hornets sent before the Israelites, to destroy their enemies. Iosh. 24. 12. Exo. 23 28. Deut. 7. 20. so as they were ready to fall before them. Deut. 12. 29. Iosh 2. 9. and 5. 1. or seeke their succour. Iosh. 9. 10.* Or els resist them to their destruction. Iosh. 11. 20.

Horses of Salomon. 1. Kin. 4. 26. 2. Chro. 9. 25.

A Horse is but a vaine helpe to saue a man. Psal. 33. 17. neither is God delighted with his strength Psal. 147. 10. And therefore woe to them that trust in horses & worldly helpes. Isa. 30. 1, 2, 16. For they shall not help them when God will punish. Mic. 5. 10.

The wicked are like fed horses, and why. Iere. 5. 8.

A leopardly friend is like a wilde horse that neyeth. Eccius. 33. 6.

Hospitalitie commended and commanded. Rom. 12. 13. Heb. 13. 2. Tit. 1. 8. Isa. 58. 7.* Matth. 25. 35. Luke 10. 38. and 14. 12. to 14. 1. Tim. 3. 2. and 5. 10. 1. Pet. 4. 9. 3. Iohn 5. Iam. 1. 27. Acts 9 43. and 16. 15, 34. and 17. 2. and 21. 16. and 28. 7.

Examples of Hospitalitie in Abraham. Gen 18. 2, to 9. In Lot. Gen. 19. 1, 2, 3. In Bethuel. Gen. 24. 25, 31. In Moses father in law. Exod. 2. 20. In Manoah. Iudg. 13. 15. In the Leuites father in law. Iudg. 19. 3, 4, to 8. In the citizens of Gibeah. Iudg. 19. 16, to 22. In the widow of Zarephath. 1. Kin 17. 9.* In the woman of Shunem. 2. King. 4. 8, to 11. In Iob. Iob 31. 16, to 22. In Tobias. Tob 2. 2. In Martha. Luke 10. 38.* In Zacheus Luke 19. 5, to 11. In Lydia. Acts 16. 15, to 19. In Phebe. Rom. 16. 1, 2. In Priscilla and Aquila. Acts 18. 2, 3. In Stephanas. 1. Cor. 16. 15, 16, 19. and in Gaius. Rom 16. 23.

Incommodities of not being able to keepe hospitalitie. Eccius. 29. 24.*

Of such as be able and will not. Deut. 24. 19, to 23. Iudg. 8. 5, to 8. and 19. 25.* and 20. 4.* 1. Sam. 25. 9, to 39. Isa. 16. 4.* Wisd. 19. 13, 16.*

Hoste. Euery hoste of the Israelites must campe vnder the ensigne of their fathers houle. Numb. 2. 2, 3.*

Who were those that should be put out of the hoste. Numb. 5. 2, 3, 4.

The hoste of heauen and earth, what. Gen. 2. 1.

The hoste of heauen taken for Gods Angels. 1. King. 22. 19.

The hoste of heauen honoured both of Gentiles and Iewes. 2. Kin. 17. 15, 16. and 21. 2, 3. Acts 7. 42.

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The Lord of Hosts onely to be honoured & feared. Isa. 1.24,29. Jer. 11.17,20. Mal. 1.6.

House infected with the leprie, how it is to be cleansed. Leu. 14.34.*

Of the sale & redeeming of lands, houses, &c. Leu. 25.23,29,39.*

The houses of Salomon, and his wife, builded 1. King. 7.1.2,8.

What we ought to do, when we build faire houses. Deut. 8.11,12,17,18. looke Dedicating.

As we sit in our houses, we must meditate on Gods word. Deu. 11,19. and 6.7.

Of the gouernement of the house of Salomon. 1. King. 4.7,22.* and 10.4,5 to 10.

The people wish that the house of Booz might bee like the house of Phares, Ruth 4. 12.

Beth-el the house of God. Gen. 28.2. and 35.6.7,15. Judg. 18 31.

Dauid seeing that his sonne was dead, went into ꝑ house of the Lord 2. Sam. 12.20

The house of him whole shooe is put off, pled for a prouerbe. Deut. 25.9.10.

Dauid might not build God an house. 2. Sam. 7.5. and why. 1. King. 5.3.

God promiseth Dauid to establish his house for euer. 2. Sam. 7.16.

God promised to build Ieroboam a sure house. 1. King. 11. 38. and promiseth to Iacob like wise. 1. Sam. 2. 35.

Rahel and Leah builded the house of Israel. Ruth 4.11.

God called the people of Israel his house. Numb. 12.7. and the house of Israel Gods vineyard. Isa. 5.7.

The house of God, is where his worde is declared. Gen. 28 13, to 18.

The house of God, is the Church. 2. Sam. 7.13.

The faithfull are the spirituall house of God. Heb 3.6. and 1. Pet 2.5.

The Temple the house of prayer. Isa. 56. 7. Matt. 21.13. looke Temple.

House taken for mans bodie. 2. Corinth. 5. 1,2.

Paul preached publikely, and throughout euery house. Acts 20.20.

Better to goe into the house of mourning then feasting. Eccles. 7.4.

What we must doe, returning from Gods house, to our owne. 1. Thes. 12.13.

We ought to set our house in order before we die. 2. King. 20.1.

Houses maintained by briberie shalbe destroyed. Job 15 34.

Household. Abraham instructed his household. Gen. 18.19.

Houshold of faith, looke Faith.

Humble. The humble excuse of the Rechabites, &c. for erecting an altar. Ios. 22.21, 22, to 32.

The prayer of the humble pearceth the cloudes, &c. Eccl. 35.17.

God giueth grace to the humble. Iam. 4. 6. 1. Pet. 5. 5.

Paul humbled himselfe, , that hee might exalt the Corinthians. 2. Cor. 11.7.

Who so will bee greatest in the kingdome of God, must humble himselfe as a little childe. Mat. 18.2,4. Mar. 9.35. Luke 9.48.

Paul was humbled, yet perished not. 2. Col. 4.8,9.

He that humbleth himselfe shal be exalted. Mat. 23.12. Lu. 14.11. Iames 4.10. Examples of the Publicane. Luke 18.13,14. And Christ himselfe. Phil. 2.8.9.

Ahab humbled himselfe before the Lorde. 1. King. 21.27,29.

We ought to humble our selues vnder the mighty hand of God. 1. Pet. 5.6,7. 2. Esa. 8.48,49.

God punisheth man to humble him. Lam. 3.20,22,31,32,33.

Whereby God humbleth man. Eccles. 3. 10, and 1.13

To bee humbled, is to know a mans selfe. Deut. 8.16.

God humbleth whom hee pleaseth. Tobit 4. 19.

To humble the soule, is to fast. Leuit. 23. 27.

Humbled taken for subdued. Judg. 3. 30. and for dishonoured, or defiled. Deu. 21.14. and 22.21, 29.

God humbleth the pride of them that trust in themselues. 2 Samu. 22.28. Luke 1 51, 52.

The Israelites often humbled by the Midianites. Judg 6.2.6.

The Midianites humbled before the Israelites. Judg. 8.28.

To humble our selues to hell, is by wayfully meanes to seeke saluation Isa. 57.9 &c.

Hannah was humbled or brought lowe by barrennesse. 2. Sam. 2.7. looke Lowly.

Humblenesse of minde to be embraced. Phel. 4.2. Col. 3.12. looke Meeknesse.

Humilitie taught by the parable of ghests bidden to a feast. Luk. 14.7, to 12. by the example of Christ. Matth. 11.29. Phil. 2.1, to 8

The praise of humilitie. Pro. 16.19. Eccl. 10 8.

The preferment of humilitie. Pro. 15.33. and reward thereof. Pro. 22.4.

Humilitie purchaseth Gods fauour. Dan. 10.12, 1. King. 21.27,29.

God doeth alway reward true humilitie. Gen 18.27. & 29.31.* and 41.40 51.* Exod. 3 5,10,11.* and 4.10.* Iudg. 6.11,13,22.* 1. Sam 7 6,10 13. 2. Chron. 12.6,7,12. & 32. 26. & 33.12 13 & 34.27,28. Psal. 34.18. Pro. 11.2. & 18.12. & 25.7. & 29.23. Isai. 37.1,to 8,14.* & 57.15. & 66.2,4. Ier. 1.2,6 7. Iona. 3.5,6.* Eccles. 3.19,21,22. & 7 5,17. & 11. 1,12. Iudet. 4 9,to 16. Iudet. 9 9,11.* Mat. 3.4,14,15.* & 5.3,5,11,to 13. and 8.2,to 14. & 15.22,to 29 & 20.26,27. and 21.5 Mar. 9. 35,36,37. & 10.43,44. Luke 9.23,48 & 10. 16. & 15.17.* and 22.24,26. John 13 4,12,to 18. Act. 10.30,31,35. Rom 11.18,20. 1. Cor. 4.6.* and 5.2. and 15 8, to 12. Heb. 11.25.* Reuel. 4.10,11. and 19.4.

Hundred. An hundred folde more in this world, promised to those that forsake all for Christ. Matth. 19.29. Mar. 10.29,30. Luke 18.29.

Hundreds, &c. Exod. 18.21. Deu. 1.13,15. and 31.28. looke Centurion.

Hunger. Christ was hungrie. Matth. 4.2. and 21.18. Luke 4.2.

God filleth and giueth bread to the hungrie. Luke 1.53. Psal. 146.7.

Paul had learned both to be full and hungrie. Phil. 4.11,12.

Hunger and other afflictions, looke 1. Cor. 4.11,12,13. 2. Cor. 11.23,27.*

Those that hunger and thirst for righteousnesse shalbe filled. Matt. 5.6. if they come to Christ. Ioan 6.35.

If our enemie hunger, wee must feed him. Rom. 12.20. Prouer. 25.21. much more our brother. Isa. 58.7,10. Ezek. 18.7. Tob. 1.16. and 4.16. Eccles. 4.2.

The faithful shal neither hunger nor thirst after this life. Isa. 49.10. Reu. 7.16.

To make emptie the hungrie soule. Psal. 32.6.

Christ hungrie in his members, Matt. 25. 35,40,42,45.

Hurt. If we hurt any, we must recompense it, or bee punished. Exod. 22.5, to 16. and 21. 22. God would not suffer Laban to hurt Iacob. Gen 31.7.

He that hurteth any of Gods people, hurteth himselfe Zech. 2.8.

Husband. Sarah obeyed her husband Abraham, and called him Lord. 1. Pet. 3 5,6. Gen. 18.12.

Elkanah a louing husband. 1. Sam. 1.5, 8,23. so was Isaak. Gen. 24.67. and 26.8.

The husband is the wives head. 1. Corin. 11.3.

Of the duetie and authoritie of husbands toward their wiues. Gen. 2.23,24. and 3.16. Num. 5.12,13.* and 30.7,8,9. Deut. 22.13, to 22 & 24.1, to 6. Eccl. 7.19,26 & 9.1. Wisd. 2.23. Pro 5.15, to 21. Mal. 2.14,15,16. Tob. 10.12. Eccles. 9.9. 1. Corin. 7.3,4,5,11,12, 27,29,33. Ephes. 5.25.* Col. 3.19. Tit. 2.4. 5. 1. Pet. 3.7. looke Wife.

Husbandrie, looke Plough, and Tillage.

Huswiues, looke Busiebodies.

Hypocrisie is a deceit in the heart. Pro. 12.20.

Hypocrisie of the Iewes reproued Isa. 29. 13.* and 58.2, to 6.

Hypocrisie the leauen of the Pharises. Lu. 12.1.

Against Hypocrisie. Psal. 139.1.*

Hypocrites are a generation pure in their owne conceit. Pro. 30.12.

Hypocrites murmure, for that God beareth them not. Isa 58.2,3.

The iudgement of hypocrites is confusion and despaire. Iob 36.13.

The blindnesse of hypocrites will neuer suffer them to knowledge their sinnes. Mal. 3.7,13 & 4.3.

Against the Iewes which were hypocrites, Isa 48.1,2, to 13.

Against [illegible]tes, that sanctifie themselues by outward works. Isa. 66.3,4.

The Lorde sheweth euidently, that the Iewes were hypocrites, Iere. 2.13.*

Of the hypocrisie and hypocritical repentance of Saul. 1. Samu. 15.13,20,30.* and 18.17,19.

Hypocrites pretend to set foorth Gods glory when they maintaine idolatrie. Ezra 4.2, to 17.

Hypocrites speake faire, but slander a man behinde his backe, and seeke his distruction.

Arthe.6.19. Eccles.19.25,26.

The hypocrites shal not come before God. Job 13.16.

When hypocrites reigne, it is a signe of Gods displeasure. Job 34.30.

Hypocrites in heart, what they are, & what is their end. Job 35.13,14.

The evil of hypocrites God will not heare. Psal.18.41.

Hypocrites seeme to seeke to God in trouble, but not from the heart. Psal.78.34,36, 37. yet God forgiveth such otherwhiles. vers. 38. and why. verse 39.

Every one is an hypocrite and wicked. Isa.9.17.

Hypocrites seeme godly, but their deedes bewray them. Jere.5.2.

Of hypocrites, and their reward. Ezek.14. 3,3,4,7,10,11.

Hypocrites will cloke their sinnes with the visard of leaning upon the Lord. Micah 3. 11.

An hypocrike hurteth his neighbour with his mouth. Pro.11.9.

Unmeet glorious hypocrites have their reward. Mat.6.2.

What hypocrites discerne, and whot they doe not. Luke 12.56,57.

Of hypocrisie. looke more. 2. Samm. 15.2, 3,to 7. 2. King 12.2.* Genes 3.10. and 15.12. and 20.5.* and 27.8. Jerem.2.20. and 9.3. Eze 33.31. Wisd.1.2 to 13. Eccles 19.24, 25,26.& 32.16. 2. Mac 6.21.* Matth.2.7.8. and 7.5,21,22.* & 15.7,8,9 & 16.3. & 22.18. and 23.13,14,15.* and 24.51. Mar.7.6,to 14. Luke 11.39,to 45. and 18.9,to 15. Actes 5. 3,to 12. and 8.18,23,24. and 13.10,11. Rom. 2.1,3,4,5,17.* Gal.2.11,12,13. 2. Tim 4.2, 2,3. 1. Pet 2.1,2,16.

Hyre. We may not keepe backe the labourers hyre, and why. Deut.24.14,15. and 25. 4. Levit.19.13.

Christ giveth all men hyre alike. Matth. 20.8. Looke Wages, and whore.

The Hyreling will flee, when hee seeth the wolfe. John 10 12,13.

All Hirelings for money, may bee called Micahs priests. Judg.18.4.

Hyssope dipped in the blood of the Passeover. Exo.12.22. reade Joh.19.29. Heb.9.19.

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I Iakes. Baals-temple was made a Iakes. 2 King.10.27.

Iawbone, looke Asses.

I Idle is the and itching condemned. Eph. 5.4. Mat.12.36.

Pharaoh called the people, [illegible] they desired to serue God. Idle [illegible]. 5.6.

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Idleness one of the sinnes of Sodome. Eze.16.49.

David though his idleness committed adulterie. 2. Sam. 11.2.*

Against Idleness. Pro.12.11.27.28.9 Ecclus.33.34.28. 2. Thess.3.10,11,12. 1. Tim. 5.13.

Idole What an Idole is. 1 Joh.5.21.

Idolaters shall not inherite the kingdom of heaven 1. Cor 6.9.

Let us not be Idolaters, lest wee perish as did the Israelites 1. Cor.10.7.

Wee ought to flee from Idolatrie. 1. Cor. 10,14.

The destruction of the Israelites came for their Idolatrie. Jerem.16.11.* Ezek.6.4. 2. Kings 17.4.

Jeremiah reproveth the people for their Idolatrie. Jere.44.2.*

Idolatrie vsed especially of the priests and head governours themselves. Ezek.8.3,5.*

Idolatrie of the Israelites reproved, and yet not forsaken. Hos 12.10,11,14.

The Idolatrie of Aholah and Aholibah. Ezek.23.2,3,4.*

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Of the Idolatrie of the line of Judah. 1. King.14.22.*

Jeroboam provoked Israel unto Idolatry. 1. Kin.14.7,16.*

God left the Idolatrous Canaanites among the Israelites. Judg.2.2,3. Josh.23. 12,13.

God reproveth disobedience for Idolatrie. 1. Sam.15.23.

The Israelites became Idolaters, committing whoredome with the daughters of Moab Num.25.1,2,18.

Idolatrie committed with the golden calfe. Exod.32.4,to 7.

Of the punishment of Idolaters. Exod 22. 20. and 23.32,33. Deut.17 2,3,to 8. and 29. 23,26. and 30.17,18. Rev.21.8.

We may not honour Idoles, nor companie with Idolaters. Exo.23.24. 2. Chro 20.37. 2. Cor.5.11.

All places of Idolatrie ought to be destroyed. Deut.12.2,3.

We may make no compact with Idolaters. Exo.23.24,32,33. and 34.12.* 17. Deu 11. 16,17 Josh 23.7.

What evils proceed of Idolatrie. Wisd.14. 26,27.*

Against Idolaters, looke Psal.97 7.

Idolaters are curssed and miserable. Deut. 27.15. Wisd 13.10.*

Of the vanitie of Idoles. 1. Samu.12.21. 1. Kin.16.26. Isa.46.1,2,5.* Jere.10 8. and how they tooke their beginning. Wisd.14.1, 10,13,to 27.

Idoles are unprofitable, & can doe nothing. Isa.44.9,to 21.

Idoles are mocked. Isai.41.23.* Wisd.13. 20.*

Against Idoles and Idolatrie. Jere 10 3,4, 5,8. Ezek.6.6. Baruc.6.3.* Psal.115 4.to 9. and 135.15,to 19. Isa 40.18,19,20. & 42.8.

Wee ought to make no Idoles or graven image Lev.26 1. for cursed is the Idole and Idole maker. Wisd.14.8.

An Idole is nothing in the world. 1. Cor. 8.4.*

No agreement betweene the Temple of God and Idoles. 2. Cor.6.16.

We ought not to turne to Idoles, or make molten gods. Lev.19 4.

Against worshippers of Idoles. Hab.2.18, 19,20. Amos 4.13,4.* Isa.42.8. Wisd.15. 6.and 16.1.to 20.

We ought not to sacrifice our children vnto Idoles. Levit.20.2,to 6.

Asa destroyed Idolatrie. 1. Kin.15.12,13, and so did Iehoiada 2 King.23.4.5,20.

Of meate consecrated vnto Idoles. 1. Cor. 8.4

Who so eateth of meate sacrificed vnto Idoles, knowingly to famate Idolatrie. 1. Cor.10. 28.

The golde or siluer of images and Idoles, is not to bee coveted, but abhorred, and why. Deut.7.25,26.

No kindred or friendship is to bee regarded, which allureth to Idolatrie. Deut.13.6.

Idolatrie called fornication. 2. Chr.21.11. It is a worke of the flesh. Gal.5.20.

Nothing is too deare for Idolaters. Jere. 10.9.

Idolaters have plentie. See Plentie.

Idoles called by the name of blinde and lame. 2 Sam.5.6.

Covetousnesse called Idolatrie. Col.3.5.

Idoles and all that belong to them, called filthinesse. 2. Chr.29.5. Acts 15.20.

Idoles called new gods Deut.32.17.

Idolatrous Levites, looke Levite.

Idolaters by prayer thinke to merite their gods. Jonah 1.5,6 looke Image and Gods.

I Ielous. God is Ielous, and will have no trust in him emely. Exod.34.14. Deut.5.9. Exod.20.5. Nahum.1.2.

Paul Ielous with godly Ielousie. 2. Corin. 11.2. And not as others were. Gal.4.17.

Elijah Ielous for the Lorde of hostes, and why. 1. King.19.14

The law of Ielousie. Numm.5.11.*

Gods Ielousie for Sion. Zech.8.2.

Ielous and a drunken woman is a great plague. Eccles.26.6,8.

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God is Ielous against them that feare not his threatnings Deut 29.20

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Iesting, looke Vile.

Iewes baptized vnto Moses. 1. Cor.10. 2.

The Iewes exercised in affliction, & why. Deut.8.2.3.5.15.16.

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The union of the Iewes and Gentiles in Christ Isa.19.24. Eph.2.2,15,18.*

Iewes of two sorts. Rom.2.28,29.

Paul desireth to be debarred from the disobedient Iewes. Rom.15.31. looke Infidelitie.

Ignorance no excuse. Lu 1248. Deut.30. 11. Rom.10 6,7,8.

The heathen are strangers from the life of God through ignorance Ephe.4.18.

Sacrifices prestly offered for the ignorances of the people Heb 9 7.

The ignorance of the foolish, is put to silence by our well doing. 1. Pet 2.15.

All men by nature are ignorant of God. Wisd.13.1. 2. Esd.5 39.

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A prayer for the Ignorances. Psal. 3.2.*
Ignorance of the Scriptures, is the occasion of Gods wrath & disorder all sinne, and errour. 2. Kin. 17 26. Psal. 95. 10, 11. Pro 28. 29, 30, 31. Isa. 1. 3, 4. and 5. 13. Wisd. 5. 6, 7. and 14. 21. Eccles. 4. 35. Mat. 15. 14 Mar. 12. 24. Joh. 3. 19, 20, 21. and 12. 35. Rom. 1. 28. * Rom. 10. 2, 3. 1 Cor. 14. 38. and 15. 34. 1. Cor. 2. 8. 1. Thess. 4. 13. Acts 3. 17.
* The Athenians worshipped ignorantly. Acts 17. 23.
Who so is simple and ignorant, must have recourse to the holy Scriptures. Pro. 9. 4. 5. John 6. 55. 58.
Image. Why no Image was seene, when God gave the Law. Deut. 15. 2, to 20.
God forbad y making of Images to serve, or bow downe vnto. Exod. 20. 4, 5. Lev. 26. 1.
The danger that commeth by making Images. Deut. 4. 25, to 29.
God abhorreth the Images that are made to be honoured. Deu. 9. 12. and curseth them that make them. Deu 27. 15.
The Jewes din trust in Images, & sought to them for aide. Deut 32. 37, 38.
God commanded the Israelites to destroy all Images and their worshippers. Deut 7. 2, to 6. Num 33. 52.
Micah had a grauen and a molten Image in his house. Judg. 17. 4. Which certaine of the tribe of Dan tooke away, and set up in the citie of Dan. Jud. 18. 13.*
Those that loue and worship Images, what they are worthy of. Wis 15. 6. 9 16. 1, to 20.
The sight of Images, diuerteth vp the desire of the ignorant vnto idolatry. Wis. 15. 5.
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Worshipping of Images punished. Exod. 32. 20 27, 28. Lev. 01. 1, 2, Num. 25. 4, to 10. Judg. 2. 14, 15. & 3. 8, 12. & 4. 1, 2. & 6. 1, to 7. and 10. 7, 8. & 13. 1. 1. King. 11. 14, 23.* & 13. 4. & 14. 10, 11, 17. 2 kings 2 4, 16.* & 21. 11, to 17, 23. and 24. 18. 20. and 25. 16, 27.* and 28. 5, to 9. and 29. 2, 9. & 33. 11. 1. Kam. 1 3.* and 2.* & 3. 1, to 18, 42 * and 4 1, 9.* Ezek. 5 12. Rom. 1. 24.* 1. Cor. 10. 5 7, 8.
God created man in his owne Image incorruptible. Gen, 1. 27. Wisd 2. 23. and to the same image he shall be restored. 1. Cor. 15. 49. Ephe. 4. 23, 24. Col. 3. 10.
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Man is the Image and glory of God. 1. Cor. 11. 7.
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Imagination. He that seemeth to himselfe to be somewhat, deceiueth himselfe in his owne imagination. Gal. 6. 3.
The imagination of mans heart are euill continually. Gen 6. 5. and 8. 21.
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Immortalitie. God onely hath immortalitie 1. Tim. 6. 16.
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This mortall must put on immortalitie. 1. Cor. 15. 53.
Adam had bene immortall, if he had not eaten the forbidden fruite. Gen. 2. 7. & 3. 22.
The keeping of Gods Lawes is the assurance of Immortalitie. Wisd. 6. 18. and Immortalitie maketh vs neere God. Wis. 6. 19.
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That seemeth impossible vnto man is possible and easie vnto God. Gen. 18. 14. Matt. 19 25, 26. Mark 10. 24, to 28. Luke 1. 37. and 18. 25, 26, 27. Jerh. 8. 6.
It is impossible for man to fulfill the Law of God absolutely. Deut. 6. 1, 2, 5, 6. & 27. 26. Mat. 5. 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 38. 39.* Acts 15. 10. Rom. 7. 14, 15, 17, 23, 24.* and 8. 3. 1. Cor. 2. 14. Jam. 2. 10. Gal. 3. 22. 9, 10, 11.
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Samuels children were bribing Iudges. 1. Sam. 8. 3.
Wicked Iudges condemned innocent Naboth. 1 king. 21 11, 13.
That God is Iudge of all the worlde, and how he iudgeth, reade Gen. 18. 25. Deut. 10. 17, 18. Iob 34. 11, 12 Psal. 7. 8, 11. and 94. 2. Dio. 24. 12. Psal. 11. 3, 4. Eccius. 35. 12. Matth. 16. 27 Rom. 2. 1, to 12. 1. Cor. 4 3, 4. Heb. 12 23. 2. Tim. 4. 1. Mal. 3. 5.
Christ shall iudge both quicke and dead. Acts 10. 42. Rom. 14. 9 to 13 Ieb. 5. 27.
We may not be rash iudges of other. Mat. 7. 1, 2, to 6.
Iudges ruled in Israel 450. yeeres. Actes 13. 20.
Like Iudge like officers. Eccius 10. 2.
The meanes to iudge rightly is to regard Gods glory, and not priuate commodity. Iohn 5. 43.
Iudge none blessed, before his death, and why. Eccius. 11. 28.
Iudges execute not mans iudgement, but Gods. 2. Chr. 19. 16.
The faces of Iudges are couered by God. Iob. 9. 24.
Iudges and Princes shall abide the sorest iudgement, if they abuse their authoritie. Wisd. 6. 5, to 10.
God doeth iudgement to the fatherlesse and widow. Deut. 10. 18.
God iudged Dauids cause against Nabal. 1. Sam. 25. 38, 39.
Moses iudged controuersies betweene the Israelites from morning till euen. Exod. 18. 13. so did the Elders. Exod. 24. 14.
Why Aaron bare the names of the twelue tribes in the breastplate of iudgement. Ex. 28. 29.
Samuel went his circuit to execute iudgement yere by yere, all his life. 1. Sa 7. 15, 16
In iudgement we may not follow the opinion of the multitude to ouerthrowe the trueth. Exod. 23. 2.
What equitie is required in iudgement. Exod. 23. 1, 7, to 10
Weighty matters in iudgement were decided by the high Priest. Deut. 17 8, 9.
We ought not in iudgement to peruert the right of strangers, fatherlesse, &c. and why. Deut. 27 17, 18.
Abraham commanded his household to doe righteousnesse, and iudgement. Gen. 18. 19.
Ieremiah exhorteth the king of Iudah to execute righteousnesse and iudgement. Iere. 22 3.*
Dauid executed iudgement to all his people. 2. Sam. 8. 15.
All the wayes of God are iudgement. De. 32. 4.
We must haue Gods iudgements before our eyes 1. Sam. 22. 23.
If Gods hand take hold on iudgement, he will reuenge those that hate him. Deu. 32. 41
Gods iudgements are iust, and like a great deepe. 2. Esd. 8 40. Rom. 11. 33. Psalm. 36. 6.
Whatsoeuer we do, is subiect to the iudgment of God, and not of men. Rom. 14. 6, 8, 10, 13, 14.*
The iudgement and vnsearchable wisedome of God is manifested by his workes. Iob 37. 1, 2.*
The iudgements of God are wonderfull. Wisd. 16. 17.
The wicked haue no consideration of Gods iudgements. Pro. 28. 5.
God by his iudgement, sometime sufferreth the obstinate to doe what they list. Psal. 81. 11, 12.
Of the great iudgement of God against the wicked. Wisd. 17. 1.*
Iudgement mercifelle to them that shewe no mercy Iame. 2. 13.
Gods iudgements against such as beleeue not his Gospel. 2. Thes. 2. 10, 11, 12. and such as withdraw other from the trueth. Gal. 5. 10.
God iudgeth the heart, not by outwarde appearance. 1. Sam 16. 7. neither ought we to iudge by likelihoods. Eccius. 11. 2. Iohn 7. 24.
If God should iudge according to right, no man should be innocent Iob 9. 28.
Gods iudgement beginneth at his owne house. 1. Peter 4. 17. Psal 11. 3, 4. and why.

1. Cor 11. 32.
God iudgeth when he punisheth. Gen. 15. 14. 1. Sam. 3. 12, 13.
To iudge his people, taken for to pitie them. Deut. 32. 36.
The iudgment of God against the lomes of Eli. 1. Sam. 2. 25.
Of the iudgement of God against the carnall Israelites. Hose. 4. 2, 3. * and against the enemies of his people. Ioel 3. 1, 4, 12. *
God iudgeth the cause of his, when hee auengeth their wrong. 1. King. 8. 32, 45, 49. 1. Sam. 25. 38, 39.
Christ was not sent to iudge the world, but to saue it. John 3. 17. and 12. 47.
Christ iudgeth as he heareth, & his iudgements is iust. John 5. 30.
He that refuseth Christ, shall be iudged by his word. John 12. 48.
The maner of Gods comming to iudgement. Psal. 50. 3, to 7. Matt 25. 31. * 2. Thes. 1. 7, to 11.
The day of iudgement is known to the Father onely. Marke 13. 32. * Matth. 24. 36. What signes shall precede the same. Matth. 24. 29. Mar. 13. 24. * Then will God reueale the counsels of all hearts. 1. Cor. 4. 5. Then shal one be taken and the other refused. Mat. 24. 40. Luke 17. 36. Looke Comming.
John Baptist threatned Gods iudgement to moue to repentance. Mat. 3. 7, to 13.
The Saints shall iudge the world. 1. Cor. 6. 2. Wisd. 3. 1, 2, 15, 16. Matth. 19. 28. Iude 14. 15.
Gods miracles, called his great iudgements. Exod. 7. 3, 4.
Iudgement put for law and right. Leuit. 19. 37. Psal. 9. 16.
The lawe iudgeth no man before it heare him. John 7. 51.
Christ forbiddeth to iudge our brother or neighbour. Mat. 7. 1, to 6. Lu. 6. 6, 37, 41, 42.
Hee that iudgeth his brother, iudgeth the Law. Iam. 4. 11, 12.
We may not iudge the seruants of Christ concerning meates, and why. Rom. 14. 3, to 9. Col. 2. 21, 22, 23.
Iudge not before the time. 1. Cor. 4 5.
The spirituall man discerneth all things, and is not iudged of any. 1. Cor. 2 15.
Why Christ came into iudgement into this world. John 9. 39.
Christ shall bring foorth iudgement vnto victorie. Mat. 12. 20.
Christ affirmed that the iudgement of the world was by his vanquishing of the deuill. John 12. 31.
Paul passed little to be iudged of any: nay he iudged not himselfe. 1. Cor. 4. 3, 4.
We shal render accounts of al our doings at the last iudgement. Eccles. 11 9, 14.
To be corrected by iudgement, what. Ier. 4. 6, 28. and 10. 24.
Of Gods place of iudgement. Ioel 3. 12.
Of the generall iudgement. Reade 2. Esd. 7. 31, 32, 33.
After death shall the iudgement come. 2. Esd. 14. 35. Heb. 9. 27.
Wee must haue boldnesse in the day of iudgement. 1. John 4. 17.
Iudgement, for a setled state of gouernement. Par. 12. 18. For equitie. Matt. 23. 23. For punishment. Act. 8. 33. Rom. 2. 3. For authoritie and power. Joh. 5. 22, 27. and 16. 11. For refraying things out of order. John 9. 39. For Gods secret counsel and workes. Rom. 11. 33. Reue. 19. 2. For affliction and correction. 1. Cor. 11. 32. 1. Pet. 4. 17.
Gods iudgements ought to bee declared vnto our children. Ioel 1. 3.
Gods iudgements are shewed vpon persecuters. Amos 7. 17.
The wicked tremble at Gods iudgements Acts 24. 26.
The wicked vnderstand not iudgement. Pro. 28. 5.
Of the office and authoritie of Iudges. Exodus 21. * and 22. * and 23. * Leuit. 24. 14. * Deut. 17. 2. * and 25. * Iosh. 7. 10. * 1. Sam. 12. * Eccles. 4. 9, 10. and 10. 1, 2. and 42. 2. Psal. 82. * Pro. 18. 5. Isa. 5. 7, 23. and 10. 1, 2. Ier. 5. 28. Luk. 18. 2, to 9. and 23. 1, to 26. John 8. 15, 26, 27. James 2. 4, 6.
Against peruerse iudgement. Eccles. 11. 7, 8, 9. Acts 28. 4, 6, 1. Tim. 5. 19, 21.
Before iudgement must goe experience. Gen. 3. 8, 14. * and 11. 5. and 18. 21. Exod. 3. 7, 8. Deut. 13. 14, 15. * and 17. 4, 5. and 19. 18 19. Iosh. 7. 19, 20, 21, * 22. 21, * 33. Iudg. 20 3, 4, 13. * 1. Sam. 7. 6, * 23, 24. Eccles. 11. 7, 8. Dan. 13. 48, 49, * 62.
Iudgement of doctrine appertaineth to the faithfull. Deut. 13. 4, to 12. Iob. 34. 1, to 5. Iudeth 8. 28, 29. Mat. 7. 6, 29. 1. Cor. 14. 32. Col. 2. 8, 16, 19. 1. John 4. 12, 13.
The iudgement of the dead is immediatly to life or death. Mat. 16. 16. Luke 16. 22. * and 23. 43. John 3 15, 16. and 5. 24, 29. looke Purgatorie.
Iust men shall shine as the Sunne. Matt. 13. 43. looke Day.
The iust shall liue by faith. Heb. 2. 10. 38. Gal. 3. 11. Rom 1. 17. Heb. 2. 4.
Those are iust, whose sinnes are couered. Psal. 32. 1, 2. Rom. 4. 7, 8.
Of iust and vpright men. Gen. 6. 9. Iob 1. 1. Luke 1. 6. and 2. 25.
God is iust. Deut. 32. 4.
John Baptist was sent to turne the disobedient to the wisedome of iust men. &c. Luk. 1. 17. looke Righteous.
Iustice. Abraham the paterne of Gods iustice. Isa. 41. 2.
Iustification. Christ died for our sinnes, and rose for our iustification. Rom. 4. 25. looke Righteousnesse.
Iustifie. None can bee iustified in Gods sight. Iob. 9. 2, 15. Psal 143. 2.
The Gentiles iustified through faith. Gal. 3. 8.
We are iustified by faith in Christ. Rom. 4. 24. and 5. 1. and by the spirit of God. 1. Cor. 6. 11. before wee can bring foorth good fruits Luke 1. 45, 75.
God iustifieth, who can condemne. Rom. 8. 33, 34.
No man is iustified by the lawe, but by faith in Christ. Gal. 3. 2, * 26.
If we be iustified by the lawe, Christ died in vaine. Gal. 2. 21.
Those that will be iustified by the Law, haue no neede of Christ. Gal. 5. 4.
Willesome iustified of her children. Matt. 11. 19.
Those that are iustified are no debters to the flesh but to the spirit of God. Rom. 8. 12, 13. and are at peace in their consciences. Rom. 5. 1, 9, 9, 10, 11. and are heires of eternall life. Titus 3. 7.
How God iustifieth vs. Acts 13. 38, 39. Titus 3. 5.
By our words we shall be iustified or condemned. Matt. 12. 37.
Confession of mouth, and faith of heart iustifieth. Rom. 10. 9, 10.
To iustifie God, is to praise him as iust. Luke 7. 29.

K.

Keepe. How God kept Israel. looke Apple.
We must keepe Gods commaundements. Exod. 15. 26. In keeping whereof is great reward. Psal. 19. 11.
God did great actes for his people, that they should keepe his commandement. Deut. 11. 7, 8. And is mercifull to those that keepe them. Exod. 20. 6.
God promised to keepe Iacob, whersoeuer he went. Gen. 28. 15, 20. And so he kept Dauid. 1. Sam. 25. 39. 2. Sam. 8. 6.
Wee ought to pray to God that hee will keepe vs. Num. 6. 24.
Ioshua exhorteth the Reubenites, &c. to keepe Gods commandements. Iol. 22. 2, 3, 5
How to keepe the feast of Christs patience. 1. Cor. 5. 7, 8.
Moses kept the sheepe of Iethro his father in law. Exod. 3. 1.
Dauid being anoynted king kept his fathers sheepe. 1. Sam. 17. 15.
He that beleeueth in the Lord keepeth his commandements. Eccles. 32. 24.
The keeper of the prison of Philippi commanded. Acts 16. 27, to 35.
We must pray to be kept blameles to the comming of Christ. 1. Thess. 5. 23.
To keepe holy. Looke Sanctified.
Keyes of binding and loosing. Mat. 16. 19. and 18. 16, 17. * John 20. 23.
Wherein the Keyes and authoritie of the Church consisteth. Mat. 16. 15. Luk. 11. 24, 25, 26. Acts 2. 38. * 1. Pet. 3. 21.
The keye of Dauid. Reue 3. 7.
The keye of the bottomlesse pit. Reu 9 1.
Kill. God doth kill and make aliue. Deut. 32. 39. 1. Sam. 2. 6.
God would haue killed Moses in the inne Exod 4. 24.
God willed the Israelites to kill all the people that they found in the land of promise Deut. 7. 16.
We ought not to kill. Exod. 20. 13. Deut. 5. 17 Gene. 9. 6.
Whosoeuer killeth must be killed. Gen. 9. 6. Exod. 21. 12, to 15. Leu. 24. 17. Saul commanded that Dauid should be killed. 1. Sa. 19. 1.
Of those that haue killed themselues. 1. Sam. 31. 4. 2. Sam. 17 23 1. King. 16. 18. 2. Mac. 16. 13. 2 14. 37, 41. Mat. 27. 5. Act. 1. 18
For Christes sake wee are killed all day long. Rom. 8. 36.
If the wicked refraine to kill, howe much more ought the godly. Ionah. 1. 14.

Kindnesse. Christians ought to put on kindnesse, &c. Col. 3.12,13,14.

Kindred, looke Tribe.

King. The King is ordeined to doe equitie and iudgement. 1. King. 10.9.

A King by iudgement maintaineth his realme. Prou. 29 4.

The King ought not to haue many wiues, and why Deut 17.17.

Kings are forbidden to drinke wine excessiuely, and why. Prou. 31.4,5.

The Kings heart is in the hand of the Lord. Prou. 21.1.

The wrath of a King is as messengers of death Prou. 16.14. and 20.2.

Wo to the land when the King is a child. Eccles. 10.16.

Jeremiah exhorteth the King to execute iudgement Jere. 22.3.

The Lord will set a wise King ouer his beloued. 2. Chr. 2.11.

What is the honour of a King, and howe his throne may be established. Prou. 25.4,5.

Kings changed, looke kingdome.

The King must reade Deuteronomie all his dayes. Deut. 17.18,19,20.

The health and victorie of Kings commeth of God Psal. 144.10.

We must honour the King, and submit our selues to his ordinances. 1. Pet. 2.13,17. and pray for all that are in authority. 1. Tim. 2.2.

An exhortation vnto Kings and Iudges. Psal. 2.10,11,12.

When the Israelites had no King or magistrate, euery man did what he listed. Iudg. 17 6.

The Israelites desire a King to iudge them. 1. Sa 8 5,19.20. Wherefore Samuel reproueth them. 1. Sam. 10.19. and 12.12.

King and people doing well, shalbe preserued: doing euill, shall perish. 1. Sam. 12.14, 25,25.

What maner of men earthly Kings naturally are. 1. Sam 8.9,11,& 19.

A law written for the Kings to obserue. 1. Sam. 10.25.

Saul is constituted King against his will. 1. Sam 10.22,23,24.

Iehoiada the high Priest taught Iehoash the King 2. Kings 12.2.

Dauid, Iosiah, & Hezekiah were Kings that feared the Lord Eccle. 49.4. and so was Asa and Iehoshaphat. 1. Kin. 15.11.2. Chr. 17.3.

Prophets boldly reproued Kings. 2. Kin. 5.8 2. Sam. 12.7.

The people honoured King Salomon for his wisedome. 1. Kings 3.28.

Fiue Kings hanged. Iosh. 10.16,22,& 38.

The King of Ai hanged. Iosh. 8.29.

Elah King of Israel, being drunken, was slaine by his seruant. 1. King. 16.9,10.

The Kings of Edom. 1. Chro. 1.43.*

To the King euerlasting, immortal, be glorie for euer and euer. 1. Tim. 1.17.

Christ affirmed that hee was the King of the Iewes. Mat. 27.11. Pilate confesseth it, the Iewes denie it. John 19 15.

Christians are Kings and Priests, &c. 1. Pet. 2.9. Reue. 5.10.

Kings haue committed fornication with the great whore. Reue. 17.2.

Of the King of feare. Iob. 18.14.

Kings haue dominion ouer their subiects bodies and cattel. Ezek. 9.37. looke Princes.

Kingdomes are ordeined by God. Esther 16.16.

The kingdome of Saul was renewed in Gilgal. 1. Sam. 11.14.

Adonijah vsurpeth the kingdome of his father. 1. Kings 1.5.

The change of kingdomes is a worke of God for sinne. Iob. 34 24. Eccles. 10 8. Psa. 28.2.

The ende of the kingdome of Israel is threatned. Amos 8.2 for their sinnes. 2. Kin. 17 7,8. and of the kingdome of Iuda. 2. Kings 23.27.

The state of a kingdome consisteth in the goodnesse of the king. Eccles. 10.2,3.

Of the foure monarchies or kingdomes of the world. Dan. 7.17.

The succession of the foure kingdomes. Zech. 6.5.

The kingdome of Christ described. Gene. 49.10. Isa. 32.1,2.* Psal. 72.1.*

Christs kingdome shall haue no end. Isa. 9.7. Luke 1.33.

God confirmeth his promises touching the kingdome of Christ. Isa. 54 4.*

Christ teacheth that it is our fathers pleasure to giue vs the kingdome of heauen. Luke 12.32.

Christes kingdome is not of this world. John 18.36. appointed to the faithful by him selfe, as his father appointed it to him. Luke 22.29,30.

The kingdome of God is prepared for the chosen. Mat. 25.34.

Through many afflictions the godly are bound vnto to enter into the kingdom of God Acts 14 22. 2. Thes. 1.5.

Who shall not inherite the kingdome of God. Galat. 5.19,20,21. 1. Cor. 6.8,9,10. and 15.50.

The parable of the figtree shewing when the kingdome of God is neere. Matth. 24. 32,33.

Kingdome of God, taken for the administration of the Gospel. 1. Corin. 4.20 For the Gospel is Christ selfe. Matth. 21.43. for all that belonged to the glorie of God. Matt. 6.33. for Gods spirituall gouernment of the faithfull in the person of Christ. Mar 1.15. for euerlasting life. John 3.3. and for the preaching of the Gospel. Mar. 4.30,31. and 9.1.

Kingdome of heauen for the new state of the Church. Matth. 5.19. and 11.11. and 15, 43. for the doctrine and preaching of the Gospel. Mat. 11.12.& 13.24. For the kingdome of Messias. Mat. 3.2. for eternall life. Mat. 5. 20. and 7.21. and 19. 23. and for the visible Church. Mat. 5.19. and 13.24,47.

Kingdome of the Sonne of man, for the glorie of Christs ascension, or for the preaching of the Gospel. Mat. 16.28.

The Apostles were commanded to preach that the kingdome of God was at hand. Matth. 10.7.

To whome it is giuen to vnderstand the mysteries of the Kingdome of heauen. Mat. 13.11.

Wherein the kingdome of God consisteth. Rom. 14.17.

The kingdome of heauen suffereth violence. Mat. 11.12.

The kingdome of God is not in word, but in power. 1. Cor. 4 20.

To whom the kingdome of heauen appertaineth. Matth. 19.14. Mar. 10.14,15.

None can enter into the kingdome of God except he be regenerate. John 3.3,5, to 9.

Many are called vnto the kingdome of heauen, but fewe enter. Luke 14.15, to 25. Matth. 22.2. to 15.

Rich men hardly enter into the kingdome of heauen. Matth. 19.24,25,26. Mar. 10.23, to 28.

The kingdome of God is within vs. Luk. 17.21. looke Leauen.

First seeke the kingdome of God. Matth. 6.33.

The Pharises neither enter into the kingdome of heauen themselues, nor suffer other. Matth. 23.13.

Christs casting out of deuils by vertue of the holy Ghost, shewed that the kingdome of heauen is come. Matth. 12.28.

The Pharises alke Christ, when the kingdome of heauen shall come. Luk. 17.20.

The Iewes dreamed of a restitution of the kingdome of Dauid. Mar. 11.7, to 12. and the Apostles alked Christ, when hee would restore the kingdome to Israel. Acts 1.6.

Of the spirituall kingdome of God. 1. Sam. 2.9, 10. and 29.9, 11, to 26. Psal. 2.9, 10. and 9.* and 21 5.* and 72.* and 110.* and 45.* and 22.25.* and 144.18.* Isa. 11. 1.* and 41, to 18. and 42.3,4,7 Jerem. 23.5. and 33 20. *Ezek 34.23.* and 37.16. Dan. 2.44,45,46 and 4.28,31.* and 7.27. and 9. 24,25. Hose. 3 4,5 Mich. 4.* and 5.* 3. ch 7. 9 *Luke 21.69.* and 23.2. John 18.32,36. Heb. 1.2. and 2.3.

Kisse. Isaak kissed his sonne Iaakob. Gene. 27.27.

Iaakob kissed Rahel. Gen. 29.11. and Iosephs children Gene. 48.10.

Laban kissed his sonnes and daughters. Gene. 31.55.

Esau kissed Iaakob Gene. 33.4.

Ioseph kissed his brethren. Gene. 45.15. and his father being dead. Gene. 50.1.

Aaron kissed Moses. Exod 4.27. and Moses father in law. Exod. 18.7.

Naomi kissed her two daughters in law. Ruth. 1.9.

Samuel kissed Saul. 1. Sam. 10.1.

Ionathan and Dauid kissed each other. 1. Sam. 20.41.

Dauid kissed Absalom. 2. Samuel 14.33. and Absalom the people. 2. Sam. 15.5.

Dauid kissed Barzillai. 2. Sam. 19.39.

Elisha desireth that he might goe kisse his father and mother. 1. Kings 19.20,21.

A chaste and holy kisse, a token of perfite charitie. Rom. 16.16. 1. Cor. 16.20. 2. Cor. 13. 12. 2. Thes. 5.26. 1. Pet. 5.14.

The brethren kissed Paul at his departing. Acts 20.37,38.

The sinfull woman kissed Christes feete Luke 7.38,45.

Iudas betrayed Christ with a kisse. Luke 22.48. Mat. 26.48,49. Mar. 14.44,45.

Knees

Knees and *Kneeling*. Salomon prayed kneeling on both his knees. 1. Kings 8.54. so did Daniel. Dan. 6.10.

The 50. souldiers sent to Elijah, fell on their knees before him. 1. Kin. 1.13,15.

God hath reserued 7000. in Israel that had not bowed their knees to Baal. 1. Kings 19.14,18.

Those that kneeled downe to drinke water, were forbidden to goe with Gideon. Jud. 7.5,6.

Miserable apostumes in the knees, shal afflict the disobedient. Deut. 28.35.

Know. God will be knowen to be Lorde Exod. 7.17.

We know God, if we keepe his commandements. 1. John 2.3,4,5.

To know and bee knowen of God, looke Gal. 4.9.

The Lord knoweth who are his. 2. Tim. 2.19.

To knowe, for to haue to doe. Gen. 4.1. 1. King. 1.4. for to do good. Ruth. 2.10. and for to proue or allow. Rom. 12.2.

God hath not cast away his people whom he knew before. Rom. 11.2.

Whom God knew before, them hee ordeined to bee like fashioned to the image of his Sonne. Rom. 8.29.

Wee must meditate in Gods Lawe, to learne to know our duetie, and doe it. Iosh. 1. 8. 1 King. 2.3.

Knowledge puffeth vp, but loue edifieth. 1. Cor. 8.1.

Bezaleel and Aholiab were filled with knowledge, &c. Exod. 31.3. and 35.30. so was Hiram 1. King. 7.17.

John Baptist brought knowledge of saluation. Luke 1.77.

We ought to increase in the knowledge of God. Col. 1.10.

Some euer learning, & neuer able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2. Tim. 3.7.

Wee ought to haue a zeale according to knowledge. Rom. 10.2.

The tree of knowledge of good and euill. Gen. 2.9. and 3.1,5,7.

The Lord is a God of knowledge. 1. Samuel 2.3.

The knowledge of God is better then burnt offerings. Hose. 6.6.

The true knowledge is to rest vpon God. Hose. 14.9. see Wisedome.

The Priests lips should preserue knowledge. Mal. 2.7.

Kow. Of the sacrifice of the red Kowe. Num. 19.2,9.

Two milch kine sent away from Ekron, with the Arke of God. 1. Sam. 6.7,10,12.

Vnthankefull princes are called kine, and why. Amos 4.1.

L.

Labour. Mans life is a continuall labour and trauaile. Iob. 7.1.* Eccles. 1.8. Psal 90.10. Ecclus. 18.6.

We ought to liue of our labours. Prouer. 5.15.

The profit of labour. Prouer. 12.11. Ecclus. 7.15.

Labour bringeth abundance. Pro. 14.23.

He that shunneth labour, shall come to pouertie. Pro. 30.4. and 20.15,17.

The labours of the disobedient shall be deuoured with grashoppers. Deut. 28.38.

God beholdeth the labour of Iaakobs handes Gen. 31.42.

Pharaoh commanded to oppresse the Israelites with labour. Exod. 1.14. and 5.9.

Paul boasted not of other mens labours. 2. Cor. 10.15.

Paul approueth himselfe the minister of God in labours. 2. Cor. 6.5. and 11.23.*

Our labour shall not bee in vaine, if it bee wrought in the Lord. 1. Cor. 15.58.

Those that die in the Lord, rest from their labours, &c. Reuel. 14.13.

We ought to reuerence those that labour in the Gospel. 1. Cor. 16.16.

The Apostles reaped the Prophets labours. John 4.38.

The Labourer is worthy of his wages. Luke 10.7. 1. Tim. 5.18.

The Labourers are few. Matt. 9.37.

God heareth the crie of Labourers and men in aduersitie. Deut. 26.7.

Labour and trauaile for fame is layd vpon all men. Gen. 2.19. and 3.19. Exod. 20.9, 10, 11. and 34.21. Deut. 5.13,14,15. Tob. 2, 11.* Psal. 104.23. Prou. 10.3,4,5,16. and 14.23. Eccles. 3.10. and 1.13. John 21. 3,6. Acts 18.2,3. and 20.34. Ephes. 4.28. 1. Cor. 4.12. 1. Thess. 2.9,2. Thess. 3.10.

Labour maketh not rich, but the blessing of God. Gen. 3.18. & 26,12. and 30.27,30.* Deut. 8.3,4,16. Iob 42.10.* Pro. 10.3,6. Eccles. 11.2,3,4. Ecclus. 11.11, to 18.

Lacke. He that giueth vnto the poore, shall not lacke. Pro. 28.27.

Ladder. Iaakob sawe a Ladder in his dreame. Gen. 28.12.

Laden. Christ calleth vnto him all that are laden. Matth. 11.28.

Lake burning with fire and brimstone. Reue. 21.8.

Lambe. The oblation made with a Lambe. Leuit. 3.7.

The maner of eating the Paschal Lambe. Exod. 12.3, to 29.

Christ is the Lambe who hath taken away our sinnes. John 1.29. Reuel. 5 8,9.

How the Lambe Christ is honoured. Reu. 5.6,13. which stood vpon mount Sion. Reuel. 14.1.

Christ willed Peter to feede his Lambes. John 21.15.

Lame Mephibosheth accused. 2. Sam. 4.4 and 16.1, to 5.

Lamentation of Dauid ouer Saul and Jonathan. 2. Sam. 1.17.*

Israel lamented for the Arke. 1. Sam. 7.2

Iphtahs daughter lamented her virginitie, two monethes vpon the mountaines. Iudg. 11.38.

The old Prophet lamented the death of the other Prophet whom he had deceiued. 1. king. 13.29.

Lampes for the Candlesticke of the Tabernacle. Exod. 25.37. and 27.20,21. Leuit. 24.2,3,4.

The Lampes of the ten virgins. Matt. 25. 1, to 14.

Lande, looke Famine in Egypt.

Language. One Language a good space after the flood. Gen. 11.1.

The Apostles spake all languages. Act. 2, 8. see Tongues.

Large. God gaue Salomon a large heart. 1. King. 4.29.

Last dayes prophecied of. 1. Tim. 4.1. 2. Tim. 3.1. and 2. Pet. 3.3.

The Last shall be first, and the first Last. Matt. 20.16. and 19.30.

Law. The terrible deliuery of the Law, & the cause thereof. Exo. 19.16,18. Deut. 33.2. and 5.22, to 28. Heb. 12.18, to 22.

Moses repeateth the Law. Deut. 1.2,5.

Moses commanded the Law for an inheritance of the Congregation of Iaakob. Deut 33.4.

Cursed bee he that confirmeth not all the words of the Law, to doe them. Deut. 27.26.

Their reward that keepe the Lawe, and their punishment that despise it. Deuter. 28. 10.* Baruch 4.1.

God commaundeth to reade the Law day and night, and why. Iosh. 1.8.

We ought alwayes to haue the Lawe before our eyes, and in our hearts. Deu. 11.18, 19,20.

Moses exhorteth the people to keepe the Law. Deut. 4.1. So doth Iohus. Josh. 22.5.

The Law of the burnt offerings. Leuit. 6.9.

The Law of him that toucheth, or is in the tent of the dead. Num. 19.13,14.

The high Priests and Iudges ought to iudge according to ϸ Law. Deu. 17.9,10,11.

The Iewes are compelled to forsake the Law of God 2. Macc. 6,1.

What the Law of God is, and the fruite thereof. Psal. 19.7, to 12.

The Lawe taken for the Doctrine of the Law. Mat. 7.12. for other bookes besides the bookes of Moses Ioh. 10.34. and 12.34. and 15.25. Rom. 3.19. For the whole doctrine of God. Iam. 1.25. and for outward profession. Phil. 3.5 for the whole doctrine of saluation. Isa. 2.3.

The Law diuided into two Tables. Mat. 22.37,38.

The Law was ordained by Angels in the hand of a mediatour. Gal. 3.19.

The Law was giuen by Moses. Joh. 1.17 and 7.19.

The constitution of the Law appertaineth to the Iewes. Rom. 9 4.

The knowledge of sinne commeth by the Law. Rom 3.20.

The Law was added because of transgressions, and was ordained by Angels in the hand of a mediatour. Gal. 3.19.

Why the Law entred. Rom. 5.20.

The Law is a schoolemaister to leade vs to Christ. Gal. 3.24.

The Law is holy, iust & good. Rom. 7.12.

The Law is good, if it be vsed lawfully. 1. Tim. 1.18.

If a man doe that which he would not, he consenteth to the Law, that it is good. Rom. 7.16.

The Lawe of Moses an immortall yoke. Acts 15.10.

The Lawe called the strength of sinne. 1. Cor. 15.56. because it is an occasion of sinne.

Rom.7.5,8. called also the Law of sinne and death. Rom.8.2.& of wrath Rom.4.15.& the ministration of death and damnation. 2.Cor. 3.7.9.& the oldnesse of the letter. Rom.7.6.
None of the Iewes kept the Lawe. John 7.19.
The Law giueth not life. Gal.3.21.
No man is iustified by the Lawe in the sight of God Gal.2.16. and 3.11.
As many as are of the workes of the Law, are cursed. Gal.3.10.
The ende of the Lawe is loue. Matth.5. 43,44 and 7.12 and 22.37,to 41. John 13. 34,35. Rom.13.8,9. Gal.5.14,22. and 6.2, 10.1.Tim.1.5.
Christ hath abrogated the Law. Ephe.2. 15.2.Cor.3.7,11. Matt.11.13. Acts 13.38, 39 & 15.10,11. Rom.7.6. Gal.4.24,25. and 4.3,to 8. Col.2.17 Heb.8.9.*
The Law was a shadow of good things to come. Heb 10.1,10.
The Law was read in the Synagogues euery Sabbath. Acts 13.27.
The Iewes alledge the Law to put Christ to death. Ioh.19.7.
Christ came to redeeme those that were vnder the Law. Gal.4.5.
Christ is the end of the Law Rom.10.4.
That which the Law could not doe, Christ hath accomplished. Rom.8.3,4.
The Law made nothing perfect Heb 7.19
The similitude of the heire, and the allegorie of the children of Sarah, and Agar, proue that the Law is ceased. Gal.4.1,22.
Christ came to fulfill the Lawe and the Prophets. Matth.5.17.
The Law is not giuen to the righteous, but to the Lawlesse, disobedient, &c. 1.Tim.1. 9,10. Gal 5.18.
God hath written his Lawes in the hearts of the faithfull. Heb.8.10.
The Law of God delighteth the spirits of the faithfull Rom.7.22.
The wisedome of the flesh is not, nor can not be subiect to the Law of God. Rom.8.7.
The law of our members rebelleth against the law of our minde. Rom.7.23.
The Law of Christ is a Lawe of libertie. Iam.2.12.
The royall Law is the loue of our neighbour. Iam.2.8.
If the Law were glorious, how much more the Gospel? 2.Cor.3.7,8,9.
Who so shal faile in one point of the Law, is guilty in all. Iam.2,10.
Against wicked law makers, looke Isai. 10.1.
Wicked lawes ought to be broken. Dan. 6.15.
Custome is a Lawe to the wicked. Wisd. 14.15.
There is one Law giuer which is able to saue and to destroy. Iam.4.12.
The first Law. Gene. 2.16,17. transgressed, and punished Gen.3.6.*
The Law of the ten commandements was giuen by voice. Exod.20.1,to 18. written in Tables. Exod.31.18. Deut.5.22. which are broken. Exo.32.19. Deut 9.17. and renued. Deut.10.1,to 6. Exo.34.1,28.
The Law is read. Deut.31.9,to 14. Ioh. 8.35. Acts 15.21. 2.King.23.1,2,3. 2.Chr. 34.18. Nehem.8.1,to 9. 1.Esd.9.40, to 48. 2.Mac.8.23.
Before the Lawe, a sinne was not counted sinne. Rom.5.13.
Of transgressing the Law of God, or the king, see Transgresse.
The Lawe of God cannot bee fulfilled without the Spirit of God. Deut.5.29,33. and 30.14. Psal.119.1,2.* Luk.18.14,16, 27. Acts 15.9,10,11. Rom.8.1,to 18. Gal 5. 16,18,22.*
The Law was giuen to bring forth fruite in vs. 2.Esd 9.31.
Prosperity followeth them that loue Gods Law. Psal.119.16.
The Law of faith giuen vpon condition, and how. Rom.3.27. and 8.1.*
We may not goe to lawe vnder vnbeleeuers. 1.Cor.6.1,to 9.
Laugh. Abraham and Sarah laughed, and why. Gen.17,17. and 18.12.
Woe vnto them that laugh now, for they shall weepe. Luke 6.25.
Though some laugh Gods messengers to scorne, yet some profite thereby. 2.Chron.30. 10,11.
Laughter, see Countenance.
We ought to laugh no man to scorne. Eccl.us.7.11. see Pastime.
Lay. see Whoredome.
Laying on of hands. Gen.48.13.* Exo.29. 10. Leuit.1.4. and 3.2 8,13. Num.27.18.* Mar.10.16. Acts 6.6,8,17,to 25.* 13.3.* 19.6. 1.Tim 4.14. and 5.22. 2.Tim.1.6.
Leadeth. Gods long suffering leadeth to repentance. Rom.2.4.
Leafe. The sounde of a leafe shaken, shall chase the wicked. Leuit.26.36.
Learne. The Elders of Israel did learne Gods Law. Nehem.8.13.
Least. Gideon coueteth himselfe least of his fathers house. Iudg.6.15.
Paul least among the Apostles. 1.Cor.15 9. and of all Saints. Ephe.3.18.
Who so shall breake one of the least commandements, and teach men so, shalbe called least in the kingdome of heauen. Mat.5.19.
The least in the kingdome of heauen, is greater then Iohn Baptist. Matth.11.11. Luke 7.7,28.
Leaue, see Forsake.
Leauen, The meate offerings were made without leauen. Leu.2.11.
Leauened bread might not be eaten at the celebration of the Passouer. Exod.12.15.
The kingdome of God compared to leauen. Matth.13.33.
Leauen rake for pernicious doctrine. Mat. 16.6,12. Gal.5.9.& for hypocrisie. Luk.12.1.
The Leauen of malice ought to be purged in vs. 1.Cor.5.7,8.
Leese. To seeke God, and to find or leese him 2.Chr.15.2,15.
Of leesing or finding Ore, Sheepe, Asse or garment. Deut.22.1,2,3.
Legions of Angels and deuils. Matth.26. 53. Mat.5.9. Luke 8.30.
Lending. The Law of lending, borrowing, and receiuing to custodie. Exod.22.7,9,14, 15. Leuit.7.4. Deut.24.10.
Of lending to the poore. Exod.22.25,26, 27. Deut.15.2,7,to 12. Eccl.us.29.1,to 12, Matt.5.42. Luke 6.30,35.
Leprow, see Hand.
Leprosie. How it was to be knowen. Leu. 13.2.* and how to be cleansed. Leuit.14.2.* and how greatly to be taken heede of. Deut. 24.8.
Naaman the Syrian healed of a Leprosie. 2.King.5.15.
The Lepers declared to the Samaritanes the prominence of God. 2.King.7.10.
Miriam became leprous for grudging against Moses. Num.12.10. and was secluded the house seuen dayes. Num.12.15. according to the law. Leuit.13.46. Num.5.2. 2.King.15.5.
Christ healed one of the Lepric. Matth.8 2,3.
Of the ten Lepers which were cleansed by Christ. Luk.17.12,to 20.
King Vzziah striken with Lepric, for vsurping the Priestes office. 2.Kings 15.5. 2.Chr.26.19,to 22.
Lesser, see Men.
Letter taken for the Law. 2.Cor 3.6. Or for the signe of the sacrament, when the truth is not coniopned. Rom.2.27,29.
Vriah caried a letter of his owne death. 2.Sam 11.14.
Of Iezebels counterfeit letters. 1.Ki.21.8.
Paul calleth the Law the oldnesse of the Letter. Rom.7.6.
Leuites that serued Idoles, no more admitted to the Priesthood, and why. Eze.44.10, to 15. looke in the first Table.
Lewde. God giueth the wicked ouer vnto a lewde minde. Isa.57.20,21.
Liberall. We ought to be liberall to the poore. Eccl.us.11.1.
Libertie The creature shall be deliuered from corruption into the glorious Liberty of the sonnes of God. Rom.8.21.
Christs seruant is at liberty in the Lord. 1.Cor.7.22.
The libertie of the Gospel ought not to be an occasion of falling to the weake, nor colour of wickednesse to the flesh. 1.Cor.in.8.9. Gal.5.13.1.Pet.2.16.
Of the Libertie which we haue by Iesus Christ. Isa.42.15.*
Paul died not his libertie. 1.Cor.9.4,15.
False preachers promise false libertie 2. Pet.2.19.
Libertie proclaimed in the 50. yeere. Leu. 25.10. Deut.15.2,3.
Lice sent vpon man and beast in Egypt. Exod.8.16,17.
Life breathed into mans face. Gene.2.7.
The Life of man is a vapour. Iam.4.14. is a winde. Iob 7.7. is short. 1.Cor.7.29. is vanitie. Psal.39.5,6. though sinne. Psal. 90.7,to 11.
Iob is wearie of his life. Iob 10.1.
God prolongeth and shortneth the life 2. King.20.5,6. Deut.30.16,18. Exod.23 26.
Long life promised to those that obey God. Exod 23 26. and that honour father and mother. Exod.20.12. Deut.5.16. Ephes.6.2,3.
The life of the wicked shall hang doubtfull before them. Deut.28.66.

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The saints louer not their liues, in respect of the promises of Gods word. Reuc. 12. 11.

Iesus Christ is the life. Ioh. 14. 6. Col. 3. 3. 1. Ioh. 1. 2. And hath swallowed vp death, that wee might bee heires of euerlasting life. 1. Pet. 3. 9, 10, 12.

Christ is the head of life, which giueth eternall life. Ioh. 6. 48, 54.

Christ hath life in himselfe, as the Father hath. Ioh. 5. 26.

In the word was life, and the life was the light of men. Ioh. 1. 4.

To know the onely God and Christ whom he hath sent, is life eternall. Ioh. 17. 3.

Life eternall is the promise of God. Titus 1. 2. 1. Ioh. 2. 25. through Christ. Ioh. 10. 28. and 17. 2. Rom. 6. 22, 23.

Being iustified by grace, wee are made heires of eternall life. Titus 3. 7.

God hath giuen vs eternall life, and that life is in his Sonne. 1. Ioh. 5. 11. who layd downe his life for his sheepe. Ioh. 10. 15.

The Apostles preached eternal life. 1. Ioh. 1. 2.

Those that heare Gods word, and beleeue the same, haue life eternall. Ioh. 5. 24. 1. Ioh. 5. 13.

If we will enter into life, we must keepe the commandements. Matth. 19. 17.

Life eternall, is the end of righteousnesse. Rom. 6. 22.

The life of Christians is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3. 3. Looke Saluation, and Eternall life.

The tree of life in the midwest of Paradise terrestriall. Gen. 2. 9.

Adam driuen out of Paradise, lest hee should eat of the tree of life. Gen. 2. 22, 23, 24

Of the miserie and vnkindenesse of mans life, looke more Gene. 3. 17, 18, 19. 2. Sam. 14. 14. 1. Chron. 29. 15. Iob 3. 3.* and 8. 9. and 9. 25, 26. and 13. 12. Psal. 103. 15, 16. and 102. 3, 9, 11. & 143. 4. Eccles. 2. 1.* and 3. 1.* & 7. 1, 2. Isa. 40. 6, 7, 8. Wisd. 2. 1, to 6. and 5. 8, to 14. Ecclus. 14. 17, 18. & 18. 7, 8, 9. and 40. 1, to 12. Luk. 12. 20. Eph. 5. 16. Heb. 13. 14. 1. Pet. 1. 14. Iames 1. 11.

The life of the faithfull must be conformable to the life and doctrine of Christ. Gene. 17. 1, 9.* Exo. 20. 2, to 18. Leuit. 11. 44, 45. and 19. 2, 3, 4. and 20. 2.* Mat. 5. 3.* & 6. 1.* and 7. 1.* Luk. 6. 20.* Ioh. 13. 14, to 18. & 15. 2, to 21. & 21. 19, 22. Rom. 6. 3.* & 8. 1, to 18. & 13. 8.* & 15. 4, 5. Eph. 2. 10. & 4. 1, 2, 3, 15, 17.* & 5. 1, 2.* Phil. 1, 27. & 2. 2, to 17. Col. 2. 6. and 3. 1.* 1. Thes. 4. 1, to 13. Tit. 2. 12.* & 3. 8, 14. 1. Pet. 1. 14, 15. & 2. 1, 2, 11.* & 3. 2.* and 4. 1, 2. 1. Ioh. 1. 7. & 2. 6. Heb. 12. 1, 2, 3.

During thy life giue not away thy substance. Eccius. 33. 18, 19, 20.

He that will saue his life, shall lose it: and contrariwise. Matth. 10. 39.

Life and death, pouertie and riches, commeth of the Lord. Eccius. 11. 14.

False witnesse to be punished like for like. Deut. 19. 18, to 22. looke Soule.

Lifting vp the heart. Deut. 8. 14.

Lifting vp the hand. Looke Hand.

Light. God is the Light of the faithfull. 2. Sam. 22. 29.

Dauid was called the Light of Israel. 2. Sam. 21. 17.

Christ the true Light, which Lighteneth euery man. Ioh. 1. 4, 9. and 8. 12. and 9. 5. at his comming will Lighten things that be hid in darkenesse. 1. Cor. 4. 5.

Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall giue thee Light. Ephe. 5. 14.

The light of the wicked shal be quenched. Iob 18. 5.

No wickednesse so close, but it shall come to light. Eccles. 10. 20.

The Gospel is a Light. Act. 26. 23.

The Light created. Gen. 1. 3.

God is Light. 1. Ioh. 1. 5. and dwelleth in light. 1. Tim. 6. 16.

Light, for all happinesse. Acts 20. 23.

Why Christ which is the Light, was not receiued of the Iewes Ioh. 3. 19.

The faithful ministers are the light of the world. Matt. 5. 14.

While we haue the Light, let vs beleeue in the Light, that we may be the children of the Light. Ioh. 12. 36.

If we walke in the light, as Christ is the Light, we haue fellowship one with another. 1. Ioh. 1. 7.

He that hateth his brother, is not in light. 1. Ioh. 2. 9.

It is light, which maketh all things manifest. Ephes. 5. 13.

The Gentiles were darkenesse, but now are light in the Lord. Eph. 5. 8.

Christians ought to shine as lights in the world. Phil. 2. 15, 16.

Two great lights created, and why. Gen. 1. 14, 16, 18 19.

The armour of light, what Rom. 13. 12,

Linage, looke Tribe.

Like mother, like daughter. Eze. 16 44.

Like master, like man. 2. Sam. 13. 28, 29. Gen. 17. 23.

Like people, like Priest. Isa. 24. 2. Hos. 4. 9. and 6. 9.

Those that are crucified with Christ, are made like to his image. Rom. 1. 29.

Likenesse, looke Image and Similitude.

Likelihoods. Wee ought not to iudge by likelyhoods. Ioh. 7. 24.

Lime, looke Weighs.

Lions sent to destroy the Samaritanes. 2. King. 17. 25.

Samson slewe a Lion. Iudg. 14. 6. so did Dauid. 1. Sam. 17. 35.

A man slaine of a Lion, for disobeying Gods commandement. 1. King. 20. 35, 36. and likewise a prophet. 1. King. 13. 18, to 25.

Christ the Lion of the tribe of Iudah. Reuel 5 5.

Liplabour. Eccles. 5 1. See Prayer.

Lippes, looke Calfe.

Little children must heare the Law read. Deut. 31. 10, to 14. Ioh. 8. 34. 35.

Little babes in faith, must haue the milke of the Gospel. 1. Cor. 3. 1, 2.

Little children appointed to enter into the land of Canaan. Deut. 1. 39.

Saul being little in his owne sight, was made king. 1. Sam. 15. 17.

Little ones, put for vile persons in the sight of the world. Matth. 10. 42.

Little number, See Plagues.

Liue. The iust shal liue by faith. Hab. 2. 4.

The man that fulfilleth the Law, shal liue thereby. Leuit. 18. 5, 36.

Wee shall liue because Christ doeth liue in vs. Ioh. 14. 19. Gal. 2. 20.

Man cannot see the face of God, and liue. Exod. 33. 20.

We liue, and die to the glory of God. Roman. 14. 8. & not to our selues 2. Cor. 5. 15.

None may liue idlely. 2. Thes. 3. 10.

We ought to die vnto sinne, and liue vnto God. Rom. 6. 10, 11.

All liue vnto God. Luke 20. 38.

To liue in pleasure, is death. 1. Tim. 5. 6.

The liuing God. Iosh. 3. 10.

I liue for euer, an oth of God. Deu. 32. 40.

As thy soule liueth: as § Lord liueth, others of men. 1. Sam. 1. 26. Iudg. 8. 19. Rut. 3. 13.

Liuing in loy in this world. Eccles. 8. 15. and 9. 7.

Man liueth by the word of God. Deut. 8. 3. Matth. 4. 4.

Let the King liue, for, God saue the king. 1. Sam. 10. 24.

The creation of all liuing and mouing things. Gen. 1. 21, 24.

Adam gaue names to all liuing creatures. Gen. 2. 19.

God prouideth nouriture for euery liuing thing, Gen. 1. 30.

Loaues 4000. fed with 7. Loaues and a few fishes. Mat. 15 33, 34. & about 5000 with 5. loaues & two fishes. Matt. 14. 17, to 22. Mar. 6. 38, to 45. Ioh. 6. 9, to 16. looke Bread.

Log. A measure. Leuit. 14. 10.

Looke, see Countenance.

To desire God to looke vpone vpon vs. Deut. 25. 15.

The Lord looked vpon the Israelites tribulations. Exod. 2. 25. and 4. 31. and caused Saul to be anointed their king. 1. Sa. 9. 16.

Hannah prayed that God would looke on her trouble. 1. Sam. 1. 11.

Moses prayed God not to looke vpon the stubbornnesse of his people. Deut. 9. 27.

Loopes or strings, see Strings.

Long suffering of the Lord, let vs suppose to be saluation 2. Pet. 3. 15. looke Patience.

Loosing of sinnes, looke Keyes.

Lord. Our God is the onely Lord. Deut. 6. 4. Ephe. 4 5.

The Lord is at hand. Phil. 4. 5.

All things be the Lords, and therefore nothing created for our vse, maketh vs vncleane. Rom. 14. 14.

The Lord hath done great signes in Egypt, and why. Exod. 7. 5.

Pharao knew not the Lord Exod. 5. 2.

It is the spirit of the Lord that altereth man 1. Sam. 10 6.

The Lord bidde thee, looke Salute.

The duetie and authoritie of Lordes and maisters Exod. 21. 2.* 12, 26, 27. Leuit. 19. 13. and 25. 39.* & 15. 12, to 19. & 25. 1, 2, 3, Iob 31. 13. Psa. 29. 12, 19, 21. Ier. 34. 8, 9 * Eccius 7. 20, 21, and 33. 23.* and 42. 5. Ephes. 6. 9. Col. 4. 1.

Syr, or Lord, a courteous and reuerent name. Gen. 24. 18. and 23. 6. Acts 25. 26.

The husband is called the wiues Lord. Iudges 19. 26.

Iaakob

Iaakob calleth his brother Lord. Gen. 33. 13,14.

Christ the Lord of glory. 1. Cor. 2. 8.

Sunday the Lords day. Reuel. 1. 10.

Lordship. Vow those that haue Lordship, or rule, ought to vse the same. 2. Sam. 23. 3.

Lost, looke Leese, and Deut. 22. 1.

Lots. Of casting of Lottes. Leuit. 16. 8, 9, 10. & 33. 54. Iosh. 7. 13, to 19. 2 18. 8. 1. Sam. 10. 20, 21. & 14. 10, 40, 41, 42. Prou. 16. 33. & 18. 18. Nehe. 11. 1. Ezek. 20. 19. Ionah. 1. 7. Acts 1. 23.*

The wicked cast Lottes to doe mischiefe. Ester 3. 7.

Loue commeth of God, and he that loueth, is borne of God. 1. Iohn 4. 7.

We are called the sonnes of God, through the loue which God hath shewed vnto vs. 1. Iohn 3. 1, 2.

Wherein the loue of God appeared. Rom. 5. 8. 1. Iohn 4. 9, 10.

The loue of God is shed in our hearts by the holy Ghost. Rom. 5. 5.

God hath chosen vs, that we should be holy before him in loue. Ephes. 1. 4.

Loue is the end and fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13. 9, 10. 1. Tim. 1. 5.

Loue ought to bee without dissimulation. Rom. 12. 9.

The loue of God is not in him, who being able, doeth not helpe, seeing his brothers neede. 1. Iohn 3. 17, 18.

God loueth vs with an euerlasting loue. Iere. 31. 3.

Whosoeuer hath loue, will doe his neighbour no harme. Rom. 13. 10.

Loue couereth the multitude of sinnes. 1. Pet. 4. 8. Pro. 10. 12.

Loue edifieth. 1. Cor. 8. 1.

Loue is the bond of perfectnes. Col. 3. 14. therefore wee must loue without fayning. Rom. 12. 9, 10. Ephes. 5. 2. 1. Thess. 4. 9. 1. Iohn 3. 11. 1. Pet. 1. 22.

All things ought to bee done in loue. 1. Cor. 16, 14.

Ioseph exhorted his brethren to loue one another. Gen. 45. 24.

Christian debt is loue. Rom. 13. 8.

Who so is perfect in loue, shall haue boldnes in the day of iudgement. 1. Ioh. 4. 17, 18.

S. Paul wisheth to the faithfull increase of loue, and why. Ephes. 3. 17. Phil. 1. 9, 10, 11. 1. Thess. 3. 12, 13.

Christ foresheweth that loue should waxe cold, and why. Matth. 24. 12.

The wounds of a louer are faithfull. Pro. 27. 6.

Commandements of loue. Exod. 20. 1 2, to 18. Pro. 3. 27, 28.

Loue of neighbours acceptable to God and man. Ecclus. 25. 1.

The great loue of Iaakob toward Rahel. Gen. 29. 18, 20. 30.

Amnons wicked loue. 2. Sam. 13. 1, 2.

Salomon allotted in the loue of his idolatrous wiues. 1. Kings 11. 1, to 9.

The Prophet that goeth about to turne vs from the loue of God, ought to be stoned to death. Deut. 13. 1, to 12.

God loued vs, before we loued him. 1. Ioh. 4. 19. and chose vs, because he loued vs. Deut. 7. 7, 8. and 10. 15.

God loueth the people. Deut. 33. 3.

The inestimable loue of God toward his children. Hose. 2. 1.* Deut. 4. 36, 37, 38. and 10. 15. and 23. 5.

God loued Salomon. 2. Sam. 12. 24, 25.

God so loued the world, that he gaue his onely begotten sonne, and why.* Iohn 3. 16. Ephe. 2. 4. 1. Iohn 4. 10, 11.

Christ so dearely loued vs, that he gaue his life for vs. Ioh. 15. 13. Gal. 2. 20. Ephe. 4. 2.

The Father loued the Sonne, and why. Iohn 10. 11, 17.

Christ hath taught vs the Gospel, that we might be loued of God. Iohn 17. 23, 26.

Who loueth God perfectly indeede. 1. Iohn 2. 3, 5.

If we loue the world, the loue of God is not in vs. 1. Iohn 2. 15.

Whereby we know that we loue God. 1. Iohn 5. 1, 2.

All things worke for the best to them that loue God. Rom. 8. 28. The crowne of life is promised to them. Iam. 1. 12. and God will acknowledge them for his. 1. Cor. 8. 3

Saul loued Dauid. 1. Sam. 16. 21. so did Ionathan as his owne soule. 1. Sa. 18. 1, 3 & 20. 17. aboue the loue of women. 2. Sa. 1. 26.

We ought to support one another, & follow the trueth in loue. Ephe. 4. 2, 15.

He that loueth not his brother, abideth in death. 1. Iohn 3. 14.

Good ministers must bee had in singular loue for their workes sake. 1. Thes. 5. 13.

We ought to edifie our selues in the loue of God. Iude 20, 21.

All goodnesse proceedeth from loue and brotherly kindnesse. Heb. 6. 10.

We must loue Christ before we can keepe his word. Iohn 14. 15.

Those that be the children of God, loue Christ. Iohn 8. 42.

Those that loue Christ, reioyce that hee went to the Father. Iohn 14. 28.

Who so loueth the Sonne, shall be loued of the Father, and the Sonne. Iohn 14. 21.

Because many sinnes are forgiuen the sinfull, they loue much. Luke 7. 37, 47.*

We are knowen to be Christs disciples, by mutuall loue. Iohn 13. 35.

Christ loued Marie, Martha, & Lazarus. Iohn 11. 5. and the young man. Marke 10. 20. and Iohn the Euangelist. Iohn 21. 20.

Christ asked Peter three times if he loued him. Iohn 21. 15, 16, 17.

We ought to loue our enemies. Matth. 5. 44. Pro. 25. 21. Rom. 12. 20. as Dauid loued Saul. 1. Sam 24. 7.* and 26. 9.*

Thou shalt loue the Lord thy God, and thy neighbour as thy selfe. Mar. 22. 37, to 41.

To loue God aright, is more then all burnt offrings. Mar. 12. 29,* 33. Deut. 6. 3, 4.

We are exhorted to loue God, and our neighbour. 1. Iohn 4. 7.* & 3. 23. Iosh. 23. 11.

Ioshua exhorted the Reubenites to loue God. Iosh. 22. 5.

God requireth of vs to loue him. De. 10. 12.

God circumciseth our hearts, that wee should loue him. Deut. 30. 6.

Salomon loued God. 1. King. 3. 3.

God is mercifull to those that loue him. Exod. 20. 6. Deut. 5. 10. and 7. 13, 13.

To loue God, and obey his worde, is life and felicitie. Deut. 30. 16, 20.

The commendation of loue, and the properties thereof. 1. Cor. 13.*

God is the God of peace and loue. 2. Cor. 13. 11.

God chastiseth whom he loueth. Heb. 12. 6. Pro. 3. 10. Reue. 3. 19.

The care of discipline is loue: and loue is the keeping of Gods Law. Wisd. 6. 17, 18.

Of the great loue of God toward those that beleeue in him. Exo. 20. 2, 6. Deu 6. 10. 11, & 7. 6, 7, 8, 13. Iosh. 24 17, 18. Pro. 8. 17. Ier. 31. 3 Eccius. 4. 10, 12, 14. Iohn 10, 10, to 19. and 11. 5. and 13. 1.* & 15. 9, to 14, and 16. 23, 26. Rom. 5. 8. Gal. 2. 20. Eph. 2. 4. and 5. 2. 1. Ioh. 4. 9, 10, 11. Eccius. 17. 29.

True faith worketh by loue. Gal. 5. 6.

We know that we are the sonnes of God by true loue. 1. Ioh. 3. 17.* which is the new and old commandement. 1. Iohn 2. 8. and 3. 23. 2. Iohn 5.

What they are worthy of that loue images. Wisd. 15. 6. and 16. 1, to 20.

Prosperity followeth them that loue Gods Law. Psal. 119. 165.

Lowe. Let the brother of lowe degree, reioyce when he is exalted. Iames 1. 9, 12.

He that is low in his owne sight, to set forth Gods glory, is of great account with God and good men. 2. Sam. 6. 22. See Meeke and Humble.

Loynes. Eliah girded vp his Loynes, and ranne. 1. King. 18. 46. so did Gehazi. 2. King. 4 29.

We must gird vp the loynes of our mind, and how. 1. Pet. 1. 13.

Christ willeth vs to gird our loines about. Luke 12. 35.

Loyterers, see Idlenesse.

Lucre, see Gaine.

Luke-warme, see Cold.

Lunatike. Christ healed one that was lunatike. Matt. 17. 15, 18. Marke 9. 17, to 30. Luke 9. 38.

Lust. Greues of lust. Num. 11. 34.

We must shunne the former lusts of ignorance. 1. Pet. 1. 14. and youth 2. Tim. 2. 22. and of concupiscence. 1. Thes. 4. 4.

The people lusteth after flesh, and is punished. Num. 11. 33.

Lustes choke in vs the word of the Gospel. Marke 4. 19.

Looking on a woman to lust after her, is aduultery in the heart. Matt. 5. 28. Pro. 6. 25, 29, 32. Eccius. 25. 23.

The lust of the two wicked Iudges punished. Dan. 13. 8, 11, 20, 62.

The lustes of the flesh, and lustes of the eyes, are not of the Father. 1. Ioh. 2. 16.

We may not obey the lusts of sinne. Rom. 6. 12. see Concupiscence.

Lying. A lying spirit in the mouth of all Ahabs prophets. 1. Kings 22. 23.

The olde prophet made a lie vpon a good intent to the man of God. 1. King. 13. 18.

Lying ought to be auoided. Ephes. 4. 25. Col. 3. 8, 9. Reue. 21. 27. and 25. 15.

Lying is of the deuill, and he is the father thereof. Ioh 8. 44.

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The iudge ought not to receiue a lie of false tale. Exod. 23. 1.

All men are liars. Isa. 9. 17.

An Amalekite to please Dauid, forged a lie. 2. Sam. 1. 10.

The Lord hateth a rich man that is a lyar. Eccius. 13. 2.

The Cretians were lyars. Titus 1, 12.

The Iewes lyars. Iohn 8. 55.

Ananias and Sapphira lyed to the holy Ghost. Acts 5. 2, 3.

God can not lye. Tit. 1. 2. Heb. 6. 18.

Iaakob by his mothers counsell, made a lye to obteine the blessing. Gene. 27. 19.*

Of lying looke more. Gen. 3. 3 and 37. 32. & 39. 14, 15. Leu. 19. 12, 16. 2. Sam. 1. 5, 7, 8. 2. Kin. 5. 22, 25. Mat. 1. 5, 6, 8, 11. Eccle. 7. 12 & 20, 23, 24, 25. & 26. 5. Pro. 6. 17. & 12. 17, 18 & 19. Hos. 4. 2. Rom. 3. 4. 1. Ioh. 2. 4, 22 & 4, 20.

Cursed be hee that lyeth with his fathers wife, &c. Deut. 27. 20, 22.

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Mad. Hee that anointed Iehu King ouer Israel, was termed a mad fellowe. 2. Kings 9. 11.

Festus tolde Paul, that much learning made him mad. Acts 26. 24.

God will smite the wicked with madnesse, Deut. 28. 28, 34.

What madnesse is. Eccles. 1. 17.

Magistrates. How we ought to obey Magistrates. Rom. 13. 1, to 8.

Christ payed tribute to the Magistrate, Mat. 17. 24.*

How the Magistrates throne is stablished. Pro. 25. 5.

Wicked Magistrates regard not the causes of the poore. Prou. 29. 2.

Magistrates ought to be no drunkards, and why. Prou. 31. 4. 5.

A good Magistrate is the gift of God. Eccius. 10. 4.

Three chiefe points necessarie for a Magistrate. Eli. 10. 3. looke Princes, Iudges, Rulers, Elders, and Powers.

Magicians, looke Soothsayers, Sorcerers, Witches, and Wisemen.

To *Make*. God did make. Deuter. 32. 15. therefore we ought not to aske him why hee did so. Rom. 9. 10.

Men praise them that make much of them selues. Psal. 49. 18.

Male. God created the male and female. Gene. 5. 2.

Malice. God destroyeth the wicked in their owne malice. Psal 94. 23.

Malice of women Eccius. 25. 14.*

Who so ceaseth not from malice, shall perish 1. Sam. 12. 25.

Malicious are vtterly to be banished from Christians. 1. Cor. 5. 8 Ephel 4. 31. Col. 3. 8. 1. Pet. 2. 1. Iames 1. 21.

We ought to be chiefly in concerning maliciousnesse. 1. Cor. 14. 20. looke Enuie.

Mammon, looke Riche, or Luke 16. 13.

Man. In what estate man was created. Gen. 1. 26, 27 & 9. 6. Mic. 2. 23 Eccius. 7. 31. to what ende. Isai. 43. 7. of what mould. Gen. 2. 7. & 3. 19 & 18. 27. Iob 4. 19. and 10. 9, to 13. Psal. 146. 4. Eccius. 10. 9. Man is a winde that passeth & returneth not. Psal. 78 39. grasse. Isa. 40. 6, 7, 8. dung & wormes. 1. Mac. 2. 62.

God gaue man power to multiplie, and made all things for his sake, and subiect to him. Gen. 1. 28, 29. 2 Eli. 6. 55.

God forbade man the eating of the tree of knowledge. Gene. 2. 17. and gaue him foode. Gene. 1. 29

Man placed in paradise, to dresse it. Gene. 2. 15. where hee gaue names to all things. Gene. 2. 19, 20.*

The name of man giuen to both sexes indifferently. Gene. 5. 2.*

God gaue man an helper like vnto himselfe. Gen. 2. 18, 21.*

Mans dignitie. Psal. 8. 4.*

The heart of man is naturally wicked. Gene. 6. 5.

Vncleane by birth is man. Iob. 25. 4.*

Man is full of miserie. Iob 14. 1. borne to trauell. Iob 5. 7. & why. Eccles. 1. 13. & 3. 10.

All men are lyars. Psal. 116. 11. Isa. 9. 17. by nature the children of wrath. Ephel 2. 3. and deuils by their owne knowledge. Iere. 10. 14. and 51. 17. they are in Gods handes, as clay is in the potters. Eccius. 33. 12. their dayes are numbred. Iob 7. 1. their helpe is vaine, they are vanitie. Psalme 60. 11. and 62. 9.

What mans righteousnesse is. Isa 64 6.

Man looketh on the outward appearance. 1. Sam. 16 7.

Iesus Christ knoweth what man is, and what is in him. Iohn 2. 25.

By one man came death vnto all mankinde 1. Cor. 15. 21, 22.

God reckoneth mans heart, before it bee apt to goodnesse. Hos 1. 14.

The first man Adam was made a liuing soule. 1. Cor. 15. 45.

The first man was of the earth earthly: the second, the Lord from heauen. 1. Cor. 15. 47.

Iesus Christ is a man Iohn 8. 40.

Paul diuideth man into three parts. 1. Thess. 5. 23.

Paul went not about to please men, but God. Gal. 1. 10.

It is lawfull for euery man to haue his wife. 1. Cor. 7. 1.

The Pharises teaching mens precepts, worshipped God in vaine. Matt. 15. 2, to 10. Marke 7. 2. to 14.

Fables of men that turne from the trueth, are to be auoided. Titus 1. 14.

Moses called the man of God. Deut. 33. 1. so was Eliah. 1. Kings 17. 24. and an Angel Iudg. 13. 6.

The Prophet is called the man of God. 1. Sam. 9. 6. 1 Kings 22. 22.

Fiue comely men from heauen ayded Iudas Maccabeus. 2 Mac. 10. 29.

Seuen women faine to take holde on one man. Isa. 4. 1.

The woman ought not to weare a mans not a man a womans raiment. Deut. 22. 5.

Man is the womans head: and Christ the mans. 1. Cor. 11. 3.

Of mans infirmitie, and Gods grace and power. Ezr. 3. 14. Iob 40 2.

Of those that haue recourse to mans helpe, and forsake God. Isa. 31. 1. *Ierem. 17. 5, 6.

Of the regeneration of man, Matth. 18. 3 Iohn 1. 13. and 4. 13, 14, 23, 24. and 7. 37, 38, 39. 1. Cor. 4. 15. Gal. 4. 5, 6, 19.* Ephe. 4. 13.* and 16 22, 23, 24. Col. 3 9, 10. 1. Pet. 2. 1, 2.

A wauering minded man, is vnstable in all his wayes. Iames 1. 8.

We ought not to feare the reproch of men, and why. Isa 51. 7, 8.

The Spirite or breath of man ascendeth. Eccles. 3. 21. and 12. 7.*

Wherewith a man sinneth, by the same shall he be punished. Wisd. 11. 13.

God destroyeth dumme creatures, for mans sinne. Iere. 1 3.

Why God punisheth man by little & little, and destroyeth him not at once. Wisd. 12. 8, 10, 20. Amos 4 6.*

Mans anger is according to his power. Eccius. 28, 10.

Man with man wrought filthinesse among the heathen. Rom. 1. 27.

Mans merites, looke Merites.

Man and wife one flesh. Gene. 2, 24. Matt. 19 5. 1. Cor. 6. 16. Ephe. 5. 31. Marke 10. 8.

Saul was turned into another man, and how. 1. Sam. 10. 6. 9.

The man of sin, 2. Thes. 2. 3, 8. looke Men.

Manners. Euill speakings corrupt good manners. 1. Cor. 15. 33. Looke Custome.

Mansions, looke Iourneyes.

Manslaughter reuenged. Gene. 4. 8,* 19. 23, 24. and 9. 5.

When the manslayer shalbe iudged innocent. Deut. 19. 4. to 11.

Whoso not hateth his brother, is a Manslayer, and hath not eternall life abiding in him. 1. Iohn 3. 15.

Of Manslaughter forbidden, transgressed, & punished. Gen. 37. 18.* and 42. 21. Exod. 1. 22. & 2. 11, 14, 15 and 20, 13. & 32. 2, 3. Leui. 24. 21. Num. 24. 20. and 35. 7.* Deut. 5. 17. and 19. 11, 12, 13. and 21. 1, to 10. and 27. 25 Iosh. 20. 2.* Iudg. 9. 5.* 1. Sam. 18. 12.* 2. Sam. 4 5.* 1. kin. 2, 5, 6, 28, to 36. & 21. 13.* 2. King. 14. 5, 6. and 21. 16, 23, 24. Proverb. 6. 17. and 28. 17. Lam. 4. 13. Ezek. 11. 6, to 14 and 22. 3, to 17. & 24. 6.* Hos. 4. 2.* Hab. 2. 7, 8. Eccius. 34. 21, 22, 23. Matth. 5. 21, to 27. and 15. 19. and 19. 18. and 23. 29.* and 26. 4, 14, 15, 16. and 27. 3, 4. 5. 21. Mar. 15. 7, 11. Luke 23. 25. John 8. 44. Acts 3. 14. Rom. 1. 29. and 13. 9. Gal. 5. 21. 1. Tim. 1. 9. 1. Peter 4. 15. Iames 5. 6. 1. John 3. 12. Reuelat. 13. 10. and 21. 8. and 22. 15. looke Murther.

Mantell. Eliiah cast his Mantell on Elisha. 1. Kings 19 19.

Eliiah diuided the waters with his Mantel. 2. Kings 2. 8. so did Elisha, verse 14.

Many there be that go into the broad gate of destruction. Mat. 7. 13.

The godly Preacher turneth many from their iniquitie. Mal. 2. 6.

Many Prophets and righteous men desired to see Christ in the flesh Matth. 13. 17. Luke 10. 24.

Many shall come in the Name of Christ, and deceiue many. Matth. 24. 5. Mar. 13. 6. Luke 21. 8.

Many shal come from the East and West, and shall sitte downe in the kingdome of heauen

heauen. Matth. 8. 11.

Christ hauing done many good workes, asketh the Iewes for which of them they would stone him. Iohn 10. 32.

Many of the Iewes beleeued. Iohn 4. 42. and 11. 45. and 12. 42. Acts 4. 4.

Christ spake many things in parables. Matth. 13. 3.

We may not walke as many doe, who are enemies of Christ his Crosse, and why. Phil. 3. 17.*

In many things we sinne all. Iames 3. 2.

Merchants of Babylon were the great men of the earth. Reue. 18. 23.

The marchants of the earth are waxed rich by Babylon, but they shall weepe for her destruction. Reue. 18. 3, 11.

A marchant cannot lightly keepe him from wrong. Eccl. 26. 30. looke Buying.

Markes to knowe false Apostles by. Rom. 16. 18.

Those that shall bee saued are marked. Ezek. 9. 4, 6. Reu. 7. 3. Exod. 12. 22, 23. looke Bounds.

Mariage instituted. Gene. 2. 22.* Matth. 19. 5.

The praise of mariage. Prou. 18. 22.

Against such as breake their faith in mariage. Mal. 2. 13, to 17.

Raphael instructed Tobias how he should marrie. Tob. 6. 15.

Confirmation of marriage. Gene. 9. 1, 7.

Pauls counsell to married folkes and to widowes. 1. Cor. 7. 8, 9.

New married men exempted from al publike businesse the first yeere. Deut. 24. 5.

Yong widowes are willed to marrie, and why. 1. Tim. 5. 14.

An olde manner to marrie the elder before the yonger. Gene. 29. 26.

Mariage feasts, looke Feasts.

With what feare of God the mariages of Izhak and Tobiah were celebrated. Gene. 24. 1.* Tob. 7. 12, 13. and 8. 1.*

Hee that had not on a mariage garment, was cast into vtter darknesse. Matt. 22. 11, 12, 13.

Against mariage with infidels for worldly respects. Gen. 6. 1, 2. and 19. 14, 15 Deuter. 7. 1, 3, 4 and 20. 18 and 21. 12. 1. King. 11.* 2. Kings 8. 18, 26. 2. Cor. 6. 14.* Looke Couenant.

Mariage forbidden by deceiuers. 1. Tim. 4. 3.

Mariage compared to the coupling of Christ and his Church. Ephe. 5. 29.

Second mariage. Rom. 7. 2. 1. Cor. 7. 8, 9, 39. 1. Tim. 5. 14. Looke Diuorce.

Mariages of ministers lawfull. Acts 21. 9. 1. Cor. 7. 1, 9 & 9. 5. Phil. 4. 3 1. Tim. 3. 2, 4, 5. and 4. 1, 3. Tit. 1. 6. Heb. 13. 4.

Of Marriage, looke more. Gene. 3. 16. and 8. 16. Exod. 34. 12, 15, 16. & 23. 32, 33. Num. 31. 16. and 25. 1.* and 31. 1, 2 and 28. 1. and 89. 15.* and 24. 1, to 9. Iosh 23. 7. Iudg. 3. 6. and 14. 2.* Ezra 9. 2.* Nehe. 13. 23 Est. 2. 17. Prou. 18. 22. Eccl. 25. 1, 8.* and 40. 15, 19. Matth. 8. 14. and 19. 3, to 13. and 22. 24. to 34. Luke 14. 8, to 12. 1. Tim. 3. 2, to 4. Titus 1. 6.

Of Spirituall mariage betweene God and the faithfull. Cant. throughout. Psal. 40. 1.* 54. 1.* and 61 5 Ier. 31. 32. Ezek. 16. 8. Hose. 2. 2.* Matth 2. 15. and 22. 2. and 15. 1. Mar. 2. 19. Luk 5. 34 Iohn 3 5. 2. Cor. 11. 2. Reue. 19. 7. and 21. 2.

Martyrs. The felicitie of Martyrs. Wisd. 3. 1, to 10. their comfort. Matth. 10 28, 29. and 16. 25. Luk 21. 16, 18. Rom. 8. 36, 37. 2. Tim. 3. 12.

Martyrdome of seuen brethren and their mother. 2. Mac. 7. 1.* & of Eleazar. 2. Macc. 6. 18.*

Master. Our onely Master is Christ. Mat. 23. 8.

The disciple is not aboue his Master. Mat. 10. 24.

We ought not to couet to be Masters, and why. Matth 23. 8. Iam. 3. 1.

Of Masters vnetie, looke Lords.

Matter. Gods spirit ministreth Matter to speake in the truetth Iob. 32. 18.

Maide. The high Priest might not marry but a maide. Leuit. 2. 13.

A law for a Maide that is corrupted. Exo. 22. 16, 17. Deut. 22. 28, 29.

Of a maiden forced in the fields. Deut. 33 23. 25.

The maide that played the whore in her fathers house, was stoned to death. Deuter. 22 21.

The 400. maids giuen to the Beniamites to wife. Iudg. 21. 12, 14. looke Steale.

Maidens taken in warre, were reserued aliue. and why. Numb. 31. 18.

Of the Iewes bond maides. Exod. 21. 7. Leuit. 19. 20. and 25. 44. Deut. 15. 12. looke Virgins and Seruants.

Measure. With what measure a man doth mete, it shall be measured to him. Matt. 4. 24.

To measure themselues with themselues, what. 2. Cor. 10. 12.

Fulfill the measure, looke Fulfill.

False measure, looke Weights.

Meate. What Salomons Meate was for one day. 1 King. 4. 22, 23.

All meates lawfull for the faithfull. Acts 10 15. Rom. 14. 2, 3, 14.

Being receiued with thankesgiuing and prayer. 1. Tim. 4. 3. 4. 5.

Spirituall meate, which lasteth for euer, Christ giueth vs. Ioh. 6. 27, 51. 1 Cor. 10. 3.

We ought not to iudge our brother for meates sake. Rom. 14. 14, 15.

Forbidding meates is the doctrine of deuils. 1. Tim. 4. 1.

Christs meate, what. John 4. 34.

Dauid had meate brought him by Gods prouidence. 2. Sam. 17. 28, 29.

Medicines, looke Phisitians.

Mediatour betweene God and the Israelites, was Moses. Deut. 5. 5.

One Mediatour betweene God and man, Christ. 1. Tim. 2. 5. Heb. 12, 24. Mat. 11. 28. Luke 3. 22. John 10. 1, 2, 7. Rom. 8. 31, 32, 34. and 10. 13. 1. Cor. 1. 30 Heb. 7. 24, 25. 1. John 2. 1, 2.

Christ our mediatour, God and man in one person. Mat. 1. 23. and 12, 28. and 16. 16 Mar. 1. 11. Ioh. 1 14. and 3. 13. and 6. 69 and 14. 1. and 5. 17, 18. 1 11. 25, 26. 3 14. 6. and 16. 33. and 20. 28, 31. Act. 20. 28. Rom. 3. 25, 30. and 4. 3. and 5. 10 and 8. 2. and 9. 5. 2. Cor. 5. 19 Phil. 2. 5, 7. Col. 1. 14, 15, 19, 20. and 2. 9. 1. Tim. 2. 5. Heb. 1. 3. and 4. 14. and 5. 8, 9.

Medsure. Children taught by their parents, ought to meditate in Gods law continually. Deut. 11. 18, 19. Psal. 1. 2.

Iohua bidden to meditate in the law day and night. Iosh. 1. 8.

Meeke. Wee must learne of Christ to bee meeke, and lowly in heart. Mat. 11. 29.

The meeke shall inherite the earth. Matt. 5. 5.

Moses was a meeke man aboue all others Num. 12. 3.

The Meekenesse of Paul in rebuking faults. 1. Cor. 4. 21. and of Dauid towards Shimei. 2. Sam. 16. 11.

Of meekenesse, looke more Iob. 7. 19. 2. Sam. 25. 5.* 1. King. 12. 7. Pso. 15. 1. Eccl. 1. 22. Matth. 5. 5 Galat. 6. 1. Ephes. 4. 2. 2. Tim. 2. 25. Looke Humblenesse, Lowlinesse and Gentlenesse.

Meete, looke Salutation.

Melting of the heart, looke Heart.

Members we are one of another in Christ, and therefore must haue mutuall loue. Rom. 12. 5. 1. Cor. 10. 16, 17 and 12, 12.* Ephes. 4. 25.

Wee ought not to giue our members vnto sinne. Rom. 6. 13.

Our bodies are the members of Christ. 1. Cor. 6. 15, 19.

The members of the body of sinne, must be mortified. Col. 3. 5.

Members, for all the parts and powers of man. Rom. 6 19. and for the part not regenerated. Rom. 7. 23.

Men, put for persecuting men. Mat. 10. 17

Men ought to loue their wiues. Eph 5. 28 Pso. 5. 18.*

The counsell of men will come to nought Acts 5. 38, 39.

What men shall be in the latter dayes. 2. Tim. 3. 2, to 10.

When men be not vnder the yoke of a law, there is nothing to bee looked for, but the wrath of God. Iudges 21. 25. and 20. 1.*

Wee ought not to feare the reproches of men. Isa. 51. 7.

Why men be lesse and lesse. 2. Esd. 5. 53, 54. 55. looke Man.

Mercie. God is rich in mercie, and the father of mercie. Ephes. 2. 4. 2. Samu. 24. 14. Psal. 32. 10 Ioel 2. 13.

The Lord is merciful to those that loue him. Exod. 20. 6. and 34. 6, 7. Deut. 4. 31.

God will not forsake his people, because he is merciful. Exod. 4. 31.

God will be ere the crie of the afflicted, because he is merciful. Exod. 22. 27.

Gods mercie is euerlasting. Luke 1. 50.

Of the praise of Gods mercie. Eccl. 17. 28. Psal. 30 and 2. Sam. 7. 23.

Samuel alleageth vnto the people the mercies of God. 1. Sam. 12. 7.*

Of the mercie of God toward his, and his iudgements toward the wicked Psal 62. 12. and 101. 1.*

Lot confessed that it came of Gods mercie, that hee perished not among the Sodomites,

mites. Gene. 19.19.

Salomon acknowledgeth the mercie of God to Dauid, in placing him king in his stead. 1. Kings 3.6.

God in mercy redeemed his children out of captiuitie. Exod. 15.13. All things in this life to be attributed to Gods mercy. Deut. 8.18.

The mercy of God extendeth it selfe euen to beasts Psal. 36.5, 6, 7.

Mercy is promised to those that repent. Deut. 30 2, to 11.

The mercy and trueth of God promised. Psal. 89.1, 2.*

The onely mercy of God hath deliuered vs from sinne by the blood of Iesus Christ. Isa. 52.3.

God will not withdraw his mercie from his chosen. 2. Sam. 7.15.

Wee are regenerated by the mercie of God. 1. Peter 1.3.

Through the tender mercie of God, Christ became man. Luke 1.78.

Christ tooke on him our flesh, that he might bee a mercifull and a faithfull high Priest. Heb. 2.17.

It is not in him that willeth, or in him that runneth, but in God that sheweth mercie. Rom. 9.16, 18.

God hath mercie on whom he will. Exod. 33 19. Rom. 9, 15, 18.

Paul propoundeth to the Iewes Gods mercy. Rom. 11.6, 7.

The Gentiles haue obteined mercie, that the Iewes might follow it. Ro. 11.31, 32.

Paul obteined the office of preaching by Gods mercy. 2 Cor 4.1.

Let vs looke for the mercie of the Lord Iesus Christ. Iude 21.

Moses confessed the mercy of God. Mic 24.18, 19

Naomi wisheth her daughters in lawe Gods mercy. Ruth 1.8.

Paul wisheth mercy to the house of Onesiphorus. 2. Tim. 1.16.

God sheweth mercy on his enemies, that they may shew mercy on his friends. 1 Kin. 8.50.

God will haue mercie and not sacrifice. Matth. 9.13.

Bee mercifull as your father is mercifull. Luke 6 3, 6.

How greatly Christ esteemeth the workes of mercy. Mat 25.35.*

Mercy promised the mercifull. Mat. 5.7.

God blesseth the mercifull and liberall. Pro. 11 25, 26.*

Iudgement mercilesse, to him that sheweth no mercy. Iames 2.13.

Dauid shewed mercie vnto his enemie Saul. 1. Sam. 24.7, 8. which mercy Saul is compelled to acknowledge. 1. Sam. 26.21.

Ionathan required Dauid to vse like mercie to his posterity, as he vsed to him. 1. Samuel 20 15.

Saul spared the Kenites because they shewed mercy to Israel. 1 Sam 15 16.

To deale mercifully and truely is to doe that a man desireth. Gene 47.29.

God hardened the Iewes hearts, that no mercie might bee shewed to them. Iosh. 11.26.

To shew mercy, put for to saue life. Iudg. 1.24. Iosh. 2.12.

The praise of mercy. Psa. 14.21. & 19.17.

Iaakob confesseth himselfe vnworthy the least of Gods mercies. Gen. 32.10

We ought to pray God to be merciful vnto vs. Num 6.25.

Gods mercy to Ioseph Gen. 39.21.

God was mercifull to his people, for their enemies cruelty. Iudges 2 18.

God bee mercifull to thee, my sonne, was Iosephs blessing to his brother. Gen. 43.29.

Wee ought to shew mercy with the like mercifulnesse. Rom. 12 8.

God more enclineth to mercie then to wrath. Mica. 7.18, 19.

God is he that sheweth mercy. Jere. 9 24.

Gods mercie is as great as himselfe, and his punishment as his mercy. Eccles. 2.21. and 16.12.

To shew mercie to vnworthie selfe, is acceptable to God. 2 Sam 9.3.

God is mercifull to such as conuert vnto him. 2. Chro. 30.9.

An example of Gods mercie toward men. Jonah 4.11.

Of the mercifulnesse of God toward the faithfull Gene. 18 15.* Exod. 6.1. and 9.26. and 11 3, 7. and 20.6. and 34.6 7. Numb. 20.8. Deuteronomie 4. 30, 31. and 5.10. and 7.9. and 10.17, 18. and 28.1, to 15. and 30. 1, 11. and 32.4, 10, 36. and 2. Sam 7.8, 9, 15 and 12 13 and 24.10, 12, 14.* 1. King. 8. 23. 2. King 20.1, 5, to 12 Neh. 9.17.* Psal. 21.7 & 35.5, 7, 8 & 51, 1, 18, 2 86.5 & 103.10.* and 111.4, 6 116.* & 145.8, 9 Isa 30.18. and 54 7, 8. 10. 2 55.3, 7. Jere. 12.15. 16.5 & 18 8. Ezek. 18 32.* and 33 14, 15, 16. Hose. 2.14, 23.* Ioel 2 13. Jona 4 2. 2. Esd. 2.10.* and 7.62.* Wisd 11 20.* Eccles 2.12. & 3 19, 21 & 17.19. and 18.4 Mat. 11.28 & 18.11.* Luke 1.50, 58, 72. & 6.36. & 15.4.* and 23. 34, 43. Rom. 11.4, 30, 31, 32. 2. Cozinth. 1.3. Ephes 2.4, 1. Tim. 1.13 to 18.

Mercifulnesse of the faithfull toward their neighbours and the reward thereof. Prou. 3.34.* & 14.22, 31. & 16 6. & 19.17. & 21.21. and 25 21, 22. Isa. 58.6.* Hos. 6.6. Mic. 6 8. Zech. 7 9, 10. Eccles 3.33, 34. and 28.2, 4. and 35.19. Mat 5.7. & 9.13. and 10 42. and 18 35.* & 25 35, to 41. Mar 9.41. Luke 6. 27, 35, 36. and 10.30, to 38. Rom 12 8. Gala 6.10, 16. Col. 3.12. 1. Tim. 5.10 Looke Almes, Pitie and Compassion.

Of vomercifulnesse, and the punishment thereof. Ezo. 1.10.* Iudg. 8.4, to 18. 1. Sam, 25 10.* Iob 20 5.* Prou. 21 13 Isai 57.1. Amos 1.3.* Eccles 35.18. Matth 18.28.* and 25 41.* Luke 16 19.* James 20.13.

Bee not mercifull to those that offende of malice. Psal. 59 5.

Mercifeate. Exod. 25 17. and 26. 34. & 35. 12, 11. and 37.6.

Mercifesse and *Merth*, looke Pastime.

Mercies, Hamans mans mercie. Deut. 9. 3, 5, 6. Iob 9.3, 20. Psalm. 143.2. Isa. 64.6. Matt. 10.8 and 13 11.6 18.27. & 24.32 and 25.34 Lu 1.30.48. and 12 32. & 17.7, 9, 10. and 18.14 Ieh. 1.6. & 3.15, 16. & 6.40, 45. & 10.28 & 13.16. Acts 13.48. & 15.16. & 26.8,

Rom 3.10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 27. & 4.2. and 6.23, and 9 32. and 10 3 and 11 2, 5, 6, 11, 35, 36. 1. Cor. 1.27 and 3 5. & 4.4, 7. & 15.57 Ephes. 1 15. and 2.16. and 3.18. & 5.4. Epist. 1. 4, 5. and 2.4, 8, 9, 13. Phil. 1.29 Col. 1.12 and 2. 13 2. Thes. 1.11. and 2 16. 2. Tim. 1.9. & 4. 8. Tit 3.5, 7. Heb. 2 10 Iam. 2.5.* 1. Pet. 1. 2, 3, 9, 18 and 5.10. 2. Pe. 1.3. 1. Ioh. 1.10. and 2.12. and 3.1. & 4 10, 19 Iude 21. Rev. 3.18. and 4.10, 11 and 21.6. and 22 17.

Messengers. The Kings wrath is as Messengers of death. Pro. 16 14 to be Preachers, Ministers, Angels, and Prophets.

Midwiues in Egypt feared God. Exod. 1.15, 17.*

Mightie. God is mightie and terrible. Deut. 10 17.

Christians weapons are mightie. 2 Cor. 10.4.

Company not with one that is mightier then thy selfe Eccles. 13.2.

Apostles mightie in the Scriptures. Acts 18 24, 26. 1. Cor. 1.12.

Of Dauids mightie men and worthies. 2. Sam 23 8.*

Mildewe, looke Blasting.

Milke. The land of Canaan flowed with milke and hony. Exod. 3.8. Deut. 32 13, 14.

Abraham set butter and milke before the ghests. Gen. 18.8.

Iael gaue Sisera milke to drinke. Iudg. 4.19

To whom the milke of the worde appertaineth. Heb. 5.12, 13, 14 1. Corinth. 3.1, 2, 1. Pet 2.2.

Mill-stone ought not to be taken to pledge, and why. Deut. 24 6.

Mind. The wicked are deliuered vp vnto a reprobate mind, and why. Rom. 1, 18. Isa. 57.20.

Christ hath giuen vs a minde to know the true God. 1. Iohn 5.20.

Wee ought to be like minded one to another. Rom 15.5 6.

Treasure of minde, see Labour.

We ought to be of that minde that Christ was of. 1. Pet. 4.1.

The mind of man is blame. Eph. 4.17, 18.

Mindfull. We ought not to be mindefull of wrong. Lenit. 19.18. looke Remember.

Ministers. What manner of men the ministers of the Temple should be. Leuit. 21.10.

Who so murmureth against Gods ministers, murmureth against God himselfe Exo. 16 2, 8.

God chose the house of Aaron to minister before him. 1. Sam 2.28. Elisha was the minister of Eliah. 1. Kin. 19.21. and Iohuas of Moses. Iosh. 1.1.

Iesus Christ came to minister and to giue his life for our redemption. Matth. 20.28. Marke 10.45.

Christ is the minister of Saints, and Bishop of Christians Heb. 8.1, 2.

Paul was a minister of the Gospel. Col. 1.25. so was Apostles. 1. Cor 3.5. and 4 1.

Paul a minister of the new Testament of Iesus Christ among the Gentiles. Rom. 15. 16. 2. Cor. 3.6 and 11 23 Col. 1.25.

Christ gaue instructions to the ministers of his word. Matth. 10.1.*

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The Ministers of the worde ought to feede the flocke. Iohn 21.15.

What Ioue true Ministers beare to the Church. Phil.1.1.*

How the minister should declare the woyde of God. 1. Pet. 4.11. and suffer persecutions. Mat. 10.24,25. John 15.20.

We ought to loue the ministers of ȳ word. 1. Thess 5.12,13. and honour them. 1. Tim. 5.17. and pray for them. Ephe. 6.19. Col. 4. 3. 2. Thess 3.2.

Ministers ought not to seeke their owne, but the honour of the Lorde Iesus. Phil. 2. 21. Neither ought they to bee couetous. 1. Tim 6.5. Titus 1.7.

Ministers of the worde ought to haue all things necessary. Matth. 10.10. Luke 10.7. Rom. 15.23. and 9.10,11,14. Gal 6.6. and 1. Tim 5.18. As Paul being in prison had. Phil 4.10,14,16,18.

We ought to pray for the encrease of labouring ministers. Matt. 9.38.

He that will be chiefe among Gods ministers, ought to be made their seruant. Matth. 20.26.27. Luke 22.26.

Ministers shall receiue according to their labour. 1. Cor 3.8,14.

Phebe a Minister of the Church of Cenchrea. Rom 16.1.

Against false Ministers, see False.

Ministers that tickle the eares with fables. 2. Tim. 3.6. and 4 3. Titus 1.10.

The Ministers vnworthy causeth religion to be contemned. 1. Sam 2 27.

God giueth his Ministers such vertues as are answerable to their vocations. 1. Sam. 10.9.

The holy Ghoſt speaketh by his Ministers. Matth. 18.20.

Death ought not to fray Gods Ministers from declaring the trueth. Iere. 26.12,to 16. Acts 18 9,10.

The office of Ministers. Ezek. 33.2. looke Priests and Preaching.

Ministring to the poore. Rom. 15,16,26. 1. Cor. 8.4. looke Almes.

The Ministerie of the worde is the preaching of the Gospel of the grace of Christ. Ephe. 4.12. Acts 20,24.

Miracles. God shewed Miracles, that he might be acknowledged the onely God. Exo. 7.3,4,5.

God wrought miracles by his Prophets. 2 Kin. 4.1,to 8.* and by Moyses Exod 4.3.5. and 7.21. and declared by miracles that he was with Ioshua. Iosh. 3.7.

The Father is glorified by the miracles of his Sonne. Matth. 15 31. Mar. 7 37.

Power of working miracles is the gift of Gods spirit. 1. Cor. 12.10. for to confirme his word. Marke 16.17 18.

No man could doe such miracles as Christ did, except God were with him. John 3.2.

Miracles are wrought onely by the power of Christ. Acts 3.12,16. and 9.34. Marke 16.17.

The Apostles prayed that they might worke miracles. Acts 4. 30.

Christ was approoued the Sonne of God by miracles. Acts 2.22.

The Gabeans seeing Christes miracles, beleeued in him. Iob. 4.53. so did other. Iob. 2.23 Matth. 12.15,22,23.

All glorified God for the miracle. Acts 4. 22,24. and turned to the Lord. Acts 9.35.

The first miracle that Iesus wrought. John 2.11.

The Apostles wrought many miracles. Acts 2.42. and 5.15.

God wrought no small miracles by the hands of S Paul. Acts 19 11.

By the miracles at Christs death the Centurion confessed him to be the sonne of God. Matth. 27 54.

The disciples should not reioyce, that they had wrought miracles, but that their names are written in heauen. Luke 10.20.

All the miracles of Christ are not written. John 20.30. and 21.25.

It was foretolde that seducers should worke miracles. Matth 24.23,24. 2. Thess. 2.9,10 Reuel 13.14. & 16.14.

Misorie of mind, looke Mone.

Mitigate. True repentance mitigateth Gods wrath. Ionah 3.5.*

I Moate in thy brothers eye. Matt. 7.3.

Mocked. Christ was mocked. Mat. 27.29. John 19 3. Marke 15.20. so was Elisha. 2. Kin. 2.23. and Dauid of Michal. 1. Sam. 19 17.

Eliah mocked Baal and his Prophets. 1. King. 18.27.

What men mocked Iob. Iob 30.1, to 15.

Men of high degree feare to be mocked. Iere. 38.19.

Of *Moderate* fare looke Diet.

Modestie required in a Bishop 1. Tim 3. 2. and in young men. Eccles. 32.8,9.

Money deliuered, looke Lending.

Vnto Money all things are obedient. Eccles. 10 19.

Moneth Abib, wherein the Israelites departed out of Egypt. Exod. 13 4.

The oblation for the first moneth. Ezek. 45.18.* and of the seuen first dayes of the seuenth moneth, &c. Num 29.2.*

Monuments. Why Monuments were and may bee erected. Iosh 4.6.* Looke Stones and Graue.

Mortall. The wise man counted himselfe mortall. Wisd. 7.1.

Morter vntempered. Ezekiel 13,15. and 22.28.

Mortification. 2. Col. 4.10,11,12. Col. 3. 5. Rom. 8.13.

Mother. Hee that honoureth not his mother, is accursed. Deut. 27.16.

Christ shewed who are his mother and brethren Mat. 12.47.* Mar. 3.34,35. Luke 8.20,21.

Christ commendeth his mother to Saint Iohn. Iob 19.26,27.

Rizpah shewed a mothers affection on Sauls seuen sonnes hanged. 2. Sam 21.10.

Of the grieuous punishment of the seuen brethren, and their mother. 2. Maccabees 7.1.*

The mother gaue her childe sucke three yeeres. 2. Maccab. 7. 27. looke Father, and Martyrdome.

Mother tongue most commodious to edifie withall. 1. Cor. 14 3,4.

Motions of sinne, while we are in the flesh, haue force to bring foorth in vs fruite vnto death. Rom. 7 5.

Moulten, looke Grauen.

Mount. Neither man nor beast might approach neere the mount of Sinai. Exod. 19. 12,13. and 14 3.

Eliah sate vpon the toppe of the mountaine. 2. Kings 1.9.

Of the woman which sate vpon 7. Mountaines. Reuel 17.9.

The Syrians blasphemed God, calling him the god of the mountaines, and therefore were destroyed. 1. King. 20.23,28,29.

The Mountaines shall dyop sweete wine. Amos 9.13. Ioel 3.18.

Christ taught vpon the Mountaine. Mat. 5.1,2.

Mourning. Christ mourned for the Iewes hard hearts. Mat. 3.5.

Samuel mourned for that God had reiected Saul. 1. Sam. 15.35.

Of feigned mourning of women. 2. Sam. 14.2,to 21. Iere. 9.17.

Of mourning and buriall of the dead. Gen. 5.5.* & 23.2.* & 35.8,9. & 35.29. and 37.34, 35. & 47.29,30. & 49 29.* and 50.1.* Leuit. 10.5.6. and 19.28 Numbers 19.11,14. and 20.28,29 Deut. 14 1. and 28.26. and 34.8. 1. Sam 18.37. & 16.1. & 25.1. & 31.12,13. 2. Sam. 1.11,12 & 2.4,5 & 3.31.* & 10.2,4. & 12.20,to 24. & 14 2.5,7 to 1.2,4 & 21.12. 1. King. 13.29,30,31. 2. Kin. 23.29,30. Iob 1.20,21. Iere. 34.4,5. 2. Esd 2.23. Tob. 1. 20. & 4.3.5. Eccles 22.10.11,12. and 38.30. 2. Mac. 12.52. & 13.25,26,27. 2. Mac. 12. 39.* Matt 9.23. Luke 7.12. Act. 8.2. & 9.37. looke Lamentation, Sorow and Weeping.

Mouth. God giueth man a mouth, and power to speake. Exod. 4.11.

The worde is neere thee, euen in thy mouth, and heart. Deut. 30.14.

God spake vnto Moyses mouth to mouth. Numb 12.8.

God put his words in the mouth of Christ, to declare vnto vs Deut. 18.18.

Iesus not hauing counselled with the mouth of the Lord, made peace with the Gibronites. Iosh 9.14.

To open the mouth to the Lorde, is to vow, which may not be done rashly. Eccles. 5.1. Iudg. 11.36.

Of opening the mouth. Mat 5.2. Acts 8. 35. and 10.18.

A froward mouth must Christians banish. Pro. 4.24. looke Heart.

I Mule. Salomon rode on a Mule. 1. Kin. 1.33.34. So did Absalom 2. Samuel 18. 9,14.

Be not like horse and Mule, which want vnderstanding. Psal 32.9.

Engendring of Mules first found by Anah. Gen. 36.24.

Multitudes ought not in all things to bee followed. Exod 23.2. Mat. 7.13. and 16.15. and 24.5. Luke 6.26. and 13 22,23,24 Iob. 6.60,65,67. Act. 1.15 and 9.27. and 28.22.

Great multitudes followed Christ. Matt. 15.30. and he fed them. Marke 8.1.2,to 10. taught them. Marke 10 1. John 6.1, 2.* and healed them all Matthew 4.23,24,25. and

ons 12.15. Mat.3.10. Luke 5.15. and 6.17, 18,19.

Murmuring to bee auoided in all things. Phil.2.14. 1.Cor.10.10. Wisd.1.11.

Murmurers were consumed with fire from the Lord. Num 11 1.

The murmuring Israelites are consumed by the hand of God. Num 26.41.*

The Israelites murmured for flesh Num. 11.1,4. because the water was bitter. Exod. 15.24. for want of water. Exod.17.1,2,3. Num.20.2,3 for bettle cheese. Exod.16 2,3. and for the want. Num.21.4,5.

Moses murmured against God. Num.11, 10, to 16. Aaron and Miriam against Moses. Num.12.1. and the people against Moses, after they heard there were Giants in the land of Canaan. Numb.13.34. and 14. 2,4.

Who so murmureth against Gods ministers, murmureth against God himselfe. Exo. 16.8.

Moses putteth them in remembrance of their murmurings. Num.33.8.

God threatneth the Israelites murmurings. Num.14.29,&36.

Of murmurers, looke more Mat.9 11. Lu. 5.30. and 15.2. and 19.7. Ioh.6 41,61. Rom. 1.31,39. Jude 16. looke Rebellion.

Murther abhorred of infidels Actes 28.4.

Law for murther. Num.35. 6.*

Punishment for murtherers. Reuel.21.8. looke Kill, and Manslaughter.

Muscke ought to be giuen eare vnto. Eccles.32 5,6,7.

Mustard. The increase of the Church taught by the parable of the graine of Mustardseed. Lu.13 19.

Myst went vp from the earth, and watered it at the beginning. Gen. 2 6.

Mysterie. The mysterie of our saluation is the Gospel reuealed in the Scripture. Rom. 16.25,26.

The mysterie of the Gentiles receiuing, reuealed to Paul. Ephes.3.4,6. Colossians 1.26.

The great mysterie, God manifested in the flesh, and iustified in the spirit. 1. Tim. 3. 2,16.

Cleannesse required before and after the communicating of Gods mysteries. 1. Sam. 21 5,6.

The mysterie of the great whore. Reuelat. 17.5.

The mysterie of iniquity. 2. Thes. 2.7. looke Secret

Myrre. Of Aarons myrre, looke Exod. 30. 28. and 28.39.

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Naked. Man before the transgression, was naked, and yet not ashamed. Ge. 2.25. but after he knew he was naked. Gen 3.7,11.

Saul being naked, prophesied with the Prophets. 1. Sam. 19.24.

The Israelites naked among their enemies, when they forsooke God, to honour the golden calfe. Exod. 32.25.

Nakednesse threatned to the disobedient. Deut. 28.48. Hos. 2.3.

Names giuen to all beastes and fowles by Adam. Gen 2.20.

Mothers were wont to giue Names to their children. Gen. 29.32. * & 30.24. Judg. 13.24.

The neighbours gaue name to Boaz child Ruth. 4.17.

The high Priests daughter that played the whore, polluteth the name of her father. Leuit. 21.9.

Iehoahs name famous throughout all the world, and why Ioh. 6 27.

A man ought to haue a regard of his good name. Eccles 41.12,13.

God made Dauid to haue a great name vpon earth. 2. Sam. 7.9.

The builders of the Tower of Babel, sought to get them a name vpon earth. Gen. 11.4.

To sticke by the name of the dead. Ruth. 4.10,11.

Names written in heauen. Luke 10.20.

God will put out their name from vnder heauen, that flatter themselues in wickednesse. Deut 29.20.

The Iewes are commanded to destroy the name of Amalek from vnder heauen. Deut 25 19.

To destroy idoles, and abolish their names. Deut. 12.3.

The name of God. Exod 3.14.

God reuealed not his great Name Iehouah, to Abraham, Isaak, and Iaakob. Exod. 6.3.

The name of God is a strong tower. Pro. 18 10.

Dauid ouercame Goliath in the Name of the Lord of hostes. 1. Sam. 17.45,49.

Gods Name is holy Lu. 1.49,51,52.

God exalteth the name of such as keepe his lawes Deut 26 19.

The place that God chuseth to put his Name there, is to be sought vnto. Deut. 12.5.

God will not forsake his people for his great Names sake. 1. Sam. 12.22.

The great Name of God heard ouer all. 2. King 8 41,43.

Dauid blessed the people in the Name of the Lord. 2. Sam 6.17,18.

Elisha cursed the children in the Name of the Lord. 2 kin. 24.

When men began to call on the Name of the Lord Gen 4.26.

Abraham called on the Name of the Lord. Gen. 12 8. and 13 4 so did Hagar. Gen. 16. 13. and Isaak Gen. 26.25. looke Calling.

Moses did publish the Name of the Lord. Deut. 32 3.

The Leuites blessed Israel in the Name of God. Deut. 10 8.

Eliah in the Name of the Lord, reedified the Altar. 1. Kin. 18. 30. 32.

Who so blaspheméd Gods Name, was stoned to death Leuit 24. 11,14,16.

Take not the Name of God in vaine. Exo. 20 7. Deut. 5 11.

Sweare by the Name of God, and not of idoles. Deut. 6 13.

Gods Name was in the Angel that guided Israel. Exod. 23. 20.

To put the Name of God vpon any, is to pray for him. Num. 6. 27.

Ioshua feared Gods name should be blasphemed, if Israel were ouercome. Iosh. 18 7. 9.

The false Prophet speaking in the Name of the Lorde, should die. Deuter. 18 20, 22. looke Poliure.

Name vsed for power. Matth. 7. 22. Iohn 1. 12. and 20. 31. Actes 3. 6. For dignitie. Phil. 2. 9.

Names put for men Reuel. 3. 4. Acts 1. 15.

A good name better then great riches. Prou. 22. 1. then a good ointment Eccles. 7. 3. and maketh the house fair Prou. 15. 30. and endureth for euer. Eccles. 41. 13.

Narrow is the way that leadeth vnto life. Matth. 7. 14.

Nations. God diuided to the nations their inheritance Deut. 32 8. Eccles. 17. 17

The Iewes aboue all nations, created to Gods glory. Deut. 26. 19.

Why God did roote out the nations by litle and litle. Deut. 7. 22. Iudg. 3. 1.

Moses for shame that all nations that resisted Iosshua, should be destroyed. Deuter. 3. 21.

The Nations are with God as a drop of a bucket. Isa. 40 15.

Christians are an holy nation. 1. Pet. 2. 9. Exo. 19. 6 looke Gentiles.

Nativitie, looke Birth.

Naturall by nature God spared not. Rom. 11. 21, 24.

The naturall men perceiueth not the things of the Spirite of God, and why. 1 Corinth. 2. 14.

We must first beare the naturall body before wee can rise the spirituall. 1. Corinth. 15. 46.

Timothie, Pauls naturall sonne, how. 1. Tim. 1. 2.

Nature taken both in ill and good part. Ephe. 2. 2. 1. Cor. 11. 14.

All men by nature are vaine and ignorant. Wisd. 13. 1.

Two natures in Christ. Matt. 1. 23. Iohn 1. 14 and 3. 13 and 6. 62. Acts 20. 28. Rom. 1 3 4. Phil. 2 6, 7.

Nayle. Iael driueth a nayle into Sisera his temples as he slept. Iudg 4 21, 22.

As a nayle in the wall sticketh fast, &c. so doeth sinne betweene selling and buying. Eccles. 27. 2.

Thomas would not beleeue till he sawe the print of the nayles of Christes wounds. Iohn 20 25, 27, 28.

Necessitie looke Scripture.

Needy of all things are named to the disobedient Deut. 28 48 looke Poore & Beggers.

Neighgenly, looke Cursed.

Neese, looke Sneeze.

Neighbours. We ought to bring home our neighbours Oxe or sheepe, &c. that goeth astray, if we know them to. Deut 22 1.

Euery man hath a commandement giuen him concerning his neighbour. Eccles. 17. 12.

Wee ought to lende to our Neighbours. Eccles. 29. 1, 2.

Neighbour, vsed for another man. Matth. 22. 39.

Those that contemne their Neighbours, reproue

reproueth. Mals.2.10.

Wee ought not to defame our neighbour. Eccius. 19.8.10.

Howe to reprooue our neighbour. Ecclus. 29.17. Leu 19.17.

Hee is our neighbour, that needeth our helpe. Lu.10 30,to 38.

Euery man must please his neighbour in that that is good to edification Roma.15.2. 1.Cor.10.24.

Loue of our neighbour fulfilleth the Law. Rom 13.8,9,10.

God threatneth destruction vnto ỹ Iewes euill neighbours, that trouble them. Jerem. 12.14.

A neighbour neere is better then a brother farre off. Prou.27.10.

Neast. The lawe for him that findeth a birds neast. Deut 22.6,7.

To set mans neast on high. Haba.2.9.

Net. The parable of the drawnet. Matth. 13.47,to 51.

The net of God, what. Ezek 12 13. and 17.20. and 32.3 Hose.7.12. and net of man, what. Hab.1.16. Hol.3.1.

New. The Israelites erected new gods. Deut.32.17.

Christians must be new creatures. Gal 6. 15. 2.Cor 5.17.

Newe heauens, and newe earth. 2.Peter 3 13.

Newnesse of life is the Spirit. John 3.6.

Wee ought to walke in newnesse of life. Rom.6.4. Acts 3.26. and 20.21. Gal.5.17.* Ephes.4.1. and 5.1,to 21. Col.3.1 * 8,16, 20.* 1.Thes.4.3.to 13. 1.Pet.1.23.and 2.9, to 13. 1.Iohn 2 3,to 7.

To serue God in newnesse of spirit. Rom. 7 6.

Wee must put on the newe man. Ephes.4. 24.

The New Testament. Heb.8 8,10.* and 10.16.17. Gen.3 15. Mat 26,28.

Paul an able minister of the New Testament 2.Cor 3.6.

The Newe commandement. 1.Iohn 2. 8. and 3 23.

Next of kinne. looke Custome.

Neyeth. Euery man neyeth after his neighbours wife. Ierr.5.8.

ℑ *Niggardnesse*, looke Couetousnesse.

Night. The parable of him that came to borrow bread of his friend at Midnight. Lu. 11.5,to 13.

The night was created by the worde of God. Gen.1.5.

Ioseph by night fledde into Egypt with Christ and Marie. Mat.2.14.

The shepheards watched their flockes by night. Lu 2.8.

Anna serued God night and day. Luke 2. 36,37.

Peter trauailed all night, and could get nothing. Lu.5.5.

Nicodemus came to Christ by night. Joh. 3.1,2.

The night commeth when no man can worke. Iohn 9.4.

If any man walke in the night, he stumbleth. and why. Iohn 11.10.

The Angel by night opened the prison doores, and brought the Apostles forth. Act. 5.19.and 12.6,to 11.

The night is past, and the day is at hand. Rom.13.12.

We are children of the day, and not of the night. 1.Thess.5.5.

Night deuided into watches. Matt. 14.25. and 24.43. Lu.12.38.

Night otherwise deuided. Mar.13,35. and 14 30. looke Day.

ℑ *Nobilitie* defiled by pride and foolishnes. Eccius.22.9.

Numbred. The Israelites meete for warre numbred. Num.1.3.*

None, put for very few. 1.Cor.2.8.

Nourishment, looke Foode and Meate.

Nose looke Eares.

Nourse. Naomi nourced Ruths childe Ruth.4.16.

Mothers ought to nourice their owne children. 2. Esd 8.10.2. Mac.7.27. looke Sucke.

ℑ *Nature*, see Correction and Discipline.

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Obedience God more esteemeth, then all sacrifices, & why. 1. Sam. 15.22,23. Eccles. 4.17. Hose.6.6. Jere.7.22.23.

We ought to obey the voice God. Exod. 15.26. Deut.30.20.

The people promised to obey Gods voice. Exod.24.3 7.

Blessing promised to those that obey God Deut.11.27.

Saul is reiected of God, because he obeyed not. 1. Sam.28.18.

Wee ought to bee obedient to those that helpe to aduance the Gospel. 1.Cor.16.16.

Christ obeyed his Father will vnto the death Heb 5 7,8. Phil.2.8. by whose obedience we are made righteous Rom.5.19.*

We ought to be obedient children. 1. Pet. 1.14.

We ought rather to obey God then men, Acts 5 29. and 4.19

Paul proueth the Corinthians obedience. 2.Cor.2.9. and reioyced thereat. 2.Corinth.7 13,14,15.

Obedience due to parents. Exod.20.12. Leuit.19.3. Deut.5 16. Tob.4 3.

Christ obeyed his mother and supposed father also. Lu 2.51.

We ought to obey those that haue the ouersight of vs. Heb.13.17. vpon paine of excommunication. 2. Thess 3.14.

We ought to obey Magistrates. Exo.22. 28. Rom.13.1,to 7. Deut.17.8,to 14.

The children of Israel were obedient to Iosh. Deut 34.9. Iosh.1.16,17.

Abrahams obedience praised of God Genes.22.3,16.*

The Gentiles obeyed the Gospel as soone as they heard it preached. 2. Samuel 22.45.

Obedience of the Rechabites praised and rewarded Jere.35.6.*

How God and his word must be obeyed before all things, and what profit we reape thereby. Gen.12.4.* and 17.1.* and 26.2.* Exod.1.15 * ℣ 19.5.* ℣ 22.22.* Leui.10.22. ℣ 26.3.4.* Deut.4.1.* ℣ 7.1 ℣ 11.27 ℣ 13. 4.* ℣ 18.9.* ℣ 21.8,9.* ℣ 27.10.* and 28.1,to 15. Josh 22.2.* 1.Sam. 12.8,9,* 2.King.10. 6.* 2.Chr.7.12.* Pro.1.8,9.* and 15.32.* Isa.48.17.* and 55.3.7. Jerem.11.3.* and 17.5,7,13,22.* Dan 3.17.* Hos.13 1,to 8. Ecclus.35.1.* 2 Mac.7.1,6.* Matth.4 19, to 23.and 7 21.* and 8.27.and 9 9. and 25. 35.* and 17.24.* and 23.3. Luk.5.4,to 12. and 10.3,to 21. John 2.7,to 11. Rom.16.19. 1.Thess 4.3.* and 5 10.*

Oblations, looke Offering.

Obligation, looke Endowing.

Obstinate. Destruction of the obstinate is prophesied. Ezek.6.11.* Jerem. 7.15,16. and 17.27. and 19.2,to 10. looke Harden and Stiffnecked.

ℑ *Occasion.* It came of the Lorde, that Samson sought an occasion against ỹ Philistims. Judg 14.2,4.

Sinne tooke occasion by the commandement, and wrought &c. Rom.5.8.

ℑ *Odour.* God willl not smel the sauour of their sweete odours, that disobey him. Leuit. 26.31.

ℑ *Offend.* Wee ought not to offend our weake brother for meates sake. Rom. 14.20, 21. or giue him occasion of falling. 1.Cor.8. 9.* and 10.32.

Christ foretolde his Disciples that they should bee offended by him. Matth 26.31. Mar.14.27.

Peter was an offence to Christ. Matth. 16.23.

Christ willeth vs to beware of offence. Matth.18.6,to 10.

Paul is tormented in spirit for the offences of other. 2.Cor.11 29.

Not to be offended for persecution. John 16.1.to 4.

Some of Christes disciples offended at his preaching. John 6.61.65,66.

The Pharises were offended in hearing Christ Mat.5.12.

Happy are they that are not offended at Christ. Matt.11.6.

The Nazarites offended with Christ, and why. Mat. 13.57 Mar.6.4. Luk 4 22.24.

The godly are an offence to the wicked, Exod.10.7.

Whatsoeuer doeth offend vs, we ought to auoide. Exod.34.12 to 18. Deut.7.2,3,4,5, 16.25,26. and 13.6.* Matth.5 29,30 and 16.22,to 27. Mar.9.43,to 48. Rom.16,17, 18.

Offering done without leauen. Leui.6.15, 16.17.

The offering for sinne done by ignorance. Num.15.24 to 30. Leuit.4.2.*

All meate offering must be seasoned with salt. Leuit.2 13.

Offering of beasts. Leuit 3.1.*

The offerings of the princes at the dedication of the Tabernacle Num 7.2.*

Offrings of euery solemne feast day. Num. 28.2.* and of the 8. first dayes of the 7. moneth. Num. 29.1.*

God esteemeth not the offerings of the obstinate. Jere.14.12. Eccius.34 18.

Christ was offered once for vs. Heb.7.27. and 9.26. and 10.12.

The pure offering of the Gentiles. Mals. 1.11.

We ought to offer vnto God onely. Exod. 22.20.

20.20. Leuit. 7.3, to 10.
Men ought not to offer vnto God any vile thing. Mat. 1.8, 13, 14. looke Sacrifices.
Office of any man maketh not his prayer or sacrifice acceptable to God. Mal. 1.9.
Of Oyning Oyle. Exod. 30.23, to 34. looke Anoint.
Olde Testament abolished with Christs Priesthood. Heb. 8.3, 13. looke Testament.
Of Eli his house should neuer bee olde man. 1. Sam 2.32.
Olde aduterer, looke Aduterer.
The olde man his person is to bee honoured. Leuit. 19.32.
The olde in vnderstanding shal flourish in the Church. Isa. 65.20.
The olde way the best way. Iere. 6.16.
Olde commandement, see Loue.
Old men with his workes we ought to put off. Coloss. 3.9. and crucifie, and why. Rom. 6.6.
Olive. The Olive refused to reigne ouer other trees. Iudg. 9.9.
Wilde Olives ingrafted, ought not to boast against the naturall branches. Rom. 11.14, 17, 18.
One heart, and one way expounded. Iere. 32.39. Ezek. 11.19. and 36.26, 27.
We we Iew or Grecian, man or woman, all are one in Christ. Gal. 3.28.
Christ prayeth his Father, that all the faithfull should be one. John 17.21.
All that beleeued were of one heart and one soule. Acts 4.32.
Onely. God is our God onely. Deu. 32 39.
The Lord only or alone led the Israelites Deut. 32.12.
God onely deliuereth out of tribulation. 1. Sam. 10.19 gouerneth all things. 2. Esd. 6. 6. is onely good. Lu. 18.19. onely wise. Rom. 16.27. is only to be serued and feared. Deut. 10.20. and 6.13. Mat 4.10.
Christ the onely begotten sonne of the father. John 1.14. and 3.16. and 1. Joh. 4.9.
Onely beleeue. Luke 8.50.
The elect onely beleeue. Acts 13.48.
Of Open. Elisha prayed God to open the eyes of his enemies. 2. King. 6.20.
Men ought to open out hand to our poore brother. Deut. 15.8.
God opened the wombe of Leah. Genes. 29.31.
Pauls mouth was open to the Corinthians. 2. Cor. 6.11. Looke Mouth.
Operations of the holy Ghost are diuers, and diuerlly bestowed. 1. Cor. 12.6, to 12.
Opportunitie, looke Time.
Oppresse. Thou shalt not oppresse thy brother. Leuit. 19.13.
Samuel an vpright Iudge, and neuer oppressed any 1 Sam. 12.3, 4, 5.
None comfort the oppressed. Eccles. 4.1.
Against oppression. John 5.8, 9. and Mal. 3.5 looke Wrong, Defraud, and Vsurie.
Opprobrious Hee that is accustomed to opprobrious speech, will neuer bee reformed. Eccius. 23.15.
Of Ordained vnto eternall life. Acts 13.48.
Order. All things ought to be done honestly and by order. 1. Cor. 14.40.
Hezekiah before he died was willed to put his house in an order. 1. Kings 20.1. which was vnder to Aleimus. 1. Mac. 9.55.
Ahithophel put his house in order, and hanged himselfe. 2 Sam. 17.23.
Of the land where is none order, looke Job. 10.22.
Other things will I set in order when I come. 1. Cor. 11.34.
Ordinance, see Abolish.
Of publike ordinances. Psa. 16.11.
Against wicked decrees and ordinances. Isa. 10.1, to 5.
Organs inuented. Gen. 4.21.
Original sinne, see Sinne.
Orphanes, see Fatherlesse.
Of Ostrich, & of his nature. Job 39.17, to 22
Of Othe. God hath kept his Othe with the posteritie of Abraham, Isaak, and Jaakob. Deut. 7.1, 8. Josh. 21.43. Lu. 1.73, 1076. as he promised. Gen. 15.18. and 26.3.
Isaak and Abimelech tooke an othe each of other. Genes. 26.28, 29.31. so did Jaakob and Laban. Gen. 31.50.*
Howe Abraham tooke an othe of his seruant. Gen. 24.2, to 9.
Saul bound the Israelites with an othe. 1. Sam. 14.24.
Saul fulfilled the othe made to the Gibeonites. 2. Sam. 21.2.
Othes are to bee performed. Numbers 30.3.
When the Iudge shal take an othe. Exo. 22.10, 11.
An othe is the ende of all strife. Heb. 6. 16.
God bound himselfe with an othe. Heb. 6. 17, 18. Isa. 54.9, 10.
Othe abused. Matth. 23.16.* and 26.63, 72. Mat. 6.26 Acts 23.12.
Peter with an othe and cursing, denyed he knew Christ. Mat. 26.72, 74. Mat. 14.66, to 71.
Herods rash othe. Mat. 14.7, 9.
Shimei put to death for breaking his othe. 1 Kings 2.36, 37, 42.*
The chiefe of Israel in the name of the rest receiued an othe to walke in Gods law. Neh. 10.29.*
Diuers formes of othes. Gene. 22.16. and 42.15. and 47.31. 1. Kin. 19.2. Judeth 1.12. Looke in Periurie and Sweare.
Of Owe, looke Loue.
Outward, looke Appearance.
Outward man. 2. Cor. 4.16.
Of Oxe that goreth, what shalbe done therwith. Exod. 21.28, 35, 36.
The offring of oxe or bullocke. Leu. 3.1.
Saul hewed a yoke of oxen in pieces, and why. 1. Sam. 11.7.
The oxe ought not to bee muzzled, that treadeth out the corne. Deut. 25.4 1. Cor. 9. 9, to 15.
The Iewes might eate the flesh of oxen. Deut. 14.5, 16.
Oxen in the Temple, vnder the molten Sea, 1. Kings 7.23, 24, 25. 2. Chronicles 4. 3, 4.
Of Oyle, looke Debts.
The holy oyle Exod. 30.23, to 26.
The mouth of a strange woman more soft then oyle. Pro. 15.3.

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Of Pacified. How God may bee pacified. Dan. 4.24.
Painted. Jezebel painted her face. 2. Kin. 9.30.
Palsie healed by Christ. Matth. 9.2, 6, 7. and by Peter. Acts 9.33, 34.
Alcimus being striken with the palsie that he could not speake, died miserably. 1. Mace. 9.55, 56.
Parable of Nathan to Dauid. 2. Sam. 12. 1, to 5. of the Thistle and Cedar. 2. Chro. 25. 18. of Gods vineyard the Iewes. Isai. 5.7. of the two Egles. Ezek. 17.3, 7. * of the seething pot, and Ezekiels wife being dead. Ezek. 24.3, 16.
Iesus spake nothing to the multitude without Parables, and why. Matth 13.13. which he expounded to his Disciples. verse 18.36.
The Parable of childe piping in the market place. Mat. 11.16, to 20. Of the vncleane spirit that returneth worse then he went out. Matth. 12.43, 44, 45. Of the sower. Matth. 13.3. Of the tares. verse 24.25. Of the graine of mustard seede. verse 31. Of the leauen. verse 33. Of the treasure hid. verse 44. Of the precious pearle. verse 45.46. Of the drawe net. verse 47. to 51. Of the Publicane and Pharisie. Luke 18.9 to 15. Of the two sonnes. Matth. 21.28. Of the figge tree. Matth. 24.32. Of the threfe. Matth. 24.43. Of the talents. Matth. 25.15. Of the tenne virgins. Matth. 25.1, to 14. Of the Samaritane. Luke 10.30. to 38. Of the rich man. Lu. 12.16, to 21. Of the fruitlesse figge tree. Lu. 13 6. to 10. Of the prodigall sonne. Lu. 15.11.* Of the Steward. Luk. 16.1, to 9. Of the wicked iudge and the widow. Luk. 18.1, to 9. Of the candle light. Matth 5.15. Luk. 11.33. Of the house built vpon the sande. Matth 7.26. Of the lost sheepe. Matth. 18.2. Of the vnmercifull seruant. Matth. 18.28. Of the labourers in the vineyard. Matth. 20.1. Of the vineyard hired foorth. Matth. 21.33. Of the King that made the mariage. Matth. 22.2. Of the faithfull and naughtie seruant. Matth 24.45.48. Of the seede that groweth and increaseth. Mat. 4.27. Of the importunate friend. Luk. 11 5. Of the strong man armed. Luk. 11.21. and of the piece of sliuer lost. Lu. 15.8.
Of the signification of a parable. Lu. 8.10.
Parables are darke speeches. Psal. 49.4. and 78.2.
Parable for prophesie. Nu. 23.7. for a iest. Habac. 2.6. looke Prouerbe.
Paradise vnknowen. 2. Esd. 4.7 looke Eden in the first Table.
Pardon looke Forgiue.
Many sometimes pardoned for a few goodly. Genes. 18.24, 32. and 19.21. yea for one. Iere. 5.1.
Against Pardons and Purgatorie. Isai. 1. 18. and 57.1, 2. and 43.25. Ezek 18.26, 27, 28. Hose. 13.14. Psal. 51.7. and 103.11, 12. Eccles. 9.5, 6. and 11.3. Wisd. 3.1, 2, 3. Ecclus 14.14, 16. Tobit. 3.6. Matth. 7.13, 14. and 25.46. Mat. 3 29. Luke 16.23, 26. and 23.42. 43.46. John 3 18, 36. and 5.24, 29. and 17.24. Acts 7.59. Rom. 8.1. Gal. 6.10.

Phil.1.21,23.1.Thess.4.13. 2.Tim.4.7,8. Heb.9.14,27. 1.Ioh.1.7. Reu.14.13. looke Purging.

Parentage. How in old time was exacted the right of Parentage Ruth 4.1,7.

Parents must bee honoured, obeyed, and helped. Exo.20.12. Deut.5.16. Ephes 6.1,2. Mat.15.4.

We ought not to curse or smite our parents. Exod.21.15,17.

Those that pelpited their parents, are lex raptines. Ezek.22.7,10,15.

Parents are commanded to shew their children how they were deliuered from Pharaohs tyrannie. Exod.13.7,10,15.

Parents and childrens duetie wherein it consisteth. Psal.78.5,6,7,8. looke Father and Children.

Parishioners must render double honour to their spirituall fathers. 1.Timothie 5,17, 18.1.Corinth.4.2,15. and be carefull to sit the seede of Gods word bee vnfruitfull in them. Mat.13.3,* 10,18,24. * looke Children and Hearers.

Partakers of Christs sufferings. 1.Pet.4. 13.

Wee are made partakers of Christ, if we persist in faith. Heb.3.14.

Partridge. Saul hunted Dauid, as one hunteth a Partridge. 1.Sam.26.20.

The couetous resembled to Partridges. Ieremi.17.11.

Passion of Christ. Zech.13.7. Matth.26. 31.*

Passeouer celebrated and kept vnder Ezra. Ezra 6.19,20.

When, with what order, and what oblations the Passeouer was celebrated. Exod.12. 2,to 29. and 13.3.to 11. and 23 15. and 34. 18. Deut.16.1. Ezr 45.18 21. how Christians must keepe the feast of Passeouer. 1.Cor. 5.8.

Ioseph and Mary went yeerely to Ierusalem at the Passeouer. Luke.2.41.

Christ kept his Passeouer with his disciples. Mat.26.17,18,19.

Our Passeouer Iesus Christ was sacrificed for vs. 1.Cor.5.7.

Wee must alwayes continue the memorial of the Passeouer. Exod.12.14.

Wee ought to eate the Passeouer, how and where. Exod.12.43.44.45.

The solemnitie of the Passeouer is commanded. Leu.23.2,5.

The Passeouer commanded to be celebrated againe, and the punishment of the neglecters thereof. Num.9.2,5,13.

The Passeouer kept by Iosiua. Iosh.5.9, 10. by Hezekiah. 2.Chron.30.1.* by Iosiah. 2.Kin.23 21,22 23. and no Passeouer from Samuels dayes kept like his. 2.Chron.35. 18.19.

Pastime. Hee that loueth pastime, shall bee a poore man. Pro.21.17. looke Play.

Pastor. Christ the chiefe Pastor promised. Ezr.36.25.26. Ier.23.5.*

Against false pastors which seduce ỳ people. Ier.12.10. and scatter and destroy the sheepe of Gods pasture. Ier.23.1 to 5. looke Watchmen, Bishops, and Shepherds.

Patience. God is the God of patience and consolation. Rom.15.5.

God by his patience and long suffering, leadeth vs to repentance. Rom.2.4.

After Gods long patience commeth his wrath. Rom.9.22.2.Pet.3.9,15.

The prophets are set before vs for examples of long patience. Iam.5.10.

The patience of Iob, and Tobit. Iob 2.10 Tob.2.10.and 3.2.

The praise of patience. Pro.16.32.

We ought to bee patient, not seeking reuenge. 1.Thess.5.14,15. Col.1.11.

Loue is patient. 1.Cor.13.4,7.

Christians haue needs of patience, and vnto. Heb.10.36.

Faith being exercised with afflictions, engendereth patience. Rom.5.3. Iam.1.3. and patience experience. Rom.5.4.

Paul reioyceth of the Thessalonians patience. 2.Thess.1.4. and suffered persecution himselfe patiently. 2.Cor.4.11,12,13.

Our patience must bee made perfect through good workes. Iames 1.3,4.

Who bring forth good fruit with patience. Luke 8.15.

Aduersitie in youth traineth vs vnto patience. Lam.3.27.

By your patience possesse your own soules. Luke 21.19.

Our patient minds ought to bee knowen to all men. Phil.4.5.

Patriarke expounded. Heb 7.4.

The Patriarkes came of the Iewes. Rom. 9.5.

Iaakob begate the twelue Patriarks. Act. 7.8,9.

Of the Patriarke Dauid. Acts 2.29.

Peace be with you, or vnto you, a kinde of salutation. 1.Samu 25.6. Genes.43.23. Iudg.19.20. Luke 24.36. John 20.19.

Goe in peace, a kinde of leaue giuing. 1. Sam.1.17. Luke 7.50. and 8.48.

God is the author of peace. 1.Thess.5.23. 1.Corinth. 14.33. Rom 15.33. and Christ is our peace, and preacher thereof. Ephes.2. 14,17.

Peace, for reconciliation between God and man. Act.10.36. for quietnesse of conscience. Luke 2.14. for sake and sound. 1.Cor.16.11. for true ioy and felicitie. Mat.10.13. Luk.1. 79. and 19.42.& 24 36. Ioh.14.27. Rom.1.7 and 8.6.

Paul exhorteth the Corinthians vnto peace. 2.Cor 13 11.

We ought to haue peace with all men, as much as lieth in vs. Rom.12.18. Ephe.4.2. Heb.12.14.1.Pet.3.11.2.Tim.2.22.

Moses would haue set peace between two Hebrewes. Exod.2.13.

Paul wisheth to all Christians peace. Rom.15 13. Ephe.1.2.2.Thes 3.16.

Wee ought to pray vnto God for peace. Num.6.26.

Hezekiah reioyceth that hee should enioy peace in his dayes. 2.Kings 20.19.

Peace betweene Salomon and Hiram. 1. Kings 5.12.

Peace in Israel all Salomons dayes. 1. Chr.22.9.1.Kin.4.24.

The Lord gaue peace to the Israelites in Iosiua his dayes. Iosh.22.4.

Peace in the Church. Actes 9.31. Isai.66. 12.

When men shal say peace, sudden destruction shall come. 1.Thess 5.3.

If peace bee offered a citie, and accepted, it must be spared. Deut.20.10,11.

Israel forbidden to make peace with Moab and Ammon. Deut.23.6.

Gideon called his Altar, The peace of the Lord. Iudges 6.24.

The Lord promised peace to his people. Hos.14.4.*

Peace of heart by Iesus Christ. Psal.46. 8,9.

Peace in the Church. Isa.66.12.

Peace in heauen, and glorie in the highest places. Luk.19.38.

Glorie to God, and peace in earth, see Glorie.

The faith of Christ bringeth peace of conscience. Rom.5.1,2.

The peace of Christ passeth all vnderstanding. Phil 4.7.

Ierusalem knew not what belonged to her peace. Luk.19.42.

The peace of God ought to rule in our hearts. Col.3.15.

Peace on the house of those that receiue Gods ministers. Mat 10 13.

The doctrine of Christ bringeth peace to those that suffer afflictions. John 16.33.

Christ left peace among his disciples. Ioh. 12.27.

Samuel was asked if he came peaceably. 1.Sam.16.4.

Abraham to buy peace, resigned his right to his nephew. Gene. 13.8.

Iosephs brethren could not speake peaceably to him, and why. Gene.37.4.

Be peaceable. 1.Thess.4.11.

Peacemakers the children of God. Matth. 5.9.

The inward peace betweene God and the beleeuing by Christ. Isa.2.2,to 6.9 9.2,to 8, and 11.1. * Hos.2.18.* and Mich 4.1.* Zec. 9.9.* Lu.24.25,to 50. Ioh.14.27, and 16.33. and 22 19. Acts 10.36.

Peculier. Christians a peculiar people, and holy nation. 1.Pet.2.9. Tit.2.14. looke Precious.

Pelecans vnlawfull for the Iewes to eate of. Deut.14.17.

Penance, looke Amendement.

Pence. One breeng forgiuen 10000 talents, would not forgiue an hundred pence. Mat.18.24.*

Two pence giuen to the hoste, to relieue the wounded man. Luk.10.35.

Penne. A measure of wheate for a pennie. Reuc.6.6.

Of the lost pennie. Luke 15.8.

People. God hath not cast away his people which he knew before. Rom.11.2.

Two manner of people in the wombe of Rebekah. Gene.25.23.

God tooke the children of Israel, to be his people. Exod.6.7. Deut 4.7.1.King.8.51.

God appointed a place for his people Israel. 2.Sam.7.10.

Israel promiseth that they will bee Gods people. 2.Kings 11.17.

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The people tempted at the foot of mount Sinai. Exod. 19. 21.

The people murmured in despaite of entring into the land of promise. Num. 14. 1, 2. and 13. 32.*

The people of Canaan not all destroyed, but made tributaries. Judg. 1. 27, 30, 33.*

The wickednesse of the people. Ezek. 22. 29 who neither regarded God nor his word. Jere. 6. 19.

The people of the land, what tyrannie they vse. Ezek. 22. 29.

Gods people are alwayes charged with breach of lawes, and diminishing princes profits. Ezr. 3. 8.

Two manner of people God abhorreth. Eccles 50. 25, 26.

Of Gods people, see Church.

Perfect is the worke of the mighty God. Deut. 32. 4.

If thou wilt be perfect, sell that thou hast, &c. Matth. 19. 20, 21.

Whosoever sinneth not in word, is a perfect man. Jam. 3. 2.

Perfect in Christ Jesus. Col. 1. 28.

We ought to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Matth. 5. 48.

Paul exhorteth vs to perfection. Heb. 6. 1. Cor. 1. 10.

The Lawe could bring nothing to perfection. Heb. 7. 19.

Perfume, The confection or making of the perfume. Exod. 30. 34, 35.*

Perill, see Danger.

Periurie forbidden. Lenit. 19. 12.

Against Periurie, untruth, light and false othes Exo 8. 8, 15, 25, 28, 32. & 9. 27, 28, 34, 35. & 20. 7 Leu. 5. 1, 4. & 24. 11. to 17 1. Sa. 4 6, to 18. 1. Kin. 8. 31, 32. 2. Chr. 36. 13 Hosh. 4. 2 Zech. 5. 4. & 8. 17 Mal 3. 5. and 4. 1. Eccles. 23. 9, 10, 11. and 27. 14. 1. Mac. 6. 61, 62. and 7. 15, 16 and 11. 9, to 19. & 3. 47, to 49. 2. Mac. 4. 7.* and 12. 3, 4. Matt 5. 34, to 38. & 26. 69 *Marke 6. 23, to 30. looke Othe, and Swearing.

Pearle, see Parable, and Swine.

Persecution commeth by Gods appointment. Psal. 39. 9.* and therefore we are armed against the same Matt. 10. 17.* and 24 9, 13. Joh. 5. 18 20.* and 16. 1, 32.*

Who so will liue godly in Christ, shall suffer persecution. 2. Tim. 3. 12.

Whom persecution withdraweth from the true profession of Gods word. Mat. 4. 17.

Being persecuted in one citie, wee may flee to another. Matth. 10. 23.

The ministers of Gods word ought not to feare persecution, and why. Matth. 10. 28.

The Lord deliuered S. Paul from many persecutions. 2. Tim. 3. 11.

Paul suffred persecution patiently. 1. Cor. 4. 12. & the Lord deliuered him. 2. Tim. 3. 11

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for righteousnesse. Matth. 5. 10.

Great persecution against the Church. Acts 8. 1. 1. Pet 1. 1.

We ought to pray for those that persecute vs Mat. 5. 44. Rom. 12 14. 1. Cor. 4. 12. 13.

Gods iudgements vpon Persecuters. Amos 7. 17.

The Prophets complaine against wicked persecuters of the iust. Habak. 1. 2.* 2. Esdr. 16. 62.*

A prayer against those that persecute the Church. Eccles. 36. 1, to 18. see Affliction, and Tribulation.

Persuere in the faith. John 15. 4.

God will confirme the faithfull in persevering vnto the end. 1. Cor. 1. 8. see Continue, and Endure.

Persons. We ought not to haue respect of persons in iudgement. Lenit. 19. 15. Deut. 1 17. and 16. 19. Pro. 24. 23.

God receiueth all such as obey his word, without regard of person. Isa. 56. 3, to 9.

God accepteth no mans person. 1. Sam. 26. 7. Actes 10. 34. Ephes. 6. 9. Job 34. 19. Mal. 2. 7. Eccles. 35. 12, 13. Rom. 2. 11. Gal. 2. 6. Col. 3, 25. 1. Pet. 1. 17. Deut. 10. 17. 2. Chr. 19 7.

No respect of persons among Christians. James 2. 1, to 12. looke more Pro. 18. 5. and 28. 21. Matt. 22. 9, 10, 39. Rom. 10 12, 13.

Pestilence threatned to those that disobey Gods Law. Lenit. 26. 25. Deut 28. 21. 1. King. 8. 37. see Blasting.

Dauid of three plagues chose the Pestilence, and why. 2. Sam. 24. 13, 14, 15. which ceased, when he had sacrificed. verse 25. See Plague.

Perswaded. A man throughly perswaded in truetth, ought to bee stedfast therein. 2. Tim. 3. 14.

¶ Pharise. Paul was a Pharise. Act. 23. 6. What the Pharises and Sadduces differ in. Actes 23. 8.

The Pharises were blinde. Joh. 9. 39, 40.

The Pharises would haue none to beleeue in Christ. Joh. 7. 48.

The Pharises and Scribes taught the people without authoritie. Matt. 7. 29. Luke 4 32. Mat. 1. 22.

The Pharises reproue Christ and his Apostles and why. Matth. 9. 11, 14. and 12. 1, 2. Luke 5. 33.

The Pharises consult howe they might destroy Christ. Matth. 12, 14. and giue charge, that if any man knew where hee was, hee should bewray him. John 11. 57.

The Scribes and Pharises sit in Moses chaire. Matth. 23. 2. 3.

The Pharises sent officers to apprehend Christ. John 7. 32.

A Pharise bade Christ to dinner. Luke 7. 36.

The Pharises asked the man that was borne blinde, how hee had receiued his sight. John 9. 15, 17.

The Pharise and Publicane pray in the Temple. Luke 18. 10, to 15.

The Pharises & Sadducees are called generations of vipers. Matth. 3. 7. hypocrites and serpents. Matt 7. 5. & 23. 13, 33. theeues and robbers. John 10. 8.

The Pharises are rebuked by Christ. John 8 7. by Steuen. Actes 7, 51, 52. by Paul. Acts 23. 3, 6 Phil. 3. 2.

The Pharises mocke Christ. Luke 16. 14.

Phials or pots for the Temple. 2. Chro. 4. 11.

Philosophie ought to bee taken heede of. Col. 2. 8.

Physicians ought to be honoured, and why. Eccles. 38. 1, to 9.

Physicians could not heale the woman's bloody fluxe. Marke 5. 25, 26.

Asa sought not to God, but to Physicians in his sicknesse. 2. Chr. 16. 12.

¶ Pietie, see Godlinesse.

Pillar. A cloudie Pillar by day, and a fiery by night, directed the Israelites. Exo. 13. 21 Num. 14. 14. Deu. 1. 33. Psa. 78. 14. 1. Chr. 10. 1.

God appeared to Moses in the pillar of a cloud. Deut 31. 15.

The pillars of the Tabernacle. Exod. 27. 10, 11.

The two pillars of brasse for the Temple, and forme of them. 1. King. 7. 15, 41.

James, Cephas, and John were counted pillars in the Church. Gal. 2. 9.

Piped, see Parable.

Pitch. He that toucheth pitch, shall be defiled therewith. Eccius. 13. 1.

Pitchers of the 300. men that were with Gideon Judg. 7. 16.*

Pit, see Digge.

Rozah, &c. went downe quicke into the pit. Num. 16. 30, to 34.

Pitie. Peter willed Christ to pity himselfe. Mat. 16 22. see Mercie and Compassion.

¶ Place. Not lawfull for the Iewes to offer in euery place Deut. 12. 5, to 15.

Plagues, see Amendment.

Plagues are sent for contemning Gods word and preachers. Jere. 29. 18, 19.

God plagued the Egyptians, that they might learne that he was the only true God. Exo. 7. 1.* & 8. 1.* & 9. 1.* & 10. 1.* & 12. 1.*

Plagues sent vpon the disobedient. Deut. 21. 15.* see Curses and Blasting.

No end of plagues to the euill man. Prou. 24. 20.

In all plagues God reserueth a remnant, to declare the cause of his punishment. Eze. 12. 16.

It is a plague for a rich man not to haue a liberall heart. Eccles. 6. 2.

To know the plague in our owne heart, is to confesse our selues sinners. 1. Kin. 8. 38.

Played. The Israelites played before the golden calfe. Exod. 32. 6, 19.

Samson played before the Philistims. Judg. 16. 25, 26. 27.

Dauid, and others played on instruments before the Arke. 2. Sam. 6. 5.

Dauid was a cunning player on an harp. 1. Sam. 16. 16, 17, 18, 23. and a sweet singer 2. Sam. 23. 1.

Manslaughter counted a play with souldiers. 2. Sam. 2. 14, 15, 16.

Planted, God planted the Garden of Eden. Gen. 2. 8.

God planted Israel in the mountaine of his inheritance. Exod. 15. 17.

God promised to plant this people, that they shall moue no more. 2. Sam. 7. 10.

He that planteth a vineyard, may eate of the fruit. 1. Cor. 9. 7, to 15.

Paul planted, & Apollos watered. 1. Cor. 3. 6.

Euery plant which his heauenly father hath not planted, shalbe rooted vp. Mat. 15. 13.

Ballars plants shall take no deepe roote, and why. Wisd. 4.3,4,5.

Plate. The plate for the holy crowne was of pure gold. Exod. 39.30. and set vpon the forefront of the Miter. Exod. 28.36,37.

Please. Samuel pleased, and was in fauor both with God and men. 1 Sam. 2 26.

Euery man ought to please his neighbour in that that is good to edification. Rom. 15.2

Those that goe about to please men, serue not Christ. Gal. 1.10.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11.6.

God is well pleased in his Sonne. Matt. 3.17. and 17.5. 2. Pet. 1.17.

Three things please God. Eccius 25.1.

Pleasure. All things created for Gods pleasure. Reuel. 4.11. see Resist.

Pledge. Iudah gaue Tamar a Pledge. Gen. 38.17,18.

When Pledges shall be restored. Exod. 22. 26,27.

What ought not to bee taken to pledge. Deut. 24.6,17.

We may not take any pledge by violence, nor sleepe with it. Deut. 20.10, to 14. looke Earnest.

Plentie is an argument of Idolaters, for their religion. Jer. 44 17,18,19.

Plentifulnesse. Want of Plentifulnesse, is to be imputed to our sinnes. Hagge. 2.17, 18.20.

Plow not with an Oxe and an Asse together. Deut. 22.10.

Plough. Of him that putteth his hand to the Plough, and looketh backe. Luke 9.62. looke Tillage.

Pollute. Those that offer their children to Moloch, pollute the name of God. Le. 18 21 and 20 2,3. so doe the periured. Leu. 19.12.

Pollution comming by night, how it was purged Deut. 23.10,11.

The *Poole* Bethesda. John 5.2.

Poore among vs, and why. Deut. 15.4,5, 11. Matt. 26.11. John 12.8.

Wee ought not to turne our eye from the poore. Eccius 4.1,5, to 9. but be carefull of them. Deut. 15.7, to 11. 2. Cor. 8.7,9.* and 9.1.*

Lending to the poore, see Lending.

He that stoppeth his eares at the crie of the poore, shall crie himselfe, & not be heard. Prou. 21.13.

Paul laboured to relieue his owne necessitie, and other poore brethren. Acts 20.34.

The reward of relieuing the poore. Mat. 25 40. Luke 16.9.

Wee ought to bid the poore to our feasts, and why. Luke 14.13,14.

God hath chosen the poore of the worlde, which are rich in faith. Iam. 2.5.

We ought to giue to the poore cheerefully, and why. Rom. 12.8. 2. Cor. 9.7.

Paul was willed in his preaching to the Gentiles, to be mindeful of the poore at Ierusalem. Gal. 2.9,10.

Pauls care for the poore Saints. 1. Cor. 16.1,2,3.

The liberality of those of Macedonia and Achaia toward the poore Saints. Roman. 15.26.

Poore mans pledge, see Pledge.

Iudges ought not to respect the rich more then the poore. Exod. 23.3. 1. cult. 19.15. nor ouerthrow the right of the poore Ex. 23.6.7.

The poore must bee relieued, not oppressed. Pro. 22.2,7,9,16,22.

Against oppressors of the poore. Amos 5. 11.* Eccius. 5.7.

Wicked magistrates regard not poore mens suites: but he that doeth, his throne shalbe stablished. Pro. 29.2,4,7,14.

The poore labourers hire must not be detained. Deut. 24.14,15.

God rayseth the poore out of the dust. 1. Sam. 2.8. and exalting the poore, punisheth the hautie. 2. Sam. 22 28. Luk. 1.48,51,52.

The children of the Prophets were poore. 2. Kin. 6.1,2. so was the widow of Zarephath 1. King. 17.9, to 17.

We may not oppresse or mocke, but haue mercie on the poore, and why. Prou. 14.31. and 17.5.

The godly poore, better then the wicked rich. Pro. 28.6. Psal. 37.16,17, to 23.

What a poore man that oppresseth the poore, is like. Prou 28.3.

God hateth the poore man that is proud. Eccius. 25.2.

Blessed are the poore in spirit. Matt 5 3. Luke 6.20.

The poore receiue the Gospel of Christ. Matth. 11.5.

Elisha helped the poore. 2. King. 4.1, to 8.

He that hath mercie on the poore, lendeth vnto the Lord. Pro. 19.17. & shall not lacke. Prou. 28.27.

God regardeth the poore. Iudg. 6.15,16. and is their strength. Isa. 25.4.

Poore and rich, by nature both alike. Nehemiah 5 5 Eccles. 9.3.

Wee are willed to bee liberall vnto the poore, and why. Eccles 11.1.

We must be content with our state, bee it poore or rich. Phil. 4.11.

What poore men God regardeth. Isa. 66. 2, see Widow.

The comfort of poore men. Mark. 10.28, 29,30. Luke 9.23, to 27.

Better is a poore wise childe then an old foolish king. Eccles. 4.13.

Powerie and shame to him that refuseth instruction. Pro. 13.18.

Powerie with the feare of God, is commendable. Pro. 15.16,17.

He that is fallen into powerie, ought to be relieued. Leuit. 25.35,36,37.

The Philippians relieued Pauls powerie. Phil. 4.10,14,16.*

In prosperitie thinke vpon powerie. Eccius. 18.24. see Competent.

Powerie and riches are of the Lord. Pro. 14.31. Eccius. 11.14.

Christ his powerty. Matt. 8.20. Luke 2.7, 12.16. and 9.58.

Porch of Salomon. Acts 3.11. called the great court 2. Chr. 4.9. & taken for the Temple where Christ preached. Mat. 21.23.

Porters ordeined. 1. Chr 26.1.*

Portion. The Lords portion is his people. Deut. 32.9.

Elkanah gaue portions to his wiues, and children. 1. Sam. 1.4.5.

Possible. If it be possible, haue peace with all men. Rom. 12.18.

Christ prayed that if it were possible, that houre might passe from him. Matt. 14 35.

If it were possible, the very elect should be deceiued. Mat 24.24. Marke 13.22.

If it had been possible, ye would haue giuen me your eyes. Gal. 4.15.

All things are possible to God. Gen. 18. 14. Matth. 19.26. and him that beleeueth. Marke 9.23.

Posterus, looke Seede.

Pot. Ezekiel prepared a pot. Ezek. 24.3. see Phials.

Potter. We are in the Lords hand, as clay in the potters. Jer. 18.6. Rom. 9.21.

Power of God vanquisheth the enemie, not worldly helpes. Isa. 31.8,9.*

God is of power and might. Deut. 10.17. His power is not diminished. Isa. 50.2. Yet would haue it knowen to all. Isa. 53.1.

Pharaoh resisted, that Gods power might be knowen. Exod. 9.16.

All power shall bee taken from those that disobey God. Deut. 28 32,33.

Mans strength is onely in the power of God, as may appeare by Nineuah & Hannah. 1. Sam. 2.9. and Samson. Judg. 16.20.

Wee may not attribute our riches to the power of our handes, but to the mercie of God. Deut. 8.17,18.

The Gospel is the power of God vnto saluation. Rom. 1.16.

The preaching of the crosse, is the power of God. 1. Cor. 1.18.

Paul approueth himselfe a minister of God, by ye power of God. 2. Cor. 6.4,7. which was annexed to his preaching. 1. Cor. 2.4,5.

Paul had power to edification, not to destruction. 2. Cor. 13.10. Which wrought in him mightily. Col. 1.29.

We are preserued by the power of God, vnto saluation. 1. Pet. 1.5.

Gods powe. is made perfect through weakenesse. 2 Cor. 12.9.

God ministreth to vs the power of his spirit by faith. Gal. 3 5.

To bee endued with power from on high. Luke 24 49.

Nicanor trusteth to his power, and Iudas in God. 2. Mac. 15.25,26.

Mans anger is according to his power. Eccius 28.10.

We ought not to burthen our selues aboue our power, in keeping company, and why. Eccius. 13.2, to 15.

Powers All powers are ordayned of God. Rom. 13 1. Wisd. 6.3.

We must obey them for conscience sake, & Rom. 13.5. 1. Pet. 2.13,14.17 Titus 3. 1. Looke Kings, Princes, Iudges and Magistrates.

Prayer. Christ prayeth for vs, and obteineth whatsoeuer we aske in his name. John 16.23,24,26.

Christ prayeth for the Apostles, & all that should beleeue through their preaching. Joh. 17.9,20.* and for Peter, that his faith should not faile. Luke 22.32.

Before wee pray, wee must forgiue, else God

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God will not forgiue vs. Mar. 11. 25, 26.

By the examples of the ſonne and the importunate friend, Chriſt exhorteth vs to pray in hope. Mat. 7. 7, to 13. Luke 11. 5, to 14.

Wee ought to pray with the ſpirit and vnderſtanding. 1. Cor. 14 15.

Wee know not what to pray as we ought, but the ſpirit maketh requeſt for vs. Rom. 8. 26, 27.

John Baptiſt taught his diſciples to pray, and ſo did Chriſt. Matth. 6. 5, 9, to 16. Luke 11. 1, to 5.

The Canaanite woman prayed to Chriſt. Mat. 15. 22, to 29. Mar. 7. 25, to 31.

Iſhak prayed to the Lord to make his wife fruitfull. Gene. 25. 21.

Iaakob prayed God to deliuer him from Eſau. Gene. 32. 9, 10, to 13.

God heard the prayers of Leah and Rahel. Gene. 29. 31. and 30. 6, 22.

Dauid prayed God to pardon his ſinne. 1. Sam. 24. 20. and to bleſſe his houſe. Chap. 7. 25.

Moſes in prayer beſeeched God to ſhewe him his glory. Exo. 33. 18. & that he might go ouer into the land of promiſe. Deu. 3. 25, 26.

Eliiah prayed for raine. 1. Kings 18. 42.

Dauid prayed that the counſell of Ahithophel might bee turned into fooliſhnes. 2. Samuel 15. 31.

We ought to pray in the holy Ghoſt. Iud. 20, 21.

We muſt pray continually, and why. Luk. 21 36. Rom. 12. 11, 12. Epheſ. 6. 18, 19. Col. 4. 2, 3.

Paul prayeth for the increaſe of loue. 1. Theſſal. 3. 12. Phil 1. 9. and knowledge of Gods will. Col. 1. 9.

Moſes and Aaron pray God to puniſh only the rebels. Num. 16. 22.

Samſon prayeth God to reſtore his former ſtrength. Iudges 16. 28.

Naomi prayed God that his fauour & reſt might be on her two daughters in law. Rut. 1. 8, 9.

God commaunded the Iewes to pray for the life of Nabuchodonoſor, and the proſperitie of Babylon. Jere. 29. 7. Baruch. 1. 11.

Hezekiah prayed God to ſend him aide againſt the king of Aſſhur. 2. Kings 19. 15, to 20.

Samuel prayed for the Iſraelites againſt the Philiſtims. 1. Sam. 7 8, 9.

Joſhua prayed and mourned before the Lord, becauſe the Iſraelites were diſcomfited. Joſh. 7. 6, to 10.

Moſes prayed God to bee with him in gouerning and leading the people. Exo. 33. 13.

Eliſha prayed that his enemies, ſent to apprehend him, might bee ſmitten with blindneſſe. 2. King. 6. 18.

Hannah prayed for a childe. 1. Sam 1. 10, to 19.

Jehoahaz prayed, and was deliuered from the king of Aram. 2. King. 13. 4.

Salomon prayed the Lord, that whoſoeuer did pray in the Temple, might be heard. 1. Kings 8. 30.

Paul prayed for Timothy night and day. 2. Tim. 1. 3.

Pray one for another: the prayer of the righteous auaileth much. James 5. 16.

We ought to pray for kings, & for all men. 1. Tim. 2. 1, 2.

Wee ought to pray for them that ſinne not vnto death. 1. John 5. 16.

Abraham prayed for the Sodomites. Gen. 18. 23. * and for Abimelech. Gen. 20. 17, 18.

Moſes prayed for the Iſraelites 40. dayes and 40. nights. Exo. 32. 11, to 14 Deu. 9. 25, 26. * that God would pardon their incredulitie. Numb. 14. 13, to 20. or raſe him out of the booke of life. Exod. 32. 31, 32.

Pharaoh prayeth Moſes to pray vnto God for him. Exod. 8. 8, 28. and 9. 28. and 10. 17.

The Iſraelites pray Samuel to pray for them. 1. Sam. 12. 19.

Moſes prayed God to forgiue Aarons idolatrie. Deut. 9. 20, 21.

Aaron prayed Moſes, that hee would pray vnto God to helpe their ſiſter Miriam of the lepry. Num. 12. 10. *

Aaron prayed for the people, & the plague ceaſed. Num. 16. 47, 48.

Manoah prayed, and why. Judges 13 8.

Hezekiah prayed Iſaiah to pray to God for the Iſraelites againſt Sanecherib. 1. kin. 19. 2, 3, 4.

If any bee afflicted, let him pray. James 5. 13.

At the Prophets prayer, Jeroboams hand was reſtored. 1. Kings 13. 6.

Samuel being diſpleaſed with the people for craning a king, gaue himſelfe to prayer. 1. Sam. 8. 6.

Moſes prayed for þ idolatrous Iſraelites, albeit God forbad him. Exod. 32. 10, 11.

The prayer of two or three gathered together in Chriſts name, ſhall obtaine. Mat. 18. 19, 20.

Prayer is a lifting vp of the heart to God, with aſſured truſt to be heard. Pſal. 25. 1, 2. and 86. 4. and 143. 8.

The houſe of prayer ought not to bee prophaned. Mat. 21. 12, 13.

God is neere to all that call on him by faithfull prayer. Deut. 4. 7.

We may not vſe vaine repetitions in our prayers. Mat. 6. 7.

The prayer which Chriſt taught his Apoſtles. Mat. 6. 9, to 14. Luke 11. 2, to 5.

Jeſus Chriſt ſpent all the night in prayer vnto God. Luke 6. 12.

The Apoſtles, with other faithfull, continued with one accord in prayer. Actes 1. 13, 14. and 2. 42.

Widowes in deed, doe truſt in God, and continue in prayers day and night. 1. Tim. 5. 5.

The Church made earneſt prayer vnto God for Peter. Acts 12. 5.

God being ouercome by daily prayer, deliuered the Iſraelites from their enemies. Iudges 10. 1, 13, to 17.

Of the place where the faithfull were wont to pray. Acts 16. 13.

S. Paul and his company were going to prayer. Acts 16. 16.

The prayer of the Apoſtles. Act. 4. 29, 30.

The prayer of the faithfull ſeruant of Abrahom. Gene. 24. 12, 13, 14.

Eliſha by prayer raiſed his hoſteſſe ſonne to life. 1. Kings 5. 7, 20, 22. * The like did Eliſha. 2. King. 4. 33, to 37.

The prayer of the people for mercie at Gods hand. Jere. 14. 7, to 10.

The prayers of faithleſſe people God regardeth not. Jere. 14. 10, 11.

The prayer of the Apoſtles at the election of Matthias. Acts 1. 24, 25.

We ought to ſhew our requeſts vnto God by prayer. Phil 4. 6.

Watch and pray, leſt ye enter into tentation. Mat. 26. 41.

Thoſe that bee humbled with afflictions, are conſtrained to haue recourſe to God by prayer. Leuit. 26. 40, 41.

Jehoſhaphat fearing his enemies, had recourſe to God by prayer. 2. Chr. 20. 3, 6, to 13

Eliiahs prayer vnto God to ſend fire from heauen to deſtroy Ahaziahs meſſengers. 2. Kings 1. 10, 12.

To pray, for giuing of thankes. 1. Sa. 2. 1.

God heareth the prayer of the poore and oppreſſed. Gen. 16. 11. & 21. 17 Exo. 2. 23. * & 3. 7. & 6. 5. & 22. 23, 27. Deut 4. 29, 30. & 15 9. 1. Sam. 9. 16. & 12. 8, to 12. & 22. 7. 1. Kin. 17. 1. 2. King. 20. 2, to 8. 2. Chro. 32. 20, 22. & 33. 1, 13. 2. Eſay. 15. 8, 9. Judeth 4. 9. to 14. Eccliu. 4. & 21. 5. and 35. 17, 18. and 48. 20, 21. Pſal. 3. 4. & 4. 3. & 9. 9, 10, 18. & 17. 6. & 18. 6. & 20. 1, 4. & 21. 24. & 50. 15. & 55. 16, 19. & 86. 5, 7. * & 116. 1, 2. & 145. 8, 18, 19. Iſai 30. 18. and 55. 1, 2, 3, 6. Jere. 29. 12.

God will not heare the prayer of ſome. 1. Sam. 8. 18. Pſal. 18. 41. Pro. 1. 28, 29. & 15. 29. and 21. 13. and 28. 9. Iſa. 1. 15. Jere. 7. 16 and 11. 11, 14. and 14. 11, 12. Ezek. 8. 18. & 14. 14, 16, 18, 20. Mich. 3. 4. Jer. 7. 13. Eccliu. 34. 20, 27. Heb. 12. 16, 17.

Of the maner of the ſaints prayers. 1. Kin. 8. 22, to 60. 2. Chr. 6. 12. * & 14. 11. Ezr. 9. 5. * Nehe. 1. 4. * and 2. 4. Iſa. 33. 2. & 37. 16, to 21 & 64. 1. * Jer. 32. 17, to 26. Lam. 5. 1. * Dan. 9. 3, to 20. Jona. 2. 1. * Tob. 3. 1, * 7, 11, to 16. Judeth. 9. 1. * & 16. 13, to 18. Eſt. 14. 2. * Wiſ. 9. 1. * and to the end of the booke. Eccliu. 51. 1, to 13. and 23. 2, 7. and 36. 1, to 18. 1. Macc. 4. 30, to 34. 2. Mac. 1. 24, to 33.

Of perſeuerance in prayer. Mat. 15. 23, 27. and 20. 31. and 26. 44. Luk. 18. 1. and 21. 36. 1. Theſſ. 5. 17. Col. 4. 2. Act. 1. 14. and 2. 42. and 16 2. Rom. 12. 12. Ephe. 6. 18. 1. Tim. 5. 5. 2. Tim. 1. 3. 1. Pet. 4. 7.

Praiſe. God is our praiſe, and ought to be praiſed of vs. Exod. 15. 1.

The praiſe of the Creator, how farre it exceedeth. Eccliu. 43. 23, 30.

God choſe the Iſraelites to excel all others in praiſe, name and glory. Deut. 26. 18, 19.

God is worthy to bee praiſed, and why. Deut. 32. 41.

The Iſraelites praiſed God, and why. Joſh. 22. 33.

Hannah praiſed God, for making her fruitfull. 1. Sam. 2. 1, to 11.

Salomon praiſed the Lord, becauſe he had finiſhed a Temple vnto his name. 1. King. 8. 15, 18, 19, 20.

Dauid praiſed God, for promiſing that the Meſſias ſhould deſcend of him. 2. Sam. 18. * and for the victories which he had ſent him. 2. Sam. 22. 1, 3. *

The Apoſtles continued in the Temple praiſing and ſauding God. Luk. 24. 52, 53.

The people ſeeing Chriſt his miracles, praiſed God. Luke 18. 43.

God hath predeſtinate vs to the praiſe of his glory. Ephe. 1. 4, 5, 6.

They which beleeued, praiſed God. Act. 2. 46, 47.

Wee muſt offer to God the ſacrifice of praiſe. Heb. 13. 15.

Euery man ſhal haue praiſe of God, when the counſels of the hearts ſhall be made manifeſt. 1. Cor. 4. 5.

Another man ought to praiſe vs, and not our ſelues. Prou. 27. 2.

Praiſes vnto God ought to bee ſung with vnderſtanding, and why. Pſalm. 47. 7. looke Bleſſe, Giue thankes, and Song.

Prattler, looke Babler.

Pray, looke Spoile.

Preaching. Chriſt preached in a ſhip. Mat. 13. 2. Mar. 4. 1.

God promiſed that hee would ſend Preachers of his word. Iſa. 30. 21.

Of Preachers ſent to ſhew the glad tidings of the Goſpel. Iſa. 2. 5.

Before Iſaiah began to preach, hee was purified by the Lord. Iſa. 6. 5, to 11.

Jeſus commanded the Goſpel to be preached to euery creature. Mar. 16. 15.

None ought to preach except hee be ſent. Rom. 10. 15.

Preachers ought to ſpeake nothing, but as the word of God doeth teach them. 1. Peter 4. 11.

The Apoſtles preached in the Temple, and from houſe to houſe. Act. 5. 20. 21, 42.

Chriſt willeth him that was healed by him, to preach what God had done vnto him. Mark 5. 19, 20.

Preachers ought to put their brethren in remembrance of their duetie. 2. Pet. 1. 12.

Who ſo preacheth any thing beſide the Goſpel of Chriſt, is not to be entertained. 2. John 10.

Wee ought to receiue and relieue Preachers. 3. John 8.

The Apoſtles preached what they had heard and ſeene. 1. John 1. 3.

Falſe Preachers and their puniſhment. 2. Pet. 2. 1, 2, 3.*

Paul ioyed that the Goſpel of Chriſt was preached, howſoeuer. Phil. 1. 18.

Chriſt preached alwaies openly. John 18. 20.

Preachers ought to beware of vſurped authority. 1. Pet. 5. 3.

What a Preacher and his office is. Eccle. 1. 1.

God ſpeaketh by his Preachers. Jerem. 7. 26.

The wicked ſeeke to ſlander the godly Preacher. Jerem. 18. 18.

Whether the people will heare or no, the Preachers muſt ſpeake. Jer. 7. 27. Ezek. 2. 5, to 11. and 3. 9, 11, 17. and 33. 2.* 18, 19.*

Contempt of Gods word and Preachers plagued. Jerem. 29. 18, 19. The contrary recompenſed. Jerem. 39. 18.

Preachers muſt rebuke, not flatter ſinne. Lam. 2. 14.

What a Preacher ought to pray for. Col. 4. 3. 4.

They that heare not Gods Preachers, are not of God. 1. John 4. 6.

True Preachers teach out of the Scriptures. Acts 28. 23.

Preachers are called fiſhers. Ezek. 47. 10. and watchmen, and why. Ezek 3. 17. and 33. 2.

Preaching is a gift of the holy Ghoſt. 1. Cor. 12. 10.

At Peters firſt preaching were added to the Church 3000. ſoules. Act. 2. 41. at his ſecond preaching the Church was numbred 5000. Actes 4. 3.

Of the preaching of Paul. Act. 13. 14.* & what was the effect thereof. 1. Cor. 2. 1, 2.

The preaching of S. Paul was trueth, & no wauering doctrine. 2. Cor. 1. 18, 19, 20.

God by the fooliſhneſſe of preaching, ſaueth beleeuers. 1. Cor. 1. 21.

Againſt vnpreaching Paſtours. Pſal. 50. 16, 17. Prou. 27. 23. & 29. 18. Iſa. 42. 19 and 56. 10, 11. and 58. 1. Jer. 1. 7, 8. & 23. 1, 2, 3 48 10. Eze. 3. 18, 20. & 13. 3, 4, 5. & 33. 7, 8. & 34. 2, 3, 10, 18.* Hoſ. 4. 6, 8, 9. & 6. 9. Amos 8. 11. Mal. 2. 7. Zech. 11. 17. Matt. 5. 13, to 17. and 10. 27. & 28. 19, 20. & 25. 14, to 31. Luk. 10. 2. and 12. 42, 43, to 49. and 14. 28.* & 16. 2. Act. 20. 28 John 10. 13. & 21. 15, to 18. Rom. 10. 14, 15. 1. Cor. 9. 14, 16. Phil. 2. 21. 2. Cor. 12. 14. 1. Tim. 4. 16. Tit. 1. 9. Heb. 13 7, looke Prophets, Biſhops, Miniſters, Paſtors, Interpreting and Prophecying.

Predeſtination admitteth no pleading with God. Rom. 9. 20.

Whom God hath predeſtinate, he calleth, iuſtifieth, and glorifieth. Rom. 8. 30.

God hath predeſtinated vs according to his will and purpoſe. Eph. 1. 5, 11. and therefore vnto vs all things worke for the beſt. Rom. 8. 28.

The predeſtinate cannot be damned. Joh. 10. 28, 29. Rom. 8. 31.*

Of predeſtination and reprobation, looke more Ezod. 7. 3 and 33. 19. Pſal 33. 12. and 65. 4. & 147. 19, 20. Pro. 16. 4. Iſa. 41. 9. Jer. 1. 5. 2. Eſd. 5. 23, to 28. and 6 1, to 11. Matt. 7. 13, 14, 23. and 20. 16. and 24. 22. & 25. 34, 41. Luk. 10 20. Joh. 10. 26, 27. and 12. 39, 40 and 13. 18.* 15. 16.* 17. 10, 12. Act. 13. 48 and 22. 14. Rom. 8. 29, 30. and 9. 11,* 14, 20. to 24, 27. and 11. 5, 7, to 10. 1. Cor. 2. 7. Eph 1. 4, 5, 11. 2. 10. 1. Theſ. 1. 4. 2. Theſ. 2 13. 2. Tim. 1. 9. and 2. 19, 20. 1. Pet. 1. 2. and 2. 8. 2. Pet. 1. 10. 1. John 2. 19. Reue. 13. 8. looke Elect, Choſen, and Reprobate.

Prepare thy ſelfe before thou pray. Eccle. 18 22.

John Baptiſt was ſent to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1. 17.

Preſent. looke Gift.

Preſumption Hee that preſumptuouſly reſiſteth iudgement giuen according to Gods law, ought to die. Deut. 17. 11, 12.

The preſumption of the Corinthians. 1. Cor. 4. 6.

Preſumption, how it hath been forbidden, tranſgreſſed and puniſhed. Gen. 3. 6. 16. and 11. 4, to 10. Exod. 5. 2. and 14 8.* Num. 15. 30. Deut. 1. 43, 44. 1. Sam. 9. 18. and 17 8, 9.* 2. King. 18. 19. * & 19. 10.* 14. 35, 36, 37. Job 22. 13, 14 Prou. 6. 16, to 20. and 13. 10. and 15. 25. and 16 5, 18. and 18. 12. and 29. 23. Iſa. 3. 16.* and 9. 13.* and 10. 13.* and 14. 11, to 17. Jer 48. 26.* and 49. 4, 16 Eze. 28. 2. & 31. 10. Dan 4. 32.* Obad. 3. Mal. 2. 17 Tob. 4 13. Jude. 2. 2, 4, 5, to 14. and 6. 1, to 12. and 13. 8.* Eccle. 10. 7. and 2. Mac. 9. 4, to 19. Luk. 1. 18, 19, 20. & 10. 15. and 14. 11, 16, to 25. and 18. 10, to 15 and 22 3, to 7. Acts 12. 21.* Rom. 11. 20, 21. 2. Tim. 3. 1, to 10. 1. Pet. 5. 5. Looke Pride.

Precious was the word of God in the latter dayes of Eli. 1. Sam. 3. 1.

The ſoule of Saul was precious in the eyes of Dauid. 1. Sam. 26. 21.

Precious in the ſight of the Lorde is the death of his Saints. Pſal. 116. 15.

Preuent. Salomon would haue preuented Gods determination, but could not. 1. King. 11. 40 and 12. 2, 3.

Price. Chriſtians are bought with a price, and therefore ought to be Gods ſeruants only. 1. Cor. 6. 20 and 7. 23.

Abraham would not take the field without paying the price thereof. Gene. 23. 9, 13.

Pricke. Saint Paul was diſquieted with a pricke in the fleſh. 2. Cor. 12. 7.

Pride. Paul reproueth the pride of the Corinthians. 1. Cor. 4. 19.

God breaketh the pride of men, which diſobey him. Leuit. 26. 19. and ſcattereth them in the imaginations of their hearts. Luke 1. 51.

Dauids zeale counted of his brother Eliab, pride. 1. Sam. 17. 28.

God deferred to puniſh the Iſraelites, leſt their enemies ſhould waxe proude thereby. Deut. 32. 26.

Chriſt reproueth the pride of the Scribes and Phariſes. Mat. 23. 2, 4, to 8. and of thoſe that couet to ſit in chiefeſt places at feaſtes. Luke 14. 8.

A prayer againſt pride Eccius. 23 4, to 7. Prou 30. 7, 8.

Pride is the originall of ſinne. Eccius 10. 12, to 20.

The proude man ſhall be conſumed. Iſai. 29. 20 Hab 2. 5.

Pride engendreth ſtrife. Prou. 13. 10.

It is perilous to bee familiar with the proude. Eccius. 13. 1.

God deſtroyeth the houſe of the proude Prou. 15. 25.

Hee is proude, that doteth about ſtrife of wordes not being content with the doctrine of the Goſpel. 1. Tim. 6. 3, 4.

God reſiſteth the proude, and giueth grace to the lowly. James 4. 6.

Wee ought not by pride to eſteeme better of our ſelues then of other, but contrariwiſe. Phil. 2. 3.

The deuil is the king ouer the children of pride. Job. 41. 25.

Pride goeth before deſtruction. Prou. 16. 18. and 18. 12.

The proſperitie of the wicked maketh them proude. Job 21. 7, to 17.

The pride of the heart of the vngodly will deceiue them. Obad. 3.

Warne

Mardocheus refuſed not to honour Haman of pride, but for conſcience ſake. Eſt. 13.13,14.

God is able to abate the pride of princes, Dan.4.34.

The pride of theſe latter dayes proſpheſied of.2.Eſd.8.50. 2.Tim.3.1,2,4. Looke Preſumption and Ambition

Prieſtes were either ſuch as did ſacrifice in the firſt tabernacle, or entred once a yeere into the holieſt place. Heb.9.6,to 9.

What the high Prieſt ought to obſerue before hee entred into the Sanctuary. Leuit. 16 2.*

The Prieſts did eate the reſidue of the oblations. Leuit.10.12.

When the Prieſts might not drinke wine. Leuit.10.9.

The maner of conſecrating the Prieſtes. Exod.29.1,to 33.

Who were meete to receiue Prieſthood, and who not. Leuit.21.17.*

The high Prieſt might marrie a maide, or els none. Leuit.21.13 14.

Of Prieſts and Leuites, & of their offices. 1.Chro 9.2.* 2.Chron.19.8,9,10.their portions in the land of promiſe. Ezek.48.9.10.

God was the Prieſts inheritance, & therefore they lined of the ſacrifices. Deut.18.1,2.

Cauſes of great importance were brought before the Prieſt. Deut.17 8,9.

Gods covenant with the Prieſts was of life and peace, and that their lips ſhould preſerue knowledge. Mal.2.4.to 8.

The Prieſts bare the Arke, going before the people. Joſh.3.6.

The king ought to receiue the law at the Prieſts hands. Deut.17 18,19,20. and therefore Jehoaſh was taught by Jehoiada the Prieſt.2 Kings.12.2.

Joſhua gouerned by the counſell of the hie Prieſt. Num.27.21,22.

The Prieſts daughter playing the whore, muſt be burnt. Leuit.21.9.

Jeroboam made Prieſts for money. 1.Kin. 12.31.

Salomon ſpared Abiathar, becauſe hee was the Lords Prieſt. 1.King.2.26.27.

No more Prieſtes of Eli his ſtocke, looke Eli in the firſt Table.

Iſrael long without Prieſt to teach, and without law. 2.Chron.15.3.

The Philiſtims Prieſts doubted whether their plague was of God, or by fortune. 1. Sam 6.2,9.

Dagons Prieſts tread not on the threſhold of his temple. 1.Sam.5 4,5.

Eliiah ſlayeth Baals prieſts. 1.Ki 18,40. ſo did Jehu.2.Kings 10 25.

The craft of Bels Prieſts detected Dan. 14.10,to 23.

Pharaoh prouided for his Prieſtes in the famine Gen.47.22.

The Prieſts kitchin. Ezek.46 20.

Againſt Prieſts. Oſe.5.1. that contemne God and his name. Iere 2.8 and of their couetouſneſſe. Mal.1 6.8.and 2.1.1.Iſa.3.14.

Of the vncertitudineſſe of the Prieſt and Leuite Luke.10.31 32.

The Prieſts conſult howe to put Chriſt to death. Matth.26.3,4.

Chriſt was deliuered to Pilate by the enuie of the hie Prieſts. Matth.27.18.

Chriſt commanded the leper to ſhew himſelfe to the Prieſt. Matth.8.3,4.

Prieſts obedient to the faith. Acts 6.7.

Mattan, Baals Prieſt ſlaine. 2.Ki.11.18.

Of the Prieſts of the ſecond order. 2.King. 23.4.

Wherein the Prieſts offended. Eze.22.26.

The hie Prieſt, wherefore hee was ordeined. Heb.5.1.and 8.3.

Like people like Prieſts. Iſai.24.2. Oſe.4. 9.and 6 9. And ſuch Princes ſuch Prieſts. 2. Chr.13.9.

Chriſt the euerlaſting hie Prieſt after the order of Melchiſedech. Heb.5.6. and 7.8,24, 25.and 6.20. Wherefore reade 1.Sam 2.35. Pſal.110.4. Jere.33.18.Zech.6.11.* Hebr. 2.17. and 3.1 and 7 15,16,17. and 8 6. and 9.11.and 10,10,to 15.

The faithfull are Prieſts. Exod.19 6. Iſai. 61.6.and 66.21. Jer.33.21. Pſal.131.9,16. offering ſpirituall ſacrifices. Rom.12.1. 1. Pet.2.5 Reue.1.6.

The Prieſt of Midian had ſeuen daughters. Exod.2.16.

Sith the Prieſthood is changed by Chriſt, there muſt be a change of the law. Heb 7 12

Jaſon obteineth the high Prieſthood by Simonie. 2 Mac.4.7,to 11. looke Elder, and Sacrifice.

Princes are Gods Miniſters, and why. Rom.13.1,3,4.

The eſtates of Princes are changed, and why. Job 12.17,to 22.

An exhortation to the Princes and gouernours of Iſrael. Eze.45.9.

Againſt Princes that oppreſſe the poore. Amos 4.1.* & like in pleaſures. Amos 6. 1.*

The Lord reproueth the Princes of Jeruſalem, and why. Zeph 3.3.

Againſt the tyrannie of Princes. Eze.22. 27. Mich.3.1,9.*

Wicked Prince, wicked ſeruants. Pro.29. 12. Eccleſ.10 2.

The Princes of this worlde crucified the Lord of glorie. Act.3.17,18. and 1.Cor.2.8.

The portion of the Prince in the lande of promiſe. Ezek.45.7. and 48.21. and of his and the peoples offerings. Ezek.43.16,17. and 46.4,to 19.

Paul preached not the wiſedome of Princes. 1. Cor.2.6,7.

The Prince of this worlde is caſt out. John 12.31.

The deuill is the Prince that ruleth in the aire. Ephe.2.2.

The Princes of Salomons officers were fiue hundred and fiftie. 1.King 9.23.

Princes ought to eate in time, for ſtrength, and not for drunkennes. Eccles 10.17

Princes may & ought to deale in matters of religion, as well as in ciuill cauſes. Deu. 13. 13.* & 17.18,19. Joſh.3.6.& 9.6. 2.Sam.5. 6,21. 1.Chr.13.1,2,3.& 15.1,11,16.* & 16. 4 2.Chr 8.14,15 & 17.6,to 10.& 19.8. & 20. 3. 1.Kin.2.35.& 5. 2 Kin.18,4. & 23 4,5, 14,21,to 25. 2.Chro.29.2,5 15,18.* & 30.1, 2 * Pſal.2.10 Iſa.49 23.Matt 22.21. John 10.34. Rom.13.1,to 8. 1.Tim 2.1,2,3. 1. Pet.2.13,14,17.

The example of a Prince procureth the ſubiect to imitate. 2 Sam.3.35,36.

The euill of the ſubiects, the Prince muſt account his owne. Eſt.8.6.

Chriſt a Prince Acts 5.9.

Princes ought not to gather much treaſure. Deut.17.16,17,19,20.

God ſtirreth vp the ſpirit of Princes to doe his will. 2.Chr.36.22.

Princes the authors of wickednes. Ezra 9.2.

Princes companions of theeues. Iſa.1.23.

Princes wherein they offend. Ezek 22.27.

Princes otherwhiles abuſed by thoſe that are about them Eſt.16.6.

God is the preſeruer of Princes and kingdomes. Eſt.16.16.

He that is fauoured of the Prince, is ſoone in fauour with the ſubiect. Eſter 9. 3. looke King, Iudges, Magiſtrates, and Powers.

Principalities ſpoyled by Chriſt. Col.2.15 who is the head of all principalitie & power. Col 2.10.

Principles of Gods word. looke Word.

Priſon. Michaiah the Prophet of God put in priſon 1.Kin 22.27 ſo was Paul.2 Cor. 11.23.Acts 16,23.and Peter. Act.12.4. and others. Acts 5 18.

The Iaylour of the priſon beleeued, and was baptized. Acts 16 23.33.*

Paul perſecuted Chriſtians, & put them in priſon Acts 8.3.

Chriſt preached to the ſpirits in priſon. 1. Peter 3.19.

Priſoners, how they ought to be comforted. Gen.14.14,to 17. 1.Sam.30.3,to 9. Jere. 31.7,to 11. Tob.1.16,18. Matth.25.36,43. Acts 12.12. 2.Tim.1.16,17,18. Hebr.13, 3.

Proceſſion of Bacchus. 1 Macc.6.7.

Prodigalitie forbidden. Pro.5.9,10. looke Exceſſe.

Profit. The gifts of the ſpirit are giuen to profit withall. 1.Cor.12.7.

What God requireth at our hands, is for our profit. Deut.10.12,13.

Profitable, looke Indifferent.

Prolong. By keeping Gods commandements, a mans life is prolonged. Deut. 11. 8,9 Exod.20.12.

Promiſes. We ought to credite Gods promiſes. 2.Chro.20.20.as did Abraham. Gene. 24.7.

God performed vnto the Iewes all his promiſes. Joſh.21.43.

God is true in his promiſe. 1.Sam.3.11, 12,19.

God will not breake his promiſe. Leu 26. 44.45 Pſal 105.8.*

God performeth all his promiſes to thoſe that walke in the truth. 1.Kin.1 & 8.15.

Gods promiſes are giuen to the faithfull only. 1 Sam.2.30,35.

God pitied the Iewes, becauſe of his promiſe vnto Abraham Exod.2.24 Deu.7.8. 2. Kings 13.23.

God becauſe of his promiſe to Dauid, diſpoſſeſſed not Roboam of all the kingdome 1.King.11.32,36. and 12.20.

God is charged with his promiſes. Exod. 32.11,13. Deut.9.26 * Pſal 89.19.*

Iaakob calling to minde Gods promises, committeth himselfe to his tuition. Gen. 32. 9, to 13.

Izhak prayeth that the promises made to Abraham, might be accõplished in Iaakob. Gen. 28. 3, 4.

Dauid desireth the accomplishment of Gods promises. 2. Sam. 7. 25.

The promise of eternall salvation. 1. Ioh. 2. 25. made before all worlds, was revealed by the Gospel Ephes. 1. 4, 9. 2. Tim. 1. 9, 10. Titus 1. 2, 3. 1. Pet. 1, 26. Gal. 3. 23.

The promises of God are firme and stable. 2. Cor. 1. 18, 20.

The inheritance of the kingdome of God is by promise, not by workes. Gal. 3. 14.*

Those are the children of promise, that beleeue in Christ promised. Rom 9 7, to 11.

The fathers received not the promise, and why Heb 11. 39, 40.

Most great and precious promises are given vnto vs, and why. 2. Pet. 1. 3, 4.

God sent our saviour according to his promise. Luke 1. 54, 55.* Acts 3. 12.*

Those receiue the promise, who with patience doe the will of God. Heb. 10. 36.

The promise of the Father was the holy Ghost. Acts 1. 4.

The Church is confirmed by the promises made vnto our fathers. Mica. 7. 20.

God promised hee would be our God and Father. 2 Cor. 6. 16, 18.

Wee ought to render vnto God that wee promise, being godly Deut. 23. 21, 22, 23.

The people promised to keepe Gods law. Exod. 24. 3, 7 and 19 8.

God promised Gideon to bee with him. Iudg. 6 14, 16. and the Israelites to cast out their enemies. Exod. 34. 10, 11. Looke Couenant and Vowes.

The land of promise a very good lande. Exod 3 8. Deut. 8. 7, 8, 9.

Prophecie is no priuate motion of mans wit, but the gift of God through the holy Ghost. 2. Pet. 1. 20, 21. Rom. 12. 6. and 1. Cor. 12. 10.

The gift of Prophesie. 1. Cor. 14. 1.

We ought to couet to prophesie. 1. Cor. 14 1, 3.* and not to despise propheсying. 1. Thess. 5. 20.

The spirit of propheсying, sometime given vnto the wicked. Matt. 7 22. As appeared by Caiaphas. Iohn 11. 51. and Saul. 1. Sam. 10. 10, 11, 12.

The testimonie of Iesus is the spirit of prophecie. Reuel. 19. 10.

The ancient men chosen to gouerne with Moses, not onely did prophesie. but also Eldad and Medad. Num. 11. 25, 26, 27.

Elisha propheсied so long as the minstrel played. 1. Kings 3. 15, 17, 18.

S. Paul prophecied of the resurrection. 1. Thess. 4. 15.

Moses wished that all the people might prophecie. Num. 11. 29.

The wicked imagine when Prophesies take no speedie effect, that they are false. Ezek. 12. 22.

Iehu prophesied, see Pride.

Prophecie, for doctrine. Prou 31. 1.

To prophecie, for to speake as a mad man. 1. Sam. 18. 10.

Women ought not to prophecie publikely, or bareheaded. 1. Cor. 14. 24. & 11. 5.

A Prophet in the olde time was called a Seer. 1. Sam. 9. 9. And also a man of God. 1. Kings 13. 1.

The Lord would not answere Saul by his Prophets. 1. Sam. 28. 6.

The Lord exhorteth the Israelites by his Prophets to turne from idolatrie, 2. King. 17 12.*

God spake vnto the Prophets by dreames and visions. Num. 12. 6.

There arose not a Prophet like Moses hitherto his death Deut 34. 10.

God called Elishha from the plough to be a Prophet. 1. Kings 19. 16, 19.*

Elisha willed Naaman to be sent him, to the ende hee might know that there was a Prophet in Israel. 2 Kings 5. 8, 15.

The Prophes of God cannot speake but that which God doeth put in his mouth. 1. Kings 22. 14, 17.

The authority of the Prophets of God. Micah. 3 8. and 2. Kings 5. 8.

Their praise. Ecclus. 49. 10. and 48. 1.*

A certain Prophet reproouing Ieroboams idolatrie, is after slaine for disobeying God, by the perswasion of the old Prophet. 1. Kin. 13. 1, 3.*

A Prophet was sent by God to Ahab, to promise him victory. 1. Kings 20. 13, 14.

Obadiah hid a hundred prophets in caues, and fed them. 1. Kings 18. 3, 4.

Eliiah complaineth that all the Prophets were slaine besides himselfe. 1. King. 19. 10.

How a false prophet may be knowen, and of his punishment. Deut. 18, 20, 21, 22 and 13. 1, to 12.

Zidkiah the false prophet confirmeth the opinion of the 400 other false prophets against Micaiah the onely true Prophet. 1. King. 22. 6, 11, 17.

Ieremy complaineth of the lying doctrine and couetousnes of false prophets, & priests, and threatneth their destruction. Ier. 14. 10, 15, 17. and 8. 8.*

How Eliiah causeth all Baals prophets to be slain. 1 Kings 18. 22, 1941. and Iehu destroyeth them. 2. Kings 10. 19, 25.

When Gods Prophets are not heard, there followeth Gods wrath. 2. Chr. 24. 19, 23, 24.

When Gods Prophets are misused, he will surely punish in desolatiõ. 2. Chr. 36. 15. to 22

The Prophets enioyed Gods spirit. Nehe. 9. 30.

The worde of the Prophets is as a light that shineth in a darke place. 2. Pet. 1. 19.

The Prophets prophecied of the grace that should come vnto vs by Christ. 1. Pet. 1. 10.

The spirits of Prophets are in their power. 1. Cor. 14. 32.

The Prophets an example to vs of patience. Iam. 5. 10.*

The Prophets did desire to see Christ. Matth. 13. 17. Luke 10. 24.

The sonnes of the Prophets were poore. 2. King 6. 2. and were refreshed by Elisha. 2. King 4. 38, 43.

The reward of him that receiueth a Prophet or righteous man, in ye name of a Prophet or righteous man. Mat. 10. 41, 42.

False prophets like foxes, and why. Ezek. 13. 4.

Dissembling prophets meete for the wicked. Micah. 2. 11. Isa. 30. 10.

Against wicked prophets. Zeph. 3. 4.

A dumbe beast reprooued the Prophet. 2. Pet. 2. 16.

God will do nothing, but he reuealeth the same by his Prophets to the people. Amos 3. 7, 8.

Abraham and Aaron Prophets. Gen. 20. 7. Exod. 7. 1.

The great Prophet is promised. Deut. 18. 15. giuen and testified. Matth. 3. 16, 17. and 17. 5. Luke 7. 16. John 5. 25, 26. and 6. 14, 69 looke Preachers.

Prophetesse, Miriam the sister of Aaron a Prophetesse. Exod. 15. 20.

Deborah the Prophetesse iudged Israel. Iudg. 4. 4.

Iosiah asked counsel of the Lord, by Huldah the Prophetesse. 2. Kin. 22. 13, 14, 15.*

Lying prophetesses. Ezek. 13. 17.*

Anna the daughter of Phanuel, a Prophetesse. Luke 2. 36.

Proselite. Acts 2. 10. Matth. 23. 15.

Prosper, and of prosperitie. Who that seeketh God with all his heart, shall prosper. 2. Chron. 13. 21.

It grieueth Gods enemies that his children prosper. Nehem. 1. 10.

Wee ought to desire God to prosper our handy worke. Psal. 90. 17.

God prospereth our labours, and increaseth our substance. Deut. 8 8.

Prosperitie and wisdome onely commeth of the Lord. 1. Chron. 22. 11, 12.

Prosperitie maketh men to forget God. Nehem. 9. 28.

Prosperitie followeth them that loue Gods Law. Psal. 119. 165.

He that is in prosperitie ought to remember aduersitie. Iob 5. 15, 26. Ecclus. 11. 25.

Prosperitie maketh not the godly proude. Iob 31. 26.

Prosperity and aduersitie come of the Lord. Ecclus. 11. 14.

Of the prosperity of the wicked, and of their destruction, Iob 21. 7.* Psal. 37. 1.* and 10. 1.* and 25. 1.* and 73. 3.* Ier. 12. 1, 2, 3. 2. Esd. 3. 13.

Protectour. God is the Protectour deliuerer, and saluation of the faithfull. Psal. 18. 1, 2.* and 27. 1.* and 31. 1.* and 34. 18, 19, 20. and 72. 2.* and 115. 9.* and 144. 1, 2.* looke Buckler and Shield.

Proue. God proued the Israelites Ex. 15. 25. and 16. 4. and Abraham. Ge. 22. 1, to 19. Heb. 11. 17. and led the Iewes by the desert, to proue what was in their heart. Deut. 8. 2. and prooued the Israelites, to cause them to feare him. Exod. 20. 20. and proued whether the Iewes would loue him or no. Deut. 13. 3 Iudg. 2. 21, 22, 23. and 3. 1, 4.

We ought to proue what the good will of God is. Rom. 12. 2. Ephes. 5. 10, 17. expressed. 1. Thess. 4. 3, 4, 5.

Christ proued Philip. John 6. 5, 6.

God proueth his elect ye he may preserue them 2. Thr. 32. 31. Iob. 1. 11, 12.* Wis. 5.

Looke Trie, Tempt, and Examine.

Prouerbs, or common sayings among the Iewes. Gen. 10.9. 1. Sam. 12.20. and 19. 24. and 24.14.

God foretold that Israel should be a prouerbe among all people. 1. King. 9.7,8 Deut. 28.37. Ierem. 24.9. and 25.6. and 29. Deut. 29.24.* Ier. 22.8,9.

Christ became a prouerbe vnto the Iewes. Psal. 69.11.

Salomon spake three thousand prouerbes. 1. Kings 4.32.

Prouide honest things before God & man. 1. Cor. 8.21. Rom. 12.17.

Prouidence of God towards his seruants, Psal. 145.7,to 19. and 104.35.* and 132.1, to 18. proued by his prouidence ouer small sparrowes. Matth. 10.29.

The Prophet reproueth those that denie the prouidence of God Isa. 40.27.

The prouidence of God euen vnto the vnworthy. 1. Kings 18.1.*

The Samaritanes beleeued not the prouidence of God in their extreme famine. 2. Kings 7.2,10,12,19.

It happened by Gods prouidence that Abimelech abused not the wife of Abraham. Gen. 20.6.

By the prouidence of God the woman Shunammite was nourished seuen yeeres. 2. Kings 8.1,2.

Nothing commeth to passe, without Gods prouidence. Gen. 45.7,8. & 50.19,20. Exod. 21.13. Deut. 32.39.2. Sam 24.1. and 16.9, 10.& 12,11,19.& 17. Kin. 22.23. Iob 1.12. & 14.5. Isa. 45.7. 63.17. Hos. 16.33. Lam. 3. 37,38. Ezek. 14.9 Amos 3.6.& 2. Esa. 4.37. Wisd. 14.3,4. Ecclus. 11.14. Matth 4.1. and 6.26.& 8.31,32. and 10 29,30,31. Luk. 21.16,17,18. John 19.10,11. Actes 2.23. and 4.27,28 & 17.28. and 1. Pet. 1.2. & 5.7.

Prouoke. The Israelites prouoked God to anger. Deut. 32.21.

Preaching of the Gospel to the Gentiles prouoked the Iewes to follow them. Rom. 11.14.

Proude, looke Pride, and Barth.

Of *Prudence*, looke Wisedome.

Psalmes, looke Sing.

Of Publicanes. John Baptist instructed Publicanes. Luke 3.12,13.

Publicanes and harlots beleeued in Christ. Mat. 21.32. and iustified God. Luke 7.29.

The parable of the Pharisee and Publicane. Luke 18.9,10.

In *Publishing* Gods Name hee is to bee glorified. Deut. 32.3.

Pulpit of wood. 1. Esd. 9.42.46. and Nehem. 8.3,4.

Punishment of murther. Gen 9.6. Exod. 21.12,20,21. Of theft, hurt, and idolatrie. Exod. 22.2,3,4,5,20.

Punishment of offendors. Deut. 25.1,2,3. of ℔ suspect wife. Nu. 5.24.* of Eli, see Eare.

Sharpe punishment purgeth away the euill. Prou. 20.30.

Contemners of good orders and religion, God will punish Hos. 5.10.

Transgressors of the lawes of God & the king, ought to bee punished as the fault deserueth. 1. Esdras 8.25. and Ezra 7.6.

Whereby a man sinneth ℔ by the same shall he be punished. Wisd. 11.13.

As Gods mercie is, so is his punishment. Ecclus. 16.12.

Why God punisheth gently. Joel 2.32. Wisd. 12.2,10,20. Lam. 3.20,22,31,32,33. Amos 4.6.* looke Chastise, Correction, and Disobedience.

Purchase. God purchased the Israelites out of Egypt. Exod. 15.16.

Pure. Christians ought to bee blameleste and pure. Phil. 2.15.

Saint Paul willeth Timothie to keepe himselfe pure. 1. Tim. 5.22.

Gods mercie maketh sinners pure. Jere. 50.20.

Blessed are the pure in heart. Mat. 5.8.

There is a generation that is pure in their owne conceite. Prou. 30.12.

Pureneſſe. God recompensed Dauid according to the pureneſſe of his hands. 2. Samuel 22.21. Psal. 18.20,24.

Purgatorie, looke Pardon.

Purging of sinnes through the abundant mercie of God, onely by Christ. Matth. 1.21. and by the shedding of his bloud for vs, may be proued by these places following. Matth. 26.28. Mat. 14.14 Luke 22.20. Acts 13.38 Eph. 1.7. Heb. 9.12,13,14. 1. Pet. 3 18. and 2.24. 1. John 1.7.& 2.12. and 3.5,8. Rom. 4 25 Gal. 1.4.& 1. Tim. 1.15. looke Sacrifice.

He then that will purge his sinnes by any other meanes, shall bee grieuously punished, because hee hath despised so great a grace. Heb. 10.29.

If any man purge himselfe from all infidelitie, he shall bee a vessel sanctified vnto euery good worke. 2. Tim. 2.18,21.

The purging of an oth, of sinne committed at vnawares & by ignorance. Leu. 5.2,3,6.*

The day of purging. Leuit. 23 27.

The purging of sinne. Num. 5.6,7, to 11. Leuit. 10.17.* and 6.2, to 8,25.*

Of the purging of the Sanctuary, the Tabernacle and Altar. Leuit. 16.15, to 21.

Purifying of Leuites. Num. 8.6,7. of women. Leuit. 12.1,2.*

Faith purifieth the heart. Acts 15.9.

Our soules are purified in obeying the trueth. 1. Pet. 2.22.

Purpose, looke Predestination.

Putting away a wife, see Diuorce.

To *Put forre* the euill day. Amos 6.3.

To *Put on*. How we that are baptized into Christ, put on Christ Gal. 3.26,27. Rom. 13.14.

Put not off from day to day, to turne vnto the Lord, and wisp. Ecclus 5.7. and 18.21. Looke Reformed and Repentance.

Q

Of Quarrelling. The wicked seeke occasion of quarrelling with the godly. Dan 6.4,5.

Christians ought not to be Quarellers. Colos. 3.13. Phil. 2.14,15. and 1. Thessal. 2.10. Tit 3.2. looke Contention and Strife.

Quailes and Manna from heauen. Exod. 16.13, to 16. Numb. 11.7,31. Psal. 71.24. Psal. 105.40.

Quench not the Spirit. 1. Thess 5.19.

Queene. The Queene of Sheba, comming to heare Salomons wisedome. 1. King. 10.1. 2. Chro. 9.1. shall condemne the vnbeleeuing Iewes. Matth. 12.42. Luke 11.31.

The Israelites offered to the Queene of heauen. Jerem. 7.18. and 44.17,18,19.

Questions vnlearned, curious, and vnprofitable. Eccles. 3.22,23, to 27. Matt. 14.3. John 2.21. Rom 12.3,3 14.1. looke Curious disputations, Fables, Striue, and Quarelling.

A Synode gathered for the resolution of a question. Acts 15.2.

Of what questions the ciuill Magistrate would giue no iudgement. Act. 11.14,15,16.

Quicke and dead Christ shal iudge. 2. Timothie 4.1. Acts 10.42. 1. Pet. 4.5.

Quickly. Agree with thine aduersary quickly, and wisp. Matth. 5.25.

Sit downe quickly and write fifty. Luke 16.6.

Christ willed Iudas to do what he would doe quickly. John 13.27.

Quicken Our mortal bodies shalbe quickned by God. Rom. 8.11. which quickeneth all things. 1. Tim. 6.13. in Christ through the holy Ghost. John 6.63. and 4.21.

Our bodie cannot be quickened, except it die. 1. Cor. 15.36.

The last Adam Christ was made a quickning spirit. 1. Cor. 15.45. and quickened vs from sinnes, to good workes. Eph. 2.1,5,6, 8,10. Col 2.13.

How God quickeneth. Psal. 85.6. and 119 37,40,50,93,149.

Quiet. Christians ought to studie to bee quiet. 1. Thes. 4.11.

Quiting of debts. Deut. 15.2, to 12.

R.

Of Ransome, looke Redemption.

Rashly. No man ought rashly to put his life in danger. Eccles. 8.8.

Rasure No Rasure came vpon the head of the Nazarites. Numb. 6.5. Judges 13.5. 1. Sam. 1.11.

Rauen sent out of the Arke. Gen. 8.7.

The Iewes were forbidden the eating of Rauens. Deut. 14.14.

Elijah fed by Rauens. 1. Kings 17.4,6.

God feedeth Rauens, much more man. Psal. 147.9. Luke 12.24.

Rauish. The wiues of the disobedient shal be rauished. Deut 28.30.

Dinah rauished. Gen. 34.1,2.

The Lawe of rauishing maide or wife. Deut. 22.22. to 28. See Steale.

Raiment. The Israelites Raiment and shoes wared not olde while they were in the desert. Deut. 8.4 and 29.4.

We ought not to take a widowes raiment to pledge. Deut. 24.17.

God giueth food and raiment to them that want. Deut. 10.18.

Paul shooke his raiment against ℔ Iewes, and wisp. Acts 18.6.

Wee ought to bee content with foode and raiment. 1. Tim. 6.8. see Foode.

Of Spirituall raiment, looke Matt. 22.12 Luke 24.49. Rom. 13.12.& 2. Cor. 5.2. Gal. 3.27. Eph. 4.24 Colos. 3.10. Looke Loue, Coate, Clothes, Apparel, and Disguising.

Raine. Before God caused to raine vpon the earth, it was watered with a mist. Gen. 2.5,6.

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It rained foztie dayes and fortie nights vpon the earth, when God destroyed it by water. Gen.7.12,17.

God rained stones, and coales. Iosh.10, 11. Psal.18.12,13. and Manna, see Quailes.

The land of promise dranke the raine of heauen. Deut.11.11.

God will sende raine in due season vnto them that keepe his commandements, and to other turne raine into dust. Leuit.26.4. Deut. 28.12,24. and 11.14 or sendeth no raine. 1. Kings 8.35. and 17.1. and by sending raine, declareth that hee was pacified. 2. Sam.21. 1,10,14.

Water without raine, see Water.

Moses desired that his doctrine might drop as raine. Deut.32.2.

Eliah prayeth for raine promised, and obtaineth it. 1. Kin.18.1,41,42. Iames 5.18.

Rainebowe, looke Couenant.

Raine of righteousnesse. Ioel 2.23.

To *Raise vp*, and of *Rising againe*.

The law of Raising vp seede to brother or kinseman. Deut.25.5,to 11.

God hath raised vp his Sonne, and so will vs by his power. 1. Cor.6.14.

Many dead bodies did Rise againe at Christ his death. Mat.27.52.

Christ is raised to life. Psalm.16.10. and 49.15. Matt.28.6. The first fruits of them that awaite the resurrection. 1. Cor.15,20, for our iustification. Rom.4.25.

Wee are baptized vnto Christs death, that we might be raised vp by him. Rom.6.4. Iohn 6.39.

All the faithfull shall be raised vp by God, aswell as Christ. 2. Cor.4.17.

Christ raised from death, deliuereth vs from the wrath to come. 1. Thess.1.10. looke Resurrection.

The souldiers being corrupted, testified that Christ was not risen, but stollen away. Matth.28.13,to 16.

The Apostles beleeued not the womens report from the Angel, and from Christ himselfe, whom they had seene and worshipped, that he was risen. Matth.28.6, to 11. Luke 24.6,to 12. wherefore Christ appearing miraculously, reproueth them, shewing his hands and feete. Iohn 20.19,to 30. Luke 24. 36,to 40. Marke 16.14.

Hee manifested vnto the Disciples that went to Emmaus, that he was risen, and they to others. Luke 24 25,26,33. & againe vnto his Apostles as they were a fishing. Iohn 21.1,to 14. and they declared the same by miracles. Acts 4.33. Saint Paul proueth it. 1. Cor.15.4,to 9.

Christ the fall and rising againe of many in Israel. Luke 3.34.

If wee be risen with Christ, wee ought to seeke things aboue. Col.3.1,2.

I Reade. God commaunded princes to reade and meditate in his Lawe day and night, and why. Deut.17.19,20. Iosh 1.8. Psal.1.2. and the law to be read vnto men, women & children, & why. Deu.31.11,12,13.

Gods word ought to be read, and expounded plainely. Nehem.8.8.

Elizas read, see Pulpit.

Reading, see Commodities.

Realme, looke Kingdome.

Reaping. Leuit.19.9,10. and 23.5,6,7. Ruth 2.3,to 18. Iob 4.8. Psal.126.5. Pro. 22.8. Eccle 11.4. Iere.12.13. Hos.8.7. & 10, 12,13. Mic 6.15. Mat.6.26. & 25.24,to 31. Iob.4.36,37,38. & 1 Cor.9,11. & 2. Cor 9.6. Galat.6.7,8,9. Iames 5.4. Reuelat.14.15. Eccles.7.2. see Gleanings.

Reason. Mans reason, in spirituall matters is blinde & not to be followed. Mat.13. 58. & 15.33.* and 16.14,22. and 22.29. Luk. 24.45. Iohn 4.3,9,12 and & 57. and 9.2,16.

Rebell. The Israelites were alwayes Rebellious. Deut.9.23,24. and 17.12. and 31. 27. Isa.1.23.

Against rebels. Isa.1.20. and 30.1,to 18. Marke 14.21.

Moses called the Israelites Rebels, and why. Numb.20.10. Deut.9.7.*

Rebellion is as the sinne of witchcraft. 1. Sam.15.23.

Rebellion added to sinne. Iob 34.37.

To Rebel against God, what. Iosh.22.19. Looke Prayer, Treason, Sedition, Murmuring, and Grudging.

Rebuke. Open rebuke is better then secret loue. Prou 27.5.

We ought to rebuke in loue. Leuit.19.17. and 2. Tim 4.2.

Wee ought to liue without rebuke, in a crooked nation Phil.2.15.

God rebuked Laban for pursuing Iacob. Gen.31.42.

Receiue. We may not reioyce in gifts receiued. 1. Cor.4.7.

To receiue Iesus Christ, is to beleeue in him. Iohn 1.12.

Receiue, put for to comprehend or allowe. Matt.19.11.

One shall be receiued, another left. Matt. 24.40,41. Luke 17.36.

Recompence not euil for euill. Pro.24.29.

Recompence promised them that worke. Matt.6.4,6,18 & 16.27. Acts 10.4 & 2. Cor. 5.10 & 1. Tim.6.19. Heb.6.10. and 10.35. and 11.26. not of desert, but of Gods free goodnesse. Mat.20.9,10.* Luk.14.14. Col. 3.24. Looke Merite, Reward, and Vengeance.

Reconciliation. How wee are reconciled vnto God. 2. Cor.5.18,19 Rom 5 10.

Christ preferreth Reconciliation before sacrifice. Matt.5.24,25.

The feast of reconciliation. Leuit.23.27.

Record, looke Witnesse.

Redeeme the time, and why. Ephes.5.16. Colos.4.5.

Christ is made vnto vs Redemption, &c. 1. Cor.1.30. Ephes 1.7. for he gaue his life for all men, but chiefly for the elect Matth. 20.28 Luke 10.45. & 1. Tim.2.6 Heb 9 12, 15. as was ordained before the foundation of the world, and is declared in these last times 1. Pet. 1.18,19,20.

Signes to know that our Redemption is nigh Luke 21.28 30,to 37.

The Redemption of Israel out of Egypt, and the manet thereof foretolde, Gene.50. 24.25. Exod.3.17,20,21,22.

Redeeming of lands. Leuit.25.23,to 35.

Red sea. Exod.10.19.

Reede. Iesus Christ came not to breake a bruised Reede. Matth.12.20.

Reformation begunne and repented. Iere. 34.15,16.

Reformed. He that hateth to be reformed, his life shall bee shortened. Ecclus.19.5. see Put off, and Opprobrious.

Refuge. Of the cities of refuge. Exod.21. 13. Numb.35.11,to 16. Deut.4.41,42. & 19. 2,3,to 11. Ioth.20.2.* 21.13,21.*

God is our refuge. 2. Sam.22.3. Psalm. 18.2. Iere.16.19.

God is the refuge of the poore. Psal.9.9.

Regeneration. How Christians are regenerate. Isa 6.7. John 3.3,to 9.

Regeneration taken for that day and time, wherein the chosen begin to leade a new life. Mat.19.28. Of the which reade 1. Cor.6.11. and 2.5,17. Iames 1.18. and 1. Peter 1.3. Looke Newnesse.

Reigne. The Lord shall reigne for euer and euer. Exod.15.18.

The Lord reigned ouer the Israelites before they had any King. 1. Sam.12.12.

Salomon reigned in stead of Dauid, according to Gods promise. 1. Kings 3.7. and 2. Sam 7.12.

Paul wished that the Corinthians did reigne, that he might reigne with them. 1. Cor.4.8.

Reioicing. The Lord will reioice ouer his people that obey him. Deut.30.9.

The Apostles reioiced, that they were counted worthy to suffer for the Name of Christ. Acts 5.41.

S. Paul reioiced, and exhorted other to reioice that he was ready to suffer for the Gospel Col.1.24. Phil.2.17,18. 1. Cor.15.31.

We ought to reioice alwaies in the Lord, through hope, with them that reioice. Rom. 12.12,15. Phil.3.1,3. and 4.4. and 1. Thes. 5.16. and 1. Pet 4.8. and 2. Cor.6.10.

S. Paul reioiced for the loue and faith of others. Philem.7.2. Tim.1.4,5 & 1. Thes.1. 2,3,4. and 2.19. Phil.1.4,5. 2 Cor.7.4.

The world reioiceth, when Christ his disciples weepe. Iohn 16.20.

S. Paul was willing to liue, that the Philippians might reioice. Phil.1.25,26.

Iesus reioiced in spirit, and willed his disciples to reioice, and why. Luk.10.20,21.

God willed the Israelites to reioice onely in the place which he would chuse. Deut.12, 11,to 15.

Iethro reioiced, and why. Exod.18 9.

Saul and all the men of Israel reioiced, and why. 1. Sam.11.14.15.

The people reioiced when Salomon was anointed king ouer Israel. 1. Kings 1.39, 40. and at the crowning of Iehoash king ouer Iudah. 2 King.11.20.

Wee ought not to reioice at our enemies fall, and why. Prou.24.17,18.

S. Paul reioiced not in vaine, and why. 1. Cor.9.15,16,18.

Those that are iustified, reioice in tribulations, and why. Rom 5.1,to 6.

Some reioice in the face, and not in the heart. 2 Cor 5.12.

He that reioiceth, let him reioice in the Lord. 1 Cor.1.31. not in any gift. See Receiue, Partaker, Solemne feast, Tribulation, & Song.

Religion. What is the pure and undefiled Religion

Religion before God. James 1.27.

He that seemeth religious, and refraineth not his tongue, his religion is in vaine. Iam. 1.26.

Christ his religion counted heresie. Actes 24.14.

Remember the old benefits of God. Deut. 8.1,2,11,18,19. and 32.7,10 15.

We ought to remember our former life, & why. John 4.29. Rom. 6.21. Col. 1.21. and 3.7,8. & 1. Tim. 1.13,14.* & 5.9,10 & 2. Tim 3.10,11. Tit. 3.3,4. He 10.32.* & 1. Pet. 4.3.

Why God made not the remembrance of the Iewes that sinned, to cease. Deut. 32.26.

God remembred Noah. Gen. 8.1. and remembring his promises, will pardō those that confesse their sinnes. Leuit. 26.40,42,45.

God remembring his couenant, deliuered the children of Israel out of bondage. Exod. 2.24.25. & 14.30. and remembring Abraham deliuered Lot. Gen. 19.29. and remembring Rahel made her fruitfull. Gene. 30.22. And so did hee Hannah, remembring her request. 1. Sam. 1.19,20.

Remission, Looke Forgiuenesse and Sinne.

Remnant. The saluation and increase of the remnant of the Iewes. Isa. 65.8. Ezek. 5.3. and 14.22 Mich. 4.7. Rom. 9.27. & 11.5. Iere. 23.3. to 9. Looke Iewes.

Render account, Looke Account.

Rending. Looke Tearing and Clothes.

Renewed. How Christ renewed vs, & why. Tit. 3.5,6,7. & Luke 1.75.

Renowme. Looke Name.

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Repent. God repented that he made man. Gene. 6.6. and that he had made Saul king. 1 Sam. 15.11. and of the euill hee sent the Israelites. 2. Sam 24.16.

God repenteth not. 1. Sam. 15.29. Hose. 13.14. Amos 7.3. though he seeme to repent. Iere 18.8.

The Lord gaue men 120. yeeres space to repent in. Gene. 6.3.

Who that repenteth truely, shall liue. Eze. 18.4.* and 33.5,11.

The people repent and promise reformation. Ezra. 10.1,19.

The Israelites repent their idolatrie, and obtaine deliuerance. Iudg. 10.15,16. and repent that they destroyed the tribe of Beniamin Iudg. 21.3.6.

Iob craueth time to repent. Iob 10.20.

If our brother repent, wee must forgiue. Mat 18.15. Luke 17.3,4.

Repentance of Iudas. Matth. 27.3,4. of Esau. Heb. 12.17.

God graunted the Gentiles repentance vnto life. Actes 11.18.

God would haue all men come to repentance. 2. Pet. 3.9. and calleth and exhorteth thereunto Hose 14.1.* Iere 13.1,14,22.* & 18.11. and 25.5. and 35.15. and 26.3. and 2. Kings 17.13 Zeph. 2.1. Isa. 55.7.

Repentance is the gift and worke of God. Lam. 5.21. John 12.40. Act. 5.31,2. Tim. 2. 25,26.

Of true repentance. Ierem. 4.1. as was Iobs. Iob. 42.6. and Dauids. 2. Sam. 12. 13. and 24.17.

The repentance of Pharaoh was fained. Exod. 9.27. and so was Sauls. 1. Sam. 15. 24,25,30.

Gods long suffering moueth to repentance. Isa. 48.9. Wisd. 12.19,20. Rom. 2.4.

Samuel moued the people vnto repentance. 1. Sam. 12,20,21.

Ezekiel commanded to reduce the children of Israel to repentance. Ezek 43.9,10.

Ahab by his voluntarie repentance, procured the prolonging of plagues threatned. 1. Kings 21.27,29.

Repentance ought to be preached, and ioyned with faith Matth. 3 2,6,8. & 4.17. Luke 3.3. & 24.27. Act. 2.38. & 3.19,26. and 17.30 and 19.4. and 20.21. and 16 20. Mar. 1.15.

No time of repentance auaileable after this life. Eccles. 9.10. and 11.3.

True repentance mitigateth Gods wrath. Ionah 3.5.*

The fruites of repentance. Matt. 3 8. called by the Prophet, the trees of righteousnesse. Isa. 61.3.

Grace promised to true repentance. Gen. 50.17,18. Deu 4.29,31. & 30.1,2,3,4. & 31. 21. 1. kin. 8 33,to 37. & 2. Chr. 7.14,15. & 30. 10. Iob 11.14,15 and 22.21,23 Psa. 28.15 Isa. 1.16. to 20.* & 30.18. Iet. 29.12,13,14. & 31.18.* Ezek 3.18. & 16.60.* & 22.23,27, 28,31,32 Ioel 2.12.* Zech. 1.3,4,5,6.

Examples of true repentance. 2. Chr. 12. 12. & 33.12,13. Iudges 4.9,10.* Mat. 26.75. Lu. 7.29. & 15.18,19,20,21. & 17.4,16. & 19. 8. & 22.62. & 23.40,41,42,43 Act. 2.37,41.*

Examples of false repentance. Gen. 4.13, 14. & 27.41. & 28.8,9 Exod 8.8,15. & 10,16, 20 Iol. 7.20,21. Iudg. 1.7. & 1. Sa. 24 17.* and 1. Kin. 3.4,6 Wisd. 5.2, to 15. & 1. Mac. 6.12,13. and 2. Mac 9.13, to 19. Matt, 27.3, 4,5. Act. 8.24 See Amendment.

Report. S. Paul was approued the minister of God by good report, and euill report. 2. Cor 6.4,8.

Ill reports of Eli his two sonnes. 1. Sam. 2.22,23,24.

Reprobates are cursed. Matth. 25.4. and 2. Pet. 2.14. and are vessels of wrath, and dishonour, appointed to perdition. Rom. 1.28. and 9.22. and 2. Thes. 2.12. & 2. Tim. 2.29. 2. Pet. 2.12. Iude 4. Isai. 55.20,21.

The nature of reprobates, is to bee made blinder and blinder. Matth. 13.15. Mark 4. 12. Luke 8.10.

God is angry with the reprobate for euer. Nahum 1.2,3.

Reprobation knowen not by the iudgement of the world. 2 Cor. 13.5,6,7. looke Predestination, and Psal. 64 4. in the margent.

Reproue. Vice must be reproued. John 16, 8. Ephe. 5.3. and 2. Tim. 4.2.

How we should reproue our brethren. Galat. 6.1. 2. Tim. 2.25,26.

S. Paul had care lest hee should bee reproued 1. Cor. 9.27.

Sarah was reproued by Abimelech. Gen. 20.16.

Scorners will not bee reproued, but the wise will. Prou 9.7,8,9. and 15.12. and 19. 25. looke Rebuke.

Require, see Mercifulnesse.

Resist. He that resisteth pleasure, crowneth his owne soule. Eccles. 29.5.

Respect of persons, looke Persons.

Rest to ỹ Israelites. Iol. 22.4. Deu. 12.10. God will send no rest vnto the disobedient. Deut. 28.65.

Rest promised. Moses Exod. 33.14.

God promised to giue his people a place of rest. 2. Sam. 7.10,12.

Naomi wisheth rest vnto her two daughters in law Ruth 1.9.

Rest of those that beare Christs yoke. Mat. 11.29. 2. Thess. 1.7.

If we beleeue, we shall enter into the rest of God. Heb. 4.3.9.

Those which die in the Lord, rest from their labours Reue. 14.13.

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Restitution of goods wrongfully gotten or withholden. Leuit. 6.1,to 8.

Restrained. How sinnes should be restrained of vs. Rom. 6.12.

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Of Christs resurrection, and the earthquake at the same. Vide. 2. Matt. 28.2. and his appearing to Marie Magdalene after his resurrection. Marke 16.9.

Those that beleeue the resurrection of Christ, shall be saued. Rom. 10.9.

We hope to possesse life by the resurrection of Christ. 1. Pet. 1.3.

After the resurrection, the Apostles vnderstood this saying, Destroy this Temple, &c. John 2.19.

Christ is the resurrection. John 11.25.

We shall be partakers of the resurrection, if being grafted in Christ, wee bring forth fruit. Rom. 6.4,5.* and 2. Cor. 5.17.

S. Paul desireth to knowe the vertue of the resurrection. Phil. 3.10,11.

A prophesie of the resurrection of the dead. Iob 14.7,12,14. and 19.26,27. The time and maner thereof. 1. Cor. 15.21,22.* Phil. 3.21. and 1. Thess. 4.14,15.*

The first resurrection. Reue. 20.5,6.

The Sadduces denye the resurrection, but the Pharises confesse it. Mat. 22.23. Marke 12.18. Luke 20.27. Acts 23.8.

By the resurrection immortalitie is giuen. 2. Cor. 5.1,to 5.

The Apostles cast in prison for preaching the resurrection. Acts 4.2,3.

Paul preaching the resurrectiō was mocked. Acts 17 32.

The resurrection of life and condemnation. John 5.29.

After the resurrection there shall no more marriage be vsed. Matt. 22.30.

Some affirmed that the resurrection was past. 2. Tim. 2.17,18.

Those that relieue the poore shall bee recompensed at the resurrection of the Iust. Luke 14.14.

Of the generall resurrection of the dead, and glorifying of the flesh. Exod 3.6,15. and 5.24. & 2. King. 2.11. Iob 31.14. Isa. 26.19, 20,21. & 66.14.* Ezek. 37.3,to 15. Dan. 3. 25,26,27. & 12.2,3. Ionas 2.2.* Zeph. 3.11.* & 2. Esd. 2.16,45,47. & 14.35. Wisd. 3.7. & 5.5. and 2. Mac. 7.9.* Iob 6 54. & 11.24,25,26. Act. 24.15,22. 2. Cor. 4.14. looke Raise vp.

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looke. John 20.23. and Keyes.

Returne. The Lord will returne vnto vs, if we returne vnto him. Deu. 30.8,9,10. with all our hearts, and bee obedient to his voice. Deut. 4.29,30.

Reuile. Blessed are they that are reuiled for Christs sake. Mat 5.11.

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Reward of them that are persecuted for Christs sake. Mat. 5.11,12.

Of righteousnesse, see Righteousnesse.

Reward for receiuing godly men, see Prophets.

God taketh no reward. Deut. 10.17.

God was the exceeding great reward of Abraham. Gene. 15.1.

Iehu receiued a temporall reward, for that which hee did against the house of Ahab. 2. Kings 10 30.

Boaz wisheth Ruth a reward of God for her well doings. Ruth. 2.12.

Saul promiseth reward to him that would kill Goliath. 1. Sam. 17.25.

Daniel both refuseth and taketh rewards. Dan. 5.17,28.

Reward of humilitie. Prou. 22.4. looke Recompense and Gift.

To Rib. Woman was made of mans rib. Gene. 2.21,22.

Rich and *Riches.* God is rich to all that call on him. Rom. 10.12.

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Parables of the rich man & his stewarn, and the rich glutton and Lazarus, and the couetous rich man. Luke 16.1,19,20. *and 12.15,16, to 22.

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What rich man is blessed, and what hated of God. Ecclus. 31.8. and 25.2.

Of the agreement and qualities of poore and rich men. Ecclus. 13.2.*

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Izhak was rich, so was Boaz, and how. Gene. 26.3,13,28. Ruth. 2.1.

A rich woman relieued Elisha as he passed by. 2. Kings 4 8.

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Riches euill gotten. Prou. 28.8.

Riches gather friends. Prou. 19.4.

Riches are as a strong citie to the owner of them. Pro. 10.15. and 18.11.

God giueth power to get riches. Deuter. 8.18.

Abraham would not take riches of a king, and why. Gene. 14.23.

God is the author of riches and pouerty. Pro. 22.2. and 1. Sam. 2.7. Eccles 11.14.

When God hath blessed vs with riches, wee ought to take heede we forget him not. Deut. 8.10, to 15.

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Make friends with the riches of iniquitie. Luke 16.9.

God gaue Salomon riches and honor vnasked. 1. Kings 3.12,13.

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None ought to trust in riches, and why. Iob. 31.24,25. Ecclus. 5.1. Matth. 19.23, to 27. Mar. 10.23,24,25,26. Luk. 18.24, to 28.

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Neither riches nor any other thing comparable to the feare of God. Pro. 15.16. Ecclus. 40.26,27.

We ought not to grudge at our state, be it poore or rich. 1. Cor. 7.20 Phil. 4.11.

Howe the rich ought to behaue themselues towardes the poore. Leuit. 25.14,35,36.* Deut. 15.7, to 12. Pro. 14.31. and 17.5. and 21.13. Eccle. 11.1,2. Isa. 23.4, 18. Matt. 6. 1,2,3,4, 19,20,21. Luke 14.12,13,14. Acts 2.45. and 4 34.*

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The end of the righteous is ioy and peace. Isa. 57.2.

The song of the righteous. Isai. 25.1.* Psal 31.1.*

The Lord heareth the prayer of the righteous, and blessings are promised them. Pro. 15.29. and 10.6,7.

The constantnesse and happinesse of the righteous. Wisd. 5.1,15,16.

Of the righteous, if hee turne from doing vprightly. Ezek. 18.24.

If the righteous scarsely bee saued, what shall the sinner? 1. Pet. 4.18.

What the feruent prayer of the righteous man auaileth. James 5.16.

The Lawe is not giuen to the righteous man. 1. Tim. 1.9.

Who are righteous and blessed. Psal. 32, 1,2,5,11. Gene. 15.6.

Pharaoh confessed God righteous, and himselfe wicked. Exod. 9.27.

The righteous shall flourish when the wicked shall want. Pro. 13.25. and 14.11.

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No man righteous before God. Gene. 6.5. and 8.21. and 1. King. 8.40 and 2. Chron. 6. 36. Iob. 4.17,18,19. and 9.2,15,20,21. and 25.4,5,6. Psal. 14.1,3. and 51.5. and 53.1, 3. and 143.2. Pro. 20.9. Eccles. 7.22. Isai. 64.5,6,7. Ierem. 2.29,35. and 30.14,15. Micah. 7.2. and 2. Esdr. 4 30. & 8.35. Wisd. 12.10. Ecclus. 7.5. Matth. 6.12. Luke 17. 10. Gal. 3.11,22. Ephe. 2.1,3,8. and 1. Ioh. 1.8. Rom. 3.10,to 20. looke Iust, Saints, and Vpright.

He that doth righteously, is borne of God. 1. John 2.29.

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God rewardeth euery man according to his righteousnesse 1. Sam. 26.23. as hee did Dauid. 2. Sam. 22.21. and yet not for his righteousnesse. Deut. 9.3,4,5,6.

Christ is our righteousnesse. Isai. 42.6 Ierc. 33.16. and 1. Corinth. 1.30. which wee must hope and wait for through faith. Gala. 5.5.

Being freed from sinne, we are made the seruants of righteousnesse. Rom. 6.18.

Righteousnesse shall dwell in the new heauens and earth. 2. Pet. 2.13.

Christians righteousnesse ought to exceede the righteousnesse of Scribes and Pharises. Matth. 5.20.

Blessed are they that suffer for righteousnesse. 1. Pet. 3.14. Mat. 5.10.

The fruite of righteousnesse is sowen in peace. James 3.18.

Mans wrath accomplisheth not Gods righteousnesse. James 1.20.

Of true righteousnesse, & the fruit thereof. Phil. 1.11. and 3.9.

Righteousnesse put for keeping the Lawe. Mat. 3.15. for that which is vpright and holy. Act. 13.10. for vprightnesse of conscience. 2. Cor. 6.7.

Raine of righteousnesse. Joel 2.23.

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Christ our righteousnesse before God, through grace and faith. Gen. 15.6. Isai. 45. 24 and 53.11,12. Ierem. 23.6. and 33.15, 16. Dan. 9.24. Habak. 2.4. Zech. 9.9. Acts 10.15,35,43. and 13.38,39. Rom. 1.17 and 3.21,22. *and 5.1,9,17. * and 1. Cor. 1.30. Galat. 2.16.* and 3 6,8, * and 5.4,5. Tit. 2, 5,7.

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Moses desireth the Lord to rise vp against his enemies. Num. 10.35.

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Rocke. Moses put in the cleft of the rocke, while Gods glory passed by. Exodus 33.21, 22, 23.

Water out of the rocke in Horeb. Exod. 17.6. Num. 20.8, to 12.

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The Rodde and staffe of God doth comfort the godly. Psal. 23.4.

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Of the dayly Sacrifice. Exod. 29.38. Num. 28.3.

The feastes of Sacrifice were kept with ioy. Gen. 31.54. Exod. 18.12. & 32.6. Num. 25.2. Deut. 12.6, 7, 11, to 15. and 27.6, 7. 1. Sam. 1, 3, 4. and 9.13.* and 16.5. 2. Sa. 15.7, 11, 12. 1. King. 1.9, 25. and 3.4, 15. 1. Chron. 29 9, 21, 22.

Of Sacrificing of children. Leuit. 18, 21. & 20 2. Deu. 12.31. Judg. 11.30.* 2. Kin. 3.27 and 16.3. & 17.17. 2. Chr. 28.3. Psal. 106.37. Isa. 57 5. Jer. 7.31. & 19.4. Eze. 16.20. & 20. 31 Of the Sacrifice of the vngodly. Gen. 4.3, 5. 1. Sam. 1.21, 22. Psal. 40.6. and 50.16, 17. and 51.16. Isa. 1.11, to 16. and 44.15, to 21. & 66.3. Jere. 6.20. and 7.11, 18. & 14.12. Hose. 5.6. and 6.6. and 8.13. and 9.4. Amos 5.21.* Mich. 6.7. Eccles. 34.18. Matth 9. 13. Mar. 12.33. Heb 10 6, 8.

Of spirituall Sacrifices. Psal. 5.7. & 26.6.* 27.6. & 40.6. & 50.14, 15. & 51.17, 19. & 116, 13.* Prou. 21.3. Isa. 56.1, 2. Jere. 7.3, to 7. Hos. 6.6. Mic 6.8. Eccles. 35.1.* Matt. 5.23, 24. & 9.13. and 12.7. Marke 12.33, 34, 44. Rom. 12.1. Phil. 4.18. Heb. 13.15, 16.

Christ is the perfect Sacrifice for the faithful. Isa. 53.10. John. 17.3. 2. Corinth 5.18.* Ephes. 5.2. 1. Joh. 2.1, 2. and 4.2, 9, 10, 14. Heb. 1.3. and 5.1. whereof Isaak was a figure. Gene. 22.2, 8, 9, 13, 18. and all the Sacrifices of the old law a shadow. Heb. 10.1, to 10. Looke Priest and Offring, and Aaron in the first Table.

Sacrificer, see Priest.

Sadducees, see Resurrection.

Sadnesse, see Heauinesse.

Safetie. Those that are vnder the protection of God, shall dwell in safety. Deut. 33. 12, 28. Prou. 3.23. Isa. 14.30. Jere. 32.37. Hose. 2.18. As vnto the Israelites, so long as they honoured God. 1. Sam. 12.11.

Saints. We ought to distribute to the necessitie of ꝑ Saints. Rom. 12.13. 1. Cor. 16.1, 2.

Paul would haue the Saints to decide all controuersies. 1. Cor. 6.1.

Of those that gaue themselues to minister to the Saints. 1. Cor. 16.15, 17.

Continuall prayers to be made in the spirit, for the Saints. Ephes. 6.18.

Christians called Saints, and why. Rom. 16.2 Ephes. 1.1. Phil. 1.1. and 4.21. Philemon 5. Heb. 13.21. 1. Cor. 1.2, 2. Cor. 1.1. Coloss. 1.2, 1. Thess. 3.13, &c.

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It was giuen vnto the beast to make warr with the Saints, and ouercome them. Reue. 13.7.

The Saints loued not their liues to the death for the word of their testimony. Reue. 12.11. See Precious.

The Saints shall shine as the Sunne. Mat. 13.43. Their felicitie. Reue 7.16 17.

The prayers of Saints offered vp to God by the Angel. Reue. 8.3,4.

Righteousnesse of Saints expressed by fine linnen. Reue. 19.8.

The Saints are in the hands of God. Deu. 33.3.

God will keepe the feet of his Saints from slipping away in temptations. 1. Sam. 2.9.

God punisheth his Saints in mercy. Psal. 99.6,8.

The mysterie of saluation in Christ is manifested to his elect Saints. Col. 1.26.

Against worshipping of Saints. Iudg. 13, 15,16. Psal. 29.1. ℣ 115.1.* ℣ 81.9. Isa. 42. 8. Esa. 13.13,14. Matt. 4.10. Luke 4.8. Acts 10.25,26. and 14.11, to 19. 1. Cor. 1.12,13. and 3.5,6. Reu. 22.8,9. ℣ praying or putting our trust in them. Psal. 36.6. ℣ 115.17. and 60.1. ℣ 145.18. ℣ 146.3. Isa. 63.16. Ier. 15. 1. and 17.5,6. Ezek. 14.14,20. Hose. 13.4. Esther 14.3. Matth. 11.28. John. 14.6. Acts 4.12. Rom. 10.14. Iam. 1.5,17.

Sale looke Buy.

Salt. Lots wife transformed into a pillar of Salt. Gene. 19.26.

Abimelech sowed salt in the citie of Shechem. Iudges 9.45.

God threatneth to burne the Iewes land with brimstone and Salt, if they disobeyed his Lawes. Deut. 29.23.

Elisha cast Salt into the infectious spring of waters, and healed them. 2. Kin. 2.21,22.

Euery man shall be salted with fire, and euery sacrifice shalbe salted with Salt. Matt. 9.49.

The Apostles are called the Salt of the earth. Mat. 5.13.

Our speech must bee powred with Salt. Col. 4.6.

The couenant of Salt. Num. 18.19.

The citie of Salt. Iosh. 15.62.

Saluation belongeth vnto the Lord. Psal. 3.8.

The Lord is our Saluation. Exod. 15.2. Psal. 65.5. 2. Sam. 22.3.

Saluation is obteined by Iesus Christ. 1. Thess. 5.9 and by none other. Acts 4.12.

The Prophets haue diligently enquired of the Saluation that should come by Christ. 1. Pet. 1.9,10,11.

Saluation put for the doctrine of the Gospel. Heb. 2.3.

We ought to crane health and Saluation of God. Iere. 17.14.

God hath wrought our saluatiō by sending his sonne to be our redeemer. Isa. 59.20,21.

Saluation is of the Iewes, of whom Christ descended as touching the flesh. Joh. 4.22.

Eternall Saluation giuen to all that obey the Lord Iesus. Heb 5.9.

Our saluation yet hid, at the last day shall be reuealed. 1. Pet. 1.5.

Saluation came into the house of Zaccheus, because hee beleeued in Iesus Christ. Luke 19.9.

The knowledge of Saluation came vnto vs through Gods tender mercie, by Iesus Christ, without our desert. Luke 1.77,78, 79. Rom. 6.23. Ephesians 2.1,5,8. Titus 3. 4, to 8.

Hannah reioyced in Gods Saluation. 1. Sam. 2.1.

Christ the Saluation of the Gentiles is promised. Gene. 49.10. exhibited and keene. Luke 2.30,31,32.

All things necessary to Saluation, are reuealed to vs by Christ. Joh. 15.15. Act. 20 27

Of the certainetie of our Saluation. Job 13.15,16. ℣ 19.25,26,27. Psal. 71.1. John 10.18,29. Rom. 8.1,16,17,38,39. Gal. 4.6. Heb 10.22,23. and 11.1. Iam. 1.6,7,8.

How Saluation is obtained through faith by Gods gracious election, looke more Isa. 25.9. Matt. 20.15,16. ℣ 25.34. Mar. 10.31, 40. Joh. 3.15,16 ℣ 5 24. ℣ 20.29,31. Acts 2. 47. and 15.11. ℣ 16.31. Rom. 1.16. ℣ 10.4,9. Eph. 1.11,13. and 2.8. 1. Thes. 5.9.2. Thes. 2.12,14. 2. Tim. 1.9,10. and 2.10. Tit. 1.1, 2. and 3.4,5,8. 1. Pet. 1.2, to 6.

Salute no man by the way. Luke 10.4. 2. King. 4.29. see Bresse.

The salutation of the Angel to Gideon. Iudg. 6.12. and to the virgine Marie. Luke 1.28.29.

Pauls maner of subscribing his Epistles. The salutation of mee Paul with mine owne hand. 2. Thess. 3.17.

Sanctifie, for to keepe holy. Deut. 5.12. to dedicate to God. Exod. 13.2. Numb. 7.1. to prayse. 1. Pet. 3.15. and to make a thing to be taken for holy. Matth. 23.17.

The Tabernacle, the Arke with the instruments, and Aarons sonnes sanctified. Exo. 29.43. and 30.26, to 31. Leu 8. 10,11.

The faithfull are sanctified in the Name of Christ by the Spirit of God. 1. Cor. 6.11.

To sanctifie God, what. Deut 31.31.

The vnbeleeuing husband is sanctified by the wife, &c. 1. Cor. 7.14 looke Celebrate, and Conseerate.

Of Sanctification. 1. Cor. 30,32. 1. Thes. 4 3.

Sanctuary. The high Priest entred into the Sanctuary but once a yeere. Leuit. 16.2. Heb. 9.7.

The purging of the Sanctuary. Leuit. 16. 14,15,16.

God commanded to reuerence his Sanctuary. Leuit. 19.30.

The forme and situation of the Sanctuary with all the furniture, is made. Exod. 36.1.* and 37.1.* and 38.1.* and 39.32.* as was commanded. Exo. 25.1.* and 26.1.* and 27 1.* and is reared vp. Exod. 40 2.*

The land of Canaan, called Gods Sanctuary. Exod. 15.16,17.

Satan obtaining leaue of God, destroyed all Jobs goods. Job 1.12.* and afflicted him. Job 2.6,7.

Satan desired to winnow the Apostles as wheate. Luke 22.31,32.

The fornicator to be deliuered vnto Satan, and why. 1. Cor. 5.4,5. Hymeneus and Alexander like wise. 1. Tim. 1.20.

Satan hindred Pauls iourney to Thessalonica. 1. Thess 2.18.

Satan bound and cast into the bottomlesse pit, and loosed againe. Reuel. 20.2,3.

Christ called Peter, Satan. Matth. 16.23. Marke 8.13.

They were instruments of Satan, that tempted Dauid to slay Shimei. 2. Sam 19.22.

Satan blindeth the mindes of infidels, that Gods glorious Gospel should not shine vnto them. 2 Cor 4.4. and endeauoureth to withdraw the faithfull from the same. 1. Thes. 3.5

Of the Synagogue of Satan. Reuel. 2.9. and 3.9. and of his throne. Reue. 2.13. looke Deuil.

Antichrists comming is by the working of Satan. 2. Thessalon. 2.9. Looke in the first Table.

Satisfaction, see Christ and Restitution.

Satisfied, see Foure.

Saue. Israel a people saued by the Lord. Deut. 33.29.

God onely saueth out of all aduersities. 1. Sam. 10.19.

No man saued by his owne power or policie. Psal. 33.16.

He that will saue his life, see Life.

Christ came to saue that which was lost. Matth. 18.11. Luke 19.10. euen sinners. 1. Tim. 1.15.

The Lord added dayly to the Church, such as shall be saued, by the Gospel preached Acts 2.47.

God hath saued vs from sinne, and how. Ephes. 2.7,8. Titus 3.5,6,7.

One asked Christ if but few should bee saued. Luke 13.23.

Christ would haue all men saued, & come to the knowledge of the truth. 1. Tim. 2.4.

Who shall be saued. Isa. 33.15,16.

Of the lopfull estate of them that shall be saued. Isa. 25 6.* ℣ 30.19,20. ℣ 49 6.* and 60.1.* ℣ 65.23,24,25. Jer. 31.23.* Dan. 12 3. 2. Esd. 2.27, to 33.* Wisd 3.1,7,8. and 5. 1,5 Matth. 13.43. ℣ 19.28. ℣ 25.10,29, 34, to 41. Marke 12.25. Luke 9.29. and 16. 22.25. and 22.30. Joh. 16.22. ℣ 17.24. Rom. 8.17,30. 1. Cor. 2.9. and 15.42. 2. Tim. 4.8. Heb. 1.10.36. and 13.14. Iam. 1.2. 1. Pet. 1. 4,5. and 5.1,4. Reu. 2.7,10,17,26.* and 3. 5.12,20.* and 21.4,7,10.* ℣ 22.1,2,3,4,5. looke Heauen and Life.

Who so taketh vpon him to be able to saue himselfe, maketh himselfe God. Job 40.9.

Sauiour. God is our Sauiour out of all troubles 2. Sam. 22.3.7.

God is the Sauiour of all men, specially of those that beleeue. 1. Tim. 4.10.

Christ is a prince and Sauiour. Acts 5.31. in whom lyeth our saluation. Matth. 1.21.

Many called Sauiours. Judg. 3.9,15.

Sauour. The Lord smelled a sauour of rest at Noahs sacrifice. Gen 8.21.

To whom Christ his crosse is a sauour of death vnto death, and life vnto life. 2. Cor. 2. 14.15,16.

Sawe. The Sawe may not exalt it selfe against him that moueth it. Isa. 10.15.

Scab. A blistering scab vpon man and beast, in all Egypt. Exod. 9.9,10,11.

Scape goate, what. Leuit. 16.8.

Scarcitie

Scarcitie, looke Plentie.
Schisme, looke Heresies and Sects.
Schoolemaster, looke Law.
Scholler. A good master maketh a good Scholler example. 2. Kings 12. 2.
Scourged. Christ was scourged. Mat. 27. 26
Paul should have bene scourged, but was not. Acts 22. 24, to 30.
Christ foretolde his Apostle howe they should be scourged. Mat 23. 34. looke Beaten.
Scourges, looke Plagues.
Scribe, what it signifieth. Ezra. 7. 6. looke Pharise.
Scriptures, why they were written. John 20. 31.
The Scripture hath concluded all under sinne, and why. Gal. 3. 22, 23. 24.
The Scriptures testifie of Christ. Luke 24. 27, 44. John 5. 39. and 20. 9 Acts 18. 28.
Christ confounded the deuill by the Scripture. Mat. 4. 4, 8, 10. Luke 4. 4, 8, 12.
Christ proued by the Scriptures, that hee was sent of the Father. John 5. 36. 39.
Christ came to fulfill the Scriptures, and therefore interpreteth them to his Apostles. Luke 24. 27, 44. 45, 46.
Searching of Scriptures daily, and why. Acts 17. 11.
What profit wee reape of the Scriptures. Rom. 15. 4. 2. Tim. 3. 16, 17.
Scripture, put for the old Testament. Joh. 5 39. Rom 15. 4. 1. Cor. 15. 3.
Hee that beleeueth not the Scriptures, will not giue credit vnto any person. Luke 16. 31.
Timothy instructed in the Scriptures from a child. 2. Tim. 3. 15.
Peter exhorteth vs to take heede vnto the Scriptures, and why. 2. Pet. 1. 19. * and 3. 1, 2.
To beware of wresters of the Scriptures, & why. 2. Pet. 3. 16, 17. All things that Christ did are not in Scripture. John 20. 30, 31. and 21. 25.
The vnderstanning of the Scriptures is the gift of God. Luke 24. 45.
The Scriptures are wholesome waters. Ezek. 47 9.
All sorts of people ought to know ỳ Scriptures. Deut. 6. 7, 8, 9. Num 11. 29 Josh. 1. 8. Psal. 1. 2, 3 2. 10. 3 19. 7, to 11. and 119. 9, 16, 105. Pro 20. 5. Lu. 11. 52 Joh. 5. 39. Act. 17. 11, & 18. 24. Rom. 15. 4. Col. 3. 16 & 1. Tim. 4. 13. and 2. Tim 3. 15, 16. Reue. 22. 18.
The Scriptures are easie to the simple, if the spirit of God be not absent. Ezra. 4. 15 Deut. 30. 11, 12, 13, 14. Psa. 19. 7, 8. 119. 130. Pro. 14. 6. Isa. 54. 13. Iere. 31. 34. Haba. 2. 2, 14. Mat. 11. 25. & 13. 11. Joh. 16. 13. Actes 2. 17, 18, & 1. Cor. 2. 9, 10. Tit. 1. 3 and 2. Pet. 1. 20.
Ignorance of the Scriptures, very dangerous for Christians. 2. Kin. 17. 26, 27, 28, 29. Psal 95. 10, 11. Pro. 1. 28, 29. Isa. 1. 3, 4. and 5 13 14 Wisd 5. 6, 7. and 14. 21. Eccle 4. 25. Mat. 15. 14. Mat 11. 24. Joh 3. 19, 20. 3 12. 35 Rom. 1. 18. * and 10. 2, 3. and 1. Cor. 2. 8. & 14. 38. and 15. 34. and 1. Thes. 4. 13.
The Canonical Scripture comprehendeth all things needfull to saluation. Joh. 4. 25. and 5. 39. and 15. 15. and 16. 13. and 20. 30, 31. Act. 1. 1, 2. & 20. 27. and 26. 22. Rom. 1. 16. and 15 4. and 2. Tim. 3. 15, 16, 17. and 1. Cor. 1. 8 1. Pet. 1. 13, 15. & 2. Pet. 1. 21. Hebr. 4. 12, and to decide all controuersies needfull for Christians to bee resolued in. Psal. 119. 105. and 147. 19, 20. Mal. 2. 6. Eccles. 12. 9. Matt. 4 3. 4. 7, 10. & 9. 13. & 12. 3, 4, 5, 40. and 15. 7, 8. and 16. 4 and 22. 31, 32, to 39. Mar. 10. 2, 3, to 13. Luke 16. 29. and 19. 46. and 24. 26, 27. Joh. 10. 34. Act. 2. 16, to 22. and 3. 22. and 10. 43. and 18. 28. Rom. 3. 10, to 20. and 4. 3. and 9. 12. * and 1 Cor. 10. 4. 5. & 1. Cor. 11. 23. * and 2. Tim. 3. 16. Heb. 4. 12.
Scale. To scale, is taken for to appeare, as Job. 3. 33. and 6 27.
Sea, made and named of the waters gathered together. Gen. 1. 1, 9, 10.
Israel passed through the middest of the Sea, being diuided with Moses rodde. Exod. 14. 21, 22.
The Sea of the wilderneſſe is called also the salt Sea. Josh. 3. 16.
The vttermost Sea. Deut. 11. 24.
The glaſſie Sea. Reue. 15. 2.
The forme of the molten Sea, which Salomon placed in the Temple. 1. Kings 7. 23, to 27.
The Sea for a like. Mat. 4. 13. Mar. 1. 16. Luke 5 2.
Search. There is no searching of Gods vnderstanding. Isa. 40. 28.
God searcheth all hearts. 1. Chron. 28. 9. looke Heart, and Curious.
Seasons, looke Signes.
State. What we should attribute to those which sit in Moses seate. Mat. 23. 2, 3.
Second death. Reue. 2, 11. and 21. 8.
Secret. S. Paul shrewd the Corinthians a secret. 1. Cor. 15. 51. *
Some thinke God seeth not their secret abominations. Ezek. 8. 12.
God shall iudge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ. Rom. 2. 26.
Sect. S. Paul was of the sect of the Pharises. Acts 26. 5.
How the Sects of Saduces and Pharises differ. Acts 23. 8.
Securitie of Belthazzar. Dan. 5. 1, to 6. * looke Careleſſe.
Sedition, and the punishment therof. Num 16. 1, 2. * 20. 2, to 7. Judg. 9 2. * 12. 1, to 7. 2. Sam. 20. 1, 2, 21, 22. 1. Kin. 1. 5. * 2. 15, to 26. Ell. 1. 21, 22. Acts 5. 36, 37. and 23. 7, 9, 10. * looke Rebell, and Enuie.
Seditious persons are to be shunned. Pro. 24. 21.
Seduce, looke Deceiue.
See. How Moses and diuers other sawe God, whom no man can see and liue. Exod. 24. 9, 10, 11. and 33. 20, 23. Num. 12. 8.
Iaakob saw God face to face. Gen. 32. 30.
S. Paul desireth to see the Thessalonians bodily. 1. Thess 2. 17.
God will giue his children eyes to see withall. Deut. 29. 4.
See, put for to knowe. Matth 9. 4. Joh 6. 40. for enter into. John 3. 3. and for feele. John 8. 51.
Seede is sowen, and God giueth it a body at his pleasure. 1. Cor 15. 38.
Seede shal be multiplied to them that giue liberall almes. 2. Cor 9. 10.
Of Seede that is made vncleane. Leuit 11. 38.
Of reuiling Seede, see Raise.
Seed of Abraham from Isaak by promise, not from Ismael. Gene. 21. 12. Rom 9. 8. Heb. 11. 18.
Seede for posteritie. Mar. 12. 19.
Iesus Christ was of the Seede of Dauid. 2. Sam 7. 12. 13.
God hath left the Seede of the Iewes. Rom. 9. 29.
The word of God is compared to Seede. Matth. 13. 3, to 44. Mar. 4. 3, 14, 26, 31. Lu. 8. 5. to 16.
The honourable Seede are they that feare the Lord. Eccles. 10. 20.
Seeke. He that doeth Seeke the Lord with all his heart, shall find him. Deut. 4. 29, 30, 31. Iere. 29. 13.
To seeke God, looke Leese.
The godly labour for all that seeke knowledge. Eccius. 33. 16. and 24. 39.
Seeme, looke Hypocrites and Eyes.
Seer, put for a Prophet. 1. Sam. 9. 9, 11.
Seethe. The ceremoniall Law forbiddeth to seethe meate vpon the Sabbath day. Exo. 16. 23.
The Seething pot. Ezek. 24. 3, to 15.
Seething children, see Women.
Sell that yee haue, and giue to the poore. Matth. 19. 21. Lu 12. 33, 34. and 18. 22.
Ioseph was solde by Gods prouidence. Gene. 45 5.
The faithfull solde their possessions, and why. Acts 2. 45. looke Buy.
Sende. God declared that hee did Sende Moses to gouerne his people. Num. 16. 28.
Christ sent by God. John 8. 18.
God sent Rezin, and Pekah against Ahaz. 2. Kings 15. 37. and 16. 1, 5.
Christ sent his Apostles as hee was sent. John 20. 21.
None can preach except they be sent. Roman. 10. 15.
Separate. God separated the Israelites from other people, that they might separate themselues from filthinesse. Leuit 20. 24, 25, 26.
Of the Separate field. Leuit. 27. 21.
Of the separating of the goates from the sheepe. Matth 25. 32, 33.
Sepulchre. Christs Sepulchre watched with Souldiers. Matth. 27. 60, 63. *
The Pharises are termed whited tombes, or Sepulchres Mat. 23. 27, 28. looke Graues.
Serpent. The Serpent through subtilty beguiled the woman, and was cursed. Gene. 3. 1, 13, 14, 15. and 2. Cor. 11. 3.
The fierie Serpent of brasse set vp to heale them that were bitten of the fierie Serpents. Num. 21. 6, to 10. which after being honoured, Hezekiah caused to bee broken in pieces. 2. Kings 18 4. what it did signifie. Joh. 3. 14, 15.
Iesus Christ called the Pharises Serpents. Matt. 23. 33. and willeth his Apostles to be wise as Serpents Matt. 10. 16.
The deuill called the olde Serpent. Reuel. 12. 9. and 20. 2. see Rod.
Seruants, and their estate. Leui. 25 44. 45.
Of him that lay with a maide Seruant affianced, and not redeemed. Leuit. 19. 20.
Of a Iewes sonne solde to bee a Seruant. Deut. 15. 12, to 19 Exod. 21. 2, to 7.

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Of a mans daughter sold to bee a seruant. Exod.21.7,to 12.

Ruth espoused her was Boaz seruant, and maide. Ruth 2.13.

A seruant that ran away from his master being an heathen. Deut.23.15,16.

Of freeing of seruants. Jere.34.9.*

Of the discipline of seruants. Eccius 33. 33.*

How to entreate a seruant from his childhoode. Prou.29.19,20,21.

The duetie of seruants towards their master. Ephes.6 5,to 9. Col.3.22. *1.Tim.6.1. Tit.2.9.*1.Pet.2,18.*Mat 8.9.

Of seruants called to the knowledge of the Gospel.1.Cor.7.21,22.

Moses willed the Iewes to remember that they were seruants themselues. Deut.16.12.

Examples of good seruants and faithfull. Gen.24.1,*31,38,39,40.and 39.1.*

God called the Israelites his seruants. Leuit.25.55.

God hath compassion of his seruants. Deu. 32.36.

Christ calleth his not seruants, but friends, and why. John 15.14,15.

Wee are the seruants of God deliuered from sinne. John 8.32,to 37. Rom.6.16,17, 18.*1.Pet.2.16.

Blessed is that seruant, whome his master when he commeth shall finde waking. Luke 12.36,to 49.

Wee are all vnprofitable seruants. Luke 17.10.

The seruant is not greater then his master. John 15.20.

God will auenge the blood of his seruants. Deut.32.43.

Whoso will be greatest, ought to bee seruant to all. Mat.20.26,27,28.

A Bishop is the Lords seruant. 2. Tim.2. 24.

The seruants of Christ ought not to be men pleasers. Gal.1.10.

Paul being free from all men, became seruant to all, to winne the more. 1.Cozinth. 9.19.

Wee are seruants of sinne, if wee be ouercome by it. John 8.34. 2.Pet.2.19. and being seruants of sinne, we are freed from righteousnesse. Rom.6.20.

We ought to instruct our children, that of bond to the deuill. Deut.6.21.*we are made sonnes of God. Gal.3.26.

The seruant that knoweth his masters will, and doeth it not. Luke 12.47,48.

Dauid suffred not his seruants to do Saul harme, and why. 1.Sam.24 5,to 11.

God prouided for his seruants contrary to their expectation. 2.Sam.17.28,29.

The wicked are Gods seruants, and how. Jere 25.9. and 27.6.

Seruant of the Church. Rom.16,1.

Serue. How we must serue God. Ioth.22, 5.27,28,29. and 24.14,to 25. Exod. 23.25. Deuter.6,13.and 10.12,17,20. and 28 47. 1.Sam.12.20.Matth.4.10.Luke 4.8.Hebr. 12.28.

The Iewes serued Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and forsooke the Lord. Judg.2.11,13, and 3.7.

Of those that serued both God and idoles. 2.King 17.28,33.*

The end of our vocation and redemption, is to serue the liuing God. 1.Thes.1.9.Heb. 2.15.Lu.1.74,75.

Seruice displeasing, or pleasing God. Iai. 1.11,to 18.and 43.22,23,24.

Seruile worke, what. Leuit.23.7.

Seruitude. God foretold Abraham the seruitude of the children of Israel, and their deliuerance out of Egypt. Genes.15.13,14. looke Bondage.

Seuen Iethro had seuen daughters. Exod. 2.16.and Iob seuen sonnes. Job.1.2.and 42 13.looke Martyrdome.

Seuentie, put for an infinite number. Mat. 18.22.

Seuentie and two disciples sent to preach, and how. Lu.10.1,to 13,16. Mat.10.1,to 16

I Shame vpon those that disobey God. Deut.28.20.looke Ashamed.

Sheepe were wont to bee watered toward night. Gen 29.2,3,7,8. Exod.2.17,18.

Sheepe were permitted the Iewes to eat. Deut.14.4.

Michaiahs parable of the sheepe without a shepheard. 1.Kings 22,17.35,36,37.

Whose flockes of sheepe are curssed, and whose blessed. Deut.28,4,31.as appeareth. Judg.6.4.

An oblation of a Sheepe or Lambe. Leu. 3.6,7.

We were as stray sheepe before our conuersion. 1.Pet.2.25.

Christ called the Iewes lost sheepe. Mat. 10.6.to whom he was sent. Matth.15.24.

The qualities and safetie of Christs sheep John 3.15,16.and 10.27,28.

Those that were not of his sheepe, beleeued not. John 10.26.

Christ calleth his sheepe, the blessed of his Father. Mat.25.33,34.

Christ willeth Peter to feede his lambes and sheepe. John 21.15,16,17.

Iewes and Gentiles are one Sheepefold acknowledging Christ their onely Shepherd, John 10.16.1.Pet.2.25.

Shepheards. Iaakobs children were Shepheards, which were an abomination to the Egyptians. Gen.46.32.*

Christ the Shepheard and expectation of the Gentiles.2.Esd.2.34.*The good Shepheard. Ioh.10.11,14. The chiefe Shepheard. 1.Pet.5.4.and 2.25. of the faithfull. Ezek. 34.23.24.Zech.13.7 whose birth was declared vnto Shepheards. Luke 2.8,to 21.

Against couetous Shepheards. Ezek.34. 2,to 23.

Of the foolish and idle Shepheard, and his instruments. Zech 11.15,16,17.

Of Shepheards, looke more in Pastours, and Heardmen.

A *Shekel* of the Sanctuarie, what. Exod. 30.13.Ezek.45 12.Num.3.47.

A common Shekel, what. Gen.23.15.Exodus 21.32.

Twentie Shekels make one pound. Ezek. 4.10.

Shewbread, looke Bread.

Shields of gold. 1.Kings 10.17.put in the house called the forrest of Lebanon. Cha.7.2 caried away by Shishak king of Egypt, and brasen Shields put in their stead by Rehoboam. Chap.14.26,27.

God is a Shield to the faithfull Deutero. 33.29. 2 Sam.22.3. Psal.119,14. Looke Protectour.

Shooes of the Israelites wared not old for fortie yeeres space. Deut.29 5.

Those that did eate the Paschal Lambe had their shooes on their feet. Exo.12.11.

God commanded Moses to put his shooes off his feete. Exod.3 5. The like commaundement had Iohua. Iohua 5.15. The ceremonie of putting off the shooes, in redeeming and changing Ruth.4.7.

Moses prophesied vnto the tribe of Asher, that their Shooes should bee yron and brasse. Deut.33.25.

Shun. God will shut vp the heauens to infidels. Deut.11.17.

Sickneſſe sent of God, to those that wil not heare his worde. Exod.15.26. or bee disobey his commandements. Deut.28.35,59.

How Ieroboam behaued himselfe, when his sonne was sicke. 1.King.14.1,to 21.

Dauids behauiour while his sonne by Bathsheba was sicke. 2.Sam.12.15,16, to 24.

Amnon fained himselfe sicke, and why. 2. Sam.13 5,6.

The sicke should call for the Elders of the Church. James 5.14,15.

In our sicknesse wee ought to haue recourse to God. Eccius. 38.9. Iai. 38.2,3. (and let our house in order. 2.Kin.20.1.) and not to idoles or witches. 2.Kin.1.16.

If we serue God, he will remoue all sicknesse from among vs. Exod.23.25.and send them on all that hate vs. Deut.7.12,15.

God sendeth sicknesse, sometime for our sinnes Mat.9.2. sometime for his owne glorie. John 5.5,14.and 9.3.and 11.4.

Many weake and sicke for communicating vnworthily. 1.Cor 11.30.

Christ healeth the sickenesse both of body and soule. Mat.8.16.

We ought to humble our selues before we be sicke. Eccius.18.20.

Sickenesse the punishment of sinne. Leuit. 26.16,18.Numb.12.10.*2.Sam.24.10,to 18.2.King.5.1,27 2.Chro.21.12,to 16.

How the sicke haue behaued themselues in their sickenesse, and death. Gen.48.2.* and 49.28.*and 50. 24,25,26. Deut.31,1, to 14.*Iohua 23.2.*and 24.1,to 30.*1. King.2.4,to 11. 2.Chro.32.24.2.King.20, 1,2,3. Tob.4.2.*1.Macc.2.49.*

The sicke must be visited and comforted. Gen 48.1.2.Kin.8.29. Iob.2.11. Psa.41.3. Eccius.7.34,35. and 38.9,12.2.Esd.2 21. Mat.25.36,39,40.2.Cor.1.4. Looke Diseases and Infirmities.

Side of Christ pearced with a speare. Joh. 19 34.

Sigh. The Israelites sighed for their bondage, & were heard. Exod.1.14 and 2.23,24. Paul sighed, and why. 2 Cor.5.2,3.

Sights, looke Appearings.

Signes of times taken for miracles, whereby God doth make his power knowen. Exod. 4 8,9. and 34 10. and 7.3,21.* and 16.4.* Ioth.

Iosh 3.5.2. Kin. 13.3. and 17.1,14. and 18. 24.* and 20 13,22,28,36,42.2.Kin 5.10,to 15. and 28.8,to 12.Matt.8.3.* 9.2.* & 14. 19,to 22,36. such the Scribes & Pharises required.Mat 12.38, to 43. and 16. 1, to 6. Luke 11.29,to 33.1.Cor.1.22.

Signes sometimes also are tokens of assurance.Gen.9.12.& 15.8 Exod.31.13. Iosh. 2.18,to 22. Iudg.6.14.* 1.Sam.2.34.& 10. 1,to 10.2. Sam.2.1,3 & 2.Kin.19.29. Isai. 37.30.& 38.7.Tob.5.2.Num.16.28,29.Lu. 1.35,36,37 & 2 12 sometime for tokens of remembrance.Exo.12.13.Num.15.39. and 16.38 and 17.10. Iosh.4.6. looke Sacraments.

Sunne, Moone, and Starres, ordeined for Signes, seasons, dayes, and yeeres. Genes.1. 14,to 19.

Signes shall follow them that beleeue, for confirmation of the doctrine.Mar.16.17.

Signes preceeding the day of iudgement. Mat.24.29,to 31.Mar.13.24.* Lu.21,25.* Isa.13.10.Ezec.32.7 Ioel 3.15.

We ought not to feare the Signes of heauen.Ier.10.2.

Silence must bee kept, as time and place requireth.Pro.10.19, and 25.11.Eccles.20. 25,to 9.

Silver, looke Golde.

Similitude. God sending his owne sonne in the similitude of sinfull flesh, condemned sinne in the flesh.Rom.8.3. and 6.5.

Simple concerning euill.Mat.10.16. Romanes 16.19.

Bee that distributeth, let him doe it with simplicitie.Rom.12.8.

Paul reioyced that his conuersation was in simplicitie.2.Cor.1.12.

Singing Deborah and Barak sung praise to God Iudg.5.1.* and Moses and the Israelites with Miriam. Exo.15.1.* and Dauid also.2 Sam.22.1.*

We ought to sing Psalmes and spirituall songes to the Lord in our hearts.Ephe.5.19. Colos.3.16,17.

A song for ỹ Israelites to learne by heart, and sing.Deut.31.19.and 32.1,to 44.

Singers ordeined, and their office and courses.1.Chron.25.1.*

Dauid the swete singer of Israel.2. Samuel 23.1.looke Song.

Sinne and *Sinner*. Sinne taken for the root of peruersitie. Rom.6.and 7.Chapters, and for a sacrifice for the satisfaction for sinne, Rom.8.3. 2.Cor.5.21.and sinners, for those that are altogether set addicted to wickednesse. Mat.9.11.Ioh 9.31.

Adam laide his sinne to his wife, and shee to the Serpent.Gen.3.12,13.

Through whom sinne entred into ỹ world, and death by sinne.Rom.5.12.

The deuill prouoked the woman to sinne, Gen.3 1,to 6.

He that committeth sinne is of the deuill. 1.Ioh 3.8.

Sinne is the sting of death.1.Cor.15.56.

He is a sinner that beleeueth not the Gospel.1 Pet.4.17,18.

Ieroboam sinned, & made Israel to sinne. 1.Kings 18.28,29,30. which sinne pulled destruction vpon the citie. 1.Kings 14.16. The like is to be seene in Basha. 1.Kings 16.2,3.

Samuel counted it a sinne against the Lord to cease praying for the Israelites. 1. Sam.12.23.

The children of Eli sinned, and made the people to trespasse. 1.Sam 2. 12,17,24,25.

Idolaters company must be shunned, lest wee sinne against the Lorde. Exod.23.24, 32,33.

Who so is ouercome of sinne, is the seruant of sinne.Ioh 8.34.Rom.6.12.

Seruants of sinne, are freed from righteousnesse and contrary Rom.6.18,20.

Adam hauing sinned, fled from Gods presence.Gen.3.8.

None exempt from sinne, and therefore all haue neede of the sauiour.Psa.20.9 Isa.41. 29.and 53.12.1.Ioh 1.7.*

Sinne was not knowen to bee sinne, but lay as dead, before the Lawe declared and received it.Rom.5.13 and 7.7,8,9.

As punishment for sinne, death is come vpon all men.Rom.5.12.

Sinne abounding, could not surmount Gods grace.Rom 5 15,20,21.

The stipend of sinne is shame, and the ende death.Rom.6.21.

Euery man shall die for his owne sinne. Iere.31.30.

The blood of Bulles and Goates coulde not take away sinne.Heb 10.1,to 5.

God forgiueth sinnes.Num. 14.18.Exod. 34.7.

Wee ought not to continue in sinne. Eccles.21 1.

To be conuerted from sinne, is the gift of God.Ier.31.18,19.

God called Adam to shewe him his sinne, Gen.3.9.

God shewed Cain his sinne, before her curseth him Gen.4.10.

God punished the people, because their sinne increased.Ier 30.15.

Saluation promised to them that confesse their sinnes.Leui.26.40,42,45. Iob 13. 16. Ezek.33.11.

God imputeth not sinne vnto his faithfull. Psal.32.2.

Dauid acknowledging his sinne, was pardoned.2.Sam.12.13.

The Israelites confessed the grieuousnes of their sinnes.Iudg.10.10.1.Sam.12.10.

Pharaoh confessed his sinnes.Exod.9.27. and 10.16.

Of the sinnes of the Gentiles before their calling. Tit.3.3. 1 Cor.6.9,10,11, Rom.1. 20.* Ephe.2.12.1.Pet.4.3.

Raine is denied, & famine sent for sinne, 1.Kings 8.35.37.

The Iewes attributed their affliction to their sinnes.Baruch 2.5.6.7.

The sinnes for the which Ierusalem was afflicted.Ier 6.6.7.

God will not pardon their sinnes, who turne from him to others.Iosh.24.19,20.

For the sinne of Achan, all the people were punished.Iosh 7.1.and 22.20.

The men of Gibeah, for their sinne, Iudg. 19.24,25.were slaine, not onely committers, but winkers at the same. Iudg.20 13,14, 44.46.according to Pauls doctrine.Roma. 1.32. the like happened to the Sodomites Gen.19.5,25.

God is mercifull to the sinnes of his Saints albeit he punish them. Psal 89 31, 32,33.and 106.44.45.

Moses prayeth God to pardon the peoples sinne, or els to raze him out of the booke of life.Exod.32.31 32.

Moses beseecheth God for the peoples sinne Num.14.19.and Dauid for his owne. 2.Sam.24 10.

God promiseth to visite the sinne of idolatrie.Exod 32 34.

Abundance of spirituall blessings are promised after forgiuenesse of sinnes. Isa.44.3, 22.*

Christ sinned not.1.Pet.2.22.1.Ioh 3. 5.Isa 53.9.

If we say we haue no sinne, we make him a lyar, who calleth all men wicked.1.Ioh 1. 10.Isa 9.17.

Remission of sinnes is through the mercy of God.Luke 1.78.Mat 2.5,10.Rom. 6.15. 17,20.by his sonne. Mat.1.16.21.& by the shedding of his blood. Mat.26.28.Mat.14. 24 Luke 22.20.

Christ is the reconciliation for all our sins. 1.Ioh 2.2.who appeared to breake them vpon his bodie to the same ende.1.Ioh 3 5.Rom. 4.25.1.Pet 2.24 Gala 1.4.1.Tim.1.15 by beleeuing in him.Acts 20.43. who is the innocent lambe offered by the Father. Ioh.1. 29.the onely sacrifice once offered onely for all.Heb.9.26,28 and 10.12,14,18.that we should be zealous of good workes.Tit.2.14.

Christ came to call sinners onely to repentance.Mat.9.13.

Christ had authoritie to forgiue sinnes. Mat.9.6. and remission of sinnes must bee preached in his name to all nations. Luke 24.47.

Christ did eate with Publicanes and sinners Mat.9.10,11.

Sinne against the holy Ghost, is irremissible.Mat.12.31,32.Mar.3.29. Luke 12.10. Heb.6.4,5,6.and 10.26,27.not to be prayed for.1.Ioh.5.16.

When we were dead by sinne, God quickned vs in Christ Ephe.2 5,6.

Victorie ouer sinne, is giuen by Christ. 1. Cor.15 54.57.

Christ died for vs being sinners, Roman, 5 8.

Christ Iesus came into this world to saue sinners.1.Tim 1 15.

Christ hath satisfied for our sinnes, that we dying to sinne, might bee quickened by the spirite of righteousnesse.1.Pet.2.24.and 3. 18.Rom.6.6,11.

Gods new Testament is, that he will write his lawes in our hearts, and remember our sinnes no more.Heb.8 10.* and 10.16,17.26.

We being vnder grace may not therefore sinne: but rather bee so much more readie to doe good.Rom 6.13,15.

If our faith were not approued by good workes, we haue forgotten how we were purged from sinne.2.Pet.1.9.

If any man sinne, wee haue an aduocate euen Iesus Christ the iust.1.Ioh 2.1.

God is able to keepe vs from sinne, and to preſent vs faultleſſe with ioy. Iude 24,25.

Whoſoeuer is borne of God ſinneth not. 1. Iohn 5 18.

Our duetie toward our brother that ſinneth againſt vs. Mat. 18.15.* Luke 17.3,4. Gal. 6.1.2. Tim. 2.24,25,26.

Hee that conuerteth a ſinner, ſhall hide a multitude of ſinnes. Iames 5.20.

Hee that ſinneth, being warned, amendeth not. Mat. 18.17. looke Heathen.

Publike ſinne, publikely to be rebuked. 2. Tim. 5.20.

Woles put the Iſraelites in mind of their ſinnes, and why. Deu. 9.4.

Moſes heweth the Iſraelites their ſinne, and prayeth God to pardon them. Exod. 32. 30,31.*

We ought to pray for our brethren which ſinne not vnto death, and life ſhall bee giuen them. 1. Iohn 5. 16.

How great Gods mercie is to the ſinner that truely repenteth. Luke 15.11,12.*

Sinner that conuerteth, ſee Ioy.

Greater puniſhment argueth not alwayes greater ſinnes. Luke 13 4,5. Mat. 7.1,2.

Who ſo beleeueth not in Chriſt, ſhall die in their ſinnes. Iohn 8.24.

The wicked heape ſinne vpon ſinne. Eccleſ. 3. 29. to fulfill the meaſure of their fathers ſinnes. Mat. 23,32. and 1. Theſſ. 2.16.

Some mens ſinnes are open, going before vnto iudgement, ſome follow after. 1. Tim. 5.24.

Iudas confeſſed that he had ſinned, and how. Mat. 27.4.

Prayſe is not ſeemely in the mouth of a ſinner. Eccleſ. 15.9.

We may not conſent to the inticement of ſinners. Pſa. 1 10, to 20. Gen. 39.9.

Moſes calleth the molten calfe the Iſraelites ſinne. Deu. 9.21.

The wicked thought of a foole is ſinne, Pro. 24.9.

Samuel comforteth the Iſraelites confeſſing their ſinne. 1. Sam. 12.19,20.

Sinne commeth of our ſelues. Eccleſ. 15. 11,12.*

God ſeeketh not the death of a ſinner, but his conuerſion. 2. Chron. 12.12. Ezek. 18.32. and 33.11.

How ſinne ſhould bee reſtrained of vs. Rom. 6.12.

Dead to ſinne, how. Rom. 6.2.

Gods mercie maketh ſinners pure. Iere. 50.20.

God ſearcheth out our ſinnes. Iob 10.6.

What were the ſinnes of Sodome and her ſiſters. Ezek. 16.49.

The ſoule that ſinneth, ſhall die, except he repent. Ezek 18.4,5.*

Our ſinnes cauſe barrenneſſe and ſcarcitie. Hag. 2. 17, 18, 20.

Of the offspring and originall of ſinne, the puniſhment thereof, and how all men are Sinners Gene. 2.17. and 3.1.* and 6.5,6,7. and 8.21.2 Chron 6.36. Iob 14 4. and 15. 14. Pſalm. 14.3. and 51.5. and 115.11. Pro. 20.9 and 24.16. Eccleſ. 7.22. Iſa. 1.6 and 13.9. and 45.25,26,27. and 53.6. and 64.6. Ierem. 17.9.2. Eſd. 7.48. and 8.35. Wiſd. 2.24. Eccluſ. 17.14. and 21.10,15,19,20. Iob. 3.6. Rom. 3.10,20,24. and 5.12,14. and 7.14,15,19,20. and 6.23. and 14.23. Epheſ. 2.3. Phil. 3.12. Iam. 1.15. 1. Corinth. 15.21, 22. 1. Iohn 1.10. looke Forgiueneſſe and Confeſſe.

Singleneſſe of heart among Chriſtians in the primitiue Church Acts. 2.46.

Siſter, for a citie. Ezek. 16.46. and ſiſters for kinſwomen. Mat. 13.56. Mar. 6.3.

Sixe things God hateth, and his ſoule abhorreth the ſeuenth. Pro. 6.16, to 20.

Scorne. Some laugh Gods meſſengers to ſcorne, ſome profite by them. 2. Chron. 30. 10,11.

Skie red, morning or euening, what it ſignifieth. Mat. 16.2,3. Luke 12.54,55,56.

Slanderers muſt not be heard. Pro. 20, 19. and 25.23.

The wicked ſeeke to ſlander the godly Preacher. Ier. 18.18.

The wicked cauſeth ſlander and ſhame. Prou. 13.5. Looke Double, Backbiting, and Speaking.

Slaying. Why God would ſlay the children of Eli. 1. Sam. 2.25.

Amaziah ſlew them that ſlew his father. 2. Kings 14.5.

Sancherib ſlaine by his owne children. 2. Kings 19.37. Iohas by Pharaoh Necho. 2. Kings 23,29.

The Leuites ſlewe their idolatrous brethren. Exo. 32.27. looke Kill, and Refuge.

Sleepe. As Samſon ſlept his haire was ſhauen off. Iudges 19.19.

Dauid finding his enemie Saul ſleeping, did him no harme. 1. Sam. 26.7,12. looke Abiſhag.

Eliiah ſlept when the Angel came to giue him ſuſtenance 1. Kings 19.5,6.

Lying downe to ſleepe, we muſt meditate in Gods word. Deu. 11.19.

Death a ſleepe, in reſpect of the reſurrection. Gen. 47.30. Mat. 9.24. Mar. 5.39. Luke 8.52. 1. Cor. 7.39.

Sleepe, put for ignorance and wicked life. Rom. 13.11.

Let vs not ſleepe as others do, but watch and be ſober. 1. Theſ. 5.6,7,10.

Slowe. Swift to heare, and ſlow to ſpeake, &c. Iames 1.19.

The *Slouthfull* will not plough becauſe of winter, and therefore ſhal begge in ſummer. Pro. 20.4.

Whereto a ſlouthful man is like. Pro. 15. 19. and 18.19. Eccluſ. 22.1,2.

The deſire of the ſlouthfull ſlayeth him, and why. Pro. 21.25.

The ſlouthfull ſeruant had his talent taken from him. Mat. 25.26, to 31.

Wee ought not to be ſlouthfull to doe ſeruice. Rom. 12.11.

Of the ſlouthfull, and ſlouthfulneſſe. Pro. 6 6, to 12. and 10.26. and 13.4. and 18.9. and 19.15. and 20.13. and 22, 13. and 24. 30.* and 26.13, to 17. Eccleſ. 10,18. Eccluſ. 37. 11. looke Idle.

Small, looke Foure.

Smell, looke Sauour.

Smite. God ſmiteth the diſobedient with all maner of plagues. Deu. 28.22.*

God ſmote the Brutenmites before the Iſraelites. Iudges 20.35.

God ſmote Nadal to death 1. Sam. 25. 38.

Who ſo ſmiteth any man, muſt die for it. Exod. 21.12. Leuit. 24.17,21. Num. 35.16, to 22.

Curſed is hee that ſmiteth his neighbour ſecretly. Deu. 27.24.

Of the puniſhment of him that ſmiteth his ſeruant or maide. Exodus 21.20,21,26, 27.

Zirkiah ſmote Michaiah, and why. 1. kin. 22.24.

Paul ſmitten on the mouth. Act. 23.2. and Chriſt. Mat. 26.67. Mar. 14.65. Iohn 18. 22,23.

Smith. Tubal-kain the firſt Smith or braſier. Gen. 4.22.

No Smith in Iſrael in the time of Saul. 1. Sam. 13.19.

Snares of death ouertooke Dauid. 2. Sam 22.6. Pſal. 18.5.

Snowe in Summer, and raine in harueſt not meete. Pro. 26.1.

The blood of Chriſt waſheth vs whiter then Snow. Pſalm 51.7. if by faith we turne to him. Iſa. 1.18.

Sobrietie commended vnto vs. 1. Theſſ. 5.8. 1. Tim. 3.2,11. Tit. 2.2.2. Pet. 4.7. Eccluſ. 32.12.*

We muſt vnderſtand according to ſobrietie. Rom. 12.3.

Paul ſpake the wordes of ſoberneſſe and truth. Acts 26.25.

Societie, ſee Fellowſhip.

Solde, looke Sell.

Souldiers duetie. Luke 3.14.

Solemne. The Iewes at their Solemne feaſtes were wont to reioyce. Iſa. 30. 29. with all their houſholdes, with poore and ſtrangers, offering ſacrifices of thankefulneſſe. Deut. 6.11,12. Which feaſtes being prophaned, God abhorred. Iſai. 1.11, to 16. Hoſe. 9.4,5.

A Solemne feaſt, at the erecting of the molten calfe. Exo. 32.5,6. and at the ſetting vp of Ieroboams two golden calues. 1. Kin. 12.32,33.

At euery ſolemne feaſt, was a priſoner let looſe to the Iewes. Iohn 18.39. looke Feaſt.

Solitarie. Chriſt prayed in a ſolitarie place. Mar. 1.35.

Songs. The Song of Hannah. 1. Sam. 2.1, to 11. of Elizabet. Luke 1.42, to 46. of the virgine Marie. verſe 46, to 56. of Zacharias. verſe 68, to 80. of the Angels. Luk. 2.14. and of Simeon. verſe 29, to 33.

Salomons Songs were a thouſand and fiue. 1. Kings 4.32.

The ſong of Salomon of the loue betweene Chriſt and his Church, or the ſoule of man. Cant. all the 8. chapters, looke Sing, Pſalmes, and Prayers.

Sonne. An euill nurtured ſonne is the diſhonour of his father. Eccluſ. 22.5. and maketh his mother aſhamed. Pro. 29.15.

Dauid at the firſt, though humillie, refuſed to be Sauls ſonne in law. 1. Samu. 18,18,23.

Eliſha by prayer obteined that his hoſteſſe ſhould

should haue a sonne. 2. King. 4. 14, 16, 17. see Children.

Sonnes offered, looke Sacrifice.

God spared not his owne Sonne, but gaue him for vs all. Rom. 8. 32.

Sonnes, vsed for inhabitants. Ezr. 2. 1, 31. and for posteritie. Ezra. 2. 35. Matth. 22. 42.

Christ called the Sonne of man Matth. 8. 23. and 12. 8. and 24. 30. and 25. 13, 31. and 26. 2, 24. Mar. 2. 10. and 9. 9, 31. & 13. 26. and 14. 21. Luke 5. 24. and 7. 5. and 9. 21, 26, 44, 56, 58. and 12. 8, 40. Joh. 3. 13, 14. and 13. 31.

The faithfull are the Sonnes of God. Lu. 20. 36. Iohn 1. 12. Rom. 8. 14. 2. Cor. 6. 18. Galat. 3. 26. 1. Iohn 3. 1. Looke Correction.

Sorcerers punishment. Reuel. 21. 8. looke Soothsayers.

Sorow. Paul reioyced not that the Corinthians were made sorie by his Epistle: but that they sorowed to repentance. 2. Cor. 7. 8, 9.

No man is sorie for the affliction of Ioseph. Amos 6. 6.

God giueth to the disobedient a sorowfull minde. Deut. 28. 65.

A sorowfull mind drieth vp the bones. Pro. 17. 22.

The Apostles sorowfull, hearing that Christ should die. Matth. 17. 22, 23. and that they should forgoe his bodily presence. Iohn 16. 6, to 23.

The brethren were sorie that they should see Pauls face no more. Acts 20. 37, 38.

The people sorowed that God would not goe with them to Canaan. Exod. 33. 4.

Paul was sorowfull for Epaphroditus sickenesse. Phil. 2. 27, 28.

Godly sorowe causeth repentance: but worldly sorow causeth death. 2. Cor. 7. 10, 11. Eccles. 30. 23, 24.

The godly are as sorowing, and yet alwayes reioycing. 2. Cor. 6. 4, to 10.

We may not sorowe aboue measure for the dead, and why. 1. Thessal. 4. 13.* Looke Mourning.

The sorowe of the heart is a ielous woman. Eccius. 26. 6 looke Heauie.

Soothsayers not to be regarded, nor suffered. Leuit. 19. 31. Deut. 18. 10, 11, 12.

Whoso hath a spirit of diuination or soothsaying, shalbe stoned to death. Leuit. 20. 27.

Iosiah banished all soothsayers, and such as had familiar spirits 2. King. 23. 24. so did Saul. 1. Sam. 28. 3.

Soothsaying, witchcraft, &c. is but banitie. Eccius. 34. 5.

God will iudge soothsayers. Mal. 3. 5. and send a sword vpon them. Ieremi. 50. 36. looke Diuination, and Witch.

Sower. The parable of the Sower. Matt. 13 3.* 19, 38.* 43. Mar. 4. 3, to 21. Luke 8. 5, to 16.

Soweth. As euery man soweth, so shall he reape Gal. 6. 7, 8, 9. see Salt.

Soule, taken for the naturall affection. Matth. 26. 38. Mar. 14. 34. Iohn 12. 27. Luk. 1. 46. and 2. 35. for the spirit, wherewith man liueth. Matth. 10. 28. 2. Cor. 1. 23. for the will ioyned to the vnderstanding. 1. Thess. 5. 23. 1. Pet. 1. 9, 22. for the whole man. Gene. 46. 26, 27. Exod. 1. 5. Deut. 10. 22. Rom. 13. 1. Act. 2. 43. for the life. Mat. 2. 20. & 6. 25. Luk. 12. 22. Ioh. 10. 11. & 13. 37. & 15. 13. Acts 20. 24. and for the breath. Acts 20. 10.

Man became a liuing Soule. Gen. 2. 7.

Christ healed the diseases of Soule and bodie. Luke 9 56. Iohn 7. 23.

We ought to seeke, serue and loue God with all our heart and Soule Deu. 4. 29. and 10. 12. and 11. 13.

Paul content to giue his soule for the confirmation of the Gospel. 1. Thes. 2. 8.

The Soules of them that were killed for the word of God Reuel. 6. 9.

The Pastours shall giue accounts for their peoples soules. Heb. 13. 17.

How our Soules are purified. 1. Pet. 1. 22.

Those that suffer for Iesus Christ, receiue the saluation of their Soules. 1. Pet. 1. 4. 9.

A man to put his Soule in his hands, what it signifieth. 1. Sam. 19. 5. and 28. 21.

To powre out our Soules before the Lord. 1. Sam. 1. 15. Psal 42. 1, 2.*

The Soule that sinneth shall die. Ez. 18. 4.

The Soule, after death goeth either to ioy or paine. Eccles. 12. 7. Luke 16 22, 23.

The faithfull in the Primitiue Church were of one heart and one Soule. Act. 4 32.

Soules appeare no more after they be once departed from the body. 2. Sam. 12. 23. Iob 7. 9, 10. and 10. 20, 21. and 14. 12. and 17. 16. Psal 103. 15, 16. Isai. 8. 19, 10. and 65. 3, 4. Wis. 2. 1. and 3. 1. Eccl. 38. 10, 21, 23. Mar. 5. 2, 3. Luke 12. 20. and 16. 30, 31. Acts 7. 59. 2. Cor. 11. 14. 1. Thes. 4. 15.

Of the immortalitie of the Soule. Matth. 10. 28. and 16. 26.

Span. Vntimely births of a Span long eaten. Lam. 2. 20. and 4. 10.

Spare. If God spared not the citie where his Name was called vpon, shall other goe free? Ierem 25. 29.

Howe pitie a man is alwayes to spare himselfe. 2. Sam. 12. 5, 6. Gen. 38. 24, 25, 26.

Sparkle. The subtill woman of Tekoah, termeth Absalom her sparkle. 2. Sam. 14. 7.

Sparrow, looke Prouidence.

Speake. What God speaketh, shall come to passe. Ezek. 12. 25.

Whom is mooued by Gods Spirit to speake, is directed in trueth, boldnesse and eleqvence. Iob. 32. 18.* Exod. 4. 12, 15.

To speake, put for to promise. Luke 1. 70.

If any man speake, let him talke as the words of God. 1. Pet. 4. 11.

We ought not to speake euill one of another. Iam. 4. 11. 1. Pet. 2. 1. Wis. 1. 11. Not regard euery mans speach, & why. Eccle. 7. 23.

Railers or euill speakers, shall not inherite the kingdome of heauen. 1. Cor. 6. 10. Looke Slander, Backbiting, and Tongue.

Of lobyrette in speaking. Prou. 17, 27, 28. Eccles 5. 1.

Speculations. Against vaine Speculations Col. 2. 8, 18.

Speedily. Presume not of Gods mercie, but conuert speedily by true repentance. Eccius 5. 5, 6, 7.

Spies sent to view Ai. Iosh. 7. 2. and Iericho. Iosh. 2. 1. and the land of Canan. Num. 13. 3, 17.* Who, for their euill report, are all slaine saue Caleb and Iohua. Numb. 14. 37, 38.

Spirit taken for the minde of man. Luke 10. 21. 2. Corinth. 7. 1. 1. Thess. 5. 23. for the life of man. Iob 34. 14. for a Spiritual essence simply. Iohn 4. 24. For the holy Spirite of God. Ephes. 5. 18. for the graces of the same Spirite. Acts 8. 15 and 19. 2. Galat. 3. 2. For the man regenerated. Matt. 26. 41. Romen. 7. 6. and 8. 4. Galat. 5. 16. For a fantasie, or vaine imagination of mans minde. Matth. 14. 26. For will and minde. 1. Cor. 5. 3. Phil. 1. 27. For teachers, or Prophets. 1. John 4. 1. and for earnest zeale toward God. 1. Tim. 4. 12.

The Spirite of God mooued vpon the waters. Genesis 1. 2.

The Spirite of grace to bee powred vpon the Iewes. Zech. 12. 10.

The holy Ghost called the Spirit of trueth, and why. John 14. 17.

One Spirite distributeth sundry giftes. 1. Cor. 12. 7, to 12.

The Spirit of God dwelleth in Christians. 1. Cor. 3. 16.

Whosoeuer hath not the Spirit of God, is not his. Rom 8. 9.

Without the Spirit of God, wee are easily trained to idolatrie. 1. Cor 12. 2, 3.*

The great repugnancie betweene the Spirit and the flesh. Gal. 5. 16.*

Yee know not of what Spirit ye are. Luke 9. 55

The Spirite of God descending vpon Christ. John 1. 32. Matth 3. 16. Luke 3. 22.

That that is borne of the Spirit, is Spirit. John 3. 5, 6.

Saint Paul reioyced that he had the Spirit of God. 1. Cor. 2. 12. and 7. 40. 2. Cor. 4. 13.

No man that hath the Spirit of God, calleth Iesus execrable. 1. Cor. 12. 3. Mat. 9. 39

Ioshua was replenished with the Spirit of wisedome, by the laying on of Moses handes. Deut. 34. 9.

The Spirite wherewith Moses was endued, God put vpon the 70. Elders. Numb. 11. 16, 25.

The Spirit of the Lord came vpon Othniel. Iudg. 3. 10. vpon Iphtha. Iudg. 11. 29, 32. vpon Samson. Iudg. 13. 25. & 14. 19. and 15. 14, 15. vpon Saul. 1. Sam. 11. 6. and vpon Dauid. 1. Sam. 16. 13. looke Clothed.

The Spirite of God departed from Saul, and an euill Spirite sent of the Lord, vexed him. 1. Sam. 16. 14.

God reuealed to Samuel by his Spirite, Sauls coming a day before. 1. Sa. 9. 15, 16.

Obadiah feareth þ the Spirit of God would haue caried away Elijah. 1. Kings 18. 9, 12.

God will not haue his spirit alwaies to striue with man, because he is but flesh. Gene. 6. 3.

Only Gods Spirit searcheth and knoweth all things. 1. Cor. 2. 10, 11. looke knowledge.

Gods Spirit beareth witnesse in vs, that Christ is the true Sauiour. 1. John 5. 1, 6. 8, 13. Which Spirit is the ointment that teacheth vs. 1. John 2. 20, 27.

Those that haue Gods Spirit, shall by God be raised to life as Christ was. Rom. 8. 11.

Those that are led by the Spirit, are not vnder the law. Gal. 5. 14, 18. The Spirit of God

reneweth mans heart. 1. Sam. 10 6.
The Spirite of God spake by Dauid 2. Sam. 23. 2.
By the Spirite the deedes of the body are mortified. Rom 8. 13.
If we liue in the Spirit, let vs also walke in the Spirit. Gal. 5. 25.
The Spirit maketh request for vs, with sighes vnexpressable. Rom. 8. 26.
By the Spirit we are made an habitation of God. Ephes. 2. 22.
Where the Spirit of Christ is, there is libertie. 2. Cor. 3. 17.
The Spirit led Christ into the wildernesse to be tempted of the deuill. Mat. 4. 1. Marke 1. 12. Luke 4. 1.
Christ offered himselfe by the eternal Spirit to God. Heb. 4 14.
Stewens aduersaries could not resist the Spirit by the which he spake. Acts 6. 10.
What the Law of the Spirit of life, which was in Christ Iesus, hath done for vs. Rom. 8. 2. 3. 4.
The Gospel called the administration of the Spirit. 2 Cor. 3 8.
Moses couueth that the Lord would put his Spirit vpon all the people. Num. 11. 29.
God must bee worshipped in Spirite and trueth. Ioh. 4. 23. 24. Ephe. 4. 3. 4.
We ought to bee feruent in Spirit. Rom. 12. 11.
The Angels are called Spirits. Heb. 1. 7.
Wee ought to trie the Spirits, and how. 1 Iohn. 4. 1. 2. 3.
Who knoweth if the Spirit of man ascendeth, and the Spirit of beastes descendeth? Eccles. 3. 21. and 12. 7.
Lying Spirits, looke Deceiue.
God sent an euill Spirit betweene Abimelech and the men of Shechem. Iudg. 9. 23.
Spirits of errour sent of God to deceiue the Egyptians. Isa. 19 14. looke 1. Tim. 4. 1. 2.
Of euill and good Spirits. Rom. 8. 38. 39. looke Angels, and Soules.
Our naturall bodies shalbe raised Spirituall bodies. 1 Cor. 15. 44. 46.
It is a small thing that they should reape corporal things, which sow Spirituall things. 1. Cor. 9. 11.
Spirituall doctrine ought to bee compared with Spirituall doctrine. 1. Cor. 2. 13. 14.
The Spirituall man discerneth all things, and yet bee himselfe is iudged of no man. 1. Cor. 2. 15.
We ought to be filled with the Spirit speaking vnto our selues in Spirituall songs, &c. Ephe. 5. 18. 19. 20. 21. Col. 3. 16. 17.
Both Spirituall and temporal things committed to the Hebronites 1. Chr. 26. 32.
Spit. The Iewes did spit in Christs face. Mat. 27. 67 Mar. 14. 65. Luke. 22. 64. 65.
Spoiles of the wicked are not to be coueted of those that reuenge Gods quarell. Ester 9. 10. 15. 16.
Spoiles diuided equally by the ordinance of Dauid 1. Samuel 30. 24. 25 according to the old custome. Ioh. 22. 8. Num. 31. 27.
Dauid sendeth presents of his spoyles. 1. Sam. 30. 26.*
Spouse of Christ is the* Church. Psal. 45. 2.* Reue. 21. 2. 9. 10.
Spue, looke Colde.
Spurne, looke Heele.
Staffe. Iaakob had but a staffe when he came to Laban. Gen. 32. 10.
Elisha sent Gehazi with a staffe to reuiue his hostesse child, but he could not. 2. Kings 4. 29. 31.
The Paschall Lambe eaten with staues in their hands. Exod. 12. 11. looke Bread.
Standing stedfast in the faith. Rom. 5. 2. and 11. 20. and 14. 4. 1. Cor. 10. 12. and 16. 13. 2. Cor. 1. 24 Gala. 5. 1. Ephes 6. 11. 14. Col. 4. 12. 1. Thes 3. 8.
Starres created by Gods word. Gen. 1. 16.
The Starres are not pure in Gods sight. Iob 25. 5.
Starres fell from heauen. Reu. 8 10. & 9. 1.
The Starre of Iaakob, for Christ. Numb. 24. 17.
The Starre that guided the wise men. Matt. 2. 2. 9. 10.
Statutes of princes are no excuse to transgresse Gods Law. Mich. 6. 16.
Steale. Hee that stealeth one of his brethren, ought to die. Deut. 24. 7.
The Beniamites stole away the maides of Shiloh. Iudg. 21. 21.
Let him that stole, steale no more. Ephes. 4. 28. looke Theefe.
Stedfastnesse of the faithfull. 1. Sam. 17. 26.* 2. Sam. 12. 26.* 1. Kin. 18. 18.* 2. Kin. 3. 14. 24. 25. Dan 3. 12. Iude 13. 3.* Wisd. 5. 1. Dan. 13. 45.* and 14.* 1. Mac. 1. 65. 66. and 2. 27. 28.* 2. Mac. 6. 18.* and 7. 1.* Mat. 14. 4. Acts 4 8.* 1. Thes. 2. 2.
Stickes, looke Sabbath.
Stiffnecked people the Israelites. Exod. 32. 9. Deut. 9. 6. looke Obstinate.
Stirre vp. looke Iudge, and Faithfull.
Stocke, looke Tribe.
Stoikes, looke Epicures.
Stumble, see Christ, and Rom. 9 32.
No man ought to put a stumbling blocke before his brother. Rom 14. 13. Leu 19. 14.
Stones claue asunder at Christes death. Matth. 27. 51.
God cast great stones from heauen vpon the Amorites Ioth. 10. 11.
The two Onix stones of the Ephod. Exo. 28. 9. to 13.
Iaakob set vp a pillar of stone, and why. Gen. 28. 18. 22. and made a heape of stones for a witnesse of the couenant betweene them. Gen. 31. 44. to 55.
Iosua pitched a stone vnder an Oke, and why. Ioth. 24. 21. 24. 26. 27.
Samuel pitched a stone for a memoriall of Gods aid. 1. Sam 7. 12.
Shimei threwe stones against Dauid. 2. Sam. 16. 13.
God commanded that after the Israelites had conquered the Moabites, they should marke euery good field with stones. 2. kings 3. 19. 25.
Sooner should the stones cry, then Christs glory should be hid Matt. 21. 9. 16. Mar. 11. 9. 10. Luke 16. 37. 38. 40.
Christ the refused head corner stone, conioining Iewes & Gentiles. Mat. 21. 40. 1. Pet. 2. 7. Ephe. 2. 20 * see Christ and Monument.
Stoned. Moses feared to bee stoned to death by the people. Exod. 17. 4.
The people would haue stoned Caleb and Iosua. Num. 14 10.
Naboth stoned, see Witnesse.
Paul was once stoned. Act. 14. 19. 1. Cor. 11. 25.
The Iewes would haue stoned Christ, and why. Ioh. 10. 30. 31. 33.
The inhabitants of Ziklag would haue stoned Dauid. 1. Sam. 30. 6.
Adoram was stoned by the people of Israel 1. Kings 12. 18.
Achan stoned for taking the excommunicate thing. Ioth. 7 1. 25. 26.
Witches and Soothsayers, &c. ought to be stoned to death. Leu. 20. 27. Deut. 18 10. to 15. Exod. 22. 8.
No inticer to Idolatrie so deare vnto vs, but must be stoned to death. Deu. 13. 6. to 10
Who so offereth his child to Molech, must be stoned. Leuit. 20. 2.
Steuen stoned. Acts 7 58. and 22. 20.
God will giue vnto the faithfull a heart of flesh, for a stony heart. Ie. 32. 39. Eze. 36. 27.
Storke forbidden of the Iewes to eate of. Deut. 14. 8.
Store and *Storehouses* of those that keepe Gods Lawes, shalbe blessed Deut. 28. 8. and of other, cursed. Iere 15, 17.
Hauing store, wee must not forget God. looke Fill.
Strangled forbidden. Genes. 9. 4. Leu. 17. 14. Acts 15. 20. 26.
Strange. Iaakob causeth his houshold to put away strange gods. Gen. 35. 2.
The Israelites prouoked God with strange gods. Deut. 32. 16.
Strange flesh, for horrible pollutiõs. Iude 7.
Strange children dissemble. Psa. 18. 44. 45
A strange womã, for an harlot. Iudg. 11. 1.
The strange worke, & strange act of God. Isa. 28. 21.
Against prayer in a strange tongue. 1. Corinth. 14. 14 *
Strangers separated from the people of Israel. Nehe. 13. 1. 2. 3.
The stranger that prayeth in Gods Temple, shalbe heard. 1. Kings 8. 41. 42. 43.
God loueth strangers. Deu. 10. 18.
The Israelites were strangers in Egypt. Deut. 10. 19.
Wee ought not to peruert the right of the stranger and fatherlesse, and why. Deut 24. 17. 18.
We ought to loue strangers. Leuit. 19 33. 34. and not to iniurie or oppresse them, and why Exod. 22. 21. and 23 9. Deut. 24. 14.
Strangers are commaunded to heare and reade the Law. Deut. 31. 12.
Wee were sometime strangers from the promise. Ephes. 2. 12.
Strangers pay tribute. Matt. 17. 25. 26.
How wee ought to bee good to strangers. Gen 18. 1. to 9. and 19 1. to 4. Leuit. 23. 22. Num. 15. 14. 15. 16. Ezek. 22 7. and 47. 22. Zech 7. 10. Psal. 147 9. looke Widowes.
Wee are strangers, and sojourners in this world. Gene 15. 13. 14 & 47. 4. 9. 1. Chro. 29. 15. Psa. 39. 12. & 105. 12. 13. 23. & 119. 19. 2. Cor 5. 1. to 7. Phil. 3. 12. 13. Heb. 11. 8. 9. 10. 13. to 17. and 13. 14. & 1 Pet. 1. 11.

Straits, looke Gate.

Strength. God is our strength. Exod. 13.5. 2. Sam 22.3. Iob. 9.19.

The strength which Samson had by Gods spirit, went from him. Iudges 16.19,20.

Strengthened. The Lord strengthened Eglon against Israel, and wyp. Iudges 3.12.

God strengthened Paul against Nero. 2. Tim. 4.17. looke Encourage.

Strife and enuying are workes of darkenesse. Rom. 13.12,13.

The waters of strife. Numb. 20.13. looke Striue.

Strings. Of Strings of the Tabernacle. Exod. 26.4,5.

Stripes for any trespasse might not bee adiudged aboue 40. at once. Deut. 25.2,3. and of them, on a superstition there was one abated afterwards. 2. Cor. 11.24.

Who shall bee beaten with many stripes, and who with few. Luke 12.47,48.

Strip. God threatned to strip the Synagogue of the Iewes, if they repented not. Hos. 2.2,3.

Striue not about words, nor keepe companie with them that doe, and wyp. 1. Tim. 6.4 5. 2. Tim. 2.14,23,24.*

Who dare striue and stand against God, or with him? Esa. 12,12. Iob. 9,32.* and 16.21. and 39.35.

How strifes may be ended. Genes. 13.8,9. Mat. 5.25.

The law of them that striue, and hurt one another. Exod. 21.18,19,22.

Against striuing, looke more. Eccles. 8.1. 2,3. and Contention.

Strong. looke Encourage.

Stubborne hearts shal fare euill at the last. Eccles. 3.27. see Children.

Moses prayeth for the stubbornesse of the people, and wyp. Deut. 9.26.*

The Iewes walked after the stubbornesse of their wicked heart. Ier. 18.12.*

The Lord addresseth his speech to the stubborne hearted. Esa. 46.12.

The wicked will bleese himselfe in the stubbornesse of his owne heart. Deut. 29.19.

Stubble. The wicked are as stubble before the wind. Iob. 21.18.

The Israelites forced to gather stubble for straw. Exod. 5.12.

Stuffe. The Prophet is willed to prepare stuffe to goe into captiuitie. Ezek. 12.3.

Subiects duetie. Exo. 10.18. and 32.28. Num. 16.2.9.* Iosh. 1.16,17,18. Neh 5.1.* Pro. 13.1. & 20.2,20. & 24.21. Eccles. 8.2,3, 4. & 10.4,20. Ier. 27.7. Baruc. 1.11.* Mar. 17.24,33.* & 22.16,17 to 22. Luke 20.20, to 27. Rom. 13.1, to 8. 1. Thes. 5.12,13. 1. Tim. 2, 1,2,3. Tit. 3.1,2. Hebr. 13.17,18. 1. Pet. 2, 13. to 18. Iude 8.

True Subiects cannot bee counterpoised with treasure. Ester 7.4.

Subornation. 1. Kings 21.10. Acts 6.11.

Submit your selues one to another in the feare of God. Ephes. 5.21. and in all maner ordinance of man for the Lords sake. 1. Pet. 2.13.

Subtile. The serpent more subtile then any beast of the field. Gen. 3.1.

Ionadab a subtile man. 2. Sam. 13.3.

Absalom reconciled to Dauids fauour by a subtile woman. 2. Sam. 14.1, to 25.

Rebekah by her subtiltie, procured the blessing to Iaakob. Gen. 27.9, to 30.35.

Subiltie sinne, but vnrighteous. Eccles. 19. 24,25,26.

Succour, looke Helpe.

Sucke. Hanna gaue her sonne sucke. 1. Sam. 1.23. so did Sarah. Gene. 21.7. & Moses mother. Exo. 2.8,9. and Samsons. Iudg. 13.4,24. and so did Elizabeth. Luk. 1.80. and the virgine Mary. Luke 2.7. and Salomons mother. Cant. 8.1. and Dauids. Psal. 22.9. looke Nourse.

Suffring. Christ ought to haue suffred, and so to enter into glory. Luke 24.26,46. Hebr. 2.9.1. Pet. 1.11.

We ought to suffer with Christ, after his example, and wyp. 1. Pet. 2.21. & 4.1,13. 2. Tim. 2.12. & the example of the Prophets. Iames 5.10.

Let vs not suffer as euill doers, but as Christians. 1. Pet. 4.15,16.

Blessed are they that suffer for righteousnes sake, and wyp. 1. Pet. 3.14,17,18. Mat. 5.10.

The long suffering of God. Rom. 2.4. 2. Pet. 3.15. Psal. 86.15. & 103.8. & 145.8. Ioel 2.13. Ionah. 4.2. Nah. 1.3. Mic. 15.1.

The long suffering of Christians. 2. Cor. 6.6. Col. 1.11. it is a fruit of the spirit. Gal. 5.22.

We ought to reioice in suffring for Christs sake, and wyp. 1. Pe. 1.3, to 9.

To suffer for the name of God, is his only gift. Phil. 1.29. looke Tribulation.

Sufficient, looke Contented.

We are not sufficient of our selues to think any thing, but our sufficiencie is of God. 2. Cor. 3.5.

The Scripture sufficient to leade vnto perfection. 2. Tim. 3 16,17.

Sunday, looke Day.

Sunne. Of the bodies of the Sunne. 2. Kin. 23.5,20.

The Sunne stayed at the desire of Ioshua. Iosh. 10.12.

The shadow of the Sunne went backe ten degrees in Hezechias dayes. 2. Kings 20.9, 11. Isa. 38.8.

The Sunne was darkned at Christs death. Luke 23.45. Mat. 27.45. looke Signes.

Superfluitie of maliciousnesse must be laid away. James 1.2.

Superstitions of the Athenians reproued by Paul. Acts 17.21, to 32.*

Festus termeth the Iewes obiections against Paul, questions of their owne superstitions. Acts 25.19. looke Ceremonies and Traditions.

Supper of the Lord instituted. Matth. 26. 26,31. Mar. 14.18, to 27. Luke 22.14 to 24. which ought to be receiued in remembrance of Christs death. 1. Corinth. 11.24. Luke 22, 19.

The great Supper. Luke 14.16, to 25.

Blessed are they that are called to the Lambes Supper. Reu. 19.9,17.

Lazarus and Mary made Christ a Supper. John 12.1,2.

Paul taught the maner of celebrating the Supper, as hee had receiued of the Lord. 1. Cor. 11.23, to 27. and rebuked the irreuerent comming thereunto. 1. Cor. 11.17, to 23. and sheweth the danger of the vnworthy receiuing, and how to receiue it to our comfort 1. Cor. 11.27.*

The godly eate and drinke Christs body and blood in the Supper, onely by faith. John 6.50, to 59,63. & 11.26. & 15.5. 1. Cor. 10.1, 3,4. Ephes. 3.17.*

The wicked eat not the body and bloud of Christ in the Supper, ne haue any profit by his passion. Matth. 7.6. John 19.1,2,6. Rom. 8.9.1. Corinth. 11.27,29. 2. Cor. 6.14,15,16. Heb. 6.6. Tit. 1.15,16.

Against the reseruation of any part of the bread or wine, vsed in the Lordes Supper. Exod. 12.9,10. and 16.19.

The wordes (This is my body) vsed in the Lords Supper, are spoken figuratiuely. Gen. 17.10,11. and 33.20. Exod. 12.11. Deut. 31. 11. John 14.6. and 15.1. and 5.7. Acts 2.42. Rom. 4.11, 17.1. Cor. 10.4,16. Tit. 3.5.

Christs naturall body can bee but in one place at once, and therefore is not in the bread and wine at the Lords Supper. Matth. 24.23,24. and 26.11. Mar. 16.19. Luke 24. 2,3,6,51. John 16.28. Acts 1.9,10,11. and 3.20,21. and 7.56. 2. Corinthians 5, 16. and Colos. 3.1. Philippi. 3.20. Heb. 8.1. and 10. 12,13. Looke Transubstantiation and Sacraments.

Support. Wee ought to support one another through loue. Ephes. 4.2.

Surfet. The discommodities of surfeiting. Eccles. 31.19,20,25. and 27.29,30. Looke Drunkennesse and Gluttonie.

Suretiship. Iudah became suretie to his father to bring Beniamin againe. Gen 43.9. and 44.32. looke more Eccles. 29.15, to 22. Pro. 6.1, to 6. and 17.18. and 20.16.

Swanne forbidden. Deut. 14.17.

Swarmes of flies, a plague of Egypt. Exo. 8.24. Psal. 105.31.

Ierusalem swarmed full of idolatrie, which was the cause of her punishment. Ezechiel 8.3.*

Sweare. We may not sweare by any thing beside God, nor by him, but vpon good occasions. Ierem. 5.7. and 4.2. Rom. 1.9. and 9. 1.2. Cor. 1.23. Heb. 6.16, 17. Exod. 20.7. and 23.13. Leuit. 19.12. Deut. 5.11. & 6.13. and 10.20. Iosh. 23.7,8. Zech. 5.3,4. Matt. 5.34, to 38. Iames 5.12.

A man ought not to accustome himselfe to sweare, and wyp. Eccles. 23.9, to 24. and 27.14.

God sware that the vnbeleeuing Iewes should not enter into the land of Canaan, Deut. 1.34,35. Num. 14.23. which he fulfilled. Deut. 2.13,14.

Ioseph sware. Genes. 47.30,31. so did Ioshua and the princes of Israel. Iosh. 9.15, 18,20. and the Israelites. Iudg. 21.1. and Saul. 1. Sam. 19.6. and Dauid. 1 Sam. 24. 22,23 2. Sam. 19.23. 1. Kings 1.17,29,30. and Ionathan. 1. Sam. 20.16,17. and Salomon. 1 Kings 2.23.

S. Paul sware to the profite of others. 2. Cor. 1.23.

God doe so to mee and more also, a maner

of Swearing. 2. Sam. 3.35. looke Othes, and Hand.

Sweate, looke Bread.

Sweetebread, looke Passeouer.

Swimming taued diuers that were in the ship with Paul. Acts 27.43.44.

Swine. The legion of deuils permitted to goe into the heard of Swine. Matt. 8.31,32* Mar. 5.9, to 14. Luke 8.30, to 34.

Pearles ought not to be cast before Swine and why. Mat. 7.6.

Sword. All that take the sword, shal perish with the sword. Mat. 26.52. Reue. 13.10.

The disciples asked if they shoulde smite with the sword. Luke 22.49.

All Israel without sword or speare, saue Saul and Jonathan. 1. Sam. 13.19,22.

The Magistrate beareth not the sword for nought. Rom. 13.4. but priuate persons are prohibited to vse it. Mat. 5.39.

The sword is threatned to those that breake Gods couenant. Leuit. 26.25. and follow Idoles. Deut. 32.25.

The Lord caused the Midianites to kill one another with their swords Judges 7.22.

God whetteth his sword when hee taketh vengeance. Deut. 32.41.

God was the sword of the Israelites glorie. Deut. 33.29.

It is not the sword whereby Gods children ouercome, but his power. Josh. 24.8,11, 12,13. as he promised. Deuteron. 7.21,23, 24.

The word of God is a sharpe two edged sword, Reue. 19.15.

The sword of the spirite to discomfite our mortall enemie. Ephe. 6.13,17.

Christ came not to send peace, but the sword. Mat. 10.34,35. Luke 12.51.

Christ willed his Disciples to buy them swords, Luke 22.36.

The sword shall not goe thorowe a godly land. Leuit. 26.6.

Simeon foretold the virgine Marie, that the sword should pearce thorowe her soule. Luke 2.35.

A generation whose teeth are swords. Pro. 30.14.

¶ *Synagogue* of the wicked called to repentance. Hos. 2.1,2.*

Synagogue, wherein were trained vp Libertines, &c. Acts 6.9.

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¶ *Tabernacle* of the Congregation pitched farre from the hoste. Exod. 33.7.

Abraham dwelled in tents or Tabernacles Gene. 12.8.

Of the forme of the Tabernacle, and the appertinences prescribed. Exod. 26.1.* and 36.1.* finished. Chap. 39.32.* and reared vp. Chap 40.2, to 24.&c.

None were suffered to be in the Tabernacle, when the hie Priest went into the Sanctuarie. Leuit. 16.17.

The last and great day of the feast of Tabernacles. John 7.37.

Our bodies called Tabernacles. 2. Cor. 5.1 4.2. Pet. 1.13,14.

What the two Tabernacles signifie. Hebr. 9.6,7,8.*

Iabal inuented Tabernacles or tents. Gen. 4.20. which occupation Paul exercised to get his liuing. Acts 18.2,3.

Tables or boardes for the Tabernacle to stand vpon. Exod. 26.15.

Moses receiued the two Tables at Gods hand. Exod. 31.18. & 32.15,16. and breaketh them, verse 19. and is commanded to hewe other like the first, and so he did. Exod. 34.1,2. Deut. 10.1, to 6.

The forme and situation of the Table for the shew bread. Exod. 25.23, to 31. & 26.35.

Tobias biddeth the godly to his Table. Tob. 2.2.

Salomon placed ten Tables in the Temple 2. Chron 4.8.

Table put for that wherein men chiefly delight. Rom. 11.9.

Tables vsed for offices belonging to the poore. Acts 6.2.

Take. Him that taketh thy cloake forbid not to take thy coate also Luke 6.29.

Christ taken vp to heauen. Marke 16.19. Luk 24.51. Acts 1.9 looke Ascend.

Talebearers and Tale tellers. Prou. 16.28. and 18.8. and 26.20,22. Eccius. 5.15. looke Busibodies, and Backbiting.

Talents. Salomon had 450. talents of gold brought from Ophir. 1. King. 9.28. 2. Chr. 8. 18. and 1.20. from Hiram. 1. Kings 9.14.

The talent of the Temple. Exod. 25.39. was two of the common talents. Mat. 18.24. 2. Sam. 12.30. 1. Chr. 20.2.

Talke, looke Iesting, Idle, and Speech.

Target. Salomon made 200. Targets of beaten gold. 1. Kings 10.16.

Taxe, looke Tribute.

Taile. The Prophet that teacheth lies, is the taile. Isa. 9.14,15.

Teaching. We ought to teach the Scriptures, as occasion is ministred. 1. Cor. 2.13. and 3.1,2.

Christians are taught of God, and howe. John 6.29,45. Heb. 8.11.1. John 5.20. Isa. 54.13.

Christs ministers must teach whatsoeuer he hath commanded. Mat. 28.20. and where of the holy Ghost should put them in minde. John 14.16,26. Acts 1.4. Lu 24.49. Ioh. 15 26. and 16.7.

Hee that teacheth ought to bee directed by Gods word. 1. Pet. 4.11.

Wee ought so to teach, as wee may edifie one another. 1. Thes. 5.11.

The wise Scribe that is taught vnto the kingdome of heauen. Mat. 13.52.

God taught his people by his word. Deu. 4.36. and 32.10.

God hath taught vs the good way to walke in. 1. Kings 8.35,36.

God nurtured the Israelites forty yeres, to teach them to know him, and themselues. Deu. 8.2,3,4,5.

God taught the handes of Dauid to fight. 2. Sam. 22.35.

God commanded Moses to teach the Israelites to feare and obey him, for their profite. Deu. 5.29,31.* and 6.1,2,3,17,18,24.*

Moses warneth the Iewes to doe whatsoeuer the Leuites should teach them. Deut. 24.8.9.

Wee ought to teach our children the word of God. Deu. 11.18, to 22. and 31.11,12,13. and what great things God hath done for vs. Exo. 13.12, to 17. Deu 4.9, 10. & 6.7,21.* Josh. 4.6,21.* Lu 1.74,75. as Abraham did. Gene. 18.19.

Jehoiada the chiefe Priest taught Jehoash. 2. Kings 12.2.

Samuel taught the Israelites the good way. 1. Sam. 12.23.

Apollos eloquent and mighty in the scriptures disdained not to be taught of a craftesman. Acts 18.24,26.

Who is the teacher of the faithfull. John 14.26. Psal. 51.10,11,12,13.

S. Paul the teacher of the Gentiles. 1. Tim. 2.7.

Christ ordained teachers, &c. in his Church, and why Acts 13.1.1. Cor. 12.28. Eph. 4.11, 12, to 17.

Those that by teaching turne many to righteousnesse shall shine as the starres for euer. Dan. 12.3.

Teachers should teach the word of God purely. 1. Pet 4.10.

Teachers ought not to teach for lucre, nor dote about strife of words, but bee instant in the Gospel, and why. 1. Tim. 6.3,4,5,20. 2. Tim. 2.1, to 10 and 4.2,3,4. Tit. 1.10,11, to 17. and 3.9,10. Col. 2.8.

Such as teach lies, and their punishment. 2. Pet. 2.1,2,3. * and 3.17. and 2. Joh. 10.

Teaching is a gift of God. Rom. 12.6,7. looke Doctours and Doctrine.

Teares, looke Feete, Weeping, Widow, and vnbeliefe.

Tearing of Clothes. Genes. 37.34. & 44.13 Josh. 7.6. Judg. 11.35. 1. Sam. 4.12, 2. Sa. 13.19 Est. 4.1. Isa. 37.22. Joel 2.13.1. Mac. cab. 2.14. and 3.47. and 4.39. Leu. 13.45.

Tearing with a spirit. Mar. 9.18, 20.

Temperance S. Paul disputed of Temperance before Felix. Acts 24.26.

Temple. The couering of the Temple of pure gold. 1. King. 6.20,21.

The building, forme, purification, and dedication of the Temple. 1. King. 6, 1, to 13. and 8.63,64. 1. Mac. 4.41,42,43.

Who should be receiued to the ministring in the Temple, and who reiected. Ezek 44. 9,15.

Jehoash king of Judah repaired the Temple. 2. King. 12.4, to 18. so did Josiah. 2. Kin. 22.4, to 8.

Jehoash king of Israel spoiled the Temple. 2. King. 14.13,14. and so did Shishak king of Egypt. 1. King. 14.26.

The Temple defaced. 2. King. 25.9, to 18. Jere. 52.12, to 24.

Haggai reproueth the Iewes slacknesse in reedifying the Temple. Hag. 1.2, to 15. whereupon Zerubbabel and Jeshua beginning the worke are hindred. Ezra. 4.4, 5.24.

The disposition and order of the reedifying of the Temple with his appertinances. Ezek. 41.1.*

Gods promise to those that should restore the Temple. Hag. 2 16.20.

The Temple reedified Ezra 5.1,2. and 6. 15. in 46. yeeres. John 2.20.

The glorie of the second Temple, exceeding

bing the Lord, Hag. 2.4,7,8.

The destruction of the Temple is foreshewed. Amos 2.5. Zech. 11.6. Matth. 24.2.* Mar. 13.2. Luke 19.43,44. and 21.6.

The Temple spoyled. 2. Macc. 5.15, to 22. and defiled. 2. Mac 6.2.

By which gates the people went out, and by which they went into the Temple. Ezek. 46.8,9.*

Christ cast out of the Temple those that solde and bought, and why. Matt. 21.12,13. Marke 11.15,16,17. Luke 19.45. John 2. 14,15,16.

The Apostles were continually in the Temple. Luke 24.53. Acts 2.46.

Peter and John went into the Temple to pray. Acts 3.1.

In what temples God dwelleth or dwelleth not. Acts 7.48. and 17.24. Isa. 66.1,2. 1. king. 8.27.

Christians are the holy and spiritual temple of God 1. Cor. 3.16.

They that destroy the Temple of God, shall be destroyed. 1. Cor. 3.17.

The vision of the Temple. Rev. 15.5.

Our bodies are the Temples of the holy Ghost. 1. Cor. 6.19.

The Temple of Christs body. John 2.19.

The Temple of the Lord what it is. Jere. 7.4,5,6.

The Temples of the Gentiles imployed to game. 2. Mac. 12.3.

Tempt not God. Deut. 6.16. Matth. 4.7. 1. Cor. 10.9.

The Israelites tempted God oft, and diuerſly. Exod. 17.2,7. Num. 14 22.

The Pharises and Sadducees tempted Christ. Matth. 16.1. & 19.3 and 22.18,35.* Mar. 8.11. Luk. 10.25. and 11.16. Joh 8 6.

The Bethulians tempted God in preſcribing a time. Judet. 8.12.*

Ananias and Sapphira tempted the ſpirit of the Lord. Acts 5.9.

Job. tempted by his wife. Job 2.9. and Christ by the deuill in the wilderneſſe. Mat. 4.1,3 Mar. 1,12,13. Luke 4.1,2. and why. Heb. 2.18.

How and whereby euery man is tempted James 1.13,14.

Satan is a tempter. 1. Thes. 3.5 & tempteth ſuch as neglect to reſtore the weake. Gal. 6.1. or being married. withdraw themſelues without conſent 1. Cor. 7.5.

God will not ſuffer vs to be ouer tempted. 1. Cor. 10.13.

How God may be tempted. Pſal. 78.18. Deut 6.16. Acts 15.10.

God will be found of them that tempt him not. Wiſd. 1.2. therefore wee muſt prepare our ſelues to pray vnto him. Eccleſiaſticus 18.22.

Saul tempted God vnder the colour of good intent. 1. Sam 13.9.to 15.

Temptation of the rich, ſee Rich.

A grieuous temptation it is vnto the faithfull, to ſee the proſperitie of the wicked. Pſa. 73.1.2.*

God onely deliuereth vs out of temptation. Matth 6.13. and 2 Peter 2.9. Reuelat. 3.10.

Wee ought to ſtay vpon God in temptations. Pſal. 27.3.*

Otherwhiles the faithfull are ouercome, and ſometime doe ouercome in temptations, as Job 3.3.

Jeremie is deliuered, and againe aſſailed with temptation. Jer. 20.11,14.*

Wee ought to liſt vp our handes in the night watches of temptation. Pſal. 63.4,6.* and 1. Tim. 2.8.

Temptation taken for affliction, or trials. as Deut. 7.19. and 29.3. James 1.2,12. and 1. Pet. 1.6. Pro. 17.3. Eccius. 27.5 and 2.1.

The life of man is a continuall temptation. Job 7.1.*

Wee ought to watch & pray, that we be not ouercome in temptation. Mat 26.41. & 6.13. Luke 11.4. & 22.40. as ſome are. Luke 8.13.

Tenne commandements mentioned. Exo. 20.1, to 18. Deuter. 5.6, to 23. containe the words of Gods couenant. Exo. 34.28. Deut. 4.13. and 10.4.

Tenne tribes of Iſrael reiected. Jere. 3.1, 3,8.* and 2.12.*

The deſtruction of the tenne tribes, and cauſe thereof foretolde. Iſa. 9.14.* and 17.3, 4. Hoſea 1.4,5,6,9.

Tenne caldrons, tenne candleſtickes, and ten tables which Solomon made. 2. Chron. 4.6,7,8.

Ten things iudged & pronounced happie. Eccius. 25.7, to 14.

Ten for many. Genel. 31.41. Reuel. 13.1. Numb. 14.22.

Tender hearts muſt bee in Chriſtians, Ephel. 4.32. and tender mercie. Col. 3.12.

Through Gods tender mercie our ſinnes are forgiuen. Luke 1.77,78.

Tents, looke Tabernacle.

Tenths, looke Tithes.

Terrible is our God. Deut. 10.17.

Teſtament. Moſes conſecrated the old Teſtament with blood Exo. 24.8. Heb. 9.18,20.

A briefe repetition of the old Teſtament, and bountifulneſſe of God. Joſh. 24.2, to 14. Heb. 9.1.

The Teſtament appertained principally to the Iewes Rom. 9.4.

God promiſed the people a newe Teſtament. Baruch 2.35. Jer. 31.31, to 35.

The olde Teſtament was dedicated with the blood of Calues, &c. but the new with the blood of Chriſt. Matth. 26 28. Marke 14.24 Luke 22.20. & 1. Cor. 11.25. and 2. Cor. 3 6. Heb. 9.12.* and 10.1, to 5, 11, to 15, 19 to 23, 29. & 13 9, 12, 14. and 12.24. & 13.20. which were in vaine, if righteouſneſſe were of the Law. Gal. 3.15, 21, 22.

The new Teſtament conſiſteth not in the letter, but in the Spirit which writeth the Goſpel in our hearts 2. Cor. 3. 2, 3, 6.*

The new Teſtament promiſed. Gen. 3.15. Heb. 8.8, 10. and 10.16.

The two Teſtaments. Gal. 4.24.*

Teſtifie. Moſes teſtified to the people their duetie. Deut. 31.46.

Teſtimonie of Chriſt, ſee Prophecie.

Moſes put into the Arke of the Teſtimony, the two Tables of Teſtimonie. Exodus 40, 20, 21.

Thankefulneſſe. We ought to giue thanks to God for his benefits. Deut. 8.10.

Chriſt taking the bread and fiſhes, bleſſed and gaue thanks. Matt. 14.19. Marke 6.4. Luke 9.16.

S. Paul before his refection gaue thanks vnto God. Acts 27.35.

How, and for whom wee ought to giue thankes. Ephel. 5.4,20.

S. Paul gaue thankes to God, and why. Rom. 6.2,17. 1. Thes. 1.2,3. Phil. 1.3,5.

Chriſt rendred thankes vnto God his Father at the raiſing of Lazarus. John 11.41.

The ſeruant of Abraham giueth God thankes that hee had proſpered ſo well. Gen. 24.27.

Dauid giueth God thankes, and why. 1. Sam. 25.31,39.

Melchi ſedek gaue thanks for Abrahams victory. Gen. 14.19,20.

Moſes and the Iſraelites gaue thankes. Exo. 15. 1,2, to 22. ſo did Debozah and Barak. and why. Iudg 5.1,2.*

Of thankefulneſſe. Nehem. 8 6. Gen. 4.1, 4. and 8.20. & 18.2. & 23 7.12. & 26.25. & 33. 3. & 42.6. & 1. kin. 1.2,7,26. & 16.23. Leu 25, 2. Num. 15.3,4,19. and 31.50.54 Deu. 4.2, 6. and 6,2, to 10. and 1. Sam 14 45. and 31. 11,12,13. and 2. Samu. 10.2. and 19.8.*1. Chr. 29.2, to 16. 2. Chron. 15.8. and 20.18, to 31. Eſter 6.2, to 13. Tob. 9.6. and 12.5,22 Eccius. 7.29.* and 32.14 and 35.2.3. and 1. Macc. 4.38.* and 5.53,67. and 2. Macca. 3.30, 33, 35. Matth. 11.25. Marke 5.20, 33. Luke 18.13, 14, 43. and 2. Cor. 6.17. Phil. 4 6. Col 2.7. and 3.17. and 1. Thes 5.18. and 2. Thes 1.3. & 1. Tim. 4.4. looke Grace, Praiſe, Bleſſe, and Vnthankefulneſſe.

Theft forbidden. Exo. 20.15. Leu. 19.11. Deut. 5.19 Rom. 2.21, and 13.9. & 1. Tim. 1.10. and 1. Pet. 4.15 Ephe. 4.28.

It was lawfull to kill a thiefe, if he were found breaking vp a houſe Exod. 22.2.

The curſe of theeues. Zech. 5.2,3.

Theeues ſhall not inherite the kingdom of heauen. 1. Cor. 6 10.

Joſeph accuſed his brethren of theft, and why. Gen. 42.1, 2, 12.

The parable of the thiefe Matth. 24 43.*

The comming of Chriſt as a thiefe. 2. Peter 3.10. Reuel. 3.3.

Iudas Iſcariot a thiefe. Joh. 12.6.

The two theeues crucified with Chriſt. Matth. 27.38,44. Marke 15.27,32. Luke 23.32,33,39,to 44. John 19.18.

Of theft, and the punishment thereof. Exo. 21.1,3,4. 16. Num. 5.6, to 11. Deu. 24. 7. Joſh. 7.1.* Pro. 6.30,31. Hoſ. 4.2,3. Tob. 13.14. and 2 Mac. 12.40. Mat. 19.18. Mar. 10.19. and Luke 18.20. looke Phariſe, Steale and Rob.

Thinke and *Thoughts*. We cannot thinke any thing as of our ſelues. 2. Cor. 3.5.

Euery wicked thought touching our byes ſhen forbidden, and why. Deut. 15.7.

Thoughts of the godly. Phil. 4.8.

No thought hid from God. Deut. 31.16, to 32. Job 42.2. Pſal. 139.2.

God thought vpon Abraham, and deliuered Lot. Gen. 19.29.

Againſt euill thoughts. Pro. 12.2. & 21.27. Iſa. 14.13, 14, 15 Miſh. 1.3, 5, 9. Acts 8.22. looke Traditions, Remember, Stubborne.

Good intent, and Imagination.

Thistle. Of the parable of the Thistle and the Cedar. 2 King. 14. 9.

Thornes the fruit of the earth by reason of Adams sinne. Gen. 3. 18.

Thornes which choke the word preached. Matth. 13. 22 Mar. 4. 18. Luke 8. 14.

Threatnings against wanton and daintie people, &c. Michah 2. 1.

The wicked vse threatnings against the godly. Acts 4. 29.

Three things please God, and three he hateth. Eccius 25. 1, 2.

Three things grieue the heart Eccius. 26 29. see Foure.

Three sorte, looke Coard.

Threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, not troden on, and why. 1. Sam. 5. 2, 3, 4, 5.

Throne in heauen. Reue. 4. 2.*

A great white throne. Reue. 20. 11.

Salomons throne, 1. King. 10. 18, 19, 20. looke Satan.

Thunder sent to destroy the beasts, herbes & trees of the Egyptians. Exo. 9. 23, 24, 25.

The Lords aduersaries shall be destroyed with thunder. 1. Sam. 2. 10.

The Lorde at the petition of Samuel thundred, and confounded the Philistims. 1. Sam. 7. 10.

¶ *Till*, and Vntill, diuerslie vnderstood. Mat. 1. 25. and 5. 18, 26. and 23. 39. and 28. 20. 1. Cor. 15. 25. Gal. 3. 19. Reu. 20. 5.

Tillage and *Tilmen*. Genes. 2. 4. and 9. 20. and 2. Chron. 26. 10. Pro. 12. 11. and 28. 19. Eccius. 7. 15. and 20. 27. Matth. 21. 33.* Mar. 12. 1, to 13. Luke 20. 9, to 17. John 15. 1. 1. Cor. 3. 9. looke Plough.

Timbrels. Women praising God, playing vpon Timbrels Exod. 15. 20, 21.

Iphtah his daughter met him with Timbrels at his comming from the victory. Iudg. 11. 34.

Timorous men ought not to goe to warre. Iudg. 7. 3 Deut. 20. 2, 5, to 9. 1. Mac. 3. 56.

Timorousnesse of Eliah. 1. King. 19. 3. 2. King. 1. 15. looke Feare.

Tithe, and the vse thereof. Leu. 37. 30, 32, 33. Deu. 14. 22, 23, to 30. and 12. 17, 18. and 26. 12, to 16. Num. 18. 20, 21, 24. Nehe. 10. 37, 38.

Tithe mint, looke Faith.

Abraham gaue tithes before the Lawe. Genesis 14. 20. Heb. 7. 4, 8.

Iacob voweth to God tithe of all his increase. Gen. 28. 22.

Tyrannicall princes will giue their seruants the tithes due to ministers. 1. Sam. 8. 15, 17.

Why tithes are payed. 2. Chr. 31. 4.

God punisheth the defrauding his ministers of their due tithes and offerings, and blesseth those that pay them truely. Mal. 3. 8, 9, 10, 11. Amos 4. 4.*

Demetrius offered Jonathan to release the Iewes from all tithes, to be friends with him. 1. Mac. 10. 31, 46, 47. looke Taxe.

Title written ouer Christs head in Greek, Latine & Hebrew. Mat. 27. 37. Mar 15. 26.

¶ *Tokens*, looke Signes.

Tombe, looke Sepulchre, and Graue.

Tongue. We ought to refrain our tongues from euill. 1. Pet. 3. 10.

The vice and vertue of the tongue. Iam. 3. 2, to 13. and Prou. 12. 13 and 13. 2, 3.

The gift of Tongues commeth of the holy Ghost. 1. Cor 12. 10, 11, 28. Acts 2. 4, to 9.

Against prayer and seruice in a strange tongue 1. Cor. 14. 1, 2.*

Confusion of tongues. Gen. 11. 9.

The propertie and punishment of an euill tongue. Psal. 10. 7. and 52. 1, 2, to 7.

The propertie of a sinner, is to bee euill tongued. Eccius. 6. 1. but the heart of the wise guideth his mouth wisely. Pro. 16. 23. and a foole when hee holdeth his peace, is counted wise. Pro. 17. 28.

A false tongue hateth the afflicted. Prou. 26. 28.

The duetie of the tongue. Phil. 2. 11.

Against rash, slanderous and euill tongues, and how we ought to beware of them. Leui. 19. 4, 16. Deut 22. 14. to 20. Iob 5. 15. 16. Psal. 140. 3, 9, 11. and 141. 3. and 144 8, 11. Prou. 4 24 and 10 11. 18, 31, 32. and 11. 9, 13. and 17. 4, 7. Eccles. 5. 1, to 7. Wisd 1. 8, 11, 16. Eccius. 5. 4, 5, 15 and 7. 9, 12, 13. and 9. 20. and 11. 8, 23, 24, 31. and 32. 4, 8, 9, 10. 1. Cor. 15. 33. 1. Pet. 2. 1. Iam. 1. 19, 26. and 4. 11, 13.* Matt. 12. 36 looke Cõmunication.

Gideon tooke none to battel, but those that lapped water with their tongues. Iudges 7. 5, 6, 7.

Tooth for tooth, &c. Exod. 21. 24. Leui. 24. 19, 20 Deut. 19. 19, 21. Mat. 5. 38.

The cheeke tooth of the iawe bone of an asse, peeled water to quench Samsons thirst withall. Iudges 15. 15, 18, 19.

To *Touch.* So many followed Saul, as God had touched the hearts of. 1. Sam. 10. 26. see Vertue.

Tower of the flocke. Michah 4. 8. wherein the shepherds kept watch by night. Lu. 2. 8.

¶ *Traditions*, and the teachers of them ought to be auoided, and why. Rom. 16, 17, 18. Col. 2. 8, 18.*

We must not be guided by traditions. Eccius. 4. 17.

Traditions, ceremonies, good intents, and inuentions of men, are not to be vsed. Deut. 5. 32, 33. and 12. 8. 1. Sam. 15. 9, to 23. Isa. 66. 3. Ierem. 5. 31. and 2. 13. Psal. 31. 6. and 119. 113. Pro. 16. 25. Hos. 9. 15. 1. Esd. 8. 22 Matth. 15. 3, 9, 13. and 23. 4. Marke 7. 8, 9. Actes 15. 10. Tit 1. 13, 14. and 1. Pet. 4. 11. and 2. John 10, 11. Looke Ceremonies, and Good intent.

Traitours, looke Treason.

Transfiguration of Christ vpon mount Thabor. Mat. 17. 1, to 9. Marke 9. 2, to 9. Luke 9. 28, to 37.

Transforme. Sith Satan is transformed into an Angel of light: no meruelle if his ministers transforme themselues. 2. Cor 11. 14. 15.

Transgression of Gods commandement, made all men sinners. Gen. 3. 6. Rom. 5. 12.

Where no law is, there is no transgression, for sinne is hid without the lawe Rom. 4. 15 and 5. 13. and 7. 7. looke Purge, and Punish.

Transubstantiation ouerthrowen by these places rightly vnderstood. Matth 26. 26, to 30. Mar. 14. 22, to 26. Luk. 22. 17,* 22. Joh. 6. 63 1. Cor. 10. 16, 17. and 11. 24, to 30. looke Supper of the Lord.

Trauaile, see Labour, Rich, and Oxe.

The wife of Phinehas hearing the Arke of God to be taken, trauailed and died. 1. Samuel. 4. 19.*

Treason. Dauid rewarded Baanah & Rechab with death, because to please him, they slew their master traiterously. 2. Sa. 4 6, 12.

Of treason, and the punishment thereof. Gen. 37. 18.* Iudg. 1. 6, 7. 1. Sam. 23. 9. Isa. 22. 15.* 32. Mac. 3. 6. 38.* and 4. 34. 35. and 10. 13. and 13. 3, 4. to 9. Matth. 26. 14, to 26. and 27. 3, 4, 5. Luke 6. 16. Actes 7. 52. and 2. Tim 3. 4. looke Rebels.

Treasury. What account was made of the two mites cast into the Treasurie. Mark. 12. 41. to 45. Luke 21. 1, to 5.

Treasures in the house of the Lord. 1 king. 5, 51, 2. Chron. 5. 1. out cleers thereof. 1. Chr. 9. 26. and 26. 20, 22, 26.

Where wee ought to lay vp treasures, and why. Matth. 6. 19, 20, 21. Luke 12. 33, 34. 1. Tim. 6. 19.

The parable of the treasure hidden in the ground. Matth. 13. 44.

The treasure of the Gospel in earthen vessels, and why. 2. Cor. 4. 7.

Treasures of wisedome hidden in Christ. Col. 2. 3.

Howe the Lorde openeth good treasure. Deut. 28. 12.

The deeds of the wicked are sealed vp among Gods treasure. Deut. 32. 34.

The feare of the Lord was the treasure of Hezekiah. Isa. 33 6.

God gaue Cyrus the treasures of darkenesse. Isa 45. 3.

Almes giuing, is better then treasure. Tobit 12. 8. Mat. 19. 21. Mar. 10. 21. Luke 18 22 of the wicked. Iam. 5. 3.

Wisedome is an infinite Treasure. Wisd. 7. 14. Eccius. 43. 18, 20. and a good name will continue aboue 1000. treasures. Eccius. 41. 12, 13.

Treasure of the heart, see Heart.

Trees with their fruite and seede, created of God. Genes. 1. 11, 12. euery tree pleasant to sight, the tree of life, and the tree of knowledge. Gen. 2. 9.

The fruit of all trees saue one, obtained for mans foode Gen. 2. 16, 17.

Planting any grone of trees neere vnto the altar of God forbidden. Deut. 16. 21.

Trees for foode to be reserued in the siege of a citie. Deut. 20. 19, 20.

At the sacking of the cities of the Moabites, God commanded the Iewes to fell euery faire tree. 2. King. 3. 19, 25.

To whom trees shalbe fruitfull or vnfruitfull. Leuit. 26. 4, 20 Deut. 28. 30.

The good tree will bring forth good fruit, and a corrupt tree, which bringeth euil fruit, shalbe burnt. Matt. 12. 33. and 7. 17, 18, 19.

Adam was driuen out of Paradise, lest hee should eate of the tree of life, and liue. Gen. 3. 22, 23, 24.

The tree that made the waters sweete. Exod. 15. 25. Eccius. 38. 5.

If the greene tree were so dealt withall, what shall become of the drie? Luke 23. 31.

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As the tree falleth, so shall it lie. Eccles. 11.3

High trees for proude people. Isai. 2.13, 14.

Trembling. Paul willeth vs to make an ende of our saluation with trembling. Phil. 2,12.

God will giue a trembling heart to them that disobey him. Deuter. 28.65. Leuiticus 26.36.

The wicked tremble at Gods iudgements. Acts 24.26. Looke Feare.

Trespasse offering. Leu. 7.1, to 11.

Abigail taketh on her, her husbands trespasse. 1. Sam. 25.24, 28. See Purging.

Trie all things, and keepe that which is good. 1. Thess 5.21.

How God trieth his elect, and why. 2. Chron. 32.31. Job 1.11, 12. Eccles. 3.10. Isa. 30.10 Zech. 3.9. Wisd. 3.5. Ecclus. 2.5. and 27 5. Tob. 2.10. Rom. 5.1. 1. Pet. 1.7. 2. Pet. 2.2. James 1.2, 3. See Tempt.

Tribe. The children of Israel ought to marrie euery one in their owne tribes. Num. 36, 6, 7, 8, 9.

The tribe of Dan sought to dwell among the other tribes. Iudg. 18.1, 2.

The halfe tribe of Manasseh, dwelt from Bashan to Baal Hermon, &c. 1. Chron. 5.23.

The portion of the twelue tribes. Eze 48. 1, 2, to 8, 23.*

The tenne tribes caried captiue. 2. Esdr. 13.40 & 48.

Tribulation sent to the faithfull, why. 1. Pet. 4.12. 2. Thess. 1.4, to 8. Rom. 5.3.

An exhortation to endure tribulation with patience. Heb. 12.1. 1. Pet. 2.21.

Wee ought not to feare tribulation, and why. Phil. 1.28, 29.

Men by tribulations are driuen to God. Isa 26.16, 17, 18.

God onely deliuereth out of tribulations. 2. Sam. 10.18, 19.

God respected the children of Israel in tribulation. Exod. 2.25.

In our tribulations we ought to seeke the Lord. Deut. 4.29, 30, 31.

God heard Iaakob in the time of his tribulation. Gen. 35.3.

The faithfull in tribulation ought to put full trust in Gods mercie. Psal. 44 9.*

How to suffer tribulation, according to the will of God. 1. Pet. 4.19.

Neither tribulation nor bondes could feare Paul from preaching the Gospel. Act. 20.24.

Tribulation to bee receiued thankefully without distrust. Psal. 42.8.* and 43.5.* and 56.1, 2.* after the example of Iob. Iob 1.21. and of Dauid. 2. Sam. 22.1.*

Paul and Silas prayed, sung & reioyced in tribulation for Christ his sake. Act. 16.25. Gal. 6.14. & 2. Cor. 6.4, to 11. & so did Peter and other Apostles. Acts 5.41. and so should we. Rom. 12. 12. and 5.1, 3.

The tribulations of S. Paul, were the Ephesians glory. Ephes. 3.13.

God comforted S. Paul in all his tribulations, and why. 2. Cor. 1.4.*

Paul commended the Macedonians for that they ioyed in tribulations. 2. Cozin. 8.2.

The day of tribulation, &c. 2. Kings 19.3. looke Affliction, Aduersitie, Persecutions, Sufferings, and Scourges.

Tribute must be payd for conscience sake. Matt. 22.21. Rom. 13.5, 6, 7.

Why Christ payd tribute and needed not. Matt. 17.25, 26, 27.

They that receiued peace offered by the Israelites, became tributaries vnto them. Deut. 20.10, 11.

All that belong to the house of God, freed from tribute, by the Edict of an Heathen Emperour. Ezra 7.24.

Trinitie. Testimonies of the trinitie. Gen. 1.1, 26. & 11.7. and 18.2. Matt. 3.16, 17. and 28.19 Luk. 1.31, 32. 1. Joh. 5.7. 2. Cor. 13.13.

Of *Triumph*, looke Victory.

Trumpets of siluer, looke Numb. 10.2, to 11. and Feast.

The trumpet sounded at the giuing of the Law. Exod. 19.16, 19.

Gideon blew a trumpet, & souldiers came to him. Iudges 6.34.

Trouble. Married folkes haue trouble in the flesh. 1. Cor. 7.28.

Elijah affirmed vnto Ahab, that hee troubled Israel, in prouoking God to stop raine three yeeres and sixe moneths. 1. Kin. 18.17, 18. James 5.17. looke Tribulation.

True. He that beleeueth, hath sealed that God is true. John 3.33.

Balaam was enforced to confesse God to be true. Numb. 23.19.

Trueth of God, see Promise.

Abrahams seruant prayseth God for his trueth and mercie shewed vnto his master. Gene. 24.27.

The spies promised Rahab to deale truely with her. Josh. 2.14.

Hezekiah desired that trueth might bee in his dayes. 2. Kings 20.19.

Dauid wisheth mercie and trueth to Ittai, and why. 2. Sam. 15.19 20.

To walke in trueth. 1. Kings 2.4.

Wee ought to serue God in trueth. Josh. 24.14. 1. Sam. 12.20, 21, 24.*

We ought not to holde against the trueth. Mich. 7.5. Exod. 23.2.

Trueth in Iudges. Exod. 18.21, 22.

We ought to gird our loynes about with trueth. Ephes. 6.14.

Wee ought to speake the trueth one to another, and why. Ephes. 4.25.

Christ is the trueth. John 14.6. and his Gospel the trueth. 2. Pet. 1.12.

Doe nothing against the trueth, but for the trueth. 2. Cor. 13.8.

Trueth put for vpright dealing. Ephes. 4. 25. 36. 14 Phil. 4.8. for sincere knowledge of God. Tit. 1.1. and for all light left in man after his fall. Rom. 1.18. and 2.8.

We ought to instruct with meekenes those that resist & erre from þ trueth. 2. Tim. 2.25, 26. & to craue at Gods hand the doctrine of trueth, which the rains signifieth. Zech. 10.1.

We ought to be stedfast in the trueth well learned. 2. Tim. 3.14.

How trueth from errour is discerned. 1. John 4.6.

No trueth in any, and therefore none to be trusted. Jere. 9.4, 5.

Trueth is strongest, and ouercommeth all things. 1. Esd. 3.12. and 4.33, 40, 42. Matt. 16.18. Luke 21.15. Acts 6.10.

Grace and trueth came by Jesus Christ. Joh. 1.17.

The Spirit of God is the leader of vs into all trueth. Joh. 16.13.

Against such as withstand the trueth, or withhold themselues & others from it. Rom. 1.18. & 2.8. Gal. 3.1. & 5.7. & 2. Tim. 2.18. & 3.8. 9. & 4. Tit. 1.4. Heb. 10.26. & 2. Pet. 2.2

Dauid spake the trueth. Acts 26.25.

Pilate asked Christ what trueth was. John 18.38.

Trust. Moses putteth the children of Israel in minde of Gods benefites, that they might trust in him onely. Deut. 8.1.*

No men ought to trust in his own strength. 1. Cor. 10.12, 13.

Those that trust in the Lord, blessed, and those that trust in men, cursed. Jerem. 17. 5, 7.

The children of Israel trusting in their owne strength, were discomfited. Judg. 20. 20, 21. Numb. 14.40, 44, 45. Deut. 1.41, 43, 44. 1. Sam. 4.3, 4, 5, 10, 11.

We ought to settle our whole trust in God, and in Christ, and why. 2. Samu. 22.3, 31. Matth. 12.21.

Hezekiah trusted in the Lord God of Israel. 2. King. 18.5.

Abiiah trusting vpon the Lord, obtained victory. 2. Chr. 13.18.

Eternall life promised to those that trust in God. Isa. 57.13.

God is their helpe and shield that trust in him. Psal. 115.8, 9, 10, 11.

We ought to trust in the grace offered by the Gospel. 1. Pet. 1.13.

They that trust in God, shall vnderstand the Trueth. Wisd. 3.9.

In the middest of tribulations wee must trust in God. John. 16.33.

The faithfull trust to bee saued through the blood of Christ, and therefore goe boldly to the throne of grace. Heb. 10.19, 20, 22, 23. and 4.14, 16.

The Iewes vpbraided to haue put their trust in false gods. Deut. 32.37, 38.

God will bereaue the wicked of all things wherein they put their trust. Deu. 28.52, 63.

Of the assured trust which Asa had in the Lord. 2. Chron. 14.11. and Judas Maccabeus. 1. Mac. 3.18, 23. and Mic. 7.7, to 14.

Wee ought to put our trust in the word of God, and why. Wisd. 16.26.

Those that trust in God shall neuer be remoued. Psal. 125.1. and 115.9.* and 22.5. or take hurt. Eccius. 32.24.

An exhortation and encouragement to trust in God after aduersitie and in danger. Isa. 41.8, to 17. Amos 9, 12.*

The rong rauens doe teach vs to put our trust in God. Job 39.3.

A man of God counselled Amaziah not to put his trust in worldly strength. 2. Chro. 25. 7, 8, 9.

God will cut off occasions which hinder his people for putting their trust in him. Micah. 5.10, 11, 12.*

Wee may not trust in outward ceremo-

nies,

nies. Iere. 7.2,4.*

God neuer faileth them that put their truſt in him. Dan. 14.38.

¶ Turne. We ought not to turne aſide to ſerue other gods, as the Iſraelites did. Exod. 32.8. Deut. 11.16. 1. Sam. 12.20,20,21.

The Theſſalonians turned from their idoles vnto God. 1. Theſſ. 1.9.

To turne iudgement to wormewood. Amos 6.12. and 5.7.

God is mercifull vnto thoſe that turne vnto him. Deut. 30.1,2, to 8.

None can turne to God truely, till God turne to him. Zech. 8.15,16. Looke Returne, Conuerſion, and Man.

¶ Twelue Apoſtles. Mat. 10.2, to 5. Mar. 3.14,16, to 20. Luke 9.1.

The names of the twelue Patriarkes. Gen. 35.22, to 27.

Twinckling. Thoſe that be found aliue at the laſt day, ſhalbe changed in the twinckling of an eye. 1. Cor. 15.51,52. 1. Theſſ. 4.1.

Two maſters no man can ſerue, and why. Matt. 6.24. Luke 16.13.

Two that is, man and wife ſhall be one fleſh. Gene. 2.24. Marke 10.8. 1. Cor. 6.16. Ephe. 5.31. Matt. 19.5.

Two mites, looke Treaſurie.

Two pence, looke Pence.

Two coates forbidden. Luke 9.3.

Of the two theeues. Luke 7.4.

Two maner of people diuided out of Rebekahs bowels. Gen. 25.23.

Of two things that Agur required of God. Prou. 30.7,8,9.

Two things grieuous. Eccluſ. 26.29.

Chriſt his two natures. Col. 2.9.

¶ Time hath his courſe. Gen. 8.22.

To all things there is an appointed time. Eccles. 3.1, to 12.*

Wee ought to aſke of Gods workes, our elders of olde time. Deut. 31.7. It is not for vs to know the times and ſeaſons, and why. Acts 1.7.

The time of Chriſt, the accepted time. 2. Cor 6.2. Gal. 4.3. Rom. 5.6.

The time of this preſent life, is but ſhort. 1. Cor 7.29.

We ought to redeeme the time, and why. Col. 4.5. Ephe. 5.15,16.

Time certaine put for vncertaine. Lu. 13.33 and time preſent for time to come. Matt. 3.10. Luke 19.8. and 24.44. John 4.21. and 20.17. Col. 3.6.1. Theſ. 4.15.

Of the laſt times 1. Cor. 10.11. 2. Tim. 3.1. Heb. 1.1. 1. Pet. 1.20. and 4.7. 1. John 2,18. Jude 18.

Wee ought not to ſhew wiſedome out of time. Eccluſ. 32.4.

God is angry with the godly for a time, Nahum 1.2.

Tyranny of princes and falſe prophets. Micah 3.1.* Zeph. 3.1.3.

Of tyrannie. Matth. 2.16. Marke 14.10, Acts 7.59. and 12.2.3.* Looke Cruelty.

A Tyrants nature. Pro. 28.15.

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¶ Vaile of the Tabernacle. Exod. 16.31. and 36.35. 2. Chro. 3.14.

The vaile rent. Matth. 27.51.

The vaile ouer the face of Moſes, and ouer the Iewes, and why. Exod. 34.33,34. 2. Cor. 3.13. to 17.

The vaile ouer the hearts. 2. Corinth. 3. 15,16.

What the vaile preſigured. Heb. 10.20.

Vaine are all men. Pſal. 13.1. & all things vanitie. Eccles. 1.2.

Idoles are vaine vanities. 1. Sam. 12.21. and prouoke Gods wrath. 1. Kings 16.26. Deut. 32.21.

The creature ſubiect to vanity. Rom. 8.20

Vaineglory, ſee Glory.

Valiant. The Angel called Gideon a valiant man. Judg. 6.12.

Variance, looke Contention.

Vaunt, ſee Boaſt.

Vengeance. God taketh vengeance of all that oppreſſe or defraude their brethren. 1. Theſſ. 4.6.

God will take vengeance of thoſe that deſpiſe his grace. Heb. 10.29,30.

Vengeance belongeth to rebels and perſecuters of Gods elect. Luke 18.7. 2. Theſſ. 1.8. Reue. 6.10. and 19.2.

We ought not to auenge our ſelues. Rom. 12.17,19. Pro. 20.22. Leu. 19.18.

Vengeance is the Lordes, and he will auenge the blood of his ſeruants vpon his enemies, Deuteron. 32.35,41,42,43. Rom. 12.19.

Dauid committeth vengeance to God. 1. Sam. 24.6,13,16.

Saul would not bee auenged of his enemies, and why. 1. Sam. 11.13.

Gods miniſters haue ready † vengeance of God againſt al high things being diſobedient, and why. 2. Cor. 10.5,6.

James and John aſking vengeance, are rebuked. Luke 9.53,54,55.

Vengeance the name of a heathen goddeſſe. Actes 28.4.

Vengeance referred onely to the Lord and his miniſters the higher powers. Gene. 15. 16. Eccluſ 28.1. Iudeth 8.35. Pſal. 7.11. & 9.7,8,16. 33.5. and 94.1. Pro. 17.21. and 24.12. and 28.9. and 54.8. and 29.26. Ezek. 25.12.* Nah. 1.2. Matth. 5.38,39. Luke 9. 54,55,56. and 18.7,8. Galat. 5.15. Ephe. 4. 26,32. 1. Theſſ 5.15. 2. Tim. 4.14. 1. Pet. 2.14. and 3.9,12.

Veritie, ſee Trueth.

Vertue of God, ſee Power.

Vertue from Chriſt healed diſeaſed folkes touching his garments. Marke 6.56. Matthewe 9.20,21,22,35,36. Luke 8.44,46, 47,48.

Vertue put for good and godly maners. 2. Pet. 1.5.

Vertuous. Ruth was a vertuous woman. Ruth. 3.11.

Veſſels ordained for the vſe of the Tabernacle. Exod. 25.29.

The parable of veſſels, prepared for captiuitie. Ezek. 12.3. to 17.

Veſſels in the houſe of Salomon of pure gold. 1. King. 10.21.

Of veſſels of honour and diſhonour. Rom. 9.21. and 2. Tim. 2.20,21.

Veſſell for mans body. 1. Sam. 21.5. and 2. Cor 4.7. and 1. Theſſ. 4.3,4.

Veſtures. The Iewes commaunded to make fringes vpon the quarters of their veſtures. Deu. 22.12. and why. Numb. 15.38, 39.* and the Scribes and Phariſes vſed it. Matth. 23.5. Looke Clothes, Garments, and Apparell.

Vexe. Howe Peninnah vexed Hannah. 1. Sam. 1.6,7.

¶ Victorie commeth of God, & not by the multitude of men. 2. Sam. 23.10,12. Gene. 14.*. Exod. 17.8.* Deut. 7.18,19. Joſh. 11. 1.6.* Iudg. 7.2.* 1. Sam. 14.6, to 23. and 17 45.* 2. Chro. 13.13, to 19 & 14.11.* & 16. 7,8,9. and 24.24. and 25.7.* Pſal. 117.3.* Pro. 21.22,30,31. Iudeth 9.7,11. 2. Eſdr. 1.26,27,28,29,30. 1. Mac. 3.18.

Ioab committeth the ſucceſſe of victory vnto God. 2. Sam. 10.12.

The victorie of Dauid againſt Abſalom. 2. Sam. 18 7.

Dauid obtained victory through † might of God. 2. Sam. 5.28.*

God gaue victorie vnto Deborah. Judg. 4.14,15,23.

The victory attributed to God, and Gideon by whom he wrought. Iudg. 7.20.

Samſon attributed not the victory to his ſtrength. Judg. 15.18.

Victory promiſed Hezekiah againſt Sanherib. 2. King. 19.6.*

Triumph after victory obteined. Numb. 21.18,27. Judg. 11.34. 1. Sam. 18.6,7. 2. Mac. 3.30.

Victory is of God. 1. Eſd. 4.58,59,60.

Iudas truſting in God, wonne the victorie. 2. Mac. 15.26, to 36.

Victory loſt, ſee Truſt.

Victuals. Joſhua commanded to make proviſion for victuals, and why. Joſh. 1.11. looke Meate, and Foode.

Villanie ſee Raviſh.

God hath choſen the vile things of this world, to bring to nought things of eſtimation 1. Cor. 1.28.

We ought not to offer vnto God any thing vile. Mal. 1.8,13,14.

Villages, ſee Cities.

Vine, for the Church. Pſa. 80.8.

The complaint which the Lord maketh for his vine Iſa. 5.4.

The vine of the Iewes is of the vine of Sodome, and of the vines of Gomorah, &c. Deut. 32.32.

Chriſt is the vine, and his Father is the huſbandman. John 15.1.

Vineger. Boaz willed Ruth to dip her bread in the vineger. Ruth. 2.14.

A ſponge filled with vineger was offered Chriſt. Matth. 27.28.

Vineyard of Noah and his drunkennes. Gen. 9.20,21.

The Iewes were commanded not to ſowe their vineyards with diuers ſeeds, and why. Deut. 22.9.

A law for him that hurteth his neighbors vineyard. Exod. 22.5.

It was lawfull for a man to eate, but not to carie fruit out of his neighbors vineyard. Deut. 23.24.

Hee that had planted a newe vineyarde, freed from warre, till hee had eaten of the fruite. 1. Cor. 9.7.

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Those that disobey God, shall plant vineyards, and others shall eate the fruit. Deut. 28.30.

Vintage till sowing time, and threshing til Vintage. Leu. 26.5.

The law of vintage. Leuit. 19.10.

Violence, looke Kingdome.

Viper, see Generation.

S. Paul shooke a Viper off his hand, and felt no harme. Acts 28.3.5.

Virgins, see Maide, and Lamps.

Virginitie bewailed Iudges 11.37.*

Signes of virginitie to bee brought before the Elders of the Iewes, &c. Deut. 22.15, to 20.

Of Virginitie and maried state. 1. Cor. 7. 25,26.*

Vision. God spake vnto Abraham in a vision. Gen. 15.1. and comforted Israel in a vision Gene. 46.2,3,4. and told Samuel in a vision how hee would punish the house of Eli. 1. Sam. 3.11, to 16 and spake to Nathan by vision 2. Sam. 7.17.

The vision of the two baskets of figges. Ierem. 24.1.* of the foure beastes, and the wheeles vnder the throne, and of the 25. men and two princes. Ezek. 1.5,15.* and 11.1, to 13.

Visions shewed to Iudas Maccabeus. 2. Mac. 15.12, to 17. to Cornelius, Peter and Ananias. Act. 10.3, 11. & 9.12. and to Paul. 2. Cor 12.2, to 10. Acts 16.9. & 18.9. & 22.17. and 27.23.

Visite. How God doeth visite sinne. Exod. 32.34. and 20.5. Leuit. 26.15.*

The Israelites seeing the miracles that Moses wrought, thanked God that hee visited them. Exod. 4.31. and 14.31.

To visit put for to correct, or take care of. Hose 4.14. to make fruitfull. 1. Samuel 2. 21. Genes. 21.1. And to remember. Luke 1. 68.

Whom wee ought to visite. Matth. 25.36. James 1.27.

Visitation, or manifestation of Gods mercie. Luke 19.41.1. Pet 1.12.

Victualler. A victualler is not without sinne. Eccius. 26.30.

¶ *Vnbeliefe*. The Iewes through vnbeliefe forgate God, and serued Idoles and would not enter into the land of Canaan. Deut. 32.15, to 19. and 1 21.36. and were afraid of Goliath 1. Sam. 17.10,11.

A certaine prince punished for vnbeliefe. 2. Kings 7.2.17.

The Iewes for their vnbeliefe, were rejected, and the Gentiles received by faith, and why. God hath shut all in vnbeliefe. Romanes 11.20,25.30.32.

Christ reproued the vnbeliefe of his disciples. Matth. 17.17, to 22. Mar 9.19. to 30. and 16.14. Luke 9.41. & 24 36.* John 20. 19.25, to 30.

The Apostles could not heale the man that was Lunatike for their vnbeliefes sake. Mat. 17 20.

The father of the possessed with the deuill prayed Iesus with teares, to helpe his vnbeliefe. Mar. 9 24.

Christ marueiled at the vnbeliefe of the Nazarens, which caused him to worke no great miracles among them. Matth 13 58. Mar. 6.5,6.

Of vnbeliefe and the punishment thereof. Gen. 19.14,24,25. Num 11.1,4.* & 14.2.* and 20.3,4,5,6,24. Deut. 9.4.5.* 2. King. 7. 2,3,17,19,20. Eccles. 2.26. Psalm. 78.8.* Baruch 1.20.* Mat. 8.25,26 and 14.26. to 32. Marke 16.16. Luke 1.12,18,19,20 and 24.11,25. John 3.3,18 and 6.60.* and 8.24 and 10.25. and 12.37.* see Infidelitie.

Vnbelieuers shal not enter into everlasting rest. Heb. 3.17,18,19.

Vnblameable. Christians ought to be vnblameable. Phil. 2.15.

Vnblameable was S. Paul in his conuersation. 1. Thes. 2.10.

Vncircumcised fruit, see Fruit.

The vncircumcised might not eate of the Passeouer. Exod. 12.48.

Vncircumcised lips Exod. 6.12.

Vncircumcision vsed for the Gentiles. Gal. 2.7. see Circumcision.

Vncleane things not to be touched, Num. 19.13,14. looke Beasts.

Manoahs wife commaunded to eate no vncleane thing till Samsons birth, and why. Iudg. 13.4,5.

Vncleannesse, &c. ought not to be once named among Christians. Ephes. 5.3,4. Colos. 3.5.

Lusts of vncleannesse. 2. Pet. 2, 10. looke Pollution, Purge, and Starres.

Vncorrupt is Gods wap. 2. Sam. 22. 31.

Vnction, looke Anointing.

Vnderstanding. The Israelites were without vnderstanding. Deut. 32.28.

We ought to bee men in vnderstanding. 1. Cor. 14.20.

Wee ought to sing with the Spirit and with vnderstanding also. 1. Cor. 14.15. Psal. 47.7.

Vnderstanding is the gift of God. Deut. 29.4 Iob. 32.8. and 38.36. looke Knowledge and Wisedome.

Vnfaithfulnesse, see Vnbeliefe.

Vngodly. Of the thoughts, words, and workes of the vngodly against the righteous. Wisd. 2.11.* Psa. 10.1.* & 11.2. and 12.1.* and 13.4. Pro. 4.14. to 20.

The prosperitie of the vngodly causeth the faithful to murmur. Iob. 21.6, to 17 Psal. 73.2.* Eccles. 7.9, 12. Ierem. 12.1. Habak. 1.2.*

The vngodly fall into the destruction which they prepare for the righteous 1. Sa. 17.19,23. and 31.4. Prou. 7.6.* Psal. 7.15. and 9.16. and 34.21. and 35.8. Prou. 26.27. Eccles 10.8. Isa. 33.1. Ier. 48.43. Dan. 13. 62. and 14.42. and 6.24. Iudeth 13.8. Eccles. 27.26. Reue. 18 6. and are afraid of it. Prou. 1.27. and 10 24.

Of the sudden punishment which shall fall vpon the vngodly. Gene. 7.17.* & 14.14,15. and 19.24,25. and 34.25.* Exodus 14.23.* Leuit. 10.2. Numb. 11.1,33. and 16.31,32, 33. Iesus 10.8.* and 11.6.* Iudg. 4 25.* and 7.21.* and 8.11.* and 16.30. 1. Samu. 30 16, to 22. 2. Sam. 13.28, 29. 1. King. 16.9 10.* and 20.15, to 23. Iob. 4.10,11. and 5.3, 12.13 and 8.13,14. and 15.16,21.* and 18. 10.* and 20.5.* and 27,13.* and 36,12,13, 14. Prou. 1.27. and 6.15. and 12.7. Isa. 5. 24.* and 47.9. Ierem. 15.1.* Daniel 5.30. 1. Macc. 2 44 and 4.14.* Matth. 24.38, 39. Luke 13.20. and 16.22,23. and 17.24.* 1. Thes. 5.2,3.

Wee may not company with the vngodly. 1. Cor. 5.11. Looke Wicked.

Vnion of the Iewes & Gentiles in Christ. Isai. 19.23,24,25.

Vnitie of the Spirit in the bond of peace, Ephe. 4.3,4.

Vnitie is commended. Actes 4.32. Rom. 15.6. 1. Cor. 1.10. Phil. 3.16. 1. Pet. 3.8. see Concord.

Vnitie of God and Christ. John 17.21.

Vniustly. The iudge ought not to doe vniustly. Leuit. 19.15. Looke Wicked, Vngodly and Vnrighteous.

Vnkindnesse, looke Vnthankfulnesse.

Vnknowen to men, but knowen vnto God. 2. Cor. 6.9.

Vnleauened bread. The feast of vnleauened bread, or the Passeouer. Luk. 22.1. looke Passeouer.

Vnmarried. Those that cannot liue vnmaried, may marrie. 1. Cor. 7.9.

Vnmercifulnesse, looke Mercifulnesse.

Vnpossible, looke Impossible.

Vnrighteous persons shall not inherite the kingdome of God. 1. Cor. 6.8,9,10. looke Vniust.

Hee that doeth vnrighteously, is an abomination vnto the Lord. Deuter. 25.16. see World.

Vnthankefulnesse. Gods prouidence, euen vnto the vnthankefull. 1. King. 18.1.*

Of the Vnthankefulnesse of Laban towards Iaakob. Genesis 31.2.* and of Pharaohs butler towards Ioseph. Gene. 40.23. of the Ammonites and Saul towards Dauid. 2. Sam. 10.2, to 6. 1. Sam 19.20. Of the Iewes. Ezek. 2.3.* and of the Israelites. Micah. 6.3, to 5. Isai. 1.2,3 and of the inhabitants of Keilah toward Dauid, 1. Sam. 23.2,12.

Vnthankefulnesse towards God and man condemned, and of the punishment thereof. Exod. 1.8.* Deuter 32.1. Iudg. 2.11.* and 6.1,8,9,10. and 8.5,6,7,14,16. and 11.1,2,7. 1. Sam. 10.17.* and 12.7, to 20. and 25.10, 11,37,38. 2. Sam. 14.30. 2 Chron. 24.21, 22. Pro. 17.13. Isa. 1.2,3. & 5.1.* Ier. 2.12.* Ezek. 16.3.* Dose 2.3.* & 10.13,14. and 13. 2.* Mica. 6.1.* Wisd. 16.16,29. 1. Macc. 16. 15,16,17. Matth. 5.17.* & 11.15, to 25. Luke 14.18. and 17.11,12,17,18. John 1.5. & 11. 46.* Rom. 1.21.* Gal. 1.6. and 6.6. 1. Cor. 16. 18. Col. 2.7. 1. Tim. 5.4,17,18. 2. Tim. 3.2. Heb. 2.3. and 13.17. Reue. 2.5. Actes 7.18, 19,26,27.* and 27.42.

Vntill, Looke Till.

¶ *Vocation*, see Calling and Church.

Voluntary gifts towardes the making of the Tabernacle. Exod. 25.2.

Voluptuous liuing, one of the thornes that choke the word. Luke 8.14.

Wee ought not to take pleasure in voluptuousnesse. Eccius. 18.32.

Vomit of Bel. Iere 51.44.

Vowes must be performed to God. Numbers 30.3. Deuteronom. 23,21,22,23. being godly

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godly. Eccles. 5. 3. Pſal. 116. 14, 18. Acts 18. 18. and 21. 23, to 27.

Vowes and the redemption of them. Leuit. 27. 2 Num. 6. 1.*

Who ought to accomplish their vowes, and who not. Num. 30. 4.*

Iaakob vowed to God the tenth of his increase. Gen. 28. 22.

Hannah vowed to giue her sonne to God. 1. Sam. 1. 11, 28.

Elkanah and all his family went yeerely to offer vowes. 1. Sam. 1. 21.

The Israelites vowed to destroy all the cities belonging to Arad, if they ouercame. Num. 21. 2, 3.

Of a rash vow. Leui. 5. 4.

Saul causeth the people to vow abstinence, whereupon they brake the commaundement of God. 1. Sam. 14. 24, 32.

Absalom, vnder colour of a vow, practiseth to vsurpe his fathers kingdome. 2. Sam. 15. 7, 8.

Vowes vsed for gifts and ceremonies. Act. 21. 23.

Of vngodly vowes, looke more Iudges 1. 30.* 1. Sam. 25. 13, 21, 22 Mat. 14. 7, to 12. Acts 23. 12.

Voyce. Wee ought to obey the voice of the Lord, and why. Exod. 15. 26. Deut. 13. 4. and 30. 16, 20. and 27. 10.

God caused the Iewes to heare his voice, but they could not abide it. Deut. 4. 36, and 18. 16.

When Hanna prayed, her voice was not heard. 1. Sam. 1. 13.

Vpbraide. Hee that vpbraideth his friend, breaketh friendship. Eccius. 22, 20, 22.

Peninnah vpbraideth Hannah with her barrennesse. 1. Sam. 1. 6.

God vpbraideth the Israelites confessing their sinnes. Iudges 10. 11.*

Christ vpbraideth the Iewes with their infidelitie. Iohn 15. 22, 23. 24.

Vpright before God. Deut. 18. 13.

The heart of Asa was vpright with the Lord. 1. Kings. 15. 11, 14.

We ought to feare and serue the Lord in vprightnesse. Iosh. 24. 41.

Hee that walketh vprightly, shalbe saued. Pro. 28. 18. looke Right, Righteous, Iust, and Perfect.

Vſages, looke Customes.

Vſurie forbidden. Deut. 23, 19, 20.

Against vsurie and vsurers. Exod. 20. 17. and 22 25. Leuit 25. 35, 36, 37. Deut. 5. 21. Nehe. 5. 1, to 14. Pſal. 15. 1, 5. Pro. 22. 7, 16, 22, 25. and 28. 8. Ierem. 15. 10. Ezek. 18. 13. and 22. 12. Mat. 5. 42. and 7. 12. Luke 6. 30, 34, 35.

Vſe riterance the gift of God. Exod. 4. 11, 12, 15. Pro. 16. 1. and 1. Cor. 12. 10.

S. Paul desireth the faithful to pray God that hee might haue vtterance. Ephel. 6. 19, 20. Col. 4. 3, 4.

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Wages. Iaakob asked of Laban, Rachel for his wages. Gen 29. 15, 18. and all spotted sheepe and lambes. Gen. 30. 32.

Laban changed Iaakobs wages ten times Gene. 31. 7.

Euery man shall receiue wages according to his labour. 1. Cor. 3. 8.

The labourer is worthie of his wages. 1. Tim. 5. 18.

The wages of sinne is death. Rom. 6. 23. looke Hire.

Wake, looke Watch.

Wall. The wall of Ierusalem was dedicated. Nehe. 12. 27.

Christ hath broken the partition Wall, which was betweene the Iewes and vs. Ephes. 2. 14, 15.

Walke. We ought to be occupied in Gods word, as wee walke and iourney, &c. Deut. 11. 19.

To walke with God. Gene. 5. 24. and 6. 9.

Abraham commaunded to walke before God. Gen. 17. 1.

Hezekiah walked before God with a perfect heart. 2. Kings 20. 3.

What it is to walke in the wayes of God. 1. Kin. 3. 14. as he requireth and taught the Israelites to doe. Deu. 10. 12, & 11. 22 & 8. 6.

Salomon walked in the ordinances of God, as Dauid commanded him. 1. King. 3. 3. and 2. 3.

The Reubenites are exhorted to walke in the wayes of God. Iosh. 22. 5.

Christ willeth vs to walke while we haue light. Iohn 12. 35, 36.

To walke in rtueth. 1. Kings 2. 4.

Samuels children walked not in his wayes. 1. Sam. 8. 3.

How God walketh stubburnely against vs. Leuit. 26. 24, 28.

Moses prayed God to walke with them. Exod. 33. 15, 16. and 34. 9.

Walke in the spirit. Gal. 5. 16.

He that walketh vprightly, walketh boldly Pro. 10. 9.

He that walketh with the wise, shalbe wise. Pro. 13. 20.

To walke in veritie. 3. Iohn 4.

We ought to walke wisely towards them that are without. Col. 4. 5.

To walke, for to liue. Marke 7. 5.

To walke after the maner of men. 1. Cor. 3. 3, 4 see Stubburnesse.

Want, looke Neede.

Wantons threatned. Micheh 2. 1.*

Wanton lookes forbidden. Iob. 31. 1. Pſa. 119. 37. Matth. 5. 28.

Wantons shall not inherite the kingdome of God. 1. Cor. 6. 9.

Warning, looke Correction.

Warre and contentions, from whence they come. Iames 4. 1.

God sendeth warre for the sinne of the people. 1. Kings 8. 35, 37. Leuit. 26. 24, 25. Deu. 28. 25. Iudges 2. 14, 15. and 3. 8, 12. and 4. 2. and 6. 1. and 10. 7. and 13. 1. Isa 5. 25. Iere. 5. 10. Iob. 38. 23.

Newe married men went not a warfare, and why. Deut. 24. 5.

The law of warre. Deut. 20. 10.*

Moses his exhortation vnto such as went to warre. Deut. 20. 3, 4.

Iehoshaphat assaulted in warre, cried to God for helpe. 1. Kings 22. 32.

God commaunded the Iewes when they went to warre, to abstaine from all wickednesse. Deut. 23. 9.

Dauid asked counsell of the Lord, whether he should warre with the Philistims. 2. Sam. 5. 19.

The Israelites fearing warre, desired Samuel to crie vnto God for them. 1. Sam. 7. 8.

God assisted Ioshua in warre, and instructed him. Iosh 8. 18. and Dauid 2. Sam. 23. 24, 25.

God destroyed the Israelites enemies, before they warred with them. Deute. 7. 23, and 2. 24.*

The Iewes intending to warre, prayed God to send them victorie, and were heard. 1. Chron. 5. 19, 20. 1. King. 8. 44. 45. 2. Chron. 6. 34, 35. Othniels warre, see Spirit.

The Israelites warred with the Beniamites, and by Gods power ouercame them. Iudg. 20. 35. and sent to know whether the Reubenites had reuolted from God before they would warre with them. Iosh. 22. 11.*

The warre of the Amonites against the Gibeonites. Iosh. 10. 4, 5. and of the Philites and others against Ioshua, and the successe. Iosh. 11. 5, to 9.

God commanded the Israelites not to warre against the Moabites. Deut. 2. 9, 19. They warred against the Amalekites, contrary to Gods commaundement, and were discomfited. Num. 14. 41.* Deut. 1. 42.*

God hath a regard vnto the warres of Iusels, for hee gaue the victorie vnto Naaman, & deliuered the Samaritanes. 2. King. 5. 1. and 7. 9.*

The warre wherein the Philistims ouercome the Israelites. 1. Sam. 4. 10.

How the faithfull haue behaued themselues in the time of warre. Exod. 17. 9, to 14. 1. Sam. 17. 1, 2, 3, 26.* and 2. Chron. 12. 2, to 9. and 14. 9.* and 18. 1.* and 20. 1, to 31. and 32 1.* Iudeth. 8. 9.* 1. Mac. 3. 2. *& 4. 1, 2.* and 7. 1.* 2. Mac. 8. 1, 2.*

For what causes the faithfull haue begun warres. Gene. 14, 13, 14. Iudg. 19. 32.* and 20. 1, to 15. 1. Sam. 30. 3, to 21.

How God fighteth alwayes for his, and teacheth them also in warres to fight & ouercome Exo 14. 13 Deut. 1. 30. and 3. 2, 3, 21, 22. 1. Sam. 17. 37. 45, 46. 47. 2. Sam 22. 35. 2. Chron. 20. 17. Pſal 18 2.* and 143. 1, 2.* Isa 30. 15, 30, 31. looke Victorie.

Albeit the wicked raise warre against vs, yet ought wee not to faint. Matt. 24. 6. Mar. 13 7. Luke 21. 9. Reuel. 12. 7, 17.

What circumspection Princes ought to haue in warre. Luke 14 31, 32.

Vngodly warre. Pro. 1. 11. See Murther.

No man goeth to warfare, at his owne cost. 1. Cor 9. 7.

S. Paul being in the flesh, did not warre after the flesh. 2. Cor. 10. 3.

Mans life is a warre. Iob. 7. 1.*

Warres of ignorance. Wisd. 14. 21.

Wash. Naomi willed Ruth to wash and anoynt her selfe, and why. Ruth 3. 3.

Dauid washed and anoynted himselfe after hee vnderstood of the death of the childe. 2 Sam. 12. 20.

To wash their feete. See Feete.

Dauid commaunded Vriah to goe home, and wash his feete. 2. Sam. 11. 8.

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The Iewes vsed to wash their hand. Acts 10.37.

The Pharises being filthie within, vsed to wash the vtterside. Matt. 23.25.

We are washed in Chr. Cap. 6. 11. in baptisme. Acts 22.16.

Wasting, looke Prodigalitie.

Watch, because the houre is vncertaine, Matth. 24.42.* Luke 12.36, & 47. Mar. 13. 33.35.36.37.

Watch and pray. Matt. 26.38.41. Marke 14.34.38. Luke 21.36. and 22.40.46.

We ought to watch. 1. Corinth. 15.34. 1. Thess. 5.6. 1. Pet. 4.7.

Watch, taken for liuing this corporall life. 1. Thess. 5.10.

How we ought alwayes to Watch for the comming of the Lord. Rom. 13.11.* Ephes. 6.18. Col. 1.2. & 4.2. 1. Pet. 5.8. Reue. 3.2.3. & 16.2. Act. 20.31.* Cor. 16.13. 2. Cor. 6.6.

Watch, for Watchmen. Matt. 27.65.

Watchmen, for false teachers. Cant. 5.7.

Why Gods preachers are called Watchmen, & of their duty. Ezec. 3.17. & 18.19, 20, 21

Watchman, for Angel. Dan. 4.10.

Waters beneath separated from the waters aboue, Gen. 1.6.7.

Water giuen to the waters to bring forth fish. Gen. 1.20, 21, 22.

The waters of the flood surmounting the highest mountaines 15 cubites. Gene. 7.19, 20. ceased from increasing. Gen. 8.3, to 15.

The Israelites willed to buy water of the Edomites. Deu. 2.6. & the Gibeonites bidd to draw water for the Israelites. Iosh. 9.21.

Drawers of water. Deut. 29.11.

Mayds were wont to draw water. 1. Samuel 9.11. for their cattel. Gene. 24.13. and 29.9, 10. Exod. 2.16.

The water of Nilus conuerted into blood. Exod. 4.9. and 7.15, 17.20. and deadly waters into wholesome. 2. King. 2.21.

The children of Israel murmuring, haue water out of the rocke. Exod. 17.3, 6. Numb. 20.10, 11. Mic. 11.4. Psal. 78.15, 16. & 105. 41. 1. Cor. 10.4.

Water failing, was promised and sent without winde or raine to the king of Israel, Iuda and Edom, marching towards the Edomites. 2. Kings 3.17.

Elijah was fed with bread and water. 1. Kings 19.6.

The Ammonites and Moabites reiected, because they met not the Israelites with bread and water. Deut. 23.3, 4

Bread and water giuen to them that came to apprehend Elisha. 2. Kings 6.22.

The Israelites weeping, powred water before the Lord. 1. Sam. 7.6.

The waters of Iordan stayed, while ỹ children of Israel went through. Iosh. 3.16.17.

Elijah diuided the waters. 2. Kin. 2.8, 14.

Elisha powred water vpõ Elijahs hands. 2. Kings 3.11.

Of purifying by water, see Fire.

God deliuereth his out of waters of tribulations. 2. Sam 22.1, 4, 5.6, 7, 17.

Waters for nations. Reue. 17.15. and for the tumult of the wicked. Psal. 144.7.

The holy Ghost is called water of life. John 4.10, 14. and 7.38.

The Scriptures are called wholesome waters. Ezek. 47.8, 9.

Cleane water for Gods spirit. Eze. 36.25. Isa. 44.3.

Pure water vsed for the grace of Gods spirit. Hebr. 10.23.

How Christ cleanseth his Church by the washing of water. Ephes. 5.26.

Liuing water for springing water. Gene. 26.19.

Apollo watered, but God gaue ỹ increase. 1. Cor. 3.6.

Vncleane water. Leuit. 11.38. looke Sea, Drinke, Wine, Tooth, Tongue, Bitter, Scrife, and Fasting.

Water. He that watereth, shal not obteine his desire of God. James 1.6.7.

Wayes. All the wayes of God are iudgement. Deut. 32.4.

The wayes of the Lord are vncorrupt past finding out, and must be kept. Rom. 11.33. 2. Sam. 22.22, 31.

To turne from the way which God commaundeth. Deut. 31.27, 29. and 11.28.

Dauid going the way of all the earth, exhorteth Salomon to walke in the wayes of the Lord. 1. Kings 2.2, 3.

God doeth teach the good way. 1. King. 8. 35, 36. and Samuel taught the right way. 1. Sam. 12.23, 24.

The Iewes forsaking the right way were grieuously punished. Iudges 2.12, 14, 19, 20, 22.

The Kings hie way Num. 21.22.

Christ is the way. John 14.6.

Better neuer to know the way, then reuolt. 2. Pet. 2.21.

Moses prayeth God to shew him his way, and why. Exod. 33.13.

God was the guide of Iaakob in his way. Gen. 28.15.

Paul desired God to guide his way. 1. Thess. 3.11.

God maketh out way vpright 2. Sam. 22.33.

God giueth euery man according to all his wayes. 1. Kings 8.39.

By whom the way of truth shall be euill spoken of. 2. Pet. 2.1, 2.

Weake in faith are to be borne withall, and not to be offended, & why. Rom. 14.1.* & 15.1. 1. Cor. 8.9, 10, 11, 12. 1. Thess. 5.14.

Paul became weake to the weake, to win the weake. 1. Cor. 9.22.

God hath chosen weake things to confound mighty, and why. 1. Cor. 1.25, 27. 2. Cor. 12.9.

Weakenesse, see Vnrighteousnesse.

Weapons wherewith Dauid did encounter with Goliath. 1. Sam. 17.40.

The weapons of the faithful. 2. Cor. 10.4. see Armour.

Wearie. Ziba brought victuals to Dauids wearie souldiers. 2. Sam. 16.1, 2.

We ought not to be wearie of well doing. 2. Thess. 3.13. Gal. 6.9.

How the wicked wearie themselues in wickednesse. Wisd. 5.7. to 15.

Rest giuen him that is wearie. Isa. 28.12. looke Laden, and Foode.

Wedding, looke Marriage.

Weepe. The people wept and knowledged their sinne. Deut. 1.41, 45.

Phaltiel wept for his wife. 2. Sam. 3 15, 16.

Why we must weepe. James 4.9.

Hagar wept and was comforted. Gen. 21. 16, 17. 18.

Iaakob wept for his sonne Ioseph. Gene. 37.34.35. and Ioseph diuers times, meeting and talking with his brethren. Gene. 42.24. and 43.30. and 45.1, 2. and 50.17.

The Israelites wept before the Lord, and why. Iudges 20.26, 22, 26. and 21.2.

Dauid wept for Abner, and when he fled from Absalom, and for his death, and for the death of Amnon. 2. Sam. 3.31, 32. & 13.31, 36. and 15.30 and 18.33. and 19.1, 2, 3, 4.

Ezechiah wept when hee heard he should die. 2. Kings 20.1, 2, 3.

Elisha wept, and why. 2. Kings 8.11, 12.

Christ wept. John 11.35 Luke 19.41.

Blessed are they that weepe, for they shall laugh. Luke 6.21. Matt. 5.4.

Peter wept bitterly for that he had denied Christ. Matth. 26.75.

Saint Paul weeping, exhorted to beware of false prophets. Philipp 3.18. Acts 20. 30, 31.

Weepe with them that weepe. Romanes 12.15.

Let them that weepe, be as though they wept not. 1. Cor. 7.30.

Iosiah wept, and why. 2. Kin. 22.11.* 19.

Samson ouercome with his wiues weeping. Iudges 14.16, 17.

Weeping may abide at euining, but ioy commeth in the morning. Psal. 30 5. Looke Kisse, Teares, Lamentation, Mourning, and Heauinesse.

Weights & Measures must be true. Leuit. 19.35, 36. Deut. 25.13, 14, 15. Ezek. 45.10. Prou. 11.1. and 16.11. and 20.10.

False balances and weights condemned. Hos. 12.7, 8. Micah 6.10, 11.

Weined, looke Sucke.

Well. Abraham digged a well in Beersheba. Gen. 21.30, 31.

Izhak caused his fathers welles, stopped by the Philistims, to be digged againe with others. Gen. 26.14, to 23.

Of digging a well, see Digge.

Welles without water. 2. Pet. 2.17.

Of Iaakobs well. John 4.6, to 27.

Welldoing. He that doeth well, is of God. 3. John 11.

It is Gods will by doing well, we should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1. Pet. 2.15.

Welldoing will fall out to the profite of the authour. Ruth 2.11.

Welldoing commeth of the Lord. Phil. 1. 6 Pro. 16.1. and 20.24.

How to doe well. Isa 1.17. see Wearie.

Well pleased. God was well pleased with his sonne Iesus Christ. Matth. 3.17. and 17.5. 2. Pet. 1.17.

Wealth is sudden destruction to the wicked. Iob 21.7, 16.

Israel in Wealth, see Fat.

In wealth and woe wee ought to remember God. Eccles. 11.25.

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Wealthie mens children enclined to banquetting. Iob 1.4,18,19. and 8.4.

¶ *Wheate* threshed by the wineprelle, and why. Iudges 6, 11.

Isaak witherb Iaakob plentie of wheate and wine. Gen. 27.28.

God will send them plentie of wheate and al things, that loue his commandements, &c. Deut. 11.13,14. & 28.2, to 13. Le. 26.3, to 11.

The similitude of the wheate come. Iohn 12.24. 1. Cor 15.37.

Wheate taken for the faithful. Mat. 3.12. Luke 3.17. and 13.30.

Satan desireth to winnowe the godly as wheate. Luke 22.31.

What is chaffe to wheate? Iere. 23.28.

Tares among wheate. Mat. 13.25,38.

Wheeles, looke Vision.

Whelpes, looke Dogges.

Whilest, see Conversion.

Whisperers condemned. Rom. 1.29.

White. The elect shalbe clothed in white. Reue. 3.4. and 4.4. and 6.11. and 7.9.

Whitsuntide, looke in Feasts.

Whoredome a more grieuous sinne then theft. Pro. 6.30.*

God detesteth both a whore and a whores hire, &c. Deut. 23.17,18.

A whore described, and called by diuers names. Pro. 7.6, to 24. and 6.24, to 30. and 7.5. and 2.16, to 20.

Wee must not giue our strength vnto whores. Eccles. 26.20.

A whore enuieth an honest woman. 1. Esdras 16.42.

Samson loued the whore or harlot Delilah. Iudges 16.1,4.

The vision of the great whore vpon many waters. Reue. 17.1,3.*

Whoredome is forbidden. Deut. 5.18,21. Exod. 20.14,17.

The Israelites committed whoredome with the daughters of Moab. Num. 25 1.*

Who so committed whordome, was burned. Gen. 38.24.

The mayde that played the whore in her fathers house, was stoned to death. Deut. 22. 20,21.

The whoredome of a woman how it may be knowen. Eccles. 26.9.

Whoremongers God will iudge. Heb. 13. 4. and punish. Reue. 21.8.

Whoredome and other vncleannesse forbidden, committed and punished. Gene. 6.2, 5,12. and 19.5,24,25,31.* Exod. 22.16,17, 19 Leu. 18 6.* & 19.20,21,22,29. & 20.10 to 22. and 21.9. Deut. 27.20, to 24. Iudg. 19. 25. 1. Sam 2.22.* Pro. 5.2.* & 22.14 and 23.16.* and 29.3. Ezek. 22.10,11. Tob. 4. 12. Eccli. 23.16.* and 25.2 Acts 15.20,29. Rom. 1.21,26.* 1. Cor. 5 1.* & 6.9.15.* and 10.8. Ephe. 5.3,5. Col. 3.5. 1. Thess. 4.3,4,5. 1. Tim. 1.9,10. Looke Adulterie.

God forbiddeth to goe a whoring after Idoles. Exod. 34.14, to 18.

The Israelites went a whoring after Baalim, Iudges 8.33.

God willed the Israelites to make fringes vpon their garments, that they should not goe a whoring after idoles. Num. 15.38,39.

Of spirituall whoredome which is idolatrie, looke more. Exod. 32.8.* Deu. 4.3. & 31. 16,17,18. Iudg. 2 11,17,19. and 7.27. Isa. 1,21. and 57.3. Ier. 3.1.* Ezek. 16 15.* Hos. 1.2. and 2.2.* and 14.12.* Reue. 18.3,9.

God calleth the murmurings of the Israelites their whoredomes. Num 14.27,33.

Wholesome doctrine, what. Tit. 2.1, to 11.

¶ *Wicked*. Dauids complaint for the wickednesse of the faithlesse. Psal. 36.1.*

A prayer against the wicked enemies of Gods Church. Psal. 35.1.

Of the reprobation of the wicked. Psalm. 16 4.

The wordes of the wicked touching the knowledge of God. Iob 22.13.

Wee ought not to enuie the prosperitie of the wicked. Psal. 37.1,7.*

The wicked are the seede of the Deuill. Matth. 13.38,39.

Wee ought to auoyde the company of the wicked. 1. Cor. 5.13.

Wicked hypocrites alwayes in ỹ Church militant. Mat. 13.40,41,48,49.

Who are wicked, 1. Pet. 4 17,18. 2. Pet. 2.10.*

The description of wicked men, and of their punishment. Psal. 1.1,4,5,6. & 52.1, to 8. and 53.1, to 6. and 94 23.

God abhorreth the wicked. Exod 23.7.

The wicked consider not the iudgements of God. Pro. 28.5. and therefore their house shalbe destroyed Pro. 11.10,11. and 14.11.

Of the treasures of wickednesse, and of the vnprofit and punishment of the wicked. Pro. 10.2.*

The wicked are resembled to obstinate fooles. Prou. 27.22.

The wicked slander Gods worde, and regard it not. Pro. 29.7,16.

The wicked shalbe cast away for his malice. Pro. 14.32.

The wicked thinke themselues more happie in serving the deuil, then God. Iere. 44. 17,18,19.

The wicked giue heede vnto false lippes. Prou. 17.4. and consult against the godly. Psal. 16.4. and 83.5.

The power and enterprises of the wicked shall turne to the glory of God. Psal. 75.10. and 76.10.

Micah complaineth of the multitude of the wicked, and small number of the faithful. Micah 7.2.

We ought to shun the way of the wicked. Pro. 4.14.

The sacrifices of the wicked are abominable vnto God. Prou. 15.8. and 21.27. Eccles. 34.21.

Of the curse and destruction of the wicked. Iob 24.18.

The condemnation of the wicked, & death of the iust. Wisd. 4.16.

The sighing of the wicked at the day of iudgement. Wisd 5.3, to 14.

The wicked shall waxe worse and worse. 2. Thes. 2.9, to 13. 2. Tim. 3 13.

The nature & end of the wicked. Psal. 73. 18,19,20. and 10.2.* Their reward. Wisd. 3. 10. Their blindnesse. Isa. 27.11. Psa. 36.1.*

The righteous cannot deliuer the wicked. Ezek. 14.17,18.

The wicked to whom Sodome and Gomorah are an example, are reserued to the day of iudgement to be punished. 2. Pet. 2.9. Iude 4,6,15.*

God suffereth the wicked to keepe company with the wicked oft times to their destruction. 2. Chro. 22.7.

The wicked haue their felicitie in worldly things Eccl 5.10,11.

God preuenteth the attempts of the wicked. Esther 6.4.

The wicked enioy the earth. Iob 9.24.

The poorer sort and wicked alway curse the estate of the godly to slander. Iob 30.1, to 15.

The wicked proceede from euill to worse. Iere. 9.3.

The wicked thinke that God seeth not their sinne. Ezek 8.12.

The wicked loue the praise of men, more then of God. Iohn 12.43.

What the wicked are like vnto. Psal. 57. 20.

The wicked seeke after signes. Luke 23. 8. Iohn 2.18. and 6.30. and feare men more then God. Matth. 21.26,46. & 26.5. & 27.64. Marke 11.32. Luke 19.46. Acts 5.26.

The wicked agree in persecuting ỹ truth, and the professours thereof. Matt. 16.1. and 22.23. Marke 3.6. Luke 23.12. Acts 4.26. and 23 6.

Wicked mens practises often frustrate. Matth. 2.13. and 21.46. and 22 22. & 27.66. Iohn 6 41,45,46. and 10.39. Acts 5.19,22. and 9.23,24.* and 12.11.*

The wicked pronounce sentence against themselues. Mat. 21.31,41. Luke 7.43. Acts 4.16. and 26.31.

The wickednesse of man was great at the time of the flood. Gen. 6.5.

Whosoeuer persisteth in his wickednes, shall perish. 1. Sam. 12.25. looke Vngodly, and Vniust.

Widow. We ought not to oppresse, or vexe the widowe, and why. Exod. 22.22,23,24. Zech. 7.10. but relieue them, and how. Deut. 14.29. & 16.11. & 26.2,12,13. Iob 24.3. and 31 16. Isa. 1.17. Iere. 22.3. Eccles. 4.3.

Gleanings left for ỹ widow, fatherlesse, &c. Leuit. 9.9,10. and 23.22. Deut. 24.19.*

God doeth right vnto the fatherlesse and widow. Deut. 10.18. and iudgeth the oppressours. Mal. 3.5.

Cursed be he that hindreth the right of the widow. Deu. 27.19. or taketh her raiment to pledge. Deu 24.17 see Debt and Famine.

Who were widowes in deede, and worthy honour and relieefe, and who not. 1. Tim. 5.3, to 7.

An order concerning widowes, both olde and yong. 1. Tim. 5 9, to 17.

Of the continencie of widowes. 1. Cor. 7. 8. 1. Tim. 5 11,16.

The teares of the widowes cheekes ascend vp to heaven. Eccles. 35.15.

Of widow bewouters. Matt. 23.14. Mar. 12.40. Luke 20.47.

Wife. The desire of the wife ought to bee subiect to her husband. Gen. 3.16.

The people prayed that Booz his wife might be fruitfull. Ruth 4 11.

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To auoide fornication let euery man haue his wife, and euery wife her husband, &c. 1. Cor.7.1,2.*

The duetie of a wife. Titus.2.5.1.Tim. 2.12.Eſter 1.12,19.* 1.Cor.14.34.

Wel is the man that hath a wife of vnderſtanding, and vertuous Eccius.25.8. & 26. 1,to 5. For he is the gift of God. Pro.21.9. and the crowne of her husband. Pro.12.4.

Wiues are heires together with their husbands, of the grace of life. 1.Pet.3.7.

God maketh Abimelechs wife barren, and why. Gen.20.17,18.

The husband ought to loue his wife. Ephe.5.25.Col.3.19 Pro.5.15. and to reioice with her. Eccles.9.9. looke Husband.

Man muſt forſake all, cleaue God, and cleaue to his wife. Gen.2.24.

An inſeparable knot betweene man and wife. Mat.19.5,6.

It ſeemed hard to the diſciples, that a man might not put away his wife, but for whoredome. Mat.19.8,9,10.& 5.31.Mar.10.9,11.

Who ſo hateth not his wife, &c. in reſpect of Chriſt, can not be Chriſts diſciple. Luke 14.26.Mat.10.37.

Againſt marrying with ſtrange wiues, or of another religion. Exod.34.12,16.18. & 23. 32.Deut.7.3,4.Nehe.13.23,25.Mal.2.11. Gen.24.3.& 26.34.35.& 27.46. and 28.1,2.

Not lawfull to marrie the fathers wife. 1. Cor.5.1.Leui.18.8.*

What maner women the Pſeelites wiues were. Leu.21.7,13,14,15.

The Iſraelites were commaunded not to touch their wiues. Exod.19.15.

Of the wife not found a virgin, &c. or ſlandered. Deu.22.13,to 22.

Salomon had 700 wiues. 1.Kings 11.3. Dauid had many. 2.Sam.3.2,to 6.& 5. 13. 1.Sam.18.27.1.Chro.3.1,to 10. & had Gideon. Iudges 8.30.

Samſon was ouercome with the importunitie of his wife, and declared to her his riddle. Iudges 14.16,17.

Putiphar crediting his wife, put Ioſeph in priſon. Gen.39.19,20.

The wife that moueth her husband vnto idolatry ought to die. Deu.13.6,to 12.

Pilates wife counſelled him not to meddle with Chriſt. Mat.27.19.

Ahab prouoked to euil by his wicked wife. 1.Kings 21.15,16,25.

Uriah would not lie with his wife, and why. 2.Sam.11.11.

Iaakobs wiues counſelled him to doe as God commanded. Gen.31.16.

Moſes wife being ſent backe to her father. Exod.4.26. returneth with his two ſonnes. Exod.18.2.

Elkanah of his two wiues, loued Hannah beſt. 1.Sam.1.2,5.

The Philiſtims burned Samſons wife with fire. Iudges 15.6.

Dauids two wiues taken priſoners. 2.Samuel 30.5.

The Leuites wife or concubine abuſed at Gibeah. Iudges 19.1,2.* 25. and 20.5.

Abigail the paterne of a good wife. 1.Samuel 25.18.to 38.

The praiſe and properties of a good wife. Prou.18.22. and 31.10.* Tob.10.12. Eccius.26.16,23. 1.Tim.3.11. and 5.14. Tit. 2.5. looke Women.

Wildernieſſe of Sin Exodus 19.1. Looke Tempt.

Will. God hath created all things for his wils ſake. Reu.4.11. and worketh all things after the counſell of his owne wil. Eph.1.11

Dauid attributeth vnto the wil of God all the benefits which he had receiued. 2.Sam. 7.19,21.*

The will and counſell of the Lorde is immutable. Pro.19.21.

Rehoboams kingdome diuided by the wil of God. 2.Chr.11.4.

Ahaziah viſited Iehoram by the will of God, that hee might bee ſlaine of Iehu. 2. Chr.22.6,7,to 10.

Amaſiah deliuered into his enemies hands by the will of God. 2.Chr.25.20,27.

Balaam could doe nothing againſt Gods will. Num.22.12,13,18.* and 23.8,12,20, 26. and 24.13.

Wee ought to praiſe and vnderſtand the good will of God, & doe it. Rom.12.2. Ephe. 5.17. 1.Thel.4.3.

No man is able to reſiſt Gods will, nor may pleade againſt him. Rom.9.19,20.

The will of God the Father is, that who ſo beleeueth in his ſonne, ſhal haue life euerlaſting. John 6.39,40.

It was the will of God, that Chriſt ſhould giue himſelfe for our ſinnes. Gal.1.4.

God ſent his Sonne to reueale the myſterie of his will vnto vs. Ephel.1.9. and to doe his will. John 6.38. for his meat was to doe his Fathers will. John 4.34.

Chriſt yeelded himſelf to his Fathers wil, although contrary to humane nature. Matt. 26.39,42.

The will of God is, that wee ſhould bee ſanctified through the blood of Chriſt. Hebr. 10.9.10. that we ſhould be holy and cleane. 2.Thel.4.3.

He that fulfilleth the will of God, abideth euer. 1.John.2.17.

God heareth them that doe his will and worſhip him. John 9.17.

Whoſoeuer doth the will of God, is a true Chriſtian. Matth.7.24. and Chriſts kinſeman. looke Mother.

To will is preſent with vs, but to perfoorme ſeeth in God onely. Rom.7.18,19 Phil.1.6. and 2.13.

We muſt labour to increaſe in the knowledge of Gods will, &c. Col.1.9.

The Iewes were blinded by the will of God, and why. Mar.11.25,26.

Paul called to y office of an Apoſtle, by the will of God. 1.Cor.1.1.2.Cor.1.1.Ephe.1.1.

Paul attributed vnto the will of God, the liberalitie of the Macedonians. 2.Cor.8.5.

Wee ought to reſigne our will vnto the Lords will. James 4.15.

In our tribulation we ought to conſider the good will and pleaſure of God. Iob 1.21.

The Iſraelites preſuming to warre contrary to the will of God, were ſlaine, Deut. 1.42.43.44.

Wee ought not to bee ſubiect to our owne willes and appetites, and why. Eccius.18. 30,31.

Wee ought to referre our willes to Gods wil. 1.Sam.3.18. 2.Sam.10.12. and 15.26. 1.Mac.3.60. Matth 6.10. Mar.14.36. Luke 22.42. Act.18.21.& 21.14. Heb.6.3. Rom.1. 10. and 15.32 1.Cor 4.19. and 16.7.

Some preach Chriſt of enuie, and ſome of good will. Phil.1.15.

The will of any man is counted by God for the deede it ſelfe. Gen.20.2, to 18.& 22. 16,18. 2.Sam.11.15. and 12.9. 1.Kin.21. 10,19. ſee Freewill.

Of willingneſſe to heare Gods word, looke Confeſſion.

Wilfull and furious perſons muſt be ſhunned. Gen.27.42.* Ioſh.2.16. 1.Sam.1.10. Nehe.6.3. Pro.22.24. and 29.9,22. Eccius. 8,15,16. Mat.2.12,13.*

Winde, looke Amendment.

Windes and ſea obey Chriſt. Matth.8.26, 27. and 14.32. Mar.4 39.41.& 6.51. Luke 8,24,25. Pſal.107.25. Eccius.43.23.

God bringeth the windes out of his treaſures. Pſal.135.7.

We may not be as children wauering and caried about with euery winde of doctrine. Ephe.4 14.

Our iniquities like the winde, haue taken vs away. Iſa.64.6.

Winde, for the holy Ghoſt. Acts 2.2.

Wine comforteth the liuing. Eccle.10.19. and maketh glad the heart of man. Iudg 9. 13. Pſa.104.15. but who ſo loueth it, ſhal not be rich Pro.21.17.

Wherefore wine was created. Eccius. 31.28.

God giueth wine vnto thoſe that loue him. Deut.11.13,14. and they that doe not, ſhall not drinke the wine of their owne vineyards. Deut.28.39.

Iaakob gaue his father wine with his beniſon. Gen.27.25.

Zibah brought wine to Dauid, fleeing frō Abſalom. 2.Sam.16.1,2.

Manoahs wife forbidden to drinke wine, and why. Iudg.13.4,5.

Iohn Baptiſt dranke neither wine nor ſtrong drinke. Luke 1.15.

The Iſraelites dranke no wine nor ſtrong drinke in 40. yeeres, and why. Deut.29 6.

Wine called the liquor of the grape. Deut. 32.14.

Water turned into Wine. John 2.9.

Biſhops, Deacons, and elder women may not be giuen to much Wine. 1.Tim.3.3,8. Tit.2.3,7.

Timothie is counſelled to drinke with water Wine. 1.Tim.5.23.

Of the ſtrength of wine. 1.Eſd.3.17.*

Againſt wine bibbers. Iſa.5.11,22. Ioel 1.5. Amos 5,11. and 6.6. Micah 6,15. Hab. 2.15. and 13.1,to 11.

Wine and women leade wiſe men out of the way Eccius.19.2.

The incommodities of exceſſe of Wine. Pro.20.1. and 21.17 and 23 30* Iſai.28. 1,7,8. Iere.29.19. Dan.5.1,to 6. Prou.3.1. and 4.11. Hab 2.5. Iudeth 12.20. and 13. 1,to 11. Eccius.31.25,26,29.

We ought not to rebuke our neighbour at the Wine. Eccius.31.31.

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The wine of the Iewes is the poſſon of Dragons. Deut. 32. 33.

What is meant by dropping downe newe wine. Ioel 3. 18.

Wine mixt with water. Iſa. 1. 22.

Wings. Ruth put her truſt vnder the wings of God. Ruth 2. 12.

The godly retyre vnder the ſhadowe of Gods wings. Pſal. 63. 7.

The Arke placed vnder the wings of the Cherubims. 1. Kin. 8. 6, 7. as was commanded. Exo. 25. 20, 21. looke Caried.

To Winne. Hee that winneth ſoules is wiſe. Pro. 11. 30.

Wiſemen came from the Eaſt to worſhip Chriſt. Mat. 2. 1, to 13.

The wiſemen coulde not interprete Pharaohs dreames. Gen. 41. 8.

Skilfull men in diuers ſciences are called wiſe hearted. Exod. 35. 10. 30.* and 28. 3.

Who ſo ſeemeth wiſe in this worlde, let him be a foole, that he may be wiſe. For the wiſedome of this worlde is fooliſhneſſe with God. Iob 37. 24. 1. Cor 1. 20. and 3. 18, 20, 25.

A citie preſerued through the wiſedome of a woman 2. Sam. 20. 15, 16, to 23.

A wiſe king is the ſtay of the people. Wiſ. 6. 24.

Magiſtrates exhorted to ſearch wiſedome Wiſ 6. 9.

Wiſedome ought to be preferred aboue all things. Wiſ 7. 1.*

The effects of wiſedome. Wiſ 8. 1.*

A wiſe man will bee ruled by the lawe of God. Eccluſ. 21. 11. and ſhew it by his converſation. Iames 3. 13.

The difference betweene the wiſe and vnwiſe. Eccluſ. 21. 12.* foolithneſſe and wiſedome. Eccles. 10. 1, to 11.

A wiſe man taketh pleaſure in being iuſtly reproued. Pro. 25. 12. & will worke thereafter. Prou. 9. 9. and 13. 16. and 19. 25. and 21. 11.

He that walketh with the wiſe, ſhalbe wiſe. Pro. 13. 20.

The mouth of the wiſe is in their heart. Eccluſ. 21. 26.

How to know a wiſe man. Eccles. 8. 1.*

The behauiour and exercile of a wiſe man and of his commendation. Eccluſ. 39. 1, to 12.

Wee ought not to bee too humble in our wiſedome. Eccluſ. 13. 9.

God catcheth the wiſe in their owne craftineſſe. 1. Cor. 3. 19.

God deſtroyeth the wiſedome of the fleſh. Obad. 8. Iſa. 30. 1. to 6.

Abigail was of ſingular wiſedome. 1. Samuel 25. 3. ſo was Iudeth. Iudeth 8. 29, 31.

Dauid behaued himſelfe wiſely in all things. 1. Sam. 18. 5.

The beginning of wiſedome is the feare of God. Pſal. 111. 10. Pro 9. 10. and that is true wiſedome. Iob 28. 28.

Wiſedome commeth onely of the Lord. 1. Chr. 2. 11, 12. Iob 38. 38. Eccluſ. 1. 1.*

All wiſedome is of God, and to him to be aſcribed. 1. Eſ. 4. 38, 39, 60.

God giueth wiſdome to ſuch as feare him. Eccluſ. 43. 33.

God was the inuenter of wiſedome. Baruch 3. 36. and his wiſedome is infinite. Pſa. 147. 5.

Chriſt is our wiſedome. 1. Cor. 1. 24. and the true wiſedome of God. Bar 3 37. Matt. 23. 34. Luke 11. 49. and in him are hidden all the treaſures of wiſedome and knowledge. Col. 2. 3.

The Goſpel is the hidden wiſedome of God. 1. Cor. 2 7.

Our wiſedome conſiſteth in obſerving Gods lawes. Deut 4. 2. 6.

True wiſedome is wholy to depend vpon God. Hoſea 14. 9.

What to the wiſedome from aboue. Iam. 3. 17. and what is deuiliſh wiſedome. Iames 3. 15.

The word of wiſedome is giuen by Gods Spirit. 1. Cor. 12 8.

Chriſt promiſed to giue the faithfull ſuch wiſedome, as all their aduerſaries ſhould not be able to reſiſt. Luke 21. 15. as he gaue Steuen. Acts 6. 10.

Wiſedome declareth her excellencie, and how the is to be found. Prou 8. 1, 2. Eccluſ. 1. 31.*

Wiſedome calleth all to her feaſt. Prou. 9. 1, to 7.

Scorners ſeeke wiſedome, and finde it not: but knowledge is eaſie to him that will vnderſtand. Prou. 14. 6. For wiſedome preſenteth herſelfe to thoſe that ſeeke for her. Wiſ. 6. 28.*

Wiſedome complaineth that ſhee is contemned. Pro. 1. 20.*

Of the power and profitable vſe of wiſedome. Pro. 1. 2, to 6. and 4. 5, to 14. Eccluſ. 4. 11, to 20.

God commendeth wiſedome vnto his people. Baruch 3. 14.

Wiſedome is hidden from the eyes of all men liuing. Iob 28. 21.

All wiſedome and ſpirituall vnderſtanding commended vnto vs. Col. 1. 9.

Who ſo lacketh wiſedome, let him aſke it of God. Iames 1. 5.

Salomon craued wiſedome of God, and obteined it. 1. Kings 3. 9, 12.

A prayer to obteine wiſedome. Wiſ. 9. 1.*

How famous and excellent Salomons wiſedome was. 1. Kin. 4. 29.*

Hee that is wiſe, ought to ſhewe by good converſation his workes, in meekeneſſe of wiſedome. Iam. 3. 13.

The wiſedome of the fleſh cannot be ſubiect to the Lawe of God. Rom. 8. 7.

Shewe not foorth wiſedome out of time. Eccluſ. 32. 4.

Wiſedom is iuſtified of her children. Mat. 11. 19.

Paul willeth vs to walke wiſely. Ephe. 5. 15. Col. 4. 5.

Wiſe to doe euill. Jere. 4. 22. looke Knowledge, and Spirit.

Witchcraft forbidden. Deut. 8. 10, 11, 12.

A witch may not be ſuffered to liue. Exod. 22. 18.

God commandeth his people not to ſeeke vnto witches or ſoceerers. Leuit. 19. 31. which commandement Saul tranſgreſſed 1. Sam. 28. 7.* and was therefore deſtroyed. 1. Chro. 10. 13.

Of Witches and Witchcraft, looke 4 more Exo. 7. 22. & 8. 7, 18. Leu. 20. 6. Num. 23. 23. 2. Kin. 17. 17. & 21. 6. & 23. 24. Iſa. 44. 25. & 47. 9. Jer. 10. 2. Ezek. 13. 18.* Dan. 2. 2. Mic. 5. 12. Mal. 3. 5. Eccluſ. 34. 5. Acts 8. 9. 2 13. 6. and 16. 16. and 19. 13. Gal. 5. 20. Rev. 18. 23. and 21. 8. and Soothſayers.

Witneſſes. Moſes called heauen and earth to witneſſe. Deut. 30. 19.

Falſe witneſſes againſt Chriſt. Matth. 26. 59, 60. againſt Steuen. Acts 6. 11, 13. and againſt Naboth. 1. King. 21. 10, 13.

The puniſhment of the falſe witneſſe. Deu. 19. 16.*

For one witneſſe none ought to die. Num. 35. 30. Deut. 17. 6. and 19. 15.

The witneſſe which God teſtified of his Sonne. 1 Iohn 5. 9, 11.

The booke of Deuteronomium was layd by for a witnes againſt the Iſraelites Deu. 31. 26.

We ought not to beare falſe witneſſe. Exo. 20. 16. and 23. 1. Deut. 5. 20.

Of true and falſe witneſſe. Pſa. 27. 12. and 35. 11. Pro. 6 19. & 14. 5. & 19. 5, 9. & 21. 28. and 24. 28. & 25. 18. Dan. 13. 61.* Rom. 13. 9. Mat. 15. 19. and 18. 16. and 19. 18. and 28. 12, to 16. Mar. 10. 19. 1. Cor. 13. 1. 1. Tim. 5. 19. Heb. 10. 15, 28. looke Teſtimonie.

Woe bitterly pronounced. Iob 10. 15. Pro. 23. 29. Eccles 4. 10. & 10. 16. Iſai. 5. 9, 11. & 5. 8.* & 10. 1. & 28. 1. & 45. 9, 10. & 47. 23. and 23. 1. Eze. 13. 3, 8. times & 18. & 6. 1. Mic. 2. 1. Hab. 2. 12, 15, 19. Eccluſ. 2. 13, 14. 15. & 41. 8. Mat. 18. 7. & 23. 13.* & 24. 19. and 26. 24. Mar. 13. 17. Luke. 24, 25, 26. and 10. 13. & 11. 42.* Jude 11. Rev. 8. 13. and 9. 12. and 11. 14. and 12. 12. looke Curſe.

Woman created, how, and to what ende. Gen. 2. 18.*

The woman was ſeduced by the ſerpent, and puniſhed. Gen. 3. 6, 16.

Of the woman came the beginning of ſin, and through her we all die. Eccluſ. 25. 26.

The wickednelle of man is better then the good intreatie of a woman that is in ſhame and reproch. Eccluſ 42. 14.

Women ought to keepe ſilence in the congregation, and be ſubiect to their huſbands, and learne of them at home, and why. 1. Cor. 11 3. and 14 34, 35. 1. Tim. 2. 11, 12. Titus 2. 5. Ephe. 5 22, 23. 1. Tim. 2. 13, 14. Col. 3. 18. 1. Pet. 3. 1.

The woman is the glory of the man, and was created of man and for man, and not contrariwiſe. 1. Cor. 11. 7, 8, 9.

Wicked women ought not to haue any ſoueraigntie giuen them, and why. Eccluſ. 25 27, 18.

Woman ſaued by bearing children, if &c. 1. Tim. 2. 15.

Women in olde time were maried in their owne linage. Numb. 36. 6.

Of a woman hauing her monethly courſe. Leuit. 15. 19.*

How a captiue woman ought to be married. Deut. 21. 11, to 15.

The conditions and praiſe of a good woman. Eccluſ. 36. 22, 23, 24. and 26. 13, to 20. Prou. 14. 1. and 31. 10.*

The malice of a wicked woman. Eccluſ. 25. 14.

25.14.to 27.and 26.24.25.
A faire woman without discreet manners. Pro. 11.24.
Wherevnto a contentious woman is likened. Pro.27.15. from whom wee ought to flee Pro.21.9.and 25.24.
Those whom God is angrie withall, shall fall into the hands of strange women. Pro. 22.14.
Why a womans hand ought to bee cut off. Deut.25.11,12.
How to know the whoredome of a woman Eccles.26,9,11,12.
Iosua read the booke of Deuteronomium to men, women, and children. Iosua 8. 34,35.
Women sang and praysed God, playing vpon Timbrels. Exod.15,20,21. 1.Samuel 18.6,7.
A woman cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head. Iudg.9.53.54.
In besieging of cities women were reserved. Deut.20.14.
A woman hid Ionathan and Ahimaaz in a well, and why. 2.Sam.17.17,to 22.
A barren rich woman refreshing Elisha, obteined (by his prayer) to be fruitful. 2 king. 4.8.to 18.
Ruth was knowen to bee a vertuous woman. Ruth. 3.11.
The disciples marueiled that Christ talked with a woman. John 4.27.
A woman, being deliuered of a childe, forgetteth the anguish, and why. John 16,20, 21,22.
Of the woman that had the bloodie flixe. Mat.9.20,21,22.
A certaine woman a seller of purple. looke Baptized.
Women following Christ, ministred vnto him. Luke 8.2,3. were present at his death. Mat.27.55.
Women, to whom Christ appeared, declared to the disciples his resurrection. Mat.28. 1,8 9,10.
Noble Women of Thessalonica beleeued in Iesus whom Paul preached. Actes 17.2, 3.4.
Women enforced through famine, to eate their owne children. 2.kin. 6.24,28,29. Lam. 2,20.and 4.10. as it was prophecied. Ezek. 5.10. Baruch.2.3. Deut.28,53, to 58. Leuit. 26,29.
The pride of women is threatned to be punished. Isa.3.16,to 25.
The vision of the Woman clothed with the Sunne. Reu.12.1,2. * and of the woman sitting on a scarlet coloured beast. Reuelat. 17.3.*
Salomon allotted with the lone of outlandish Idolatrous Women. 1. Kings 11. 1,2.*
What behauiour young and elder women must vse. Titus 2.3.4.5.
An edict that women should obey their husbands. Ester.1.20,22.
Sarra was instructed in the vertie of an honest woman. Tob.10.12.
The vertue and not the beautie of a woman is to be sought for in marriage. Ruth 3. 11. Eccles.25.23.
A wicked woman more bitter then death. Eccles.7.28.
Few women constant. Eccles.7.30.
The gazing vpon the beautie of maides and women is dangerous. Eccles.9.5,6.7. 8,9,10,11,12. and so is their companie. Eccles.42.12.13.and 19.2,3.
Of the strength of women. 1. Esd.3.12. and 4.14,to 31.
Of cruelties towards women with childe. looke Childe, and 2.King.8.12. Amos.1.13.
Women for cities. Ezek.23.48.
The Iewes married strange women, and put them away againe. Ezr.9.2.* & 10.1,2.* looke Wife and Men.
Wombe shut vp or barren. Genesis 20.18. 1.Sam.1.5.
The fruit of the wombe shall bee blessed to the godly. Deut.28.4.
The fruite of the virgin Maries wombe was blessed. Luke 1.42.
It was commaunded the Iewes to boyle their wombe without the foile. Deuter.23. 12.13.
Wonders, looke Miracles and Signes.
Word. The word of the Lord came to Abraham in a vision. Gene.15.1.
The word of the Lord was precious in the time of Eli. 1.Sam.3.1.
The word of the Lord must not bee call away but obeyed. 1 Sam.15.22,26.
The word of God sharper then a two edged sword. Heb.4.12.
Our words ought to bee gracious alway, and why. Col.4.6.
Why God withdraweth his word from the Iewes. Ezek.14.3.
The Iewes will not heare the word of God. Isa.30.9.
God will punish those that refuse to heare his word Deut.18,19.
Dauid despising Gods word, committeth murther and adulterie. 2.Sam.12.9.
All things were created by the worde of God. John 1.3. Gene 1.1.
The words of God are true. 2.Sam.7.25, 28. Psal.33.4.
The benefits of God ought to bee attributed vnto his word and promise. 2.Samuel 7.21.
The word of God is our wisedome. Deut. 4.2,6. and a lanterne vnto our feete. Psalme 119.105.
The word of God instructeth vs what to doe. Deuter.29.9. and thereof onely ought wee to take counsell how to liue. Iosu 8.16, 19.20.
By the preaching of the word, our hearts are conuerted. Iere.23.29.
By the word of God whoredome may bee eschewed. Prou.2.16.
All things shall prosper to those that followe the worde of God. Proverbes 3.1,to 4, 22,27.
The Shunamite woman, beleeuing Gods word, was nourished in the land of the Philistims seuen yeeres. 2.King.8.1.2.
The Israelites tooke and staied their iourneys, by the direction of Gods word. Num. 9.18,23.
How Gods word should be vsed. Deuter. 6.6,to 10.
Gods word must be declared without feare. Iere.1.17.
Moses charged the people with all the wordes that God had said vnto him in the mountaine. Exod.34.27,32. and they consented to obey the same. Exod.19.7,8.
Blessings to those that obey Gods worde and curses to those that doe not. Deuter.11. 27,28.
The Israelites, presuming to fight contrarie to Gods word, were slaine. Numbers 14.41.*
Of the contemning of Gods word, and punishment due to the same. 1.kin.13.3.* 2.kin. 17.13.* 2.Chro.18.15.* and 12.36.* Prou.1. 24,to 32. Isa.28.1,2.& 30.1,2,to 18. & 65.1, to 16 & 66.4. Iere.2.17,18,19.30.& 5.2.* and 7.13.* & 16.10,11, and 19.3.* & 25.3.* & 29. 11,12. Ezek.33.4.* & Mat.11.20,to 25. & 21. 33.* Luk 10.10,to 16. Act.13.8,9,10.11,41. and 28.5,6. Romanes 1.18.* 2. Thessa.2.10, 11,12.
God forbiddeth vs to keepe companie with those that allure vs from obeying his word. Isa.8.11.
Cursed are they who obey not the words of Gods Couenant. Iere.11.3.
The wicked cannot vse rightly the word of God. Pro.26.7.
We ought to heare the word with all reuerence. Eccles.5.11.
A wise man regardeth Gods word. Eccles 21.15,17. and 33.2,3.
Ieremie is put in prison for the worde of God, and yet it forced him to preach. Ierem. 20.2.8,9.
The prayse of the worde of God. Prou. 30.5.
An exhortation to heare the worde of God. Isa.55.1.
We ought not onely to heare the worde of God, but also beleeue and doe that which it teacheth Deut.12.32. and 5.1,27,29. and 6.1,2,3,5,17,24. and 31.11,12,13. Ezek. 33.14,15,30,31,32. Matt.5.16.* and 7.21, to 28. and 15.8,9. and 28.20. Marke 16.15, 16. Luk.6.43.* and 11.28. and 12.8,9,47,48 Iohn 13.17. Iam.1.21,22.* Heb.4.2,3. see Vnbeliefe.
Gods worde must remaine in our hearts. Deut.6.6. and 11.18.
We must obey Gods word, and alwayes haue it before our eyes. Deut.32.46,47. and 4.9. and 6.7.* and 11.18.* Numb.15.38.* Psa.1.2. Prou.3.1,2,3. and 4.21. and 6.21. and 7.3. and not thinke from it. Deut.4.2.9 2.32. and 17.11.& 28.14. Iosh.1.7. and 23.6 Prou.4.27. Isa.30.21.
Nothing may be put to, or taken frō Gods word. Deut.4.2. and 12.32. and 28.14. Iosh. 1.7. Prou.30.5.6. Matth.28.20. Galat.3.15 Reuel.22.18,19.
The word was made flesh. John 1.14.
The word of God continueth for euer. 1. Peter.1.25. reade Numb.23.19,20. Psal. 33.4,11. and 116.2. & 119.89. Isa.40.8. and 41.4. and 51.4.6. and 54.8,10. Tob.14.5,6. Matth.5.18. and 24.35. Marke 13.31. Luke 16.17. and 21.33.
The Gospel is the worde of truth. See

Phel.1,13. The wordes of this life. Actes 5. 20. The word of reconciliation. 2.Corinth 5.19.

If wee giue no credite vnto Gods worde, what profiteth it vs to heare the same? Hebr. 4.2.

We are newe borne by the immortall word of God.1.Pet.1.23.

Wee ouercome the wicked by the word of God.1.Ioh.2.14.

Christ seeing the people destitute of the word of life, was moued with compassion. Matth.9.36.*

Gods word must not bee giuen to dogs, or swine.Matth.7.6.

The heauie iudgement of those that contemne Gods word.Matth.10.14,15.Hebr.2. 2,3,4.

The word cannot be preached without persecutions.Matth.10.16.*

Peace shall continue with those that receiue the word.Matth 10.13.

Gods word aduieth not in them that beleeue not in Christ.Ioh 5.38.

The word of Christ ought to dwell with vs plenteously.Col.3.16.

The worde must bee preached after all sorts, that some may profite thereby. 2.Tim. 4.2.

Wee ought to pray that the word may bee glorified.2.Thess.3.1.

Paul handled not the word deceitfully as others did.2.Cor.4.2,5.

The faithfull loued not their liues for the testimonie of the worde of Gods promises. Reue.12.11.

The word is a snare and stumbling blocke to some.Rom.11.9.

The liuely word of God shall gather all nations to Christ.Zech.14.2.*

The preaching of the word, shall proceede out of Zion. Ioel.3.16

God promised to send preachers of his word Isa.30.21.

Of the ministers of Gods word, and their ioy when the people profit. Isai.61.6,9.

A Bishop ought purely to deliuer the word 2.Tim.2.15.

Of those that preach the word of God for gaine.Micah 3.5.*

The word of God is free.2.Tim.2.9.

Not foode, but Gods word preserueth them that be godly.Wisd.16.26.looke Bread.

Who so studieth the word of God, shal find wisedome. Prou.8.12,17.

The principles of Gods word.Hebr.5.12. and 6.1,2. 1.Col.2.2.

Gods words spoken by man, are to bee regarded.Zech.7.12,13.

The word of God in two senses. Psalme 147.18,19.see Scripture, Famine, Church and Zealous,

None of Samuels wordes were vnaccomplished.1.Sam.3.19.

The modestie of Rebekah in her wordes. Gene.24.18.

Rewards peruert the wordes of the iust. Deut.16.19.

Dauid ouercame his seruants with faire words.1.Sam.24 7,8.

Secrete words ought not to bee reuciled. Eccius.41.23.

A word spoken in his place is commendable. Prou.25 11.

Why Paul wrought in deede that, that he preached by word.1.Cor.9 23.*

By our words wee shalbe iustified or condemned. Mat.12.37.

Hee that sinneth not in word is a perfect man. James 3.2.

Workes of God are perfect. Deuter.32.4. euerlasting Eccle.3.14.marueilous. Eccius. 18.1,to 7.exceeding good. Eccius.39.16.and vnreproueable. Wisd.12.14.

Man ought not to bee curious in searching out Gods workes. Iob. cap. 37. to cap.42. Eccius. 3.22.23. for they are past finding out. Eccius.18.5,6.Eccle.8 17.and 3.11.2. Esdr.4.11.

The summe and creation of the workes of God. Eccius.43.1.*

God declareth his iustice by his workes. Iob.8.3.* and 9.1.*

Moses rehearseth the workes of God to the Israelites. Deut.11.2,to 8.

Wee ought to call to minde the workes of God, and why. Deut.4.10,30,35,to 41.and 7.11,16.

Of whom the workes of God are discerned. 1.Sam.10.26.

The worke of God, is to beleeue in his Sonne. Iohn 6.29.

The worke of God is our faith in vs. 1. Thes.1 3.

God knoweth his works from euerlasting. Actes 15.18.

The blinde man was so borne, that Gods workes should be shewed in him. Iohn.9.3.

Christ by his spirit worketh in the faithful. Gal.3.5.

Our good workes are of God.2.Pet.1.3,5.

Paul prayeth that God would encrease the workes of faith, and confirme vs in the same. Phil.1.9.

Workes are the fruits of faith, and the assurance of our hope. Hebr. 6.11,12. and doe make our election sure.2.Pet 1.10.

Workes followe faith. Luke 19.8.9. and what workes they be, Luke describeth. Actes 2.44.*

The workes of light, what. Ephe.5.8,9.

The workes of the faithfull. 1.Pet.3.8,9, to 18.

They that repent vnfainedly, must doe workes worthy amendement of life. Actes 26.20.

Faith is dead in it selfe, if it haue no works. James 2.17,20,22.

Our conuersation ought to bee honest, and our workes good, and why. 1.Pet.2.12. Mat. 5.16.

Paul exhorteth vs to abound in the worke of the Lord.1.Cor.15.58.

Wee ought to prouoke one another to good workes. Heb.10.24.

Let euery man proue his owne worke. Gal.6.3,4.

Hee that is bolde of good workes, shall bee cast into the fire. Iohn 15.6.Mat 7 19.

We must not trust in our workes, but waite for Gods mercie, Isai.30 18. who saueth vs, not by our workes, but according to his grace. Ephe.2.8,9. Rom.11,6.2.Tim.1.9. Tit.3.5. And the holy Ghost is giuen, not by workes, but by faith. Gal.3.2.

The workes of the faithfull followe them. Reue.14.13.

Christ iudgeth according to euerie mans worke. 1.Pet.1.17. Matth.16.27. Rom.2.6, to 11.2.Chro.15.7.

The Iewes did the workes of their father the deuill. Iohn 8 40,41.

The workes of the world are euill. Iohn 7.7.

The workes of the flesh, what. Galat.5.19, to 22.

Haue no fellowship with the works of darknesse, but rather reproue them. Ephe.5.11. Tit.2.12.

Wee may not walke in the wicked workes of the Gentiles. Ephel.4.17,18,19.1.Peter 4.3.

The workes of the Iewes were polluted, Hag.2.14,15.

We may not trust to the workes of our predecessours, but shew our selues the children of faith. Mat.3.8,9.

God blesseth the worke of their hands that relieue the needie. Deuter.14.29.and 23.20. and that obey his commandements. Deut.28, 3,to 15.and sendeth them plentie of al things Deut 30.9,10.

God worketh all in all.1.Cor.12.6.

The workes of mercie. Matth.25.35,36, Isai.58 7.looke Weldoing, and Seruice.

Workers with spirits, see Coniurers.

World made by Christ Iohn 1.10.

The whole world is bent to wickednesse. 1.Iohn 5.19. and is full of vnrighteousnesse, and wickednesse.2 Esd.4.27.

Wee brought nothing into the world, neither shall we carie any thing out.1.Tim.6.7. Iob.1.21.

The fashion of this world goeth away. 1. Cor.7.31.and therefore wee ought not to loue any thing therein.1.Iohn.2.15,16.

The amitie of this world is the enimitie of God. James 4.4. Christ prayed not for the world. Iohn 17.9.

The world knew not God, nor the true light. Iohn 1.9,10.11.and 17.25.

Those that are borne of God ouercome the world through the victorie of faith. 1.Iohn 5. 4,5.

Wee ought not to marualle though the world hate vs, and why. 1.Iob.3.13,14.and 7 7.and 15.18.

The endes of the world are come vpon vs. 1.Cor.10.11.

God spared not the olde world, but by the flood destroyed the vngodly.2.Pet.2.5.

The Saints shall iudge the world. 1.Cor. 6.2.

A curse is prophesied vnto the worlde for sinne. Isa.24.1,to 13.

The world created for mans sake. 2.Esd. 6.55.

Fewe shall inherite the world to come. 2. Esd 8.1,2,3.

The world hasteth to passe away.2.Esd.4. 26.1.Cor.7.31.1.Iohn 2.17.and yet the ende is vncertaine.1 Thes.5.1,2,3.

The faithfull are not of the world. Iohn 15.19.

25.29. and 17.14.

The whole world, for all men generally. 1. Ioh. 5.19. and for the elect onely. Chap. 2.2.

All the world, for the countreys subiect to the Romanes. Luke 2.1.

The world, for the Elect. Ioh. 15.19. and 13.1. and 3.16. and 6.33.1. Ioh. 4.14. for the reprobate. Ioh. 17.9, 14. 1. Corinth. 11.32. for the whole earth. Ioh. 17.18. Mat. 26.15. for infidels. Ioh. 17.21. and for euill men. Rom. 12.2. for worldly pompe. Gal. 6.14. for heauen and earth and all things therein. Ioh. 17.24. and 1.1. and for the time since it was created vnto Christ, diuided into twelue parts. 2. Esd. 14.10.

This world, for worldly defence. Ioh. 18.36. and for outward things pertaining to this life. Mat. 4.19. and 1. Cor. 7.31.

Worldlings thinke there is no God, or that he foreth not what man doth. Iob. 24.1, 2.* and 34.9.

Worldlings loue to be flattered. Isa. 30.10 looke Atheists in the first Table.

Worme of conscience dieth not. Mat. 9.44, 48. Isa. 66.24.

The sonne of man is but a worme. Iob. 25.6. Looke Serpent.

Herode was eaten to death of wormes. Acts 12.23. So was Antiochus. 2. Macca. 9.8.9.

Wormewood. To turne iudgement and righteousnesse into wormewood, what. Amos 5.7. and 6.12.

God will feede Idolaters with wormewood, and giue them gall to drinke. Ier. 9.15. and 8.14. and 23.15.

Of the Starre which was called Wormewood Reuel. 8.10, 11.

Worship and serue God onely. Mat. 4.10. Luke 4.8. Exod. 34.14. Deut. 6.13. and 10.20. 1. King. 9.6, to 10.

The Israelites, euery man in his tent doore, worshipped God talking with Moses. Exod. 33.9, 10.

The Elders of Israel together with Aaron, &c. worshipped the Lord afarre off. Exo. 24.1, 2.

Elkanah went yeerely to Shiloh, to worship God. 1. Sam. 1.3 4.9.19, 21.

Dauid worshipped God on the top of the mountaine, when hee fled from Absalom. 2. Sam. 15.32.

Saul worshipped God more for manners sake, then for any deuotion. 1. Sam. 15.31.

The people worshipped the golden calues which Ieroboam had erected. 1. Kings 12. 28.*

The Israelites worship Idols, & are spoyled. Iudg. 2.10, 11.*

The Apostles worshipped Christ, as hee was taken vp from them into heauen. Luke 24.52.

The Angel would not suffer Iohn to worship him. Reuel. 22.8, 9.

Of whom the beast shall bee worshipped. Reuel. 13.4, 8.*

Worshippers of strange gods, &c ought to be destroyed and stoned to death. Deu. 6.14, 15. and 17.3, to 8.

Iosua worshipped the Angel. Iosh. 5.14.

Worthies. The names and facts of Dauids worthies 2. Sam. 23.8.*

Wrath, taken for punishment. Ephes. 5.6. 1. Thessalonians 5.9. and for vengeance. Rom. 4.15.

Gods wrath sometime falleth vpon many, for the sinne of one. Iosua 22.20. and 7.1, 12.*

The wrath of God consumed Pharaoh and all his hoste. Exod. 15.7.

Moses fearing the wrath of God, fell to prayer. Deut. 9.18, 19.

Because Saul executed not Gods fierce wrath on the wicked, he was reiected. 1. Samuel 28.17, 18.

The wrath of God was hote against Idolaters. Iudges 2.14, 20.* & 3.8, 12. Against murmurers. Numb. 11.1. yea and against Moses. Exod. 4.14 Deut. 1.34, 37.

Gods wrath against the Israelites pacified by Moses. Numb. 14.11, to 21.

The wrath of the Lord moued Dauid to number the people, 2. Sam. 24.1.*

The cause of Gods wrath against his people. Deut. 29 24, 25.*

God threatneth that Idolaters shall feele his wrath. Deut. 11.16, 17, 18. as it came to passe. 2 Chron. 34, 21.

The wrath of God commeth vpon the children of disobedience. Colos. 3.5, 6 Deut. 29 20.

The riches of this world kindle Gods wrath against the abusers thereof. Iames 5. 2, to 7.

Wee are by nature the children of wrath. Ephes. 2 3.

God will not contend, nor bee wroth for ever. Isa. 57.16.

Christ deliuereth from the wrath to come. 1. Thess. 1.10.

The Iewes oft times prouoked God to wrath, yet he became mercifull to them. Psal. 78.17, 21.* and 106.23, 29.

No Moses found to turne away Gods wrath from the vnmercifull. Ezc. 22.30, 31.

We ought to giue place vnto wrath. Romanes 12 19.

The wrath of man doeth not accomplish the righteousnes of God. Iames 1.20.

Euery man ought to be slow to wrath. Iam. 1.19. For it is wilfulnesse. Prou. 14.19.

Of wrath, looke more in Anger, and Gen. 4.5, 8. Iob 5 2. Prouerbes 12.18. and 14. 17, 29, 30. and 15.1, 18. and 16 14, 32. and 19.12, 19. and 27.4. and 29.22. Ecclesiastes 7 5, 11. Ecclus. 25 17. and 28.8. and 30 24 Matth 5.22. 44. Luke 4.28, 29. Gal. 5.20. Ephes. 4 26, 27, 31. Titus 1.7. 1. Tim 2.8.

Wretched man that I am, who shall deliuer me from the body of this death. Romans 7.24.

Write. God commaunded Moses to write the destruction of the Amalekites, and why. Exod. 17 14

Moses wrote all that the Lord spake vnto him in a booke, and read it to the people. Exo. 24 4, 7.

God commanded Moses to write the couenant which he had made with the people. Exo. 34.27, 28.

God wrote the Lawe and deliuered it to Moses the first time. Exodus 24.12. Deuteronomie 10.4.

Moses receiued the second time, at Gods hand the two Tables of the Testimonie written with the finger of God. Exodus 31. 18.

Moses wrote Deuteronomium, and deliuered it to the Leuites and Elders. Deut. 31.9.

The occasion of the song which God commaunded Moses to write. Deuteronomium 31.19.*

God commanded that his word should be written on posts and gates, and why. Deut. 6.9. and 11.20.

The salutation of Paul written with his owne hand 2 Thes. 3 17.

What bee that writeth ought to haue regard vnto. 2 Macca. 2 24.* looke Scripture, Euidence and Booke.

Wrong, looke Law, Deceiue, Defraud, Oppresse, Harme, Guile and Iniurie.

Y.

Idlenesse, and idle folke reproued. Prou. 12 11, 24. and 20.13 and 21.25. and 22 13 and 26.13. and 28.19 looke Idle.

Yea. Pauls preaching was not yea and nay: but onely yea in Iesus Christ. 2. Corin. 1.17, to 21.

Our communication must be yea yea, and nay nay. Matth. 5.37. Iam. 5.12.

Yeeres and *hoores* &c. diuiding vnto vs the Sunne, Moone, & Stars. Gen. 1.14. to 19.

The seuenth yeere debts were released. Deut. 15 1, 2. Looke Day and Iubile, in the first Table.

Yoke. Moses threatneth the disobedient Iewes that God will put a yoke of yron vpon their neckes Deut 28.15, 48.

Wee are willed patiently to endure the yoke of tyrants. Iere. 27 11.

Christ exhorteth vs to take his yoke vpon vs. and why. Matt. 11.29, 30.

Yong. The yonger ought to submit themselues to the Elders. 1. Pet. 5.5.

Of the Yong man that fled away naked. Matt. 14 51, 52.

Yong men must bee sober minded. Titus 2.6. and modest in speech. Ecclus. 32.8, 9, 10 See Counsell,

Youth, see Lust. 1

Children ought to bee trained vp from their youth in the feare of God. Tob. 1.10. and 2.13. as was Esther Chap. 14 5 & why. Prou 22.6.

Obadiah feared God greatly from his youth vp. 1 Kings 18.3, 12.

Wee ought to remember God in youth. Eccles. 12.1.

Wee must pray God to forgiue the sinnes of our youth. Psal. 25.7.

Yron caused to swimme for the glory of God. 2 Kings 6.5, 6.

The earth shall be yron vnto the disobedient. Deut. 28.23.

Ahers hoors of yron and hoofe. Deut. 33. 25 looke Gold.

Yrching, see Fables.

Z.

Zeale of Moſes against the Israelites idolatrie. Exod.32.19,20,26,to 30. of Phinehas against the two fornicators. Numb.25.7,to 16. Eccius.45.23. Psal.106.30. of Elias, for the Israelites falling from God, to serue Idols, &c.1.King.18.21,22.* 19.4,to 14. of Iehu for the glory of God. 2 King.9.30.* 10.11,16,to 29. of Mattathias for the law of God. 1.Macc.2.24,26. of Iosiah at fifteene yeere of age. 2.Chron.34.3,to 8.

The great Zeale which Epaphras had for others. Col.4.13.

The Iewes had a Zeale, not according to knowledge. Rom.10.2. so had Paul before his conuersion. Act.22.3.

Of blinde, false, and disordered Zeale, Matth.10.21.& 26.51. Marke 9.38. Luke 9.54,55. John 8.59.& 16.2. Acts 7.57. and 21.27.* and 26.11.

The Zeale of thine house hath consumed me. Psalme 69.9. and 119. 139. John 2.17.

Christians ought to bee Zealous of good workes. Tit.2.14. and by Gods correction amend. Reuel.3.19.

Zealous people thinke not long when they teach of heare Gods worde. Nehem.8.3,4,5, to 9.

It is good to bee Zealous in a good thing. Galat.4.18.

Godly sorow worketh Zeale in vs. 2.Cor. 7.11.

FINIS.

ECCLVS. 24.39. & 33.16.

Behold howe that I haue not laboured for my selfe onely, but for all them that seeke wisedome and knowledge.

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